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Chapter 321 Leave

"This is a public space, and my children are right here. I'm not interested in you, so please stop bothering me and leave." Roxanne's attitude turned cold as she stared at the man emotionlessly. Join Telegram Group For Fast update and Novel Query

Even though she was sitting, meaning she didn't have the high ground, her demeanor was imposing.

The man was stunned by her warning for a few seconds before snapping back to his senses. He was feeling a little apprehensive, but he couldn't resist the temptation, so he stubbornly refused to back down. "Fine, I won't continue here. How about you give me your phone number? We can continue to chat privately."

Roxanne glared at him with disdain. "If you still refuse to leave, I'll call the staff to chase you away!"

The man looked around and saw the nearest staff was quite far away. Hence, he tried to take her phone by force.

A small hand grabbed it before he did.

Roxanne looked at her child with slight surprise. What is he trying to do?

"I'm going to call Daddy and let him handle this! The swimming pool has surveillance cameras. My daddy won't let you go for harassing my mommy!" Archie earnestly flipped through the contacts on her phone. She became silent. Ah, so he's trying to scare this man away by saying that.

The man was still standing there stubbornly, as though he wasn't going to leave until he achieved his goal.

Archie stared at the man with a tense and fierce expression. "My daddy is a CEO! He's very powerful! Just wait and see!"

He then half-intentionally let the man see Lucian's contact on Roxanne's phone.

The man was shocked.

The reason he worked at a nearby gym was that he wanted to hook up with rich women. It was why he did plenty of research on famous families in Horington.

So, obviously, he had heard about Lucian and how powerful Lucian was in Horington.

He also heard about Lucian's relationship.

It didn't appear odd to him that Lucian might have a few mistresses running around outside.

He knew in an instant that Roxanne was someone living in the neighborhood. So, he didn't suspect what Archie said, especially because of her temperament, and started feeling fearful. I can't believe I accidentally messed with Lucian's woman!

Roxanne panickily glanced at her child when she heard what he said, too. Why did he use Lucian's name to protect us? Is this a coincidence? I can't tell if he's just trying to use Lucian's name to scare this man off or if he already knows about his background.

"Oh, so you're Mr. Farwell's woman." The man was stunned for a moment. When he returned to his senses, he apologized to Roxanne, "I was a fool. I hope you're willing to forgive me, miss."

Roxanne didn't hear what he said clearly as she couldn't stop thinking about what Archie had blurted. She simply nodded inattentively. "Please, just leave."

The man's expression shifted drastically. "I'll get out of your sight right away."

He then turned around and left.

Her attention wasn't focused on his movements at all.

Archie's expression relaxed after he saw the ugly man who harassed his mother leave. He turned around, intending to return the phone to Roxanne.

When he saw how his mother looked at him, he acted all innocent. "What's wrong, Mommy?"

Roxanne's eyes were aimed at her son's face unblinkingly. No matter how she looked, she couldn't detect any abnormalities, so she took the phone back with a heavy heart. "It's nothing. You two should go back to swimming. I'm fine."

Archie and Benny nodded before returning to the pool.

Chapter 322 We Can Take Care Of Mommy

The boys swam for nearly two hours. When they were done, Roxanne brought them to lunch.

On the way there, she couldn't stop thinking about what Archie had said to the man.

She glanced at the children for a long time through the rearview mirror. Eventually, she couldn't help but ask, "Why did you say that earlier, Archie? Why did you say Mr. Farwell is your daddy?" The reason she didn't ask about it earlier was that she didn't want to ruin their moods to play. However, she could no longer hold herself back.

Upon hearing that, the boy glanced at her innocently. "Because he's awesome and powerful!"

Roxanne was stunned. For a moment, she couldn't tell if he was lying or not.

"Besides, I think if we call Mr. Farwell, he'll probably rush over to our location." Archie felt a bit odd when he said that.

He didn't like his father because his father wanted to marry another woman. However, he was confident that if anything happened to his mother, his father would arrive shortly after.

If not for Aubree, he would've accepted his father.

When she heard that, she was astonished because she found herself not doubting the truthfulness of that statement.

After she returned from overseas and spent time with Lucian, she also believed he would've rushed to her location, even though she might not appreciate it.

Upon noticing she thought that, Roxanne pursed her lips self-deprecatingly. So what if he came? He's still going to marry Aubree. We're destined to be strangers.

She halted her train of thought and stopped suspecting her child. "Don't say stuff like that to other people anymore, okay? Mr. Farwell already has a fiancée. If what you said spreads out, it won't be good for him or us."

The boys nodded as their hatred for Lucian deepened. What a bad daddy! Even though he's going to marry another woman, Mommy is still thinking about him!

She recalled the scene from earlier and was still a little concerned. "If something like that happens again, you two must protect yourself. I can deal with the situation. You two are still children, so you don't need to help me out."

There was a world of difference between the man's physique and the children's.

If the man had been more forceful... Roxanne couldn't bear to imagine what would happen next. I doubt the security guards would've arrived in time even if I had called for them. When she finished speaking, rustling sounds were heard coming from the back.

The boys straightened their backs and uttered righteously, "We want to protect Mommy! That man was obviously a bad guy! Besides, there's no one but us by your side, Mommy

Roxanne's heart was warmed when she heard that. Her expression softened too. "You two will have the opportunity to protect me in the future. I'm only going to get worried if you do that now."

"We've already grown up!" Archie replied with a sullen expression. "You've taken care of us for so long, Mommy. We can take care of and protect Mommy, too! We may not have a daddy, but what Daddy can do, we can do, too!"

Seeing how insistent he was, she didn't have the heart to talk him down and crush his desire to protect her, so she smiled. "I'll thank you two in advance first, then."

The children nodded earnestly.

Chapter 323 Embarrassed

After Roxanne brought the children to grab lunch, she bought two sets of clothes for them before returning home.

Lysa prepared dinner.

Roxanne sat at the dining table with them. Lysa asked the boys what they did, and they answered truthfully. The atmosphere was pretty cordial.

After a while, Roxanne noticed Benny had been eating exceptionally slow. "What's wrong, Benny? Did you get too full during lunch earlier?"

Lysa and Archie also turned to Benny.

Benny was holding his abdomen under the table with one of his hands while he slowly ate with another. His face was pale, and he looked like he was feeling unwell.

Seeing his brother like that made Archie worried. "Benny doesn't look like he's feeling well, Mommy."

Roxanne put her fork down and approached her son.

Seeing his mother getting closer, Benny stopped pretending and held his abdomen with both his hands. His face was totally scrunched up.

"What's wrong? Do you have a stomachache?" She grabbed his hand with a serious expression, trying to figure out what kind of illness he had contracted.

Benny nodded forcefully. Just as she grabbed his wrist, his expression darkened. He then jumped away from his chair and ran into the bathroom.

Roxanne stood and stared at Archie worryingly. "Are you feeling any discomfort?"

Archie sensed his body's condition seriously and shook his head.

Lysa glanced in the direction of the bathroom worryingly and then shifted her attention to the dishes. "This shouldn't have happened. I'm sure the dishes tonight are fine."

Roxanne smiled at her comfortingly. "It's not the dishes' fault. I think it's probably because he got a cold while swimming earlier, or maybe the lunch was bad."

Lysa nodded with relief, though her heart ached a little. Ever since I started taking care of this family, this pair of mother and son kept falling ill. I wonder how they survived in the past. After a while, Benny walked out of the toilet with a pale face.

"How is it?" Roxanne asked caringly.

Benny shook his head. "I don't feel anything anymore."

She was still worried about him, so she brought him to the couch and checked his pulse.

"When did you start feeling unwell?" Her eyebrows were furrowed as she stared at him.

Benny replied guiltily, "In the car, during the afternoon."

A sigh escaped her mouth. "Why didn't you tell me about it earlier?"

His voice became smaller with each word he said, "I didn't want Mommy to get worried. Besides, I just wanted to go to the toilet..."

It was because he and his brother just said they wanted to protect their mother. They might be children, but they had dignity as well.

Additionally, he didn't feel his body was sickly. He only experienced a stomachache during the car ride.

It was unexpected to him that his stomach caused him a lot of pain after eating two mouthfuls of food.

He felt pretty ashamed and embarrassed that his mother had found out.

Roxanne was able to tell what Benny was thinking. Her heart ached a little as she wondered if she should laugh or cry. "If you want to protect me, you must take care of yourselves first! If you feel unwell, tell me about it next time."

He nodded.

"It would've only been necessary to eat some medicine for this. Now we have to head to the hospital." Roxanne glanced at the clock. "Good, it's still not too late."

After that, she asked Lysa to grab the children's coats for them before she brought them to the hospital.

Chapter 324 My Fault

Concurrently, at the hospital, Aubree received a call from her subordinate.

"Ms. Pearson, we saw Roxanne driving toward a hospital."

She glanced at Lucian, who was sitting outside, and asked in a low voice, "Which one?"

The subordinate replied, "I think it's Primo Hospital."

Primo Hospital was the best private hospital in Horington. It was also where Aubree was currently staying.

When she heard Roxanne was heading to her location, a glimmer of light flashed across Aubree's eyes. "How long before they arrive?"

"About five minutes."

"Got it. Continue to follow her. When she arrives at the entrance, give me a call."

"Roger."

Upon hanging up the call, Aubree put the phone aside and carefully glanced at Lucian. Seeing how he wasn't paying attention to her, she shifted her gaze to the cup on the table and reached for it. Lucian was focusing on checking his company mailbox and didn't notice what she was doing.

Suddenly, a crashing sound was heard.

It was soon followed by Aubree's suppressed exclamation.

That prompted him to turn back immediately and look inside the ward.

He saw the cup he had just filled with water was shattered to pieces on the ground. Aubree was seen half leaning against the table. She appeared shocked as she stared at the cup silently. His eyebrows furrowed as he entered the ward to take care of the mess.

"Lucian." She looked at him timidly and apologetically. "Did I disturb your work? I saw you were focused on your work, so I tried to grab the cup myself instead of calling for you. I underestimated how freely I could move. It's my fault for accidentally shattering the cup and disturbing your work."

Then she tried to clean up the mess herself. "Your work is important. I can take care of it myself. You should go back to work."

Lucian blocked her hand and uttered in a deep voice, "Since I've been asked to take care of you, you can just call for me if you need me. If you try to force yourself, you'll only cause me more trouble." Aubree bit her lip and stood at the side.

Once the mess was taken care of, he grabbed a new cup, filled it with water, and put it in her hand.

"Call me if you need me." Then he turned around, preparing to leave.

She glanced at the time. Roxanne's about to arrive! Her heart wavered before she called out, "Lucian!"

He stopped, turned back, and stared at her. "Yeah?"

With embarrassment present on her face, she lowered her eyes. "I don't want to disturb your work, but after thinking about it for a bit, I think that you're right. If I keep being stubborn, I will only cause you

more trouble. So, I won't anymore. Can you accompany me to find a doctor? I think my arm isn't feeling too well."

Lucian's eyebrows furrowed. "What's wrong?"

Aubree replied apologetically, "It's my fault. I think I touched my arm's fractured spot when grabbing the cup earlier. I don't know if it's affected or not.

As she spoke, her face was filled with caution and self-blame.

It was as though she was really blaming herself for causing more trouble for Lucian and disturbing his work.

He stared at her plastered arm and nodded indifferently. "Let's go."

Gratefulness colored Aubree's face when he agreed. However, her mind was thinking about something else. If we go out now, we'll definitely meet up with that b*tch later. I want to see if that b*tch still has the gall to cling onto him after seeing how he's taking care of me!

Chapter 325 Careful

When Roxanne arrived at the hospital, she wanted to carry Benny in. However, the boy was afraid that she would get tired, so he insisted on walking in by himself. She had no choice but to let him do it. After the boys got the number, she brought them to the second floor.

"How are you feeling? Does your stomach still hurt a lot?" Roxanne asked with care as they walked.

He didn't want his mother to worry, so even though his stomach was still aching, he shook his head silently.

It wasn't enough to fool her that he was pretending. Her eyes were filled with worry.

The elevator just so happened to stop at their floor when the three of them arrived.

"Is your arm still in pain?"

When the elevator door opened, a familiar voice entered their ears.

Roxanne, Archie, and Benny turned to the elevator subconsciously.

When they looked into the elevator, they saw Aubree and Lucian standing next to each other. Aubree's arm was in a cast. She was wearing a big jacket and a thin patient's gown underneath. Lucian wore a shirt with rolled-up sleeves, revealing his slender yet strong arm. His attention was focused on the person next to him.

Roxanne and the children were stunned when they saw the two of them.

While they knew of the couple's marriage, it was the first time they saw the two of them acting so intimately with each other.

Lucian's jacket was placed on Aubree's body, and his attention was drawn to her injured arm. It was pretty apparent how much he cared about her.

The three of them suddenly felt complicated.

Roxanne felt like laughing at herself. I know it's just a matter of time before they marry each other. I also know how much he obsessed over her six years ago. And yet, just because he treated me nicely after I returned to this country, I started doubting his relationship with her. I wonder how the reporter who caught me going to the hospital with Lucian last time will report this encounter. Even though I was mistaken to be his fiancée last time, from a certain point of view, in those pictures, I'm Aubree's body double. In fact, he treats Aubree far better than how he treats me! Now that I think about it, it really is funny that I doubted his relationship.

Benny and Archie tightened their fists secretly as they stared at the couple with disdain. Bad Daddy! He doesn't want to be with Mommy, yet he treats other women so well! This one bullied Mommy before!

The couple inside the elevator strolled out. They seemed not to have noticed Roxanne and her children at all.

Aubree's eyebrows furrowed as she apologized, "I'm still feeling well. Maybe I was a little too anxious earlier. I think it's fine even if we don't visit a doctor..."

As she spoke, her peripheral vision simultaneously brushed past Roxanne. The moment she finished speaking, she smiled and turned to the front. Her eyes met with Roxanne's, Archie's, and Benny's. Lucian was still ignorant of the family's presence. When he heard what Aubree said, his eyebrows furrowed. "Better to be safe than sorry."

After all, it was his mother who caused the injury, so he had to be thorough with his care.

The conversation sounded as though Aubree didn't want to visit the doctor and that Lucian was the one who urged her to do so.

He didn't mind what she said.

When he finished talking, he turned to the front.

His expression changed the moment his line of sight landed on the family in front of him.

"What a coincidence, Ms. Jarvis. Are you... feeling unwell? Or is it your child who's feeling sick?" Aubree greeted casually as she inconspicuously raised her unharmed arm and pulled the jacket on her down.

Chapter 326 Being Nice

Roxanne returned to her senses and protected her children behind her back. She gave Aubree a distant smile. "There's no need for you to worry, Ms. Pearson. It's just a minor illness."

Then she glanced at Lucian. "It seems like you're busy with Mr. Farwell. I won't bother the both of you further."

Without waiting for their replies, she grabbed her children and attempted to escape the couple's line of sight.

After she took two steps away, Lucian spoke. "Are Benny and Archie not feeling well?"

His gaze brushed past the children and saw Benny's pale face. He also noticed the boy was holding his abdomen with darkened eyes.

The pale-faced boy turned around and uttered in an angry tone, "It's just a stomachache! You should just take that lady to the doctor, Mr. Farwell. There's no need for you to pay attention to us!"

It was pretty obvious he was angry. The corridor was silent as his voice echoed in the stairwell.

Sensing the hostility from the child, Lucian furrowed his eyebrows. He wasn't sure what he was doing wrong that made them unhappy.

Even though they hadn't met for a while, the children were treating him with even greater antagonism.

Roxanne could tell her son's voice was getting louder, so she quickly moved him to her back and apologized to the passersby. Only then did she turn to Lucian and Aubree. "I'm sorry, Benny isn't feeling well, so he's in a bad mood right now. I hope you two will forgive him."

The incident where Archie and Benny were expelled from kindergarten for no apparent reason still haunted her.

It was why she didn't want Aubree to find an excuse to give the children trouble, especially when Lucian seemed like he was getting pretty close to Aubree.

She thought it would be for the best if she treated the couple with respect.

Her submissive attitude caused Lucian's expression to darken slightly. He furrowed his eyebrows silently. I can't believe this woman is asking me to forgive the children. Does she think I'm going to do bad things to them? Is the time we spent with each other not enough for her to know what kind of person I am?

Thinking about how Roxanne thought of him made his expression darken. The surrounding temperature was lowered.

Aubree was the closest and first to experience that pressure. As she glanced at Lucian, she clenched her fist. However, she put on a kind facade, stared at Benny, and asked caringly, "He looks pretty awful. Is his illness serious?"

Then she shifted her gaze to Roxanne and mentioned casually, "If you need any help, I can introduce you to an impressive pediatrician. Of course, if Lucian also is willing to help out, it'll be great! The doctors he knows are all great."

Lastly, when she finished speaking, she aimed her line of sight at her cast.

It was her way of telling Roxanne that her doctor was found by Lucian.

Of course, Roxanne understood that. She smiled coldly. "No need. I have plenty of medical resources. Benny's condition isn't that serious, but thanks for your thoughtfulness anyway, Ms. Pearson." Despite Roxanne's polite language, Aubree still furrowed her eyebrows and stared aggrievedly. "I'm just being nice. Is it necessary for you to respond like this, Ms. Jarvis?"

Roxanne felt her eyelid twitch, though she was too lazy to deal with Aubree's nonsense. Thus, she chose not to reply as her lips twitched a little.

Chapter 327 Choose Her

Aubree wanted to say something, but Roxanne was already bidding her goodbye. "I still need to bring my children to meet with the doctor. Take care, Mr. Farwell, Ms. Pearson." She nodded at the couple coldly and left.

Aubree's mouth opened as she stared at Roxanne's figure. Then she closed it up in frustration. Her fingers dug into her palm while she tried to suppress her displeasure. I wanted to show off my status to this b*tch, yet it's as though she didn't notice it at all! Still, based on her reaction earlier, I'm pretty sure she has no feeling left for Lucian.

When her train of thought ended there, she felt better. She turned to her man and said, "Let's leave too, Lucian.

Then she swept her gaze past the direction Roxanne left and complained, "Ms. Jarvis is quite ill-mannered. We were just expressing our concern for her sick kid, yet she gave us that attitude. It made me think said something wrong."

Lucian didn't reply.

Aubree turned to him with a confused look.

His eyebrows remained tightly furrowed as he kept staring at the leaving family. It was as if he didn't hear her at all.

A wretched expression flashed past her face. What's so good about that b*tch? Despite her sh*tty attitude, he still cares so much about her!

She suppressed her envious rage and carefully tugged his sleeve. "Lucian? What are you thinking about? If you're worried about the child, I can accompany you to visit him."

Since things had turned out that way, she had to continue playing a gentle character to make Lucian think highly of her.

Aubree thought she was doing great being an understanding person. To her surprise, Lucian looked away and glanced at her cast before replying in a deep voice, "No need. Your arm's injured too. You're only a few steps away from the doctor's office. Can you make it there yourself?"

No words left her lips as she was flabbergasted. Is he telling me to meet the doctor myself?

Realizing that, she furrowed her eyebrows as she pretended to be worried. "I can do it. I pretty much can't feel anything from my injury now. It's possible I overreacted earlier. As for Ms. Jarvis' child, even though I know he's sick, I didn't spare a glance at him. It makes me feel kind of bad. How about we check up on them together?"

Lucian's eyebrows remained furrowed. "If you're not feeling unwell, then you should head back to your room and rest."

Aubree was stunned again. Her teeth were biting into the flesh inside her mouth as she tried desperately to keep him by her side.

After thinking for a while, a hint of viciousness flashed across her eyes. She was going to pull out yet another trick as she calmly approached him. "Your mother is coming soon, though. If she doesn't see you when she arrives, I don't know what to tell her."

When his mother was brought up, his expression froze slightly. He glanced at Roxanne and her children, who had all entered the consultation room. His line of sight returned to Aubree as he said, "I'll explain to her later. You should go back first."

Without giving her a chance to get any closer, he marched toward the pediatric office.

With that, her plan failed. She stared at his figure with gritted teeth and a scowl.

Her plan was to show off her status to Roxanne to prove that Lucian was her man. It backfired horribly when he abandoned her again for Roxanne.

Once more, she was hoisted by her own petard.

Chapter 328 The Background Of The Boys

After a series of examinations, Roxanne discussed Benny's condition with the doctor in the consultation room.

Her concise and intelligent discussion took the doctor by surprise. After a while, the doctor asked with a smile, "Miss, which hospital are you working at? Will you consider working here?"

Roxanne smiled humbly and replied, "It's okay. I only know a little about stuff like this. That's all."

With that, she reminded her sons, "Quick! Say thank you to the doctor."

Archie and Benny got off their seats and gave a solemn bow to the doctor. "Thank you, doctor."

The doctor was charmed by Archie and Benny's cuteness. "You're welcome. Remember to take your medicine on time when you get home. You're lucky that your mommy knows a lot. Otherwise, things may have gotten worse, and you may have to be hospitalized. You should thank your mommy instead!"

With innocent smiles on their faces, they turned and thanked Roxanne.

She caressed their heads, took the prescription, and left with her children.

Thankfully, she discovered Benny's illness early on. Therefore, he was not in a serious condition. As long as he took his medication on time, he should be fine.

The thought of that made Roxanne feel more at ease.

As Roxanne was walking, she reminded the boys, "Did you hear what the doctor said just now? In the future, you must let me know immediately if you are not feeling well." The boys nodded.

Roxanne was about to look down and ask Benny how he was feeling when she sensed someone blocking their way. Even when they continued to walk forward, that person had no intention of moving aside. In an instant, the two boys became more alert as well.

Roxanne's heart sank when she saw that and made a guess.

Looking up, she saw the face that appeared earlier on.

Lucian stood in front of them without any expression.

Roxanne was taken aback momentarily before asking coldly, "Mr. Farwell, can I help you?"

Lucian frowned when he noticed her attitude toward him. However, he did not pursue the matter because of the boys. Instead, he asked, "How's Benny?"

Roxanne frowned before scanning her surrounding, but she did not see Aubree anywhere.

Has Lucian abandoned Aubree to come over and ask about my children?

With that thought in mind, Roxanne could not help but become a little frightened.

Both his fiancée of six years and the son he had with his ex-wife, whom he only knew recently, fell ill. Naturally, his choice should have been clear.

Instead, Lucian had made an unexpected decision to come and check on Benny.

After witnessing the tender, loving care that Lucian showered on Aubree, it was only natural for Roxanne to assume that the man had come solely because of Benny and not her. Perhaps, Lucian has found out about the boys' background?

The conversation with Archie and Benny at the swimming pool started playing in her mind again.

Even though the boys had explained that they would say Lucian was their daddy because they thought highly of him, Roxanne could not help but become suspicious once more. Instinctively, Roxanne stood in front of Archie and Benny so that Lucian could not lay eyes on them.

Lucian's gaze darkened when she became protective over the boys.

Does Roxanne think that I will hurt her children? What kind of person does she think I am?

At that juncture, both of them had different thoughts running through their minds.

Chapter 329 You Have A Fiancée

After a few seconds, Roxanne calmed herself before turning down his concern, "Mr. Farwell, Benny's illness has nothing to do with you. I will take care of my own children. You should spend more time with your fiancée instead of asking about my sons. Earlier on, I saw that Ms. Pearson was seriously injured. Someone needs to be by her side at all times."

There was a grim look in Lucian's eyes when he heard that.

Roxanne's heart raced as she met his eyes, but she could not figure out what he was thinking.

However, she could sense that he seemed to be displeased with what she had just said.

Then again, I haven't said anything wrong. Everything that I have said is the truth.

Roxanne met his gaze, unperturbed.

After a while, Lucian forced himself to calm down before explaining to Roxanne patiently, "Aubree has fractured her arm, and she has been in the hospital for a few days now. She's fine and doesn't need my care. I have come to ask about Benny because he gets along very well with Essie. If Essie asks about Benny, at least I will know what to tell her."

Looking at the way Roxanne and the boys were eyeing him, he had to use Estella as an excuse. If not, he doubted they would tell him anything. Lucian thought of the time when Estella used to stay with Roxanne. He was puzzled at how things had come to the current situation.

At the mention of Estella, Roxanne's expression softened. However, there was something Lucian had said that affected her somehow.

Since Aubree had been hospitalized for a few days, Lucian must have been by her side all the while.

Otherwise, there was no way he would know so much about her injury.

Regardless, Roxanne still ended up telling Lucian about Benny's condition but in a very cold manner. "If Essie asks about Benny, just tell her that he has caught a cold while swimming. It's nothing serious. He will be fine after taking some medication. I can't share any other information other than that."

Lucian heaved a sigh of relief when he heard that Benny was not seriously ill.

For some strange reason, he could not help but feel concerned about Archie and Benny despite their obvious enmity toward him.

It was as if he owed them something.

"Now that you know about Benny's condition, you will be able to explain it to Essie. If there's nothing else, we would like to make a move first." Roxanne nodded at him before attempting to lead the boys past him.

Just as they walked past him, she heard him ask, "Why are you in such a hurry to avoid me?"

Hearing that, Roxanne stopped and tightened her grip on Archie and Benny.

Lucian was watching her inquisitively.

Roxanne pursed her lips and answered indifferently, "Mr. Farwell, we are different. I may have children, but I'm still single. You, on the other hand, are engaged. In order to prevent any misunderstanding, you should have been the one to avoid me. But you don't seem to be aware of it. So, I have no other option. I hope you can understand."

Lucian gulped and looked like he wanted to say something.

However, he had no response to the matter-of-fact manner in which Roxanne spoke.

Just as the tension in the air began to build, Benny broke the silence.

"Mommy, my tummy hurts. I want to go home and rest."

With that, Benny tugged at Roxanne's arm.

She bade Lucian farewell before leaving with her sons.

Chapter 330 You Know It

"Is your stomach aching badly? Do you want me to carry you?"

Roxanne, who had come to the staircase, knelt down in concern and looked into Benny's eyes.

Benny cracked a mischievous yet gleeful smile. "It stopped hurting a long while ago, but I could sense that you felt like leaving early."

From the moment Mommy saw Daddy and the wicked woman at the elevator just now, there was a drastic change in her mood.

Furthermore, when they were blocked in the corridor by Lucian, he could clearly feel the hostility Roxanne exuded.

Coincidentally, both he and Archie resented the sight of Lucian, hence the excuse to get Roxanne to leave.

Upon hearing Benny's words, the relieved yet amused Roxanne gave his nose a playful scratch. "Next time, don't scare me by telling me that you have a stomach ache while being sick. Instead, you should jus say that you're tired."

Roxanne was given a fright by Benny earlier. If not for the urge to avoid further interaction with Lucian, she would have brought Benny back inside the room for further examination.

Fortunately, Benny was all right.

Just when the trio of mother and sons were enjoying a tender moment, a flurry of footsteps rang out in the stairwell.

As the sound gradually bore down on them, they could guess from the lightness of the steps that it was a woman.

Assuming that it was just someone passing through, Roxanne moved aside together with her boys. Unexpectedly, they were greeted by the sight of Aubree emerging from the corner the moment they stood up.

The instant their eyes met, Roxanne's expression darkened on impulse.

A single glance was enough to tell her that Aubree came with ill intentions.

It was just that she had no idea what the latter had hidden up her sleeve.

Is it because Lucian left her abruptly to see Benny?

Roxanne's mind was rife with speculation.

Nonetheless, Aubree approached them with an indifferent expression. In fact, she even gave Benny a concerned glance before inquiring with Roxanne, "Have you brought him to see the doctor? What did the doctor say? Is his condition serious?"

After giving Aubree a wary look, Roxanne turned around and instructed the boys, "Go downstairs and wait for me there."

However, they stared fiercely at Aubree instead, worried that the latter would hurt their mother.

Roxanne knew that she couldn't predict what would happen despite being aware of the boys' intentions to protect her. She was worried that she would fail to protect the boys if Aubree were to somehow harm them.

When she saw the children were hesitant to leave, Roxanne steeled her face and instructed the more sensible Archie, "Archie, take Benny downstairs and watch over him."

Only then did Archie nod in acknowledgment before holding Benny's wrist to lead him downstairs, leaving Roxanne and Aubree alone in the stairwell.

"Go on, what do you want?" Roxanne gave the lady in front of her a distant look.

Aubree responded with an innocent expression, "Didn't I just express my concern for Benny's condition? What's with that snarky attitude of yours? Do you actually think I'll hurt the children?" Recalling how Aubree had caused the children to be expelled from school without reason some time ago, Roxanne pursed her lips into a smirk. "You know better than anyone else."

Roxanne had barely finished when Aubree put on a pitiful look. "All I really wanted to do was to show my concern for Benny. Besides, with my arm still injured, what can I do to them? Since Lucian cares about Benny so much, I'm just trying to help by getting to know the latter's condition better. Also, I'm certainly not doing this for your sake. I just don't want Lucian to worry."

Regardless of what Roxanne said, she was trying to prove that her feelings for Lucian were true.

As a scornful look momentarily flashed across Roxanne's face, she nodded with an emotionless expression. "In that case, thank you for your thoughts, Ms. Pearson. Anyway, Benny's condition isn't serious, and he should be fine after taking some medication. So instead, you should be more concerned with your own injury."