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Just like that, the meeting came to an end after a brief discussion.

Pippa stood at the classroom door and waved goodbye at the parents as they left.

Roxanne walked up to her with a concerned expression and asked, “Ms. Ward, are you sure you don’t want to change the plot for Sleeping Beauty? I don’t know if it’s appropriate for children to witness that final scene...”

Pippa flashed her a reassuring smile as she replied, “Don’t worry, Ms. Jarvis. The kids already know about this sort of thing. Besides, you’re not really going to kiss in front of them. You’ll be positioning yourselves to look like you’re kissing.”

Pippa then looked behind her and asked, “I’m sure you’ll offer your full cooperation, right, Mr. Farwell?”

Roxanne tensed up when she heard that.

“Of course,” Lucian replied, his voice sounding like he was whispering right next to her ear.

Roxanne lowered her gaze and stepped aside before turning around to look at him.

“Don’t worry, Ms. Jarvis. I’m not the kind of guy who would take advantage of others. Besides, you and I are both parents. There’s no way we’d be doing anything inappropriate,” Lucian said with a cold look on his face.

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“Relax, Ms. Jarvis. It’ll just be a bunch of kids watching the play,” Pippa added.

Unsure of what to say, Roxanne nodded with a forced smile. “Thank you for what you did earlier.”

“No need to thank me. I was just doing my job!” Pippa replied casually with a chuckle.

Roxanne then had a brief chat with her before leaving.

She was about to open her car door when she heard Lucian's voice coming from behind her again

"Since you've agreed to work with me, you're not going to bring your personal emotions into the play, right, Ms. Jarvis?"

Roxanne turned around and nodded calmly. "You may rest assured that I'll give the kindergarten my full cooperation, Mr. Farwell."

She deliberately emphasized that she was only going along with the play as it was part of the kindergarten's activities.

The look in Lucian's eyes turned gloomy when he heard that. "That's good to hear. I hope we will be able to work well together."

Roxanne felt a little uneasy as she nodded in response.

Knowing this guy, he's not going to let me leave so easily. Fortunately, I've already prepared an excuse for myself

To her surprise, Lucian turned around and got into his car without saying a word.

Roxanne froze in shock when she saw him start the car and drive off..

"Ms. Jarvis," Cassandra called out to her.

Roxanne snapped out of her daze and turned around.

"I'm sorry for putting you in a tough spot earlier. I didn't know Mr. Farwell's daughter was so close with your kids," Cassandra said apologetically as she made her way over.

Roxanne flashed her a faint smile in response. "It's all right. I agreed to change teams too."

Feeling slightly relieved after hearing that, Cassandra asked, "W-What about Mr. Farwell?"

Both of them knew full well what she was implying.

Cassandra was the one who suggested the team change, so she was afraid that Lucian would get mad and come after her.

As such, she wanted Roxanne to help talk Lucian out of doing so.

Roxanne was a little hesitant when she recalled Lucian's cold expression from earlier. "I don't think you have to worry about it. After all, the issue has been resolved, and Mr. Farwell isn't that petty of a person."

However, Cassandra was still staring at her with a fearful and pleading look in her eyes,

Eventually, Roxanne had no choice but to agree to her request. "All right, I promise I'll explain it to him properly."

"Thank you very much! Just let me know if you ever need my help with anything, okay? I'll do my best to assist you!" Cassandra thanked her profusely while breathing

a sigh of relief

Roxanne simply pursed her lips and smiled without saying anything.

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The two kids were waiting for Roxanne by the time she got home that night.

They ran up to her and stared cautiously at her face the moment she came in through the door.

"What's the matter?" Roxanne asked with a confused frown.

Benny exchanged glances with Archie as he asked in his usual adorable voice, "Are you unhappy, Mommy?"

Roxanne felt confused. "What makes you say that?"

"You requested for a change in teams earlier at school, but it didn't happen..." Benny replied nervously with his lips pursed.

Roxanne felt a little stressed when she recalled the stage play that she would be in. "I'm not upset, Benny. Now, be a good boy and go get ready for dinner."

Still worried about her, the kids waited until she had taken her coat off before sitting down at the dining table.

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Roxanne saw a mountain of food on her plate when she came back from washing her hands. Archie and Benny were still topping her plate up with food like worker ants feeding their queen.

“All right, that’s enough. I’m not angry or anything, you two. I really do feel bad for Essie,” she said with a chuckle as she ran forward to stop them.

Seeing as the kids were still a little unconvinced, Roxanne flashed them a reassuring smile as she put some of the food back. “I can’t finish all of this by myself, you know?”

The kids stopped trying to top her plate up, but still glanced at her worriedly from time to time.

Not only did Roxanne fail to change teams, but Pippa had also stated that there would be no change in the plot of the stage play.

They knew how much Roxanne wanted to stay away from Lucian, so they were worried that she only agreed to attend the activity because of them.

Both Archie and Benny had spent the entire day blaming themselves for what had happened.

Oblivious to their thoughts, Roxanne simply continued having dinner with them as usual.

After dinner, she was about to take them out for a walk when her phone started ringing

Benny quickly fetched her phone for her, but the look on his face changed when he saw the name on the caller ID.

Roxanne felt confused when she saw his sudden change in expression.

It wasn’t until she saw Lucian’s name on the screen that she understood his reaction.

Why would Lucian be calling me at this hour?

After hesitating for a bit, she answered the call and asked, “What is it, Mr. Farwell?”

Lucian’s deep voice came on the other line. “The stage play takes place next week. When do you plan on rehearsing, Ms. Jarvis?”

Roxanne felt her heart sink when she heard him mention the stage play.

Oh, right, I forgot we'll have to rehearse it. This means I'll be spending more time with Lucian...

"This is the first time our kids will be participating in a stage play, Ms. Jarvis. I'm sure you'd want it to be a smooth experience for them, right?" Lucian pressed on.

Naturally, Roxanne couldn't bring herself to deny that statement. "When do you wish to start rehearsing, Mr. Farwell? You're a lot busier than I am, so I'll try my best to accommodate your schedule instead," she said after a brief pause.

"We can start tomorrow after our kids get off school. We can do it at your place if you don't mind," Lucian replied.

It would be late at night by the time they finished rehearsing, so Lucian wanted to save Roxanne the trouble of rushing home with her kids.

Since there's no escaping the rehearsal, it doesn't matter where we do it.

With that in mind, Roxanne agreed to his arrangement.

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The next day, Roxanne was so busy working at the research institute that it was already seven in the evening when she got home.

Upon entering the house, she froze in surprise when she saw Lucian standing in the living room

I remember agreeing to rehearse the stage play after the kids got off school, but I didn't think he'd just let himself in without informing me beforehand...

"Mommy!" Archie and Benny called out to her excitedly when they realized she was home. They then gave Estella's hand a gentle tug, prompting her to turn around.

Estella had a disappointed expression on her face at first, but her eyes lit up the moment she saw Roxanne:

"Ms. Jarvis!" Estella shouted as she ran over and threw herself at Roxanne before Archie and Benny could.

Suppressing her discomfort, Roxanne patted Estella on the head and asked, "When did you come over, Essie?"

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“She came home together with us!” Archie and Benny replied before Estella could.

Noticing the frown on Roxanne’s face, they continued explaining, “Essie really wanted to see you, so we let her come home with us, but she got a little unhappy because of how late you came home, Mommy.”.

Estella was so happy to see her that she didn’t even hear what Archie and Benny were saying

Roxanne’s heart softened up when she saw Estella staring at her like that. “I’m sorry to have kept you waiting because of work, Essie.”

Estella shook her head.

She was happy as long as she got to see Roxanne.

She only got unhappy earlier because she thought Roxanne was avoiding her again.

After a few minutes of watching them have fun, Lucian made his way over to them with a blank look on his face.

The smile on Roxanne’s face was frozen in place when she noticed him approaching. She then met his gaze with a distant look in her eyes. “Mr. Farwell.”

Lucian nodded slightly and asked, “Essie came looking for you in a hurry right after school was over, so she hasn’t eaten anything yet. Could you please prepare a set of utensils for her?”.

Naturally, Roxanne wouldn’t refuse a request like that.

Feeling excited that Roxanne was going to let Estella join them for dinner, Archie and Benny grabbed Estella’s hand and ran into the dining room.

Roxanne simply shook her head and smiled when she saw their reaction.

I’ve never seen them run toward the dining room so eagerly... They must be really happy, huh?

The smile on her face slowly vanished when she recalled that Lucian was still standing next to her.

Just like that, the living room fell into an awkward silence.

Even after she changed into her slippers, Lucian was still standing there with an emotionless look on his face.

Roxanne then glanced at the kids and nodded at him before making her way into the dining room.

The kids stopped playing when they saw her coming and just sat there staring at her.

Noticing that Archie and Benny had reserved a seat for her next to Estella, Roxanne sat down beside her. She then instinctively glanced at the living room and saw Lucian sitting on the couch all by himself.

Because he had his side facing them, she couldn't get a clear view of his facial expression.

As if he had detected her gaze, Lucian turned his head and looked in her direction.

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Roxanne tensed up the moment their gazes met. She then retracted her gaze and tried to act like she was looking at something else in his direction.

"Hurry up and dig in. The food is getting cold," Lysa urged them with a smile.

Having been snapped out of her daze, Roxanne nodded absent-mindedly and began topping the kids' plates up with food.

Estella simply stared at her food and refused to eat it.

"What's wrong, Essie? Do you not like the food?" Roxanne asked in confusion.

I don't recall her being a picky eater, though...

Estella cautiously glanced at the living room before saying in an adorable voice, "Daddy..."

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Roxanne's expression froze as she knew what Estella was going to say.

"Daddy hasn't eaten either. Can he join us?" Estella asked with an expectant look in her eyes.

Roxanne let out a helpless sigh when she heard that.

I figured Lucian probably hadn't eaten when I heard Estella had come over immediately after school. Since he was already here, I thought of inviting him to the table to show him the most basic of hospitality. However, he only asked if I could let Estella join us for dinner, so I couldn't really bring myself to invite him. Besides, he didn't seem like he wanted to join us anyway...

"Ms. Jarvis?" Estella tugged at her shirt sleeve.

Roxanne let out a silent sigh and patted her on the head as she said, "Sorry, I didn't know. I'll go invite your daddy right now."

She then turned toward Lysa and said, "Lysa, bring us another set of utensils."

Lysa nodded and went off to fetch the utensils from the kitchen while Roxanne made her way to the living room.

Lucian was scrolling through his phone on the couch when she walked up to him.

Unsure if he was genuinely unaware of her presence or deliberately waiting for her, Roxanne said, "Essie told me you haven't eaten."

Lucian then looked up at her and replied coldly, "Yeah."

What the heck is with that attitude of his? It's obvious that he was deliberately waiting for my invitation!

Roxanne thought to herself with a frustrated frown.

Since she had already initiated the conversation, she had no choice but to go through with it and asked reluctantly, "If you don't mind, how about joining us for dinner?"

Given how cold her tone was, anyone else would've known she was simply being polite and turned her invitation down.

Lucian, however, arched an eyebrow at her and said, "I don't mind at all, but I'm not sure if you would, Ms. Jarvis."

Roxanne glared at him as she forced the words out of her mouth. "No, I don't..."

Lucian then put his phone away and got up from the couch. "In that case, I shall graciously accept your invitation."

Roxanne nodded and went back to the dining room.

As if his plan had worked perfectly, Lucian was smiling gleefully as he walked behind her.

While Roxanne was oblivious to his expression, Archie and Benny saw it clearly from the dining table and exchanged surprised glances in response.

Who would've thought Daddy was such a cunning guy?

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While having dinner, Roxanne realized Lysa had arranged for Lucian to be seated right in front of her.

As Lucian's gaze would fall upon her from time to time, Roxanne felt extremely uncomfortable throughout the entire meal.

After what seemed like forever, they were finally done having dinner. Lysa then cleaned up the table while Roxanne and the others headed over to the living room to rehearse the stage play.

Although they had yet to finalize the roles for the play, Lucian and Roxanne became obvious choices for the prince and princess due to the kissing scene. .

The kids then stared blankly at Roxanne as they were unsure of the roles they should take up.

After going through the script, Roxanne gave it some thought before saying hesitantly, "Essie can play the role of the witch."

Estella nodded obediently in response.

“What about us, Mommy?” Archie and Benny asked in unison while staring at her excitedly.

They were curious as they didn’t remember finding any roles in Sleeping Beauty that suited the two of them.

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Roxanne paused briefly before replying with a chuckle, “Hmm... You two can be the fairies!”

Archie and Benny went wide-eyed with shock upon hearing that. What? But we’re boys! How will we act as fairies?

Roxanne burst out laughing when she saw their reaction. "All right, let's change the story up a little. You two can act as e

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Archie and Benny breathed sighs of relief as they accepted their roles,

Having assigned the roles to the kids, Roxanne stood up and glanced at Lucian, who was standing beside her.

He simply stared coldly at her in response.

The smile on Roxanne's face slowly faded as she said, "It seems we will have to take

up extra roles for this play. Not only will we be playing as the prince and princess, but also as the king and queen."

Lucian nodded in agreement without any hesitation, much to Roxanne's relief.

"This is the script. Take a look at your lines and try to memorize them as best you can," she said while handing the kids her phone.

The kids then huddled together as they read through the script on the phone.

Roxanne turned to look at Lucian and said, "We should go through the script as well. Could you search one up on your phone, Mr. Farwell?"

Lucian whipped out his phone and searched for a script on the spot.

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As Roxanne leaned in closer to read the script, the two of them were so near to each other that they could hear each other breathing.

Despite Roxanne's best efforts at staying focused on the script, she found herself getting distracted by him a lot. Lucian, on the other hand, was completely calm and focused as he went through the script.

Roxanne was blushing so hard that she barely remembered anything even after going through the entire script.

She was snapped out of her dazed state when Lucian's voice rang in her ears. "Do you want to read it again?"

Roxanne shook her head and stepped away from him as she blurted, "No, I'm good. You can go through it again if you need to, Mr. Farwell."

Lucian arched an eyebrow at her in amusement when he saw her reddened face.

Good thing I've already gone through the script a few times before. Also, I don't really have many lines since my character will be sleeping for the most part.

Roxanne breathed a sigh of relief at the thought of that.

"We're done, Mommy! Can we start rehearsing now?" the kids asked excitedly after finishing their script.

Roxanne nodded absent-mindedly and instinctively glanced at Lucian in response.

Having detected her gaze, Lucian put his phone away and nodded at her in response, indicating that he was ready as well.

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Playing the part of the king, Lucian welcomed Archie and Benny by saying, "Welcome to the party, you adorable elves!"

Although he had gotten his lines correct, his tone sounded so cold that it didn't match the mood at all.

As a result, Archie and Benny found themselves unable to get into character.

Roxanne shot Lucian a helpless look and said, "This is a fairy tale meant for children, Mr. Farwell. You'll scare the kids off like that."

Unsure of what she meant, Lucian simply frowned at her in confusion. •

"You need to put more emotion into your lines. We just had a baby, so you should be more happy about it," Roxanne explained.

Those words had barely left her mouth when she realized how wrong that sounded. "The king and queen are having a celebration for their princess, but you don't sound like you're celebrating at all!" she quickly explained with her face all red.

Lucian frowned and stared at her in silence.

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"Try to recall how you felt when Essie was born," Roxanne reminded him patiently.

The look in Lucian's eyes turned slightly gloomy as he glanced at Estella.

Her condition was terrible when I got her, so I felt nothing but anger and heartache. There was no excitement whatsoever...

With that in mind, he stared at Roxanne and wondered how she felt when she gave birth to Estella back then.

Thinking he still didn't understand what she meant, Roxanne tried to give him some more guidance. "How did you talk to your employees at Farwell Group during company parties?"

"Just like that," Lucian replied with a straight face.

"In that case, I'll say this line instead. You..."

Roxanne had wanted to tell Lucian to avoid speaking if possible but held herself back when she recalled that he would have lots of lines as the prince.

Lucian arched an eyebrow at her in confusion.

Roxanne let out an awkward chuckle in response. "Never mind-let's just forget this part for now."

Lucian nodded without saying a word.

Roxanne then got into character and smiled at Archie and Benny as she continued, "Welcome to the party, you adorable elves!".

The two kids got into character as well and smiled back at her. "Thank you for the invitation, Your Majesty. Please allow us to give the princess our blessings!"

Archie and Benny then danced about with their magic wands as they chanted a few magic words.

Roxanne was about to thank them when Estella entered the scene as the witch.

"You guys sure are bold!" she shouted while glaring at them.

Roxanne nearly burst out laughing when she saw how cute Estella looked. She then pretended to back away in fear, only to be pulled into Lucian's embrace.

"Who are you?" he asked, showing some emotion this time.

Estella then replied with her lines according to the script.

Meanwhile, Roxanne's mind went blank as she froze up in Lucian's arms.

She was so shocked by his sudden hug that she forgot they were rehearsing and instinctively broke free from his grip.

Her response was so sudden that Estella stopped reciting her lines halfway through and stared at her in confusion.

"What's wrong, Mommy?" Benny asked worriedly.

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It wasn't until she heard Benny's voice that Roxanne regained her senses and recalled that they were rehearsing.

As for Lucian's actions, it was needed by the script.

Realizing that fact, the apologetic Roxanne smiled at the children. "I'm sorry for spacing out. Please continue."

After exchanging curious glances, the children obediently agreed.

Meanwhile, Lucian, who was looking at Roxanne, had an epiphany that brought a grim expression to his face.

Feeling guilty to the extent of not daring to look in his direction, Roxanne naturally didn't notice the change in him.

As the rehearsal continued, they had to change their roles.

Roxanne, playing the princess after she was all grown up, did so with much aplomb.

It wasn't until the prince appeared while she was asleep that her frustrations began to build.

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Taking on the role of the prince, Lucian would either be too aloof or not angry enough when he faced Estella.

Naturally, his performance caused Roxanne to worry.

"Mr. Farwell, you'll scare the children this way."

"Mr. Farwell, you're facing a witch, not Essie. You have to look more fierce."

Lucian was speechless.

After a few rounds, the tired Estella gave her father a wry look, her face filled with annoyance.

Under his daughter's glare, Lucian couldn't resist feeling helpless about it.

Despite his desire to act well, he was hampered by his inherently calm temperament, making it difficult for him to express the right emotion.

Without saying a word, both father and daughter stood still and glared at each other.

Watching the scene, Roxanne couldn't help but feel amused.

Despite knowing Lucian for very long, this was the first time she saw him being bad at something

When she saw Estella on the brink of tears, Roxanne stroked her head with a smile. "Essie, why don't you take a break? I'll take over your role in the scene with your daddy."

After nodding with a pitiful expression, Estella headed to where the brothers were, her head hanging low.

Roxanne subsequently took her place opposite Lucian.

When she saw the expression on Lucian's face, Roxanne, too, was exasperated. "Mr. Farwell, you're here to rescue someone, not kill them, so don't look so cold."

Furrowing his brows, Lucian took her advice and tried to adjust his expression accordingly. Unfortunately, no matter how hard he tried, it just wouldn't come out right.

Sighing softly, Roxanne reached out to press the corner of his lips. "Relax. Don't be so tense."

No sooner had she spoken than both of them froze.

Roxanne, with an awkward expression, retracted her hand and returned to her spot.

As for Lucian, he maintained the smile that Roxanne had drawn on his lips. Despite that, his brows were knitted, making for a really weird sight.

When the three children saw Lucian and Roxanne's reactions, all of them were equally confounded.

After a moment of deathly silence, Roxanne was the first to regain her composure. Checking the time as if nothing had happened, she smiled at the children. "It's getting late. Since you have school tomorrow, that will be all for today."

Given how much intimacy had occurred between them during the entire period, Roxanne was too embarrassed to face Lucian anymore.

Fortunately, the children were cooperative and readily agreed with what she said.

When she didn't hear Lucian's answer after a while, Roxanne, steeling herself, looked up at him, "Mr. Farwell, let's continue next time."

Noticing the panic on her face and recalling the sensation of her touch, Lucian nodded as an unknown emotion flickered through his eyes. "All right."

Just as he spoke, he went to Estella's side to hold her hand,

Nonetheless, Estella gave Roxanne a reluctant look. "Ms. Jarvis, are we going to continue tomorrow?"

Estella wanted to see her every day.

In the end, Roxanne answered in a vague manner that indicated her agreement.

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Chapter 511 The next evening, Roxanne planned to leave work early to pick the children up from school.

It had been a long time since she did so as she had been trying to avoid Lucian. Now that meeting him was inevitable, there was no need to hide from him.

Holding that thought, Roxanne gave Lysa a call, letting the latter know that she would pick up the children herself.

Lysa agreed at once.

Upon ending the call, Roxanne threw herself back into work.

Even though the Damaris family's research institute was still in the planning stage, a lot of details still needed to be confirmed with Roxanne's research institute. Furthermore, Roxanne, not wanting to disappoint the Damaris family, had to make sure that her preparations were comprehensive enough.

Meanwhile, Colby had finished his work in the research facility and came over to provide her with a progress report. The moment he stepped in, he sat quietly opposite her when he saw how engrossed she was in work, hoping to speak to her when she was done.

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It wasn't until a long while later that Roxanne shifted her attention away from the screen. At the sight of Colby, she was stunned. "Dr. Galloway, why are you here? When did you come in?"

Colby grinned. "I just got here. Since you were busy, I didn't want to disrupt your work."

Roxanne gave him a slight nod. "What is it? How are things at the research facility?"

Colby replied, "I was just going to talk to you about it. The projects over the last few days have been going smoothly. Therefore, you can prepare for our collaboration with the Damaris family without worry."

Colby had barely finished when he added in admiration, "Everyone in the research institute is talking about the upcoming collaboration. They are looking forward to it and feel grateful to you for securing such an opportunity."

Roxanne got up to pour him some coffee before smiling humbly at his words. "The credit for securing the collaboration goes to everyone here. After all, they are the ones who have kept this place running. Regardless of how smart I am, there's no way the Damaris family chose to work with us solely on my account."

Roxanne was certain that the Damaris family had conducted a thorough background check on their research institute before choosing them as their partner.

After thanking her upon receiving his drink, Colby inquired about the progress of her preparations. "How are things coming along at your end?"

Roxanne casually turned her screen around in order to show him.

Even though the collaboration details had been decided, the Damaris family's research institute wasn't on track yet. Thus, Roxanne could only spend the last few days identifying the direction of the family's research and reading up on the latest information in an effort to prepare ahead of time.

After going through it, Colby knitted his brows. "This is a field that our research institute has not explored before. Thus, I'm not sure if we can meet the Damaris family's expectations."

Roxanne curled her lips into a smile. "That's the reason why I'm preparing for it as much as possible. Furthermore, if the collaboration goes well, our research institute will be able to expand the fields that we're involved in, which will be extremely beneficial to our future development."

Colby responded with a thoughtful nod. "I understand. I'll make sure everyone is well prepared."

In the midst of their discussion, there was a sudden knock on the door.

When Roxanne opened it, she saw one of the researchers, dressed in a lab coat, standing at the door.

When he saw Roxanne, the man reported awkwardly, "Dr. Jarvis, excuse me for troubling you before you leave, but we have encountered a problem with our experiment. Can you help us take a look at it?"

Roxanne agreed without hesitation while Colby, too, followed them back to the research facility.

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Meanwhile, class had ended at the kindergarten. With most of the students gone, only the three children were left waiting at the school field.

They were in a particularly good mood as they were looking forward to the rehearsal later

While Archie and Benny would chat occasionally, Estella sat obediently by the side with a smile on her adorable face.

"Why isn't Ms. Lane here yet?" Benny began to grow curious when he noticed the sky turning dark.

Ms. Lane has always arrived early, so why is she late today?

Despite furrowing his brows, Archie reassured his brother, "Perhaps she's occupied with something. Let's just wait for a while longer."

At that moment, Lucian strode through the kindergarten entrance and was greeted by the sight of the three children sitting in a row.

"Daddy!" Estella, the first to see him, waved at Lucian.

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After hurrying up to her, Lucian knitted his brows while staring at the brothers.

Over the last few days, Lysa had been picking up the boys since Roxanne was avoiding Lucian. Thus, they were usually gone by the time he arrived.

What's going on today?

"Where's Ms. Lane?" Lucian asked in a gentle tone.

Propping their chins up with a hand, the boys were equally clueless. "We don't know."

"Archie says that Ms. Lane might be busy," Benny explained in his squeaky voice.

Frowning, Lucian checked the time and suggested, "I'll send you home."

The boys exchanged a glance.

Even though Benny was tempted, Archie shook his head with an expressionless face. The look in his eyes was just as distant as Roxanne's. "You don't have to. We'll just wait for Ms. Lane. Otherwise, she'll worry if she doesn't see us here."

Lucian replied at once, "I'll give your mommy a call and tell her to inform Ms. Lane."

With the boys still appearing reluctant, Lucian added, "I'm going to send Essie over to your house for the rehearsal anyway."

Estella, too, urged them, "Let's go together. Daddy will let Ms. Lane know. Since it's already late, let's leave quickly!"

As she spoke, she tugged the boys' bags with a look of anticipation.

However, the brothers merely hugged their bags tighter. Their resentment for Lucian couldn't be any more obvious.

Estella then turned around to look to her father for help.

After giving her head a reassuring stroke, Lucian returned his attention to the boys who were sitting on the bench. "If you continue to wait here, Ms. Ward will also have to wait with you. Have you thought about that?"

At that, Pippa's first reaction was to say that it was fine. However, the look on Lucian's face caused her to swallow her words in fear. Instead, she wore an awkward expression in front of the children

The brothers stared at their teacher before thinking about their mother. Identical conflicted expressions dominated their faces.

At that moment, Estella rubbed her stomach pitifully with a pout. "I'm hungry."

Lucian raised his brows slightly. "We'll have to wait for the brothers."

Upon hearing his words, the boys finally got off the bench with their bags and trudged up to Lucian's side.

After motioning for Estella to hold the brothers' hands, Lucian took his leave from Pippa before leading them out of the kindergarten.

Once all of them got into the car, Lucian started the engine and drove toward Roxanne's home.

Since the three children were sitting at the back, Estella would occasionally speak to the boys. Before long, all of them dropped their guard and began to play in the back.

The sound of the children arguing caused Lucian's expression to soften slightly, and there was even a hint of amusement in his eyes.

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Chapter 513

By the time Roxanne came out of the research facility, it was already past seven in the evening

Checking the time, she felt as if she had forgotten something.

In the midst of her trying to recall what it was, she received a call from Lysa, which she picked up with a frown.

"Ms. Jarvis, are you on your way?" Lysa's voice rang out the moment she answered.

Her words had Roxanne instantly thinking of the boys. She replied at once, "I forgot about them! I'm heading over right away!"

Ending the call in a hurry, she sped toward the kindergarten.

Upon her arrival, she was greeted by the closed gate at its entrance. Evidently, the brothers were no longer inside.

Overwhelmed by panic, Roxanne froze momentarily before it occurred to her to give Pippa a call.

"Mr. Farwell has picked Archie and Benny up. Didn't he inform you about it?" Pippa asked curiously.

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Lucian picked them up...

Roxanne breathed a sigh of relief. After thanking Pippa, she ended the call with mixed emotions.

While staring at the empty kindergarten, she was filled with guilt and self-blame.

She had grown so used to Lysa collecting the boys that she ended up allowing such an important matter to slip her mind.

Luckily, Lucian was there.

Suddenly, her ringing phone jolted her out of her thoughts.

After getting a grip of herself, she glanced at the caller ID,

Seeing Lucian's name, she figured that it must be about the children.

Hence, she answered without hesitation,

"When are you coming back?" When Lucian's magnetic voice rang out, Roxanne was

stunned by his words.

It took her a few seconds to realize he was likely waiting at her house, as they were due to rehearse for the play.

It was just that his words drove her imagination wild, for he made it sound as if they were a family.

Suppressing the turbulent emotions within her, Roxanne plainly replied, "I'm on my way. Thanks for picking Archie and Benny up."

After grunting in acknowledgment, Lucian reminded casually, "Be careful while driving. The kids are playing, so there's nothing to worry about."

As another strange sensation crept into her heart, Roxanne mumbled a response before ending the call.

Lucian's tone just makes it all too easy for me to get carried away with my thoughts.

After lingering at the kindergarten entrance to calm her nerves, Roxanne departed for her mansion.

The moment she stepped into the house, she was greeted by the sight of Lucian working on the couch. The children were nowhere to be seen.

"Ms. Jarvis, what held you up tonight?" Lysa welcomed her with a concerned tone.

Roxanne, in an apologetic tone, explained, "I had wanted to go get them but was delayed by work."

After acknowledging her answer, Lysa threw Lucian a glance and added, "Luckily, they didn't have to wait as Mr. Farwell sent them home."

Just as Roxanne trailed Lysa's gaze, she saw Lucian wrapping up his work and approaching them after keeping his phone.

"Thank you." As Lucian came up to her, Roxanne averted her gaze and thanked him softly

Lucian, with a cursory nod, suggested in his deep voice, "Since you're back, you should have your dinner first as the children have been complaining about being hungry. Even though Lysa has already prepared dinner, they still insisted on waiting for you"

Roxanne's heart melted as she pursed her lips and nodded.

In response to her agreement, Lucian turned around and headed to the backyard.

Roxanne followed him, knowing that the children were likely there.