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After a while, Lucian asked in a deep voice, "I'm not married, and neither are you. How am I putting you in a tough spot, Ms. Jarvis?"

Roxanne could barely keep her emotion in check when she heard that. She furrowed her brows and said, "If I remember correctly, it was you, Mr. Farwell, who reminded me often to keep the kids in mind."

Lucian seemed unfazed. "I was just reminding you to stay away from those weird men."

Roxanne could not wrap her head around the man's behavior. "Who do you think you are to me, Mr. Farwell? What makes you think you can interfere with my private life?"

Lucian scrunched up his face. In the next second, he uttered bluntly, "I'm telling you as someone who's trying to court you. Is that enough?" Roxanne was taken aback. She thought her ears were playing tricks on him. "What did you say?"

Lucian knitted his brows. Since he had already revealed so much, he didn't mind telling her more. "You heard me right, Ms. Jarvis. I like you, and I want to pursue you."

Roxanne was still confused when she heard him repeating himself. After keeping silent for almost a minute, she shook her head in amusement.

She had heard him clearly, but she found Lucian's words ironic. "Mr. Farwell, don't you remember what happened six years ago? Don't you think it's a bit too late for that?"

Lucian, with a darkened gaze, recalled what had happened when they were at the resort. His heart sank when he remembered how Roxanne looked when she was drunk. "I remember, and I regret it, okay?"

Roxanne stared at him for a few seconds. She was getting moved by how serious he looked. However, she quickly recomposed herself and asked in a cold tone, "What about Ms. Pearson? Is the marriage contract of six years between both of you just a lie, Mr. Farwell?"

Regardless of six years ago or the present, Aubree was still a barrier between the both of them.

Lucian's expression turned solemn when he was reminded of Aubree. "I don't care if you believe me or not, but never wanted to marry her. There are still some private matters need to settle with her. Just give me some time and promise I'll give you an explanation you'll be satisfied with."

Roxanne's mind went blank when she heard that. Six years ago, Lucian was so keen on being with her. Now, she sounds like a problem to him.

Roxanne didn't know if he was telling the truth, but either way, she felt like a joke when she recalled what she had gone through six years ago.

At that moment, events from six years ago flashed across her mind like a slideshow.

She found the situation more and more ironic.

After a long while, she asked calmly, "Are you doing this because Essie doesn't like Ms. Pearson?"

Lucian frowned and looked at her confusion

"I know you love Essie deeply, Mr. Farwell. But I didn't expect you to make such an enormous sacrifice just so that Essie could have a mother she likes. I'm surprised you would offer someone the status of being your wife." Roxanne raised her head and looked at him calmly. "You don't have to beat around the bush and say anything that violates your will, Mr. Farwell. You've already made yourself clear last time on the phone. You only choose me because Essie likes me."

Although it sounded as though she was trying to tell Lucian off, Roxanne was actually trying to convince herself to stay away from him.

Lucian's gaze turned even more solemn as he stared at her.

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“Yes, like Essie a lot, but that doesn't mean I'm willing to marry you.” Without giving Lucian a chance to answer her, she added, “What happened six years ago is still fresh in my mind. don't wish to make the same mistakes. You shouldn't trouble yourself anymore, Mr. Farwell.”

Roxanne sounded anxious as she spoke. She could sense Lucian's intense gaze on her. Fortunately for her, she managed to say whatever she wanted to say.

Lucian stared at her for a long time, and he thought of explaining himself. However, he changed his mind when he heard Roxanne's last sentence. / did her wrong six years ago, and I've hurt her. can't blame her for not trusting me. No matter what say, doubt she'll listen to me now. In fact, she might even think I'm making excuses for myself.

At that thought, Lucian said, “I was wrong for using Essie as an excuse. Regarding my feelings for you, think you'll see my sincerity in due time.”

Roxanne had never seen this side of Lucian, so she didn't know how to react at that moment.

Meanwhile, Lucian had already gestured for the server to bring him the bill.

When they left the restaurant, Roxanne was still in a daze.

“Miss, your flowers!” the server called out just as they reached the entrance and ran toward her with the bouquet. Roxanne snapped out of her daze and remembered that she had gone in with the bouquet in her arms.

When she turned around, she saw the server panting lightly. With the bouquet in her arms, the server looked at Roxanne enviously and said, “Don't forget about your flowers, Miss.”

Roxanne shifted her gaze toward the bouquet.

By then, the server had already reached out to pass her the bouquet.

Seeing that, Roxanne had no choice but to accept the flowers and thank the server.

The server beamed. “No worries. You guys look like a match made in heaven. hope the both of you will stay together forever!” With that, the server waved her goodbye and rushed back into the restaurant.

Roxanne held the flowers and watched as the server left. Her mind had gone blank, and she had even forgotten to explain herself.

Standing not far away, Lucian had been paying attention to the interaction between the ladies. When he saw Roxanne’s expression after the server left, his lips curled into a subtle smile, and his expression wasn’t as grim as before.

Roxanne stood unmoving for a while before she eventually turned around and walked toward him.

After they got into the car, Lucian revved up the engine and drove to the research institute.

None of them uttered a single word throughout the journey.

When they arrived at the entrance of the research institute, there was no one outside, as it was working hours. Roxanne got out of the car and wanted to leave the bouquet on the passenger seat.

As she was about to do that, Lucian said in a cold tone, “If you don't like the flowers, you can dump them.” Roxanne frowned at the man in the car.

With a straight face, Lucian added, “As said before, don’t want the car to smell weird. Besides, it's bad enough you've sent the flowers back to my office, Ms. Jarvis. If you reject them in my face, it'll be too hurtful. If the flowers bother you so much, just dump them, Ms. Jarvis.”

Having said that, he leaned over to close the door without giving Roxanne time to react and drove away.

Roxanne stood frozen to the spot with the bouquet in her arms. Thinking about what Lucian had said to her, she glanced at the flowers, and a torn look descended upon her face.

Chapter 623 After mulling over it, Roxanne ended up bringing the bouquet back to her office. She didn't do that because she accepted Lucian's gestures; she just didn't want the fresh flowers to go to waste.

That was why she had decided to send the flowers back to him prior to that. / wonder what Lucian did with the flowers sent back to him. Did he throw them away as he told me to?

When she was lost in her thoughts, someone suddenly knocked on her door.

Roxanne came back to her senses and told the person to enter.

Seconds later, someone pushed the door open and walked in.

At the sight of the visitor, she asked in puzzlement, "What brings you here, Mr. Damaris?"

Jack smiled and answered, "I was in the area, and heard you're here, so decided to come and see how you are doing." "Thank you for your concern, Mr. Damaris. I'm much better now."

Jack nodded and entered the office. As he walked in, he sized up the surroundings.

Upon seeing that, Roxanne grew anxious, and she subconsciously glanced at the bouquet she had left on the couch. She had wanted to put them in a vase, but she had been distracted and left them on the couch.

She didn't expect Jack to show up unannounced.

Although she knew Jack wouldn't know who the flowers were from, she still felt embarrassed.

"Oh? What do you have here?" Jack's gaze fell on the flowers, and he looked at Roxanne.

Roxanne was a bundle of nerves, but she tried her best to appear calm. "I received them this morning. don't know who sent it. The deliveryman has most probably gotten the wrong address."

Jack raised his brows slightly and sized her up when he heard that. What a lame excuse! Roxanne steeled herself and met his gaze, smiling faintly.

Jack chuckled when he saw how she looked. Instead of dwelling on the matter, he said, "They seem to be freshly picked. What a thoughtful sender!"

Roxanne forced a smile and changed the topic. "I suppose you're not just here to check on my injuries, Mr. Damaris. Is there something else you'd like to talk to me about?"

Jack sat opposite her and nodded. "You're right. There is."

As an heir to a prominent family, Jack behaved exactly like one. Even when he was sitting down his back was straight, and he exuded an ascetic aura.

Seeing that Jack was willing to change the topic, Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief. She put on a serious expression and gestured for him to continue talking.

"Apart from your research institute, the Damaris family has also picked a few renowned doctors to take part in our collaboration. Would you like to meet them?"

Roxanne was more than happy because she could meet more prominent figures in the medical industry. "It would be my honor," she answered unhesitatingly.

Jack smiled in response. "Good. I'll let you know once we've decided on the time and place." Roxanne nodded. Jack then stood up to excuse himself after talking to her regarding the collaboration.

The reason he was there that day was to invite Roxanne. Since he had already done that, there was no other reason for him to stay.

As he left the office, he couldn't help but glance at the flowers again. / wonder who sent her those flowers.

Roxanne's reaction moments before had definitely piqued his curiosity.

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After Jack left, Roxanne got up to look for a vase for the roses. When she saw the roses, the emotions she had worked so hard to suppress came flooding back again.

With a slight frown, she went back to her desk with her mind in a mess. She then forced herself to focus on the information shown on the computer screen.

However, she couldn't retain much information even after staring at the screen for a long time. When it was time to get off work, Roxanne went home right away as she didn't need to work overtime.

At the office, she couldn't keep her mind off the roses on her desk. The more she looked at them, the more messed up her mind was.

Upon arriving home and seeing that Lysa, Archie, and Benny weren't home yet, Roxanne decided to make dinner to clear her mind.

The moment she was done making dinner, the door to the mansion opened. Roxanne put the dishes on the dining table and looked at the door with a smile. "Darlings!"

Happiness shone in Archie's and Benny's eyes when they saw that she was home.. "Mommy!" Lysa was surprised as well. "Why are your home so early today, Ms. Jarvis?"

In the past, whenever Roxanne went to work, she would only reach home after the others. That day, however, not only did Roxannel get home earlier than them, but she had even made dinner.

Roxanne smiled nonchalantly and said, "I was free today, so I came back first.. Dinner is ready! Wash your hands and dig in while everything's still hot!"

"Okay!" Archie and Benny ran to the bathroom to wash their hands. After that, they ran back to the dining table and took their seats.

While eating, Archie and Benny thought about Roxanne's injury. "Mommy, how's your injury?" Roxanne smiled gently and answered, "I don't feel pain anymore. Once the scab is gone, I'll be good as new."

Archie and Benny nodded in relief. A few seconds later, the boys asked, "Mommy, since you got off work so early, why didn't you go and fetch us?"

Roxanne was taken aback. Her mind was filled with what Lucian had told her at noon. Hence, she didn't even think about fetching them.

Besides, she had been trying to avoid Lucian and Estella. However, she couldn't possibly tell the boys that.

After keeping mum for a few seconds, she came up with an excuse and said, "I haven't been to work in a long while, so I was rather drained after working for the whole day. That's why I didn't fetch you guys. You guys don't blame me, right?"

Archie and Benny immediately shook their heads. "It's all right, Mommy. You should come home and rest if you're tired.

Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief and smiled at them. Awhile later, the boys cast her a cautious glance and asked, "Mommy, could you send us tomorrow morning, then?"

It had been a long while since Roxanne had picked up or dropped off the boys. Hence, they were slightly saddened when they saw everyone else getting picked up and dropped off by their parents.

Roxanne had thought that it was because of Estella that they asked that question. After seeing their expressions, however, she knew it was something else. "Could you guys tell me why?"

Archie and Benny exchanged glances and uttered softly, “The other kids have their daddy and mommy to them up...”

The boys looked at Roxanne aggrievedly. Roxanne’s heart broke, and she felt a lump in her throat. didn’t expect them to be so sensitive!

She composed herself and answered, “Okay. I’ll send you guys tomorrow.”

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Meanwhile, Lucian had wanted to go and fetch Estella after he got off work. However, Jonathan had called him and asked him out for a meal.

Lucian had wanted to turn him down, but Jonathan had been talking to him about Roxanne for the past couple of days. He might talk to me about her again tonight.

Join Telegram Group For Fast update and Novel Query With that in mind, Lucian said yes to him. After Lucian hung up the phone, he told Cayden to fetch Estella, while he went to meet Jonathan.

When he arrived, Jonathan was already waiting for him. Jonathan waved at him when he saw Lucian walking in..

Lucian saw him and walked toward him. The moment Lucian sat down, Jonathan asked, “How was it? You didn’t fight with Dr. Jarvis at noon, did you?”

Upon hearing that, Lucian couldn't help but recall how Roxanne had rejected him at noon that day, and his expression turned solemn.

Jonathan noticed the look on his face, so he asked, “Did it not go well?”

If Roxanne doesn't fancy me at all, she wouldn't have reacted that way when she heard what the server said, would she? Lucian frowned. "The process wasn't pleasant, but I'm not too sure about the ending."

Indeed, Lucian actually thought there was still hope for him when he saw her reaction. Jonathan was astonished. It seems that he's satisfied with how it ended. What exactly happened at noon?

"Why do you say so?" Jonathan asked. Lucian glanced at him and gave him a summary of what had happened.

Jonathan was even more surprised when he found out that Lucian had confessed his feelings to Roxanne despite having his flowers rejected by her. What was even more surprising was the fact that Roxanne had questioned Lucian's sincerity instead of shutting him out entirely. Although he wasn't there to witness the interaction, he thought Lucian might have a chance here and that he was getting better at pursuing women.

After listening to what Lucian had to say, Jonathan sighed and answered, "That's good, then. I was worried you might drop the ball, so I've even come up with a backup plan. I think it could come in handy if you mess things up with Dr. Jarvis."

After getting off the phone with Lucian that morning, Jonathan had taken the initiative to come up with a plan to back Lucian up in case things were to go south. Judging by how things went, I don't think Lucian needs the backup plan anymore.

"Well, Dr. Jarvis' attitude shows that there's still hope! At times like this, you mustn't give her the time to react!" Jonathan cheered Lucian on. Lucian furrowed his brows when he heard that. "I'm still thinking about what to do next."

As soon as he finished speaking, Jonathan mysteriously whipped out something from his pocket. In response, Lucian cast him a confused look.

"Coincidentally, I got my hands on two concert tickets this morning." Jonathan passed him the tickets. "Go to a concert together and improve your relationship with her."

Lucian raised his brows when he saw those two VIP concert tickets. "Why, thank you!" Lucian uttered with a smile. "Well, I've already given you an idea. Now, it's up to you to come up with a plan to ask Dr. Jarvis out."

In fact, Lucian had yet to think about that. When he heard those words, he went quiet for a while before grunting in response.

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Jonathan gave Lucian a few more ideas. and they both parted ways after realizing it was getting late. Lucian's gaze darkened when he exited the restaurant and glanced at the tickets. Although he could tell that Roxanne was slightly moved, he still had his doubts.

She didn't even accept my flowers. If I invite her to a concert, she'll surely reject me. What if I get Essie to ask her out? That might work. Roxanne has never said no to Essie.

Holding that thought, Lucian quickly drove back to the Farwell residence. When he got home, Estella had just finished her dinner, and she was scribbling away as she sprawled on the table. Catalina was sitting right beside her.

"Mr. Farwell," Catalina greeted politely when she saw Lucian walking in. After that, she stood up and let him take the seat next to Estella.

Estella simply raised her head to glance at the entrance and greeted in her piping voice, "Daddy."

Then she lowered her head to continue drawing. Ever since Roxanne got injured, Estella had only visited her once. Hence, her mood was getting worse by the day.

She was rather moody that day because Archie and Benny had told her that Roxanne had recovered, and she had gone to the research institute.

Estella had thought that Roxanne would go to the kindergarten to fetch Archie and Benny. However, she was disappointed when she saw Lysa picking them up.

“Ms. Estella has been rather moody ever since she got home,” Catalina said when.

Lucian was walking over to them. Lucian merely nodded and told Catalina that she could leave. In fact, he noticed how moody Estella was the moment he got home. Only Roxanne can make Essie so emotional.

Lucian quietly went up to Estella and sat next to her. He lowered his head to see Estella scribbling on a piece of paper. seems that she doesn't even know what she wants to draw! Otherwise, why would she keep rubbing off the drawing after drawing two lines?

Right then, Estella put down the pencil angrily and turned to Lucian. “Daddy!” “Yes?” Lucian met her eyes.

“Are you done with your work?” Estella asked with a straight face. Lucian had told her he would bring her to visit Roxanne once he was done with his work.

Lucian frowned and answered, “I am, but Before he could finish his sentence, Estella interrupted, “Bring me to see Ms. Jarvis, then!”

“Now is not the time.” Lucian patted her head. Estella pursed her lips in annoyance. “I haven't seen Ms. Jarvis for so long!”

“Essie, do you want Ms. Jarvis to be your mommy?”

Estella was stunned when she heard that. When she regained her senses, her eyes lit up, and she asked, “Daddy, are you serious?”

Lucian nodded. “Have ever lied to you?”

Estella tilted her head in puzzlement and thought about it for a bit. After that, she smiled and shook her head. Daddy has never lied to me! But....

Estella looked at Lucian in bafflement. and asked, "Are you not marrying Ms. Pearson, Daddy?"

Although Estella had never liked Aubree, she knew about the marriage contract. Lucian had with the latter. Besides, ever since she could remember things, she could remember Aubree putting on an act whenever Lucian was present.

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When Lucian heard Estella mention Aubree, his gaze darkened. No wonder Roxanne still wouldn't accept me! Even Essie knows. about the entanglement have with Aubree. Surely, Roxanne is still bothered by it. No matter what, must pick up my pace and get Mom to forget about Aubree.

Lucian pulled himself out of his reverie and asked in a deep voice, "Do you like Ms. Pearson?"

Estella shook her head vigorously. Why on earth would like that evil woman? She's only nice to me when Daddy is present. Whenever he wasn't around, she would pinch my arms and spank me!

Lucian nodded and made a promise to Estella. "I won't marry someone you don't like."

Estella's eyes lit up once again.

"But if you want Ms. Jarvis to be your mommy, I'm going to need your help, Essie." Lucian shot Estella a meaningful look. Perplexed, Estella tilted her head. Daddy is already sa catable. Why does he need my help?

Seeing that Estella was confused, Lucian helplessly patted her head and explained, "There's some misunderstanding between Ms. Jarvis and me. Essie, help me clear up the misunderstanding.. okay?"

Knowing that she could make Roxanne her mother, Estella agreed to his suggestion at once. "Okay!"

After that, Estella looked at Lucian in confusion. "But what do need to do to help?"

Lucian wasn't surprised by Estella's willingness to help. He took out the concert tickets and put them on the table. Estella stared at the tickets curiously. "What are these?"

"Concert tickets. Help me give these to Archie and Benny, okay? Get them to pass the tickets to Ms. Jarvis so that we can go to the concert together.

Since those were VIP tickets, they could bring their kids along, Estella was still baffled. "Why are we going to a concert?"

Lucian was amused by Estella's innocence. He pinched her nose playfully and said, "You're still little, so you wouldn't know. Just do as I say, okay? Trust me. I'll marry Ms. Jarvis and make her your mommy."

Estella nodded obediently when she heard that. "Okay! I'll definitely do as you say, Daddy!"

Although Estella didn't know what Lucian was up to, she knew she could trust him. If Daddy says this will work, I'll listen to him! I want Ms. Jarvis to be my mommy! That way, I can see her, Archie, and Benny every day!

Lucian patted her head and put the tickets into her school bag. "It's getting late. Go to bed, okay?"

Having been told of the possibility of having Roxanne as her mother, Estella brightened up. She picked up her pencil happily and said, "I'll go to bed later!"

With that, she sprawled on the table and started drawing again. Lucian raised his brows and sat next to her quietly. What is she going to draw now?

Estella drew two adults holding hands, and there were three kids standing next to them. At a glance, one could definitely tell who the people in the drawing were.

"That's you, Daddy! Then, there's me, Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny!" Estella held up the drawing proudly. "We're a family!"

Right then, Lucian couldn't help but recall that Estella had drawn something similar before. That time, wasn't holding Roxanne's hand in the drawing. This time, we've indeed become a family. Lucian's lips curled into a smile when he noticed the difference in the drawings.

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Early the following day, after freshening herself up, Roxanne got out of the bedroom and saw Archie and Benny waiting at the door.

"Mommy!" The boys' eyes lit up in excitement. They were in anticipation of Roxanne sending them to school, as it had been a while since she last did so.

Thinking about Archie and Benny's conversation last night, Roxanne felt her heart soften. She lowered her gaze and patted their heads. "Hurry and head downstairs for breakfast. I'll send you boys to school later."

The two nodded their heads vigorously. During breakfast, the boys were especially obedient. When they finished breakfast, Roxanne changed into another outfit and sent the boys to kindergarten.

Arriving outside the kindergarten, Roxanne spotted many children with their parents at one glance. There are indeed many parents who send their kids to school.

She recalled that she had asked the boys to follow Lysa because she had wanted to avoid Lucian some time ago. Archie and Benny must've been upset then. With that thought in mind, Roxanne looked apologetic.

"Ms. Jarvis." Pippa exchanged some pleasantries with Roxanne upon seeing her send the boys to school. "It's been a long time. Heard from Archie and Benny that you hurt your foot. How is it now?"

Playvolume00:00/00:00TruvidfullScreen Roxanne put on a smile. "Thank you for your concern, Ms. Ward. I'm almost completely healed."

While the two women were engrossed in the conversation, Archie and Benny held Roxanne's hand tightly as they glanced around their surroundings in search of Estella.

Essie was looking forward to seeing Mommy come to fetch us yesterday. If Essie gets to see Mommy today, she'll surely be overjoyed.

Nonetheless, there was still no sign of her after they searched high and low for a long time.

At that moment, Roxanne noticed the boys' actions. Realization dawned on her that she might run into Lucian and Estella if she stayed any longer.

It's fine meeting Essie. But how am I supposed to face Lucian after yesterday's matter?

That made her want to stop talking and leave the venue immediately. But before she managed to say anything, she felt Archie and Benny tighten their grip on her hands. Roxanne's heart leaped to her throat, and she almost couldn't bring herself to turn her head around..

"Ms. Jarvis!" Not too far away, Lucian's car had stealthily stopped by the roadside.

The moment the car door opened, Estella hastily jumped out from the passenger seat and ran toward Roxanne without carrying her bag.

Archie and Benny tugged Roxanne's hands and exclaimed, "Mommy! Essie is here!"

Hearing the boys' voices, Roxanne, unable to act unconcerned about the situation any longer, whipped her head around and looked toward Estella.

Coming into her vision was the young girl with excitement written all across her face. Behind, Lucian, with a small school bag in his hand, was strolling over while staring at Roxanne inquisitively.

When the two pairs of eyes met, Roxanne blinked and retracted her gaze hastily.

At this point, Estella had already run up to her and hugged her leg tight. “Ms. Jarvis, your feet...” A look of worry washed over the young girl’s face.

Nonetheless, Roxanne’s attention was on Lucian, as she could sense that the man was looking at her even from a distance away.

Truthfully, she was slightly distracted that even the smile on her face looked forced when Estella showered her with concern. “I’m feeling much better now. You don’t have to worry, Essie.”

Despite so, the young girl’s gaze remained fixated on Roxanne’s feet. Knowing that Estella was worried about her, Roxanne tried to squeeze out a smile and turn one round in a relaxed manner. “Look, Essie. don’t feel any pain at all.”

Only then did the young girl feel at ease and lift her head to flash Roxanne a sweet smile.

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At that moment, Lucian approached the group and looked at them quietly. When Archie and Benny saw his arrival, they shared a look and greeted him after some hesitation. “Good morning, Mr. Farwell.”

Lucian cocked his brows and reached out to pat the boys’ heads. Roxanne had wanted to ignore Lucian’s presence. But hearing Archie and Benny greet him, she figured it would be an unsightly behavior to continue to pretend not to see him when Pippa was around.

With that in mind, Roxanne looked at the man and uttered placidly, “Mr. Farwell.

Lucian turned his head and made eye contact with her. “What a surprise to see you sending Archie and Benny today when you’ve just recovered, Ms. Jarvis.”

thought she’d hide from me again after the incident yesterday. That’s why got Essie to hand the tickets to Archie and Benny and, in turn, help pass them to her afterward. What a surprise to meet her again that soon, huh?

An odd look crept up Roxanne's face when she sensed the underlying meaning in the man's words. Nevertheless, she tried to stay composed and forced a smile on her face.

"Ms. Jarvis!" Estella suddenly tugged at her shirt sleeve. Perplexed, Roxanne lowered her head to look at the young girl. "Ms. Jarvis, let's go to a concert together!" Estella invited warmly with an innocent look.

She had entirely thrown the matter to the back of her head, as she was too thrilled to see Roxanne sending Archie and Benny to school just now.

It was only after seeing Lucian did she remember her task at hand. Initially, she was supposed to pass the tickets to Archie and Benny according to Lucian's plan. However, she was eager to find out about Roxanne's answer since the latter was right before her.

In contrast to the excited young girl, Roxanne was briefly astounded when she heard those words. Instinctively, she shot a glance at the man before her.

A concert? That can't possibly be Essie's suggestion. I'm sure she must be acting under Lucian's order. Throughout the conversation, Lucian had never shifted his eyes away from Roxanne.

When met with her gaze, the man calmly explained, "I happened to get two tickets yesterday. We can bring the kids along as well. wonder if you're interested in it, Ms. Jarvis?"

It was just as she had expected.

Though her mind was in a whirl, she turned down that invitation readily. "I'm sorry, but I'm afraid don't have time for that." Then she looked at Estella apologetically. "Essie, if you want to watch it, you can go with your daddy."

Not expecting Roxanne to reject her so outrightly, the young girl turned to look at Lucian for help. However, the man stared at her and gestured that there was nothing he could do either and for her to try her best.

Pouting, Estella shifted her gaze back to Roxanne and continued to tug her sleeve pitifully. "I want to watch it with you, Ms. Jarvis."

As much as Roxanne could not bring herself to see the young girl's pitiful appearance, she did not want to get involved and led by Lucian again. Regarding those words Lucian had said to her yesterday, she was, in fact, still in puzzlement and disbelief. Yet, even before she

had enough time to gather her wits, he was asking her out to a concert.

Deep down, Roxanne feared that she would grow more attached to the relationship. "Ms. Jarvis, if you aren't going, then won't be going too." Estella lowered her head in disappointment.

Looking from above, Roxanne could only see the young girl's fluffy hair and trembling shoulders.

It was apparent she was silently sobbing with her head lowered.

Roxanne felt her heart ache terribly at that sight. She shot Lucian a look, hoping that he would say something. Unexpectedly, he stood still, seemingly with no intention of speaking.

Left with no choice, Roxanne could only agree to Estella's invitation. "Don't cry,

Essie. I'll go with you, all right?"

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As soon as Estella heard that, she lifted her hands aggrievedly to wipe off the tears on her face before raising her head with a smile.

Roxanne was shocked to find that the young girl had really burst into tears. "I'm sorry for making you sad." She bent down and caressed the girl's cheeks.

Shaking her head earnestly, Estella then ran up to Lucian, pulled out the tickets from her school bag, and passed them to Roxanne.

The woman, despite feeling conflicted, eventually accepted the tickets. Before she could utter a word, Estella's voice rang out again.

"Goodbye, Ms. Jarvis!" The young girl was afraid that Roxanne would change her mind, and thus she quickly waved goodbye and headed into the kindergarten after passing her the tickets. "See you at the concert!"

In response, Roxanne swallowed her words back down and gave Estella a slight nod.

With that, the three children held hands and entered the kindergarten together, leaving Roxanne and Lucian alone at the entrance.

As she lowered her eyes to look at the tickets in her grip, she could vividly feel the man's intense yet indiscernible gaze directed toward her from behind. A turmoil of emotions surged within her almost instantaneously.

Agreeing to watch the concert with Essie means I'll have to spend time with Lucian again.

Had it been the old Roxanne, she might have been able to persuade herself that she would only have to spend a little time with him.

But frankly, she was a little scared after yesterday's incident. After all, she had no idea what Lucian would do or say at the concert.

"Ms. Jarvis." While she was lost in her thoughts, Lucian's voice sounded from behind her.

Lucian raised his brows meaningfully as he uttered, "Thank you for accepting the invitation. I'll pick you guys up on the day of the concert."

A frown formed between Roxanne's brows as she replied without hesitation, "Don't bother. I'll bring Archie and Benny to the venue by myself. shan't trouble you, Mr. Farwell."

She figured the outsiders would view them as a family again if she accepted Lucian's suggestion to pick them up.

She did not want others to have such misunderstandings again. She stared at the man in front of her, her nerves stretching tautly. She had even thought about how she would reject him. if he continued to insist.

Little did she expect that Lucian would be indifferent to her answer. "That's fine too. We'll see you guys at the entrance, then." Then he turned and left without waiting for Roxanne to respond..

At that moment, Roxanne thought she saw a hint of smugness on his face, and she wondered if it was merely a figment. of her imagination.

It was until Lucian's car vanished within her line of sight that she snapped back to reality.

He must've planned everything so that I won't have any chance to reject him! I was still hesitating if I should go for the date, but his words swayed my attention to how I'm going to head over to the venue. In other words, I've made a silent acquiescence to attending the concert with him.

That thought made Roxanne feel overwhelmed by frustration.. Meanwhile, Lucian sped through the roads toward the office..

Throughout that, Roxanne's expression from earlier flashed through his mind every so often. At the thought of how she was led by him earlier, the man wore a faint smile on his face.

It's the first time I've played such a trick on someone. I can't believe she actually fell for it so easily. Lucian began to look forward to the date.