

## ABANDONED 1311

### Chapter 1311

“Since you have trouble recalling, I'll let Mr. Zaythron remind you of them.” All Lucian felt when he saw her tears was disgust. “If he gets anything wrong, you're welcome to correct him.”

With that, he gave Cory a look to signal for him to begin.

Acknowledging the cue, Cory cleared his throat and spoke. “Ms. Pearson hired me to keep an eye on Ms. Jarvis. She—” He had barely begun when Aubree lunged at him suddenly.

“Shut up! | don't know you! You're a madman! | don't know what you're talking about. Go to hell!”

Even though her outburst caught him off guard, the physical strength between them was just too great.

The moment he regained his senses, Cory easily pushed her away from him. “Stop raving like a lunatic, you shrew!”

Upon crashing to the ground, Aubree snarled, “You'll suffer divine retribution for this! Do you think the Farwells will let you off just because you snitched on me?”

Cory paid Aubree no heed as he turned to face Lucian and Roxanne with an ingratiating look.

“Ms. Jarvis, I'm sorry, but | was just doing my job. It was Aubree who forced me to do it. But other than taking a few pictures, | definitely didn't do anything to harm you.”

As she watched Aubree go wild, a look of realization flashed across Roxanne's eyes.

This was the first time she had seen her lose her composure, for the latter had always appeared aloof. Soon, a look of conviction formed in Roxanne's eyes.

For harming the children, Aubree deserves to be punished!

She threw Cory a cold glance. “What did you capture with your camera?”

Cory was surprised by Roxanne's quick reaction. He said, “When you took the children camping, | saw Aubree put something into their cups. Also, | was the one who took all those pictures of you and Mr. Damaris on her instructions...”

One by one, Cory listed out Aubree's misdeeds while Aubree unleashed a constant tirade on him.

When he finally finished, Aubree shouted, “I didn't! That wasn't my intention. Lucian, you have to believe me!”

Cory looked at her disdainfully.

When he first worked with her, she had always put on airs and didn't show him any respect.

And here | was, thinking that she was someone capable. But in the end, she still has to grovel at Lucian's feet, begging for

forgiveness.

Having had enough of the pathetic Aubree, Cory ruthlessly put the final nail in her coffin. "I have evidence of everything she did in my camera. As for the pictures with Mr. Damaris, I have more pictures of the scene from a different angle. They clearly show that Ms. Jarvis wasn't sharing an intimate moment with him at all."

When Cory's final words rolled off his tongue, Aubree's voice gradually faded away. All that could be heard from her were sobs of dejection.

"What do you have to say for yourself?" Lucian's eyes were brimming with contempt. He was simply disgusted by the sight of Aubree.

When she raised her head and saw him sitting with Roxanne, Aubree could feel madness take over her mind. "I didn't do anything! Roxanne framed me!" Since I've lost everything, I'm going to drag her down with me!

Aubree's eyes were burning with rage as she stared at Roxanne, who was seated on the couch.

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"Roxanne, you b\*tch! Why are you doing this to me? I'm the one Lucian loved in the first place. It's all your fault! He left me because you keep pestering him. You deserve to die! I won't forgive you. Who do you think you are, taking Lucian away from me like this? He's going to see your true colors one day. You're just a piece of trash who's been bedded by thousands of men." Aubree pointed at Roxanne. Her hysterical screams echoed in the mansion hall.

"I won't let you talk about Mommy like that! You evil woman! I hate you! I hate you so much!"

Estella suddenly lost control of her emotions and burst into tears. As she cried, she picked up the things around her and threw them at Aubree.

Roxanne hurriedly pulled Estella into her embrace. She was racked with guilt.

I should've brought the children upstairs. This kind of situation is too overwhelming for them, especially Essie. She's already emotionally unstable to begin with.

Estella cried so hard that she could barely breathe properly. "I don't want the evil lady here! She scolds me and even pinches my arms and legs! Mommy! I want Mommy!"

All Roxanne could feel was her heart aching. She could not even process what Estella was saying. "Calm down, Essie. I'm here. Don't cry. I'll help you chase the evil lady away..."

Lucian's and Sonya's expressions changed when they heard Estella's words.

Samuel cast Aubree a cold glare.

Aubree had lost her mind and was still lashing out verbally.

Samuel shifted his gaze from Lucian to Sonya before he slapped Aubree across the face. "Shut up, you idiot!" This time, Samuel did not go easy on her, which left Aubree dizzy from the slap.

It took her some time to return to her senses. Still, she continued screaming, “How could you hit me? You’re on that b\*tch’s side, too, aren’t you?”

Samuel landed another slap on her cheek, which sounded loud and clear. After two slaps, Aubree’s cheeks had swelled. Samuel turned around to apologize to Lucian and Sonya.

“I’m terribly sorry, Mr. and Mrs. Farwell. Aubree has made a terrible mistake. I’ll teach her a lesson when I get home. Please be merciful and not hold a grudge against her…”

Sonya was trembling with anger when she found out how Aubree had been secretly treating her granddaughter. Likewise, a dark look appeared on Lucian’s face. “We’re not the ones you should be apologizing to!” Hearing that, Samuel turned to Roxanne and the children.

When Samuel was about to part his lips, Lucian’s voice rang out again. “You’re not the one who made the mistake. What are you apologizing for?” The coldness in his tone was palpable.

Samuel froze when he heard that.

Several seconds later, he turned around and snapped at Aubree, “Damn it! Apologize to Ms. Jarvis and the children now!” Aubree’s pupils darted around out of fear and madness.

Eventually, the madness got the better of her.

She got to her feet stumblingly, murmuring, “Fine. I’ll apologize. I’ll apologize now.”

Thinking she was actually going to apologize, Samuel let her walk in front of him without stopping her.

In the next second, Aubree suddenly dashed forward, holding the ashtray Estella had thrown at her earlier.

“Roxanne, you b\*tch! Go to hell!”

Aubree looked like an utter maniac.

At that moment, even the boys who were usually brave were scared senseless, and they watched Aubree charge at them in fear.

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Estella’s cries became sharper, and her eyes were filled with terror as she gripped Roxanne’s shoulder tightly.

Roxanne instinctively pulled Estella into her embrace and turned around, wanting to take the attack on the latter’s behalf. However, only a muffled thud was heard.

The pain that was supposed to follow did not happen.

It took Roxanne several seconds before she slowly lifted her head to glance in the direction where Aubree was coming from.

To Roxanne’s surprise, Aubree’s hand that held the ashtray earlier was held by Lucian while the ashtray had dropped to the ground.

Various emotions could be seen flashing across Aubree’s face.

First, there was the mad look on Aubree's face for the urge to kill Roxanne. Another was her terror for Lucian. "You crazy woman!"

Lucian's grip on Aubree's wrist was so tight that it could almost crush her bones.

It was only then that Aubree snapped back to her senses. Suppressing the pain in her wrist, she apologized frantically, "I-| don't know what's wrong with me. Forgive me, Lucian. Lucian—"

Before she could even finish, Lucian shoved her away.

Aubree stumbled a few steps back and slumped to the ground pathetically. "I swear | won't do it again. Please forgive me..." she pleaded, ignoring the pain in her body.

"Forgive you? So you can get another chance to attack the people | care about? Aubree Pearson, you deserve to die for everything you did." Lucian's voice was horrifyingly cold.

Shuddering, Aubree backed away with the help of her hands. At the same time, her gaze fell on Sonya. "Mrs. Farwell, please help me..."

Aubree knew how much Sonya liked her.

Seeing Aubree still had the guts to beg her for help, Sonya rose to her feet and barked, "I don't know a vicious woman like you!" She cast her granddaughter a worried look before turning back to Aubree. "I always thought Essie didn't like you because you two didn't spend enough time together. Never did | imagine you to have treated her that way behind our backs. You're unbelievable, Aubree!"

The thought of how much Estella had suffered over the years made Sonya's heart ache. How dare this b\*tch still beg me for mercy? How shameless!

"From today onward, the marriage contract between the Farwell and Pearson families is off. After all, I've already repaid Old Mr. Pearson's favor long ago," announced Lucian. He then cast the Pearsons an icy glance. "In the future, Pearson Group is an enemy of Farwell Group!"

Samuel could not bear it any longer.

He marched forward, wanting to grab Lucian's arm.

This time, Cayden was quick to react as he blocked Samuel's path. Given no choice, Samuel stood in his spot and looked at Lucian earnestly. "Please don't do this, Lucian. Back then, my father—" He wanted to try bringing up the favor his father had done for Lucian.

"Old Mr. Pearson's favor had exhausted long ago when Aubree went looking for Roxanne for trouble! | said this before. | won't let her off the hook if she dares to harass my person again." Lucian cast Samuel a hostile glare.

Samuel's heart sank, and his eyes dimmed with despair.

Lucian turned around to look at Estella, who was still crying, and Roxanne, who was patiently comforting the little girl. The sight only spiked his anger more.

The nerve of her to hurt the people | care about!

Turning around, he marched over to Aubree and glanced at her condescendingly. "Since you won't apologize to them, I've got no choice but to resolve this with my methods."

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His methods? The Pearsons exchanged nervous glances as a terrible fear grew in their hearts. With a grim voice, Lucian called for Cayden. Just as he was about to give his orders, Roxanne's voice sounded behind him.

"Lucian, forget about it." Still hugging Estella tightly, Roxanne put a lid on her hatred. "Let the police handle this. | have the report of the bacteria she used on the children. The dosage is lethal for kids. She'll be spending the rest of her life in prison for attempted murder."

Roxanne could not stop her hatred from festering at the thought of Aubree almost murdering the children. Even so, she could still think rationally. Aubree's actions were outrageous, but it was not worth dirtying Lucian's hands to punish her.

Lucian frowned and fell silent for a moment before ordering Cayden, "Contact the lawyer and tell him to send Ms. Pearson to where she belongs as soon as possible."

Cayden could not be happier to hear that. "All right."

When Aubree heard Roxanne's words, her eyes darted from left to right.

I'm going to spend the rest of my life in prison? No! | don't want that!

"You b\*tch! | won't let you off even if | die! Just wait! I'll make you join me in hell!"

Aubree had a malicious expression on her face as she stared at Roxanne, looking like a devil who had just escaped from the pits of hell.

Unfazed, Roxanne merely covered Archie's and Benny's eyes. The fury in Lucian's heart grew more intense.

Samuel hurried over to Aubree and finally restrained her after exerting much strength. After that, he shot Gina a look, implying that the latter needed to help him out.

Snapping out of it, Gina scurried over to cover Aubree's mouth. However, Aubree seemed to have lost her mind as she bit Gina's hand. Regardless, the latter dared not remove her hand.

"It's our fault for not educating her well. Please, Mr. and Mrs. Farwell. Aubree's still young. We promise to keep a strict eye on her and not let her get near Ms. Jarvis and the kids. Please give her a chance!" Samuel pleaded earnestly.

Sonya had known them for a long time and even watched Aubree grow up.

She had only wanted to teach Aubree a lesson and cut ties with their family over that matter. Never did she expect the punishment to become so severe.

Sonya's heart began to waver as she gazed at the pathetic-looking trio.

However, Lucian did not give her the chance to speak. Narrowing his eyes, he asked, "Should I escort all three of you out?"

Samuel did not dare to say anything else. In the end, he and Gina carried Aubree out and fled the scene. When the Pearsons finally left, the mansion plunged into silence. All that could be heard were Estella's sobs.

Feeling heartbroken, Roxanne patted Estella on the back and said gently, "Don't be scared, Essie. The evil lady's gone. Don't cry, okay?"

It was at that moment Archie and Benny finally snapped out of their daze. They hopped off the couch and surrounded Roxanne and Estella.

"Don't cry, Essie. Mr. Farwell has given that evil lady a proper lesson."

"She won't show up ever again. There won't be anyone who'll bully you again. Mommy, Benny, and I will protect you from now on!"

The boys took turns assuring her. When Estella heard that Aubree was gone, she stopped sobbing and peeked out from under Roxanne's arms.

Suddenly, Sonya approached and regarded her from above. "Come here, Essie. Let me hug you."

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Estella, who had yet to calm down, almost burst into tears at the sight of Sonya.

Seeing that, Roxanne quickly hugged Estella tightly. She then stood up to look at Sonya. "Mrs. Farwell, please don't agitate her. Essie's still emotionally unstable."

At the same time, Lucian walked over with a frown.

He thought his mother had finally gotten a clear view of the situation after witnessing the way she had treated Aubree earlier. To his surprise, Sonya had gone looking for Roxanne for trouble after chasing Aubree away.

"I'm just worried about my granddaughter. How is this agitating her emotions?"

It had been an emotional day for Sonya. She failed to keep her emotions in check, which made her sound displeased when she uttered those words.

When she finished saying that, she reached out to pull Estella out of Roxanne's arms. "Come here, Essie. Let me see if there are any injuries on your body."

Panicking, Estella crawled up Roxanne's shoulders. "Ahh! I want Mommy! I don't want Grandma! No!"

Unfortunately, the way Estella addressed Roxanne only made Sonya scowl more. "Don't simply address her that way! She's not your mommy!"

Estella only continued crying, oblivious to the words Sonya was yelling. Lucian, on the other hand, heard everything clearly.

He stood beside Roxanne and the children with a hostile expression. “Mom, what are you trying to do to Essie when she’s already in such a state? Are Aubree’s words not enough to make you reflect on yourself?”

Sonya was taken aback by her son’s words. A long moment passed before she said awkwardly, “I’m just worried about Essie.”

Rubbing his temples, Lucian suppressed his anger and said, “Do you really? If you really cared about her, why would you keep pushing her to Aubree?”

For the past five years, Estella had suffered a lot because of Sonya’s favor for Aubree. His words eluded Sonya of words.

She looked at Estella with remorse, saying, “I’m sorry, Essie. | just really want to make it up to you.” Then she glowered at Roxanne. “I can avoid touching Essie for the time being, but Roxanne has to leave the Farwell residence. Nothing good has happened to our family ever since she appeared. | bet she’ll only be satisfied when she wreaks havoc in our family.”

Essie wouldn’t have suffered so much if Roxanne hadn’t ditched her without a word back then.

When Estella heard her grandmother talking about Roxanne that way, tears streamed down her face again. “I want Mommy! Don’t leave, Mommy!”

Estella was sobbing so hard that Roxanne did not notice the way she was addressing her.

Even if Roxanne did, she would still follow Estella’s wishes.

Roxanne was moved yet pained to see Estella being so protective of her.

However, the same could not be said for Sonya, who was livid. “Don’t you dare think you can actually be Lucian’s wife just because Essie called you her mommy. There are tons of people out there who dream about being in this position. Aubree’s gone now, but there’ll soon be another one. In any case, it’ll never be you.”

Even so, Roxanne ignored her and coaxed Estella softly.

Just then, Lucian stepped forward and stood between Roxanne and Sonya, growling, “Only she can be my wife! If you don’t agree, I’ll gladly give up my position as the CEO of Farwell Group!”

Both Sonya and Roxanne were dumbfounded by his words. Sonya knew how much Lucian liked Roxanne, but she had never imagined he would give up Farwell Group for Roxanne. Roxanne, too, was stupefied.

She had never thought that Lucian would go to such lengths for her.

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After a prolonged moment of silence, Sonya said with a gloomy look on her face, “You’re going to go that far for her, huh? Fine! I’ll leave so | won’t get in the way of your happy little family!”

She turned around and was about to leave when Lucian called out to her, “You should stay in the manor for today. | have something to announce once Essie feels better.”

Sonya paused in her tracks and shot him a confused glance. “What is it?”

This is the first time Lucian has asked me to stay over at the manor, so whatever it is he wants to announce must be very important. Wait a minute... He said he was fine with giving up his position as CEO of Farwell Group earlier... Is that what he's going to announce? This is all Roxanne's fault! Lucian wouldn't have made such irrational decisions if it weren't for her!

Sonya turned toward Roxanne and shot her a vicious glare. Roxanne simply ignored her gaze and continued comforting Estella.

"You'd better think this through, Lucian. Ask yourself if that woman is worth you giving up Farwell Group!" Sonya warned Lucian with a furious look in her eyes.

Lucian could tell from Sonya's behavior that she was starting to get scared.

"Just because | have something to announce doesn't necessarily mean it's about Farwell Group, so you have nothing to worry about."

Sonya paused and looked suspiciously at them for a few seconds before going up the stairs.

Realizing that Aubree and Sonya were gone from the living room, Estella slowly stopped sobbing and looked up at Roxanne with tears in her eyes.

Roxanne felt her heart ache when she met Estella's eyes. "Don't worry, Essie. I'll be sure to protect you."

Essie must've suffered a lot while she was under Aubree's care... Just thinking about what she said earlier makes me hate her even more! Essie couldn't even talk at the time! How could she do that to her?

She was snapped out of her train of thought when Lucian whispered in her ear, "I'm sorry."

Roxanne looked up at him in confusion.

Lucian was plagued with guilt when he looked at them and recalled what Estella had said while she was crying earlier.

He walked up to Estella and flashed her an apologetic look. "I'm sorry | didn't take good care of you."

Estella simply sniffled and shook her head profusely in response.

"You've disliked Aubree for the past six years. | can't believe | never realized the actual reason behind it..." Lucian continued with a look of regret in his eyes.

Estella reached out and caressed his cheek as she said, "It's not your fault, Daddy! She's the bad person here! She's the worst!"

| had wanted to tell Daddy about it through text before, but Ms. Pearson lied to me and said Daddy would never kick her out. She even threatened to hit me even harder if | tried to tell Daddy, so | had no choice but to put up with her. Now | realize she was lying all along! Not only would Daddy kick her out, but he would also punish her severely!

Lucian gave Estella a kiss on the back of her hand before shifting his gaze toward Roxanne. "I'm sorry," he said apologetically. Roxanne frowned in confusion, as she didn't know what he was apologizing to her for. Even so, she couldn't help but comfort him when she saw how guilty he felt.



“You are indeed at fault for placing Essie in Aubree’s care for six years. However, the fact that Essie likes you so much indicates that you provide her with a strong sense of security, so you must’ve been a good father. Whatever happened is in the past. You’ve already punished Aubree for what she did, so that’s enough to make up for your mistakes.”

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Noticing that Lucian still had a look of guilt in his eyes, Roxanne pursed her lips and held his hand as she added, “Nothing like that will happen to Essie ever again.”

“We’ll do our best to protect Essie too!” Archie and Benny chimed in. The look in Lucian’s eyes softened up a little after he heard that, much to Roxanne’s relief.

“Maybe | should bring Essie over to my place for the day. She has been through quite a lot today,” she suggested.

Roxanne could tell that Estella was still unable to accept Sonya, so she was worried that Lucian’s decision to have Sonya stay over at the manor would affect Estella’s emotional state.

Estella wrapped her arms tightly around Roxanne’s neck upon hearing that as she wanted to stay with her.

However, Lucian did not approve of Roxanne’s suggestion. “Take her to the bedroom and get some rest. Essie won’t pay too much attention to anything else with you around.”

Roxanne was a little hesitant to do so, but Estella nodded profusely in agreement. I’m not afraid of anyone as long as Aunt Roxanne is with me!

Roxanne couldn’t bring herself to say no when she saw the expectant look in Estella’s eyes. Eventually, she gave in and brought the three kids over to Estella’s bedroom.

Lucian, Cayden, and Cory were the only ones remaining in the living room.

Having witnessed Lucian unleash his wrath upon Aubree earlier, Cory was exceptionally cautious when approaching Lucian. “M- Mr. Farwell...”

Whatever warmth Lucian had in his eyes had disappeared when he turned around and asked, “How much do you want?” “T-Thirty million will suffice!” Cory replied nervously while holding up three fingers.

Lucian turned around and instructed Cayden, “Go ahead and pay him three hundred thousand. | do not want to hear anything about him in Chanaea starting tomorrow!”

Cory was frozen in shock when he heard that.

Wait a minute... Did | hear that right? Three hundred thousand? That’s a hundred times lesser than what | asked for! Paying thirty million is a piece of cake for someone as wealthy as Lucian, so why isn’t he willing to pay me the full amount?

Cayden then stuffed a check worth three hundred thousand into Cory’s coat pocket.

“You nearly helped Aubree get rid of Ms. Estella, so be grateful that you’re even getting paid at all. In fact, you should consider yourself lucky that Mr. Farwell didn’t have you killed. Now, take this money and get lost!”

Having snapped out of his dazed state, Cory shifted his gaze between the check and Lucian’s icy-cold expression. “P-Please forgive me, Mr. Farwell! | have a huge gambling debt! They’ll kill me if | don’t pay up! Please help me!”

As though he didn’t hear a word Cory said, Lucian simply stared silently at him with no emotion whatsoever.

Cayden grabbed Cory by the arm and began dragging him toward the door. “Shut up, or I’ll take this check back as well!”

Cory struggled with all of his might, but he couldn’t break free from Cayden’s vice-like grip. Cayden opened the front door and tossed him out like a bag of trash.

Cory’s face went completely pale as he watched the mansion door close in front of him. This is all Aubree’s fault! | wouldn’t be in this position if it weren’t for her!

“I’ve taken care of him, Mr. Farwell. The guys from Marsingfill will be informed of his location tomorrow,” Cayden said as he made his way over to Lucian.

Lucian simply nodded without saying anything. Cayden glanced at the back garden as he continued cautiously, “Mr. Farwell, about the decorations in the back garden...”

The look on Lucian’s face changed slightly when he heard Cayden mention the back garden. After a brief pause, he turned around and made his way toward the back garden.

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The expensive plants had all been replaced with some unimpressive flowers, and the walls were decorated with strips of colorful lights.

Unsure if Lucian was satisfied with the decoration, Cayden explained, “I kept the decoration simple as per your instructions, Mr. Farwell.”

The look in Lucian’s eyes slowly grew gentle as he scanned the back garden. “This will do. Did you bring the item | asked for?” Cayden quickly whipped out an exquisite velvet box and handed it over to him.

The cold look on Lucian’s face vanished completely when he opened the box and saw its content.

Exhausted from crying, Estella fell asleep while lying in Roxanne’s arms.

Roxanne didn’t get any sleep throughout the entire afternoon. The incident with Aubree left her feeling a little tired as well, so she decided to take a nap on Estella’s bed.

Seeing as Roxanne and Estella were fast asleep, Archie and Benny left the room to avoid disturbing them. Upon arriving at the balcony, they saw Lucian and Cayden discussing something in the back garden. They couldn’t hear what the two were saying, but they could see Cayden handing Lucian a tiny box.

As the boys got on their tiptoes to get a better look, they saw something shiny inside the box.

Benny's eyes lit up as he asked excitedly, "Is Daddy going to propose to Mommy?"

After all, it was obvious that the item inside the box was a ring.

Archie was a little surprised as well, but he frowned in confusion moments later.

That evil woman just caused a huge scene not long ago, though. Is Daddy really going to propose to Mommy so soon? Now that | think about it, Daddy probably wanted Grandma to stay over so she could witness his proposal.

Archie's confusion was soon replaced by excitement and anticipation.

The boys were tempted to wake Roxanne up and bring her to Lucian right away, but they held themselves back when they recalled her having a mild fever earlier that morning.

They had no choice but to wait in anticipation for Roxanne to wake up later that evening. Fortunately for them, Roxanne wasn't asleep for too long. She groggily climbed out of bed at around eight in the evening, only to realize that Estella was no longer lying in her arms.

As she glanced around the room, she saw her sitting on the carpet with Archie and Benny. The three of them were huddled together and seemed to be whispering among themselves.

Archie was the first to notice Roxanne waking up, so he quickly called out to her, "Mommy! You're finally awake!"

The kids then stood up and made their way over to the bed.

"What were you three whispering about?" Roxanne shifted her gaze toward Estella.

"And when did you wake up, Essie? How come | didn't notice?"

Estella narrowed her eyes and broke into a smile as she replied, "I wasn't really tired because | took a nap at noon, so | got up after a while."

Roxanne had wanted to ask how she was feeling, but she held her tongue when she saw the smile on Estella's face.

Seeing as she was already feeling a lot better, Roxanne decided not to bring it up and simply patted her on the head.

"We're hungry, Mommy! Let's go downstairs and have dinner!" Benny exclaimed while tugging at her arm.

Roxanne gasped in shock when she checked the time and saw that it was already eight.

Oh my goodness! Why didn't anyone wake me up?

"You kids must be starving. I'm sorry | overslept," Roxanne said as she got out of bed and brought the kids downstairs.

There were a few dishes on the dining table, but no one was around.

Roxanne felt a little bad for sleeping past dinner time.

Everyone else must've eaten dinner because they couldn't wait for me any longer. | feel so bad... Good thing they reserved some food for us.

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Roxanne was a little worried that Estella would be unhappy that Lucian wasn't around to dine with them.

To her surprise, however, Estella was smiling happily as she munched away on her food. It was as though she didn't even mind if Lucian was there.

Roxanne felt her heart ache when she saw that.

Is Lucian really so busy that he barely has time to spend with his daughter? That probably explains why Estella is recovering so slowly...

Roxanne was about to bring the kids back upstairs after dinner when Catalina entered the living room and said, "Mr. Farwell is waiting for you in the back garden, Ms. Jarvis.

Having witnessed the incident earlier that afternoon, Catalina was tempted to address Roxanne as "Mrs. Farwell." However, she chose not to, as she figured it would make her uncomfortable.

Roxanne paused and stared at the kids after hearing that.

What does Lucian want to see me for? Would it be convenient to bring the kids with me?

"We want to go too, Mommy!" Benny exclaimed while tugging at Roxanne's arm.

Estella chimed in as well, "I want to go too, Aunt Roxanne!"

Archie simply stood there without saying a word, but the look in his eyes gave his intention away.

Unable to bring herself to say no to them, Roxanne asked Catalina, "He didn't say anything about bringing the kids along, right?" Catalina shook her head after giving it some thought and stepped aside to make way for them.

Roxanne then held Benny's and Estella's hands while Archie walked to the front.

The four of them walked out of the mansion and made their way toward the back garden.

Roxanne frowned in confusion when she saw that the place was in total darkness.

Huh? Didn't Lucian say he was waiting here for me?

"Lucian?" she called out to him.

A second later, the entire garden was illuminated by a light that gradually grew brighter.

Roxanne's eyes went wide with surprise when she saw the traditional medicine in the back garden.

Noble dendrobium, jasmine, golden-and-silver honeysuckle...

Roxanne could name almost every plant in the back garden. She also knew that they weren't worth a lot of money, but they were essential ingredients in traditional medicine.

The fact that such plants were found in the back garden of the Farwell residence came as a huge surprise for her.

What is Lucian playing at?

“This garden used to be filled with expensive roses and peonies, but you didn’t like them. After giving it some thought, | decided to have someone replace them all with plants related to traditional medicine instead,” Lucian said.

Roxanne glanced in the direction of his voice and saw him walking along a tiny path as he made his way toward her.

For some reason, Roxanne felt exceptionally nervous when she saw him approaching. She even thought about turning around and running off.

As though the kids had read her mind, they grabbed hold of her arms and held her in place. All Roxanne could do was watch as Lucian walked right up to her.

He stared affectionately into her eyes as he said, “I caused you a lot of suffering six years ago because | failed to acknowledge my true feelings for you. After you left me, | realized | couldn’t live without you.”

He kept his gaze fixated on Roxanne as he retrieved the ring from his back pocket and slowly knelt before her.

“| know | rushed things a little too much lately, which caused you a lot of problems as a result. Would you be willing to give me another chance by marrying me again?”

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Roxanne was stunned to see the man in front of her getting down on one knee.

Am | dreaming? Lucian is... proposing to me? Why would he do such a thing? He skipped this part when we got married six years ago.

At that instant, Roxanne felt a little lightheaded. She could not believe what was happening right before her eyes. She instinctively wanted to flee but was held back by the three children as soon as she took a step backward.

“Mommy, Mr. Farwell means it. Please say yes. He’s been preparing for this moment for quite some time. We saw him getting ready since afternoon,” Benny blurted.

Roxanne’s resolve began to waver after hearing that.

What the children witnessed was only Lucian’s preparation in the afternoon. Little did they know how much time he had invested in turning all the flowers in the garden into traditional medicinal herbs.

| wonder how much time Lucian spent getting everything ready.

“Come on, Aunt Roxanne, say yes to Daddy! | want us to become a family,” urged Estella. One by one, the kids started persuading her to answer in the affirmative.

Meanwhile, Lucian was staring at her, the look in his deep, dark eyes as determined as ever.

“I’ve pondered a lot during your absence in the past six years. Now that you’re back in my life, | swear I’ll never disappoint you again. I’ll protect you and also take care of our children. Please trust me once more, Roxanne.”

His hand that was holding the ring didn't move once as he spoke, not even an inch.

"Mommy, Mr. Farwell is the only person we want to be our Daddy!" exclaimed Archie and Benny simultaneously. Roxanne's eyes darted from side to side as she started having second thoughts.

She was wondering whether Lucian's proposal was merely a gesture to make up for their marriage six years ago.

No matter how hard she tried to let go of her past, it kept coming back to haunt her, for she was deeply hurt by that horrible marriage.

There was no way she could forget what was already etched in her heart.

In fact, just the word "marriage" would make her shake in her boots, especially when it came from the person kneeling before her —the culprit of her failed marriage.

Roxanne truly wanted to have more faith in Lucian.

After all, he had been treating her with utmost sincerity since their reunion.

Unfortunately, the sufferings she went through six years ago were still buried deep within her heart, hindering her from reaching out to accept the proposal ring.

To Roxanne, the ring was an absolute burden, but the children's constant urging prompted her to consider their feelings and needs.

Indeed, the two kids needed a father figure in their lives, and their biological father was standing right in front of them!

I've been keeping this secret from the kids for so many years. Now that they finally have someone to call "Daddy," how could I be so cruel and take that away from them? Moreover, they've directly expressed their love for Lucian...

After contemplating, she gave in. The pain from the heartbreak she suffered was no match for the guilt she felt toward her children.

When she moved her arm slightly and was about to accept the ring, a loud and clear barking cough rang out from a nearby corner.

Roxanne's hand froze in mid-air as she looked in the direction of the sound and saw Sonya, who appeared out of nowhere. Displeased, the older woman was glowering at her as well as Archie and Benny who were standing next to her. With that, Roxanne slowly withdrew her outstretched arm.

No, now is not the right time yet. Back then, I selfishly ran away when I was pregnant, neglecting the kids' feelings. If I were to let them reunite with the Farwell family, I should at least wait until everyone has accepted them without a qualm.