

After 911

Chapter 911 Try My Best

Colby's face was full of concern when he answered, "Nothing much. It's just that I thought you would be in a bad mood, considering what had happened."

Roxanne froze for a few seconds before flashing a helpless smile. I trusted all my colleagues in the research institute, but I ended up getting stabbed in the back. Anyone would be as moody as me if they were in my shoes.

"Jason is an old-timer in the research institute. I also didn't expect him to do something so foolish."

Colby followed her into the office and uttered apologetically, "If I had known, I would've kept an eye on him yesterday."

Roxanne sat on her chair dejectedly and said, "It has nothing to do with you. If I were in your shoes, I wouldn't have expected him to do something like that either."

At that moment, all she wanted to know was the identity of the person who sent Jason the email.

opposite her, he was observing her expression silently. "I wonder what the mastermind's motive is. Coincidentally,

Roxanne's heart skipped a beat when she heard those words because she suddenly realized

"It's so weird. Who else would know about Jason's son apart from the people in the research institute? I can't believe

hinting at the fact that someone had gone to great lengths to

at Roxanne's face to see if he could glean some

was racing, she acted calm and composed. "I've already told someone to investigate the email address, so I should hear back from that

expression, so

for your concern, Dr. Galloway. I'm exhausted. I'll need you

Colby nodded nonchalantly.

office after that, but he didn't

Baffled, she asked, "Is

seemed troubled when he asked, "Now that Herbscape Group's medicinal herbs are gone, how do you plan

Chapter 912 Hidden

Only after hearing Colby's response did Roxanne relax slightly.

"I see. I'll leave it to you, then. Feel free to come to me if you need anything," she said.

Colby agreed.

Roxanne couldn't help adding emotionally, "If you can find those medicinal herbs again, you'll solve a huge problem for me."

Finally, Colby felt chirpy upon hearing Roxanne's tone.

Ever since Roxanne went to the research institute, she had been solving all kinds of problems on her own.

She would only let him, the person in charge of the research institute, help her with trivial matters.

Therefore, Colby knew that despite her praises, she had always only regarded him as an ordinary researcher at the research institute.

nothing compared to

the fact that it didn't take much to trick

other men. It'll be so much better if Roxanne would follow my hints and shift

away from those two men and

of the research institute is to blame for this mess, I have an obligation to help out

Colby put his satisfaction aside and pretended to be merciful. "No matter what, Jason was still a senior employee at the research institute. Besides, he was doing it for his son. I hope

she answered, "I'm not even planning on doing anything

in the accident, Roxanne's memorandum of understanding was enough to lighten Jason's

son, she

he heard that. "That's good

for a while more before

Suddenly, Roxanne's phone lit

saw that it

the email address,

address the person used was an email account without a domain. Since the perpetrator wouldn't use it again, it was

Chapter 913 A Hot Potato

Feeling that he had given out enough hints, Colby said nothing else and stood up to leave.

Roxanne's face fell as she watched the office door slowly close.

The only one she could think of was Lucian.

If it really is him... I wonder what the hell was he actually thinking...

The kiss last night was still fresh in her mind.

If things are as Jack thought, did he do this because of me?

At that moment, panic swamped her.

Meanwhile, Herbscape Group was in chaos.

After getting investigated by the two departments, all the mess Herbscape Group had in the past was exposed to the public.

Dean was facing a lawsuit, and he was panicking to the point his mind was going blank.

he steeled

after how the latter had provided Damaris Group that many medicinal herbs and how much money became clear that Jack

Dean's heart sank, but he still held onto hope and

Unlike Jack, the assistant picked up the

me,

Dean could finish his

Damaris is currently busy. Once he is done with his work, I'll convey to him

the assistant ended

pale as he listened to the engaged tone coming out of

both businessmen, and by then, he understood what Jack was telling him with words, Damaris

the company were crowding around Dean, their faces ashen as

and their voices only

do? Am I the only one with

but now, at a crucial moment, the only words coming out of their mouths are "What can we

phone on the table and snapped, "What a

and now, they were witnessing Dean's wrath. None dared

Chapter 914 A Sitting Duck

When the assistant thought about how Jack had invested twelve billion in Herbscape Group, he found himself unable to continue speaking.

Despite everything, twelve billion was a hefty sum.

Even if Herbscape Group was a hot potato, keeping it around meant that they would be able to see where the twelve billion was going.

If they threw the hot potato away, it would mean throwing the twelve billion into the gutters.

“Do tell me how you’re planning to deal with this,” Jack urged with a frown.

Jack’s voice snapped the assistant back to his senses, and he had no choice but to steel himself and continue.

“If we keep Herbscape Group around, I’m afraid it’ll affect Damaris Group’s reputation, so...”

Jack arched a brow.

The assistant squeezed out, “So, the best way to deal with this is to cut ties with Herbscape Group as quickly as we can.”

It’s even better if we do it before the news of Herbscape Group’s executives landing in jail spreads.

thought as well, though his heart ached a

was of the same opinion

as you say, then.” Jack waved a hand. “Didn’t Farwell Group always want it? Do ask them

obviously done by Farwell Group.

the amount of the

was better to get a little bit of his investment

Herbscape Group not rake in any profits for him, but it might even

selling it to Farwell Group?” the assistant hesitantly uttered. “Won’t we be doing exactly what

knitted his brows and said in dismay, “Well, what company

if they wanted to,

assistant nodded fervently and replied, “I’ll work on it right

turned and went

closed, Jack swept all the documents on

Herbscape Group

them a helping hand, so they had

Jack, Lucian picked up the call the moment Dean dialed his

been a while, Mr. Lacroix. What can I help you with?” came Lucian’s deep, mocking

involuntarily. “M-Mr. Farwell, you’re a magnanimous man. I was ignorant to

Chapter 915 Generous Man

Jonathan soon accepted a call from Dean.

As Lucian had already discussed with Dean about the acquisition, Jonathan easily bargained with the latter until he agreed to sell the company for a third of the original price.

Dean could only mourn the loss silently.

He knew that Farwell Group and Queen Group would take the opportunity to fetch a low price, but he never thought it would be this low.

Nevertheless, he had no choice but to swallow his misery and submit to fate.

After the negotiation of the price, Dean contacted Jack and informed him about the acquisition.

Although the price was far lower than he preferred, Jack knew that he was in no position to negotiate for a higher price. Thus, he made no comments about it and waited to perform the equity transfer after the investigation.

Two days later, the investigation on Herbscape Group ended.

The executives of Herbscape Group were all arrested, and a case was established.

early to wait for the

As a business partner, Lucian

were already escorted into the police

Jonathan saw Lucian, he walked over gleefully while waving

“It’s a success!”

head in response. “How

Group in Jonathan’s hands and had not concerned himself with

moment made Lucian sure that the former had to have bought

the original,”

to look at the gloomy Dean and said, “He only has himself to blame for being so blind previously. This is just his

Though, it was a harsh

However, it was not as if Jonathan had

response. That

squeezed out as he came

All Lucian did was briefly glance at him in

Herbscape Group will listen to every one of your orders. We'll never go
he carefully

Lucian remained unfazed; he only gave a quick glance

Chapter 916 Crisis

Jonathan cleared his throat at Lucian's lack of response.

"I heard a fire broke out in Dr. Jarvis' research institute two days ago."

Hearing that, Lucian snapped his brows together.

Jonathan was satisfied to see his response. "What's the matter? Did you not know about this?"

Lucian nodded, his expression somber.

He had not seen Roxanne since the kiss the other night.

Therefore, he knew nothing of what happened to her.

Although Estella would try to get news about Roxanne from Archie and Benny before telling her father what she learned, Lucian knew that Roxanne would not let the boys know that she had been in danger.

he saw his friend's grim expression, and

the fire a bad one? Was she hurt?" Lucian could not

lifted a brow. "Won't you know if you go and take

Lucian's expression turned

was bewildered

have a fight again? If my memory serves me right, Lucian just asked me how he should create a romantic scene the other day. Moreover, we're doing this to Herbscape Group because of Roxanne. Why did his attitude toward

throat tentatively.

his sentence, the man beside him cut him off.

saliva. Only after a long while of coughing did he finally recover

such a rush to explain to me? There's no way nothing

Lucian and asked, "Be honest with me. Did you have

dark expression turned

was sure that Roxanne

have to give in to Dr. Jarvis once in a while. Moreover, you were in the

the irritation in his eyes dissipated a

Chapter 917 Helpless

Lucian remained quiet while wearing a poker face. Taking in Lucian's reaction, Jonathan sighed in exasperation.

"Weren't you thinking about doing something romantic? What else is more romantic than providing help to her when she needs it most?"

Lucian narrowed his eyes indifferently. "That's not needed." I'll do those romantic things in the future. I won't help her this time because she brought this upon herself. This mess wouldn't have happened if she had come here to keep Essie company instead of tagging along with Jack to handle those medicinal herbs that day.

He took his anger wholly out on her for the occurrence of the fire incident. Jonathan was clueless about everything that took place during those two days, so he was baffled when Lucian rejected his suggestion.

Lucian didn't elaborate, either. He simply looked away, showing no inclination to speak further.

A moment later, Jonathan couldn't help but ask him, "Lucian, what is the relationship you hope to establish with Dr. Jarvis?"

The way he saw it, Lucian didn't strike him as someone who was trying to chase after Roxanne.

his brows in

a different way." Jonathan smiled tactfully. "Do you still plan on pursuing

glanced at him

Lucian had tacitly agreed that he was still interested in her. Perceiving that, Jonathan let out a sigh

the assumption that Lucian and Roxanne had, unbeknownst to him, gone through too many

win her affection. In my opinion, Dr. Jarvis is undoubtedly the most suitable person to be with Lucian.

After all, it is very rare for Lucian to take the initiative to express his will to chase after a

convinced that he should try harder to assist

cleared his throat and said, "In this case, you should show Dr. Jarvis more care. This relationship won't work if you constantly fight

displeased look and spoke up before he could stop himself. "Are you saying I'm the cause of these

was stumped after hearing that. I don't know the reason behind their

advised Lucian, "No matter who brings about the fight, you must be more tolerant since you want to pursue Dr. Jarvis. All women behave in this way. Regardless of who is at fault, they will always hope for the guys to yield first. Besides,

with a meaningful look, hinting at the latter to understand what he was

Chapter 918 Let The Matter Drop

That night, Lucian went to the kindergarten to pick Estella up. It was already late by the time he arrived, so Estella was the only kid left at the kindergarten.

“Daddy,” Estella greeted him aggrievedly after noticing his arrival. He patted her head apologetically. “I’m sorry that I’m late.” Then, he looked up and nodded at Pippa.

Pippa had waited with Estella the whole night. Now that Lucian had finally shown up, she could rest assured and let him take the little girl home.

After bringing Estella into the car, Lucian sat idly for some time instead of starting the vehicle. Estella urged him in puzzlement, “Daddy?” Her voice pulled him back to reality.

He glanced at the little girl through the rearview mirror and saw a bewildered expression spread across her face.

“Have you seen Ms. Jarvis in the past few days?” he asked.

Estella became crestfallen upon listening to his question and shook her head dejectedly.

However, she quickly turned delighted. “Archie and Benny said I’ll be able to meet with Ms. Jarvis tomorrow during the camping trip!”

been looking forward to the weekend camping

getting busy with work again because she hadn’t seen the latter for so

up, “What do you say if I bring you to meet

up at once.

in her expression, he gradually realized what he had just

all, he was

Jonathan’s advice in the morning lingered

incident where her research institute caught fire. I wonder if

Estella urged her father in glee, “Let’s hurry

better than to go back on his words. In the end, he

Lysa had brought Archie and Benny back and was preparing

“Mommy!”

kids welcomed her home concernedly

beamed at them

at her research institute had caused

for the past

Chapter 919 Injured In The Fire

The four were having dinner when the doorbell suddenly rang. Lysa went to answer the door.

“Hello, Ms. Lane!” a child greeted politely at the mansion’s door. Then, Lysa was heard saying, “Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Farwell and Essie are here.”

Hearing that, Roxanne’s hand froze in mid-air. She was at a loss for words at that moment.

Ever since what happened the other night, she and Lucian had never seen each other. She had no idea why he would come to her place out of the blue.

She also did not know how to face him. Just when she was hesitating to invite him and Estella inside, Archie and Benny were already welcoming them excitedly.

“Essie, come on in. Have you eaten dinner? If not, you can join us!”

Naturally, Estella did not decline their invitation. Soon, she followed Archie and Benny into the dining room.

kids were the ones making

emptied the seat next to Roxanne. Estella smiled sweetly at Archie

Farwell, come and join us!” Benny looked at the man standing

Lucian were to sit across from her, she was worried she could not eat dinner

ring out from behind her, saying, “It’s okay. You

his dark gaze before sitting

standing before her, Roxanne still slowed down eating visibly, and her mind was

news report, the mostly deserted entrance to Herbscape Group was filled with several executives who had their hands handcuffed before they were escorted to

until that day that the public finally got confirmation about Herbscape Group’s fate. It ended up

to know Farwell Group must have saved a lot of money to acquire Herbscape Group in such a

what about the

her mind, Roxanne

Estella

Chapter 920 Not That Simple

Roxanne could feel Lucian’s heavy gaze on her back. Although her back was facing him, she still could not ignore the fact he was staring at her. Due to Lucian’s presence, she was no longer in the mood to eat anything.

“You kids go ahead. I have something to discuss with Mr. Farwell,” said Roxanne softly after taking several quick bites and placing away her cutleries.

She could not stand having Lucian staring at her all the time, and she wanted to know why he came to her place. The kids did not think too much about that and nodded obediently in response.

Seeing that the kids had agreed to let her go, Roxanne stood up and walked over to Lucian. "Let's talk in the study." Lucian nodded casually and stood up, following her to the study.

"Mr. Farwell, to what do I owe this pleasure of having you over at my place? Do you have something important to tell me?" Roxanne stood in the center of the study, looking at him warily. "If you're here to offer me the technical advisor's position for Herbscape Group again, I'm afraid I'll have to let you down since I've already made it clear that I couldn't accept that offer."

That was the only thing that she could think of at that moment.

Noticing Roxanne was on high alert around him, Lucian's gaze darkened imperceptibly.

atmosphere inside the study also became

on Lucian, afraid that he would make any sudden move on her again

at her, scrutinizing her from head to toe as if he wanted

wariness for him slowly turned

broke out at your research institute a

Roxanne's expression changed again.

recall telling anyone associated with Lucian about the

did plan

two steps backward. The man standing before her had somehow turned a little scary in her

"Are you suspecting that

tight,

her tacit acquiescence. "Why would I make a move