

Chapter 751 Take Good Care Of Essie

During the drive to his office, Lucian cast a glance at his daughter through the rearview mirror and furrowed his brows. "I'll send you there," Lucian said in a low voice.

Initially, he wanted to ask Cayden to send her over. However, judging by Estella's current state, Lucian reckoned it would be difficult for Cayden to deal with her later on.

He gave Cayden a call right after. It did not take long for Cayden to pick up the call. "Mr. Farwell, when will you arrive?" Lucian frowned and said, "Postpone the meeting in the morning."

Cayden was stumped. The meeting in the morning was important, and yet Lucian had ordered to postpone it. "Postpone it by an hour will do," Lucian added. "I'm going to drop Essie off."

Cayden hurriedly agreed to make the arrangements. He had been working with Lucian for years, and he was already used to his boss prioritizing Estella in every aspect of his life.

After hanging up the call, Lucian turned the car around and headed toward Roxanne's place.

Following closely behind Lucian's car was Aubree in a taxi. The fury burning in her chest was slightly appeased when she noticed that Lucian was heading to his office. However, upon noticing that he made an abrupt U-turn, Aubree stiffened in response.

Even though she had never been to Roxanne's place, Aubree had a hunch that Lucian was heading toward the woman's place right then.

Aubree's face fell when she was hit by the pang of realization. She ordered the driver in an icy tone, "Keep up with that car!"

The driver nodded hastily and tailed behind Lucian as told.

As expected, his car slowly came to a stop in front of Roxanne's place.

Lucian led Estella out of the car and rang the doorbell.

He was greeted soon after, perhaps because he had made a call prior to coming.

“Why is it you? Didn’t you say you will ask Cayden to drop Essie off?”

Roxanne was slightly surprised at the sight of Lucian, and she gave him a confounded look.

“I think it’s better for me to drop her off myself,” Lucian explained.

Roxanne was perplexed by his explanation and lowered her head to look at Estella. Only then did she notice something off with the little girl.

Estella would always greet Roxanne whenever she met her. This time, however, the little girl merely kept quiet as she stared at Roxanne piteously.

It would appear as if the girl had returned to her autistic self.

“Essie?” Roxanne’s heart constricted at the sight, worried that the little girl’s condition had relapsed.

Estella finally snapped out of her daze when she heard Roxanne. The little girl blinked her eyes in distress and edged closer to Roxanne. “Ms. Jarvis...”

Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief and patted her head. She looked at Lucian and asked, “What’s the matter with Essie?”

Lucian frowned. He did not know how to tell Roxanne the fact that Aubree had moved into the Farwell residence.

He remained silent for a few seconds before saying, “I guess she’ll tell you later.”

Roxanne was even more befuddled by his words.

Seeing as the man did not seem to wish to divulge further, she did not egg him on and merely nodded in response.

Archie and Benny were standing right behind Roxanne. They were worried to see the state that Estella was in as well.

“I have a meeting later on. So, I’ll have to get going.” Lucian said in a low voice, “I’ll be leaving Essie to you now. I will come and pick her up in the evening.”

Roxanne nodded in response.

However, when they met each other’s gaze, she seemed to notice that there was something odd about Lucian’s demeanor.

Chapter 752 This Cannot Go On

In truth, Lucian was stifling a hint of a laugh as he noticed that Roxanne’s lipstick was drawn out of line. It seems like she was still in a daze when she was doing her makeup. She doesn’t have a clue that her lipstick is out of line.

He felt the urge to tease the woman when he saw the blank expression on her face. Lucian let his mischievous side get the better of him and reached out his hand.

Upon noticing that Lucian’s hand was mere inches away from her face, Roxanne flinched and hurriedly took a step back to keep some distance between them.

His hand was left hanging mid-air, and he titled a brow in displeasure. “Do you have anything else, Mr. Farwell?” Roxanne asked warily.

A ghost of a smile fled across his eyes as he noticed Roxanne getting all flustered. “Your lipstick is out of line,” he said impassively.

Roxanne’s face was tinged pink as she instinctively lowered her head to avoid meeting Lucian’s gaze. “Thank you for reminding me, Mr. Farwell. I’ll deal with it myself.”

Then, she inclined her head at him as a sign of goodbye before turning around to head inside the house with the kids.

As he watched the four of them go back inside the house, Lucian could not help but replay the way Roxanne blushed when he tried to touch her. Pleased with her response, he grinned.

It was almost time for his meeting after he dropped Estella off. Hence, Lucian turned around and headed for the office.

In the meantime, opposite the mansion, Aubree was sitting in a taxi parked by the roadside with a dark look on her face.

She had just witnessed Lucian's interaction with that wretched woman.

He's always cold and indifferent toward me, but he's like a whole different person when he's in front of that b*tch!

When she saw that Lucian's hand was about to touch Roxanne's lips, Aubree almost could not restrain her urge to storm over and push her away from Lucian.

"Miss, do you still want to follow the car?"

As Lucian's car started to drive away, the driver did not know whether he should continue tailing him.

Aubree snapped out of her daze and glared at Roxanne's door. "No. Just send me back," she said in a cold voice.

Then, the driver headed back to the Farwell residence via the same route.

When Aubree arrived home, Catalina was surprised to see her return so soon.

Aubree then recalled the way Catalina tried to defend Estella the night before. Frustrated, she shot a daggered look at Catalina.

Catalina could sense Aubree's hostility. Though bewildered, she said nothing and retreated to the side as she watched Aubree head upstairs.

As Aubree ascended the stairs, her mind was filled with the infuriating images of Lucian being gentle toward Roxanne.

And that little b*tch! She acts so meekly in front of me, and yet she throws herself at that d*mned woman the first chance she gets! If not for her, Lucian would not have gone to see that wretched woman so early in the morning! It's all that little b*tch's fault.

Aubree's face contorted with a deranged look.

She thought that a little threat would make Estella behave and listen to her. However, she did not expect Estella to grow so brazen with Roxanne backing her up, even to the extent of ignoring her completely.

I can't let this go on... I have to teach that little b*tch a lesson so that she knows whose side she should take!

With that thought in mind, Aubree turned her attention to Estella's room with a grim look in her eyes.

Chapter 754 Promise Me First

At the same time, Roxanne was spending time with the three children in her house. Since Estella headed inside, she had been unhappy. No matter what Roxanne and the other two little ones said to her, the girl still seemed to be low-spirited.

“Essie, can you tell me what's bothering you?” Roxanne stopped playing games with the children and brought Estella over to sit on the carpet.

Trailing behind them, Archie and Benny were worried as well. After hearing their mother's question, the little boys stared at Estella expectantly as they waited for her answer.

Estella pursed her lips and thought of Aubree, who was currently staying at her home, before looking at the beautiful Roxanne in front of her.

If Ms. Jarvis knows that Ms. Pearson lives in my house, Ms. Jarvis will definitely be upset. Daddy is still pursuing Ms. Jarvis. It'd be bad if she misunderstands...

Estella's expression was filled with hesitation as she considered the consequences.

Noticing that Estella seemed to have some concerns, Roxanne frowned worriedly. “No matter what it is, you can tell me. I'll surely help you.”

Archie and Benny, who were standing aside, echoed, “Count us in as well! All of us will help you! Essie, don't be sad.”

When Estella heard their words of consolation and thought of how badly Aubree treated her in the morning, she was aggrieved.

Why did Daddy let Ms. Pearson live in the house instead of trying to get Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny to move in? I want to live with Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny.

“Essie, if you don’t say anything, we’ll be worried sick.” Archie looked at Estella seriously, his tone somber.

Upon hearing his words, Estella frowned and glanced at Roxanne anxiously.

Cooperatively, Roxanne put on a troubled expression.

“Ms. Jarvis...” Seeing that Roxanne was concerned about her, Estella became anxious. Despite that, the girl was still worried that Roxanne might misunderstand.

Estella’s hesitation caused Roxanne to steel herself and act hurt. The latter rose to her feet and said in a disappointed tone, “Essie, since you’re not willing to talk about it, I won’t force you. I’ll prepare lunch for you all.”

With that, she took a step forward, ready to leave.

Just as she turned around, Estella grabbed her shirt.

“Ms. Jarvis, don’t go. I’ll tell you.” Estella spoke pitifully.

With her back facing Estella, Roxanne raised her brow and turned her head to the side to discreetly flash a smile at Archie and Benny.

Seeing that Roxanne’s plan had worked out, Archie and Benny were relieved. They then sat down solemnly as they waited for Estella to pour her heart out.

When Estella saw Roxanne sitting back down beside her, the girl said gingerly, “Ms. Jarvis, you have to promise me first that you won’t be angry with Daddy.”

Without knowing the context, Roxanne had no idea why Estella said that. The former couldn’t help but frown as she wondered why Estella was upset.

She asked me not to get angry with Lucian. That means this has something to do with that man.

At the mention of Lucian, Roxanne inevitably thought of his attitude every time he spoke to Estella.

“Did your daddy scold you?” What Roxanne could think of was this possibility.

Estella shook her head vigorously.

Estella's denial only served to make Roxanne even more puzzled.

Other than this reason, why else will I be angry? Essie even specifically asked me not to get angry. Judging from her expression, it seems to be a grave matter...

Chapter 755 Do You Dislike Aubree

"So what's going on, exactly?" questioned Benny impatiently. However, Estella simply stared at Roxanne, hoping to get a solid answer from the woman.

The look in Roxanne's eyes softened when she met the girl's gaze. She nodded. "Okay. I won't get angry with Lucian." Only after that did Estella finally reveal, "The evil woman's staying with us."

Archie and Benny were both stunned when they heard Estella, but as soon as they regained their senses, they realized who the girl was talking about.

On the other hand, Roxanne's face was filled with puzzlement as she wondered who the person in question was.

"It's Aubree!" Benny was furious when he remembered how the woman bullied his mother. As much as he wanted to, he could not figure out why his father would take Aubree in.

Roxanne's eyebrows furrowed slightly when she got the answer to her question.

Even though the woman promised Estella she would not get upset, she still felt uncomfortable deep down. What is Lucian thinking? Why would he take Aubree in after telling me he wanted to pursue me? He even said that he'd give me an explanation. Besides, he knows how Aubree got physical with Essie. How can Essie feel safe with Aubree around when it's clear she has an aversion to that woman?

The symptoms of Estella's autism had just improved, so Roxanne was worried Aubree's presence would undo that.

Moreover, nobody could guarantee that Aubree would not take the opportunity to hurt Estella again.

The thought of Aubree bullying the little girl again left Roxanne heartbroken.

“Ms. Jarvis,” called out Estella while cautiously tugging at Roxanne’s sleeve.

After returning to her senses, Roxanne turned to the girl. “What is it?”

“Are you mad?” Estella knitted her eyebrows in concern. “You promised that you wouldn’t be angry with Daddy.”

Roxanne’s heart clenched inexorably when Estella insisted on defending her father. “I’m not. I made you a promise, and I intend to keep it.”

Only then did Estella smile. Obviously, she was relieved to hear that Roxanne wouldn’t break the promise.

“Are you unhappy because Ms. Pearson’s staying with you?” Roxanne gazed tenderly at Estella.

The girl decided there was no need to hide anything from Roxanne since she was convinced that the latter was not upset with her father. “The evil woman was bad to me, so I don’t like her.”

After that, Estella stared at Roxanne with her pair of puppy-dog eyes. “Can you stay with us, Ms. Jarvis? Archie and Benny too!”

The boys immediately got excited after hearing Estella’s request. “Mommy!”

They wanted to stay with Estella so they could protect her if Aubree ever decided to bully the girl again.

Looking at Archie and Benny, Roxanne wanted to say yes but knew her circumstance would not allow so.

“I’m sorry.” Roxanne then wrapped her arms tightly and apologetically around Estella before inquiring gently, “Essie, do you dislike Ms. Pearson?”

In response, Estella nodded fervently. Ms. Pearson’s always angry with me. She even hit me; she’s just pretending to be nice in front of Daddy.

Roxanne was filled with helplessness when she noticed how downcast the girl was. “The boys and I may not be able to stay with you, but I can talk to your father. Don’t worry, okay?”

Estella was obviously disappointed after listening to Roxanne, but she nodded passively in response anyway.

Chapter 756 Keep The Woman Away

Lucian hurried to Roxanne's house to pick up Estella after work that evening. On his way there, Cayden's words reverberated in Lucian's mind. Thanks to Cayden, Lucian was reminded that Roxanne had not explained her relationship with Jack yet.

Even after he had arrived at Roxanne's house, Lucian still could not stop thinking about the matter. Thus, displeasure filled his heart. Roxanne was greeted by the man's cold visage as soon as she opened the door, which got her frozen in place like a statue.

I haven't even given him a piece of my mind about Estella's matter! What's with his attitude? He actually has the audacity to show me that gloomy face?

"What's wrong? Is something up at work?" questioned Roxanne, trying to be patient. However, Lucian simply looked past the woman with a deadpan expression before asking, "Where's Essie? I'm here to take her home."

Roxanne furrowed her eyebrows slightly when she sensed the gloomy aura around Lucian. The three children hurried over the second they heard someone at the door.

"It's time to go home, Essie." Lucian held out his hand as he looked at the girl. Estella could sense that Lucian was in a bad mood, so she shook her head in response after hiding behind Roxanne.

Because of that, the man frowned and shifted his attention back to Roxanne, who patted Estella on the head before turning to her boys. "Why don't you guys play with Essie for a while? Mommy has something to discuss with Mr. Farwell."

Archie and Benny both immediately knew that Roxanne had to talk with Lucian about Aubree, so they nodded cooperatively and took Estella to the living room.

Lucian was baffled since he had no idea what Roxanne wanted to talk about.

If anything, the man wanted to hear what Roxanne had to say about what happened a few days ago, especially the matter between Jack and her.

“Essie said that Ms. Pearson’s just moved into your house,” voiced Roxanne, trying her best to ignore Lucian’s tense aura.

The man’s eyes quickly turned dull when he realized that Roxanne wanted to talk about Aubree. After nodding slightly, Lucian responded, “She’s staying with us because of the old injury on her arm.”

Roxanne was hit by another wave of unease when Lucian confirmed what Estella said to be true. However, the woman did not show it. “You didn’t forget how Ms. Pearson got physical with Essie last time, did you, Mr. Farwell? I’m sure it’s quite obvious how Essie feels about Ms. Pearson staying with you.”

Lucian did not appreciate Roxanne doubting his decision, so he knitted his eyebrows tightly. “I know how to handle it.”

“Letting Ms. Pearson stay with you is the reason Essie is down.” Roxanne’s tone turned cold because the man’s action had infuriated her. “I don’t think you want to see Essie revert to her old self. Where Ms. Pearson stays has nothing to do with me; I just hope she stays away from Essie.”

Then, Roxanne suddenly fell silent for a few seconds as if she had remembered something. “At least give Essie some time to accept Ms. Pearson before letting the woman get close to her,” added Roxanne, who almost forgot that Aubree was still Lucian’s fiancée and Estella’s future stepmother to the public.

If Lucian decided to marry Aubree, it would be impossible for Estella to avoid the woman forever.

The aura surrounding Lucian instantly reached a freezing point when he heard Roxanne, for he knew exactly what the woman’s brief pause and the words that followed meant. She still doesn’t have faith in what I promised her!

Chapter 757 Please Stop The Guessing Game

Roxanne had more to say, but Lucian interrupted her coldly before she could continue. “That has nothing to do with you, so don’t concern yourself with it. I know what to do.”

Sensing the annoyance in the man’s tone, Roxanne was stunned once again. “Maybe you’ve misunderstood me, but I’m only worried about Essie’s condition. Your relationship with others has nothing to do with me.”

The woman thought Lucian got upset because he disliked her getting between Aubree and him. With that thought in mind, Roxanne could not help but scoff inwardly at herself.

The anger Lucian had bottled up on his way there finally exploded after he listened to Roxanne dissociating herself from him repeatedly. “Of course, my business has nothing to do with you. After all, you probably only care about matters concerning Mr. Damaris!”

“What’s that supposed to mean?” Roxanne was baffled when Lucian suddenly replaced Aubree with her in the crosshair.

She never expected Lucian to hold on to the matter because she thought the man would understand.

“You’re happy working for the Damaris family’s research institute, aren’t you? I know how much you wanted to be a part of the project. Would you have worked that hard if their medical skills were the only reason you wanted to join them?” scoffed Lucian, whose eyes seemed as though they were sharp enough to see through anything.

Roxanne furrowed her eyebrows even tighter in response, for she had no idea what the man’s words meant. “Besides their medical skills, what do they have that’s worth so much of my effort?”

Having been in seclusion from the world for so many years, the Damaris family was only known for their medical skills.

In fact, Roxanne did not even know of Jack’s existence before the medical consultation.

However, it was clear Lucian was implying that Jack was the only reason Roxanne worked so hard, which not only gave the woman a headache but also upset her.

Lucian’s suspicion obviously meant that he doubted the respect Roxanne had for medical skills.

The man was even surer that he was right when he saw how infuriated Roxanne was, so he voiced indifferently, “Your relationship with Mr. Damaris is plain to see, Ms. Jarvis. I’m sure there’s no need to paint the whole picture.”

With that, Lucian looked toward the living room, intending to take Estella home.

Still, Roxanne insisted on explaining herself because even though she did not plan to accept Lucian, she refused to let him accuse her with that supposed reason. “Mr. Damaris and I are just friends. The few times we’ve met in public were for work. Mr. Damaris and Larry are both great doctors, so please stop the guessing game! I won’t cut off ties with them just because of your suspicion!”

Roxanne would have to work with Jack as long as the project remained. As for Larry, the woman had been friends with him for many years.

She would never cut off ties with the two men just because Lucian got jealous. However, it was undeniable that Lucian’s suspicion had caused her some inconvenience.

Lucian only heard the last part of her explanation about how she would not sever ties with the two men because of him.

The man then frowned in silence for a moment as the aura surrounding him suddenly dropped to a freezing point.

Despite that, Roxanne stood her ground and stared the man in the eye, showing no sign of retreat.

Chapter 758 Impasse

Noticing that the two did not enter the room even after some time, the three children couldn’t resist coming outside to check. As soon as they reached the door, they felt the tension between the two adults.

“Mommy?” Benny tugged at Roxanne’s clothes cautiously and asked with concern, “Did you get into a fight with Mr. Farwell?”

His voice brought Roxanne back to her senses. She composed herself and gave him a faint smile. “No. We just have a disagreement on some things.”

After saying that, she threw Lucian a look in hopes that he would keep his composure in front of the children. Fortunately, Lucian cared about the kids enough to soften his expression.

He looked down at Estella and said, “Essie, it’s late. It’s time to go home.” Sensing the chilling aura around her father, Estella pouted and shook her head. “No.”

Lucian knitted his brows. Before he could say anything, Estella announced, “I want to be with Ms. Jarvis! I don’t want to go home!” She had already made up her mind while she was playing with Archie and Benny earlier.

Since Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny can’t stay in our house, I can stay here with them instead! I don’t want to go home and see scary Ms. Pearson. Plus, Daddy looks scary now too. That means he won’t spend much time with me when we’re home.

Estella’s resistance to going home intensified further when she realized that. Upon hearing Estella’s words, Lucian raised his head and looked at the woman before him. The anger in him had yet to dissipate.

Although he knew that Roxanne was the biological mother of his daughter, she had never expressed the intention to return to his house. However, it was clear that Estella liked Roxanne very much. If Roxanne finds out the truth in the future, will she think that I’m being too cruel to Essie?

Roxanne felt somehow puzzled when she felt Lucian’s gaze on her. Nevertheless, she didn’t dare to think too deeply nor ask him about it. Lowering her eyes, she caressed Estella’s head. “Essie, be good. It’s getting late already. Hurry and go home with your daddy.”

In truth, she also wanted Estella to stay, but Lucian clearly had no intention to let the girl do so. She was in no position to make that request either.

When Estella heard Roxanne urging her to go home, she looked up at the latter dejectedly. Roxanne felt her heart ache at Estella’s pitiful face. She glanced at Lucian, only to see his unchanging cold expression.

Because of that, she found it even more difficult to speak up and ask him to let Estella stay.

Estella turned to Roxanne and then to Lucian. In her frustration, she stomped her feet, ran back to the living room, and sat on the floor behind the couch. She seemed determined to stay there unless Lucian forcefully dragged her away.

Looking at Estella's grumpy figure, Roxanne felt at a loss. She looked at Lucian again, this time with a gentler countenance. Since Lucian was still angry, there was no way he would allow Estella to hang out with her. He simply remained rooted to his spot.

With that, the father and daughter reached an impasse. Roxanne sighed inwardly and decided to approach Estella and comfort her first. Since she couldn't persuade the adult, who was currently mad at her, she could only make an effort on the little one.

Chapter 759 Argument

"Mommy." Right when Roxanne turned around, Archie tugged at the hem of her shirt. Roxanne lowered her eyes in confusion. Archie glanced at Benny before saying earnestly, "Benny and I will talk to Essie. She's upset now, so she probably won't listen to you."

It was then that Roxanne realized she was one of the reasons Estella was upset. Since the boys had offered, Roxanne immediately agreed, "I'll leave it to you boys, then."

Archie and Benny nodded obediently, then ran to Estella's side before looking at the two adults mysteriously. The next second, they disappeared behind the couch.

Roxanne was perplexed about how serious they looked, but she did not disturb them. Instead, she stood in the same spot helplessly and faced Lucian's look of condemnation.

She had no idea what she had done to make him look at her that way. In the living room, the three children gathered together and whispered among themselves.

"I don't want to go home." Estella knew that the two boys were there to persuade her to leave, so she spoke first. Archie and Benny shared a look. Then, Archie said solemnly, "You have to go home with Mr. Farwell."

Estella was disheartened to hear that. "Do you also not like me anymore? I don't want to go home. Ms. Pearson is there." Archie's and Benny's hearts softened when they saw how sad Estella looked. However, they had to look at the big picture.

Benny caressed Estella's hair and told her, "We like you a lot; that's why we want to be family with you."

Estella looked at them in puzzlement. She didn't know what Benny meant by that. "I think Mr. Farwell and Mommy had an argument, but I don't know why," Archie remarked, looking at Estella intently.

Estella nodded. She had also noticed that Lucian and Roxanne seemed to have fought, which was why she didn't want to go home with him.

Archie continued, "You should go home with Mr. Farwell and try to get him to tell you something, while Benny and I will ask our mommy." At that moment, realization dawned upon Estella.

If I want Ms. Jarvis to become my mommy, I can't let them continue this silent treatment toward each other. We have to help them reconcile!

With that thought in mind, Estella nodded heavily. "I get it now!" Archie and Benny nodded and each held out a hand to her. "Then let's go."

Estella grabbed hold of their hands and stood up. Upon returning to the door, she shyly pulled at Lucian's shirt to let him know that she wanted to go home with him.

Seeing how quickly Estella changed her mind, Roxanne looked at her sons in surprise. What did they tell Essie?

Archie and Benny remained nonchalant. They even waved at Estella. "Bye, Essie!" Roxanne turned to Estella, feeling astonished. The latter waved back at the two boys before looking up and waving at her.

It seemed that the girl was no longer upset. Roxanne nodded at her with a smile, but she couldn't help sighing inwardly. Even the kids can communicate better than us adults.

Chapter 760 No Right To Be Mad

After seeing Lucian and Estella off, Roxanne returned inside the mansion with Archie and Benny and started preparing for dinner. "Mommy." The two boys followed her into the kitchen. Roxanne stopped what she was doing and asked, "What is it?"

“Why did you fight with Mr. Farwell?” Archie and Benny looked at her intently. Their question caught her off guard. “I didn’t—”

She was about to deny the fact that they fought, but she was interrupted by her kids. “We saw everything. You can’t lie to children!” Roxanne was at a loss for words. What’s going on with them today?

She had had countless disagreements with Lucian, and Archie and Benny had always been on her side without asking her what had happened. “Did Mr. Farwell make you upset?”

Roxanne began to ponder who was at fault in her conflict with Lucian, but she couldn’t figure it out even after some time.

In the end, she could only shake her head and explain evasively, “No. I was just talking to Mr. Farwell about Essie, and I started to sound impatient as we spoke.”

Suspicion was written all over Archie’s and Benny’s faces. Roxanne stroked their heads and said, “All right, that’s enough. Don’t worry about the adults. You boys head on out now. I have to prepare dinner.”

“Archie and I are better than adults in some aspects!” Benny argued. Roxanne knew what they meant. They could help her with her problems, but it wasn’t appropriate to let them know about her relationship issues.

She pushed them out of the kitchen and said, “I know you two are the best, but you should refrain from causing trouble in the kitchen!”

Without giving them any chance to retort, she walked back into the kitchen. Archie and Benny were crestfallen as they looked at her back.

It seemed that they had failed in their mission, and they could only hope that Estella could extract some useful information from Lucian.

As Lucian drove back to the Farwell residence with deeply furrowed brows, he noticed through the rearview mirror that Estella had been staring at him in the backseat. “What is it?” he asked.

Estella tilted her head and asked in a piping voice, “Daddy, did you fight with Ms. Jarvis earlier?”

A dark look fled across Lucian's eyes. "Why did you fight with Ms. Jarvis?" Estella continued to question. "What if Ms. Jarvis starts ignoring us because she's mad?"

Lucian grimaced helplessly when he noticed Estella putting the blame on him. "I'm very mad, too." Estella widened her eyes and stared at him fiercely. "Daddy, you shouldn't be mad!"

Lucian was already feeling frustrated because of Roxanne in the first place. When he heard Estella, he almost laughed in exasperation. Not only is Essie on Roxanne's side, she even thinks I have no right to be mad.

Estella seemed righteously indignant about what Lucian did to Roxanne. Since Daddy wants to court Ms. Jarvis, he can't be mad at her, much less make her angry!

Chapter 761 Worsen Her Condition

"Why shouldn't I?" Lucian asked after a moment of silence.

"Because you're courting Ms. Jarvis! So you have to make her happy!" Estella replied matter-of-factly.

Lucian furrowed his brows at her answer, and his gaze darkened.

Even Essie knows that. How could I have forgotten about it?

At the thought of Roxanne's angry face, Lucian chuckled to himself self-deprecatingly.

No wonder there is no progress between us even though I've been pursuing her for so long.

Coming back to his senses, he apologized to Estella, "Sorry, I was wrong."

Estella hummed in satisfaction. Then, she crossed her arms and demanded, "What did you do wrong, Daddy?"

Lucian glimpsed at her again through the rearview mirror and answered, "I shouldn't have made Ms. Jarvis angry. I was too reckless."

Estella was contented to hear her father admit his fault. She nodded before probing, "Why did you argue with Ms. Jarvis?"

Upon hearing that, Lucian shook his head in amusement.

This little brat! I already admitted to my mistake, yet she still wants to get to the bottom of the matter! Well, since she asked, I don't mind telling her. I will need lots of help from her in the future, after all.

With that thought in mind, Lucian confessed, "There is some misunderstanding between us. I'm sure you've seen all the things I've been doing for Ms. Jarvis recently, but she just won't accept me. So I felt anxious and wanted an explanation

from her.”

All right, that’s all I will tell her. There’s no need to tell her about my rival. A child doesn’t need to know so much.

Estella got a bit worked up when she heard Lucian’s words, but she remained on Roxanne’s side. “You can ask me for help if you’re anxious. Don’t ever get mad at Ms. Jarvis again!”

Lucian nodded. “Okay.”

Estella continued to stare at him, seemingly unsatisfied with his answer.

Right when Lucian looked up, he met her glare in the mirror. Pursing his lips helplessly, he promised, “I promise not to get mad at Ms. Jarvis anymore. I’ll talk to her properly no matter what happens. If all things fail, I’ll ask for your help.”

Estella nodded in approval, and it was only then that a smile returned to her face.

However, her smile faded again as they got nearer to the Farwell residence.

She couldn’t help feeling scared when she remembered Aubree’s presence there.

“Daddy, how much longer will she be staying at our house?” Estella inquired carefully.

Lucian naturally knew who she was referring to.

When he thought of the woman in his house, he felt troubled.

While he was talking to Roxanne earlier, the only thing on his mind was her relationship with Jack.

Now that he thought about it, Roxanne was right.

With Estella’s aversion to Aubree, the former’s condition would likely worsen if he continued to let Aubree stay.

However, with Sonya meddling in their matters, he would need to find an appropriate reason to make Aubree leave.

In the end, Lucian could only give Estella a vague answer. “If you don’t like her, I’ll make her leave as soon as possible.”

Estella bobbed her head in response, albeit reluctantly.

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Meanwhile, at the Farwell residence, Aubree tiptoed out of Estella’s room while on her phone.

“Don’t worry. I’ve used this drug on someone before. It takes effect once the person takes it,” Frieda claimed proudly on the other end of the line.

Aubree curled her lips coldly upon hearing that. “That’s good to hear. I’m definitely going to teach her a lesson this time!”

Only then did Frieda realize she had forgotten to ask about something. “Aubree, who are you going to use it on?”

Feeling impatient, Aubree knitted her brows and uttered indifferently, “That’s none of your business. Anyway, I’m hanging up. Lucian is back.”

With that, she hung up, leaving Frieda staring at her phone screen in bewilderment. Aubree entered the bathroom and thoroughly washed her hands twice. Through the window, she saw Lucian's car roll into the courtyard. She quickly schooled her expression and went downstairs with a smile.

Catalina was preparing dinner downstairs. At the sight of Aubree, she greeted her politely, "Ms. Pearson."

"Let me help you," Aubree offered with a pretentious smile.

Catalina had wanted to decline, but Aubree had already reached out and taken away the plate from her hand.

Catalina watched Aubree bustle about, her eyes filled with doubt.

Aubree had often stayed at the Farwell residence over the past few years, but she had never acted so helpful and attentive.

Yet, she had been going in and out of the house all day that day.

After leaving with Lucian in the morning, she returned shortly before going out again when it was almost lunch. Upon returning, she stayed upstairs and only showed herself at this time.

What is she up to? Or has she finally matured after the conflict with her family?

Suddenly, Catalina snapped out of it and shook her head hard.

How is that possible? Considering the environment she grew up in, how could she possibly change drastically in one night?

Just as Catalina was lost in her thoughts, the door to the mansion opened.

Before Catalina could acknowledge Lucian, Aubree walked past her and headed straight to the door.

"Lucian, Essie, you're back." Aubree had a bright smile plastered on her face, but her thoughts were the total opposite.

I hope Essie never comes back! I don't even need to guess to know that Lucian went to Roxanne's house again to fetch this brat. If it weren't for her, Lucian wouldn't have had so much time to spend with that wretched woman. And this brat won't even listen to me!

Lucian nodded at Aubree coldly, loosening his tie with one hand while holding Estella's hand with his other.

He knew how much Estella disliked Aubree, so he could only give the girl a sense of security this way.

When he saw the way Estella looked in front of Aubree, he regretted giving in to Sonya's request.

"Essie, are you hungry?" Aubree crouched down and looked into Estella's eyes, pretending to be gentle. "Come, let's wash our hands and have dinner, okay?"

Estella shook her head immediately. She grasped Lucian's hand and hid behind him.

Sensing her fear, Lucian frowned and looked at Aubree frostily. "There's no need

for that. I'll take care of her. Just mind your own business."

Having said that, he looked away from Aubree and walked past her while holding Estella's hand.

For an instant, a dark look fled across Aubree's face.

