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Chapter 369 Brushing Off

“So what if he doesn’t know about it? All the medicinal herb suppliers in Horington listened to Farwell Group and stopped working with Roxanne. We’re just following suit,” the person replied matter-of-factly after a brief silence.

Rex belatedly realized he had been tricked, and his heart sank. Alas, it was too late to do anything.

“What if Mr. Queen asks about it?” he asked carefully.

The person fell silent for a few moments before brushing him off. “Just tell him the truth. It’s obvious that he doesn’t know about Farwell Group as he demands to see you. Tell him everything.”

The call was then ended.

Cold sweat had drenched Rex’s back by the time the call ended.

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The person didn’t reveal anything, but he wasn’t a fool. It was clear that Jonathan knew nothing about the matter.

I was dragged into the mess, but I dare not offend any of them...

Rex still hadn’t figured out an excuse to justify his actions when his car rolled to a stop outside the Queen residence. However, he had no choice but to knock on the door.

Soon, the butler answered the door. “Mr. Tanner, welcome. Mr. Queen and Old Mr. Queen are waiting for you inside.”

Rex was drenched in cold sweat and could not bring himself to walk in.

He assumed Jonathan wanted to question him, so he had no idea that Alfred was informed about the matter.

This is far worse than I imagined it to be.

At that point, he had no other options but to face the matter.

With his head hung low, Rex followed the butler to the living room.

No one spoke for some time.

Rex glanced at the person sitting on the couch as fear flashed across his gaze.

Holding the cane, Alfred shot him a furious glare.

Jonathan was sitting beside Alfred with a deadpan expression. His face might be devoid of expression, but he had a powerful presence.

Rex felt a chill go down his spine as their gazes landed on him. "Mr. Queen, Old..."

Jonathan cut in icily, "It looks like you know why I asked you to come here."

Rex nodded sheepishly. "Yes. It's about the issue regarding our company supplying Dr. Jarvis' research institute's with the medicinal herbs they need."

As soon as he finished speaking, someone slammed his fist on the table.

Rex's heart clenched as he stood frozen in his spot with his hands stuck to his sides.

"If you knew, then why did you go against my order?" Jonathan glanced at the furious Alfred and demanded, "Rex, I trusted you enough to put you in charge of the medicinal herbs business. How could you do this? What is your explanation?"

Rex promptly owned up to his mistake. "It was all my fault, Mr. Queen. I shall apologize to Dr. Jarvis personally and arrange for the delivery of the medicinal herbs they need as soon as possible!"

Jonathan pinned him with a withering stare. "Are you trying to brush me off by saying it was all your fault?"

Rex was a trusted subordinate of his. After he learned that it was Rex who refused to help Roxanne, his first thought was that someone had used Rex. Hence, he summoned Rex to get to the bottom of things.

Never in his wildest dreams did he know Rex would try to brush him off!

He knew why I asked him to come but refused to reveal the culprit.

"Mr. Queen, I..." Rex was in a dilemma.

They were both his superiors, so he dared not offend any of them and planned to shoulder the responsibility himself. However, he had no idea Jonathan insisted on knowing who the culprit was.

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Chapter 370 Someone From The Queen Family

“Who ordered you to do it? Spill the truth. I want to know who in Queen Group dared to defy my orders!” Alfred declared furiously.

Hearing that, Rex was close to tears.

If I reveal the person right now, Old Mr. Queen will definitely punish her! I don't dare to do that.

As he didn't utter a word, Alfred harrumphed unhappily. “Since you refuse to say anything, I'll assume it was your idea.”

He whipped his head around and told Jonathan, “He works for you, so you can decide what to do with him!”

Rex didn't want to be held accountable for such a huge mistake, so he immediately protested, “No, Old Mr. Queen. I dare not do that!”

“Who is it then?” Jonathan rose to his feet and glowered at him. The chilling aura surrounding his body was almost palpable.

Rex lowered his head and revealed cautiously, “It is Ms. Frieda.”

Frieda?

Hearing that, Jonathan and Alfred could barely hide their shock. They couldn't understand why Frieda would do something detrimental to the Queen family when she was one of them.

Besides, Frieda was present when Roxanne cured Alfred's condition. She should know that the Queen family owed Roxanne more than anyone else.

“Ms. Frieda told me it was your order, so I didn’t think much about it. I only realized it wasn’t your order when you called me earlier.” Rex was filled with remorse. “Mr. Queen, I didn’t mean to defy your order. I dare not do so!”

Jonathan gave him a dismissive wave in irritation. “Got it. Next time, ask for my instructions whenever it is anything that concerns Dr. Jarvis.”

Rex promptly reassured him that he would do that.

“Remember to arrange for the delivery of the medicinal herbs that Dr. Jarvis’ research institute need as soon as you get back. I’ll call Dr. Jarvis to check if she receives it,” Jonathan ordered. “You should also apologize to her.”

“Yes,” came Rex’s answer.

With that, Jonathan told Rex to leave.

Soon, only Alfred and Jonathan were left in the living room.

Their expressions were dark when they recalled Rex’s words.

When Roxanne first showed up, Jonathan realized Frieda didn’t like her, but he didn’t know Frieda would cause trouble for Roxanne in public.

Why is Frieda so insensible?

“Grandpa, what should I do next?” Jonathan sought Alfred’s advice as he was at a loss.

Alfred was boiling with anger.

He had no idea that it was one of their own who nearly destroyed Queen Group’s reputation! In fact, the culprit was his granddaughter!

“Ask her to come back now! That spoiled brat is bold enough to do anything now, huh?” Alfred huffed.

Jonathan nodded and gave Frieda a call.

Frieda had expected his call, so she answered the call calmly, “Jonathan, what is it?”

Furious, Jonathan declared, “How dare you ask me that? Come back home now!”

Frieda rolled her eyes in disdain and replied slowly, “Got it. I’ll go home now.”

Before Jonathan could say anything else, she hung up.

I didn't do anything wrong. Jonathan got angry for nothing.

However, she felt guilty for doing that behind Jonathan's back.

Back in the Queen residence, Jonathan shot his phone a death stare.

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Chapter 371 Taking Sides

Around half an hour later, Frieda arrived and strode into the house cockily. She only put her arrogance aside when she realized Alfred was sitting on the couch.

"You are here, Grandpa," Frieda greeted Alfred with a pang of guilt.

Alfred threw her a displeased look and scoffed.

Frieda rubbed her nose idly and made to join them on the couch.

"Stand right there!" Jonathan snapped.

Frieda halted in her tracks unwillingly. As Alfred was around, she returned to her spot and stood there silently.

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"Do you know why I asked you to come home?" Jonathan demanded.

Frieda pursed her lips and feigned ignorance. "I don't know. I was shopping when you asked me to come back. Why are you upset?"

Jonathan wore a wintry expression. "Did you order Rex not to provide medicinal herbs to Dr. Jarvis' research institute?"

Frieda nodded indifferently.

Seeing her response, Alfred and Jonathan shared a look of confusion.

Ever since Frieda first met Roxanne, she had been at odds with the latter.

Her grudge nearly caused Queen Group's reputation to take a fall, but she didn't think she was wrong.

"Why did you do that?" Jonathan furrowed his brows.

Frieda pretended to be surprised. "Jonathan, don't you know that all the medicinal herb suppliers have been warned by Farwell Group not to supply any medicinal herbs to Roxanne? If we continue supplying medicinal herbs to her, we're announcing that we're going against Farwell Group!"

A flash of surprise appeared in Jonathan's gaze.

No wonder Roxanne said all the other medicinal herb suppliers stopped supplying the research institute with medicinal herbs when she came here in the morning. However, she didn't explain why. It turns out that Farwell Group was behind it.

Jonathan recalled that Lucian and Roxanne seemed to be on good terms previously. In fact, Lucian defended Roxanne more than once. Thus, he couldn't understand why Roxanne was targeted.

As he frowned in puzzlement, Frieda added, "Mrs. Farwell didn't say anything to us as we're close to them. But since we're working closely with Farwell Group, shouldn't we side with them? We will be going against Mrs. Farwell if we insist on providing medicinal herbs to Roxanne's research institute as per our promise. If Mrs. Farwell gets upset, she might cause trouble for us!"

Jonathan's frown deepened. "Are you saying that Mrs. Farwell gave the order? Why did she do that?"

Frieda shot him a smug grin. "You don't know about this, huh? Roxanne is Lucian's ex-wife, and Mrs. Farwell didn't like her at all. It so happened that—"

It so happened that I hated her, too. Thus, I took the chance to teach her a lesson.

Before Frieda could finish her sentence, Jonathan had guessed her intention. He leaped up from the couch abruptly.

Frieda's voice trailed off in shock.

"Shut up! You're part of the Queen family. How could you say that? If word gets out, people will definitely laugh at us. Queen Group has built its reputation painstakingly over the years, so there is no need to take sides to show our stance!" Jonathan stormed over to her and threw her a glare.

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Chapter 372 Stay Out Of It

Frieda took two steps back subconsciously as she defended herself, "Did I say anything wrong? If Queen Group lands into trouble because we go against Farwell Group, that will be a huge crisis!"

Jonathan felt his temples throbbing. Clenching his jaw, he admonished, "Do you know why Queen Group can stand tall for over a century?"

Frieda hung her head low and said nothing.

"That's because we deliver what we promise!" Jonathan shot her a disappointed look. "If we give up on our principle easily because of personal matters, Queen Group will lose the credibility to do business in the medical industry!"

Frieda cowered back and glanced at Alfred cautiously. She said humbly, "Jonathan, I'm doing this for Queen Group's sake. No company in Horington dares to go against Farwell Group! Mrs. Farwell warned every medicinal herb supplier in Horington to stay away from Roxanne. If we don't do the same, how will she think of us? Our relationship with Farwell Group might take a toll. It isn't worth the risk."

She then glanced at Jonathan to gauge his reaction.

Jonathan stared at her icily and waited for her to devise more excuses to justify her foolish actions.

"Don't you know what Roxanne did to the Farwell family six years ago? She deserves to get punished for her irresponsible actions." Frieda tried to add fuel to the fire.

Right after she said that, Jonathan let out an icy snort.

Frieda's heart leaped to her throat as she shot him a perplexed look.

"You remember what Dr. Jarvis did to the Farwell family six years ago, so I believe you still remember how Dr. Jarvis cured Grandpa a while ago." The more Frieda spoke, the more ridiculous Jonathan felt. He promptly exposed Frieda's lousy excuse.

Taken aback, Frieda turned to look at Alfred instinctively.

Based on what Jonathan said, it was clear that Alfred had made up his mind.

“Grandpa...” Frieda’s voice softened when she belatedly realized that she should act coy to Alfred.

After hearing her excuses, Alfred was puzzled and exhausted.

He had treated his grandchildren equally over the years and taught them personally.

However, Frieda grew up as an ungrateful young lady with extreme behavior.

Does she not respect me at all?

Disappointment flooded Alfred’s heart as he gave Frieda a crestfallen look. “Don’t turn to me. Dr. Jarvis saved my life, and I made that clear during the banquet that we should treat Dr. Jarvis as our family. How could you do that to her?”

Frieda hurriedly explained, “Grandpa, you’ve gotten it wrong. I—”

Alfred interjected, “Will you admit to your mistake?” His voice was stern as he stared at her intently.

Frieda fell silent, but the fear on her face turned to indignance.

Indeed, she had her reason for doing that, but she also did it for the sake of Queen Group. How dare they question me now? They will realize they are wrong when Farwell Group causes trouble for them in the future!

As she didn’t seem to regret her actions, Alfred shook his head in disappointment. “From today onward, you aren’t allowed to interfere in Queen Group’s business anymore. Jonathan will be in charge of Queen Group solely.”

Frieda’s head whipped up in shock at her grandfather’s words.

Before she could protest, Alfred gestured for Jonathan to take him upstairs. He didn’t want to stay back and listen to her nonsense.

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Chapter 374 Is This Not Too Much On the other hand, Frieda was furious as she assumed her brother and grandfather didn’t appreciate her efforts.

Consequently, they even forbade her from interfering in Queen Group's business.

After Alfred and Jonathan went upstairs, Frieda plopped onto the couch angrily and brooded for a long time.

She would occasionally vent her frustrations on the servants. As she failed to tamp down her frustration, she called Aubree.

"Aubree, where are you?" Aubree was in the hospital, and Sonya was sitting beside her.

Hearing Frieda's voice, she lowered her phone's volume and responded, "I'm in the hospital."

"What's wrong?" "Haven't you got discharged yet?" Frieda asked in concern. Frieda knew Aubree was admitted to the hospital after she got hurt trying to save Sonya.

Frieda often visited Aubree at the hospital, but she didn't realize Aubree's condition was that serious.

Aubree glanced at Sonya and said pretentiously, "I wanted to discharge from the hospital as I think I'm doing better, but Mrs.

Farwell is worried about me." Hearing that, Sonya shot her a reproachful look.

Aubree flashed a coy smile as their gazes met.

"It's only right for Mrs.

Farwell to show her concern for you as you got hurt trying to save her.

Besides, you're her future daughter-in-law.

"Who else should she shower her affection on if not for you?" Frieda answered cheerfully.

Recalling what happened earlier, she put on a gloomy expression.

"I'll come visit you later."

"Wait for me!" Aubree grunted in agreement. After the call ended, Sonya offered her a slice of orange.

Taking the slice of orange from her, Aubree said, "Mrs.

Farwell, I've already recovered.

You don't have to take care of me.

You're making me feel rather uneasy." Sonya shot her a disapproving look.

"You are injured so you need to recuperate in the hospital for some time.

Why do you feel uneasy if I were to take care of you? You got hurt because of me.

I'll feel bad if I don't take care of you!" Aubree's lips curled as she ate the orange obediently. Sonya was pleased by how obedient Aubree looked.

Nodding, she added, "After you marry into the Farwell family, we will have a lot of time to care for each other."

Aubree's cheeks turned pink as she gave Sonya a shy look.

"Mrs.

Farwell, Lucian hasn't made up his mind yet.

Stop saying that."

"Lucian will listen to me.

Roxanne is getting kicked out of Horington.

Who else can Lucian marry besides you?" Sonya said solemnly. Aubree promptly feigned ignorance.

"Why would you say that?" "I've warned all medicinal herbs suppliers in Horington to stop providing medicinal herbs to Roxanne.

If she knows her place, she should know that she isn't welcomed in Horington!" Sonya responded coolly.

As Pearson Group was one of the biggest medicinal herb suppliers in Horington, Aubree knew that Sonya meant what she said.

Despite feeling delighted inwardly, Aubree protested, "Mrs.

Farwell, isn't this too much? If the research institute discovers that Roxanne is the reason—" "You don't have to pity her, for she brought this upon herself.

How dare she return to Horington after what she did to US?" Sonya patted Aubree's shoulder to console her. Aubree pursed her lips and smiled. "Who called you?" Sonya asked. "It was Frieda.

She will be coming later to pay me a visit later," came Aubree's answer.

Sonya put the stuff she was holding aside and got to her feet.

"You have a visitor, so I won't disturb you.

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Chapter 375 Let Roxanne Off Easily Not long after Sonya left, someone knocked on the door. Frieda then walked in wearing a bitter expression. "What's wrong? Did someone bully you?" Aubree questioned as she was confused after seeing her expression. Frieda sat beside the bed and started peeling an apple distractedly.

"My brother and my grandpa!" she complained. As Frieda wasn't focusing on peeling the apple, Aubree took the apple and knife away from her.

Patiently, she asked, "What did they do to you?" "They found out I was the one who told Rex to not supply the medicinal herbs to Roxanne!" Frieda shot her an aggrieved look. Actually, it was Aubree who gave her the idea in the first place. If Aubree hadn't mentioned the matter, Frieda wouldn't find out that Sonya had blacklisted Roxanne. As they both disliked Roxanne, Aubree suggested that she should grab the opportunity to stop supplying medicinal herbs to Roxanne. Besides getting to vent their frustration, they could also improve the relationship between Queen Group and Farwell Group. Frieda didn't think much about it.

Assuming that Aubree was helping her, she did as she was told.

After she received a scolding, she immediately came to Aubree and poured out her grievances. A flash of disgust appeared in Aubree's eyes.

I can't believe Frieda couldn't accomplish something this simple! Despite thinking that way, Aubree had to pretend to be a caring and understanding friend.

"Then what happened? Did they reprimand you?" she urged softly. Frieda nodded angrily.

"They said I was trying to destroy the Queen family's reputation.

I was prohibited to interfere in Queen Group's business from now on!" Having said that, Frieda took Aubree's other arm and gave her a pleading look.

"Aubree, you know I did nothing wrong.

Please help me explain to Jonathan and my grandpa!" I did nothing wrong but lost my voice in Queen Group.

It's not worthwhile at all. A flash of impatience appeared on Aubree's face as she brushed Frieda's hand away discreetly.

"Calm down.

It's normal for Old Mr.

Queen and Jonathan to react that way, for it was Roxanne who cured Old Mr.

Queen's illness.

Jonathan had always stood on Roxanne's side, so it's normal for him to defend her." Frieda's expression changed slightly.

"Are we going to let Roxanne off easily this time?" Aubree grimaced.

"Did Queen Group resume supplying medicinal herbs to Roxanne's research institute?" Frieda nodded gravely.

Obviously, Jonathan and Grandpa want to continue supplying medicinal herbs to Roxanne. A wave of fury crashed through Frieda when she thought of she failed to teach Roxanne a lesson and instead ended up getting reprimanded by her family. Aubree's rage nearly went through the roof, for that meant that Sonya's plan had fallen short. She didn't want Queen Group to intervene and hinted at Frieda to take action against Roxanne.

Alas, she didn't know that Frieda was that unreliable. Aubree fell silent, but Frieda didn't realize anything was wrong and continued to pour her grievances. "I wonder why Grandpa and Jonathan side with Roxanne when all she did was cure Grandpa's illness.

They refused to believe me even though I am one of them.

I did this for Queen Group's sake!" she complained. Aubree was getting annoyed, so she merely replied half-heartedly, "They will soon know that you're right." Hearing her acknowledgment, Frieda was pleased.

I knew I was right! However, she couldn't help but lament, "Ugh, we let her off easily this time!" Aubree's eyes were blocks of ice.

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Chapter 376 Smile And Says Nothing Frieda was rather confused. Could it be that... Aubree has another trick up her sleeve?

With that thought in mind, Frieda asked carefully, "Aubree, do you mean that you have another way to teach Roxanne a lesson?" Ugh, she's so annoying.

Even if I have another trick up my sleeve, why would I let her know? She's no help at all! However, Aubree knew she would still need Frieda's help one day.

Thus, she assured Frieda, "Don't worry.

I won't let that b*tch gain the upper hand.

She was the reason you got chided by Old Mr.

Queen and Jonathan.

I shall avenge you and make sure she gets what she deserves!"

In just a few words, Aubree had placed the blame on Roxanne. Frieda nodded vehemently.

"Since I met her, Grandpa and Jonathan kept finding fault with me.

I'm one of them, but they insisted on siding with her! We really need to teach her a lesson." Having achieved her goal, Aubree squinted her eyes in satisfaction.

She patted Frieda's shoulder and said, "Don't forget that we're not the only ones who hate Roxanne."

Her words stunned Frieda.

It took a while for the latter to realize what she meant.

Oh, I forgot that it was Sonya who came up with the plan to make things difficult for Roxanne.

There's no way Roxanne can get what she wants! It was clear that Sonya wanted to take Roxanne down to help Aubree.

After all, everyone saw how Sonya adored Aubree all the years. There was no way Sonya would allow Roxanne, who suddenly returned, to take the place belonging to Aubree. Besides, Roxanne left without saying goodbye six years ago and only left behind a divorce agreement.

It meant that she had dumped Lucian instead of the other way around.

Her action brought shame to the Farwell family. Sonya would never forgive Roxanne ever!

The more Frieda pondered over the matter, the more excited she got.

Her anger disappeared into thin air as she grinned and fawned over Aubree.

"Mrs.

Farwell adores you, Aubree.

This time, she must've taken action against Roxanne because of you!"

Aubree was inwardly delighted, but she put on an act and furrowed her brows.

"That has nothing to do with me.

It was that b*tch who has a death wish." Glancing at Aubree's wounded arm, Frieda responded, "Roxanne returned to the country a while ago, but Mrs.

Farwell didn't take action against her until you got hurt.

Do you still think it has nothing to do with you? She only took action as Roxanne caused your arm to get injured twice."

Aubree turned to look at her arm and flashed a smile and said nothing. Indeed, if she hadn't decided to be ruthless toward herself, Sonya might still be tolerating Roxanne's existence. Her injury had forced Sonya to take sides. Frieda put on a flattering smile.

"Mrs.

Farwell adores you.

Roxanne bullied you, so she must teach Roxanne a lesson.

You're her future daughter-in-law, after all."

Aubree's lips twitched.

"We have to wait for Lucian's decision." Frieda couldn't care less.

"Mrs.

Farwell is on your side.

After she kicked Roxanne out of Horington, you'll be the only woman by Lucian's side.

Who else can he marry besides you? Just wait patiently for the day to come.

You'll be his wife in the near future." Hmm, she's right.

Aubree's heart swelled with an indescribable sense of happiness at that thought.

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Mommy must have had a hard time at work. Roxanne was exhausted after a long day at work, but after seeing how worried her sons were, she pulled herself together.

Stroking their heads, she smiled.

“Thank you, my darlings.” When her words fell, Archie and Benny immediately ran to fetch her a pair of slippers and placed them at her feet. Roxanne responded with a grin. When she took off her coat, the two boys grabbed it from her and hung it on the rack. It took them a while as they were not tall enough to reach the coat rack. Roxanne giggled while patiently waiting for the boys.

After they managed to hang the coat, she led them to the dining table and sat them down.

“Bon appétit, Mommy!” The two little ones even gave their mother some of their food. Roxanne’s smile grew wider.

All her exhaustion vanished in a flash when she saw how obedient Archie and Benny were. “Mommy, you must be tired, right?” Benny leaned over to observe her expression. Roxanne responded with a comforting smile, “Not at all, especially seeing your faces.” The two boys looked at her with suspicion. “Come, try some.” Roxanne gave them a portion of her food as well. Just when she thought the little ones would dine in peace, Benny suddenly questioned endearingly, “Mommy, when do we get to travel out of the country again?” Archie, sitting on the side, shot a glance at Roxanne. Roxanne froze for a moment before answering, “I still have work to do at the research institute.

We can travel once I complete all my tasks.” “Does that mean we won’t get to travel anytime soon?” Benny queried again.

Roxanne bobbed her head in response to his question. “How long more do we have to wait?” Benny refused to give in for some reason, making Roxanne knit her brows. When their gazes met, she noticed his eyes were full of anticipation. Roxanne could not help but feel a pang of guilt. The two boys enjoyed living in Chanaea, yet they had to relocate from one place to another because of her. However, knowing Sonya was on their backs, Roxanne had no choice but to steel herself and grasp at straws. When she did not reply to them even after some time, the little ones urged her to give them an answer, “Mommy!” Hearing that, Roxanne came back to her senses and put on a cursory smile.

“I don’t have an answer yet.

What’s with the question, though?” Archie and Benny exchanged glances again.

They were disappointed with Roxanne’s response. Seeing them like this, Roxanne had no idea what was on their minds.

“We bumped into Essie in the kindergarten.

She came to play with US, but we could tell she wasn't happy," Benny said in a sweet, mellow voice.

Looking at Roxanne, he pleaded, "Mommy, can we stay a little longer?" Roxanne felt a tingling pain in her heart when she thought of Estella.

After keeping mum for a moment, she shook her head.

"We have to leave after I've completed my work here.

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Roxanne was at a loss for words upon noticing how downhearted they were.

Thankfully, Archie and Benny knew their mother could not bear to leave Estella either. Although they were upset, they eventually regained their composure and continued finishing their dinner, sensibly not uttering another word.

By the time Roxanne finished her dinner, she had drained every last bit of her energy. The two boys went upstairs to rest as they were not in the mood to play anymore.

Watching them sleep, Roxanne gently stroked their cheeks and whispered, "Sorry, darlings."

At such a young age, Archie and Benny had to travel from one place to another because of her.

By right, these boys deserved a better life. Had she told Lucian the truth, the Farwell family would for sure take them back, and they would be able to enjoy all the privileges.

Yet, Roxanne chose to keep them by her side.

She had worked hard over the years to make it up to the boys, but it seemed what she did was far from enough.

After watching them sleep for a while, Roxanne leaned forward and gave them a peck on their foreheads. She then stood up, turned off the lights, and left the room.

When they heard the sound of the closing door, Archie and Benny gradually opened their eyes and exchanged looks.

They heard Roxanne's apology because they had been awake all along. *Why did Mommy apologize to us? Did she do anything bad to us?*

Returning to her room, Roxanne packed her things for a while before lying on her bed.

As she had a long day at work, she thought she would fall deep into slumber in no time, but the moment she shut her eyes, all sorts of images kept popping up in her mind.

She recalled how Sonya confronted her in the café, how Estella cried while pleading with her to stay, and the disappointment on Archie's and Benny's faces.

Roxanne felt helpless. *My life is nothing but a joke.*

After working hard for so many years, she thought she had garnered enough strength to face the Farwell family, but that was not the case. To the Farwells, she was just another small fry.

Once again, she had to leave the city because of the Farwell family,

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After what seemed like a long time, Roxanne finally fell asleep.

When the alarm rang the next day, Roxanne woke up with a headache. However, upon remembering Queen Group would deliver the herb today, she forced herself to crawl out of bed. Even when she was freshening up in the bathroom, she was still very much in a daze.

By the time she got downstairs, Archie and Benny were already having their breakfast by the table.

When the two boys saw their mother coming down the stairs, they remembered how she had apologized to them last night.

Even so, they believed Roxanne apologized to them when they were asleep because she did not want them to know, so they decided not to pursue the matter.

Looking at her face, they expressed their concern, "Did you not sleep well, Mommy?"

That question took Roxanne by surprise.

"You have dark circles under your eyes," Archie added with a serious look as he was worried about her.

Upon hearing that, Roxanne immediately understood what they were implying. Plastering a smile on her face, she said, "I couldn't sleep well because I had too much coffee at work yesterday. Thanks for your concern, darlings."

The two boys looked at each other, skeptical about her answer. After asking her a few more questions, they finally settled down.

After breakfast, Roxanne requested Lysa's help to send them to the kindergarten. Then, she went upstairs to put on simple makeup and drove to the research institute.

During the drive to the research institute, she could help but feel a tad anxious.

Jonathan might have given her his promise, but somehow, she still felt insecure because she had not seen the herb.

Based on her experience with the other business associates, problems always occurred during the delivery. Had she not called them to check on the progress, they did not even bother to tell her the truth.