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As she had fallen asleep late the night before, Roxanne slept deeply but was awoken by her phone ringing early the following morning.

Unable to marshal her thoughts into coherence immediately upon waking up, she reached out blindly around her pillow for a long time before locating the source of the noise.

Upon obtaining her phone and squinting at the screen, Roxanne answered groggily. Colby sounded very anxious on the other end. "Something's happened, Dr. Jarvis." Wide awake suddenly, Roxanne sat bolt upright. "What is it?" she asked hoarsely. "A shipment of medicinal herb supplies we expected to receive this morning is still nowhere to be seen." Colby looked grave.

The medicinal herb supplier the research institute partnered with was usually very punctual in delivering their supply.

If a morning delivery had been promised, the research institute would have received the goods at the beginning of office hours. The shipment was delayed particularly long that day.

If the medicinal herb supplies were not delivered on time, many projects would be shelved in less than two days. Their progress would, as a result, be interrupted, and the research institute would suffer a hefty loss.

Roxanne froze. "Have you given our business partners a call?"

As she spoke, she turned on speaker mode and swiftly washed up while she listened to Colby's report.

"I did," Colby answered despairingly at the mention of the problem. "Some of them didn't even pick up. Those who did were vague and refused to offer a decisive answer."

He preferred it if they had just told him they did not want to be partners anymore. Their beating around the bush was so discouraging that he did not even dare seek other suppliers to order the medicinal herb supplies.

Roxanne's heart sank as she scrambled to get dressed. "Noted," she replied. "I'm coming over right now."

Without another word, she hung up.

The children were already seated at the dining table when she came downstairs.

Benny had recovered sufficiently to attend kindergarten that day, and Archie and Benny could not wait to see Estella at school.

The boys looked expectantly at Roxanne when she came down the stairs as they wanted her to give them a ride to school.

Roxanne noticed the boys' expectant looks. "Something happened at the research institute," she said apologetically. "I must hurry over. Ms. Lane will send you."

Though crestfallen, the boys were used to their mother's hectic schedule. "Drive safely, Mommy," they chorused with understanding nods.

Roxanne assured them hastily and hurried out the door without waiting for their reply. She had planned the night before to hand her work over to Colby before taking the children abroad.

Her work at the research institute would have made Harvey proud as she had resolved many issues for the research institute upon her return and had also taught the researchers in the institute a lot of modern techniques.

She did not expect such an incident to destabilize everything she had planned.

Roxanne sped the whole way.

When she arrived at the research institute, Colby was already waiting at the entrance.

“Do the researchers know?” Roxanne asked at once as she arrived briskly before him.

Colby shook his head. “I haven’t said anything to them. I don’t want them to panic.”

Roxanne heaved a small sigh of relief at his words. “Let’s keep it to ourselves for now.

We’ll try our best to think of something. Run me through the problem.”

Colby agreed.

The pair made their way quickly into Roxanne’s office as they spoke.

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As they were alone in the office, the full extent of their worry appeared on their faces.

“I wonder if you remember what Pearson Group did when they picked on us the last time,” Colby said as a twitch of concern flickered across his brow.

Roxanne’s forehead creased at his words. She too recalled the experience of being sabotaged by Aubree upon her return to the country.

All the medicinal herb suppliers in Horington had rejected partnership offers made by the research institute without providing a reason under the order of Pearson Group then.

Somebody must have ordered the medicinal herb suppliers to cut us off. But who could the mastermind be?

Roxanne’s gaze darkened. Her mind was in a mess.

As they had already resolved the trouble Aubree had caused them, Roxanne was sure they would not be subjected to the same tactics.

Though Colby did not voice it aloud, he knew Roxanne was the intended victim of the ordeal.

He patted her shoulder trying to comfort her as he saw how worried she was. “Don’t overthink it right now. Since you’re here, I think you should personally call our partners and find out their intentions. It is of utmost importance to search for another supplier quickly if they do not want to work with us anymore. We need to ensure that all our projects remain on schedule.”

Roxanne pulled herself out of her reverie and nodded in agreement.

Soon, Colby produced the contact numbers of all the research institute business

partners for Roxanne to call one by one.

"I'm really sorry, Dr. Jarvis. Though it has been a pleasant partnership with the research institute, we cannot accommodate your demands for the specific ingredients you need given such short notice, so..."

"Is that you, Dr. Jarvis? Apologies for not having informed you earlier for it happened so suddenly. Our factory is rushing to meet a huge order for a hospital, so it is very likely that we cannot make it for the research institute's order."

Roxanne called several companies in a row, and the persons in charge found all sorts of reasons to reject her.

The meaning behind their words could not be more explicit. They did not intend for the partnership to continue.

Roxanne clenched her fists. Undeterred, she dialed another number.

Taking pity on her for how distraught she looked, Colby patted her hand tenderly. "Don't bother."

Roxanne glanced at him in confusion.

"It's obvious that somebody has a bone to pick with the research institute. Besides, they seem to be on equal footing with the Pearson family and possibly even more influential. It will end the same way as before if this goes on."

Though she was reluctant to admit it, she knew he was right.

After a moment's silence, Roxanne placed the phone down dejectedly.

"If I may ask," Colby asked in concern, "have you offended anybody of late?"

Roxanne stiffened up imperceptibly at his words.

"I don't mean to sound like I'm blaming you," Colby explained hastily. "After all, you were the one who solved this very problem we faced previously. I want to remind you that since they are capable of going to such lengths, they might find it in them to act against you or the kids. You must be careful. Don't worry about the research institute as I can still persist for some time."

Colby then smiled reassuringly at her.

"Thank you," Roxanne said, her eyes shining with gratitude.

However, she still could not think of anybody who would take such drastic measures against her.

The only possibility is Sonya.

However, Roxanne had made things clear to Sonya the last time they met and had not contacted Lucian within that period.

If Sonya had done it, she could have done it on the day of the breakup instead of waiting until now.