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“Hey Dad, what’s it mean to be a man like you – a real man? Is it hard?” Harry asked one day. “Is it ok be scared? Can I cry? Where do boys even learn this stuff?”





“Sorry, Tom,” Dad said. “I’m hiking with Danny. Maybe next time. Take care, brother,” Dad said. Danny knew how much Dad enjoyed playing chess with Uncle Thomas, so he asked him about it.

“You see, Danny,” Dad explained, “keeping your word is part of what makes a real man. When you promise something, do everything in your power to keep it, even if it means missing out on fun.”







One day, when Danny came home from school, he was shocked and saddened to find Dad sitting on the stairs crying. A few moments later, he learned that his great-grandmother had died. She was very old, but her laughter and good advice would be sorely missed by the entire family.





One summer day, Dad took Danny back up into the mountains. Danny felt that the hiking trail was too narrow, and the ravine beside it was frighteningly deep. Holding onto the rock, he froze in fear. "Don't look down," Dad soothed. "Hold onto the rocks and come here." But Danny couldn't do it.



"You can do it," Dad calmly reassured him. "Small steps, don't rush, and you'll reach your goal, okay?" Trusting his father, Danny felt less afraid. "Okay," he said as he stepped forward.



That night, Danny apologized to his mom. He regretted having been rude to her.

“It’s okay, Danny,” Dad said. “It’s good that you apologized to mom. A real man knows how to apologize for his mistakes.”



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Discover a heartwarming picture book that brings children closer to their parents. Every Dad Was Little Once lovingly shows that Daddy was once a little boy who sometimes misbehaved, got dirty, or had a messy room. This charming story acknowledges the pressures parents place on children and reminds us that we were just as perfectly imperfect as they are.

This book helps children understand that imperfection is natural, the journey is the goal, and making mistakes is part of growing up. For parents, it's a nostalgic reminder of their childhood and the times they felt far from perfect.

Enjoy a wonderful time with this touching story that celebrates the beauty of imperfection and the bond between parent and child.



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