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Early in the morning that weekend, Roxanne had just woken up when she heard a knock at the door.

She didn't think much about it and thought it was Archie and Benny who had come to wake her up. She rubbed her eyes and let them in.

Unexpectedly, when the door opened, she saw the three of them, Estella and the boys, standing at the door. Estella was wearing a pink skirt and carrying a small bag, looking particularly adorable.

Roxanne was caught off guard when she saw her. She thought she was hallucinating because she didn't sleep well the night before.

The night before this, Roxanne had been brooding over the fact that she was about to go on the hot spring vacation with Lucian. She didn't even know when she finally fell asleep.

Although she had fallen asleep, she didn't sleep well and felt as if she was constantly in a dream.

Her mind was still a little hazy at that moment.

"Ms. Jarvis!" Estella greeted her from the door in her piping voice.

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Roxanne finally returned to her senses and confirmed that Estella was indeed standing in front of her.

"Essie..." Roxanne got off the bed, walked toward Estella, and instinctively looked around the room. Lucian was nowhere to be seen. "Why are you here? Where's your daddy?"

Estella pointed downstairs. "He's waiting downstairs!"

Roxanne's face turned a little red.

They had agreed to go to the hot springs together, yet she had only just woken up when Lucian had already arrived.

Given anyone else, they would definitely feel embarrassed about it.

Archie and Benny explained, "We heard a knock on the door and saw Essie, so we brought her up!"

As for Lucian, the boys had ignored him, knowing that he would follow them in by himself.

Roxanne patted their heads and said, "Okay. Go wait downstairs. Mommy will be ready in a bit."

The children nodded obediently, turned around, and went downstairs.

Watching them disappear down the corner of the stairs, Roxanne hit herself in the head in frustration and quickly got up to clean herself up.

Lysa had already prepared breakfast, and the children were already sitting obediently at the table when Roxanne finally got ready and walked down the stairs.

Roxanne looked around for Lucian, only to see him lounging on the couch in a casual coat, lost in his thoughts. He casually looked up when he heard her walking down the stairs.

When their eyes met, Roxanne panicked.

Just as she was about to retract her gaze, Lucian said, "Ms. Jarvis, did you not sleep well last night?"

Hearing that, Roxanne instinctively touched the dark circles under her eyes.

When she was washing up and noticed something greenish around her eyes, she had put on light makeup to cover it up. Did I not cover it nicely?

In a gentle voice, Lucian added, "It's almost eight o'clock."

Her hand that was under her eye froze. Suppressing her embarrassment, she responded apologetically, "Sorry to keep you guys waiting."

Looking at how the woman was behaving, Lucian realized that she didn't sleep well last night and didn't say anything further.

Only when Roxanne finally walked down to the living room, sat by the dining table, and didn't hear a word from Lucian did she breathe a sigh of relief.

The children began to pile food on her plate the moment she sat down.

Seeing that Estella was eating with them, Roxanne asked with concern, "Essie, did you not eat in the morning?"

Estella nodded meekly.

She had been so excited to see Roxanne that she had urged Lucian to rush over as soon as she had gotten out of bed.

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"Daddy hasn't eaten either." Estella's mouth was stuffed with food as she pointed at Lucian on the couch.

Roxanne stiffened, and mixed feelings rose within her heart.

Upon consideration, she turned and looked at Lucian. "Mr. Farwell, come and join us if you haven't had breakfast. I think the hotel is pretty far away."

"Why, thank you, Ms. Jarvis," Lucian responded to her invitation and got up unhurriedly.

Lysa quickly prepared the cutleries for him and placed them opposite Roxanne.

After having a simple breakfast, they walked out of the house to the car and began their journey.

Roxanne was about to get in her car when she heard Lucian say, "Let's go in my car."

Roxanne stopped in her tracks and turned toward Lucian. "It's okay. I'll drive there with the children."

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Hearing that, Archie and Benny ran to Roxanne's side.

Estella hesitated for a moment before turning back to hug Lucian's thigh.

She wanted to be with Roxanne, but she wanted Lucian to be with Roxanne even more.

If she followed, Roxanne would definitely not take Lucian's car.

Looking at the sensible Estella, Lucian raised his eyebrows discreetly and patted her head. Then, he said to Roxanne, "I think Essie wants to be with Archie and Benny too."

Roxanne looked at Estella. Just as she was about to invite Estella to join her, Lucian added, "Besides, the place is a popular resort, and it's a weekend today. There may not be any parking spots."

"Ms, Jarvis..." Estella gave Roxanne a pitiful look.

Roxanne's heart melted, and she agreed.

Well, we have agreed to go together. There's no need to bother about such details.

Roxanne took the children to Lucian's car and wondered if she should take the backseat with the children.

After all, she wasn't sure if the passenger seat was exclusive to Aubree.

Estella, who was in the car, noticed Roxanne's intentions and glanced at Lucian. Then, she said to Archie and Benny, "It's so cramped in here."

As soon as they heard her, the boys hurriedly scooted to both sides of the car.

Roxanne paused, knowing it wouldn't be nice of her to squeeze in with the children.

For a moment, the atmosphere was awkward.

Roxanne stood outside the car, glancing at the passenger seat and the expressionless Lucian.

"Ms. Jarvis, come on in," Estella urged innocently.

Roxanne forced a smile and nodded, then moved to the passenger seat and opened the door. "Can I sit here?"

Lucian looked over, frowning slightly. His voice was cold, and he seemed a little unhappy as he said, "Where else are you going to sit? It's getting late. If we don't leave now, I'm afraid there won't even be any parking space left."

He knew that Roxanne wanted to avoid him, but he didn't expect her to resist him to this extent.

There's only one seat left in the car, and she doesn't even want to sit next to me.

Lucian felt a burst of anger in his heart.

Roxanne, however, thought he was angry because she was wasting too much time, so she hurriedly got into the passenger seat.

As soon as she fastened her seat belt, he slowly started the car and drove toward the resort.

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On the way, the three cheerful children were constantly chatting in the backseat.

At first, Roxanne was a little restrained. However, after listening to the joyful voices of the children, she slowly put on a smile on her face.

Once they arrived at the hotel, Roxanne got out of the car first and carried the children out of the backseat one by one.

The children held each other's hands and obediently followed the two adults into the hotel.

The hotel lobby was decorated magnificently. A fish tank in the corner caught their attention as soon as they walked into the hotel.

"It's beautiful!" Estella's eyes sparkled.

Roxanne followed her gaze, only to see a few tropical fish swimming in a colorful and eye-catching fish tank.

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"Let's go and have a look!" Archie and Benny wanted to satisfy Estella's wish, so they led her to the fish tank.

Looking at the children running around happily, Roxanne lifted her head to look at the man at the side.

Lucian frowned and said in a deep voice, "You go with them. I'll get the rooms."

Roxanne hesitated for a moment before finally nodding her head. Then, she went after the children.

With a straight face, Lucian walked up to the front desk.

Roxanne caught up with the children and watched as they pointed at the fish in the fish tank. She felt gratified and couldn't help but take out her phone and snap a picture of the children with the tropical fishes.

In the photo, the three children were smiling brightly, looking very innocent.

Roxanne looked at the photos on her phone and couldn't help chuckling. Then she stepped forward and stood behind them quietly.

"Look, Mommy, They're kissing!" Benny pointed at a pair of pink fish and looked back at Roxanne in excitement,

Roxanne looked over and saw a pair of kissing fish swimming together intimately.

It was Benny's first time seeing this kind of fish, and he was amazed. "Mommy, what kind of fish is this?"

Roxanne introduced the fish to them and said, "If you like them, we can raise some at home, but you have to take care of them."

The children nodded fervently.

After looking at the fish for a while, they turned around reluctantly.

When Roxanne led them to the front desk, the children kept looking back at the fish tank as they walked.

Seeing that Lucian was still standing at the front desk and frowning as if he had encountered a problem, Roxanne quickened her pace, walked up to him, and asked, "Have you not booked the rooms?"

Lucian nodded slightly and gestured for her to look at the staff at the front desk.

"Hello, because of the peak season, there's only one presidential suite available in the hotel. Would you like to take it?" the staff asked as she looked at Roxanne respectfully.

Roxanne was stunned, and she couldn't help but stare at Lucian.

How can there be such a coincidence?

However, Lucian's stern expression made it difficult for her to suspect that he had anything to do with this matter. She had no choice but to believe that it was indeed a coincidence.

"I'm very sorry. If you had arrived ten minutes earlier, we would have two presidential suits available. There's only one left now," the staff said apologetically.

Hearing that, Roxanne felt a sudden sense of guilt. She felt it was because of her they couldn't get another room.

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Of course, he was asking for Roxanne's opinion.

Roxanne looked back at him with eyes filled with hesitation.

After all, the reason they couldn't get another room was mainly because of her.

However, the thought of being in the same room with Lucian was somewhat unacceptable to Roxanne.

"Or we could come back next week?" Roxanne asked hesitantly.

"Your vouchers are limited for a period of time. If you don't use them this week, they will be voided."

Roxanne's eyes trembled, and she looked troubled.

Just when she was at a loss, Estella carefully tugged the hem of her clothes and said, "Ms. Jarvis..."

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She looked up at her expectantly,

Roxanne's heart wavered.

Meanwhile, although Archie and Benny wanted to play with Estella, they knew that Roxanne might not be comfortable staying in the same room as Lucian. Hence, they stood quietly and waited for her to make her decision.

Lucian noticed her hesitation and frowned. "I asked. The presidential suite is a duplex. There are rooms upstairs and downstairs. If you're not used to it, we can just stay separately."

As he finished, he looked down at Estella.

Estella immediately understood and nodded vigorously. "We'll sleep upstairs, and Daddy will sleep downstairs!"

The staff chimed in as well, "Our presidential suite's well soundproofed. You won't disturb each other. It's like having separate rooms. Your vouchers also include the price of the accommodation, so you can experience staying in our presidential suite for free. I highly recommend that you take the presidential suite."

After listening to them, Roxanne could only purse her lips and agree.

Not knowing what Roxanne was feeling at that moment, Archie and Benny looked at each other with mixed feelings.

Estella, on the other hand, was filled with excitement. She looked at Lucian with glistening eyes.

Lucian patted her head and asked the staff to check them in.

After checking in, Lucian took them to the elevator.

As they got into the elevator, the staff at the front desk heaved a sigh of relief and wiped the cold sweat off her head.

Since the day she started her job, she had been told that Farwell Group owned the hotel

Therefore, when she saw Lucian at first glance, she immediately recognized him as the owner of the hotel.

Although there were still vacant rooms in the hotel, Lucian had hinted to her to tell Roxanne that only a presidential suite was left available. Hence, she could only comply with his wishes.

Evidently, Lucian wanted to convince Roxanne to stay with him, and she could only help him to persuade her.

Fortunately, she didn't make any mistakes, and Roxanne decided to stay in the end.

Lucian took Roxanne and the three children to their room.

The presidential suite was on the top floor. The entrance was facing the elevator directly, which made it look extremely luxurious.

Although the children were young, they had seen a lot. Even so, they were amazed as soon as they pushed open the door to the presidential suite.

The decoration in the presidential suite was grand. There was a floor-to-ceiling window, and they could see the view of the mountains in the distance.

Roxanne stood behind the children, looking at their backs and the breathtaking scenery. The sight of such a heartwarming scene made her feel inexplicably relaxed.

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Lucian knew Roxanne was uneasy about his presence, so he went straight to the couch and quietly read his emails right after he entered the room.

Roxanne was playing with the children when a few knocks on the door grabbed her attention. She got up and went to get the door.

When she pulled the door open, she saw two waiters pushing a cart, and beside them stood a man who seemed to be the manager. The man was looking at her respectfully.

Roxanne was puzzled about the crowd outside her door since they did not order any room service. She instinctively turned to glance at the man sitting quietly on the couch.

“Good afternoon. I’m the manager of the hotel, and this is the lunch included in your vouchers. Enjoy your meal,” the manager said with a courteous smile.

Comprehension dawned on Roxanne. She immediately thanked the manager and stood aside to let the waiters push the cart into the room.

Roxanne called the children over to have lunch after the waiters had set up the table.

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Lucian, however, was still seated on the couch, going through his emails with a deadpan expression.

Upon deliberation, Roxanne went up to him and said, “Mr. Farwell, come and have lunch with us.”

Lucian lifted his head at her invitation. She got up from the couch and sat beside Estella at the table.

With Estella sitting between them, Roxanne didn’t feel as uncomfortable.

However, recalling that their outing was to accompany the children, she didn’t want to be a wet blanket. Hence, she suppressed the uneasiness within her and focused on the children.

“Eat, Ms. Jarvis.” Estella clumsily speared some of the food and placed them on Roxanne’s and Lucian’s plates with a bright smile.

Seeing her enthusiasm, Roxanne couldn't help but giggle. "Thank you, Essie. But you don't have to look after me. You should eat more instead."

Estella's body had always been weak, and Roxanne was worried.

Estella nodded obediently, then flashed Roxanne a toothy smile. "I'll eat! You eat too, Ms. Jarvis!"

Roxanne ruffled Estella's hair with a chuckle.

Archie and Benny followed suit by scooping food for Roxanne and Estella. They even advised Estella, saying, "You can only grow taller if you eat more."

Estella nodded obediently.

The atmosphere among the quartet was harmonious. Lucian, on the other hand, was like a stranger at the table.

Noticing the man's silence, Roxanne hesitated for a while before scooping some food onto his plate. "Thank you for bringing us here this morning, Mr. Farwell."

Since they came together, Roxanne didn't want to spoil the mood.

There was a flicker in Lucian's eyes, and he smiled at Roxanne. "Don't worry about it. I should thank you for agreeing to share a room with us, Ms. Jarvis. Otherwise, Essie would've been disappointed."

Estella nodded at the cue.

Roxanne smiled faintly in response to Lucian's words.

Archie and Benny looked at Roxanne, then at Lucian, confused.

Mommy doesn't like Daddy, no? Why did she scoop some food for Daddy, then? Were we wrong about Mommy hating Daddy?

They exchanged glances and scooped some food for Roxanne and Lucian after a brief hesitation. After that, they cautiously looked at Lucian from the corner of their eyes.

Seeing that, Lucian arched his brow in surprise and said, "Thank you."

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After lunch, the children made a fuss about going out to play.

Roxanne knew staying in the hotel room was boring for them, so she agreed to take them out.

The resort they stayed at was famous in Horington. Roxanne didn't forget to grab a travel booklet when they passed by the front desk.

The children were fighting to look at it.

Roxanne gave them the booklet and left them to decide on the destination.

"Let's visit the marine park."

The children were still mulling over the options when Lucian's deep voice sounded from behind them.

Roxanne and the children were stunned by the sudden suggestion.

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It was the first time Lucian had spoken since morning, and it was to give them suggestions on where to go.

Roxanne snapped out of her daze and eyed Lucian in confusion.

Meeting her gaze, Lucian said casually, "I've been here before. The marine park is a good place for them to visit. Don't they like looking at fish?"

Roxanne was stunned again.

So he noticed the children admiring the fish in the fish tank when he went to the front desk to reserve the room this morning?

Lucian looked down at the children, waiting for them to decide silently.

The children flipped through the booklet and turned to the page with information about the marine park.

After a short discussion, the children came to a decision. "Let's visit the marine park, then!"

Roxanne agreed and brought the children to the marine park.

As the resort was right by the beach, the size of the marine park was massive and so was its fish collection,

The children had an affinity for anything colorful. They were so amazed at the fish in the viewing area that they couldn't bring themselves to walk away.

Estella's eyes sparkled as she watched the beluga whales swimming in the water through the glass. Hoping to feel the elegant creature, she touched the glass with her fingers.

As though the beluga whales could sense her intention, they swam to her side when they saw her fingers.

Suddenly, three beluga whales were swimming in front of her.

Estella's eyes brightened, and she couldn't help plastering her face to the glass.

The next second, a beluga whale landed a kiss on her cheek through the glass.

Seeing that, Roxanne reached for her phone and snapped a photo of Estella with a smile.

Lucian's heart warmed when she took in Estella's and Roxanne's expressions.

Benny was fascinated by Estella's interaction with the whale.

When he finally withdrew his gaze and turned to the tank in front of him, he saw a

shark swimming toward him with a wide open jaw.

Benny screamed in fright, turned around, and ran away, hiding behind Lucian, who was closest to him, his fingers gripping the hem of Lucian's shirt.

Lucian's heart lurched when he heard Benny's scream. When he turned to look, he saw Benny racing toward him in fear.

Amusement flashed across Lucian's eyes, but he didn't say anything and let Benny continue to use him as a shield.

Once Benny calmed down, he belatedly realized that he had hidden behind Lucian and seemed to have heard the man chuckle.

Benny's cheeks turned red. He instantly released his grip and walked away from Lucian, acting as though nothing had happened.

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At the side, Roxanne had also heard Benny's screams, but by the time she turned, it was too late. The boy had already sought refuge behind Lucian.

The sight of the smile on that man's face while the two of them were together left Roxanne with mixed feelings.

As much as she had done for the children, certain forms of security were something only a father could provide.

Oblivious to her sentiments, the boy excitedly tugged at her as he wanted her to admire the fish alongside him.

Out of nowhere, a mermaid dove from above and waved at them through the glass.

Wide-eyed, the boys asked Roxanne, "Is this real, Mommy?"

Amused by their innocence, Roxanne patted them on the head. "Of course not, but she does look pretty, though."

"Could you dress up like a mermaid too, Mommy?" Benny looked at Roxanne in anticipation

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Taken by surprise at first, Roxanne then went on to explain smilingly, “Well, I could, but I think that’d be a paid program.”

When the children heard her saying that she could, they stared at her with wide eyes as though that would make her agree to get into the water.

Meeting their eyes, Roxanne kicked herself for having said that. Had she been alone with them, she certainly would not have minded going in for the children’s amusement.

The issue for her was that Lucian was also around.

Although Lucian had not spoken much along the way, she still could not overlook the fact of his presence, and the notion of having to masquerade as a mermaid in front of him made her feel quite conflicted inside.

“Ms. Jarvis.” Estella cautiously tugged at her sleeve with a hopeful look on her own face,

Considering how good that mermaid she just saw looked despite not being as pretty as Roxanne, she was convinced that Roxanne would surely look even more beautiful in the same getup.

Roxanne’s dilemma was palpable on her face.

Oblivious to her reservations, Archie and Benny, too, looked at their own mother expectantly.

Just as Roxanne was hesitating, one of the crew members approached them.

“We’re running an event that offers our visitors the experience of dressing up in our mermaid costume for free. Might you be interested to participate? I think you’d look absolutely smashing in it.”

The children’s eyes lit up when they heard that.

Sensing their eyes on her, Roxanne found it hard to say no.

Lucian came up to them. “Go on ahead. I’ll watch over them.”

He spoke as though she had already agreed to do it.

Seeing how Roxanne remained unresponsive to Lucian's words for some time, the crew member took her silence for consent and went on to half-nudge her toward the changing room.

Thinking that since she had already stuck one foot in, Roxanne decided to work with the crew member despite her own continued hesitance. She went on and got changed and, with the crew's guidance, slowly went down into the water.

The children sat docilely beside Lucian with their heads raised to watch the space above them.

It did not take long before Roxanne showed up donning a slivery blue fishtail. A brilliant gleam of light was reflected off her body as she swam steadily toward them, making her appear as though she was really some mysterious mermaid that hailed from the bottom of the sea.

Her appearance had the children rushing forward elatedly to the front of the glass.

There Roxanne was, smiling and waving at them.

Lucian stood behind the children and regarded the swimming woman on the opposite side with an unfathomable gaze.

All around them, tourists marveled at the sight of such a lovely mermaid as they thought Roxanne was one of the staff who worked there.

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Not exactly a strong swimmer, Roxanne did just enough for the children's entertainment. Then, under the guidance of the crew, she returned to the surface to take a quick shower. Subsequently, she changed back into her own clothes before she made her way out.

Led by Lucian, the children were already waiting for her outside the changing room.

Once they caught sight of her, they eagerly jumped at her, exclaiming, "You looked so nice just now, Mommy!"

Mesmerized, Estella looked fixedly at Roxanne.

A genial Roxanne patted her children's heads. "Thank you for your compliments, Darlings."

“You looked very lovely indeed.” Lucian’s low voice rang out next to her ear.

Roxanne was taken by surprise as she had nearly forgotten about him, and for a moment, she was at a loss for how to react.

It was fortunate then that Lucian was not expecting a response from her. “Take care of the kids. I have to step away for a bit.”

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Regaining her composure, Roxanne nodded in acknowledgment.

Upon gaining her consent, Lucian turned around and left.

There was a hint of suspicion in Roxanne’s eyes as she watched him depart, and she wondered what he was leaving to do.

Lucian only returned after she took the children for a second go around at the marine park.

By that time, the sky had darkened, and the children were all hungry.

Recalling the mention of a restaurant in the vicinity in the booklet, Roxanne proceeded to take them there.

A waiter approached to serve them the moment they stepped through the doors.

Seeing that they had arrived together, he naturally assumed that they were a family. “Welcome. We have a family suite available, so please follow me.”

Roxanne was rightly astounded when she heard that.

A family suite... Apparently, he’s mistaken.

As they had already arrived outside the suite, it occurred to Roxanne that it might come across as a little rude to abruptly attempt to explain her way out of it. Hence, she held her silence.

The elegant interiors of the suite were also done up in the same style as the rest of the marine park, and the room itself was furnished with some toys that were suitable for the children to play with.

Once inside, the children made a dash for the toys, leaving the two grownups behind.

After she took a quick look over to ascertain the safety of the space, Roxanne left the children to play on their own while she went on to order food alongside Lucian.

Shortly after, their orders were tabled, and the children were obediently back in their seats.

“You guys must be here on a family vacation, yes?” The waiter did not leave immediately, and instead, enthusiastically forwarded some recommendations. “A fireworks show is going to be staged here tonight, so be sure to go and check it out if you guys are interested.”

Roxanne was about to explain that they were not a family when the rapturous cheers from the young ones cut her off.

“Fireworks, Mommy! We have to go and see it!” Benny grabbed her sleeve with eyes aglow.

Upon hearing that, Roxanne had no choice but to choke back the words she had back down her own throat.

“Your kids are so adorable. That fireworks display tonight will be perfect for you and your kids!” The waiter beamed in a way that was almost emotional.

Estella, too, regarded her own father imploringly, to which Lucian responded with a slight nod. “Thank you. We’ll consider it.”

His demeanor was almost tantamount to an admission that they belonged to the same family

Roxanne frowned. She was about to say something in reply, but the friendly waiter had already stepped away.

“Come on, Mommy! Let’s go see it!” Archie begged.

Roxanne had only kept quiet because the waiter had mistaken them for a family. With the departure of the latter went any chance for clarification, her silence evolved

into consent toward her children’s request.

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After dinner, the lot of them headed directly to the beach to await the commencement of the fireworks display.

Illuminated by the light of the moon, the ripples upon the surface of the sea sparkled like glitter-a picture of perfect tranquility.

Although the beach was quite packed, there was not much noise.

Immersed in such a setting, the masses sat around and indulged themselves in infrequent bits of quiet conversations.

With one hand holding Estella and the other on Benny, Roxanne weaved her way through the crowd while Lucian followed behind them.

Being surrounded by so many bodies, Roxanne could not help but worry about the little ones and was hoping to find a more secluded spot where they could stay.

As the beach grew increasingly populated, it drew a frown from Lucian who called out to the quartet ahead of him. "Come to Daddy, Essie."

He was wary of Roxanne's way of herding the children and was afraid that Benny, who was occupying the fringes, would get lost in the crowd.

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Estella's unwillingness to comply was written all over her face. She held on fast to Roxanne's hand and refused to let go.

With a slightly more solemn look, Lucian reiterated what he said previously, "There are too many people here. Come over to Daddy and let me take you."

The little girl stubbornly shook her head because she wanted to stick close to Roxanne and the boys.

Observing the stalemate, Roxanne felt sorry for the little girl. "I'll look after her. Just keep an eye out for us from the rear," she said in a gentle tone.

Hearing Roxanne's words made the girl smile from ear to ear.

Lucian's eyes darkened, and he went silent for a while before he quietly assented.

En route, Lucian kept pace with the four in front of him. His eyes were focused and vigilant on the off chance that any of the children were to become separated from the group

“Sir, Madam, how about some toys for your children!” said a toy vendor who came up to them to hawk his wares,

Forced to stop, Roxanne politely declined, “No, thank you.”

With that, she tried to guide the children around him, but the persistent vendor went on to impede their advancement from the front.

Having both hands tied down by the children and surrounded by so many people around them, Roxanne could not be expected to free up her hands to make payment. Hence, the irate woman could only turn him down.

The children, who preferred to let their eyes wander all around them, did not mind that either.

Just as Roxanne was driven to the point of exasperation, the man behind them had already stepped up to the fore without her noticing.

“We’re not interested in buying anything.” The poker-faced Lucian regarded the vendor icily.

He was nearly a full head taller than his counterpart; he left the vendor doubtlessly dumbstruck

It took a moment before the latter replied sheepishly, “Sorry to bother you.

With that, the man promptly turned and vanished into the crowd.

Roxanne exhaled in relief. She was about to lead the children onward when she heard Archie’s fretful child-like voice. “Mommy!”

Her heart tensed up when she heard the boy’s voice.

“Benny’s gone, Mommy!” The overwrought boy clutched her hand with the inside of his palms slicked with sweat.

He distinctly recalled holding his younger brother’s hand, but in retrospect, he had no idea when exactly his own brother went missing.

Roxanne’s heart started racing, and she stopped in her tracks when she heard that. Regardless, she suppressed the perturbation she felt inside and promptly followed up with Archie, “Calm down, now. Could you tell Mommy when Benny go missing?”

Shaken up from self-reproach, the anxious boy shook his head. "I don't know..."

The look on the little chap caused the color to drain from Roxanne's face.

"I think that might have happened during the time I was talking to that man back there," came Lucian's voice from beside her.

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Roxanne turned to look at him with an awful expression on her face.

"I had my eyes on them just now. Benny was still there before I engaged the vendor," Lucian said.

That might suggest that Benny could not have gone very far.

"I'll go take a look around," a frowning Roxanne said in distress.

"I'll come too!" Archie quickly chimed in.

Feeling responsible for losing sight of his own brother, he thus felt obliged to help locate him.

Seeing that Archie and Roxanne were so agitated, Estella promptly said, "I want to come along too!"

Without time to overthink it, Roxanne intended to lead the children out on a search.

They had only taken two steps when Lucian stopped them. "Take the kids and wait outside. I'll look around here."

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Roxanne wanted to reject that proposal.

"Benny has already gone missing, and it's crowded here. Surely you don't want Archie and Essie to get lost as well, do you?" Lucian regarded her in earnest.

Hearing that made Roxanne hesitate.

With his deep voice, Lucian offered some words of consolation, "It's quite costly to holiday at this resort, so you can be sure that no one here will harbor designs on your boy. We need only to worry about whether Benny will be able to take care of himself."

Roxanne lowered her gaze in a bid to calm herself before she gave Lucian an affirmative nod. "Please help me find him."

Lucian acknowledged her before turning around to wade into the crowd, whereas Roxanne squeezed her way out with the children in tow.

"Does Benny have his watch on, Mommy?" reminded Archie when they arrived somewhere with fewer people around.

Roxanne lowered her eyes to regard the boy who pointed at the watch around his own wrist.

Those watches that each brother possessed could pinpoint their own location via GPS.

Roxanne became deeply annoyed with herself that in her disquietude, she had allowed such an important matter to slip her mind.

When she recovered her composure, she immediately pulled out her phone to track her younger son's position.

After a series of operations, she saw that the positional marker indicated that the watch was inside the hotel and had not moved an inch since.

Benny did not put it on when we came out today because he was apparently too lazy.

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Staring at the red marker on the screen, Roxanne could not prevent her own eyes from reddening

It was the first time something of that sort had happened since Benny was raised in her care.

Despite Lucian's assurances that there would not likely be anyone with criminal intent against children present there, Roxanne could not repress her own worries.

Benny must be so afraid to be separated from us...

Seeing that his own mother was on the verge of tears, Archie bowed his head in contrite. "I'm so sorry, Mommy. It's my fault for failing to take care of Benny..."

Looking down at Archie beside her, Roxanne suppressed the uneasiness she felt inside and patted the boy's head reassuringly. "It's not your fault. It's mine. I'm the one who failed to take care of you guys."

She would never have allowed the children to be brought into such a crowded area had she known any better. But at that point, it was too late for regrets.

Estella was very worried about Benny as well. Seeing Roxanne and Archie feeling so down, the girl blinked and lightly tugged at the corner of Roxanne's top.

Roxanne turned to look, only to see a concerned-looking Estella stand with her arms spread wide. "Hug me, Ms. Jarvis!"

Roxanne felt her heart ache. She squatted down and pulled both kids into her arms, tears welling up in her eyes.

"Don't be sad, Ms. Jarvis, Daddy will find Benny!" Estella did her utmost to try to comfort Roxanne.

Patting Estella on the head, Roxanne quietly nodded, for she feared that she might sound nasal if she tried to speak.