

Chapter 671 Hold Her Tighter

Roxanne returned to her senses and followed the children to the fountain.

There were plenty of adults playing with their children. The entire area was filled with the children's laughter.

When she saw the heartwarming scene in front of her, she couldn't help but smile.

However, when she shifted her gaze to Lucian, she thought he didn't fit in with the scenery at all.

The three children ran around while he stood emotionlessly at the side, allowing them to circle him as he stood still like a wooden pillar.

Roxanne shook her head with amusement. Then she approached the children and played with them.

With her joining the children, the space around Lucian instantly became emptier.

The look in his eyes softened and his lips quirked up slightly as he watched the children play with her.

"Mommy!"

"Ms. Jarvis!"

The children suddenly stopped and turned in her direction, confused. At the sound of the children's voices, Lucian frowned slightly, only to see Roxanne standing next to a water pump. She was completely wet and smiling as she stood there.

The children were initially shocked, but when they saw the smile on her face, they started giggling.

"Stupid Mommy!" Archie went over and pulled her aside.

Only then did she return to her senses.

The freezing water had caused her brain to short-circuit for a moment and her reaction to become slow.

In retrospect, she, too, found it funny when she realized how silly she had looked earlier as she watched the children giggling.

Just as they were laughing on their bellies, a coat was draped over Roxanne's body.

Sensing the sudden warmth, Roxanne pulled the coat on her body and only turned back at the thought of something.

She was stunned when she met his eyes.

“Thanks for the coat, Mr. Farwell,” she said awkwardly.

Seeing that she wanted to keep a distance from him, Lucian furrowed his eyebrows and said to the children, “You three play by yourselves for a while. Be careful not to get wet.”

The children nodded gladly and vigorously when they saw the two acting intimately.

Upon getting the assurance from the children, Lucian pushed Roxanne by the shoulders out of the fountain without giving her a chance to speak.

Roxanne tensed up when she noticed the two of them were getting too close to each other. Her attempt at escaping only made him hold her tighter.

“I can walk by myself. Please let me go, Mr. Farwell,” Roxanne said as calmly as she could as she scanned the surrounding.

As soon as she finished, she could feel Lucian glancing at her. In the next second, his deep voice rang out next to her ear. “Do you want other people to see how stupid you are, Ms. Jarvis? Even children wouldn’t get drenched in water. You were drenched but you didn’t know how to step away.”

Roxanne’s ears turned red. She wanted to explain that she had a brain freeze and couldn’t react in time. However, thinking that the explanation would probably make her look even more stupid, she allowed Lucian to take her out of the crowd.

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He never liked Aubree romantically? How can *that* be?

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At the Pearson residence, a sulking Aubree locked herself in her room.

She was so pissed off about the photos Frieda had sent her in the afternoon that she had no appetite for dinner

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The two looked just like a couple in love

Rage burned in Aubree as she looked at the photos

They were practically disregarding her position as Lucian's fiancée

If word got out, not only would she be utterly humiliated, but her dream to become Mrs Farwell would also be shattered

A vicious look crept over Aubree's face when she thought of that.

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She shot up from her bed and flung the things on the table to the ground.

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“Aubree, what's wrong? What's making you so upset?”

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“What's going on? How did Lucian end up hanging out with this woman again?”

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When the little girl was about to say something, Lucian suddenly voiced, “Essie, Ms. Jarvis told you she’s busy. Don’t disturb her further.”

As Roxanne had mentioned the Damaris family just now, his tone was rather clipped.

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The two boys exchanged glances with each other. We'd better not piss Daddy off in the future. He's so fierce!

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Estella knew that Roxanne was backing her up and immediately nodded in agreement as she huffed at her father.

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Before she closed the door, however, Lucian’s voice rang again. There was a hint of displeasure in his voice. “Essie, pass Ms. Jarvis her stuff.”

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Sonya frowned and listened carefully. Indeed, she could hear Aubree's sobs in the background.

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"It's all because of..." Gina stopped her sentence midway as if she was reluctant to speak. She then sighed loudly and continued,

"You should just come over."

Anxious, Sonya questioned, "Why are you keeping things from me? Aubree will become my daughter-in-law sooner or later. You can tell me everything."

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Gina's story sounded so convincing that it made Sonya feel apologetic.

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After hanging up the phone, Sonya called Lucian immediately.

At the Farwell residence, Lucian had just tucked Estella in and walked out of her room when his phone rang. Upon seeing the caller ID and recalling how Sonya had recently been so insistent about him marrying Aubree, he rubbed his temples. He only answered the phone after a few more rings.

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chided.

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Lucian

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“Mr. Farwell?” Catalina called out tentatively when she saw Lucian heading out at such a late hour.

Lucian gave her a nod. “I need to go somewhere for a while. Make sure to check on Essie from time to time.”

Catalina nodded and watched him leave the mansion.

Half an hour later, Lucian appeared before the Pearson residence and pressed on the doorbell.

He presumed he would have to wait for a while since the people inside were quarreling.

To his surprise, the door was opened almost immediately.

“Lucian, what brings you here?” Gina looked surprised and a bit uneasy to see Lucian. “It’s late already, so I won’t ask you to come in-”

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He said he wouldn't force me against my will, yet he said something like that right in front of Estella Roxanne reckoned that he was still mad about her and Jack's relationship.

Well, I did run right into the line of fire.

That gave her a headache.

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The boys urged her to take a hot shower after they got back home

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*This mother—and—
daughter duo really does have each other's backs, huh?*

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“But what else can we do now?” the former asked with a frown.

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Right after Sonya said that, she heard the muffled sound of something falling to the ground on the other end.

Her heart instantly sank, and she couldn't help but worry for Aubree.

It seemed like Gina was also surprised. It was only after a moment of silence that she answered, "I... I'll try."

After hanging up the phone, Sonya called Lucian immediately.

At the Farwell residence, Lucian had just tucked Estella in and walked out of her room when his phone rang. Upon seeing the caller ID and recalling how Sonya had recently been so insistent about him marrying Aubree, he rubbed his temples. He only answered the phone after a few more rings.

Right away, Sonya's voice sounded in his ears. "Aubree had an argument with her father. I'm not sure what's going *on now*, but *you* should go and check."

Lucian frowned at that. "That's their business. It's not appropriate for me to go there."

"Aubree went against her father because of you. Do you expect me to go there instead at this time of night? Besides, it sounded like he was being violent. I won't be able to stop him if I go there. You should go there, at least for the sake of Aubree's safety. She has just recovered, so she can't afford to get hurt again!" Sonya

chided.

Chapter 683

Lucian was about to reject Sonya, but she cut the call before he could do so.

For a moment, he stood there in silence with a scowl.

Then, he kept his phone and headed downstairs.

Although he was unwilling to obey his mother, he had no choice but to do so after hearing what she told him.

“Mr. Farwell?” Catalina called out tentatively when she saw Lucian heading out at such a late hour.

Lucian gave her a nod. “I need to go somewhere for a while. Make sure to check on Essie from time to time.”

Catalina nodded and watched him leave the mansion.

Half an hour later, Lucian appeared before the Pearson residence and pressed on the doorbell.

He presumed he would have to wait for a while since the people inside were quarreling.

To his surprise, the door was opened almost immediately.

“Lucian, what brings you here?” Gina looked surprised and a bit uneasy to see Lucian. “It’s late already, so I won’t ask you to come in-”

At that moment, the sound of glass shattering came from the house, followed by Samuel’s roar. “Since you’re so stubborn, then get out of here! Don’t stay in the Pearson residence. I don’t know you!”

A troubled look flashed across Gina’s face. She acted like she was about to close the door and said, “I suppose you heard that. Samuel is arguing with Aubree. You should hurry and leave.”

That was precisely the reason Lucian came. Naturally, he couldn’t leave after hearing how severe the situation

was.

“I know. My mom asked me to come and check on *you* all,” he admitted. “Please let me in.”

With that, he took a few steps forward, intending to enter the house.

Gina hesitated for a moment. Finally, she stepped aside and let him in.

As she watched Lucian climb the stairs, a sly *look* fled across her eyes. Leisurely, she followed him upstairs.

The two of them came to a stop before the study.

The door was wide open, and it was a mess inside. Books, pens, and pieces of a shattered vase littered the floor

Aubree stood in the corner, her stubborn face wet with tears.

Meanwhile, Samuel stood behind the study table and glared at her. “How many times have I told you? Had you listened to me, you wouldn’t have ended up like this! Lucian-”

“Samuel!” Gina hurriedly stepped out from behind Lucian. “Stop talking. Lucian is here!”

Samuel’s angry expression remained unchanged as he turned to the door. Upon meeting Lucian’s gaze, he furrowed his brows and stayed quiet

Aubree also looked up. She was surprised to see Lucian actually standing there, but she quickly got ahold of herself and turned her face to the side, wiping her tears miserably

“Lucian, why did you come here at this time?” Samuel cleared his throat and questioned gloomily.

Glancing at Aubree, Lucian scrunched his brows. “Mr. Pearson, my mom told me that you and Aubree are arguing, so I came over. What happened?”

Samuel glowered at Aubree and rubbed his temples, explaining, “It’s not hing serious. It’s just about your engagement. I noticed that there was no progress between you two after so many years, so I advised her to give up. Yet, she won’t listen.”

Aubree and Gina looked quite embarrassed about how easily Samuel brought up the topic.

Lucian was also slightly surprised.

Before, the Pearson *family* *did* almost everything *they could to proceed with this marriage. What are they up to now?*

Chapter 684

“No! I waited for Lucian for six years. Why should I cancel our engagement?” Aubree protested with teary eyes, making sure to look at Lucian pitifully after speaking.

Lucian frowned again when he met her eyes.

If this were a typical day, he would surely make things clear with the Pearson family.

However, he couldn’t do so now since they got into such a big argument because of the matter.

Meanwhile, Samuel’s anger barely dissipated when he heard Aubree’s words. He slammed the table furiously and yelled, “If you don’t cancel it, get out of this house! Don’t come back until you come back to your senses. Get out!”

Following that, Samuel strode out of the study with a steely face. As he passed by Lucian, he gave the latter a

nod.

With knitted brows, Lucian watched Samuel leave. In the study, Aubree continued to sob.

Gina looked at her husband and then at her daughter. Feeling lost about who she should persuade first, she turned to Lucian in the end. “Lucian, uh... I don’t think Samuel will calm down anytime soon. Could you bring Aubree to your place for a couple of days?”

As if worried that Lucian would not agree, she added carefully, “I know you also have something to say about the engagement. After Samuel calms down, we’ll have a talk. Don’t worry. Aubree will not make trouble.”

Aubree remained silent, still sniffing.

Never in Lucian’s dreams did he expect to find himself in such a situation.

Upon hearing Gina mention the engagement, he contemplated for a while and finally agreed. “I got it.”

Afterward, he looked at Aubree. “Come with me.”

Aubree and Gina were elated to see him give in so soon, but they forced themselves to remain calm.

Not only that, Aubree pretended to be hesitant as she stayed in her spot for some time. In the end, she slowly walked over to Lucian.

“Stay with Lucian for a few days for now. I’ll talk to your dad. When he calms down, I’ll go and fetch you.” Gina appeared to be very concerned about her daughter. Her eyes even reddened while she spoke.

In response, Aubree nodded tearfully.

After giving Gina a nod, Lucian led Aubree *out* of the Pearson residence

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Gina walked them out and watched the two leave in Lucian's car.

When the car disappeared from Gina's sight, the bitter look on her face was replaced with a smug smile.

Samuel came downstairs just then, his countenance void of anger.

"Have they left?" he asked, cautiously peeking outside.

Gina nodded gleefully.

Their plan was to have Samuel kick Aubree out of the house during their fake argument. Then, they would ask Sonya for help and prompt the latter to send Lucian over.

With Aubree being thrown out of the house, Lucian—no matter how unwilling he was—would have to take her in. She was no stranger, after all.

To their surprise, the plan went smoothly.

Now, it was all up to Aubree.

They could only hope that she would grab this chance to earn a spot in Lucian's heart and officially move into his house. That way, she would truly become his wife.

As Samuel and Gina pictured the day their plan would succeed, anticipation was written all over their faces.

Chapter 685

On the other end, Lucian and Aubree left the Pearson residence together.

As Aubree sat in the passenger seat, she did not stop putting on an elaborate show of sobbing and wiping her tears away in hopes of getting Lucian's attention.

While Lucian did notice the weeping woman next to him, he had no intention of saying anything.

After all, he already knew the reason why Aubree fought with Samuel. If he were to say anything more, he was worried about making Aubree cry harder.

It wasn't long before Aubree noticed that all her weeping and sobbing had no effect on Lucian, *who* did not even have any kind words to offer to her. She gradually calmed down and stopped sobbing, turning away to look out the window in disappointment.

Upon noticing the scenery outside, Aubree's expression changed abruptly. Her voice still thick from crying, she turned around and asked, "Lucian, it's already so late. Aren't we going back home?"

Lucian merely sat there impassively as he replied, "I've booked you a room for two nights."

He was implying that he had no intention of bringing her back to the Farwell residence at all.

Having heard this, Aubree suddenly felt as though a bucket of cold water had been dumped over her. Determined to stand up for herself, she queried, "Will I be staying there alone?"

Lucian merely raised a brow and grunted in response.

According to Gina, Aubree only needed to stay away for a brief period of time. Him arranging a hotel stay for her was effectively a nod to the Pearson family's kindness to him in days past.

At his affirmation, Aubree's expression froze. She was unable to say anything for a while.

When she left the Pearson residence earlier, she and her parents had thought that things were going according to plan.

Alas, she had made an error. While Lucian had agreed to take her away, he never promised to bring her to the Farwell residence. She did not expect him to have booked a hotel room for her, though.

What on earth is this? Am I somehow unable to book a hotel room for myself if I wanted?

The very thought made anger burn deep in Aubrey's heart, but she could not let it show. All she could do was suppress her temper to the best of her ability and seethe in silence.

Very soon, Lucian's car pulled into the driveway of a five-star hotel.

Lucian opened the door first and stepped out. To his surprise, however, Aubree remained seated in the car. He could not tell what she was thinking.

"We've arrived," came Lucian's deep voice.

This shook Aubree out of her reverie. After forcing a grateful smile at him, she turned around and exited the vehicle.

The moment Aubree's back was to him, her expression became gloomy.

One after the other, they entered the hotel.

Lucian had booked her a three-day stay in the presidential suite. After confirming their arrival, he gave her the keycard and spun around to leave.

Unexpectedly, Aubree started to sniffle again.

Arching a brow, Lucian impatiently turned around to look at the woman behind him before asking, “Is there anything else?”

Aubree looked up at him timidly and hesitated to speak. A while later, she mumbled, “I don’t really like sleeping in hotels. It’s also really late, and I’m scared of being alone.” With pleading eyes, she continued, “Can you escort me upstairs?”

Hearing this, Lucian gave her the once over warily but could not discern anything out of *the* ordinary. He also reckoned that since she had just fought with Samuel, it was not unusual for her to be in low spirits. As such, he said, “Let’s go.”

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Right away, Sonya's voice sounded in his ears. "Aubree had an argument with her father. I'm not sure what's going *on now*, but *you* should go and check."

Lucian frowned at that. "That's their business. It's not appropriate for me to go there."

"Aubree went against her father because of you. Do you expect me to go there instead at this time of night? Besides, it sounded like he was being violent. I won't be able to stop him if I go there. You should go there, at least for the sake of Aubree's safety. She has just recovered, so she can't afford to get hurt again!" Sonya

chided.

Chapter 683

Lucian was about to reject Sonya, but she cut the call before he could do so.

For a moment, he stood there in silence with a scowl.

Then, he kept his phone and headed downstairs.

Although he was unwilling to obey his mother, he had no choice but to do so after hearing what she told him.

"Mr. Farwell?" Catalina called out tentatively when she saw Lucian heading out at such a late hour.

Lucian gave her a nod. "I need to go somewhere for a while. Make sure to check on Essie from time to time."

Catalina nodded and watched him leave the mansion.

Half an hour later, Lucian appeared before the Pearson residence and pressed on the doorbell.

He presumed he would have to wait for a while since the people inside were quarreling.

To his surprise, the door was opened almost immediately.

“Lucian, what brings you here?” Gina looked surprised and a bit uneasy to see Lucian. “It’s late already, so I won’t ask you to come in-”

At that moment, the sound of glass shattering came from the house, followed by Samuel’s roar. “Since you’re so stubborn, then get out of here! Don’t stay in the Pearson residence. I don’t know you!”

A troubled look flashed across Gina’s face. She acted like she was about to close the door and said, “I suppose you heard that. Samuel is arguing with Aubree. You should hurry and leave.”

That was precisely the reason Lucian came. Naturally, he couldn’t leave after hearing how severe the situation

was.

“I know. My mom asked me to come and check on *you* all,” he admitted. “Please let me in.”

With that, he took a few steps forward, intending to enter the house.

Gina hesitated for a moment. Finally, she stepped aside and let him in.

As she watched Lucian climb the stairs, a sly *look* flitted across her eyes. Leisurely, she followed him upstairs.

The two of them came to a stop before the study.

The door was wide open, and it was a mess inside. Books, pens, and pieces of a shattered vase littered the floor

Aubree stood in the corner, her stubborn face wet with tears.

Meanwhile, Samuel stood behind the study table and glared at her. “How many times have I told you? Had you listened to me, you wouldn’t have ended up like this! Lucian-”

“Samuel!” Gina hurriedly stepped out from behind Lucian. “Stop talking. Lucian is here!”

Samuel’s angry expression remained unchanged as he turned to the door. Upon meeting Lucian’s gaze, he furrowed his brows and stayed quiet

Aubree also looked up. She was surprised to see Lucian actually standing there, but she quickly got a hold of herself and turned her face to the side, wiping her tears miserably

“Lucian, why did you come here at this time?” Samuel cleared his throat and questioned gloomily.

Glancing at Aubree, Lucian scrunched his brows. “Mr. Pearson, my mom told me that you and Aubree are arguing, so I came over. What happened?”

Samuel glowered at Aubree and rubbed his temples, explaining, “It’s nothing serious. It’s just about your engagement. I noticed that there was no progress between you two after so many years, so I advised her to give up. Yet, she won’t listen.”

Aubree and Gina looked quite embarrassed about how easily Samuel brought up the topic.

Lucian was also slightly surprised.

Before, the Pearson *family* *did* almost everything *they could to proceed with this marriage. What are they up to now?*

Chapter 684

“No! I waited for Lucian for six years. Why should I cancel our engagement?” Aubree protested with teary eyes, making sure to look at Lucian pitifully after speaking.

Lucian frowned again when he met her eyes.

If this were a typical day, he would surely make things clear with the Pearson family.

However, he couldn't do so now since they got into such a big argument because of the matter.

Meanwhile, Samuel's anger barely dissipated when he heard Aubree's words. He slammed the table furiously and yelled, “If you don't cancel it, get out of this house! Don't come back until you come back to your senses. Get out!”

Following that, Samuel strode out of the study with a steely face. As he passed by Lucian, he gave the latter a nod.

With knitted brows, Lucian watched Samuel leave. In the study, Aubree continued to sob.

Gina looked at her husband and then at her daughter. Feeling lost about who she should persuade first, she turned to Lucian in the end. “Lucian, uh... I don't think Samuel will calm down anytime soon. Could you bring Aubree to your place for a couple of days?”

As if worried that Lucian would not agree, she added carefully, “I know you also have something to say about the engagement. After Samuel calms down, we’ll have a talk. Don’t worry. Aubree will not make trouble.”

Aubree remained silent, still sniffing.

Never in Lucian’s dreams did he expect to find himself in such a situation.

Upon hearing Gina mention the engagement, he contemplated for a while and finally agreed. “I got it.”

Afterward, he looked at Aubree. “Come with me.”

Aubree and Gina were elated to see him give in so soon, but they forced themselves to remain calm.

Not only that, Aubree pretended to be hesitant as she stayed in her spot for some time. In the end, she slowly walked over to Lucian.

“Stay with Lucian for a few days for now. I’ll talk to your dad. When he calms down, I’ll go and fetch you.” Gina appeared to be very concerned about her daughter. Her eyes even reddened while she spoke.

In response, Aubree nodded tearfully.

After giving Gina a nod, Lucian led Aubree *out* of the Pearson residence.

Gina walked them out and watched the two leave in Lucian’s car.

When the car disappeared from Gina’s sight, the bitter look on her face was replaced with a smug smile.

Samuel came downstairs just then, his countenance void of anger.

“Have they left?” he asked, cautiously peeking outside.

Gina nodded gleefully.

Their plan was to have Samuel kick Aubree out of the house during their fake argument. Then, they would ask Sonya for help and prompt the latter to send Lucian over.

With Aubree being thrown out of the house, Lucian—no matter how unwilling he was—would have to take her in. She was no stranger, after all.

To their surprise, the plan went smoothly.

Now, it was all up to Aubree.

They could only hope that she would grab this chance to earn a spot in Lucian's heart and officially move into his house. That way, she would truly become his wife.

As Samuel and Gina pictured the day their plan would succeed, anticipation was written all over their faces.

Chapter 685

On the other end, Lucian and Aubree left the Pearson residence together.

As Aubree sat in the passenger seat, she did not stop putting on an elaborate show of sobbing and wiping her tears away in hopes of getting Lucian's attention.

While Lucian did notice the weeping woman next to him, he had no intention of saying anything.

After all, he already knew the reason why Aubree fought with Samuel. If he were to say anything more, he was worried about making Aubree cry harder.

It wasn't long before Aubree noticed that all her weeping and sobbing had no effect on Lucian, *who* did not even have any kind words to offer to her. She gradually calmed down and stopped sobbing, turning away to look out the window in disappointment.

Upon noticing the scenery outside, Aubree's expression changed abruptly. Her voice still thick from crying, she turned around and asked, "Lucian, it's already so late. Aren't we going back home?"

Lucian merely sat there impassively as he replied, "I've booked you a room for two nights."

He was implying that he had no intention of bringing her back to the Farwell residence at all.

Having heard this, Aubree suddenly felt as though a bucket of cold water had been dumped over her. Determined to stand up for herself, she queried, "Will I be staying there alone?"

Lucian merely raised a brow and grunted in response.

According to Gina, Aubree only needed to stay away for a brief period of time. Him arranging a hotel stay for her was effectively a nod to the Pearson family's kindness to him in days past.

At his affirmation, Aubree's expression froze. She was unable to say anything for a while.

When she left the Pearson residence earlier, she and her parents had thought that things were going according to plan.

Alas, she had made an error. While Lucian had agreed to take her away, he never promised to bring her to the Farwell residence. She did not expect him to have booked a hotel room for her, though.

What on earth is this? Am I somehow unable to book a hotel room for myself if I wanted?

The very thought made anger burn deep in Aubrey's heart, but she could not let it show. All she could do was suppress her temper to the best of her ability and seethe in silence.

Very soon, Lucian's car pulled into the driveway of a five-star hotel.

Lucian opened the door first and stepped out. To his surprise, however, Aubree remained seated in the car. He could not tell what she was thinking.

"We've arrived," came Lucian's deep voice.

This shook Aubree out of her reverie. After forcing a grateful smile at him, she turned around and exited the

vehicle.

The moment Aubree's back was to him, her expression became gloomy.

One after the other, they entered the hotel.

Lucian had booked her a three-day stay in the presidential suite. After confirming their arrival, he gave her the keycard and spun around to leave.

Unexpectedly, Aubree started to sniffle again.

Arching a brow, Lucian impatiently turned around to look at the woman behind him before asking, "Is there anything else?"

Aubree looked up at him timidly and hesitated to speak. A while later, she mumbled, "I don't really like sleeping in hotels. It's also really late, and I'm scared of being alone." With pleading eyes, she continued, "Can you escort me upstairs?"

Hearing this, Lucian gave her the once over warily but could not discern anything out of *the* ordinary. He also reckoned that since she had just fought with Samuel, it was not unusual for her to be in low spirits. As such, he said, "Let's go."

Seeing that he agreed, Aubree flashed him a smile with some difficulty. Timidly, she put her head down again and tailed after him from behind.

Out of his sight, a sly look flashed past Aubree's eyes.

The two then walked in single file toward the elevator. Throughout the ride up, Aubree did not utter a single syllable.

Lucian had been busy the whole day. Given how tired he was, he was frowning and starting to let his mind go blank.

Chapter 686

As the elevator approached the top floor, the doors slowly opened.

Lucian immediately returned to his senses. Upon stepping out of the elevator, the sight of the dimly lit corridor made him frown a little.

Aubree quietly followed him from behind.

When they arrived at the doorway, Lucian inserted the keycard and opened the door for her. He stopped and looked at her indifferently, waiting for her to enter the room herself.

Aubree paused, turning to look at the person beside her. She was silently asking why he was not going inside.

"You'll have to make do with this for the next few days. I'll try to talk things through with Mr. Pearson. Maybe I can make him calm down and

see reason,” said Lucian coldly. He had deliberately turned a blind eye to her questioning expression.

Having heard this, Aubree became visibly crestfallen. “Lucian, have you really not figured out why I argued with my dad? Is that all you have to say to me?”

Lucian’s expression remained as mild as it was before. “You’re not going to want to hear what I have to say right now. I suggest getting some rest and not overthinking things.”

After saying this, Lucian turned around and left.

Aubree already looks slightly unhinged. I’m not sure what she’s going to do if I stay on.

Lucian did not want to cause any more of a scene than necessary only because of the kindness the Pearsons had once shown him and the fact Aubree had just been kicked. out of the house.

However, he barely managed to walk two steps when he felt someone grab his clothes from behind.

Lucian could feel his heart sink. Maintaining the same impassive attitude, he turned around and said, “Let go!”

“I won’t let go! Lucian, I’m scared! Won’t you stay and keep me company?” Aubree’s face was a mix of pleading and determination as she continued, “At the end of the day, we’re still engaged! Nobody is going to bat an eyelid if you stay!”

“What nonsense are you blabbering now?” hissed Lucian angrily. “Aubree, let me go. while I still have a measure of calm. I’m warning you!”

Aubree could not care less anymore. In the face of Lucian’s rage, she still refused to back down. Instead, she became emboldened and tugged

at the hem of his clothes to close the gap between them. With her eyes shut, she leaned in to kiss him.

The disgust that Lucian felt at this moment was practically tangible. Just as she was about to meet his lips, he shoved Aubree away.

With her eyes still shut, Aubree was caught off guard as she was abruptly pushed away. She staggered back a few steps before falling to the ground in a daze.

“Have you lost your mind?” The chill in Lucian’s voice was quite terrifying to hear.

Aubree merely sat on the ground, taking a while to return to her senses. With bloodshot eyes, she looked at him and said, “I-I love you, Lucian! I was kicked out of the house because of you, but you brought me to a hotel? Have you ever considered my feelings?”

Unmoved, Lucian glanced at her. “You’d better not have any thoughts you shouldn’t have. Did you think we’d still have a future after what you did to Essie? You should know better!”

Her voice was shaky when she replied, “I’ve already apologized about Estella-”

Lucian cut her short impatiently. “I’ll pretend that this never happened today. However, I do hope that nothing like this ever happens again in the future!”

Without giving Aubree the chance to respond, Lucian left swiftly.

Lucian’s indifferent and cold attitude had tears filling Aubree’s eyes as the desperation in her heart soared to new heights.

She had thought that Lucian was going to take her back to the Farwell residence and that they could become even more intimate.

However, Lucian had brought her to a hotel instead and said very plainly what he thought.

They no longer had a future together!

Thinking of this, Aubree found it hard to breathe.

Chapter 687

Aubree watched as the elevator slowly descended to the ground floor. The moment it came to a stop, Aubree dusted herself off and went back to her room.

She was not aware of how long she had been sitting in a daze when her phone suddenly rang, breaking her out of reverie.

Aubree immediately returned to her senses as she glanced at the caller ID. It was her mother calling, and it did not take long for her to figure out what the call was for.

The phone continued to ring, but Aubree had no intention of picking up. All she could do was watch helplessly as the screen kept flashing before everything went quiet.

Shortly after, the phone rang again.

This continued for a while before Aubree finally picked up out of annoyance.

“Aubree, why didn’t you answer the phone? What’s happened? Are you not at his place yet?” As soon as Aubree picked up, Gina’s concerned voice filled her ear.

Mockery flashed on Aubree’s face after she heard this. Even now, her mother still thought that she was going to the Farwell residence.

When Aubree remained silent, Gina asked, “Aubree? Are you there? Why aren’t you saying anything?”

“I’m at a hotel,” said Aubree, her face devoid of expression.

As soon as she said this, nothing but a heavy silence hung about the air.

Aubree continued, “Lucian isn’t here anymore. He booked me a presidential suite, asked me to get some rest, and then left on his own.”

Gina was shocked that Lucian did not bring her daughter back to the Farwell residence. She then noticed how crestfallen Aubree sounded and tried to comfort her. “Don’t worry. The fact that he was willing to take you away is enough. After all, he booked the room, didn’t he? I think he’ll visit you often.”

Aubree let out a peal of harsh, sarcastic laughter. “Believe me, he won’t. He said. there’s no way we’ll ever be together. I bet he has gone to see that Jarvis b*tch right

now!”

As she thought of Roxanne, Aubree’s expression darkened even more.

It’s that b*tch’s fault! If she hadn’t returned, then I would be Mrs. Farwell by now!

Gina never thought that her carefully laid plans would backfire so gloriously. When she heard what Aubree said, her face fell. “Don’t worry...”

While Gina had every intention of comforting her daughter, she could not think of the words to say.

If Lucian had truly said these things, he definitely meant business. What good were her words then?

“Even if Lucian said all that, you still have Sonya! I’m sure she’ll help you!” said Gina hastily after a while.

At the mention of Sonya, Aubree’s heart was suddenly filled with hope.

Although Mrs. Farwell has no control over Lucian's thoughts, she has always seen me in a good light. She even went out of her way to drive that horrid woman Roxanne, away. Right now, it's crucial that I obtain Mrs. Farwell's favor to help myself out of this rut. Being able to drive away that b*tch Roxanne is the best possible scenario and the icing on the cake if it can be managed! When that happens, even if Lucian and Roxanne like each other, Lucian would have no other choice!

Thinking of this, Aubree turned sullen, and her tone suddenly became icy. "You're right! No matter what, Lucian can only marry me! That b*tch Roxanne has caused too much damage. I will have my revenge!"

Gina nodded hastily. "Don't worry, Aubree. I'll help you! You've waited for Lucian for so long! Who is he going to marry if not you?"

The pair spoke about this issue at length. Seeing that it was truly getting late, Gina persuaded Aubree to get some rest.

After hanging up, Gina was filled with guilt and regret.

If I'd known sooner that he was going to put her in a hotel, I wouldn't have put her up to this in the first place!

