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Once they had decided on their itinerary for that afternoon, Lucian got someone to prepare the yacht before taking Roxanne and the children out.

The moment they arrived at the beach, the crew members were ready.

"Mr. Farwell," greeted the crew before they went on to induct them "The yacht and the crew members are all ready to set off. This is our largest and best yacht. It also comes with two diving instructors. If you are interested, you can try your hand at diving. The water around this area is very safe."

Lucian nodded coolly in acknowledgment.

On the other hand, Roxanne felt a little puzzled.

The crew seemed to be very respectful toward Lucian.

In fact, the person doing the introduction recognized Lucian at first glance.

However, given the status of the Farwell family in Horington and the fact that it was not the first time Lucian stayed at that resort, Roxanne felt more at ease.

The lot of them then followed the crew and boarded the yacht.

Roxanne was worried that the children might not sit still. The very next moment, she saw Lucian buckling the seatbelts for them.

At that instant, the children were stuck to their seats and could not do anything else other than sitting there quietly.

Two of the crew members had their eyes on the three children at all times. They were prepared to protect them should anything untoward happen.

Roxanne was much more relaxed when she saw that Lucian's preparations had been very thorough.

The captain of the yacht chatted with them, "The weather is ideal for a trip out to the sea today."

Roxanne glanced at Lucian and saw no response from him, so she acknowledged politely.

Seeing that she responded, the crew became more enthusiastic and started to introduce the activities that were available.

Before they could arrive at the area for the dolphin sighting, the children's attention was completely captured by the crew's briefing. Excitement was written all over their small faces.

One in a while, Roxanne would respond as well.

"I heard from Mr. Farwell that all of you are out here for the dolphin sighting. To be honest, that is not the most exciting thing to do in this area. I will highly recommend diving since the water in this area is well protected, and the views underwater are beautiful. If you have the chance, you

should give it a try," the crew strongly recommended.

Roxanne started to get a little interested.

All the while, she had always wanted to travel and experience different things.

However, with Archie and Benny to care for and her heavy workload, Roxanne had not gotten the chance to do so.

Since the opportunity to enjoy the underwater world was made available, Roxanne would not want to miss it.

However, the three children would be under Lucian's care if she went diving.

However, Lucian was still injured.

With that thought in mind, Roxanne could not help but hesitate.

Lucian seemed to be able to read her mind. "If you want to give it a try, just go ahead."

It took Roxanne a few seconds before she realized that he was talking to her.

The children chimed in too, "We will behave ourselves. Mommy, please do whatever you want!"

Out of nowhere, Estella pulled out a waterproof camera and gave it to her solemnly. "Ms. Jarvis, do take some photos and show me."

Warmth spread throughout Roxanne when she heard their encouragement, and she nodded at the children. Thank you, darlings. Then..." Roxanne glanced at Lucian and continued, "I will leave the children to your care, Mr. Farwell. I want to try diving."

Lucian agreed indifferently.

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Soon, Roxanne changed into her diving suit and put on the gears as instructed by the diving instructor

Lucian's gaze darkened a little when he watched the diving instructor guiding Roxanne to leap into the water. For some reason, Lucian felt nervous. "Mommy!"

"Ms. Jarvis!"

The children, too, felt nervous watching the duo jump into the sea.

Hearing the children's voices, Roxanne smiled and raised her head. She gestured an "okay" and turned to the instructor, indicating she was ready. Shortly after, both of them held their breaths, and they dived into the sea.

From the yacht, all the others could see were bubbles rising from the spot where Roxanne and the instructor vanished.

The children exchanged glances with worry written all over their faces. In fact, they were feeling a little regretful about letting Roxanne give it a go.

"Mr. Farwell, will Mommy be in danger?" Benny could not help but look at Lucian.

Upon hearing Benny's words, Lucian suppressed his uneasiness and patted the former's head. "She won't. The instructors here are incredible. They'll definitely take good care of your mommy." Despite his words, Lucian's eyes were still fixed on the spot where Roxanne dived in.

Sensing their uneasiness, the staff on the yacht comforted, "Nothing will happen. We've had many tourists dive into the sea all these years, and I've never seen anyone getting into any accidents," The children nodded dubiously upon hearing the staff. With that, they continued waiting for Roxanne to return to the surface of the water.

At the same time, the diving instructor brought Roxanne further into the water.

At first, the instructor grabbed Roxanne's arm tightly all the way for fear of something happening to her,

To the instructor's surprise, he realized Roxanne did not seem like a newbie after diving for some distance, On top of that, she was all at ease.

Hence, the instructor gradually released her.

Slowly, the underwater scenery appeared before Roxanne. When she saw the scenery in front of her, her eyes lit up.

There was a vast array of colorful coral and fishes. The waters refracted the rays of sunlight and shone down on the treasures of the sea, giving them a mysterious color. Roxanne could not help but reach out her hand.

Soon, a tiny fish circled her finger intimately..

The instructor was stunned by the interaction, and he quickly took out his camera to take pictures of the scene.

In the pictures, Roxanne looked like a beautiful mermaid interacting peacefully with the beautiful creatures of the sea.

Meanwhile, the people on the yacht began to worry when Roxanne and the instructor had not returned after a long time. Benny shouted anxiously at the sea, "Mommy!"

Estella, too, gripped the railing nervously and glanced at Lucian. "Daddy, why isn't Ms. Jarvis back?"

When Lucian heard her question, his gaze darkened, and he comforted her calmly, "She'll be back soon. Don't worry." With that, he took out his phone and glanced at it.

Roxanne and the instructor had been underwater for almost ten minutes.

Logically, there was no way the instructor did not know that it had been too long for a newbie.

At that thought, Lucian frowned, and a suspicion flashed through his mind.

Did they get into an accident underwater?

As the thought came to him, the worry on his face grew more intense as he stared at the sea.

After an undetermined amount of time, the other two staff began to panic when they did not see Roxanne and the instructor returning

"I'm going down to take a look" Looking worried, one of the diving instructors picked up his diving gear

Just as he was about to dive into the water, there were sudden movements on the surface of the water

After some time, Roxanne and the instructor could be seen appearing with smiles on their faces.

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"Mommy!" "Ms. Jarvis!"

Roxanne emerged from the water, gasping slightly but with a wide smile on her face. The diving instructor surfaced next to her, grinning as well. They both waved at the anxious group on the yacht, signaling that everything was fine.

Lucian let out a breath he didn't realize he had been holding. His heart, which had been pounding with worry, slowly returned to a normal rhythm. He watched as the children ran to the edge of the yacht, shouting in excitement and relief.

Roxanne climbed up the ladder, dripping wet but clearly exhilarated from the dive. As soon as she set foot on the deck, Archie, Benny, and Estella rushed to her, wrapping their small arms around her in a tight hug. She laughed, hugging them back with equal fervor.

"Mommy, are you okay?" Benny asked, his voice filled with concern.

Roxanne nodded, brushing back some wet strands of hair from her face. "I'm perfectly fine, Benny. It was so beautiful down there! I wish you could have seen it."

Estella clung to her leg, looking up at her with wide eyes. "I was so scared, Ms. Jarvis. I thought something happened to you."

Roxanne knelt down to her level, gently cupping her face. "I'm sorry I worried you, Essie. But everything was fine. The instructor took very good care of me."

Lucian stepped forward, his expression still tense despite the relief of seeing Roxanne safe. "Are you sure you're okay? That was longer than expected."

Roxanne stood up, meeting his gaze. "I'm fine, Lucian. The instructor just wanted to show me some of the more beautiful parts of the reef. I lost track of time."

The diving instructor nodded in agreement. "She's a natural. Once she got comfortable, she didn't need much assistance."

Lucian's eyes softened as he looked at Roxanne. He reached out, hesitating for a moment before placing a hand on her shoulder. "I'm glad you're safe."

Roxanne's heart skipped a beat at his touch, but she managed to smile. "Thank you, Lucian."

The moment was interrupted by the children, who were eager to hear more about her underwater adventure. Roxanne obliged, describing the colorful corals and the playful fish, her eyes lighting up as she recounted the experience.

Lucian watched her, a mix of admiration and something deeper in his gaze. He realized just how much he had come to care for this woman, despite their complicated history.

As the day drew to a close, they all gathered for a meal on the yacht. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and stories, the earlier tension forgotten. Roxanne felt a warmth in her heart, grateful for this moment of peace and happiness.

Later, as the children fell asleep in their cabins, Roxanne stood at the edge of the yacht, gazing out at the sea. The moon cast a silvery glow over the water, and the gentle rocking of the boat was soothing.

Lucian joined her, standing silently by her side. After a while, he spoke, his voice soft. "Thank you for today. The kids had a wonderful time."

Roxanne turned to him, her expression thoughtful. "I should be the one thanking you, Lucian. For everything."

They stood there in comfortable silence, the distance between them seeming to shrink. In that moment, under the starlit sky, they both felt a sense of possibility—a hope that perhaps, despite everything, they could find a way to move forward together.

The night air was cool, but neither of them moved, content to share this quiet moment. The future was uncertain, but for now, they had this—the sea, the stars, and each other. And it was enough.

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Roxanne made herself comfortable in the seat, not daring to face the crowd's stare. She kept her eyes lowered and thanked Lucian, who did not respond. Instead, he stared at her silently before returning to the seat in front of them.

The diving instructor, who accompanied Roxanne into the water, climbed up the steps skilfully and returned the camera to her. When he was about to help her remove the swimming gear, he subconsciously glanced at Lucian, worried that the latter might get angry at him for getting too near to Roxanne.

Thankfully, Lucian showed no response this time.

Only then did the instructor carry on with his task.

“Mommy, why did you go down there for so long?” Benny asked worriedly, looking at Roxanne. Roxanne, who had already removed the diving gears with the help of the instructor, appeared pale. The boys could not help but worry at the sight of their mother's pale face.

With a smile on her face, Roxanne comforted, “The scenery down there was really beautiful, so I wanted to stay there a little longer to enjoy it. Sorry for making all of you worry.”

The boys looked doubtful. “But you look sick.”

The boys even guessed Roxanne had encountered some trouble when she was underwater but did not dare to tell them for fear of making them worry,

1 WC Roxanne sensed the children were worried. She shot the instructor a helpless glance, hoping he could help her out a little.

The instructor understood the meaning of her gaze, but he looked at Lucian when he spoke. “Mrs. Farwell is really talented in diving. Nothing happened when we were underwater. She just wanted to stay there for a little while longer. I only agreed after confirming her condition. She probably looks weak now because she has used up too much energy.”

Due to Lucian's attitude earlier, the instructor thought Roxanne was Lucian's rumored fiancée. Hence, the instructor addressed her as “Mrs. Farwell.”

As soon as he finished explaining, the children heaved a sigh of relief. After that, they noticed the way the instructor addressed Roxanne, and they turned to look at the two adults in unison.

Roxanne looked grimmer, and she frowned, wanting to explain herself.

Suddenly, Lucian's voice rang out before she could speak. “Got it. It's not a problem as long as she's fine. You did well.” The instructor smiled, totally unaware of what he had done wrong.

Having heard Lucian's words, Roxanne frowned deeper, and she turned to face the former.

If Lucian had said those words last night, she probably would have said nothing in response.

However, after last night's incident, Roxanne could not help but feel insulted by Lucian tacitly accepting the form of address.

Lucian, however, met her gaze nonchalantly and breathed, "We're taking the children out to play today. Let's not be too calculative over such trivial matters. I'm sure you don't want the children to be unhappy, right?"

At first, Roxanne was stunned.

So, "Mrs. Farwell" is a small matter to him?

Even so, she had to agree that Lucian's concern was right.

If she were to expose the instr

's mistake, the rest of the trip might turn into an awkward one.

Telling the instructor the truth at that moment would only make him feel uneasy.

After mulling it over, Roxanne retracted her gaze, pretending to not have heard what the instructor said. Seeing Roxanne complying reluctantly, Lucian raised a brow and smiled with satisfaction.

The children, who had been observing the duo, were confused when they saw Lucian's expression. They had a feeling that Lucian's explanation earlier was just to pacify Roxanne.

Daddy's so powerful. How would the staff dare to spoil our trip?

Chapter 565 After getting some rest, Roxanne finally felt better. She got up to change into some clear clothes. Meanwhile, the yacht had traveled quite a distance.

The staff in front of the yacht reminded, "Children, please pay attention! This is where the dolphins often appear. They're really friendly and love interacting with people, especially children. Hence, there's no need to be afraid of them!"

Upon hearing that, the children nodded obediently, with anticipation written all over their faces. "Mommy!" Archie and Benny called out to Roxanne.

She whipped her head around in confusion.

"Can you please unbuckle us? We want to play with dolphins," the boys asked cautiously. Estella, too, looked at her with anticipation.

Roxanne's heart softened incredibly when she met the children's gazes. However, she hesitated to give an answer when she thought of safety issues.

The boys glanced at each other and then at Lucian in front of them.

Benny promised sweetly, "We'll be good, and we promise to keep a safe distance. Can we be unbuckled now?" "Daddy..." Estella gave her father an imploring look.

The children had realized it long ago. Once they were on the sea, Lucian had the final say in everything

Roxanne, on the other hand, never expected the children to change their target so quickly. A strange feeling flooded her heart as she glanced at Lucian as well.

To her surprise, Lucian merely raised his brow slightly. There were no signs of concern on his face as he said, "I'll unbuckle all of you as long as you're not afraid."

The children nodded vigorously. "We're not! We want to play with dolphins!"

As soon as they finished their sentence, Lucian got up wordlessly, approached them, and unbuckled the children's safety buckles.

The moment the children were granted their freedom, they rushed over to the deck. Lucian walked behind them slowly. Still feeling worried, Roxanne hesitated for a moment before getting to her feet and walking over.

The deck was rather narrow, but the two adults wanted to give the children enough space to stand there. Thus, both of them stood quite close to each other.

From the back, both of them looked like a couple. On top of that, the children's laughter made them look like a peaceful family.

Roxanne wanted to take a step away when she realized the distance between her and Lucian was getting smaller. However, Lucian grabbed her wrist.

"What are you doing? Let go!" Roxanne whispered, worried she would frighten the children.

Lucian frowned and gazed sternly at her. "Don't move about. It's dangerous."

Roxanne was taken aback by Lucian's expression.

Just as she was about to say something, she saw some movements on the surface of the water in the distance,

In the next second, the children cheered, "Dolphins! The dolphins are here!"

Hearing that, Roxanne and |

in glanced over.

Not far away, a pod of dolphins leaped out of the water and went back in with a splash as they swam toward them. The children waved at the dolphins excitedly. "Hello! We're here! Come play with us!"

Seeing how the children talking to the dolphins innocently amused Roxanne.

Meanwhile, it was as if the dolphins could understand the children's words, they suddenly increased their speed and swam over to them.

The children inched forward carefully and looked downward to watch the creatures swimming in the sea.

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The children stretched their hand to the dolphins.

Immediately, a dolphin swam over and gently touched their palms with its mouth.

"Wow!" the children exclaimed in surprise, looking at the dolphin with their eyes wide open.

A tender look filled Roxanne's eyes as she watched the children interact with the dolphin. At the same time, she had forgotten all about the distance issues she had with Lucian. Lowering her gaze, she pulled out a camera from her bag and took pictures of the children.

A seagull flew past in the distance. Suddenly, one of the dolphins leaped into the air and gave Estella a kiss on the cheek.

Estella was frozen to the spot for some time. When she finally returned to her senses, she touched her slightly wet face and widened her eyes in surprise...

"Ms. Jarvis! Daddy!" Estella ran back to Roxanne and Lucian excitedly, wanting to share her experience with them.

Roxanne had already taken a picture of the cute interaction earlier. Estella's excited expression made the former's smile widen. "I saw it. Looks like little animals really like you, huh?"

Estella smiled shyly and turned back to play with the dolphins.

Archie and Benny, too, witnessed the scene just now and were extremely envious of her. Thus, they did everything they could to let the dolphins kiss them.

Staring expectantly at the dolphins, Benny leaned out, causing almost half of his body to hang over the deck.

Alas, no dolphins approached him even after waiting for a long time. Rather, the dolphins seemed to be afraid of him and kept their distance from him.

Just as he was thinking of other ways to touch the dolphin, someone grabbed his shirt and pulled him back to the original position.

"It's dangerous." Lucian gave Benny a stern gaze.

Seeing it was Lucian, Benny had no choice but to nod sheepishly and apologize, "Sorry. I won't do it again." With that, he put on a pitiful look while looking at Roxanne.

Roxanne, too, was taken aback by Benny's actions.

After all, the children were smaller compared to the dolphins.

Roxanne feared they might fall into the water if they actually collided with the dolphin.

Thankfully, Lucian reached out just in time and pulled Benny backward.

Though Benny's gaze had softened Roxanne's heart, she still put on a strict expression. "Don't forget what you've promised me earlier." .

Benny felt even more guilty.

He had already given Roxanne a shock of her life by going missing yesterday. And now, he had made her worry again.

At that thought, Benny pursed his lips, walked to Roxanne, and carefully tugged at the hem of her top. "Sorry, Mommy. I don't want to play anymore."

Seeing his dejected looks, Roxanne sighed helplessly and patted his head. "I'm not blaming you. It's just that I worry for you st like how you children were worried for me when I was underwater for a long time. now you can swim, but I'm still worried that you might fall into the water."

On top of that, the children were still very young. She could not help but worry about them falling into the sea after being touched by the dolphins.

She feared they might panic and forget how to swim when that happened.

After hearing Roxanne's words, Benny nodded obediently. "Okay, Mommy."

Roxanne smiled. "It's good that you understand. Go along and play. I'll watch you kids from here." However, Benny merely stood there guiltily.

He did not move until Roxanne gave him a gentle push on the shoulder.

When Benny was out of earshot, Roxanne turned to Lucian and thanked him, "Thank you."

Lucian merely nodded without saying a word.

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Ultimately, they were children. Despite what happened earlier, Benny returned to his happy self after playing with the dolphins. Seeing it was almost time, the staff in front reminded, "Mr. Farwell, it's time to return."

Lucian gave him a brief answer and turned to the children standing on the deck. "Come here. It's time to go back."

However, the children still continued patting the dolphins' heads, reluctant to leave.

Seeing that, Lucian frowned. He had no idea how to get them to come back.

Meanwhile, Roxanne was amused to see Lucian's troubled looks. She stepped forward and said gently, "We're going back. Let's say goodbye to the dolphins."

With that, she held the children's wrist.

Only then did the children return to reality and wave at the dolphins reluctantly. "We're going back! Goodbye!"

As if understanding their words, the dolphins leaped into the air one by one.

When Archie and Benny were waving at the dolphins, they felt a wet and slippery feeling on their faces.

The children were taken aback for a moment, and they stared at the two dolphins that had just returned to the sea in surprise. They had been trying hard to get a kiss from the dolphins.

Never did they expect the dolphins to suddenly give them one when they were about to leave.

"It looks like the dolphins like both of you too. All right, say goodbye to them. We'll come back to visit them again next time," said Roxanne with a smile.

The children nodded, waving enthusiastically. "Goodbye! We'll come back to see all of you again!" They kept looking back as they returned to their seats.

However, nothing appeared from the waters, as if the dolphins never existed in the first place. The children could not help but feel a little disappointed.

Suddenly, they saw some dolphins constantly leaping from the waters on both sides of the yacht as if they were sending them off.

Finally, smiles appeared on the children's faces,

"These dolphins will still follow us for some distance. You still have time to say your goodbyes to them," said the staff with a smile.

The children nodded happily and fixed their gazes on the dolphins swimming beside the yacht.

As the yacht traveled further across the sea, the number of dolphins reduced.

The children's faces, too, were slowly shrouded with disappointment.

They had not transitioned out of their emotions by the time they arrived ashore.

Sensing the children's emotions, Roxanne patted their heads and took out her camera to show them the pictures she took just now. "Don't be sad, okay? Look. The dolphins are still with you, aren't they?"

The children craned their necks to get a glimpse at the picture. Seeing it was a picture of them playing with the dolphins, they finally smiled. At the same time, Lucian's expression relaxed when he saw the pictures on the camera.

“Mommy, we must go back to see them next time!” Benny gave Roxanne a serious look.

Laughing, Roxanne promised, “Okay. I'll definitely bring you back next time.”

The boys were not the only ones who liked it there. She, too, loved the view of the sea.

After going through the pictures for some time, Roxanne put away the camera and suggested to Lucian, “Let's go back first. The kids need to get changed.”

The children were drenched from playing with the dolphins. Moreover, the sun was setting, and the sea breeze was a little chilly. Roxanne was worried that the children might catch a cold.

Lucian nodded indifferently.

Hence, both of them brought the children back to the hotel.

Chapter 568 At the hotel room, Roxanne and Lucian cleaned up the children, helped them to change, and brought them out again.

It was already evening. The breeze was slightly chilly, with a faint smell of the sea. It was a comfortable feeling as it blew on their faces.

Roxanne brought the children to the beach as she had promised them that morning.

It was extremely different compared to how crowded it was yesterday. There were very few people on the beach, and the whole place looked serene.

The waves crashed gently against the shore, creating a peaceful scenery.

Unable to hold herself back, Roxanne removed her shoes and brought the children for a stroll on the beach barefooted, allowing their feet to feel the soft sand.

Suddenly, Estella shouted with surprise, “Ah!” Roxanne turned over to look at her, only to find Estella squatting down carefully and picking up a colorful conch from the sand. “Look, Ms. Jarvis!” Estella brought the conch to Roxanne, looking excited.

Roxanne pursed her lips and smiled. “What a beautiful conch! You can keep this, Essie. You can use it for your arts and crafts next time.”

Estella, too, looked really happy with her finding. Carefully, she cleaned the conch and studied it curiously for a long time.

Though the Farwell family was rich, Estella never traveled far due to her autism. Hence, she had only seen things like that in books.

In fact, it was her first time touching a conch. She stroked it lovingly. So, this is a conch! It's so pretty!

The smile on Roxanne’s face deepened when she saw how much Estella liked the conch. Roxanne took the conch and placed it beside Estella’s ear.

Estella tilted her head and shot her a puzzled look.

“Listen. Legend says conches have the sound of the waves. Can you hear it?” Roxanne gazed at Estella with a smile. When Estella heard that, her eyes lit up, and she listened attentively.

After some time, she nodded vehemently. “Yes! | hear it!”

This time, it was Roxanne who was surprised.

Roxanne was only playing with Estella. Never did she expect the kid to give her a definite answer.

For a moment, Roxanne could not help but doubt herself.

Archie and Benny came over when Estella said she heard the sound of waves in the conch. "We want to listen to it, too!" Still feeling dubious, Roxanne placed the conch at the boys' ears.

After some time, Archie and Benny nodded vigorously, their eyes sparkling.

Their reactions filled Roxanne with greater suspicion. Unable to fight her curiosity, she placed the conch beside her ear and held her breath.

However, there was no sound. All she heard was the gentle breeze.

Frowning slightly, she then looked at the children, who made it look like a big deal.

Lucian walked up behind them. Seeing her expression, he asked in puzzlement, "What's up?"

After hesitating for a few seconds, Roxanne was about to dismiss the matter by saying she was fine, but Estella's voice rang out before Roxanne's.

"Daddy! A conch!" Estella grabbed Roxanne's wrist and leaped with all her might, wanting to let Lucian listen to it. Lucian frowned. "A conch? What about it?"

Estella said seriously, "There's a sound in it!"

As soon as he heard that, Lucian turned to glance at Roxanne.

He figured Roxanne had said something to them.

"Daddy, listen!" Estella was persistent in making Lucian listen to it.

After all, Archie, Benny, and Roxanne had listened to it. Lucian was the only one left.

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Estella's persistence made Roxanne flash Lucian an awkward smile. She then stretched out her arm, wanting to hand him the conch.

To her surprise, Lucian grabbed her wrist and brought the conch to his ear. Roxanne's hand was so close to his face that her palm could touch his face if she moved it a little.

Realizing that, Roxanne's face stillened, and she clenched her teeth as she did everything she could to fix her wrist at a certain angle.

A long moment passed before he let go of her hand.

"How was it? Did you hear anything?" Estella stared at him expectantly.

Lucian cast Roxanne an unfathomable gaze and raised a brow, answering, "Yep. I heard it."

Estella squealed with excitement when her father confirmed it.

Roxanne noticed him glancing at her earlier, and she felt as if an electric current ran through her veins.

After taking a few seconds to recollect herself, she smiled at the children as if nothing had happened. "All right. Let's go find some more, or else they'll be taken by the boys."

Taking the conch from Roxanne, Estella nodded, held the former's hand, and walked forward.

Meanwhile, after having heard the sound in the conch, Archie and Benny dashed off eagerly to find their own conch.

Roxanne took Estella's hand while walking behind the boys, occasionally glancing at them to make sure that they were safe. Suddenly, the boys halted in their tracks and squatted, their eyes seemed to be fixed on something

Feeling curious, Roxanne hurried over with Estella.

"Mommy, look!" The boys pointed at the tiny crab on the beach.

A crab as big as a thumb came into her view, and it was timidly crawling into a milky white conch

As if shocked by the presence of humans, the crab covered its eyes with its pincers and continued crawling into the conch. "How can we make it come out!" Benny eyed the conch with frustration

It had not been easy for them to find one. And now, there was a crab in it, which prevented them from taking the conch. Roxanne shook her head at the boys. "This is a hermit crab. The conch is its home, Let's not disturb it and look for another one." When they heard her say that, the boys stared at the conch curiously for another long period of time. They even tapped it gently, saying with a sweet voice, "Hello, little hermit crab. Let's play together!"

Their actions shocked the hermit crab, causing its little body to quickly come out of the conch and flee from them.

Seeing the creature leave, the children looked at Roxanne guiltily.

They just wanted to play with it, but they never expected the hermit crab to be so frightened.

Roxanne smiled and consoled, "Let's go. Maybe it'll come back when we're gone."

Hearing that, the children nodded and walked forward. At the same time, they kept turning around to see if the hermit crab would return.

Alas, there was no sign of the hermit crab, even when they had lost sight of the conch. The children were upset for a while, but they were quickly distracted by something else.

As Roxanne walked with the children, she occasionally squatted to pick up a few seashells. She wanted to use them to make a necklace for Estella.

Meanwhile, Lucian followed behind them at a moderate distance. Arare, warm gaze poured out from his eyes as he watched them from behind.

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It was getting dark by the beach, yet the crowd was getting larger and larger. Roxanne's anxiousness flared as she recalled the incident the night before.

Even though a dily had passed, she was still worried when she saw the large crowd. She hurriedly rounded up the kids and left the beach.

Coincidentally, it was dinner time. Lucian took them straight to a nearby restaurant,

The kids' pockets were full of sea shells. They emptied their pockets and set all the shells on the table before launching into a debate over who owned the best-looking shell.

Roxanne's eyes softened and laced with amusement as she watched the kids hard selling the shells in their possession. After a moment, a waiter came to their table with their food. Seeing that, the kids unwillingly kept all their shells.

Both kids and adults were starved after spending the entire afternoon at the beach, so they were silent as they dug into their meals.

After dinner, Roxanne and Lucian took the kids to a craft workshop.

The workshop had a variety of tools and materials to provide their customers with the opportunity to explore their creativity and skills.

Roxanne and the kids sat in a row as they started working on their pieces.

Meanwhile, Lucian sat on the side, waiting for them to finish. He would occasionally help the kids with the polishing or sanding but left the rest to the kids.

Estella stared intently at the first shell she picked up with a frown as though she was waiting for an idea to pop up in her mind. She wanted to gift the shell to Roxanne but didn't know what she should make.

After contemplating it for a long while, Estella carefully tugged on Lucian's sleeve and yanked him to her station.

Lucian cast the little girl a confused look.

"Daddy." Estella shot him a pleading look. "I want to give this to Ms. Jarvis as a present, but I don't know what to make."

Lucian's brow arched at the request. He never thought she would want to give Roxanne a present, but doing handicrafts wasn't his forte.

Creases formed on his forehead when he couldn't come up with an idea. "I'm sure she'll like anything you make." His answer was no help to Estella. She gave Lucian a disappointing look and returned to her seat with her brows furrowed.

Roxanne went up to Estella looking all concerned when she saw Estella scrunching her brows. "What's wrong, Estella? Do you need help? I can help you."

Estella stared at Roxanne for a few seconds before she reached for her shell and showed it to Roxanne. "What should I do with this, Ms. Jarvis?" she asked, feigning as though it wasn't a present for her.

Roxanne looked at the shell in Estella's hand and was troubled when she couldn't come up with an immediate answer to her question.

After mulling over it briefly, she suggested, "You can make it into a keychain. It's simple. All you have to do is punch a hole at the end."

Estella's eyes brightened at the suggestion. She obediently nodded her head. "Thank you, Ms. Jarvis."

Roxanne smiled and returned to her station to finish her craft.

Lucian was surprised when he saw Roxanne had a shell on her desk too. He didn't notice when she picked it up from the beach. He watched as she reached for two thin wires and carefully glued the shell onto them. Despite her busy hands, she would occasionally slide her gaze to the side to check on Estella.

An overwhelming mix of emotions stirred within Lucian when he saw what she was making. These two are oblivious to each other's identities, but they think alike. He turned his gaze to Archic and Benny.

After studying them for a while, he had no clue what the boys were making. He watched as they swiped across the tablet the workshop provided for one moment, then carefully polished their shells the next.

Lucian observed them for a little longer but still had no idea what they were making, so he retracted his gaze from them.