

After 921

Chapter 921 An Apology

Upon sensing Lucian's anger, Roxanne blinked and avoided his gaze guiltily. "If it isn't because of this matter, then what else are you here for, Mr. Farwell?" she asked.

Lucian glanced at her gloomily. He only visited her as per Jonathan's suggestion—to provide help during a crisis.

However, her icy attitude toward him made him unwilling to tell her the truth. The study was filled with dreadful silence immediately. Roxanne's heart became heavier.

After a while, she could no longer bear the deafening silence. She lowered her gaze and said, "If there's nothing else, let's head out. The kids have been waiting for a long while."

Having said that, Roxanne walked around Lucian to leave. Shortly after taking a step, however, her wrist was grabbed by the man's large hand.

Roxanne had no choice but to stop and frown at Lucian. What is wrong with him? He won't tell me what's the matter, and he won't let me leave as well. What does he want?

thinking about, so she swung her arm impatiently in an attempt

happened at the research institute destroyed the medicinal herbs you took from Herbscape Group," Lucian said in a deep voice after spending a

struggling as the

what had happened if it wasn't his doing? However,

"So what if that's true? What does

head to glance at the man. "Are you trying to help Herbscape Group get the

he would do

as she was done speaking, she

as she thought

complex emotions filled his eyes. His grip on her wrist tightened and

to make the woman feel

Chapter 922 This Is Who You Always Are

As Roxanne felt the pain in her wrist, she inhaled sharply and lifted her eyes to stare at Lucian warily. The latter's expression was so dark that it was frightening.

After a long while, he inched toward her abruptly. She wanted to back away. Yet, he was gripping her wrist, which made it hard for her to move.

For a moment, the distance between them was so close they could almost feel each other's breath.

Subconsciously, Roxanne slowed down her breathing and clenched her fists that were hanging by her sides.

She felt Lucian's intense gaze on her as he stared at every inch of her body while tightening his grip on her wrist.

Just when she thought he was going to do something to her, he let go of her wrist unexpectedly.

Roxanne was taken aback by his action.

someone to send them to you as soon as possible if you need them." Lucian spoke in a deep

almost lost control when Roxanne ignited

and also

statement, for what he said didn't match his attitude at

long while, she noticed nothing odd in his expression at

to believe him. She replied coldly, "Thank you, Mr.

the medicinal herbs. But Colby had told her that he would

reason to accept Lucian's

became gloomy when

from him before he could reach out to her and

know why you want to help the research institute so suddenly. But, considering

head and looked at Lucian as if she was insinuating something. "After all, I can't be certain about the method you'll use to deal with us if

referring to Lucian's retort against her

Chapter 923 Pick Me Up

Lucian stared at Roxanne with a grim expression. Even if she did not say it out explicitly, he could tell that she was still being suspicious of him.

Realizing that, Lucian's expression darkened terribly, while the tone of his voice became colder. "Since you are refusing my offer, Ms. Jarvis, I won't insist upon it anymore."

With that, he turned around and left the study. As she watched his retreating figure, Roxanne's eyes glinted with an unfathomable emotion. Confusion filled her heart at that moment.

Lucian's words still left her wondering why he had decided to come all the way to see her in the first place.

She wouldn't believe his claim that he was merely here to provide the medicinal herbs.

However, Lucian did not mention anything else besides that.

Roxanne mulled over it in the study alone, but she could not find an answer to her doubts.

After quite some time, she finally decided to leave the room.

Meanwhile, the children had finished their dinner and were playing in the living room.

“Ms. Jarvis!”

Estella noticed Roxanne coming out, she came to her side and clung to the latter’s

her to see the little girl still there, which meant Lucian hadn’t

she glanced around

she noticed him sitting on

up at her as if he had never heard anything

Roxanne lowered her gaze toward Estella as she forced a smile at the little girl while caressing her

something was amiss, Estella stared at Roxanne’s face incessantly with

knew the children were sensitive toward her emotions. In an attempt to avoid

Jarvis?” Estella asked,

those words, Archie and Benny came over and stared at their

the three children staring at her made

she recalled the conversation between Lucian and her, she felt

that thought in mind, Roxanne could not help but glance at the

dark eyes met her gaze instantly, much to

Roxanne somehow felt a sense of guilt

up and said, “It’s

tightened her grip on Roxanne’s dress and

Chapter 924 Preparations

Roxanne led Archie and Benny back into the living room after watching Lucian’s car leave. Both boys looked at Roxanne with concerned expressions on their faces.

Mommy has been in a bad mood for the past few days. She was in an even fouler mood right after she came out of the study. I’m curious about what Daddy said to Mommy just now.

Benny had never been good at hiding his emotions, so he immediately asked, “Mommy, what did you say to Mr. Farwell?”

Upon hearing his question, Roxanne’s eyes darkened as she lowered her gaze toward him.

Both Archie and Benny merely stared at her, as if they were hinting at the fact that she couldn't fool them.

As she met their gazes, Roxanne could only sigh helplessly and replied evasively, "We talked about some work stuff."

However, Benny continued to probe relentlessly, "But you seemed really upset, Mommy."

In the past, they had never seen Roxanne acting like that because of work-related matters.

It was as if she was being cautious of something.

Benny exchanged glances, their eyes

Daddy actually do to make Mommy so wary

only explain the matter

boys still didn't get the answer they wanted to hear. Instead, they furrowed

on explaining further. She simply added, "It's inevitable to have conflicts regarding work-related matters. This

like the same thing Lucian had told

Benny had to

idea whether

their mother was unwilling to say anything further,

heads and changed the topic immediately. "We're going camping tomorrow, but we haven't prepared much yet. Let's hurry up and get ready for our trip

camping trip immediately diverted Archie and Benny's

since they returned from abroad. Furthermore, with Estella joining

Roxanne brought Archie and Benny upstairs, they began packing their own stuff for

boys had gone on camping trips with Roxanne when

all three of them were finally done

carefully going through everything they packed, Roxanne

Chapter 925 Coaxing Roxanne

On the way to the Farwell residence, Estella puffed up her cheeks as she sat in the backseat. She stared at her father through the rearview mirror.

"Daddy, did you make Ms. Jarvis angry again?" Lucian frowned slightly when he heard Estella's soft and adorable voice.

Estella caught on to the change in Lucian's expression and knew that she had guessed correctly. She snorted angrily.

She had thought that Lucian wanted to bring her to meet Roxanne. However, it turned out he had gone to create trouble for Roxanne instead.

"I won't listen to you anymore, Daddy!" Estella said gloomily. Lucian's frown deepened. He patiently explained, "It's because of work."

It's this excuse again! Estella looked at the rearview mirror unhappily and said, "You only know how to lie to little kids, Daddy."

Lucian's eye twitched in anger when he heard that. Estella continued listing out her grievances. "You also said that to me the previous time! Earlier tonight, you tricked me into bringing you to Ms. Jarvis too..."

However, when we arrived at Ms. Jarvis' house, you secretly made her angry! Estella vowed that she would never believe her father again.

Taking advantage of the pause in traffic due to the red traffic light, Lucian raised a hand to massage his temples which were throbbing with pain. "I'm telling the truth. There's no need for me to lie to you."

Ms. Jarvis' mood wasn't that bad!

to be reasonable and substantiated

could only remain

something to be unhappy about. Yet, unaware of the truth, Estella placed the blame

Essie...

"Daddy, you promised that you would

Lucian remained silent.

things continue like this, when will Ms. Jarvis become my mommy?" Estella's voice was full of

softened when he heard her words. "I'm also thinking of

was on her guard against him. That made him frustrated, but he could not do anything to

he tried to explain, Roxanne was unwilling to listen

was also somewhat

to be with Ms. Jarvis, but he always makes her angry. If

a little anxious when she thought about

can't continue being like

and

Chapter 926 Vivid Expressions

Estella was still feeling a little upset, but her attention was diverted by the mention of the camping trip.

“Food and water...” Lucian furrowed his brows as he thought about it. “Ms. Jarvis will probably prepare those. Apart from that, what do you need?”

Estella was thoroughly distracted by the idea of camping. However, she had never attended team-bonding activities like camping before.

Furthermore, the Farwell family did not have the practice of bringing their children out camping. Thus, Estella was even more clueless when it came to the topic of camping.

A moment later, a cunning emotion flashed across her eyes. She suggested carefully, “Why don’t we ask Ms. Jarvis?”

Lucian stared at her through the rearview mirror and pretended that he had not heard her. “When we get back home, you should rest early.”

Estella knew that it was Lucian’s way of rejecting her suggestion. She quietened down unhappily.

Soon, they arrived at the Farwell residence.

Lucian got down from the car and opened the door for Estella. He then reached out to carry her.

She ignored his outstretched hands and hopped down by herself. She

came out to ask them if they had eaten. However, she saw Estella sitting on the couch

looked at Lucian

eaten,” Lucian said in a low voice as he glanced at

“Then I’ll get them to clear the

her concern for Estella. “What’s wrong with

the question. “Estella will be going camping tomorrow. Please prepare

troubled. “Mr.

Estella got mad, she would not allow other

not be able to help Estella

look at Estella, who was huddled on the couch. He frowned and

a sigh of relief and looked

late. Pack your things

his eyes to look

Lucian a glare before

an eyebrow and reached out to pick

could only allow him to carry her back to

and continued seething with anger. Lucian did not speak to her after they arrived either. Instead, he typed away on his

Chapter 927 Gave Him A Tight Hug

“Daddy!” Estella shouted anxiously when Lucian was about to shut the door. Lucian held the door and asked, “Yes, Essie?”

The little girl looked aggrieved. She had thought Lucian would give in to her demand after she expressed her frustration and anger.

Yet, Lucian did not even bother to entertain her! Estella was not used to being treated like that. Lucian arched his brows. “Go to bed early if there’s nothing you want to say.”

When he was about to close the door again, the girl asked in a piping voice, “Will you come with us tomorrow?”

A frown marred Lucian’s face when he heard that, but he did not answer immediately. Estella lowered her head and fidgeted with her fingers. “It’s the weekend tomorrow. You can spend time with us, right?”

Though Lucian and Roxanne had had a falling out, Estella believed they would reconcile should they go camping together tomorrow.

She remembered how Roxanne used to avoid them, but having been on a trip together improved their relationship. That was why Estella believed the camping trip would also do the trick.

roughly guess what was

a mix of excitement and grievance

That woman is always suspicious

thought in mind, Lucian decided to turn down her invitation. “I have to work tomorrow, Essie. I’ll join you guys in the next

even though

I have to

walked up to the girl

looked at him with her puppy eyes, trying to gain his

me to reconcile with Ms. Jarvis on this camping

hearing his explanation, Estella knew she could not push it anymore. She inclined her head to acknowledge

care of yourself,

though she still felt a tinge of disappointment. Since things aren’t working

what was running through Estella's mind, thought she was still mad at him. He inched closer

Chapter 928 Leaving In A Hurry

The next day, Estella got out of bed and waited outside Lucian's room. She still wanted to convince him to go camping with them.

When Lucian opened the door and was about to leave the room, he noticed the girl was standing right before him. Needless to say, Lucian knew her motive.

Instead of giving her a chance to speak, he said, "Come. Let's go and have breakfast. Ms. Jarvis should be arriving shortly."

The girl shook her head, but before she could say something, Lucian interrupted again. "I need to go to the office now. You must obey Ms. Jarvis, okay? Call me if you need anything."

Before Estella could open her mouth and speak, he immediately walked past her and went downstairs.

Meanwhile, Catalina was preparing breakfast for them in the dining area.

When she saw him walking to the door, she asked in concern, "Breakfast's ready, Mr. Farwell. Would you like to eat some before leaving?"

Lucian continued walking. "I have to leave now. Remember to open the door for Ms. Jarvis later. She'll be picking up Essie."

Catalina knitted her brows. She wanted him to stay for breakfast, but he had already put on his shoes and seemed in a hurry to leave the house.

at his back and wondered if he was running away from something or

was still trying to process her thoughts,

senses. She walked the girl

than a couple of bites,

remembered what Lucian said earlier and

were standing

her politely, "Good morning,

in response before taking a sidelong glance at the

on Catalina. She looked at Roxanne and uttered, "Mr. Farwell left early this morning. He told me you'll be

that, Roxanne heaved a silent sigh

the Farwell residence, as she did not know how

trip as she did not ask about it yesterday, but she knew she might end up running away had he decided

hearing Roxanne's voice.

leaned down and stroked her head.

first but shook her head a few

Her reaction confused Roxanne.

Chapter 929 Teach Them A Lesson

Roxanne helped the children into the car and drove slowly out of the manor. At the same time, a skinny man leaped down the big tree in front of the manor's entrance with a camera in his hand.

After watching Roxanne's car drive away, he casually entered his car in a corner and started the engine while unlocking his phone.

Half an hour later, Aubree, who had just awakened, habitually retrieved her phone and saw the text on her screen. It was from the private detective she sent to spy on Roxanne.

That got rid of her sleepiness instantly. She quickly sat up and opened the text. A few overhead-shot pictures came into view.

In the pictures, Roxanne could be seen carrying a tiny suitcase out of the mansion with three children following behind her.

The suitcase was pink, which obviously meant it was Estella's. However, it was hard to guess what was inside.

In the next picture, Roxanne and the children could be seen arriving beside the car. She had opened the trunk to reveal its contents.

Noting that, Aubree zoomed in on the pictures, unwilling to miss out on a single detail.

she spotted something that looked like a tent. As she scanned

for clarification: What

detective replied while driving: I think

look spread across Aubree's

incident didn't teach her a lesson. She still dares to be so close

the smiling faces

their location once you know where they

detective quickly agreed to

unusually cold as she studied the pictures over and over

was nowhere to be seen, but that did not mean he would not be

he was going

Lucian valued Estella and had feelings

thought of the quintet enjoying themselves at

b*tches! If not for them, I would've been Lucian's wife long ago. This is

that thought crossed her mind, she subconsciously tightened her grip around her phone so hard

Chapter 930 Let Us Use Them

The camping location Roxanne had picked was in the suburbs near a mountain. It was a two-hour drive from the city, so they only arrived when it was close to noon.

When Roxanne got out of the car, she could not help but sigh in awe while scanning the surroundings. The two-hour drive was worth it.

Their camping location was on a lush field with tiny flowers growing all over the place. Roxanne had purposely chosen a wider area to set up their tent. There was also a little forest not far from their spot.

The vegetation in the forest was denser, and rabbits would hop out and encircle their visitors from time to time.

On the other side was a tiny waterfall, and thanks to the moving water, the surrounding air was quite refreshing and cool.

The gurgling sound of water also created a serene vibe. It could not be a more suitable camping site. Happiness was written all over the children's faces.

scenery, forgetting all the unhappy events that happened that morning. Archie and Benny looked

the places we've camped at in other countries. "Run along and play. I'll set

up the tent. Upon hearing

capable of helping her set up the equipment. Roxanne did not refuse their offer. She then handed them

someone with no experience and little strength, Estella could only watch them

long after, the tent was up. Roxanne then brought the children's suitcases over and

for her and the

their items, Roxanne returned to the car to retrieve Estella's

Feeling curious, the three children crowded around

its contents. Even Roxanne was at

only taking them out to have fun, but he's packing for Estella as if they're going on an

asked Estella