

## After 891

### Chapter 891 Stay

To her surprise, she didn't see anyone on the intercom screen. "Who's there?" Catalina asked in confusion. After a while, a cute voice rang out, "Hi, Ms. Catalina. We're Archie and Benny. Can we go in to see Essie?"

As soon as those words fell, Archie and Benny stood on their toes to show two pairs of eyes on the intercom. Catalina had taken care of Archie and Benny before, so she remembered them well.

In fact, Catalina's heart melted a little when she heard their voices. Still, she remembered to turn toward Lucian to get his permission.

Seeing that Catalina wasn't responding, Archie and Benny added, "It's just the two of us. Mommy isn't here!"

Lucian and Estella heard those words loud and clear. Lucian frowned slightly and nodded at Catalina, letting her know it was okay to let the boys in.

On the other hand, Estella's expression turned slightly gloomy. I thought Ms. Jarvis and Benny are here, why see me?

Seeing that the gates to the manor were slowly opening,

breathed a long sigh

thought Lucian wouldn't let them

were holding hands when

already opened

Archie and Benny ran straight into the living room and saw Estella sitting on Lucian's

suppressed their urges to see Estella

"Hi,

his gaze toward the entrance behind

didn't see Roxanne

later, Lucian retracted his gaze and nodded

deep voice, he asked, "How did you guys

other before replying  
was kind to  
they wanted to pay the taxi fare upon arrival, the  
were kids. He had even waited until the  
into the manor before  
his brows when he heard the  
mommy  
and asked  
really worried about

#### Chapter 892 I Am Fine

Lucian watched the kids go up the stairs as a myriad of emotions rushed through him. Just now, Archie and Benny said Roxanne told them to come. She kept calling me throughout the day, but I haven't picked up any of her calls. I thought she would've given up since she knew I was angry. Who would've known that she would use the boys against me?

At first, she told the boys to call me. After that, she even told them to come and see Essie. Undeniably, she's gotten smart. However, why didn't she just come when she has already done so much? She knows that I wouldn't refuse her if she were to come with Archie and Benny. Could it be that she's also angry at me? But why should she be?

Catalina sensed Lucian's anger and uttered carefully, "Mr. Farwell, I'll send some snacks up for Ms. Estella and the boys."

Upon hearing that, Lucian regained his senses. In order to push those thoughts aside, he rubbed his temples forcefully.

then rose to his feet from the couch and uttered in a  
noddled and gave him the plate in her  
took the plate and went

Benny were sitting in a

"Where's Ms. Jarvis? Is she still busy working?"

adorable voice.

were stunned for a

Mommy is

Catalina said so,”

in

saying the same

why Estella thought that was

Archie and Benny

“Mommy has her hands full. That’s why she told us to visit you

tell that Estella had been crying. If she knows Daddy and Mommy

she’s going

understandingly before saying in a

Jarvis!”

Again, Archie and Benny were stupefied. With mixed feelings surging within their

a few seconds later. It seems like Daddy has told Essie a

down. Fortunately, we asked her the question first just now. Otherwise,

would’ve exposed everything.

mind, Archie and Benny both

still feeling unwell?” Archie asked

Chapter 893 I Will Look For Them With You

“Mr. Farwell.” At the thought that they had almost given their father’s lie away earlier,

Archie and Benny stood up and greeted Lucian guiltily.

Inclining his head a fraction, Lucian swept a dark look over them both. A sense of

warning seemingly hit Archie and Benny through the air, upon which the expressions on

their faces turned much more docile.

They could surmise that he was cautioning them against saying something they

shouldn’t be saying. Seeing that they had grasped his meaning, Lucian nodded slightly

and placed the snacks meant for them on the table.

“Just tell Ms. Catalina if you need anything. I’m going to settle some things.” All three

children bobbed their heads in unison.

Without saying anything further, Lucian whirled around and left.

He was so absorbed in brooding over Roxanne's thoughts just now that he forgot to remind Archie and Benny to be mindful of their words.

For that reason, he offered to do it instead when Catalina said she was going to take some snacks upstairs.

Watching as the bedroom door closed once more, Archie and Benny inwardly breathed a long sigh of

was really scary

interruption, Estella forgot all

proceeded to share the snacks

all played together while munching

was thrown at the back

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Meanwhile, Roxanne had finally forced herself into working mode after much

Engrossed in work, she accidentally lost track of

out of the study, it

Recalling the failed lunch at noon, she thought

downstairs early to

initially reckoned that they would be playing downstairs,

them when she went to the

a raised voice, giving their absence

without any

into Archie

there. Neither were they

Only then did she realize that they had left at

a moment, sheer panic swamped

the country not

and Benny

brain for some time, she took a

friend's house was the only place she could think  
might have gone.

at home.

was still pretty groggy when she

is it, Roxanne? Are you here to invite me to dinner? I'll pass  
sleep."

she made to close the door without standing on ceremony

Chapter 894 What Should We Do Now

"Were they wearing their watches when they left?" Madilyn, who was calmer than  
Roxanne, asked with a frown.

At once, a light bulb went off in Roxanne's mind. At the same time, regret and frustration  
inundated her.

Too many things had happened today that everything else fled my mind when I realized  
that Archie and Benny had gone missing, leaving panic all that remained. Luckily, I went  
over to look for Madilyn!

Following Madilyn's reminder, she called Archie and Benny without delay.

Alas, Archie didn't answer even after a long while had passed.

She then called Benny, but still, no one picked up.

As Roxanne and Madilyn listened to the ringing tone drifting out of the phone, their  
hearts sank to the bottom.

There were too many reasons that Archie and Benny weren't answering the calls.

The worst possibility flashed across their minds...

Roxanne dug her nails into her palms to force herself to remain calm. Unlocking her  
phone, she checked the GPS location of Archie and Benny's watches.

when she saw the two tiny green dots on the screen did a sliver of  
her.

I can

the

engine.

staring at the two tiny  
daring to take her eyes off  
dots remained  
Archie and  
sense of familiarity flooded Roxanne as  
the tiny green dots. But on second thought,  
that absurd.

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her bedroom at the Farwell residence,  
and  
seems that someone is calling  
before he shook his head guiltily. "No, it's  
After saying that, he  
moments later,  
he brushed it off with  
their watches kept flashing, Archie and Benny exchanged  
craftiness.  
come looking for us according to our GPS location when we  
pick up her calls! At that time, she'll undoubtedly meet  
to a  
residence.

At the sight of the grand building and door plate above,  
cast a look at her best  
was

My mind was truly a mess that I didn't even realize that the GPS location

Chapter 895 How Is She Doing

It wouldn't be appropriate for Madilyn to poke her nose into Roxanne and Lucian's  
relationship, so she ultimately turned around and drove off after a moment's hesitation.

Roxanne watched until the car had gone far into the distance before she pivoted and

rang the manor's doorbell.

This is already the third time today. I wonder if I can get in this time.

In the mansion, Archie and Benny had Catalina stay in the room and play with them. As such, the latter didn't hear the doorbell downstairs.

Conversely, it was exceedingly quiet in Lucian's study, so he could distinctly hear the sounds from downstairs.

When the doorbell continued ringing even after a while had passed, he stepped out of the room for a look.

Catalina's voice drifted out of Estella's bedroom.

He didn't bother interrupting them, going downstairs and switching on the video intercom instead.

"Cat..." Roxanne habitually greeted Catalina, but no sooner had the first syllable fallen than she made out the person on the screen. Her voice

In the mansion, Lucian's eyes

Sensing the change in his mood, Roxanne furtively

that Archie and Benny

slight frown marred Lucian's countenance.

a hint of

to now? She instructed Archie and

to use that excuse to

affirmative answer, Roxanne breathed a sigh of relief. "Sorry, they

given you much trouble, huh? Can you please tell them I'm

waiting for

entry twice in the morning, she was very

didn't even request to be allowed into

Lucian's eyes darkened. He didn't bother saying anything but raised

button on

few seconds passed. Just when Roxanne was about

slowly opened.

the heels of that, Lucian's low and deep voice

should talk to them yourself, Ms.

said that, he turned the video intercom off right

mulled over the meaning of the

hesitantly walked in.

she reached the mansion's door, she saw

Her heart clenched for no apparent

she

the couch.

Farwell," she stated in an aloof

thought that he wouldn't say anything, but his voice

Chapter 896 A Hint Of Wariness

Slowly getting to his feet, Lucian pinned a dark look on Roxanne, who stood at the door.

"I really don't know when you learned to use your kids to set me up, Ms. Jarvis."

Roxanne's eyes flickered, her gaze mystified.

When had I ever done such a thing?

Glimpsing the innocent expression on her face, Lucian frowned and started to head in her direction slowly.

The instant Roxanne noticed his intentions, her heartstrings drew taut, and she backed away warily. Throughout it all, she kept a distance from him.

"Why are you drawing away if you're not feeling guilty, Ms. Jarvis?" Lucian sneered.

Upon hearing that, Roxanne hesitantly stopped retreating, her brows furrowing imperceptibly. "I don't know what you're talking about."

His gaze gloomy, Lucian demanded lowly, "Don't tell me it wasn't because you were sure I wouldn't ignore the kids' calls that you had Archie phone me, Ms. Jarvis?"

clenched her hands

him up? In fact, it was nothing compared

wouldn't deny you entry with the kids present, Ms. Jarvis,

he swept a probing

he continued, "Or did you take advantage of the interval to handle some 'work' with Mr. Damaris, Ms.



a seemingly inadvertent manner, he placed extra

fell, he was already standing before

with sarcasm, Roxanne was reminded of her anxiousness that entire day and frowned deeply. A faint spark of anger started blazing

important work you've

stared down at the woman in front of him, his voice

suppressing the rage within her, Roxanne dipped her eyes and masked all the

have nothing to do with you, Mr. Farwell.

bland detachment in her voice, Lucian mistakenly thought he had hit the

eyes lowered. When the man

only wronged Essie. I don't think I

to the hindrances from him throughout the day, she was already bone-tired

Chapter 897 Rather Disgraceful

Upon hearing her reply, Lucian snorted. "Was it not you who arranged for Archie and Benny to come over?"

Hah! She arranged for the two boys to come and placate Essie first while she spent the time with Jack!

As that possibility occurred to him, the temperature around him plummeted frightfully. "Do you find Essie all too easy to fool, Ms. Jarvis?"

Roxanne, on the other hand, merely found him unreasonable. "I can't do anything about it if you insist on thinking so, Mr. Farwell."

After saying that, she struggled vigorously, hoping to go upstairs to get Archie and Benny down.

He has already made up his mind about things, so it'd be futile no matter what I say further.

Verily, she didn't want to waste any more time. Instead, she wanted to see Estella sooner.

in Lucian's eyes blazed all the hotter. "It was some matter related to Herbscape Group,

At that remark, Roxanne abruptly stilled, shock

to

Although she harbored some suspicions, she had been persuading herself not

However, Lucian's tone at that moment

he has always known about the problems

"If so, I'd advise you two to stop

words rang out, his

shock, Roxanne's struggles gradually ceased. Self-deprecation filled her eyes at the

exactly did I still convince myself not to doubt him when Jack and Colby had already made things so

Farwell. Your methods in the

thoughts even as her gaze dimmed and her lips curved into

Perceiving the peculiarity in her words, Lucian frowned. "You might as well just say it bluntly if you find my methods

world was no different

Chapter 898 Force Herself To Calm Down

"As long as I find a method effective, it isn't considered despicable," Lucian riposted coldly after a while, putting away the scrutiny in his eyes.

Her eyes flickering, Roxanne nodded self-deprecatingly. "Oh well, I'm not far-sighted enough."

Lucian stared at her thoughtfully.

Out of the blue, he offered in a much gentler tone than earlier, "If it's to your liking, I can retain you as the technical advisor of Herbscape Group."

Upon hearing that, Roxanne snapped her head around with a frown, meeting his gaze in puzzlement.

He was absolutely livid just now, but he's now extending me an olive branch in the blink of an eye. Is this considered... a chance for me to salvage things?

At that thought, mirth bubbled within her.

Meanwhile, Lucian's hand tightened around her wrist when he received no answer from her even after a long time had passed.

"Farwell Group can likewise give you the same resources as Damaris Group."

the surrounding temperature was gradually dropping. Her heart inexorably sank

seconds, she declined in feigned calmness, "No, thank you. There are many doctors far more outstanding than me. Considering Farwell Group's financial capabilities, you can unquestionably

Herbscape Group's technical advisor

wouldn't have anything to do with Damaris Group's project

In other words, there was no need for her to

she chose Jack when given

and a storm brewed in his eyes. "What if

brows furrowed. "There are some things Farwell Group can't give

had her words fallen than the man suddenly drew closer to  
were practically  
took  
the door by an inch. That single step placed her right against  
she turned and glanced at her  
already stepped forward, bringing them so close that they could  
hands to  
Alas, Lucian effortlessly  
he had restrained both her hands and pinned them above her  
look in his eyes. “I

Chapter 899 Threw Herself Into Her Arms

“I’ll go and pick Archie and Benny up.”

An indeterminate time passed before Roxanne lowered her eyes and murmured that in feigned calmness.

She really had no idea how to face the man in front of her, so she could only pretend as though nothing had happened earlier.

At the sight of her blasé look, Lucian quirked his lips, deliberately baring the wound at the corner of his mouth.

Out of her peripheral vision, Roxanne glimpsed the corner of the man’s mouth. Her expression turned awkward.

Lucian proceeded to dab at the corner of his mouth. By then, his gaze had already cooled. In a deep voice, he offered, “I’ll bring you upstairs.”

Argh! I was again irritated by her just now and lost hold of my self-control for a moment. And now, she has aversion etched across her features.

Fury and annoyance simmered within him, but in the end, they all turned into indifference.

Reaching a tacit consensus, neither of them mentioned a single word about the incident just now.

headed upstairs. Similarly, Roxanne followed

they arrived

the room, the three children had gotten somewhat tired from playing and were sitting

need to go

them play the entire afternoon. Since it was almost time for dinner,

Benny exchanged a glance.

a long time has passed? Don't tell me she hasn't realized that we're at Daddy's place! If she didn't look at the GPS position, she must be in a total panic

While unease haunted them, Catalina turned around and opened the room door. At once, she caught sight of the two people standing by

her gaze to the woman beside Lucian. A pause ensued before she greeted, "Ms.

head at Catalina.

flittered across her eyes. But still, she quickly retracted her gaze nonchalantly and shifted her body sideways

in

eyes and cast her gaze into the

soon as Catalina's voice had rung out. Right then, they were both staring at

the corners of both adults' lips, understanding dawned

long time to come upstairs. This is

gazes, Roxanne couldn't

Chapter 900 Do Not Need To Do So

Lifting her eyes, Roxanne glanced at Archie and Benny.

Sensing her stare, Archie and Benny raised their eyes guiltily and flashed her a smile before averting their gazes nonchalantly.

A strange feeling welled within Roxanne. Gradually, realization dawned upon her.

No wonder Lucian asked me such a question earlier. It turned out that they used my name to come and visit Essie.

That understanding had a sense of exasperation inundating her. But ultimately, she didn't say anything.

Well, they only did so because they really wanted to come here and visit Essie. Besides, I'm pretty sure Essie's mood only lifted because they came.

"Are you still feeling unwell anywhere now?" Roxanne regarded Estella in concern.

In response, Estella shook her head docilely and replied in a cute voice, "Archie and Benny played with me!"

At that, Roxanne knew that her conjecture was right. Relief suffused her.

come so late, Ms. Jarvis? Have you just finished your work?" Estella

Lucian's question

a moment, she didn't quite know how  
thoughtfully, "Don't tire yourself out, Ms. Jarvis. You've got to  
Touched by her innocence, Roxanne nodded  
"Okay, I will. Won't you allow  
obediently stretched  
her wrist, Roxanne took  
couldn't diagnose Estella's mental condition, she could still check  
After checking the little girl over and ascertaining that everything was fine, she breathed a sigh of  
late, so I've got to bring Archie and Benny home. We'll come and visit  
Estella's head before she slowly  
bear to part with the latter, but she was all the more averse to facing the man behind her, especially  
after the incident a  
smiling a minute earlier, promptly withered. She gazed at Roxanne  
Lucian's  
well... Despite seeing that Essie cried her eyes out because of her, she still has no qualms about