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It was late at night by the time Roxanne arrived home. However, Archie and Benny were still awake. They opened their bedroom door carefully and stuck their heads out when they heard her coming up the stairs.

Roxanne grew heavy-hearted as she was reminded of the kids at the orphanage when she saw the boys.

Seeing her expression, the boys ran over to her and asked in concern, "Mommy, what's wrong? Did something happen at the medical consultation today?"

Roxanne forced out a smile and led them back to the room.

The boys flanked Roxanne and stared at her earnestly. "Mommy, how are the children in the orphanage?"

Roxanne shook her head ruefully. "They don't have parents. In fact, some of them were abandoned by their parents because they were sick. However, they are still very obedient and understanding."

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Images of those kids lying on the bed flashed through her mind, as well as those who were sent to the hospital because the doctors were helpless to treat them.

After learning about their condition, the children hadn't forgotten to thank the doctors.

Archie and Benny shared a look as their expressions grew stern. They asked carefully, "Are the children very ill?"

Roxanne inclined her head gently. "Some were abandoned by their parents at the orphanage as their parents couldn't afford to save them."

"Mommy, can't you save them either?" Benny gazed at her innocently.

To him, Roxanne was the best doctor in the world and was capable of treating all kinds of illnesses.

Roxanne patted his head in resignation and explained, "Sorry, Darling. I'm not as capable as you think. There are many diseases that I can't cure."

Hearing that, Archie and Benny frowned in disappointment. They then offered Roxanne some comforting words, "Never mind, Mommy. Someone else will come out with a way to save them! Children are blessed, so we'll surely grow up healthily!"

The kids at the orphanage were so sick that Roxanne couldn't be of help. Archie and Benny were disappointed, but they knew their mother was definitely more depressed than them at the thought.

Hearing their comforting words, Roxanne pursed her lips and flashed a smile. "That's what I think, too."

"But they don't have parents. They must be sad," Benny said as he stared at Roxanne earnestly

I have Mommy, but sometimes, I still wish that Daddy is with me. The children at the orphanage don't even have a mommy. I feel sorry for them.

Roxanne bobbed her head as her lips curved into a stiff smile. "Their new daddies and mommies will bring them home soon."

Benny tilted his head and asked gingerly, "Do the people at the orphanage treat them well? Do they get to eat and sleep well?"

Knowing he was worried about the kids, Roxanne grinned and assured him, "The people at the orphanage treat them well. This afternoon, Mr. Queen donated some supplies to the orphanage, so their situation will get better. If you're still worried, I can bring you two there to visit them someday."

Archie's and Benny's eyes lit up in delight. "Really? Can we really visit them?"

Roxanne smiled as she nodded. "We need to bring many delicious food and toys for them!" the boys enthused.

Roxanne was pleased by how caring they were.

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It was getting late, so Roxanne chatted with the boys briefly before putting them to bed. After they fell asleep, she returned to her own room.

Roxanne was physically and mentally exhausted after working hard the entire day. She washed up quickly and went to bed.

The following day, Roxanne woke up and headed to the research institute.

The staff knew that she had participated in the Damaris family's medical consultation yesterday, so they immediately came to her to ask her about it.

"Dr. Jarvis, how did the medical consultation go?"

"Are the Damarises that skilled in medicine as the rumors claimed?"

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A barrage of questions sounded in Roxanne's ears.

Her lips curled up as she explained, "The Damaris family's medical consultation isn't as mysterious as you think. Think of it as an ordinary medical consultation that normal hospitals offer. As for their medical skills, I don't have the right to comment on that. However, seeing how influential they are, they must be more capable than the usual doctors."

Everyone had been too busy treating the children to notice whether the other doctors were equipped with exceptional skills.

However, it was clear that they were excellent in some way as they were able to gather so many reputable doctors.

Besides, Roxanne was also impressed by the medical equipment invented by the Damaris family.

Hearing that, everyone stopped asking about the Damaris family and instead quizzed her about the medical consultation.

Roxanne remained patient and told them everything they wanted to know.

Colby interrupted the crowd's questions and led Roxanne out of the research facility before things got out of hand. "The Damaris family has plans to build a research institute, right? Did they say anything before you left?" he questioned.

Roxanne's brows knitted, for she wasn't sure of that. "I don't know. They said nothing of the sort during the medical consultation yesterday, and I couldn't ask them outright," she told Colby truthfully,

A deep line appeared between Colby's brows. "Did they notice you?" he asked anxiously.

He knew why Roxanne decided to join the medical consultation. She wanted to establish connections with the Damaris family and exchange ideas regarding the medical industry. She also wanted to collaborate with the Damaris family to elevate their research institute to a higher position.

Never mind if the Damaris family didn't mention the research institute. I wonder if Roxanne managed to befriend any of them.

Roxanne appeared hesitant. "I think so. But he only acknowledged my medical skills and said nothing else."

After all, Jack hadn't even asked for her contact details before he left the venue.

Thus, it was pretty hard for her to contact the Damaris family in the future.

Holding that thought, Roxanne let out a sigh of regret. I'm afraid I won't get the opportunity to read the ancient medicine books that the Damaris family has.

Colby fell silent for a moment before he patted her on the shoulder. "Never mind. It's enough that they acknowledged your medical skills. There are many doctors in the country, but only a few manage to catch the Damaris family's attention. You're now one of them."

Hearing his encouraging words, Roxanne chuckled gaily. "You're right. I don't know if I've achieved my initial goal, but what we did yesterday was more meaningful than my goal. I nursed many kids back to health, so it doesn't matter even if the Damaris family didn't notice me."

Admiration flashed across Colby's gaze. "I'm glad you think that way."

At noon, everyone in the research institute gathered for lunch to celebrate the success of the medical consultation yesterday.

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After lunch, Roxanne drove to the Queen residence.

It was all thanks to Alfred that she got to participate in the medical consultation, so she had to offer her gratitude to him personally.

The Queen family had also delivered some supplies last afternoon, so she also wanted to thank them on behalf of the kids at the orphanage. While she was at it, she needed to ask them what that was about too.

On the way there, she gave Jonathan a call to inform him of her arrival.

When she arrived at the Queen residence, Jonathan was already waiting in the living room.

Seeing her, he got to his feet and gave her a welcoming smile. "Dr. Jarvis, are you here to visit my grandpa? He's resting upstairs. Should I ask him to come down now?"

Roxanne chuckled and shook her head. "I don't mind waiting. I need to talk to you, too."

Jonathan arched a brow in confusion. "What is it about?"

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After they sat on the couch, Roxanne parted her lips and said, "Last afternoon, Rex delivered a huge bunch of supplies to the orphanage. He told me you gave him the order, so I'd like to thank you on behalf of the children in the orphanage."

Jonathan nodded and flashed a knowing smile. "Yes, you should say thank you. But you shouldn't be thanking me."

Roxanne was taken aback. "Was it Old Mr. Queen's order?"

That was the only possibility she could come up with.

Jonathan shook his head.

For a moment there, Roxanne was lost.

"It was Lucian's idea." Jonathan explained slowly, "Lucian paid for the supplies. He also forked out his own money for the kids' treatment in Queen Hospital. All I did was send

my men to carry out the job. If you want to thank the contributor, you should thank Lucian.”

Roxanne’s frown deepened when she heard his explanation.

I can’t believe it was Lucian. Why did he do this? There is no need for Farwell Group to get

closer to the Damaris family with their influence. Besides, Lucian used the Queen family name to get it done.

Roxanne was puzzled.

Seeing her bafflement, Jonathan chuckled. “I don’t know why he did that, though. Perhaps you should ask him personally.”

Before she could reply, he got to his feet. “I believe my grandpa’s up. I’ll go get him now.”

By the time Roxanne regained her composure, he was already going up the stairs.

About a dozen thoughts crossed Roxanne’s mind, and she was utterly confused.

Naturally, she wasn’t going to contact Lucian to find out why he did that.

However, she couldn’t figure out the reason for his actions.

She was deep in thought when Jonathan appeared at the top of the stairs and helped Alfred down.

Hearing their footsteps, Roxanne set her thoughts aside and rose to her feet to greet Alfred.

“How was the medical consultation yesterday?” asked Alfred.

Roxanne answered him cheerfully, “Thank you for giving me the chance to participate in the medical consultation, Old Mr. Queen. It was really meaningful, and I learned many things that aren’t usually made available to me.”

Feeling pleased, Alfred bobbed his head. “I knew this wouldn’t be a fruitless experience for you as you’re smart. What about the Damaris family? Did they comment on your skills?”

Jonathan chimed in, “My grandpa put in a good word for you with Old Mr. Damaris.”

Roxanne flashed a grateful smile. "Mr. Damaris treated the doctors similarly, so I can't be sure what he thinks of me. However, what the Damaris family thinks of me isn't important to me anymore. I'm glad that I got the chance to participate in the medical consultation."

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They chatted briefly. As the sky was turning dark, Roxanne got up and bid goodbye to them.

When she got home, Archie and Benny were already there. Lysa had also already prepared dinner

Roxanne and the boys had their meal together. After dinner, she played with them and waited until they fell asleep before going back to her room.

As Roxanne lay in bed, she couldn't help but think about what Jonathan had told her that afternoon.

It was Lucian who told Jonathan to deliver the supplies. Why did he do that? Jonathan even told me to ask him his motive personally.

Roxanne had a feeling that Jonathan knew something. Why does it feel like there's a hidden meaning in his words?

Conflicting emotions welled up in Roxanne when she came to that conclusion.

As her mind wandered, she slowly fell asleep.

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Roxanne was awoken by the sound of her phone ringing early the following morning

When she looked at the caller ID, she realized it was from a number she did not recognize.

Roxanne hadn't slept well last night and was woken up rudely by an unknown number, so she answered the call gruffly and demanded in a hoarse voice, "Who is this?"

A few seconds later, the person on the other end of the line chuckled and replied, "It's me, Jack Damaris. Did I wake you up, Dr. Jarvis?"

Roxanne jerked awake and sat up in bed. Rubbing her eyes, she told him, "No. I'm usually awake at this hour, but I fell asleep later than usual last night."

Jack laughed understandingly.

"Mr. Damaris, how did you get my phone number?" Roxanne was still in a daze, I remember Jack didn't get my contact details previously.

Jack replied cheerfully, "I got your number from Old Mr. Queen. Sorry for the abrupt call, Dr. Jarvis."

Roxanne quickly waved his concern away. "Oh, it's fine. Why did you call me this early, though?"

Jack glanced at the old man clad in a traditional outfit beside him.

The old man gave him a curt nod.

Jack parted his lips and revealed, "Well, I need to discuss something with you. I think we should meet up and talk in person, though. Dr. Jarvis, are you free to have a chat?"

A thought flashed past Roxanne's mind, and she immediately brightened up. "Mr. Damaris, I can meet you anytime."

"Will this afternoon do? I'll send you the location later," Jack suggested.

Roxanne agreed to his suggestion at once.

After the call ended, Roxanne felt nervous.

Jack went through the trouble just to contact her, so the only possibility was that the Damaris family wanted to collaborate with their research institute.

That was what she had hoped for all along.

Now that her wish was going to come true, Roxanne grew increasingly anxious. Hopefully, I don't mess up when we meet this afternoon.

After breakfast, Roxanne called Colby.

Colby was already at the research institute. He had changed his clothes and was about to head into the research facility when he received Roxanne's call. "Dr. Jarvis, what is it?"

Roxanne explained, "I won't be going to the research institute today. The Damaris family just called me and asked to meet with me today, so please handle all the affairs at the research institute."

The same thought popped up in Colby's mind, too. He agreed readily, "Sure! Don't worry about the research institute and focus on your discussion with the Damaris family. Don't get stressed out."

Roxanne agreed without hesitation.

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The meeting with the Damaris family was important, so Roxanne dressed up to show her sincerity.

That afternoon, she arrived at the café earlier than the agreed time.

Shortly after, she spotted Jack leading an elderly man into the café.

The grey-haired man who resembled Jack was skinny and wearing a traditional outfit.

It only took one look for her to guess how they were related to each other.

Shocked, Roxanne got up hurriedly. She waited until they both came to a stop in front of her before giving the elderly man a polite bow.

The man gave her a kind smile and observed her carefully.

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Roxanne had put on light makeup and tied her hair up to reveal her delicate features and swan-like neck. She looked beautiful and demure, dressed in a simple but elegant long dress.

Sensing his gaze, Roxanne stood in her spot and allowed him to observe her as a smile played on her lips.

A while later, the old man looked away and gestured at Jack.

“Dr. Jarvis, sorry to keep you waiting.” Jack helped the old man into a seat across from Roxanne, then introduced them to each other. “This is my grandfather, the head of the Damaris family. You can call him,”

“Call me Old Mr. Damaris,” Hector Damaris interjected cheerfully.

He seemed kind and friendly, so Roxanne flashed a warm smile. “Hello, Old Mr. Damaris,”

Hector nodded genially and went straight to the topic. “I asked you out today for a talk as Jack told me you did a great job at the medical consultation yesterday.”

Roxanne nodded obediently to indicate that she was listening:

“ Jack told me that the acupuncture skills you used seemed old school and differed from everyone else’s. Where did you learn them from?” Hector gazed at her curiously.

Roxanne wasn’t about to lie to him, so she replied honestly, “My mentor was

interested in ancient medicine, so I was lucky enough to have read some related books in his house. After that, I worked hard and received some help from my mentor to develop the acupuncture treatment myself.”

Hector nodded thoughtfully as he shot Roxanne an approving look.

Roxanne mentioned that her acupuncture skills were derived from ancient medicine books and that she received help from Harvey, but Hector had been in the industry long enough to know that one would only succeed if one worked hard enough.

It was clear that Roxanne had worked hard to develop her own unique acupuncture skills.

“Before the medical consultation, Old Mr. Queen would lavish praises on you whenever he contacted me. After the medical consultation ended, Jack came to me and told me you’re a rare and talented doctor. Now that we finally got to meet in person, I realize they are telling the truth,” Hector commented.

Roxanne glanced at Jack subconsciously, for she had no idea he would mention her before Hector.

Jack merely smiled in response.

“I love researching, that’s all. There are many great traditional medicine doctors in the country, so I might not be as capable as them. Old Mr. Damaris, I don’t deserve your praise.”

Hector waved his hand. "You might not have that much experience, but I've been in this industry long enough, and my judgment is always accurate. You'll be the cream of the crop internationally one day."

Roxanne was touched to hear that and thanked him gratefully, "I do hope so, Old Mr. Damaris!"

Hector responded with a joyful grin.

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After having some small talk, Hector cut to the chase and said, "I heard from Alfred that you're interested in the Damaris family's plan to set up the research institute and thinking of collaborating with us, aren't you?"

Hearing that, Roxanne perked up in an instant. Wearing a look of solemnity, she stated earnestly, "I've always been interested in traditional medicine. I'm more than happy to know that the Damaris family will set up a research institute specializing in this field. Not to mention, your family has been leading in the field all this while. Thus, I wish to grab this opportunity to collaborate with your family as I believe it'll boost my advancement in traditional medicine too."

Hector scrutinized Roxanne for quite a while with a smile. Apparently, he was utterly pleased with her explanation.

Roxanne put up a good front, but she could not help having her heart in her mouth.

She knew that she should not let the chance slip away that round. Even though Hector was undoubtedly satisfied with her, she was still worried that things might go south.

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However, there was still no response from Hector after a while. Clenching her fists, Roxanne looked into his eyes with determination. "Old Mr. Damaris, I hope you can give me a chance. I'll put in the effort and won't let you down!"

Only then did Hector nod gradually. "Of course, I'll give you a chance."

Buoyed up by his words, Roxanne was flushed with joy and at a loss as to what to do. She had to tighten the clench of her fists to get a grip on herself.

“You did well during the medical consultation, but I can’t help feeling regretful.” Hector switched the topic abruptly.

There was a slight change in Roxanne’s countenance; her heart skipped a beat. She could not wrap her head around his stance.

Sensing her anxiousness, Hector flashed her a reassuring smile. “Don’t worry. Since I’ve mentioned that I’ll give you a chance, I won’t take back my words. I’m actually feeling regretful for not being able to see how well you displayed your skills with my own eyes. Anyway, I hope there’ll be a chance for me to witness that during our collaboration in the near future.”

Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief and nodded agreeably. “Sure, Old Mr. Damaris, thanks for giving me this chance. It’s an honor to be able to collaborate with the Damaris family, I’ll prove myself for sure!”

Hector began taking a fancy to her as time elapsed. Seeing how she swallowed her pride, he could not resist chuckling. “There’s no need for formality. After all, I’m closely acquainted with Alfred. He keeps reminding me to give you more opportunities too. Just treat me as if I were him.”

Feeling a little awkward, Roxanne pursed her lips and smiled.

Hector added casually, “I’d met your professor long ago. Even though he’s been overseas throughout these years, he’s contributed a lot to Chanaea with the medicine from his research. Now that I think about it, it’s been quite a while since I last met him. I wonder how he’s been doing lately.”

Roxanne could sense that Hector was trying to let her feel more relaxed. She smiled gratefully. “Professor Lambert has set up a research institute overseas. Apart from that, the one I’m currently working for was set up by him too. I bet he’ll be overjoyed once he knows I have the opportunity to collaborate with the Damaris family.”

Hector nodded slightly. “Let’s have a meal together when he’s back.”

Roxanne agreed at once. “I’ll convey your message to him.”

They chatted for the whole afternoon till it started to turn dark gradually. Feeling a bit tired, Hector returned to the topic. “Jack is in charge of the research institute. If anything arises in the future, you can liaise with each other directly.”

After exchanging contact numbers with Roxanne, Jack held onto Hector’s arm and left with him.

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Alfred was well aware that Hector had met up with Roxanne earlier that day. After dinner that night, he gave Hector a call to have a grasp of their collaboration.

Meanwhile, Jonathan was seated alongside him. After knowing that the Damaris family had agreed to collaborate with Roxanne, he notified Lucian without hesitation

in the meantime, Lucian had just put Estella to sleep when he received Jonathan's call. "Yes?"

"Let me tell you some great news. The Damaris family has agreed to collaborate with Dr. Jarvis. Thus, I suppose she'll not fly overseas temporarily," Jonathan responded with sheer blissfulness in his tone.

Lucian arched his brows and nodded pleasantly. "Well done."

From the other end of the line, Jonathan's voice sounded again. "Even so, it implies that Dr. Jarvis will have to deal with the young heir from the Damaris family for a certain period after this."

Lucian knitted his brows. "What do you mean?"

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"Jack Damaris will be in charge of the Damaris family's research institute. You know him, don't you?" Jonathan replied with utter schadenfreude in his tone.

Lucian's frown deepened into a scowl instantaneously.

Undeniably, the Farwell family did not have expertise in the medical field. Nonetheless, he had run into the so-called young heir of the Damaris family several times.

Jonathan added insult to injury by elucidating further, "Mr. Damaris is the heir of the Damaris family. Not only that, his medical skills are the most outstanding among the young generation of the Damaris family. As for his looks, you had seen him in person before, right? He has quite a pleasant temperament too. I heard Old Mr. Damaris was

willing to collaborate with Dr. Jarvis partly because Mr. Damaris had helped pull some strings for her.”

“So what?” There was intense displeasure in Lucian’s voice,

Jonathan raised his brows. “Dr. Jarvis and Mr. Damaris are not only single but also from the same profession. I’m convinced that they’ll have a lot of common topics later, What’s more, they are both outstanding. If they get to liaise with each other more, I’m afraid..”

Fiven though Jonathan did not finish his words, Lucian had a clear insight into his mind.

Unequivocally, Roxanne and Jack matched each other perfectly well and might fall for each other in the long run. If so, Lucian’s effort would go down the drain.

At the thought of that, Lucian’s expression darkened.

He was frustrated enough with Larry by Roxanne’s side. If Jack turned out to be another one who would stick to her, Lucian would not dare to imagine how he would react.

After what seemed like an eternity, there was no response from Lucian. Therefore, Jonathan tried to enlighten him sincerely, “Since I’ve made things clear, do you still intend to feign ignorance? I’ve put in a lot of effort so Dr. Jarvis can remain in Chanaea this round. If others become the ones to benefit from it, I won’t be able to accept that even if you can bear with it.”

On the heels of that, there was another round of silence.

When Jonathan was at a loss for words to advise Lucian, the latter eventually muttered, “I got it.”

Next, he hung up on Jonathan before the latter came to his senses.

Catching sight of the phone screen darkening, Jonathan was bereft of speech. My goodness! How could he only respond nonchalantly after I’ve said so much? What does he mean by that?

Jonathan had sensed Lucian’s feelings toward Roxanne, and the woman was even Éstella’s biological mother. Since then, he had been giving his all to help Lucian with that.

Nevertheless, he was speechless about the duo’s current state after putting in so much effort. He was worried stiff when Lucian even quarreled with Roxanne.

That was why he hinted at Lucian, hoping he would take prompt action. It never occurred to him that the latter would remain unperturbed.

Consequently, Jonathan started having an awful headache.

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At the Farwell residence, Lucian stood outside Estella's room for a long time after hanging up. Devoid of expression, he was preoccupied with the snippets of Roxanne alongside another man. Hmph! That hard-hearted woman left without a second thought six years ago, and I've been tracking her down for six years!

Now that Roxanne was back, Lucian would never let her be closely acquainted with other men. He had already blown a gasket after seeing her interactions with Larry several times lately. Since she'll collaborate with Jack Damaris, they'll cross paths more often inevitably. If something happens between them...

At the thought of that, Lucian's face turned grim. It was as though there was a drastic drop in the temperature around him. No way! I won't let that happen! As for Roxanne, I can't let her continue avoiding me!

Because of Jonathan's first-hand information, Lucian had been racking his brain the following days on how he could mend his relationship with Roxanne. He had been sending Estella to and fetching her from the kindergarten lately, hoping to run into Roxanne so he could talk things out with her.

Unexpectedly, she did not show up at all in the following days. As a result, Lucian could not help but despise himself for having such a ridiculous idea. I have lost count of the days she's been trying to hide from me. Even Estella has accepted the indisputable fact that she might not be able to meet her again. Why am I still anticipating bumping into her here?

"Daddy." Estella's mellifluous voice sounded abruptly in the car when Lucian fell into a trance.

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He furrowed his brows as he regained his composure before turning to look at Estella quizzically.

Seeing that she had managed to attract her father's attention, Estella uttered sweetly, "Ms. Ward told us that our kindergarten will hold an anniversary celebration."

Lucian nodded. "What about it?"

Needless to say, he was aware of it. As he had invested in the kindergarten, the management had requested his permission when they planned to organize the event. However, he could not fathom why Estella suddenly brought up the subject,

There was unmissable anticipation in Estella's eyes as she piped up, "Ms. Ward told us everyone has to perform during the anniversary celebration. Our parents have to join too!"

With that, she gazed at her father eagerly. It was clear enough for Lucian to get what she meant. If parents are requested to join, Ms. Jarvis will surely show up too! Even if she tries to avoid us and refuses to speak to me, it's good enough that I can have the chance to see her!

Lucian's gaze darkened as he looked intently at the anticipation in Estella's eyes. He nodded indifferently. "Okay! I know."

Hearing that, Estella tilted her head with a look of disappointment on her face.

Initially, she expected Lucian would share the same sentiments as her. It never came to her that he would only respond with sheer indifference. Does it mean Daddy doesn't like Ms. Jarvis anymore?

Oblivious to what was playing in Estella's mind, Lucian only hummed nonchalantly before retracting his gaze. Even so, he could not overlook the frustration surging from within him.

He knew fully well that Estella wished to grab the opportunity to meet Roxanne. Nonetheless, he yearned for more. He was not satisfied with just seeing her and vowed to find ways to mend their relationship.

As the thought occurred to him, Lucian could not help but feel his temples start throbbing

He was sure as h*ll that Roxanne would not spare them any glance if they had the chance to bump into her during the occasion. Hmph! After all, she's determined to keep a distance from us!

He had no choice but to exercise restraint. Otherwise, it would only exacerbate the situation.

Subsequently, he and Estella each had something on their mind. None of them uttered any words along the way home.

Back in the Farwell residence, Lucian only noticed that Estella seemed to be in low spirits. He knitted his brows in bafflement. Wasn't she in high spirits in the car a while ago? So why is she suddenly upset?

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Catching sight of Estella having her meal gloomily, Lucian could not restrain himself from questioning, "Essie, what's the matter? Why're you unhappy?"

Estella pouted her lips and grumbled, "You don't like Ms. Jarvis anymore."

Flabbergasted, Lucian was silent for a few seconds before querying desperately, "What makes you say that?"

Down in the dumps, Estella stared at him. "We can finally meet Ms. Jarvis during the anniversary celebration, but you don't seem to look forward to it at all."

Lucian's brows twitched uncontrollably as he refuted, "That's not true."

Estella threw him a glance doubtfully. Daddy didn't look excited at all in the car just now. Even when he's denying it now, he doesn't look glad at all. He's bluffing!

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Sensing Estella's doubt, Lucian frowned resignedly. "I only can't help thinking we can't carry on like this."

Perplexed, Estella tilted her head.

Lucian stroked Estella's head affectionately. Deep down, he knew he needed her help to mend his relationship with Roxanne. Oh! Why don't I make things clear with her now?

"Essie, you like Ms. Jarvis, don't you? Since she's paying no heed to us, don't you think we should take the initiative first?" He guided her patiently.

Estella nodded fervently.

“Essie, if Ms. Jarvis shows up during the anniversary celebration, go to look for her, okay?” Lucian asked.

Estella was more than willing to do so. Thus, she nodded without thinking twice.

Lucian nodded slightly, racking his brain on what excuse he could use to approach Roxanne that day.

Just as his head was aching, the screen of his phone on the table lit up.

Lucian grabbed it instinctively to have a glimpse. It was a message sent by Pippa to the parents' group chat: Dear parents, our kindergarten will arrange for our students to have stage performances during the anniversary celebration. We sincerely hope that all of you can attend it and watch their performances. Apart from that, we plan to have our students perform a play together with their parents on the stage. It is to strengthen the relationship between the students and their parents. Thus, we look forward to everyone's cooperation.

At the sight of the message, Lucian felt his heart flutter.

At that instant, one of the parents responded with a question: Is it compulsory for everyone to take part in the play? How will the performers be confirmed?

Pippa replied: We hope that everyone can take part. However, parents who can't make it can contact me directly. As for the parents who can take part, we'll divide everyone into groups. I'll share the team list here once the list of parents participating is confirmed.

Everyone agreed in unison.

The moment Lucian realized everyone would be divided into groups, he arched his brows as something popped into his mind.

After replying to Pippa's message in the group chat, he called Cayden right away.

Cayden had just had his dinner when his phone rang with Lucian's name blinking on the screen. He answered it at once. “Mr. Farwell, what can I do for you?”

Lucian instructed solemnly, “Get in touch with the head of the kindergarten. Tell him to talk Roxanne into attending the anniversary celebration this round. On top of that, request him to arrange Essie and her two kids in the same team.”

Cayden was clueless about the series of activities during the anniversary celebration of the kindergarten. Even so, he dared not dawdle to carry out the mission as instructed by his boss.

Right after Lucian hung up, Cayden called the head of the kindergarten to relay the former's instruction. The latter agreed with that readily.

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Meanwhile, Roxanne hesitated when she read the text message sent in the group chat.

She had just sealed the deal with the Damaris family, and it was expected of her to adjust her schedule according to the request of the Damaris family. Hence, she was not sure if she would be busy then.

Moreover, she had to attend the anniversary celebration. With that said, she would inevitably run into either Lucian or Estella; or both.

She could not bear to see the sad puppy eyes of Estella.

While Archie and Benny were discussing the anniversary celebration with her, they saw the message posted by Pippa in the group chat. Upon noticing the worrisome look on Roxanne's face, they asked cautiously, "Will you go, Mommy?"

Their tone of voice put her in a quandary. "If I don't go, would you two be able to attend the event on your own?"

The boys exchanged a glance and shook their heads vigorously. "We want you to be there, Mommy!"

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Actually, the two kids were not bothered if Roxanne was absent. However, they thought about the chance of their mother running into Estella if she were to show up at the anniversary celebration.

It's been a long while since Mommy has paid Essie a visit. We really want to cheer Essie up.

Roxanne frowned instead of answering immediately.

Benny put up a pitiful face and stared into Roxanne's eyes. "Mommy, this is the very first time we're going to perform on stage."

Right then, Archie chimed in, "We really want you to watch our performance. Little children like us will get stage fright if Mommy isn't there."

Roxanne found it amusing to hear Archie express his fear so solemnly, but she acknowledged their desire to want her there.

Even though she was not sure if the boys were up to anything, she did not want to miss the kids' first-ever performance. After mulling it over for a long time, she agreed, "Okay, I got it. I'll accompany you to the celebration."

With that, Roxanne exited the chat with Pippa.

Initially, she wanted to inform the latter that she would be absent on the day of the event. However, the eagerness of the children changed her mind. She did not have the heart to disappoint them.

When Archie and Benny heard that their mother said yes, they cheered excitedly. Both of them hugged Roxanne and exclaimed dotingly, "Thanks, Mommy! We love you the most!"

Roxanne smiled and patted their heads.

Afterward, her phone buzzed. Roxanne took a peek and saw that it was a message from Pippa. Ms. Jarvis, would you be coming to the anniversary celebration?

Roxanne was briefly stunned by the teacher's question and wondered why she would purposely ask her that.

During the last tree-planting event, Ms. Ward just assumed my presence. I don't remember her personally checking up on me for a response.

Just as she was still puzzled over the strange gesture, Pippa seemed to have sensed the awkwardness. Therefore, the latter quickly added another line to explain herself. The upcoming school event is rather important. Thus, the school leader requested the teachers to confirm with all parents.

With her question answered, Roxanne did not dwell much on it anymore. She replied: Don't worry, Ms. Ward. I'll be there on time for the event and participate actively. Thanks for asking

Pippa heaved a sigh of relief when she received a favorable response from Roxanne. After having brief small talk, Pippa exited the chat and sent the screenshot of her conversation with Roxanne to Jeffrey, the head of the kindergarten.

Jeffrey instructed Pippa to get Roxanne's confirmation. In the case Roxanne declined the invitation to the celebration, Pippa was asked to persuade her accordingly.

When Pippa approached Roxanne, she was worried that the latter would say no. Should that happen, the former had to come up with an excuse to make Roxanne change her mind.

Fortunately, none of her worries came true.

After updating Jeffrey, Pippa received an instant reply: Put Ms. Estella Farwell on the same team as her two children.

Pippa did not dare to question Jeffrey's intention. She assumed that Estella had requested to be on the same team as the boys. Hence, she agreed.