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Although Roxanne had repeated multiple times that she felt fine, Madilyn could not feel at ease. and hence, she examined her body thoroughly.

In the end, she concluded that Roxanne had mild post-traumatic stress. With sufficient rest, she would surely recover.

Roxanne did not want the kids to speculate, so she went downstairs after getting a short rest.

Right then, Lysa was serving dinner. She was about to head upstairs and check if Roxanne wanted to join them, only to realize that Roxanne was already up.

“How are you feeling? Can you eat these? Otherwise, I can make you some soup.” Lysa was very concerned.

Roxanne’s face was no longer as pale as before. She shook her head and replied, “Don’t trouble yourself. I don’t have much appetite, anyway. I can eat anything that’s already been prepared.”

With that, she took her seat at the dining table.

Archie and Benny, who were in the living room, dashed over to surround Roxanne the moment they heard her voice.

As their gazes met, Roxanne ruffled their hair. “Don’t worry. I’m all good after getting a good nap.”

The two kids looked away. They were still downcast, and their eyes were filled with concern.

They had always been with Roxanne since they were young and had seen her flying everywhere for work. Thus, they knew very well that she did not have any motion sickness.

They wondered what went wrong during the flight home.

Seeing that both her sons were unhappy, Roxanne shot Madilyn a helpless glance to request her intervention

She was in a dilemma. She could not tell her sons the truth, yet she was not in the capacity to come up with a better excuse.

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Upon sensing her request for help, Madilyn looked at the boys and casually cleared her throat. "I've checked your mommy's condition. Thankfully, there's nothing serious that we need to worry about. She just needs some rest, and she'll recover well. Do you think I would lie to you?"

Archie and Benny shook their heads vigorously.

Roxanne beamed in gratification when she saw how caring her little boys were. She smiled and said, "I'll drive you two to the kindergarten tomorrow."

Archie and Benny froze for a second and then widened their eyes in surprise. "Really?"

In addition to being busy at work, Roxanne had been avoiding Estella. She had not been sending

the boys to kindergarten since the last time she had told Estella that they were going to migrate overseas.

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Archie and Benny were okay about it because they could still see Roxanne after school.

However, they felt horrible whenever they saw Estella's disappointed face.

Now that Roxanne said she would go to the kindergarten with them, the boys felt so happy for Estella.

*Mommy is taking us to the kindergarten tomorrow. That means she'll recover by then. Yay!*

Seeing how excited the kids were, Roxanne nodded. "I'll grow a long nose like Pinocchio if I lie to you."

Instantly, the boys grinned from ear to ear and started digging in.

Madilyn stayed back for a while after dinner. When the kids went to bed, she ensured that Roxanne was comfortably tucked in bed before getting ready to leave.

“Call me if you still feel unwell tomorrow. I’ll take the boys to the kindergarten,” Madilyn said.

Roxanne merely smiled and responded, “Okay. Sorry for troubling you again for the past two days.”

Madilyn shot her a reproachful look. “Am I not their godmother? It’s part of my responsibility to care for them. You, on the other hand, get a good rest and get well soon.”

Roxanne nodded with a smile and watched as she left.

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Meanwhile, Estella was sprawled on the coffee table, playing with Legos when Lucian returned to

the manor.

As she spent a lot of time with Archie and Benny, she was influenced by their habits and had gotten Lucian to buy her plenty of Legos.

Taking into consideration that she would be playing alone, Lucian had bought her a smaller set that fitted perfectly on the coffee table.

Seeing him enter, Estella glanced at the door and got to her feet to welcome him. However, all she did was stand by his side and stared at him in silence.

At the sight of her, Lucian couldn’t help but be reminded of Roxanne.

*Despite her being overwhelmed by fear on the plane, all she could think of were Archie and Benny. Little does she know that Essie is her daughter too.*

Holding that thought, Lucian stroked Estella’s head bitterly.

“Ms. Jarvis,” Estella called out all of a sudden.

Stunned, Lucian met her gaze with a frown and gradually retracted his hand.

Estella, with her lips pursed and looking upset, reached out to grab his hand and commented in a piping voice, "The smell on your hand... It belongs to Ms. Jarvis."

Lucian lowered his head to look at his hand.

Roxanne had held his hand throughout the entire journey on the plane just now.

Wrinkling her nose to take a sniff, Estella walked up to Lucian slowly and stated earnestly, "Daddy, you smell like Ms. Jarvis too."

Having said that, she pouted unhappily.

*Since Daddy is carrying Ms. Jarvis' scent, they must have met each other. I have not seen her in a very long time.*

Estella gave her father an angry look before storming back upstairs without a word.

Puzzled by her sudden anger, Lucian hurried after her.

Fuming, Estella hugged her knees as she sat on the carpet in the room. Upon hearing footsteps at the door, she quickly looked up before recovering her gaze just as swiftly.

"Are you angry?" Lucian asked in a deep voice.

Estella threw him a glance, then turned her head in the opposite direction in resentment.

*Ms. Jarvis has been avoiding me because of Daddy. But now that she has met with Daddy, she's still*

*unwilling to see me.*

As Estella's father, Lucian could more or less guess what was on her mind. "You don't want Ms. Jarvis to leave, no? I, too, am racking my brains to get her to stay. That's why I met up with her.

I have her scent on me because she wasn't feeling well after coming back. So I sent her back after

that."

Estella, who was giving Lucian a dubious look, was filled with concern the moment she heard Roxanne was unwell. "What happened to Ms. Jarvis?"

Worried that she would be traumatized by the events on the plane, Lucian said, "It's nothing, really. She's just feeling under the weather."

Estella, with her lips pursed, looked at Lucian in disbelief. "I want to visit Ms. Jarvis!"

*I, too, want to see Ms. Jarvis!*

Lucian cocked a brow in response.

*Considering Rozanne's stance, I'm afraid she doesn't want to see me again. It's just that she has a soft spot for Essie. If I take Essie along, then perhaps...*

Lucian curled his lips mysteriously and agreed to Estella's request. "Fine. I'll take you there tomorrow."

Estella was dumbstruck. He did not expect him to agree readily.

"Rest early now. You still have school tomorrow. We'll go over in the morning." Lucian tousled her hair.

Only then did Estella regain her senses. Looking forward to seeing Roxanne the next day, she nodded obediently.

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Roxanne felt a lot better when she woke up the next morning. Recalling that she was to send the children to the kindergarten, she got up and washed up before opening the door to head downstairs.

Just as she did, she was greeted by the sight of the two boys at the door.

Looking forward to their mother sending them to kindergarten, the excited Archie and Benny had woken up early to wait at Roxanne's door.

Their initial plan was to knock and wake her up, but they decided against it, as she wasn't feeling well. Not wanting to disturb her rest, they resigned themselves to waiting outside.

When Roxanne came out of her room, the boys' eyes lit up. "Mommy!"

Roxanne stroked their heads. "Come along now. Let's have breakfast before I send you to the kindergarten."

Both of them nodded as they held Roxanne's hand, one on each side of her. Every now and then, they would look up at her to ascertain if she had fully recovered.

When they arrived downstairs, Lysa had already prepared breakfast. Madilyn, too, was already seated at the table.

At the sight of them, Madilyn got to her feet and looked at Roxanne. "How are you feeling?"

"A lot better." Roxanne smiled. "I'll send them to the kindergarten later."

Madilyn nodded in relief. "I'll head out first, then."

She had dropped by first thing in the morning because of her concern for Roxanne's health.

Roxanne was about to invite her to stay for breakfast when Madilyn said, "I've already eaten. You guys enjoy your breakfast. I'll take my leave now."

Roxanne didn't insist upon hearing Madilyn's words.

After bidding the boys goodbye, Madilyn turned and left.

Subsequently, Roxanne seated the children at the dining table before attempting to serve them food.

However, the two boys beat her to it by serving her breakfast and urged her in their squeaky voices, "Mommy, please dig in."

Roxanne was briefly stunned, but quickly, she broke into a warm smile. "Thank you. Darlings."

Suddenly, the doorbell rang while they were having their breakfast.

Thinking that it was Madilyn who had come back, Roxanne told the boys to continue eating while she went to get the door.

The moment she saw who it was, Roxanne was stunned.

Lucian, dressed sharply in a suit with his hair combed meticulously, was standing at the door. He was holding Estella's hand and staring at Roxanne meaningfully.

As for Estella, she was looking at Roxanne blankly, her eyes filled with concern.

The father and daughter stood motionless at the door.

It took Roxanne a while to regain her senses. She furrowed her brows at Lucian and said, "Mr. Farwell, what are you doing here so early in the morning?"

Unable to bring herself to glower at Estella, she could only confront Lucian.

No sooner had she spoken than she felt her sleeve being tugged by Estella.

She looked down and could see the concern brimming in Estella's eyes.

When they made eye contact, Estella asked carefully, "Ms. Jarvis, are you feeling better?"

Roxanne was stunned by the question. She had no idea what Estella was asking about.

Noticing the confusion on Roxanne's face, Lucian explained in a deep voice, "When I came home yesterday, Essie caught your scent on me and asked about what happened. I had no choice but to tell her you weren't feeling well."

Roxanne frowned slightly. "I'm fine. Why did you have to tell her?"

She only didn't want Estella to worry, but the latter pouted aggrievedly, thinking that Roxanne didn't want to see her.

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Roxanne's words caused Lucian to cock his brow as he looked down at Estella, whose hand he was holding.

Estella, visibly nervous, was hanging her head in dejection as she tightened her grip on his hand.

Trailing his gaze and noticing the disappointment on Estella's face, Roxanne felt her heart melt.

In the past, Estella would have jumped with joy at the sight of her. But on that day, she looked apprehensive and was wary of getting close.

*It must be because I told her to keep her distance before I went overseas the last time. Archie and Benny have been talking about her when they are home. She must be missing me.*

Roxanne sighed in her heart. She leaned closer to stroke Estella's hair before consoling her, "I'm all right. I just didn't want you to worry. Look, don't I look fine to you?"

Estella, feeling the warmth from Roxanne's palm, briefly hesitated before pursing her lips and raising her head to stare at the latter.

The moment their eyes met, Roxanne's tender smile brimmed with affection.

Only then did Estella gradually curl her lips, albeit lacking in courage to approach Roxanne still.

Seeing that Roxanne didn't return after a long while, the curious Archie and Benny went to the door to check.

When they saw the two visitors at the door, both of them exchange hesitant glances.

They were delighted to see Essie but were reluctant to let Lucian come in.

They felt conflicted and didn't know how to face the visitors.

"Mommy." After a moment's hesitation, they finally came up to Roxanne.

She threw both of them a glance. "Have you finished your breakfast?"

Nodding obediently, they flashed Estella a smile before giving Lucian a wary look. "Mr. Farwell, what are you doing here?"

With a slight frown, Lucian replied earnestly, "It's not me. It's Essie."

Estella nodded in acknowledgment, giving the brothers a pitiful stare.

She could sense their hostility toward Lucian, and she didn't like it. She hoped they would like both Roxanne and Lucian, just like her.

Meeting Estella's sad eyes, the brothers knitted their brows in silence.



Roxanne turned her attention to Estella. "Essie, have you had breakfast? Why don't you come in and join us?"

Delighted by the invitation, Estella gave Roxanne a fervent nod.

Roxanne stroked Estella's hair while smiling before extending her hand to the latter.

With a glint in his eyes, Lucian released Estella's hand without a word and followed them into the living room.

As the brothers were done with their breakfast, they sat in the living room and waited for Roxanne and Estella to finish theirs while keeping an eye on Lucian.

Even though Lucian felt helpless underneath the brothers' watchful eyes, he didn't react in any way and allowed them to continue monitoring him.

In the dining room, Estella, who had actually had her breakfast before coming, simply wanted to spend more time with Roxanne.

During the meal, she would check on Roxanne every now and then. When she saw that the latter still looked pale, she would serve her more food out of concern.

Having been cared for by the children for the entire morning, Roxanne felt touched but guilty at the same time.

Despite Estella's affection for her, she had no choice but to stay away from her because of Lucian.

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After finishing breakfast with mixed feelings, Roxanne led Estella out of the dining room.

She had barely stepped out when she noticed the prevailing tension in the living room.

The brothers were kneeling on the couch with stern looks on their faces, keeping a close eye on Lucian who was standing at the side as if he had gravely offended them.

When she saw the boys' expressions, Roxanne couldn't help frowning.

She had assumed that they resented Lucian because of her.

However, she recalled that they had been fine with him the very first time all of them met.

As of then, her only goal was to stay away from Lucian, but the brothers seemed to be holding a grudge against him.

No matter how hard she tried, Roxanne couldn't figure out the reason why.

When the brothers saw Roxanne leading Estella out, they shifted their gazes away from Lucian and welcomed the two with vibrant smiles. "Mommy!"

Setting her thoughts aside, Roxanne reciprocated with a grin of her own.

Archie and Benny gave Estella a warm look. "Is Essie going to kindergarten with us?"

Roxanne glanced at Lucian.

That was what she had decided during breakfast, but she was unsure of his stance.

Without a word, Lucian stepped right out of the door.

Stunned, Roxanne led the children out and saw Lucian looking at them from his car.

She lowered her head to look at Estella, who let go of her hand.

Estella ran up to Lucian's car and stood by the window, giving him a pitiful look. She wanted to be by Roxanne's side.

Lucian could naturally tell what his daughter was thinking and also sense the guilt Roxanne felt for the girl. Thus, he gave his permission. "You can ride with Ms. Jarvis.

With her eyes glistening in delight, Estella skipped happily back to Roxanne's side.

"Ms. Jarvis, Daddy said I can go with you!"

Sighing in relief, Roxanne tousled Estella's hair and brought Estella to her car.

She had assumed that Lucian would leave after handing Estella over.

However, right after she settled the children into the car, she noticed the Bentley in front of them gradually pulling away and driving in the direction of the kindergarten.

Roxanne followed the Bentley from behind, puzzled.

On the way, the car was filled with the children's excited voices.

Estella was visibly ecstatic, as she was a lot chattier than usual. After all, it had been a while since she had gone to kindergarten with the brothers.

Roxanne couldn't help but think about her dinner with Jonathan the weekend before. He had mentioned Estella's recent mood swings to her.

Back then, he had even suggested that Estella's condition might improve if Roxanne stayed with her.

At that moment, she could tell that he was right.

Nonetheless, she had no right to keep Estella by her side, and Sonya would never allow it.

When she saw Estella's vibrant smile in the rearview mirror, a sense of reluctance descended upon her. In fact, she began to wish for their journey to be longer.

Before Estella could have enough fun, the kindergarten came into their view.

As she watched the Bentley gradually come to a stop, Roxanne, too, stopped her car some distance away before getting out of the car with the children.

At the same time, Lucian, with a pink school bag in his hand, alighted from his car and approached them.

It was then that Roxanne remembered that Estella's school bag was in his car.

*What on earth is in that mind of his? He could've handed me the bag and gone straight to the office.*

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Just as Roxanne reach out to take Estella's bag, Lucian retracted his hand with an emotionless expression. He turned around and walked in front of them. "Let's go."

Roxanne regained her senses only when the children gave her sleeve a tug. She held their hands and followed Lucian from behind.

Pippa was already waiting at the kindergarten entrance.

At the sight of the group, she smiled and said to Roxanne, "Ms. Jarvis, it's been a long time since I saw you."

Lysa or Madilyn had been the ones to bring the children to school recently. There was no denying that some time had passed since Roxanne had last come.

"It has indeed been a while," Roxanne replied. "Did Archie and Benny give you any trouble in class?"

Pippa quickly waved her hands. "Both of them are the most obedient students in class. There's nothing for you to worry about."

Relieved by that, Roxanne handed the children over to Pippa.

Estella, however, grabbed Roxanne's hand and refused to let go.

She was reluctant to part with the latter as a long time had passed since they had last seen each other.

Even though Roxanne felt her heart melt over Estella's reluctance to part, she had to steel herself and pry open the little girl's hands. After all, classes were about to start, while she, too, had to go to work.

"Be a good girl, Essie. I have to go to work now. Why don't you play with Archie and Benny?"

Displeasure was written all over Estella's face.

Seeing that, Archie and Benny quickly held Estella's hand and comforted her, "We'll play with you, Essie. There's no need to be sad."

Estella wanted to ask Roxanne if she could stay instead of going back overseas, but she decided against it, as she was afraid of being disappointed by the answer.

As Estella refused to go in, Roxanne couldn't bear to leave as well.

Just when she felt lost, Lucian discreetly walked into the space between her and Estella, blocking the latter's view.

"Ms. Jarvis and I still have to go to work. Since it's time for class now, you should go in together with the brothers." Lucian leaned forward to help Estella wear her school bag. He put his hands on her shoulders authoritatively and turned her around.

It was only then that Estella trudged into the kindergarten behind Archie and Benny.

Looking at the children's backs, Roxanne sighed to herself. She forced a smile to bid Pippa goodbye before turning around to return to her car.

Just when she had taken two steps, Lucian's voice rang out from behind her. "Are you feeling better?"

The reason he had agreed to bring Estella to see Roxanne was also to check on the latter's condition. However, they hadn't had the opportunity to speak prior to that moment.

Hearing that, Roxanne felt a strange sensation in her heart.

Lucian, whose eyes had darkened, was about to continue when he saw her turn around to give him a look.

"I'm feeling a lot better. Thank you for your concern, Mr. Farwell." Roxanne gave him a distant look. "Also, I hope you'll avoid bringing Essie to my house going forward. It puts me in a difficult position."

Roxanne might not be able to say those words to Estella, but she had no problems doing so to Lucian.

Lucian's face fell. "You should save those words for Essie. Besides, you, too, are aware of her condition. Once she kicks up a fuss, I have no choice but to give in to her."

With that, he got into his car before Roxanne could react.