

## **ABANDONED 301**

### Chapter 301 Going To Her House

Meanwhile, Estella had been waiting at the kindergarten entrance way before school started that morning, hoping she could see Roxanne, Archie, and Benny.

The brothers had told her the day before that Roxanne was finally coming home and would be fetching them to school.

The night before, she had also waited for Roxanne eagerly, but in the end, she only saw Madilyn.

She felt disappointed at first, yet when she knew that Roxanne had a message for her, she was comforted because it meant Roxanne still thought about her. That was the reason why she was not altogether upset, and she was looking forward to seeing Roxanne the next day.

However, not only did she not see Roxanne, but she also did not see the two brothers at school.

That made her extremely sad.

"Essie! Come on in! It's almost time for school!" Pippa did not call out until school was about to start since she did not know what the kid was doing.

Estella pouted and shook her head in refusal.

"What's going on?" Pippa asked.

Ever since the child got lost in the mountain, the teacher had been paying extra attention to her because she felt sorry for the child.

Estella looked far away without answering. She was hoping the car she had waited for would show.

They are coming to school!

The girl stood waiting until the school bell rang, but there was still no sign of the people she wanted to meet.

Since Pippa could not get her to go in, she stood with the girl at the entrance and asked the other teachers to take over her class.

The recent trauma had made Estella lose her sense of security, so when she thought of Roxanne's attitude toward her and the boys' absence, she started tearing up.

Does this mean Ms. Jarvis doesn't want me anymore? Did she transfer Archie and Benny to another school? They almost went to another school last time...

Pippa was worried when she saw that the girl was about to break down. She bent down and tried to comfort her. "What's the matter, Essie? Why don't you tell me what you're upset about? I can help you." Estella bit her lip and took out her notebook before writing: Archie and Benny.

Pippa finally understood what Estella wanted. Ah, she was waiting for the boys! But she doesn't usually wait for them even when she comes to school early, though.

Pippa could not wrap her head around what Estella was thinking, yet she still patiently explained everything to the girl. "Archie and Benny are not coming today. Their mommy is sick, so they asked to stay home for a day," she said, patting Estella's head. "Why don't we go in first? They'll be here tomorrow."

Estella looked upset when she found out that Roxanne was ill.

She shook her head and retreated a few steps, trying to dodge Pippa's hand.

The teacher was confused, yet before she could even ask the girl anything, Estella turned and ran toward the Farwell family's car parked beside the road. "Essie!" Pippa shouted as she ran after the girl.

After Estella went missing the other time, Lucian had arranged for a driver to follow her around just in case she ran away again.

The driver was stupefied when she saw Estella running into the car with her teacher chasing her from behind.

The next thing he knew, Estella opened her mouth and spoke out of the blue. "Go to Ms. Jarvis' house!" she ordered in a compellingly cute voice.

The driver was stunned. A smile broke out on his face, and he nodded before driving away, ignoring the teacher who was chasing after them at the back.

#### Chapter 302 She Came Alone

"Ms. Estella, have you told Mr. Farwell about this?" the driver asked.

It did not occur to him that he should ask until they were on the way.

When his question was met with dead silence, the driver knew he was in deep trouble.

She must've run away without telling him... I'm good as dead if Mr. Farwell finds out about it...

Thinking, the driver spared her a hesitant glance from the mirror. "How about I call him?"

"No," Estella said, shaking her head.

I don't want to tell him! He's the reason why Ms. Jarvis refused to let me stay the other time. She doesn't like Daddy. She won't even let me in if Daddy's around.

Since Estella was adamant about it, the driver did not push her. I'll just call Mr. Farwell when we reach.

Soon enough, they arrived at Roxanne's house.

Estella jumped out of the car right away, sprinted over to the door, and rang the doorbell.

Since everyone was upstairs looking after Roxanne, no one heard the doorbell.

The violent dinging slowed down as time passed when no one came to get the door. Estella was on the verge of crying again.

It was not until Lysa came downstairs to make Roxanne some oatmeal that she heard the doorbell.

She was perplexed when she saw the child at the door. "Essie! Are you here alone?"

"Ms. Lane..." she cried.

"Did you come alone?" Lysa inquired again.

Estella nodded furiously before poking her head in to see if Roxanne or the two boys were around. But to her dismay, she saw no one.

In front of her, Lysa hesitated for a while before stepping aside to let her in.

Having witnessed Roxanne sending Lucian and Estella away, Lysa was unsure about Roxanne's attitude toward them. But seeing that the girl had come alone, Lysa thought it would not be good to just send her away. Hence, she asked her to wait in the living room while she informed Roxanne about her visit.

"Did she come alone?" Roxanne asked in confusion. She looked sickly with her face flushed and pale lips cracked.

Lysa nodded. "She's waiting for you downstairs. Should I let her come up, or should I contact Mr. Farwell and ask him to get her?"

Because Roxanne was not feeling well, she had been taking longer to respond to everything.

Before she could answer, Archie and Benny had beaten her to it

They knew how much Estella missed Roxanne, and since she had come alone, they figured they should just let her see Roxanne, or else she might feel so disheartened that she ran away again. On top of that, they were well aware that it was Lucian whom Roxanne was angry with, not Estella.

When they saw that Roxanne did not disagree, they quickly made a case for the girl. "Mommy, just let her in. She must've found out about it from Ms. Ward. That's why she came all the way here." Roxanne frowned and finally nodded.

She could not bring herself to let Estella wait all alone down there whenever the scene of the poor girl curling into a human ball in the pit flashed in her mind.

Since the boys had gotten a green light from Roxanne, they went downstairs to bring Estella up.

That was not the first time Estella went to Roxanne's room. In fact, she had stayed there for a long time before. Yet she still felt nervous.

It had been forever and a day since Estella saw the beautiful woman. Besides, she was ill.

Chapter 303 She Left By Herself

"Ms. Jarvis..." At the sight of Roxanne lying on the bed with a sickly complexion, Estella felt tears welling up in her eyes again.

Estella's voice made Roxanne's heart melt. Seeing the little girl come running toward her bedside, she forced a smile. "I'm fine. Don't worry, Essie."

Like a pitiful kitten, Estella leaned by the bedside and stared at Roxanne with teary eyes.

Estella's gaze calmed Roxanne down significantly. "Why are you here alone?" Roxanne asked in a gentle voice.

"Ms. Ward says you're sick." Estella was close to tears.

Roxanne nodded and reached out to caress the little girl's head. "Thank you for caring so much about me, Essie."

Similarly, Estella also stretched her arm out, intending to touch Roxanne's forehead.

Roxanne had let them do a fever check by touching her forehead the other time. She could still vividly recall how Roxanne's forehead was burning then.

When Roxanne realized what Estella was trying to do, she tried to get up from the bed and move her head closer to the young girl. Nevertheless, unable to muster any strength in her arm, she had only propped herself up a little before she fell back onto the bed again.

Worry was written all over Estella's face.

Roxanne smiled apologetically. "If you're worried, how about you get on the bed too?"

Estella removed her shoes without hesitation and climbed up onto the bed to touch Roxanne's forehead lightly.

Panic filled the girl's eyes when her palm came into contact with Roxanne.

The other time when Ms. Jarvis had a fever, Daddy had to bring her to the hospital. She stayed there for a night before she recovered. But this time, Ms. Jarvis' forehead feels so much warmer. But she doesn't like Daddy and doesn't want Daddy here...

Meanwhile, Lucian was having a meeting in the office when he suddenly received a call from Pippa.

Catching a glimpse of the caller ID, he furrowed his brows. He got his assistant to preside over the meeting in his place and headed outside to answer the call.

"Essie left by herself, Mr. Farwell..." Pippa reported to Lucian anxiously.

The man's expression abruptly darkened when he heard that news. "What happened?"

Pippa was on tenterhooks. "She got into the Farwell family's car. I believe she wants to visit Ms. Jarvis. She asked me why Archie and Benny didn't come to school today. I told her Ms. Jarvis fell sick, and she immediately turned around and got into the car again. She likes Ms. Jarvis a lot..."

She dared not continue her sentence, as that was merely her conjecture. Deep down, she was concerned about Estella's whereabouts too.

The fact that Estella had gotten in their car made Lucian slightly relieved. However, having learned from Pippa that Roxanne was sick, he frowned. "What happened to Ms. Jarvis?"

Pippa responded, "I heard she's running a fever. Archie and Benny are taking care of her at home."

As soon as she finished speaking, Lucian's deep voice sounded from the other end. "I got it. Please excuse Essie from school today too. Thank you."

After Pippa agreed to the request, the man concluded the call and called Cayden over. "I'm heading over to Roxanne's. Help me get Dr. Elswick."

Sonny Elswick was the family doctor of the Farwell family. He had impressive medical skills but basically only worked for the family.

Cayden knew Lucian's motive for calling Sonny was to ask the latter to treat Roxanne. He was undoubtedly getting increasingly perplexed about Lucian's feelings toward Roxanne but still went ahead to agree to the instructions.

Sonny arrived relatively quickly. Lucian had waited for his arrival before heading to Roxanne's with him.

Having known Roxanne's attitude toward him lately, he figured she would possibly not let him into the house if he had gone there alone.

Hence, it was more than wise to bring a doctor along.

#### Chapter 304 The Culprit

When the doorbell rang again, Archie and Benny instinctively turned to look at Estella. They quickly stopped Lysa from going downstairs to open the door and did it themselves instead.

Only one person will come to our house at this hour, and he must be the one looking for Essie.

Opening the door, Archie and Benny did not seem surprised at the sight of the man dressed crisply in a suit standing outside. Behind him, there was also a man holding a medical kit. The boys figured from the latter's appearance that he was a doctor.

"Where's Essie?" Seeing that it was Archie and Benny, Lucian felt a headache coming.

The boys' prejudice toward him, though unfathomable, was deep-rooted. I guess I won't be able to get in there easily today.

And as he had expected, the two boys blocked the entire path and stared at him with full alert. "Why are you here?"



Mommy surely doesn't want to see him. And now that she is sick, it will only make her more upset if she sees him now. That might even affect her current condition. Archie's and Benny's eyes glistened with conviction.

Lucian could see through Archie's and Benny's minds. He scrunched his brows helplessly and uttered, "I heard your mommy is sick, so I brought a doctor along." Finishing his words, he stood aside to make way for Sonny to step forward. "This is Dr. Elswick, the family doctor of the Farwell family," Lucian introduced.

Sonny flashed a warm smile and slightly nodded at Archie and Benny.

The two boys exchanged a look and turned back with a suspicious expression. "How did you find out that Mommy is sick?"

In a deep voice, Lucian responded, "Ms. Ward gave me a call earlier, informing me that Essie came to find your mommy."

Archie and Benny appeared a little hesitant.

After all, as much as they did not want to let Lucian step inside, he had brought a doctor along with him.

Seeing that Archie and Benny seemed to have relented, the man continued his persuasion by using Roxanne's condition as an excuse this round. "Your mommy only has you guys to take care of her. I'm sure she hasn't gone to the hospital yet. Why don't you let the doctor take a look at her? Perhaps she'll recover faster too. Dr. Elswick has impressive medical skills."

The raging emotions in Archie and Benny began to calm down at the mention of Roxanne's condition.

From morning till now, they had only acted according to Lysa's instructions to help Roxanne change the towel on her forehead frequently. Yet, there was no sign of the fever subsiding. Moreover, they had no way of taking Roxanne to the hospital since she had no energy and had been lying in bed all day.

This doctor has a bright smile. He seems to be a friendly and reliable person.

After some hesitation, Archie and Benny decided to put Roxanne's health first. Though reluctant, they turned and headed upstairs, leaving the door open for Lucian and Sonny. Heaving a sigh of relief, Lucian led Sonny and followed behind the two boys.

Upstairs, having not seen Archie and Benny return after a while, Roxanne was about to ask Lysa to head downstairs to check on them when they appeared by the door.

Noticing the expression on their faces, Roxanne immediately knew who the visitor was.

Other than Lucian, no one can make the kids pull such a long face. But then again, what made him come here at this hour?

She figured she was running a fever because she was drenched in the rain last night.

And the culprit of her predicament was none other than Lucian.

Wasn't I clear enough? I hope he can keep his distance from me. Yet now he's appearing when I'm so weak...

Roxanne could not think of what kind of attitude she should put on in front of Lucian within such a short time. In her heart, she kept praying hard that he was merely there to fetch Estella home.

Chapter 305 Overtired

Just as Roxanne was stumped, the man's figure appeared in the doorway.

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Upon seeing the woman on the bed, Lucian furrowed his brows.

With just a glance, he could already see that the woman's fever was worse than the previous time.

"Mr. Farwell." When Roxanne realized she could not avoid him anymore, she had no choice but to greet him in an aloof tone. However, that was all she did before averting his eyes, for she did not intend to speak much to him.

When Lucian sensed that the woman was still trying to keep a distance from him, his eyes darkened. Then, he turned to the side to say to Sonny, "Please take a look at her."

Sonny nodded in response and stepped forward to give Roxanne a checkup.

Roxanne knitted her brows when she saw the unfamiliar man appear in her bedroom. But as her mind was fuzzy from the fever, she could not react in time to his action.

"This is the Farwell family's family doctor. I brought him over to take a look at you," Lucian said in a low voice.

A trace of resistance appeared in Roxanne's eyes.

The Farwells' family doctor is here to give me a checkup? What's going on?

"It's fine. I'm a doctor myself. I know what my condition is," she coldly rejected. "If it's serious, I'll go to the hospital myself."

Lucian furrowed his brows and tried to make her drop the tough act. "If you can get up, will you be talking to me while lying down now?"

Roxanne was taken aback.

As her fever was high, she had no strength. Moreover, she could not get Lysa in time to help her up into a sitting position when Lucian entered.

If she were to force herself upright immediately, she would only expose her condition to him.

Yet, she did not know how to accept Lucian's goodwill.

Just as she was contemplating how she should reject him, the man uttered, "Essie will be in a bad mood while you're sick. What happened previously has already made her condition unstable. I don't want her to be affected again."

The girl at the side went along with his words and nodded fervently. She grabbed Roxanne's arm and said with concern, "Ms. Jarvis, doctor."

The girl's eyes were still red, and so was the tip of her nose. The sight of her ached Roxanne's heart.

Roxanne simply could not bring herself to say no after how he had used Estella as an excuse and after seeing the look on the girl's face.

After a few seconds of silence, Roxanne finally agreed to it.

The two boys, Archie and Benny, were relieved to see their mother agree to let the doctor give her a checkup.

They were afraid that their mother would resist the doctor alongside their father.

When Archie and Benny saw Sonny walking over, they quickly stepped aside to give him space.

After a thorough checkup, Sonny turned to report to Lucian, "Ms. Jarvis is having a fever because she has been overtiring herself recently. That's why her immune system has weakened. Moreover, she caught a cold, and that's why she's burning up so badly. I must go back to prepare to give Ms. Jarvis a drip."

Lucian nodded before letting his gaze land on the woman on the bed. Regret tinged the look in his eyes.

Roxanne had only caught a cold because she had been drenched by the rain the night before.

He was partly to blame-the rain had been heavy, and he should have insisted on sending her to the parking lot.

He also could have handed her the umbrella, as he would have been fine going under the rain for a while.

When Roxanne sensed his gaze, she lowered her eyes, not wanting to look at him.

She, too, knew that she was having a fever because of the tough act she had put up the day before.

Maybe he thinks that I'm only making things worse for myself with that false bravado.

A sense of self-deprecation danced across Roxanne's mind at that thought.

#### Chapter 306 Care For The Entire Night

Not long after, Sonny entered from outside with the items needed for Roxanne's IV drip.

After setting up everything and inserting the needle into Roxanne's hand, Sonny turned to say to Lucian, "Ms. Jarvis will need to undergo a longer IV therapy than usual. She might need someone to look after her and change the IV bag."

Hearing that, Roxanne quickly said, "Lysa, I'll have to trouble you tonight."

Naturally, Lysa would not reject her. Just as she was about to reply to Roxanne, someone interrupted her, "I'll stay."

The moment those words were out of his mouth, the expressions of everyone in the room changed.

Lysa was surprised as she remembered how averse Roxanne had been to keeping Lucian in the house. Even the two boys were not too willing to have Lucian stay. However, Lucian was the one who brought the doctor, so Lysa could not say much about the matter.

She cast a stumped look at Roxanne.

Roxanne drew her brows together. "There's no need for that; just having Lysa change the IV bags for me will be fine. Mr. Farwell, you're a busy man, so it's best for you not to waste your time here."

Archie and Benny chimed in, "We'll help take care of Mommy, so thank you, but no thank you on your offer, Mr. Farwell."

They only wanted the doctor to give their mother a checkup; it did not mean that they were going to let their father stay.

In contrast, Estella was a little disappointed.

If her father were to go back, she surely would not be able to stay either.

She was worried sick about Roxanne.

Lucian swept his gaze across Estella's face before his eyes drifted back to Roxanne. "Essie surely won't come home willingly with me with how sick you are, and I won't be at ease letting her stay alone. So I'm going to stay tonight no matter what. Lysa, please bring the kids to rest."

Lysa looked at Roxanne dubiously.

Roxanne was looking at the girl beside her.

Estella was pursing her lips, and Roxanne could see the worry the girl had for her. Estella muttered in her high-pitched voice, "I won't go if Ms. Jarvis isn't well."

With that, she lay down on the side of the bed and clung to Roxanne's arm.

It was Estella's first time cuddling up to Roxanne.

Thus, Roxanne could not bring herself to ask the girl to leave.

Furthermore, she was sick. Lucian was definitely not going to leave after a brief persuasion from her.

A beat later, Roxanne gave Lucian a silent agreement to stay.

At that, Lucian's gaze softened. After asking Sonny the things he should pay attention to, he went downstairs to send the doctor away before returning and sitting silently on the couch in Roxanne's room. The children stayed close to the bed and chatted with Roxanne.

Soon, Roxanne felt groggy and fell asleep.

Lucian asked Lysa to bring the children to rest while he stayed behind to take care of her.

As he had to pay attention to the volume in the IV bag, Lucian barely slept a wink that night.

The next morning when Roxanne woke up, she was still a little dazed. It took her a few seconds before she recalled that Lucian had stayed back to take care of her the entire night.

Roxanne raised her head to glance at the IV bag, only to realize that her IV therapy was done. Lucian had taken a chair to sit by the side of her bed, and his hand was holding onto her wrist to stop Roxanne's hand from moving while she slept.

Perhaps she had instinctively moved her hand when she woke up, for the man's eyes slowly opened. She could see that his eyes were bloodshot, and it was clear that he did not rest much the night before. When the two pairs of eyes met, Roxanne blinked and quickly averted her eyes.

"How do you feel?" came the man's slightly hoarse voice.

Only then did Roxanne turn back to look at him. "I'm much better. Thank you, Mr. Farwell."

Compared to the day before, Roxanne could feel her strength returning.

Lucian inclined his head. He knew that she did not wish to speak much to him, so he only informed her about the reminders Sonny had told him. He then stood up and left the place with Estella. After Estella made sure that Roxanne had recovered, she obediently went back with her father.

#### Chapter 307 Some Difficulties

When Lucian left Roxanne's place, the look on the two passersby by the road outside Roxanne's house changed, and they took out their phones to make a call.

Right as Aubree reached the office and was about to hold a morning meeting, she received a call. She frowned and instructed Charles to preside over the meeting instead before going into her office to pick up the call.

"Ms. Pearson, we've been keeping an eye outside Roxanne's residential area for a few days. Mr. Farwell and Ms. Estella have come by her place yesterday and only left this morning," said the man on the other end of the call the moment the call went through.

Aubree's expression darkened drastically.

Ever since Lucian told her that he wanted to break off the engagement, she had sent men to spy on Roxanne-she wanted to know how close Lucian was to the other woman.



To her surprise, despite days of spying, the people she hired had only seen Lucian visit Roxanne's place once, and he had always left quickly.

Initially, she thought she had made the wrong speculation.

However, not only did Lucian visit Roxanne's place again, but he even spent the night there this time.

Aubree instructed the two, "Keep watching. Pay extra attention to the men who enter Roxanne's house."

The two promised to do exactly that.

After ending the call, Aubree stared at the documents on the table expressionlessly for a long time. All of a sudden, she leaped to her feet and swept everything to the ground. Lucian has actually spent the night at Roxanne's place! How intimate are they now? They stayed in a room together during the kindergarten's parent-and-child activity too!

Aubree could still remember what Lucian had said to her back then. He had said that there were not enough rooms.

However, she was starting to think that Lucian had lied to her at that time.

That b\*tch Roxanne! She quietly left back then, but now that she's back, she's actually clinging to Lucian shamelessly! Aubree was livid.

Before Pearson Group's morning meeting ended, someone suddenly opened the conference room door.

The executive members of the company whipped their heads toward the doorway in unison. They wondered who in the world had just opened the door. Their confusion only increased after they saw the person in the doorway.

Ms. Pearson?

"That's it for the morning meeting," Aubree announced, her expression grim.

Then, before the executives could react to it, she turned to Charles and said, "I need to talk to you."

Charles dared not dawdle at the sight of her grave expression. He quickly stood up and went to her office with her.

"What's the progress of the matter I asked you to look into? Who is the biological father of those two children?" Aubree asked, her voice laced with madness.

I can't wait any longer. I won't let that b\*tch get what I can't get so easily.

At the mention of that, Charles creased his forehead.

When Aubree received no answer for a long while, she picked up a file and threw it at Charles. "I'm talking to you! Are you deaf?"

Charles had long gotten used to her bad temper, but his heart still lurched as he cautiously replied, "Ms. Pearson, I... I'm having trouble looking into this."

"What do you mean?"

Charles lifted his head to glance at her face. When he saw the fury on her face, he quietly lowered his head again. "It seems that someone has deliberately erased her records overseas. Our men have racked their brains to dig out something, but our efforts have been to no avail."

Aubree's expression darkened even more.

The atmosphere in the office was tense.

Charles did not even dare to even take a breath.

A beat later, Aubree's voice sounded out again. "I don't care what methods you use; I want you to keep looking. I refuse to believe that she can hide everything!"

Charles promptly reassured her that he would do that.

### Chapter 308 Only That Man

Although Roxanne's fever had gone down, Archie and Benny were still worried, so they made their mother stay at home for another two days.

Once she was fully recovered, she sent the two children to kindergarten in the morning. Just as she got into her car and was about to drive to the research institute, her phone suddenly rang.

After taking a glance at the caller ID, she realized it was a call from Harvey, her professor.

Thinking that he was calling about the project, Roxanne quickly picked up the call and asked, "Professor Lambert, what's the matter?"

Harvey sounded solemn. "Did you offend someone?"

Roxanne was baffled by his words. "What do you mean?"

"It seems that someone has been looking into your matters during your time overseas," Harvey said to her grimly. "That's why I'm asking if you offended anyone in the country. The other party seems to be keen to cause a scene with what happened during your time out of the country."

Roxanne's heart sank. "Is it possible to find out who it is?"

"I'm afraid not. You should know that my influence is mainly over medical affairs. The other party has more influence than me, and I really can't find out who's behind this for now."

Roxanne bit her lower lip as a thought flashed past her mind.

Lucian had once expressed his curiosity about her overseas experiences back when she was treating Alfred.

Furthermore, Lucian had also asked her multiple times who Archie and Benny's biological father was after getting to know the two boys.

Now that he has spent so much time with the boys, is he starting to doubt the boys' background? Is that why he's making investigations overseas? Professor Lambert has also said that the other party has more power than him.

That thought made panic surge in Roxanne's chest.

If he really finds out about something, will he take Archie and Benny away from me?

The more Roxanne thought about it, the tenser her voice became. "Do you know what he's looking into?"

Harvey replied, "I can sense that the other party's very interested in your social life over the past few years. They've been looking into the people you interacted with."

I knew it.

Roxanne pinched her palm and used the pain to calm herself. "Then... have they found out anything?"

If Lucian has really found out about something, I have to prepare myself for the confrontation.

Harvey reassured softly, "Although I don't have the power to reverse the investigation, I can stop them from looking further into this. After realizing that someone was looking into your matters, I did everything I could to hide what happened to you over the last few years. I don't think they've found out about anything yet."

Roxanne let out a heavy sigh of relief and expressed her gratitude to Harvey. "Thank you."

Harvey replied noncommittally, "It's nothing. You should be more careful. You have me to take care of you overseas, but now that you're in charge of the research institute, you need to be extra cautious when you do anything. Otherwise, you might accidentally cross someone."

Roxanne bit her lower lip.

She did not recall crossing anyone in the past. The only one who would look into her past matters was that man.

However, that was something she saw no need to tell Harvey about.

"I got it. Thank you, Professor Lambert. There's something I'd like to trouble you with," Roxanne said after a few seconds of silence.

Harvey swiftly agreed to that. "Speak your mind."

Roxanne continued, "Regardless of everything, please keep Archie and Benny's history a secret; please don't let anyone know about how I was already pregnant when I left the country..."

If the other party finds out that I was pregnant when I left the country, they'll easily find out who the father of the children is.

Harvey did not probe further and agreed to her request.

Chapter 309 No Hope

At Pearson Group, Charles was standing in front of Aubree with a frown as he said, "Ms. Pearson, there's someone overseas who's intentionally stopping us from looking into Roxanne's matter, especially the ones regarding the two children, so-

Aubree cut him off before he could finish, "So you found nothing!"

Charles fell silent.

The atmosphere in the office was tense for a moment.

Aubree stared at him for a long time before she said through clenched teeth, "What use are you lot when you can't even find anything after so long?"

Before Charles could respond to her, she snarled, "Get lost!"

Charles instantly turned to leave.

Aubree huffed in anger as she watched the office door close.

It had been days since Lucian himself had told her that he wanted to break off the engagement, yet she still had not gotten anything to blackmail Roxanne with.

If Lucian spreads the news about us breaking off our engagement, it's highly likely that b\*tch is going to be the future Mrs. Farwell. That b\*tch was the one who stole my spot six years ago, and six years later, she's still haunting me! I've already been embarrassed by how Lucian has broken off our engagement.

If the same person steals Lucian from me again, others are definitely going to see me as a laughingstock! No! No matter what, I'm not going to let Roxanne become Mrs. Farwell. After sitting in her office for some time, Aubree narrowed her eyes and called Sonya.

Sonya had just finished her breakfast. When she received a call from Aubree, she could not help but think about the words she had said a few days ago, and guilt washed over her. She had said that she was going to help convince Lucian to change his mind after Lucian calmed down, but she had not had the chance to talk to her son for the past two days. Sonya felt apologetic when she picked up the call, and her voice was audibly kinder. "Aubree, it's quite early for you to call. Did something happen?"

Despite the scowl on Aubree's face, she said in a soft voice, "Mrs. Farwell, do you not like me anymore?"

Hearing that, Sonya frowned. "What are you talking about? How can I not like you?"

As Aubree suppressed the rising resentment in her, she muttered sorrowfully, "But you haven't called me for the past few days. I thought you have forgotten about me after Lucian said he wanted to break off the engagement."

Aubree sounded miserable, but it was nothing too surprising for Sonya.

Sonya's guilt only amplified at that. She let out a quiet sigh before saying, "I've just been a little busy lately. Moreover, your matter with Lucian..."

At that, Sonya paused for a few seconds before consoling Aubree again, "Don't worry. I'll definitely have a talk with Lucian about this. Your engagement with him can't just be broken off like this."

Just as she finished saying that, Aubree's voice, tinged with bitterness, sounded. "Mrs. Farwell, haven't I told you this before? I think of you like my mother. Even without Lucian in the picture, I'll still respect and admire you.

As for my engagement with Lucian... He has already made his decision. I, too, know that Lucian's not an easy person to convince, so I don't have any hope for that anymore. All I can hope is for our relationship to still be the same as before."

Sonya's heart ached, and she whispered, "Of course."

A hint of disdain flashed past Aubree's eyes, but she still said, "When are you free, Mrs. Farwell? I'd like to buy some new clothes, and I wish to seek your opinion about them."

Sonya smiled and answered, "This weekend, perhaps."

Aubree agreed to it. She then flattered Sonya a little longer before she ended the call.

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A ruthless look crossed Aubree's face after she ended the call. She then made another call and said a few words to the person on the other end of the line.

That day was a weekend, and Aubree drove to the Farwell residence early in the morning.

Sonya was in the middle of her breakfast when Aubree came in. Almost immediately, Sonya smiled at her. "You're early. Have you had your breakfast? Do you want to sit down and eat something?" Aubree shook her head. "No, thank you. I've come to pick you up."

Sonya did not insist. As she ate her breakfast, she chatted away with Aubree.

After Sonya finished her breakfast, Aubree brought her to the shopping district.

"Mrs. Farwell, how has Essie been?" Aubree asked nonchalantly when they were on their way to their destination. "I'm worried about her. But after that day, I haven't been able to meet her." Sonya's expression turned solemn at the mention of Estella. "That incident has frightened Essie. Moreover, her condition has been unstable recently. I really don't know what I can do for her." Estella's autism had been ongoing for years. According to her psychiatrist, the girl was not born with autism, so the chances of her getting cured were high-it just depended on whether Estella wanted to cooperate with the treatment plan.

However, Estella's condition did not improve. Evidently, it was because she did not want to work with them.



Her condition only improved when Roxanne appeared.

Sonya had always felt that the girl refused to work with the treatment plan because she lacked motherly love.

Therefore, partially for Estella's condition, Sonya had been urging Lucian to marry Aubree quickly. That way, there would be a woman taking care of Estella, and Estella would have a mother.

A while back, Estella's condition had finally improved, but she had returned to her old self after the incident.

Moreover, Sonya did not want Estella to get close to Roxanne.

After mulling over it, she felt that she would be more at ease if her son were to be with Aubree.

With that thought in mind, Sonya turned to glance at Aubree in relief.

When Aubree looked at Sonya, she put on a self-blaming look. "This is all my fault. Essie was getting better. No wonder Lucian doesn't want to be with me. I'm too careless with kids."

In just a few words, Aubree had attributed the incident of how she had lost the girl to carelessness.

She studied Sonya's expression from the corner of her eye.

When Sonya saw that she was still blaming herself for the incident despite it being days ago, she frowned and said, "You didn't do anything wrong. How could Lucian be with Roxanne? You did that for their own good, but Essie's too stubborn. Technically, we're the ones who spoiled her."

Upon seeing that Sonya had no intention of blaming her at all, Aubree curled her lips mockingly before quickly tucking them away. She answered kindly, "Girls should be spoiled. Essie's so cute and sweet. If I have a daughter like Essie, I will definitely spoil her too."

Her words made Sonya even more certain that she would take good care of Estella in the future, so she smiled trustingly. "Don't worry. To me, you're Essie's future mother. I'll have a talk with Lucian." Aubree smiled and did not say anything.

She did not have high hopes for Sonya to convince Lucian.

After all, it was almost impossible that Lucian would heed Sonya's words.

Aubree was going to have to rely on herself to achieve her goal.