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“Daddy!” Estella ran into Lucian’s arms the moment she saw him. She was charmed by his striking appearance.

Lucian squatted down to hug Estella and held her up while looking at Roxanne in front of him.

Roxanne had on only simple make-up and was wearing a white princess dress. Her long hair was pulled up and secured by a tiny crystal crown. Her eyes seemed to sparkle, and she looked dazzling.

Roxanne smiled at him faintly when she met his eyes, and he couldn’t turn away.

Archie and Benny were standing behind Roxanne quietly as they looked at Lucian before them, imagining how they would look like when they grew up.

Although they didn’t like him, they couldn’t deny how handsome Lucian was.

Will we be as handsome as him in the future?

“Let’s go inside.” Lucian broke the silence and turned to lead the way.

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Roxanne nodded slightly and walked behind him along with Archie and Benny.

The anniversary celebration had yet to begin. The children and their parents, who had already done their make-up, were looking around the kindergarten.

The theme of the anniversary celebration was fairytales, so the entire kindergarten was decorated such that it resembled the places in fairytales. At first glance, Roxanne thought she had walked into a fairytale world.

When they first walked into the kindergarten, they first entered a world of snow and ice. There were pumpkin lanterns everywhere and several pumpkin carriages by the roadside. One of them had a glass shoe on it.

As they walked further into the kindergarten, they saw a colorful candy house. Several exquisite-looking baskets were placed at the doorstep, and half of the candies inside had been taken away.

At the sight of the candies, Archie and Benny stopped in their tracks.

Just as Roxanne was about to get two candies for Archie and Benny, Lucian had already walked toward the candy basket. He returned not long after with his hands full of candies.

“Isn’t this too much? What about the kids after us?” Roxanne asked,

Lucian looked at her in amusement. “Someone will fill up the baskets later.”

Realizing how stupid she was, Roxanne pursed her lips while smiling awkwardly

Although Archie and Benny were averse to him, they couldn’t resist the temptation of the candies. After hesitating for a few seconds, they carefully took two candies from Lucian’s hand and said sweetly, “Thank you, Mr. Farwell.”

Lucian nodded slightly and took two candies for Estella. After that, he put the rest of the candies into the big pocket of Estella’s witch costume.

In an instant, Estella’s pocket bulged.

Along the way, they saw that many parents and children were also dressed in fairytale costumes.

The children were held by their parents as they skipped forward.

From afar, Roxanne saw a child looking like Little Red Riding Hood. That little girl looks really cute...

Right when she was staring at Little Red Riding Hood, the adult next to the little girl suddenly looked in Roxanne’s and Lucian’s direction.

Roxanne couldn’t help feeling surprised when their eyes met. She greeted the woman with a smile, “Ms. Clark.”

Cassandra held little Chloe’s hand as they walked toward Roxanne. The former was stunned when she saw Roxanne, Archie, and Benny. “Ms. Jarvis, you’re really beautiful today! Archie and Benny look really adorable too!”

Roxanne smiled. “There I was wondering who the cute Little Red Riding Hood was. I can’t believe it’s Chloe.”

Cassandra's role was Grandma Wolf, so she had dressed up like an old lady on purpose. As a result, Chloe looked even more energetic and adorable by her side.

"The kindergarten gave her a good cloak." When Cassandra spoke, she subconsciously glanced at Lucian walking in front of her.

Lucian had walked forward without looking at her at all.

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Chloe, who was holding onto Cassandra's hand, suddenly saw that Archie and Benny were eating something. She asked curiously, "Archie, Benny, what are you two eating?"

"Candy." Archie and Benny opened their mouths to show her.

After that, they touched their pockets and looked at Chloe apologetically. "We've finished ours. Otherwise, we could have shared two with you."

The disappointment was written all over Chloe's face when she heard that.

Roxanne's heart softened when she saw how sad Chloe looked. She remembered the candies inside Estella's pocket and called out to Estella, "Essie, can you give two candies to Chloe?"

Estella turned at the sound of Roxanne's voice and nodded, trying to take a few candies from her pocket.

However, as she was being carried by Lucian, she couldn't move her hands much. Besides, the pocket of the witch costume was deep. After trying for a long time and still couldn't reach the candies, she looked at Lucian for help.

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Lucian did not seem to notice Estella's movements at all as he continued moving forward.

Chloe looked at Estella pitifully. After she waited a long time for the candy and couldn't see any, her face fell even more.

Roxanne was in a dilemma.

If I called out to Lucian, he'd definitely give Chloe the candy, but we would look too intimate in front of Ms. Clark. But poor Chloe...

Upon deliberation, Roxanne called out to the man in front of her, "Mr. Farwell, could you help Essie with the candies?"

Hearing that, Lucian stopped in his tracks.

Everyone behind him became nervous all of a sudden.

A few seconds later, Lucian had a few colorful candies in his hand. He walked toward Chloe and asked the latter to open her palm.

Lucian's aura frightened Chloe, Chloe tried to stretch out her hands a few times, but she didn't dare to. Yet, her eyes were filled with longing for the candies.

Naturally, Cassandra was embarrassed to take the candies straight from Lucian's hands.

At that moment, the atmosphere was somewhat awkward.

Roxanne noticed the awkwardness in the air. After a short moment of hesitation, she walked toward Lucian and took the candies from his hand. Then she squatted down and took Chloe's hand. "Here are some candies for you, Little Red Riding Hood," she said softly.

Chloe's eyes gradually lit up. "Thank you, Ms. Jarvis!"

Roxanne smiled. Afterward, she turned sideways to remind Chloe, "Don't forget to thank Mr. Farwell too. He's the one who gave you the candies."

Looking at Lucian, Chloe became timid again. She mumbled, "Thank you, Mr. Farwell."

Lucian nodded slightly in response, then glanced at Roxanne, who was still squatting down with a meaningful look before turning around and walking forward.

Seeing that Lucian had walked some distance away from them, Cassandra asked cautiously, "Ms. Jarvis, are you close to Mr. Farwell?"

Roxanne was taken aback when she heard that. She tried to stay calm as she explained, "Essie gets along well with my boys, so I interact with Mr. Farwell more than you guys. That's probably why we look a little close."

Cassandra nodded understandingly with a smile. “Mr. Farwell and Estella have never participated in events like these, not to mention performing in fancy costumes, because of Estella. Thanks to you, Archie, and Benny, or we may not have had the chance to be blessed with such a wonderful sight.”

Indeed. Ever since Archie and Benny appeared, Estella had started accepting group activities and playing with other kids.

Roxanne’s heart softened when she thought of Estella, and she didn’t deny what Cassandra said.

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Roxanne and Cassandra chatted all the way to the hall of the kindergarten.

The hall was also filled with fairytale-like decorations, and the seats were occupied by children and parents.

Pippa was waiting at the entrance. She saw Lucian first and greeted him politely. When she was about to tell him where to sit, she saw Roxanne and the others behind him.

“Ms. Jarvis. Ms. Clark.” Pippa figured that Roxanne was probably there with Lucian, so she greeted them together.

Roxanne and Cassandra smiled in response.

“Did you help your children to do their make-up? They’re so adorable!” Pippa couldn’t help but exclaim in awe when she saw Archie, Benny, Estella, and Chloe.

Although she was well aware of her students’ good looks, only when the children were dressed up as fairytale characters during the anniversary celebration did she realize how beautiful they were.

The children beamed when they heard Pippa’s compliments.

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“Our class will be sitting at the front. Please make your way there.” Pippa pointed them to their seats.

They nodded and walked forward.

As they walked down the aisle while making their way to their seats, Roxanne could feel everyone’s eyes on them.

The crowd was stunned by the scene.

Although everyone present had dressed up as characters in fairytales, Roxanne and Lucian looked like a princess and a prince, while Archie, Benny, and Estella had the elegance of royalty.

Roxanne and the others were used to being stared at by others. Despite being stared at, they continued to make their way to their seats with straight faces.

Archie, Benny, and Estella sat between Roxanne and Lucian. They looked like a family

Soon, the anniversary celebration began.

One fairytale after another was presented on the stage.

The kindergarten had indeed put a lot of effort into the anniversary celebration.

The stage design was highly realistic, which made the fairytale look even more vivid and lifelike.

Archie, Benny, and Estella were exceptionally drawn to many of the performances because the stories were new to them.

They teared up when the Little Match Girl froze and died on the streets, and they covered their eyes out of fear when they saw Grandma Wolf from The Little Red Riding Hood. The three looked pitiful because of the change of emotions on their faces.

Roxanne’s emotions were stirred up a little too, but when she saw how funny they looked, she couldn’t help but feel amused.

“Mommy.” When the play was about Pinocchio, Benny cautiously tugged Roxanne’s sleeve.

Roxanne lowered her gaze and looked at Benny.

Benny was anxiously touching his nose as he asked in a muffled voice, “Will my nose really get longer if I lie?”

Hearing that, Roxanne chuckled softly.

Benny's eyes were filled with confusion.

Roxanne didn't expect him to ask that question. He's usually intelligent, and computer programming isn't even complex for him. I can't believe he actually believes in things like this.

However, when she saw how nervous he looked, she couldn't help teasing him. She smiled and said with certainty, "That's right. Look at Pinocchio's nose."

Benny pouted and turned to Archie and Estella to check his nose.

No one knew what he said to Estella. But when she heard what he said, she couldn't stop giggling as she covered her mouth.

When Roxanne saw the little ones whispering to one another, she was full of smiles.

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It was dimly lit below the stage.

Lucian could feel the children smiling beside him. Feeling curious, he gazed in their direction. The three children were whispering to each other about who knows-what with secretive looks on their faces. Every so often, they would cover their mouths to muffle out their soft giggles.

From beside them, Roxanne was looking at the children with a gentle smile on her face.

It was quite a tender moment.

However, the moment her eyes met Lucian's, her loving smile turned stiff ever so slightly

Roxanne lowered her gaze and composed herself before turning her face away so that Lucian could only see her side profile.

Lucian's gaze darkened. With his brows knitted tightly together, he, too, turned his gaze away.

They were the last ones to perform.

When the second-last performance was about to come to an end, Lucian and Roxanne directed the children backstage and got ready to perform.

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They had thought the children would feel at least a little nervous, as it was their first time performing in front of an audience.

Unexpectedly, the three children were buzzing with excitement. A huge grin hung on their faces as their eyes shone in delight, much to Roxanne's relief.

After the host introduced them, Roxanne led the children onstage.

The first few scenes were flawless. Everything was exactly as they had rehearsed. As they carried out the scene, the children showed no signs of stage fright. In fact, they were far more confident than all the other children.

Roxanne could even hear the audible gasps of the audience,

When it was Estella's turn, the crowd erupted with applause the moment her childish voice rang out as she recited her first line,

Everyone was aware of Estella's condition. She was even known as Little Mute in the outside world. At that moment, when they heard Estella speak so fluently with their

own ears, they were both surprised and overjoyed.

Likewise, the memory of her first encounter with Estella surfaced in Roxanne's mind. She recalled how shy Estella had been when they first met and how the former would not even say a single word.

Roxanne looked at the tiny silhouette standing onstage at that moment, her heart swelling with emotions and pride when she saw Estella performing with such confidence in front of so many people.

Before long, it was time for the scene where the princess pricked her finger on the spinning wheel and fell into a deep sleep.

When the curtains rose, Roxanne was lying quietly still on an exquisitely crafted wooden bed. Her long locks, which were originally held in place by a tiara, were now hanging loosely over the bed, fully exposing her perfect side profile to the audience.

The stage light softened, giving the scene a sense of serenity. The warm lights shone on Roxanne's fair skin, giving it a faint glow. Under the spotlight, she truly looked like a princess from a fairytale—a gentle princess who was in a deep sleep.

When the curtains rose again, Lucian and Estella appeared on the stage. The crowd watched on as the two stared each other down.

Lucian had a tall build and long legs. He was wearing a form-fitting knight costume and was holding a sparkling sword in his hand, showcasing the nobleness of his character.

On the other hand, Estella was glaring menacingly at Lucian. Her stance indicated that she was about to lunge at him.

The pair pretended to fight, throwing fake punches and kicks at each other before Estella ultimately fell to the ground, defeated. Once the girl lay down on the ground, Lucian made his way backstage in huge strides.

The curtains closed gently. When it reopened, only the prince and the sleeping princess were left onstage.

At the sight of the two of them in the same scene, the crowd fell silent. The scene was so breathtaking that the audience almost did not want to move for fear that any motion would disrupt the atmosphere.

Onstage, the prince stood by the wooden bed and gazed at the sleeping princess lovingly. With the sword in one hand, Lucian held the headboard with his other hand and slowly leaned in.

The distance between the two beautiful side profiles got closer and closer. By then, the crowd had held their breath. Their eyes were brimming with anticipation.

As Roxanne lay still on the bed, she could feel Lucian's breath inching closer and closer to her face.

Even though they had rehearsed that very scene twice, Roxanne could still feel her heart rate picking up as the scene played out at that moment.

On top of her nervousness, Roxanne could vaguely sense that Lucian did not turn away as rehearsed.

Instinctively, Roxanne's brows twitched. However, at the thought of the audience below the stage, she forced herself to maintain a calm complexion and resisted the urge to open her eyes and see what was happening.

In the next second, she felt something warm and gentle on her lips.

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Roxanne was stunned.

Lucian seemed to have decided that she would not make a fuss onstage. He kept her lips on hers for a full three seconds before slowly moving away and straightening his posture.

Roxanne quietly clenched her fists to calm herself down and stop herself from losing control in front of the audience. Her eyelids fluttered gently before she slowly opened her eyes.

As Lucian stood by her side, a small smile appeared on his lips. However, all traces of the smile vanished into thin air the moment she looked over at him. ”

At an angle where the audience could not see her face, Roxanne allowed herself to frown slightly before getting down from the bed.

For the rest of the play, Roxanne had no idea how she managed to keep her composure.

The sudden kiss by Lucian had completely wrecked her mind, leaving it in a pile of chaos.

Only when the children led her to the edge of the stage by her hand did Roxanne manage to snap out of her daze. Recollecting herself, Roxanne gave the audience a bow.

Thunderous applause rang out from below the stage.

The audience was completely mesmerized by the fantastical ambient of the scene, and no one noticed whether the kiss was real or fake. All they knew was that the scene was undeniably beautiful.

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Listening to the thunderous applause below the stage, Roxanne fluttered about, then quickly walked off the stage and returned to her seat.

"Ms. Jarvis, the two of you were absolutely stunning!" Cassandra exclaimed from behind

Roxanne had finally calmed herself down slightly. However, when she heard Cassandra's comment, Roxanne's mind went berserk once again,

The warmth of Lucian's kiss still lingered on her lips.

Tossing an apologetic look at Cassandra, Roxanne excused herself. "Sorry, I'm feeling a little unwell. I think I need some fresh air. Please excuse me."

"Do you need me to come with you?" Cassandra offered with concern.

Before she could hear what Cassandra was saying, Roxanne had already turned to leave.

The host was still giving concluding remarks on the stage.

Archie and Benny glanced over in the direction Roxanne had just left. Looking worried, they wanted to chase after her.

They had clearly seen what had happened onstage. They knew that Lucian had not followed through with what they had rehearsed and had kissed Roxanne for real.

They concluded that Roxanne's sudden weird attitude was because of Lucian's kiss.

Just as Archie and Benny stood up, however, a tall figure stood in front of them, preventing them from advancing any further.

Lowering his gaze, Lucian looked at the two boys. "You boys stay here. I'll go see how she's doing."

With that, Lucian bent down and pressed Archie and Benny into their seats before turning to chase after Roxanne.

Outside the hall, Roxanne was sitting quietly on the slide in the small playground. Her mind was a complete mess.

The kiss Lucian had given her a moment ago still burned in her brain. No matter how hard she tried, she could not shake away the memory.

Back when they were still rehearsing for the play, Roxanne had tried to skip the final scene between her and Lucian.

However, Lucian had convinced her that rehearsing the scene would allow him to fake the kiss more convincingly so that she would comply, and she had naively believed in him.

Yet little did she expect Lucian to actually kiss her even after all those days of rehearsing

At that moment, Roxanne felt her head going blank.

If it weren't for the fact that there was an audience watching them, Roxanne did not know how she would have reacted,

Also, Lucian's expression when I opened my eyes was... was...

Roxanne closed her eyes in concentration as she dug through the images in her brain hoping to catch a glimpse of Lucian's expression at that moment. But no matter how hard she tried, she could not remember.

Lucian's expression seemed to be natural, so natural that it was as though that was how the scene was supposed to go.

Roxanne started to wonder if the kiss was just an illusion.

At that thought, Roxanne touched her lips absentmindedly.

The kiss was real.

Nonetheless, she could not wrap her head around the meaning behind Lucian's kiss.

Or could it be that the kiss was just an accident, and I'm just overthinking this...

Just as the thoughts ran wildly in her head, a tall figure approached her slowly.

Still lost in thought, Roxanne was completely oblivious to the approaching figure.

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Lucian stood behind Roxanne and stared at her silhouette for a long time.

What is she thinking about? She didn't even notice I was here. She didn't even move an inch the entire time I was here.

After a long while, Lucian raised his feet and walked toward her with a frown on his face.

Only when a shadow cast on her did Roxanne realize that she was not alone. Snapping out of her daze, Roxanne lifted her head to look at the person standing in front of her.

As their gazes met, Roxanne immediately knitted her brows and stood up with solemn guardedness. She took a few steps back, increasing the distance between them.

“What are you thinking about, Ms. Jarvis? Why did you leave Archie and Benny behind and come out here alone?” Lucian asked in concern as though nothing had happened.

Roxanne looked at the man standing before her and retorted, “Didn’t you leave Essie behind and come out here as well, Mr. Farwell?”

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Lucian’s expression sank momentarily, but quickly, he flashed a smile at Roxanne. “Essie was worried about you. I’m merely checking on you on her behalf.”

A wave of frustration washed over Roxanne as she remembered how distressed she was a moment ago. She could not help but think that she was being played by the man in front of her.

After a few seconds of silence, Roxanne decided to address the elephant in the room. “Thank you for your concern, Mr. Farwell. I was just wondering... Why didn’t you follow through with what was rehearsed in the final scene?”

The moment she spoke those words, Roxanne noticed Lucian arching his eyebrows slightly. He looked as though he was surprised.

Roxanne was filled with confusion.

“You felt that?”

Roxanne scrunched up her face, immediately confirming that the kiss was not just a figment of her imagination.

Lucian had truly kissed her in front of an audience,

Did the audience see that? If they did... Lucian has a fiancée, and almost every parent in the kindergarten knows about it. Yet, he still kissed me in front of everyone.

Roxanne was perplexed and dumbfounded. She had no clue as to what Lucian was thinking. Moreover, she did not know what the audience was thinking when they saw the scene.

Panic surged in Roxanne's heart as she imagined all the possible responses of the audience. For a brief moment, she lost control of her emotions. "Did you think I was actually asleep, Mr. Farwell? So, pray tell, why didn't you follow what we had rehearsed when all those people were watching?"

Lucian took in Roxanne's panicked expression, and his gaze darkened. "Looks like it bothers you a lot, Ms. Jarvis."

Roxanne stared at him incredulously. "It does. In fact, it bothers me greatly. So please, Mr. Farwell, I would like a reasonable explanation!"

Lucian nodded. With a calm voice, he asked, "If I tell you it was an accident, will you believe me?"

Roxanne was taken aback. Suspicion was written all over her face.

"I really did want to follow what we had rehearsed back then. Unfortunately, the lights cast a shadow on your face from where I was standing, obscuring my sight and causing me to miscalculate the distance and accidentally kiss you." Lucian looked Roxanne in the eye. "I was just as shocked as you are when that happened, Ms. Jarvis. But since you did not seem to have much reaction, I carried on. I didn't expect you to mind so much."

In other words, he was saying that Roxanne had allowed him to continue that kiss.

Roxanne stared at him in disbelief. Not only did she find his explanation hilarious, but she also thought it was downright absurd. "Pray tell, Mr. Farwell. How should I have reacted back then for you to know that I mind?"

There were so many pairs of eyes below the stage. Did he expect me to ignore the script and push him away forcefully?

Lucian mulled over it in silence. After a while, he answered matter-of-factly, "To be honest, even I have no idea how you should have reacted back then. However, it's all in the past. There's no need for us to keep discussing it."

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He had kissed her in front of so many people, yet now he was telling her that there was no need for them to discuss it since it had all passed.

He made it seem as though she was the one overreacting.

At the sight of Roxanne's anger, Lucian stated seriously, "Whether you believe it or not, the kiss truly was an accident. Besides, I have no reason to kiss you."

When she heard that, she felt as though someone had put away the fire burning in her heart.

Even though she did not want to believe it, she had to admit that Lucian was telling the truth. He had no reason to kiss her.

After all, Aubree was the one Lucian had always been in love with for all those years. The two of them were even engaged. He would not have left Aubree alone and done something that could cause so many misunderstandings in front of a crowd.

However, the more Roxanne followed that train of thought, the more upset she was at herself.

That's the reality. Why was I overthinking about it just now? I must have made a fool of myself in front of Lucian.

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Laughing softly at her own absurdity, Roxanne lowered her head.

Meanwhile, Lucian had mistaken her silence for anger. After a moment of silence, he smiled. "I've come out here to apologize to you. If you're so bothered by the fact that I stole a kiss from you, you can steal one from me."

Cocking an eyebrow, he added, "I promise I won't move."

Roxanne jerked her head up to look at him in disbelief. She could not believe what she had just heard.

What is this guy talking about? A few moments ago, he was explaining that the kiss was not intentional. But now he's saying things like this. Doesn't he know that it'll cause a lot of misunderstandings?

Roxanne could no longer read what he was thinking.

“So what would it be, Ms. Jarvis? Will you forgive me, or do you want to kiss me back?” Lucian pressed on.

Seeing how nonchalant he looked, Roxanne almost laughed out loud in frustration. Not wanting to continue the topic, she said, “Since you’ve already explained yourself, we can pretend it never happened. Thank you, Mr. Farwell. I’m heading back inside.”

With that, she turned and headed straight for the hall.

As for the audience, Roxanne could only pray that they did not see the kiss, and even if they did, she hoped they would think it was all for the play.

Behind her, Lucian remained standing by the slide, keeping his eyes on Roxanne’s diminishing silhouette. When he saw that she did not even turn back to look at him, a mocking smile appeared on his lips. Then he picked up his pace and followed her into the hall.

By the time the two returned to the hall, it was the prize-giving ceremony.

When the three children saw them entering the hall, their eyes lit up with excitement.

“Mommy, we won first place!” Benny immediately whispered in Roxanne’s ears the moment she sat down.

With a smile, Roxanne reached out and rubbed Benny’s head. “Thanks to all your hard work! All of you were amazing!”

Benny puffed out his chest in pride. With excitement written all over his face, he turned his gaze toward the stage. “We even received prizes!”

Roxanne did not give much thought to the statement. Thinking that the prizes would be toys for the children, she merely smiled and waited with the rest of them.

On the stage, the host had just finished announcing the names of the winners and was starting to introduce the prizes.

The prizes were given according to the number of families involved in each group. The third place received two mountain bikes for children, the second place received three pairs of limited edition Lego sets, and the first place received two sets of family vacation vouchers to a hot spring—one for Roxanne, and one for Lucian.

Roxanne was dumbfounded when she heard what the prize was.

It was so different from the previous two prizes,

She had assumed that the first prize would also be toys for the children. Yet to her surprise, they were vouchers for a hot spring vacation,

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“Put your hands together as we invite the champion to receive the prize on stage!” The host smiled and looked toward Roxanne and the others.

Roxanne glanced at Lucian, hoping he would go up.

However, Lucian remained seated calmly and showed no intention of standing up.

Roxanne had no choice but to get up on stage to receive the vouchers for a hot spring vacation from Jeffrey.

As she walked up the stage, everyone shot her envious looks.

Thinking that the people might have seen their kiss, Roxanne couldn't wait to get off the stage. She hurriedly took the vouchers, thanked the presenter, and turned to step down from the stage.

The three children looked at the vouchers in her hand with faces full of excitement.

Roxanne, however, was distracted.

The long wait for the event to end was exhausting. And as soon as it ended, Roxanne immediately got up, wanting to leave with the children.

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As they walked out of the hall, Estella said gingerly, "Ms. Jarvis, let's go together!"

Roxanne was shocked to hear that from Estella and couldn't react for a moment.

Estella had already run up to her. Her face was flushed red, and she was staring at Roxanne with eyes brimming with anticipation. "Let's go to the hot spring together!"

She had never been anywhere that far with Roxanne, and she was looking forward to

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After all, they had worked hard to win the vacation vouchers, and it was only natural that they went to the hot spring together.

Roxanne's heart softened when she took in Estella's expectant eyes,

Lucian walked out and stood beside Estella silently while looking at Roxanne with an incomprehensible gaze.

When she felt Lucian's line of sight, Roxanne hesitated for a moment before rejecting Estella firmly. "I will be busy. You go ahead with your daddy."

Hearing that, the children felt disappointed,

They were all looking forward to having fun together, but Roxanne didn't seem to think the same.

Lucian's eyes darkened, and the atmosphere became tense.

Estella looked at Roxanne with her puppy eyes, then at Lucian.

She knew that Roxanne would continue to avoid them as before after the play.

Her eyes turned red as she looked at the two adults, who were silent.

Having spent time with Roxanne and the boys during this time, she felt even more reluctant to part ways with them.

She didn't want Roxanne to avoid them again.

At that thought, Estella grabbed the corner of Roxanne's clothes and pouted. "Ms. Jarvis..."

Looking at Estella's sorrowful look, Archie and Benny exchanged glances and felt sorry for her. "Mommy, let's go with Essie!"

Roxanne's heart was in turmoil. She raised her head and looked at Lucian, who was in front of her.

Lucian frowned and said coldly, "Ms. Jarvis, if you don't want to go with me, I can stay, but you'll have to take care of Essie."

Roxanne was slightly taken aback by Lucian's statement.

Estella turned around, grabbed the corner of Roxanne's clothes with one hand and Lucian's with the other, and choked out, "Together..."

She was about to break into tears.

Roxanne's heart ached. She gritted her teeth and remained silent for a few seconds. "Don't cry, Essie. I'll go with you."

As she spoke, she reached out and patted Estella's head.

Estella was still skeptical about it.

Roxanne had no other choice but to look at Lucian and ask, "When will you be free, Mr. Farwell?"

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When Estella saw Roxanne confirming a date with Lucian, she knew that Roxanne had agreed to go together, and her face lit up with excitement. Although there were still some tears in her eyes, she was smiling brightly.

Seeing that the children were so excited, Roxanne felt relieved and looked at Lucian indifferently.

Lucian said in a deep voice, "How about next weekend? Will you be free, Ms. Jarvis?"

Roxanne nodded, and the two didn't say anything more.

After bidding Estella goodbye, Roxanne took Archie and Benny back home.

On the way home, the children called out to Roxanne, "Mommy."

Roxanne had yet to get over the incident during the play. When she heard the children's voices, she took a few seconds to respond. "What's wrong?"

Benny was about to speak, but feeling a little timid, he looked at Archie.

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Meeting Benny's eyes, Archie nodded and asked, "Mommy, do you not want to go on a vacation with Mr. Farwell?"

Having witnessed the kiss and noticed Roxanne's hesitation, they could more or less guess her thoughts.

Roxanne didn't know how to respond. Hence, she asked in return, "Why would you say so?"

Archie and Benny looked at each other, and Archie answered, "You've been avoiding Mr. Farwell, and you promised to only chauffeur us until the end of the anniversary celebration. Is that not because you want to stay away from Mr. Farwell? When Essie invited us, you were hesitant as well."

Roxanne looked at the children in the backseat through the rearview mirror and felt distressed.

They could not have been any more naïve when they were watching the play earlier, yet now they were so clever.

Before she could speak, Benny added, "Mommy, your nose will grow longer if you tell lies!"

Roxanne swallowed her words and went silent for a while before replying ambiguously, "Don't you want to go with Essie? Essie wants to go with her daddy, so

we'll go together."

When they heard her answer, they finally understood.

Mommy didn't answer us directly. She must not want to be with Daddy. Mommy will most likely continue to avoid Daddy in the future. If that happens, Essie will not see Mommy again...

At that thought, the boys secretly came to a decision. They wanted to treat Estella better and let her spend more time with Roxanne during the vacation.

Roxanne was oblivious to their plan. However, she was glad that they weren't asking any more questions.

Back at the mansion, Lysa had already prepared dinner and was waiting for them to come home.

Lysa welcomed their return with a smile. "How was the play today?"

Roxanne, who had finally put the play behind her, became moody again when Lysa brought up the topic.

Archie and Benny glanced at Roxanne cautiously, knowing that she was disturbed by the kiss on the stage.

Seeing that they did not answer for a long time, Lysa asked in concern, "What's wrong? Did it not go well?"

With that, she noticed the contorted expression on their faces. Just as she wanted to comfort them, the boys beamed. "We won the first prize!"

Lysa couldn't help but feel puzzled when she heard the children.

They won the first prize, but what's with their expressions? Roxanne, especially, seemed a little unhappy.

Afraid that Lysa would ask about the play again, the children quickly pushed her to the living room. "Ms. Lane, we're hungry!"

Lysa quickly nodded and led them to the dining room.

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Meanwhile, while Lucian and Estella were on their way back, Estella had mixed feelings written all over her face.

She was happy that Roxanne could go on the hot spring vacation with them.

However, Roxanne's attitude gave her the impression that she would definitely avoid them as she had before.

When she thought of that, she began to feel sad.

Naturally, Lucian, too, thought of Roxanne's attitude after that, and his face turned cold.

Estella was utterly depressed when they returned to the manor.

During dinner, she would glance at Lucian from time to time, hoping he would say something

After all, Roxanne's intention was to avoid Lucian.

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There was even a hint of resentment in Estella's eyes.

When he finally noticed Estella's gaze, Lucian raised his eyebrows and put some food on her plate.

The resentment that Estella had in her eyes turned to confusion.

"Essie, why do you want Ms. Jarvis to go on the hot spring vacation together?" Lucian asked in a deep voice.

Estella pursed her lips and said seriously, "I want to be with Ms. Jarvis!"

Lucian nodded in acknowledgment. He thought of Estella's performance in the past few days and smiled. "Then do you want to be closer with Ms. Jarvis?"

Without hesitation, Estella answered loudly, "Yes!"

"Then you'll sleep with Ms. Jarvis during the hot spring vacation. Are you okay with that?" Lucian looked at Estella.

Estella nodded eagerly.

Roxanne smelled great and pleasant. Also, she would tell Estella bedtime stories. She was Estella's favorite person to sleep with.

However, Estella was suspicious when Lucian said that. "But can I? Ms. Jarvis is.."

Ms. Jarvis only agreed to come along to the hot spring because she pitied me. She clearly wants to stay away from Daddy and only rehearsed because she had no choice. She'll probably still keep her distance from us this time...

Lucian could tell Estella's concerns and smiled reassuringly. "Ms. Jarvis likes you a lot. As long as you ask, she won't refuse."

Estella tilted her head in confusion.

When I invited Ms. Jarvis, she only agreed to come when I was about to cry.

Lucian's eyes turned dark. He continued to explain, "Ms. Jarvis just doesn't like being with me. If it's just you, she will definitely say yes."

Estella nodded obediently, indicating that she would tell Roxanne.

However, she still had some concerns. "Daddy, will Ms. Jarvis ignore us after the hot spring vacation?"

Estella could still remember the feeling when Roxanne had avoided her and felt sad when she thought about it.

Lucian frowned and said, "That depends on you."

Daddy said the same thing as before.

Estella pouted. I've been trying my best recently, but Ms. Jarvis still wants to avoid us after the play. It clearly depends on Daddy! I'm not the one Ms. Jarvis doesn't like.

At that thought, Estella didn't agree with Lucian. Instead, she stared at him resentfully.

Her inner feeling was written all over her face.

Looking at Estella's expression, Lucian did not know whether to laugh or cry. He nodded and said, "Okay, I'll do my best too, all right?"

Only then did Estella nod in satisfaction.