

ABANDONED 831

Chapter 831 How Do You Know Naturally aware of what Sonya was about to do, Aubree nodded and got back up on her feet to head upstairs. Seeing Aubree return to her room, Sonya took out her phone to dial Lucian's number. Her face clouded over again.

"What is it, Mom?" The man had just left the Queen residence and was about to drop by the office when he received an unexpected call from his mother.

"Where are you now?" Sonya asked, sounding displeased.

Lucian's brows furrowed slightly. "I'm on my way to work."

"I'll relay whatever needs to be done to your father. want you to come over this instant," the woman demanded coldly. Hearing the wrath in her voice, Lucian wanted to ask what was going on, but Sonya had already hung up by then.

Confusion rose within him as he gazed at his pitch-black screen, but he turned the car around and made his way to the Farwell residence as instructed.

"Mrs. Farwell is waiting for you, Mr. Farwell." The butler came up to welcome him right away. "Mrs. Farwell is in a bad mood. Please be careful when you talk to her."

Lucian nodded indifferently while striding into the living room.

He walked in to see his mother seated on the couch with her face in her hand.

She does look pretty mad.

"Mom, why did you want to see me so urgently?" Lucian asked solemnly as he sat down on the three-seated couch.

Sonya turned to glare at him as though she had just noticed him arrive. "You still have the cheek to call me your mom? Why didn't you heed my warning?"

Lucian creased his brows upon hearing that. He had no idea what she was talking about.

The woman only became more enraged when she saw his clueless expression. "What on earth is going on between you and Roxanne?"

"She's Essie's biological mother."

Seeing him continue to defend Roxanne made Sonya explode. "It's because she's Essie's mother that don't want you to see her! Why are you so obsessed over a vile woman who abandoned her own daughter?"

Lucian had thought that his mother had summoned him over to talk about his marriage with Aubree. Little did he expect her to give him a lecture.

"There's some kind of misunderstanding," he replied while rubbing his temples.

"What misunderstanding?" Sonya spat icily.

Lucian found himself unable to answer to his mother. All he knew was that there was a misunderstanding, but he still couldn't point out what it was.

"That woman would do just about anything to get her way!" Sonya exclaimed. "She'd better not have abandoned Essie for her own future!"

Lucian's expression turned grim. "I know what kind of person she is better than you do. understand why you have your opinions about her, but you shouldn't say such things without any solid proof."

He knew that Sonya didn't have a good impression of Roxanne because of what had happened six years ago. Still, he hadn't expected his mother to vilify her in such a way. "How do you know don't have proof?" Sonya asked, staring at him in vexation as soon as his words fell.

Lucian turned to her in bewilderment, unsure what proof she was referring to.

Chapter 832 Where Did You Get These Photos

With a stern face, Sonya slammed her phone in front of her son, the screen showing images of Roxanne and Jack in the middle of what appeared to be a happy conversation.

"Have a look yourself!" Lucian gazed down at the phone, initially thinking that these photos were taken from the public uproar before.

However, upon closer inspection, he realized that the woman was wearing the same outfit she had worn when she left this morning. Not only that, but Hector could be seen not too far away from the two in the photo.

A look of irony flashed in Lucian's eyes as he thought back to the excuse Roxanne had made when she left earlier today. She said she had to show up no matter what because Old Mr. Damaris would be there.

Yet, in all of these photos, she was only talking to Jack and seemed to treat Old Mr. Damaris as though he was non-existent! Sensing the atmosphere around her son turn gloomy, Sonya continued to demean Roxanne.

"remember people saying that Roxanne only managed to become part of the Damaris family's project after seducing Jack. didn't want to believe that she'd ever do something so appalling, considering she was once part of our family, but it looks like it's true!"

Hearing that, Lucian turned to meet his mother's gaze with a dark glint in his eyes.

The woman scoffed, "Look at what this woman is doing. She has you in the palm of her hand while getting intimate with Jack at the same time! It's only normal that you'd fall for her tricks given your lack

of experience. But now that you've seen these pictures, believe it's about time you wake up and stay away from her!"

Lucian remained silent for a long while.

"Did you hear me? I'm talking to you! Seriously, don't know what you see in that woman. You're even so loyal to her! What makes her better than Aubree anyway?"

Lucian finally responded, but all he did was reach for the phone and place it back on the table emotionlessly. "Where did you get these photos?" he asked frostily.

Sonya thought he had finally understood her words, only for him to ask such a question.

"Why do you care where they got them? In any case, these photos are real! You'd better keep a distance from Roxanne," she replied in irritation.

Lucian immediately picked up the device and scrutinized the messages. Then he stopped at the unknown number for a few seconds before glancing back up at his mother. "Do you know who this number belongs to?"

Not expecting him to ask her that, Sonya stilled briefly before deciding not to put up an act. "How would I know?" she responded frankly. "Whoever this is, they probably came looking for me because Roxanne did something to provoke them!"

The crease between Lucian's brows deepened.

She doesn't look like she's lying. She probably really doesn't know who owns the number. But who could've sent her these photos? Who's paying this much attention to Roxanne's life?

In the middle of his silence, the sound of footsteps came from upstairs.

"Who are you talking to, Mrs. Farwell?"

Aworried-looking Aubree appeared at the corner of the stairs and looked down.

“Lucian? What are you doing here?” she asked in surprise upon seeing the man.

Then, as though realizing something, she walked down the stairs and clutched Sonya’s arm in concern. “Were you upset at Lucian over something, Mrs. Farwell?”

Chapter 833 Set Foot Into The Farwell Residence

Sonya had wanted to hide this matter from Aubree at first, but now that the latter was here, she could only comment evasively, “What makes Aubree inferior in any way? How long do you plan to make her wait?”

At the mention of herself, Aubree glanced at Lucian and curled her lips into a smile. “I’m fine, Mrs. Farwell. don’t want to give Lucian any pressure.”

She then lowered her head, looking aggrieved. Seeing how thoughtful she was made Sonya’s heart ache. She glared at Lucian more sternly, but he remained indifferent.

“I’m not making her wait. I’ve already made my intentions clear from the start. You’re the one leading her on,” he said. “You!” Sonya cried out in exasperation, only to be held back by Aubree.

“Don’t be upset, Mrs. Farwell. Lucian has... He has his way of doing things, so there’s no need for you to worry so much about me. Let him do as he sees fit.”

Aubree gazed at Lucian in understanding before turning to Sonya to console her. The older woman didn’t know what else to say, although deep down, she felt increasingly sorry for Aubree.

Yet, Lucian didn’t seem to appreciate the latter's gestures at all. He merely shot her a glance and then focused on his mother. “I’ll be responsible for my marriage. You should take care of your health instead of worrying about me.”

With that, he rose to his feet and walked out the door. There was a look of desolation in Aubree's eyes as she watched him leave and lowered her head. Sonya just so happened to notice that.

She let go of Aubree's hand and called out to Lucian, "Letting Roxanne marry into the family back then was a mistake! Maybe she even realized this herself when she decided to leave, so why are you still so hung up about her?"

The man stopped in his tracks.

"Think about the fact that she had the heart to abandon Essie but is raising those two boys perfectly now!" Sonya continued. "Isn't it obvious that she doesn't love you?"

Her words pierced into him like a knife, causing his expression to sour.

"She may be able to fool you, but she sure as hell won't fool me. don't care what you think. I'll never let a woman like her become part of the Farwell family!" Sonya declared in fury.

Aubree reached out for her arm in support.

Lucian stood at the entrance of the mansion for a mere few seconds before striding away without a word.

Sonya frowned as she watched him close the door before turning to the woman next to her. "I know it's been tough on you the past few years, but don't worry. What's yours will be yours, and won't let anyone get in the way of that."

Aubree nodded graciously. "Thank you, Mrs. Farwell."

She then pursed her lips and remarked self-deprecatingly, "But still, there are always some things we can't have our way with. If Lucian really likes Roxanne—"

Sonya cut her off before she could finish, “We don’t know what that woman is after by approaching him, but I’m sure he’ll come to a realization one day.”

Even if he didn’t, she would never let Roxanne set foot into the Farwell residence. An imperceptible glee flashed across Aubree’s eyes when she saw how much Sonya despised Roxanne. Just as expected, those photos are really making her hate Roxanne even more!

With Sonya’s resistance, she didn’t have to worry about Roxanne taking her place anymore.

Chapter 834 Easy To Please

The sky was about to turn dark when Roxanne left the research institute. On the way home, her chest tightened as she thought that Lucian was still lounging around at her place.

However, she returned to find only the three children sitting on the couch and staring at the computer screen. Roxanne scanned the living area, but the man was nowhere to be seen.

“Mommy!” the boys greeted her as soon as they realized she had come home. Roxanne caressed their tiny heads while asking, “Where’s Mr. Farwell?”

“He left a long time ago, but we asked him to let Essie stay so that we could wait for you to come back together,” Benny explained in his squeaky voice.

The woman smiled when she heard that. Then her gaze fell on the little girl standing behind the two boys. Unlike her usual peppy demeanor, Essie now stood timidly behind Archie and Benny, not even saying hello. Clearly, she was still bothered by what had happened earlier that day.

Realizing this, Roxanne knelt down and stared straight into the girl’s eyes. “I’m sorry, Essie. I didn’t mean what I said earlier this morning. I just wanted to say that—”

Having been consoled all day, Estella had already thought of forgiving her.

Even so, seeing the woman in person now made her slightly upset.

“But why did you leave, Ms. Jarvis?” the girl asked slowly while blinking.

She had already figured it out; Roxanne didn’t want to be her mother because she still couldn’t accept Lucian. However, she didn’t understand why the woman had driven off despite knowing that she was upset.

Why didn’t she stay and talk to me instead? She was the first one to come looking for me the last time, but she just left me like that this morning.

The difference was too much for her to handle.

“I’m sorry,” Roxanne replied apologetically. “I really had something important to take care of this morning. won’t make you upset ever again, so will you forgive me?”

Estella merely stared at her.

“I’ll be right by your side whenever you need me,” the woman promised solemnly.

The girl’s eyes finally lit up, and she leaped into Roxanne’s arms.

The woman felt her heart melt as she watched Estella return to her usual cheeriness.

She had thought the little girl wouldn’t forgive her, but it turned out she was so easy to please. Suddenly, Roxanne felt something warm on her cheek for a split second.

She turned to the girl in surprise.

Estella beamed with delight at having secretly given the woman a peck.

A warm sensation spread across Roxanne's heart when she saw Estella's expression. Unable to help herself, she responded by kissing the child's cheek too.

The little girl was instantly filled with shock, having not expected to be kissed. Then, joy overtook her as soon as realization dawned on her.

"Mommy! Why did you only kiss Essie? We're going to be mad!" Archie and Benny exclaimed jokingly when they saw Roxanne and Estella make up.

Roxanne burst into laughter before turning to give the boys each a peck on the cheek, bringing wide smiles to their faces. After that, she stroked Estella's head. "Did your daddy say what time he'd be coming to pick you up?" Estella shook her head upon recalling that Lucian had never mentioned when he would come and get her.

Lucian had only told her to be a good girl and stay with the two boys before leaving abruptly.

Chapter 835 What Are You Doing Here

Roxanne looked slightly troubled. He didn't take a good look at his face back then, but he must be pretty annoyed about what happened this morning. But if I decide to call him and ask what time he'll be coming to pick Essie up, it's going to make me look guilty.

"If Daddy doesn't come, can I sleep with you tonight, Ms. Jarvis?" Estella looked at Roxanne eagerly. Roxanne snapped back to reality and ran her fingers through the girl's hair. "He'll definitely come."

As soon as her words fell, Estella's eyes turned bleak. "But yes, if your daddy doesn't come, you can sleep with me tonight," Roxanne agreed with a smile.

Estella finally beamed upon hearing that. Roxanne glanced at the time. "I didn't get to properly taste the cake we made this morning, so how about we make another one?" she proposed.

The children nodded happily and followed her into the kitchen. Roxanne placed all the ingredients on the dining table.

Lucian wasn't helping them out this time around, but they still enjoyed the activity together as the sounds of their laughter rang out across the room.

When the cake was out of the oven, the children each chose a piece to decorate with cream.

Then, Roxanne sliced every piece into quarters and placed them onto the children's plates.

The whole baking process went much more smoothly than it did this morning, and the children enjoyed their cake. After they were done, Roxanne let the kids play a while longer.

By the time the clock struck nine, the young ones had begun yawning. However, Lucian had yet to appear.

"Is Daddy not coming, Ms. Jarvis? If he's not, let's go to sleep." Estella tugged at Roxanne's shirt lightly, feeling so tired that she could barely open her eyes anymore.

The woman hesitated for a moment.

She does look exhausted, but where is Lucian? Is he even coming?

She took out her phone, deliberating over whether or not to dial Lucian's number. If he's not coming, I'll take Essie upstairs so she can rest.

Just as she found Lucian's number, a car horn blared from outside the mansion.

Then, the doorbell rang.

Everyone inside the house turned to the door, thinking that Lucian had arrived. Estella pouted. But want to sleep with Ms. Jarvis! don't want Daddy to come.

Roxanne switched off her phone and stared at the door with an inexplicable look on her face. After a few seconds of hesitation, she finally walked toward the entrance.

“Good evening, Ms. Jarvis,” Cayden greeted politely while standing outside. Roxanne couldn't help but still briefly, feeling relieved yet puzzled at the same time. “What are you doing here?” Estella glanced at the man while holding onto a part of Roxanne's clothing. “Where's Daddy, Mr. Lawson?”

Cayden gazed at them, pausing briefly as he noted how similar the two looked to each other. “Mr. Farwell has some urgent matters to take care of. He recalled that Ms. Estella is still with you and wanted to come and get her himself, but he just couldn't make it. That's why he sent me,” he replied with a smile before extending an arm toward Estella. “Come, Ms. Estella. Let's go home.”

The little girl shook her head in reluctance before hiding behind Roxanne and gazing up at her with eyes full of anticipation.

Chapter 836 Let Us Go Back

Roxanne sensed that Estella was staring at her, but she did not react. Just now, all Cayden said was that Lucian was busy with work. As Lucian was the CEO of Farwell Group, it was natural for him to be busy.

However, Roxanne felt that Cayden was actually referring to her, insinuating that she had neglected her children as she was too busy with work. Lucian's words from that morning rang in her ears again. Is work really that important?

Roxanne kept asking herself the same question. She worked hard because she loved her job, and she also wanted to provide a better life for her children.

Yet, her good intentions had seemed to backfire on her. “Ms. Jarvis...” Estella noticed Roxanne's silence and began tugging at the hem of the latter's clothes. “I don't want to go back.”

Roxanne snapped back to her senses and lowered her gaze to eye the little girl.

When she met Estella's innocent gaze, her heart softened. Nevertheless, she had to coax the girl. "Be a good girl, Essie. It's very late, and Mr. Lawson came all the way here to pick you up. You'd better go back with him."

Estella replied with a pitiful look, "But, we agreed that I'd go back if Daddy came over. If he doesn't, I'll stay with you." Roxanne was surprised by her response.

Indeed, Estella was Lucian's daughter.

Although she did not speak for quite some time due to autism, it did not affect her eloquence after her condition had improved. "Well, Daddy sent Mr. Lawson to pick you up." An amused Roxanne squatted down to regard Estella.

Estella pursed her lips and insisted, "No, want Daddy to pick me up!"

Then, she turned around to look at Cayden with a woeful expression.

A warm sensation enveloped Cayden's heart after meeting Estella's gaze. He could not bring himself to say no.

Then again, he dared not defy Lucian's order.

For one moment, Cayden was caught in a fix. He could only cast a pleading look at Roxanne. "Um, Ms. Jarvis..."

Roxanne returned a comforting smile and eyed Estella with a firm expression. "Listen to Mr. Lawson, Essie. It's late, and if you don't go home, Daddy will be worried."

In the past, Roxanne would probably have ignored Lucian and let Estella stay with her.

However, ever since that morning's incident and Roxanne's realization about her relationship with Lucian, she decided there was no point in doing so.

Thus, she had to send the little girl back.

Seeing how insistent Roxanne was, Estella lowered her gaze dejectedly.

Archie and Benny, who were watching from one side, suggested, "Mommy, we'll talk to Essie."

At once, Roxanne recalled how her sons had persuaded Estella. Relieved, she allowed them to do so.

The two boys led Estella to the living room.

Roxanne merely saw Archie and Benny speaking to the little girl in a mysterious manner, stealing glances at their mother in the process. Soon, Estella nodded firmly and headed to the doorway.

"Let's go back, Mr. Lawson!" she said as she grabbed the hem of Cayden's shirt.

It took a while for Cayden to react when he realized how quickly Estella had changed her mind. After a few seconds, he agreed, bid farewell to Roxanne, and left with Estella.

Chapter 837 Assessing Lucian Once Cayden's car had cruised away, Roxanne led Archie and Benny into the living room.

Recalling Cayden's prior words, she squatted down to look at her two boys apologetically. "Have spent too little time with you all this while?"

Ever since her involvement in the Damaris family's project, Roxanne had spent most of her time on work. Had Lucian and Cayden not brought this up to her, she would not have realized it.

Archie and Benny shook their heads when they noticed how guilty their mother felt. "Your work is more important, Mommy. We're fine."

Benny added, "We'll take care of ourselves and you!"

Archie chimed in, "We understand you have to treat patients, and we hope you can save more lives." Moreover, they were already used to this sort of life, so it did not bother them.

However, something else was on their minds.

Both Archie and Benny thought of their little sister.

To Estella, Roxanne had indeed been busy to the point that she could hardly see her mother.

Roxanne was about to heave a sigh of relief when she noticed the glum expressions that were starting to form on the boys' faces. So, she asked in a concerned manner, "What is it? Do you think I've been too busy?"

Following that, a crease appeared between Roxanne's eyebrows, and she apologized, "At the moment, my work is really important. Once things are settled, I'll definitely spend more time with you!"

Archie and Benny nodded obediently. "We understand! Still, can you bring Essie along, too?" Upon hearing Estella's name, Roxanne immediately thought of Lucian, and a hesitant expression slowly appeared on her face. "Mommy, Essie misses you a lot, too," the boys persuaded.

Estella's pitiful expression came to Roxanne's mind. Her heart softened, and she answered with a smile, "All right, promise I'll take all three of you out when the time comes."

The boys cheered triumphantly.

Feeling curious, Roxanne asked, "What did you say to Essie earlier?"

Why did she give in so easily?

Archie and Benny glanced at each other and smiled enigmatically. "It's a secret!"

Roxanne was taken aback by their answer.

Previously, things had turned out the same way. She had no idea what her boys had said to Estella.

The three children seemed to be hiding something from her.

When she realized this, Roxanne feigned a stern expression. "Tell me. Are you hiding something from me?"

The boys figured that Roxanne would not actually scold them. Instead of taking her seriously, they headed toward the staircase and giggled. "We're so tired, Mommy. We'll go to bed now! You ought to go to bed, too!"

Then, they ran upstairs without waiting for their mother's response.

Roxanne felt amused yet helpless as she watched them.

These two little... They understand me completely, and they don't even take me seriously!

Nonetheless, it was evident that the children were hiding something from her, and she did not know what it was.

Roxanne still believed that her children knew better than to do something bad. She only wanted to see whether she could help them.

Meanwhile, Archie and Benny ran into their room and heaved a sigh of relief. Mommy has discovered that we're plotting something! Nevertheless, as long as they remained silent about it, Roxanne would be unable to guess what they were thinking about.

They would never tell their mother that Estella decided to head back so that she could assess Lucian's attitude.

Chapter 838 Speculation About Herbscape Group

Seeing that the kids were already back in their room, Roxanne tidied up the kitchen and went upstairs to do some work in the study.

Even though she had agreed to be the technical advisor of Herbscape Group, she did not know much about the company.

Prior to the actual collaboration, Roxanne felt the need to get a rough overview of the company, so she searched for information about Herbscape Group online.

To her surprise, the moment she typed in the search bar, she noticed some unusual keywords associated with Herbscape Group. Herbscape Group had been accused of tax evasion and selling illegal drugs.

Almost all associated searches were negative.

Roxanne was stunned and filled with suspicion.

She used to be in touch with various medicinal herbs companies in Horington when she was trying to resolve the research institute's issue of medicinal herbs supply, and Herbscape Group was one of them.

She remembered Herbscape Group's reputation was quite good. Why are there so many negative news about them? Even if didn't have access to this information back then, Jack should have known.

If Herbscape Group was truly such a terrible company, why would Jack choose to work with them?

Roxanne frowned and clicked on the first search result that popped up.

It was an article published earlier on the same day.

The article read: We have received reports claiming that Herbscape Group is selling illegal drugs. Besides, the company is also accused of tax evasion using multiple methods. The relevant government departments have announced that they will carry out a thorough investigation soon.

There was a three-minute-long video in the link that clearly illustrated the evidence of Herbscape Group's involvement in the allegations.

Even if Herbscape Group were to refute the allegations, they had to first deny their involvement with solid evidence.

To do that would require time, and Roxanne knew that this would mean that Herbscape Group would not be able to clear their name in the nearest time.

Roxanne's heart sank when she read the news.

Although it was just a local news site in Horington, there were over ten thousand comments.

Roxanne clicked into the comment section.

To her dismay, the majority of the comments were spiteful and offensive speculation about Herbscape Group.

Someone wrote: Herbscape Group is such a huge company. How could you guys sell illegal drugs and betray our trust? Another commented: heard that there was a leak of virus from their laboratory a few years ago. There has not been a follow-up of that incident since. Who knows what kind of illegal drug Herbscape Group is developing...

Roxanne was at a loss for words.

The whole internet was abuzz with wayward speculation about Herbscape Group, and in the span of a single day, the negative public opinion had caused the group's share prices to plummet more than half.

The more Roxanne read the news, the heavier her heart felt.

The widespread accusations reminded her of the time she had been slandered.

She could not help but note the striking similarities of both circumstances.

Roxanne had only managed to solve the problem when Lucian had pressured the Hightowers and with Harvey's support.

If nothing was done to salvage the worsening public image of Herbscape Group, Roxanne reckoned it would be very likely that they would get dragged down alongside Herbscape Group from their collaboration, and even the project with Damaris Group might get affected as well.

The thought was disturbing, to say the least.

Roxanne could not seem to figure out who was trying to attack Herbscape Group, or whether the person was really after Herbscape Group at all.

Chapter 839 Work Harder To Get Roxanne

Just when she was still reeling in from the shock, Roxanne accidentally clicked on the refresh button. She noticed that there were changes on the page, and she instinctively lowered her head to check it out.

Roxanne was even more surprised to see the time the news article had been published, and somehow the fleeting image of Lucian crossed her mind.

The news article was published right after Herbscape Group and Damaris Group collaborated. Herbscape Group has always maintained a good reputation before they agreed to collaborate with Damaris Group.

Cayden said Lucian was busy with something tonight when he came over to pick Estella up. wonder what he's working on. Oddly, and coincidentally enough, the news article was published tonight...

Roxanne could only surmise that Lucian was the mastermind plotting against Herbscape Group. Herbscape Group was embroiled in the scandal right after they signed the agreement with Damaris Group. And before that, they were supposed to collaborate with Farwell Group.

Farwell Group was infamous for never letting their business partners who walked out on them do well.

Right then, Roxanne recalled Lucian's words when she had told him she was going to attend the contract signing ceremony that night.

He had said that he would not let the contract signing between Herbscape Group and Damaris Group go on that smoothly. Judging by his attitude then, Roxanne could tell that he was aiming to gain control over Herbscape Group.

Then again, Lucian did not stop her from attending the contract signing ceremony between Herbscape Group and Damaris Group.

So, is this Farwell Group taking revenge against Herbscape Group? Or is the competition between Farwell Group and Damaris Group still going on?

Roxanne was truly stumped. She even wondered if Lucian was doing this because of her. After all, it was unlikely that Lucian did not care about what had happened that morning.

If Herbscape Group's reputation was smeared because of her, and in turn, affecting Damaris Group as well, Roxanne wouldn't know what she could do to make up for Jack's losses.

Realizing what she was thinking, Roxanne let out a self-deprecating laugh.

Haven't already realized this would happen when signed the contract with Herbscape Group? Lucian is acting as such because he detests me getting too close to Jack.

Roxanne pursed her lips. Well, could also put the blame on Jack for dragging me into this in this case. Maybe I'll feel better that way.

Meanwhile, in the Farwell residence, Estella still remembered the boys' remarks after Cayden fetched her home.

She was tasked with finding out if Lucian was also mad at Roxanne.

Estella knew she was to be blamed in this case. If Lucian was truly mad, she felt the need to appease him and urge him to work harder to get Roxanne.

However, it was already ten o'clock at night, and yet Lucian was still nowhere to be seen.

As Estella was already feeling sleepy and had been waiting for a long time, she got a little upset and her eyes turned red.

"Ms. Estella, let's go and get some sleep upstairs," Catalina said when she saw that Estella had been waiting in the living room. Estella pouted and shook her head aggrievedly. "Daddy..."

She wanted to wait for Lucian to come back.

Catalina was in a bind right then. "If Mr. Farwell is not back at this hour, think he'll only be back in the middle of the night. Let's go to sleep first and wait for him to come back. He will surely visit you in your room. Besides, you can also talk to him in the morning."

Estella shook her head stubbornly, her little hands clutching the couch.

Catalina let out a defeated sigh. Left with no other choice, she could only stand beside Estella and observe her closely.

Chapter 840 Know What She Wants To Say

Estella had always kept to a fixed daily routine. While at Roxanne's house, she had started getting drowsy at around nine o'clock in the evening and only became a little more awake while on the way home.

Now, she had been sitting on the couch for a long time. Although she dearly wanted to wait for Lucian to return, she could not fight off the sleepiness that washed over her, and her eyes slowly closed.

Catalina knew Estella's routine like the back of her hand. Upon seeing Estella's head droop lower and lower, she quickly hurried over to the girl's side, preparing to catch her at any time.

Just as Catalina anticipated, Estella fell fast asleep within a few minutes, and her body tilted to one side.

Fortunately, Catalina was well-prepared. She caught Estella in her arms, then carefully carried the latter upstairs.

When she finally left Estella's room and checked the time, she saw it was already late at night.

Ms. Estella was so stubborn just now. It seems as though she really does have something important to discuss with Mr. Farwell. Catalina took out her phone and was about to call Lucian when she suddenly heard a noise from downstairs.

Craning her neck to take a look, she saw Lucian walk into the house with long strides. He was radiating a cold aura. By the looks of it, he must've been swamped with work tonight to the point that he still has a frown even after getting home.

"Mr. Farwell," she called out hesitantly, hurrying down the stairs to greet him. As she took his coat, she said, "Ms. Estella waited for you all night and only just fell asleep."

Lucian's frown deepened when he heard that.

Cayden rushed back to the office immediately after sending Estella home, and according to him, Estella has already forgiven Roxanne. She was also reluctant to leave Roxanne's house. However, there's no way can forgive Roxanne. As for what Estella wants to tell me, can more or less guess what it is she

wants to say. don't want to hear her take Roxanne's side, at least for now. After all, Roxanne's increasingly close relationship with Jack is bad enough to stir up some misunderstanding. Regardless of whether it's for the children's sake or my own reasons, want to teach Roxanne a little lesson.

With that thought in mind, Lucian merely nodded at Catalina expressionlessly and walked upstairs.

Seeing that he did not seem to have caught on to the meaning behind her words, she quickly added, "Ms. Estella seemed to have something important to tell you. Do you want to go and check on her?"

"No. know what she wants to say," Lucian replied, rejecting her suggestion indifferently.

With that, he went into his bedroom.

As Catalina watched him leave, she knew she was in no place to say anything more. All she could do was cast a pitying look at Estella's room.

It's the first time I've seen Ms. Estella like that. wonder what she wanted to tell Mr. Farwell...

Lucian went to take a shower after going into his room. Then, coming out of the bathroom, he browsed through the day's news, which was a bedtime habit of his.

He had only just started browsing when he came across the online discussions about Herbscape Group, the contents of which caused him to furrow his brows.

As far as know, only those within the pharmaceutical industry would discover Herbscape Group's involvement in selling illegal drugs and the bacterial leakage at the company's biological laboratory.

His first instinct was to suspect that the former employees of Herbscape Group were behind it.

After mulling it over for a little while, he suddenly recalled his conversation with Jonathan that day. Compared to the former employees, this seems more like something Jonathan would do.