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Chapter 1421

As Frieda was chased out of the house while wearing a reluctant expression, she was, in truth, rejoicing inwardly. If | get thrown out by Aubree's parents today, | can use that as an excuse to break all ties with Aubree. That'll be wonderful! Unfortunately, that was all wishful thinking on her part. Before long, Aubree went up to Gina and held her back.

"Mom, please don't be like this. Frieda is unlike the rest of the Queen family. She's my best friend. Look, she even gave us money!"

Aubree viciously shot daggers at Frieda before trying to gently coax her mother into forgiving Frieda. Without a doubt, she hated the Queen family too. Nevertheless, she knew she could not cut off contact with Frieda just yet because the latter was still of value to her.

Seeing Aubree standing up for Frieda, the emotionally unstable Gina turned to the former and berated, "Why are you still defending her? Have you forgotten how we ended up in this predicament?"

Aubree's expression changed drastically. "I didn't forget. But that's exactly why we can't chase Frieda away!"

With that, she forcefully dragged Gina back into the living room.

Before heading in, Aubree shot Frieda a look, signaling her to leave immediately.

Frieda's expression was gloomy as things did not turn out the way she wanted. She then spun on her heel and left.

Back inside the mansion, Gina felt such an immense surge of anger and despair that she could not formulate her thoughts into words. All she could do was bawl her eyes out, tears streaming continuously down her face.

It went without saying that Aubree was feeling inexplicably frustrated as well. She merely glanced at her mother and headed upstairs without giving any explanation.

The mansion, which was already dilapidated, instantly descended into a state of despair.

Meanwhile, Roxanne received a call from Jack again after busying herself with work for several days.

"Ms. Jarvis, do you remember the new drug that | mentioned earlier? The one I'm planning to research and develop?" Jack's cheerful voice sounded from the other end of the line.

Roxanne, who was too overwhelmed by work, only recalled that they had previously talked about that subject after hearing Jack's reminder.

"Do you need my help?" She left the research area and found a quiet spot to take the call. Collaborating with the Damaris family will greatly benefit the development of our research institute in Chanaea.

Jack hummed an acknowledgment and added, "It'd be wonderful if we could work together. I firmly believe that your research institute is my ideal business partner."

Needless to say, Roxanne would not let the opportunity slide. "It's my honor to continue working with the Damaris family."

Jack chuckled faintly when he heard her response. "We'll talk more when we meet. There are still some details that we need to discuss."

Roxanne agreed at once. The two also decided on the time and venue of their meet-up before hanging up.

The moment the call ended, she received another call. This time, it was from Lucian.

Roxanne answered it without hesitation.

"Have you been very busy the past few days? Essie says that you're hardly at home."

The two rarely met since their return from Jadeborough.

Lucian went over to visit the kids several times, but Roxanne was always not around and would leave them in Linda's care. Only after hearing Lucian's voice did Roxanne realize they had not met each other for quite some time.

On top of that, the time she spent with the kids had also dwindled lately.

A guilty look flitted across Roxanne's eyes as that realization dawned upon her. "It's all right. The research institute has got more projects recently, so we're busier than usual. But it'll get better soon."

Lucian furrowed his brows slightly. "No matter how busy work is at the research institute, you shouldn't overwork yourself. Don't forget that the kids are still waiting for you at home."

Having heard what the man said, Roxanne could not help but feel amused. This man is more of a workaholic than I am. Yet he's reminding me not to overwork myself?

However, at the same time, she also felt a warm current flowing through her heart.

Chapter 1422

Lucian had mentioned visiting Roxanne in the past few days, but she rejected him by saying she had work to do.

When he heard Estella mention that Roxanne was rarely home, he finally realized how hard she had been working recently. "Are you free tomorrow at noon? Let's have lunch together," Lucian suggested.

He was determined to let Roxanne get some rest.

Roxanne fell silent for a few moments when she heard the time he mentioned before replying apologetically, "Sorry, I'm not free." Lucian frowned. "Why? Is there work that you have to complete?"

Roxanne scratched her nose sheepishly. "I've promised to meet up with Mr. Damaris for lunch tomorrow to discuss a project." Jack Damaris?

Lucian's expression instantly darkened.

We've hardly been in contact these few days, and yet she's been contacting him?

What the elderlies from the nursing home said echoed in Lucian's mind once again.

After all, he and Roxanne did not work in the same industry. Plus, the woman was a workaholic, causing their quality time together to minimize.

Lucian felt threatened when he realized that.

Taking note of the man's silence, Roxanne softened her tone and explained, "I want to stay in Chanaea and be with Essie. Hence, I was thinking of expanding the research institute. A collaboration with the Damaris family would be of great help to the development of our research institute."

Naturally, Lucian would not stop her from expanding her career.

Although he was unhappy when he heard her say that, he had no choice but to relent. "All right. I'll invite you to lunch another day then. I hope you won't keep rejecting me."

Roxanne was surprised, for she did not expect him to give in that easily. Momentarily stunned, she agreed with a smile. After ending the call with Roxanne, Lucian called the three children and asked them for a favor.

The children were quick to agree.

The next morning, Roxanne saw the three children sitting on the couch when she went downstairs.

She was understandably surprised when she saw them. "What's wrong?"

Recently, she had been getting up earlier than usual to go to work, and the children would usually only wake up and bid her goodbye when she was about to leave.

I wonder why they woke up so early today. The three kids flashed her adorable smiles. "Mommy, will you be busy today too?"

Roxanne patted their heads apologetically and said, "Sorry for not spending enough time with you these days. Let's all go out and have fun after I finish work."

The children nodded.

Estella, on the other hand, stared at Roxanne's neck with wide eyes.

Roxanne couldn't help frowning in confusion and reached up to touch her bare neck when she met Estella's gaze. "Essie, is there something on my neck?"

Pouting, Estella replied unhappily, "Mommy, why aren't you wearing the necklace?"

Roxanne was taken aback by the little girl's question. She then quickly returned to her senses and understood that Estella was referring to the necklace that Lucian gifted her.

"It's not convenient for me to wear jewelry when I work," she patiently explained to Estella. However, the girl was stubborn. "Mommy, is it because you don't like that necklace?" Roxanne subconsciously shook her head.

"Then it's because you don't like Daddy!" Estella pouted in aggrievement and lowered her head pitifully. "Mommy, please don't hate Daddy..."

Roxanne was utterly confused as she stared at Estella. I've explained everything to her, but she doesn't seem to understand.

Since she was in a hurry to leave and didn't have the time to comfort Estella, she had no choice but to give in and went upstairs to wear the necklace.

A smile crept onto Estella's face when she saw Roxanne wear the necklace.

Chapter 1423

The reason Roxanne did not wear the necklace was that it was indeed inconvenient. When she arrived at the research institute, she took off the necklace and kept it in the pocket of her jacket.

After bustling around for the entire morning, Jack suddenly called during lunchtime, telling her something cropped up. He asked if they could meet at night instead.

Roxanne did not think too much about it and agreed. When evening came, Roxanne exited the research institute to find Jack waiting for her by the entrance. "I'm so sorry. Something happened at the company this afternoon, and I couldn't leave," Jack apologized as soon as he saw her.

Unbothered, Roxanne smiled. "That's okay. Work is more important. Are we still going to the restaurant we reserved yesterday? You go ahead. I'll follow behind."

With that, she turned and made her way toward her car.

The look in Jack's eyes turned gloomy as he watched her approach her car without hesitation. He said nothing and got into his own car.

Both cars drove off from the research institute.

The restaurant was nearby the research institute, and the two of them arrived within ten minutes.

Jack had already reserved them a table near the window.

Roxanne took off her jacket, and in the process, the necklace fell out of the pocket and landed right beside Jack's feet.

Jack picked it up and glanced at it before shifting his gaze to the person before him. His words seemed to insinuate a deeper meaning as he commented, "This necklace doesn't seem like your style."

Roxanne was taken aback.

Indeed, if she were to buy a necklace for herself, she would not have purchased such a lavish design. However, she didn't see a need to explain to Jack where the necklace came from.

As such, she merely grinned and did not reply.

However, judging from her expression, Jack could already tell who gave her the necklace. His lips curled into a wry smile before he handed the necklace to her.

"This necklace attracts too much attention. As people in the medical field, we like to keep a low profile. No wonder you would leave it in your pocket instead of wearing it."

Sensing that he was implying something, she stared at the person before her, puzzled.

Jack did not comment more on it as he changed the topic to the new drug they were about to develop. “Most of the medicinal herbs we’re using to develop the new drug are planted by the Damaris family. My grandpa also hopes we’ll use the Damaris family’s raw materials as the main ingredient as well.”

Roxanne’s focus was immediately diverted when they began talking business. She nodded in agreement and said, “That way, we can ensure better quality, too.

She was a little worried after finishing her sentence. “But if our research institute will be in charge of the drug’s research and development, the supply of raw materials...”

I'm afraid the Damaris family would demand a hefty price for the raw materials.

Jack replied matter-of-factly, “The institute will only be responsible for the research and development. As for the medicinal herbs, we’ll provide sufficient supplies.”

Roxanne breathed a sigh of relief when she heard that.

After that, their discussion about the new drug became smoother.

Roxanne had to admit that as the leading family within the traditional medicine field, the Damaris family’s research in this area was indeed much more advanced as compared to the market.

Many of their ideas and concepts coincided with Roxanne’s.

The topic of the conversation between Roxanne and Jack gradually extended from the new drug’s research and development to the entire traditional medicine market.

Before they knew it, it was already late.

The two of them finally stopped chatting when Roxanne’s phone rang.

Benny was the one who called, asking when Roxanne would be returning home.

Roxanne quickly apologized to the boy and explained her situation. She then bid Jack goodbye before she got up and left. Jack fumed in silence as he watched Roxanne’s retreating figure.

Even though she didn’t say anything, | could already guess that Lucian was the one who gave her that necklace! | can’t believe she’s taking it everywhere she goes. Just what in the world is she thinking?

Chapter 1424

It was already past nine at night when Roxanne reached home. As she got out of the car, she felt anxious and guilty for leaving the children alone at home.

Hence, she hurried into the mansion, but as soon as she entered, she was greeted with the lively sounds of the children playing with each other and running around.

Roxanne stopped in her tracks and looked inside the living room, surprised.

Initially, she thought Madilyn had come over, but Lucian was sitting on the couch instead.

As if sensing her presence, the man turned around to look.

When their gazes met, Roxanne’s shock intensified. “What are you doing here?”

Didn’t we agree on meeting some other day?

Upon noticing her return, the children stopped playing and gathered around her, yearning for affection.

“Mommy, you came home so late! Daddy’s been waiting for a long time!”

Roxanne ruffled the children’s hair, but her gaze was still locked on Lucian.

Lucian sat on the couch, crossing his legs. The button on his collar was undone, and he seemed relaxed and comfortable.

Roxanne felt a strange but wonderful sensation surge within her heart when she thought of how he played with the children while looking like that.

Lucian got up from the couch and made his way toward her. His gaze swept past her neck. His expression darkened when he noticed her bare neck. “Didn’t you say your appointment was at noon?”

In the face of Lucian’s gaze, Roxanne felt inexplicably culpable although she hadn’t done anything wrong. “Mr. Damaris had something important this afternoon, so we had to change the time at the last minute.”

Dissatisfaction flashed across Lucian’s face when he heard that. “Is that how the Damaris family does their business? How can they change the appointment time just because they want to? If they’re this casual when it comes to work, who would collaborate with them in the future?”

Roxanne did not know how to respond. She could only grin and change the topic nonchalantly. “Did you guys have dinner?” Benny piped up, “We did! But | think Mr. Farwell hasn’t eaten yet.”

Linda had prepared dinner for the children before she left.

Lucian arrived while the children were eating, seemingly planning to freeload dinner.

Upon hearing that, Roxanne turned to look at Lucian for confirmation.

Lucian scrunched his eyebrows in tacit vindication.

Roxanne frowned and said with a sigh, “Why didn’t you call me earlier?”

She patted the children’s heads as a gesture for them to make way. Subsequently, she washed her hands before preparing food in the kitchen.

Verily, Lucian had lost his appetite after finding out that she and Jack had been out eating dinner until late at night.

He initially wanted to reject her offer of making dinner for him, but when he saw her getting busy in the kitchen for his sake, he swallowed his words.

Roxanne made some simple pasta.

Earlier, she had been engrossed in her conversation with Jack regarding medicine and did not eat much.

Since I’m preparing food for Lucian, | might as well make some for myself.

The children approached and demanded to have some when they smelled the pasta’s delicious aroma. Roxanne could only scoop some pasta for each of them, too.

The sight of the family of five sitting around the dining table enjoying pasta at almost ten at night made for a heartwarming scene. Only then did Roxanne remember to ask Lucian, “Why did you suddenly come over? Is there something wrong?”

Lucian glanced at her and replied, “I’m here to see Essie.”

Roxanne nodded in understanding.

In the next second, Lucian spoke again. “Plus, | said I’ll take responsibility. Since you haven’t given me an answer, | can only take more extreme measures and court you a little more persistently.”

Chapter 1425

Roxanne’s ears turned red at the thought of what he was referring to when he mentioned the word “responsibility.” Guiltily, she glanced at the children.

The children were in sync as they pretended not to hear the conversation and savored the food. Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief and glared at Lucian, embarrassed. “I need more time to think about it!” Lucian shrugged before flashing her a smile. “Then I’ll just have to pursue you more persistently.”

The children rejoiced inwardly when they heard their parents’ conversation.

| wonder if Mommy has realized that her attitude toward Daddy has completely changed. With their fast progression, we’ll become a real family very soon!

It was late after they finished dinner. Lucian did not stay much longer either. He said his goodbyes and left.

The smile on Lucian’s face slowly disappeared and was replaced with an annoyed expression the moment he stepped out of Roxanne’s place.

While eating, Roxanne had briefly told him about the collaboration between her research institute and the Damaris family. The woman was all smiles as she told him about it, but he felt bitter.

Jack is obviously coveting my woman. But, just like what the elderlies had said, we’re not working in the same industry. Even if | wanted to do something, | don’t know how.

The more he thought about it, the more frustrated he got.

Therefore, he decided to pull over by the side of the road and took out his phone to call Jonathan.

Jonathan had just fallen asleep when his phone rang and woke him up.

Glancing at the caller ID, he noticed it was from Lucian and involuntarily recalled what had happened previously.

The last time Lucian had called him this late at night was to get him to take down Pearson Group, which cost him a good night’s sleep.

| wonder what is it this time.

Jonathan was reluctant to pick up the call, but he was also afraid that Lucian would show up at his door. In the end, he had no choice but to bite the bullet and groggily answered the phone.

“Lucian, what’s up?”

Jonathan could hear Lucian's deep voice and a few honks on the other end of the line. "I want to acquire the medicine company operating under the Damaris family. Do you know how | can do that?"

Jonathan froze. He was immediately snapped out of his groggy state before answering, "Is Farwell Group preparing to enter the medical industry?"

One thought popped into his mind. If Farwell Group ventures into the medical industry, won't Queen Group's status in the industry fall again?

Moments later, he realized the key point of Lucian's words.

He wants to take over the Damaris family's medical company!

Wide awake, he sat up in bed, his mind racing with various thoughts.

"Don't tell me you're doing this because of Roxanne. You're jealous of Jack, and in a fit of anger, you want to—"

Lucian interrupted his guess with displeasure, "Well? Do you have any ideas? Farwell Group doesn't have much experience in the medical industry, but the Damaris family has a highly established foundation, so | can only ask you for advice."

According to Roxanne, the Damaris family provides the medicinal herbs they need for the new drug. Roxanne will interact less with Jack if | acquire the medicinal herbs company under the Damaris family. In the future, | can provide her the medicinal herbs whenever she needs them. That way, we'll get to interact more with each other.

Judging from Jonathan's understanding of Lucian, he knew that his guess was correct although Lucian did not answer his question directly.

Naturally, he wanted to help his friend, but there was nothing he could do.

"It's as you said. The Damaris family's influence is highly established in the medical field. To be honest, I've also tried to acquire their company. However, no matter what | did, they refused to sell me the company. I've even tried raising the price five times higher and tried befriending them, but they just won't let go."

Chapter 1426

The medicinal herb company owned by the Damaris family was mainly run by their own people, leaving outsiders nothing but envy.

Lucian went silent after hearing that.

However, that piqued Jonathan's interest. "Why? Is Roxanne working with the Damaris family again? Do you need my help with anything?"

Lucian managed to detect the hint of derision in his voice and snickered. "Go on and acquire the Damaris family's medicinal herbs company if you'd really like to help."

Jonathan rubbed his nose sheepishly and said, "Well, anything but that."

"Then there's nothing you can do. Bye."

Lucian hung up the call right after that.

Jonathan's face was full of reproach as he watched his phone screen go dark.

That was the second time Lucian had woken him up in the middle of the night and hung up after dropping a bomb on him. It had taken him considerable effort to finally drift off to sleep.

Great. It looks like | won't be able to sleep at all tonight, either!

Jonathan lay back down in bed, scrolling through his phone as he attempted to fall asleep.

However, a trending post on social media immediately caught his attention.

The post read: Breaking news! Roxanne Jarvis, the ex-wife of Lucian Farwell, was spotted secretly meeting up with the eldest son of the Damaris family!

Jonathan initially thought his eyes were playing tricks on him as he crawled out of bed. He stared at the post for a few more seconds to confirm what he had read before he finally believed what he was seeing. Then, he clicked on the post to find out more.

There were several pictures posted in the thread. In the photos, Roxanne and Jack were sitting face to face at a table by the window of a restaurant, chatting and enjoying each other's company.

There were even a few angles that captured the gleam in Roxanne's eyes.

Even Jonathan couldn't help speculating about Roxanne and Jonathan's relationship at the sight of the photos. Then, he read the comments on the post.

Netizen A: Roxanne Jarvis? Didn't she just get back together with Mr. Farwell?

Netizen B: She didn't clarify the rumors regarding her and Mr. Damaris back then. Now, it seems like there really is something between them!

Netizen C: | guess this is the perk of being a pretty girl. She can get two handsome, wealthy men falling head over heels for her at the same time!

The comment section was full of slanderous remarks about Roxanne and speculations about her relationship with Jack and Lucian.

Jonathan grew increasingly alarmed as he continued reading the comments.

No wonder Lucian asked me that question just now.

If it were another family, they would have collapsed like the Pearsons or the Hightowers.

| have to say, Lucian has met a formidable opponent this time. | wonder what Roxanne thinks, though.

Sleep eluded Jonathan after he saw the post, and he immediately sent Lucian the link to the post.

Meanwhile, Lucian just got back to the Farwell residence.

Confused upon seeing the link Jonathan sent him, he asked: What's this?

Jonathan replied: Just click the link. Otherwise, you're going to regret it tomorrow morning. Lucian furrowed his brow when he read Jonathan's reply. He clicked on the link while washing up. The title of the post made him stop brushing his teeth abruptly.

Following that, his face sank when he saw the photos inside the thread.

He had to admit that both Jack and Roxanne were excellent doctors, and he believed Roxanne when she told him that they only met up to talk about medicine. However, he had never imagined that Roxanne would be so happy while she was with Jack.

She had never smiled at him like how she did with Jack.

Grabbing a towel, he wiped his face dry and walked out of the bathroom before sitting on his bed, scrolling through the comment section with a solemn look on his face.

His face turned dark as thunder as he read the myriad of speculations about Roxanne's relationship with Jack.

Chapter 1427

Cayden was fast asleep in his bed when a phone call roused him. He glanced at his phone and noticed that it was a call from Lucian.

He immediately sprung up from bed and took a few seconds to regain his senses before taking the call. "Mr. Farwell."

Lucian's cold voice rang out. "Contact the Public Relations Department and order them to publicize my relationship with Roxanne. | want everyone to know about us!"

Shocked by Lucian's order, Cayden was wide awake.

What happened? Why does Mr. Farwell suddenly want to publicize his relationship with Mrs. Farwell? And in the middle of the night, no less?

In a shaky voice, Cayden uttered, "Mr. Farwell, Mrs. Farwell's two children's identities are unverified. I'm afraid that public opinion is not going to go easy on Mrs. Farwell and the Farwell family if you publicize the relationship."

Lucian's face turned grim on the other end of the phone when he thought about Roxanne's two children.

He knew he had Archie and Benny to thank for the current stage of his and Roxanne's relationship.

If their biological father didn't turn up, he wouldn't mind treating the two boys as his own.

Besides, they were about the same age as Estella.

With that thought in mind, Lucian told Cayden, "Validate their identities, then.

Dumbstruck, he asked, "Are you saying..."

"From today onward, they're the Farwell boys whom Roxanne took away when we got divorced back then," Lucian stated plainly. His tone was flat and impassive as if he was talking about something inconsequential.

However, Cayden was flabbergasted.

He was aware of Lucian's feelings for Roxanne, but he never thought that Lucian would go so far as to acknowledge her children and even claim them as his own.

What in the world happened?

Before Cayden could respond, Lucian's voice sounded again.

"I want everyone to be informed about this by tomorrow morning!"

He hung up right after.

Cayden was caught in a dilemma as he watched his phone screen go dark.

Do I really have to wake everyone in the Public Relations Department right now? In the middle of the night? Then again, it didn't seem like he had any other choice.

Cayden called the person in charge of the Public Relations Department first before checking his social media. He wanted to search for the rumors spreading online about Lucian and Roxanne.

To his surprise, Roxanne's name popped up right after he opened his social media.

After checking the trending posts, he finally understood why Lucian had ordered him to do such a thing.

That was the second time Roxanne was entangled in such a widespread scandal with Jack ever since her return. Moreover, the public opinion on the internet was very much against Roxanne.

Cayden finally understood that Lucian was mainly trying to protect Roxanne.

Then again, he reckoned that Lucian might have the intention to do so a long time ago.

Upon realizing Lucian's aim, Cayden started to act more proactively.

The next morning, the public opinion on the internet did a one-eighty.

Farwell Group issued a statement in the middle of the night, stating clearly that Roxanne was the mother of the Farwell family's daughter. Besides, her two children were also born alongside Estella. However, out of consideration of the little girl's health issues, Roxanne decided to let the girl stay with the Farwell family and take care of the two boys alone.

The internet was abuzz with heated discussions following the statement. One netizen commented: The two boys are Lucian Farwell's! No wonder Roxanne brought them back to the country!

Another commented: As expected, she's the legitimate wife. For Lucian Farewell to issue an official statement on behalf of the Farewell Group, looks like they're announcing their relationship to the public for real this time!

Chapter 1428

Soon, some recalled Roxanne's previous scandal after reading the statement. One comment read: So what happened between Mr. Farwell and Aubree Pearson?

Another read: Isn't that obvious? Aubree is the homewrecker. She was the one who faked the rumors so Roxanne would give up on Mr. Farwell!

One netizen replied: But what about Roxanne and Jack? They had been involved in two scandals. Besides, they seem to be on good terms.

Another comment read: Isn't that obvious? They are both capable doctors. Besides, the recent medical consultations were all initiated by the Damaris family. It's normal for them to be on good terms!

Many online users expressed their disapproval of Aubree, while the rest offered their support and blessing to Roxanne and Lucian.

Now that Roxanne and Jack's relationship was clarified, everyone thought Roxanne and Lucian were the perfect couple.

One comment read: | heard that Roxanne had participated in various medical consultations recently. A while ago, someone ran into her at the nursing home in Jadeborough. Mr. Farwell was with her, too!

Another read: Really? Oh, Roxanne is such a kind and pretty angel. No wonder Mr. Farwell adores her! One netizen commented: Oh, | believe in love again! They must live happily ever after! The netizens' opinions were divided.

Roxanne and Lucian became the epitome of a perfect relationship for many, while Aubree, who used to be admired for her loving bond with Lucian, faced harsh criticism after her true colors were revealed.

It was only after reading the announcement that Jack realized he and Roxanne were secretly photographed yesterday. After reading the comments praising Roxanne and Lucian's relationship, he threw his phone to the ground in a fit of rage.

| can't believe | didn't discover the perfect opportunity and ended up letting Lucian beat me to it. If | knew what happened last night, | would have used it to my advantage and manipulated public opinion to sow discord between Lucian and Roxanne! At the same time, I'll also be able to win Roxanne's heart!

Alas, it was too late now. Lucian had released the news to the public, and there was no way to turn back the clock. Jealousy filled Jack's heart as he read the one-sided comments online, and a crazy idea soon popped up in his mind.

Even if Roxanne ended up choosing Lucian, | can figure out a way to make her stay by my side! They'd better not drive me up the wall!

Meanwhile, the boys discovered Roxanne and Jack's scandal online once it went viral. They also saw how the netizens criticized her. Enraged, they stayed up all night, determined to stand up for Roxanne against the online haters.

At dawn, they were struggling to keep their eyes open yet still furious at the baseless speculations that had been made by those netizens about Roxanne.

Benny balled his hands into fists and asked, "Should | hack into the website and delete this post?"

| can then ban Mommy's name online so they won't be able to discuss her anymore. That way, Mommy won't be able to see the degrading comments. No one can criticize her online anymore!

Archie's expression was grim. "If you do that, people will only think Mommy is hiding out of guilt." Hearing that, Benny harrumphed angrily and furrowed his brows to figure out another solution.

They were feeling helpless when they suddenly saw the notice released by Farwell Group.

Jonathan couldn't get a good night's sleep after reading the discussion online. The following morning, as soon as he woke up, he grabbed his phone to check the public's reaction. He nearly fell out of bed after reading the statement released by Farwell Group.

Am I dreaming? I've been aware for a long time that Essie is Roxanne's daughter, but what did I just read? Could it be true that the boys were born at the same time as Essie? It appears that they are the same age, and it would not be far-fetched to suggest that they were born together. Why didn't Lucian tell me anything? If this is true, why would Lucian have to work so hard to pursue her when they could just be together as a rightful family?

Jonathan was confused. I won't be able to focus on work if I don't get answers. With that thought in mind, he quickly washed up and drove straight to Farwell Group.

I must get answers from Lucian himself! If Lucian and Roxanne are indeed the parents of the boys, I am more than happy to present them with a generous monetary gift to commemorate the occasion. However, if that is not the case, Lucian is a lovesick fool. He accepted the boys as his own even though he isn't their biological father. This is highly commendable.

Soon, his car rolled to a stop before Farwell Group. Jonathan hopped out of his car and strode into the building. He stepped into the elevator and happened to bump into Cayden, who had just left the PR department.

Cayden's face appeared weary, with dark circles beneath his eyes indicating a lack of sleep. Despite his exhaustion, he managed to muster a polite smile as he greeted, "Mr. Queen."

Jonathan was busy thinking about the discussion online, so he merely gave Cayden an absent-minded nod. However, a thought occurred to him, and he spun around to give Cayden a perplexed look.

"What's with that statement that your company released last night?"

Lucian obviously didn't release that statement personally, so it could only be Cayden. A wave of misery washed over Cayden when he heard the statement being mentioned.

He shook his head and said, "You should ask Mr. Farwell. I was just carrying out his orders."

Jonathan wasn't the only one who was curious, for the employees in the PR department kept asking the same questions last night.

Cayden could only tell them he had no idea.

Fortunately, Jonathan didn't make things difficult for him and patted his shoulder in recognition of his hard work. "Thank you for your effort."

Cayden exhaled a sigh of relief. "I was just doing my job."

They had only exchanged a few words when the elevator arrived at the top floor.

Jonathan waited outside for Cayden to report his arrival before he headed into Lucian's office.

Inside, he saw Lucian seated behind his desk, his face unreadable. It was almost as if the heated debates and controversy that had been raging online had nothing to do with him.

After he walked in, Lucian spared him a look and asked calmly, "Why are you here?"

Jonathan strode over to him and plunked himself down on the chair in front of the desk. “How dare you ask me that question? | want to know if the statement Farwell Group released last night was true. Are the boys yours?”

After asking that question, he stared at Lucian unblinkingly. Lucian remained unfazed. “What do you think?” Jonathan was baffled by his indifferent reaction. Carefully, he replied, “I don’t think so.”

“They aren’t mine,” Lucian answered at the same time.

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Jonathan's jaw dropped open in disbelief. If they aren't his, why does he look so calm in comparison to me, who is freaking out?

“What are you thinking?” He shot Lucian an incredulous look. “If you want to help Roxanne by stopping the haters online, then you can just publicize your relationship with her and issue warning letters through your lawyer. Why would you do this?”

If it was revealed that the CEO of Farwell Group had claimed to be the biological father of his ex-wife’s children even though they were not his, no one would believe it. It sounded pretty ridiculous, but that was exactly what Lucian did.

“If | only did that, the netizens will still assume the worst about the boys’ father.” Displeasure flashed across Lucian’s eyes as he explained, “The kids are innocent. If she’s willing to marry me, it will only be a matter of time before the boys become mine, too.”

Lucian knew very well that the last thing Roxanne wanted was to drag the kids into her mess, so he was more than willing to solve the trouble for her.

He meant what he said. The only way to stop the public from making malicious assumptions about Roxanne was to clarify the boys’ background. Hearing that, Jonathan finally concluded that his friend was indeed a lovesick fool.

It looks like we've underestimated him. Lucian doesn't fall in love easily, but when he falls in love with someone, he'll do anything for her! Wait...

Jonathan soon realized something. “Who is the father of the boys? He has never revealed himself. If he were to come across this statement...”

Lucian had made himself pretty clear through that statement. If the boys’ father discovers it, he might use the secret to threaten Farwell Group. What should we do if that happens?

Avicious look appeared in Lucian’s eyes when the man was mentioned. He knew Jonathan’s unease, for he had the same concern before releasing that statement. However, that concern paled in significance compared to Roxanne being the recipient of malicious comments.

If the boys’ biological father dared to show himself, Lucian would take the chance to make him regret abandoning Roxanne and the boys.

Asense of murderous intent hung in the air around Lucian as he contemplated the matter.

Jonathan shuddered in fear as he stared at Lucian.

In an icy voice, Lucian declared, “No matter who he is, I won't let him harm my family. I'll make him regret abandoning them!” Jonathan grew worried. “What if Roxanne regrets it?”

He didn't make it clear what she would regret, yet they both were aware of what it was.

Roxanne had two boys with that man, so they could still have feelings for each other.

If Roxanne regretted her decision and chose to return to that man... Achill ran down Jonathan's spine when he considered that possibility.

The temperature surrounding Lucian dropped to a freezing point, but he refused to dwell on that matter. “Perhaps he's already dead.”

Otherwise, why hasn't he made an appearance all this while? Furthermore, Roxanne appears to be hesitant when it comes to discussing him.

Compared to the possibility that Roxanne would return to that man, Lucian would rather believe that he was dead. Jonathan was taken aback by the sight of the dark look on his friend's face, but he didn't say anything. This matter was complicated, so he knew Lucian must've considered everything carefully before coming to a final decision.

Anything else he said would only serve to add more to Lucian's plate.