

# Sacrifices

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Stacey: young adult, Jay's sister

Dramatic

*Stacey, Jay's sister, tries to convince her brother to allow their father to apologize to him for years of abuse. Jay is currently incarcerated for a gang-related shooting.*

STACEY: Jay, don't be stubborn! Listen to me this time! This will eat at you for the rest of your life. This is a chance to put it to rest. You don't have to see him after today. Just hear him out. You don't even have to accept his apology. But he'll validate everything you've said and more. He did with me. And his words will put things to rest! Look, you trust me, don't you? I've never steered you wrong. It's worth a shot. Right? There's no point in hating and wanting to kill him anymore, Jay, he's dying. He's gone. He only has a month or two. So I don't know if there'll be another time. I beg you, Jay, be stubborn with anything else, but this once, listen to me! Do this for you, not Dad. Do this so you can hear how right you've been all along. So you can hear him say, yes — that's the truth of what happened to you. He wants to admit it was his fault — everything, so you'll know you're not a horrible person. Then maybe you won't hate yourself so much. And you'll find some hope again. You don't have to forgive him. You can just listen if you want. *(Beat.)* What do you say?