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Just as those words went past Jonathan's lips, Lucian tightened his grip on his glass.

Six years ago...

"You must have treated Dr. Jarvis far worse six years ago than how Dr. Jarvis is treating you now," Jonathan went on. "Back then, I wondered about what she would feel about you focusing on work and Aubree only. I thought she would have left in no

time, but to my surprise, she actually lived with you for so many years and even gave birth to your children."

At that moment, a thought seemed to have popped up in Jonathan's head. "It looks like Dr. Jarvis was deeply in love with you back then. You say you're a persevering man, but you're giving up on her in mere months just because she's a little more serious about her work. In contrast, Dr. Jarvis had stayed by your side for years."

Jonathan even felt bad for Roxanne when he thought about the things she had to go through during those years. Once he was done saying his piece, he clicked his tongue and shook his head.

Lucian's expression darkened.

How did she persevere during all those years, then? I thought she was being unreasonable when she abruptly departed back then. Now that I think about it, she must have reached her limits. What thoughts did she have on the night of her departure?

The recollection of that time made Lucian's heart ache.

"This is my fault," he said after a beat.

Jonathan stiffened.

This was the first time he had heard Lucian admit that he was wrong so easily.

"I did this to her six years ago, and now she's doing the same thing to me." The look of self-deprecation was bright in Lucian's eyes. "Perhaps this is karma, but it's late by six years."

Hearing the bitterness lacing Lucian's words, Jonathan lowered his gaze as his heart began feeling heavy.

He only mentioned what had happened six years ago because the matter popped up in his head; he did not mean to make Lucian feel guilty.

“In that case, why don’t you put aside your original plan and court Dr. Jarvis again? It’s to fix the regret the two of you have.”

Jonathan thought that Lucian would finally consider that option, but the moment he said that, Lucian’s unhesitating rejection came.

“It’s too late.”

Lucian filled his glass again and downed the wine. Jonathan did not even know how many times Lucian had already filled his glass. He stubbornly continued, “Since you know you’ve done wrong, why do you not want to fix the mistake?”

“I can’t do that.”

I’ve hurt Roxanne terribly, so how can I ask her to forgive me? I’m certain that Roxanne’s already sick of how clingy I’ve been during this time. She’s only dealing with me half-heartedly as an act of courtesy.

A wave of frustration rose in Lucian, and he started downing one glass after another.

It was only then Jonathan realized he had been too busy trying to change Lucian's mind. Lucian had finished the whole bottle of wine by himself.

The alcohol content in the wines that the owner served them was high. On most days, they would only drink a glass or two and focus more on the conversation.

However, it was different that day.

I know you can hold your drink, Lucian, but you still can't drink like this!

Jonathan quickly shot out his hand to stop Lucian.

"Lucian, stop drinking!"

Yet, before his fingers could touch the glass, Lucian stopped him.

"I asked you to come today to drink, not to hear you go on and on about nonsense."

Lucian tilted his head back to down another glass of wine.

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