

## **ABANDONED 881**

### Chapter 881 Denied Entry

Meanwhile, on the way back home, the images of Lucian and Estella kept appearing in Roxanne's mind. After feeling troubled for a long while, Roxanne clenched her fist to calm herself down.

Before things at Herbscape Group are finalized, there's no evidence pointing to Lucian as the person responsible. There's certainly nothing to prove that Lucian did that for me, so there's no need for me to feel guilty.

After trying very hard to convince herself, Roxanne finally let the matter go.

All that was left was Estella.

She wondered how the little one was doing and if she was still crying.

More so, she also wondered if Lucian had brought Estella to look for her.

Roxanne checked her phone every now and then to see if she had any missed calls or unread messages. After a few rounds of checking, there was still nothing showing on the screen.

"Sir, please drive a little faster." Roxanne could not help but rush the driver, feeling disappointed.

The driver acknowledged and sped up.

Twenty minutes later, they arrived at Roxanne's home.

She quickly got out of the car and strode into the mansion.

At the same time, both Archie and Benny rushed to the door when they heard sounds from outside. They thought that Lucian had brought Estella there.

Since the time Roxanne left, both the boys had been waiting patiently on the couch so that they would not miss it when Lucian knocked on the door.

When the door opened and they saw who it was, the boys' anticipation turned to worry.

"Mommy, are you done with your work?"

They noticed that Roxanne's face was grimmer than before she left.

She swept her glance across the living room and saw no one except her sons.

Roxanne was crestfallen and felt a little lost. "Didn't Essie come?"

Archie and Benny exchanged glances. They could not bear to tell their mother the truth.

Roxanne had always been more worried about Estella than the boys.

"Maybe Mr. Farwell is occupied at the moment, and they will come later!"

Archie was quick to come up with something to console his mother.

Roxanne mustered a smile at the boys, but she was still devastated and worried about Estella.

Archie and Benny eyed their mother with concern. They had been standing at the doorway for quite a while now, but Roxanne did not look as if she wanted to come in.

The boys had no idea if she had forgotten or if there were some other reasons.

“Mommy, let's go in first,” said Benny in a piping voice.

It was only then Roxanne returned to her senses. With a hint of hesitation in her eyes, she declined in the end. “I'll go to Mr. Farwell's house and take a look. Stay at home and wait for me.”

When Archie and Benny heard that, they exchanged looks before saying in unison, “We want to go with you!”

The boys were equally anxious about Estella's situation. Given Roxanne's current condition, they did not think she could drive on her own.

Roxanne knew that her sons were worried about her, so she comforted them with a smile, “Both of you stay here. You can tell me if Essie comes.”

Archie and Benny hesitated for a while and nodded when they heard that.

Roxanne stroked their heads and got into her car once she saw the boys shut the door. She then made her way to the Farwell residence.

Along the way there, Roxanne felt very uneasy.

She had no idea if Estella was at home and if she would be denied entry.

Chapter 882 Told Her To Leave

Roxanne finally arrived at the Farwell residence. She tried her best to suppress the disquiet in her heart before pressing on the doorbell.

This time around, it was still Catalina who answered the intercom.

A look of helplessness showed on Catalina's face when she saw who the visitor was.

“Catalina, is Essie back yet?” asked Roxanne as she eyed her cautiously from the screen.

Catalina sighed quietly to herself and shook her head when she recalled Lucian’s instructions. “Not yet.”

Roxanne’s gaze darkened when she heard her reply. She forced a smile and asked, “Then can go in and wait for her?” Catalina could not bear to turn her down. However, she still shook her head in the end and said, “It’s better that you leave.” Lucian had looked displeased when he returned home with Estella and instructed Catalina to deny Roxanne entry if she came.

Although Catalina felt sorry for Roxanne, she dared not disobey Lucian, particularly when Lucian was obviously still very angry. Roxanne’s eyes shimmered when her request had been denied. Somehow, she seemed to have understood something. She looked up at Estella’s room which was on the second floor.

When she was there earlier on, Catalina had told her that Lucian had taken Estella out. She had even suggested to Roxanne to give Lucian a phone call.

Yet, right now, Catalina was asking her to leave.

Catalina knows that Lucian doesn’t wish to see me. Lucian must have brought Estella back home!

At that thought, Roxanne was filled with apprehension. She looked at Catalina pleadingly.

“ won't go in, but can you at least tell me how Essie is?”

As long as she knew how Estella was doing, she could be at ease.

Catalina sighed and shook her head again.

When Mr. Farwell left, he did not appear upset. Unfortunately, he returned with a sullen expression. He has even instructed me not to disclose any information about Ms. Estella to her. suppose he must be angry with her. It’s only a matter of a few hours. wonder what they’re fighting about.

Roxanne was utterly crestfallen when Catalina rejected her once more.

She stared at the second floor for a long while but did not see any movement in Estella's room. It was only then that she turned and left.

Catalina was heartbroken as she gazed at her desolate figure.

She waited until Roxanne's car had disappeared before she let out a sigh and went up to the second floor.

The door of Estella's bedroom was open. Lucian was sitting on her bed and watching her sleep. His eyes were pitch-black. "Mr. Farwell," Catalina called out to him.

Lucian turned around.

When their gazes met, Catalina instinctively looked down at Estella, who was in bed.

Lucian frowned before walking over to the door. "What is it?"

"Mrs.—Ms. Jarvis was here just now."

Lucian looked at her without any expression.

Upon seeing his lack of emotion, Catalina understood what he meant. She looked down before saying, "I've already told her to leave."

Lucian nodded and returned to Estella's room.

As he sat down on his daughter's bed again, he looked out of her window.

The window of Estella's room faced the front of the manor, and he had an unobstructed view.

Looking at the main door with no one there, Lucian sneered.

## Chapter 883 Distant

Upon reaching home, Roxanne stood unmoving at the mansion's entrance. She recomposed her expression before opening the door to enter.

The kids saw her and shuffled closer to her, asking with concern, "Mommy, has Essie gone back?"

Roxanne glanced at the anxious children with her brows furrowed as she was unsure of how to respond to their questions. After all, it was just her assumption that Lucian had brought Estella back to his home.

Archie and Benny knew her well. Seeing the hesitation on Roxanne's face, they guessed that she must have gotten rebuffed again.

"Don't worry, Mommy. Essie will be fine."

Archie tried to tamp down his anxiety by acting maturely. He comforted, "Mr. Farwell will surely give you a call if something happens to Essie."

Roxanne's eyelashes quivered as she heard those words from him. Yes, he's right. might resent Lucian. However, he would always contact me for matters involving Essie. shouldn't be too worried this time but wait for his call patiently.

On second thought, Roxanne recalled the way Catalina had stuttered a while ago. With that, she could not help feeling anxious once again.

My actions yesterday might have provoked him, and I'm unsure whether he will still contact me after this. It's not a good idea to keep waiting like this.

Roxanne was exasperated thinking about Estella.

Meanwhile, Archie and Benny could see how troubled Roxanne was. However, they were at a loss for how to help her, Thinking of Estella, they felt perturbed too.

A heavy silence ensued in the living room.

It was at that moment that Roxanne's phone rang out of the blue.

Roxanne's heart skipped a beat. As she recalled the children's words to her a while ago, she could barely look at her phone screen, for she was afraid that she would be disappointed.

"Ms. Jarvis, have you reached home safely?"

She picked up the phone, only to hear Jack's voice at the other end of the line.

Roxanne's gaze dimmed almost instantly. Nonetheless, she answered politely, "Yes, I'm home. Thank you for your concern, Mr. Damaris."

Afterward, she thought of something and asked in return, "Are you and Dr. Galloway still at the research institute?"

Jack chuckled at the mention of Colby. He voiced, "We've separated. I'm on my way home to the Damaris residence now." Roxanne nodded slightly. "Be careful on your way back."

Jack smiled and uttered, "You looked troubled today. Feel free to look for me anytime if you need any help."

As a matter of fact, that was not the first time Jack said that to her.

A peculiar sensation swelled within Roxanne, and she kept mum for a brief moment before thanking him indifferently, "Thank you for your kindness."

Without allowing Jack to speak, Roxanne continued, "All right. I'll hang up now."

Jack responded with a light chuckle, "I gave you a call to show you my concern, but didn't expect you to be so distant toward me."

Hearing that, Roxanne did not respond.

I'm not sure if he's flirting with me deliberately. I'd better not say anything to avoid unnecessary trouble later. Jack was smart enough to notice her reluctance. After that, he said goodbye to her and ended the call. That phone call took a long time indeed.

In the meantime, knowing that it was a call from Jack, Archie and Benny became vigilant.

Right after Roxanne hung up on the call, they asked impatiently, "Mommy, what did Mr. Damaris say?"

Chapter 884 Call Mr. Farwell

Snapping out of it, Roxanne beamed at them nonchalantly. "It's nothing. He's just checking whether I'm home yet." However, they refused to believe her words and merely stared at her.

Nevertheless, Roxanne was quick to divert her attention from Jack. Feeling distraught, she filled her mind with Estella again. Glancing at her bright phone screen, she hesitated for a moment before searching for Lucian's number.

have to try, even though Lucian might not answer my call. It's better than waiting at home helplessly like this.

At that thought, Roxanne clenched her fist and made the call while trying to keep her composure.



Soon, the call interface popped out on her phone screen.

The kids turned silent in unison, watching Roxanne make the phone call.

By then, they had totally forgotten about the previous phone call from Jack.

Meanwhile, on the second floor of the Farwell residence, Lucian and Estella were in Estella's bedroom.

It was at that moment that Lucian's phone rang abruptly.

Disturbed by the abrupt call, Estella furrowed her eyebrows in her sleep.

Lucian's eyes darkened as he covered Estella's ears before lifting his head to check on his phone screen.

As he stared at the caller ID, a strange look flashed across his eyes.

Roxanne really cares a lot about Essie. However, wonder if she prioritizes Essie or her job more...

His phone had been ringing for quite some time before Estella asked, "Daddy, why aren't you picking up the call?"

Despite that, Lucian was unbothered by it and continued to let his phone ring.

Eventually, a female mechanical voice sounded at the end of the line. Hearing that, Roxanne hung up directly.

As she had expected, Lucian refused to answer her call.

She began to feel anxious but still tried to convince herself.

If Lucian didn't answer my call, does that mean Estella's condition is under control?

At the side, Archie and Benny did not expect Lucian not to answer Roxanne's call.

It seems like Mommy has been calling Daddy multiple times. Daddy must be really mad at her, but it's not very nice of him to hide Essie's condition from us!

The kids were enraged at the thought of that.

Once again, a blanket of silence fell over the room.

Right then, Archie's smartwatch rang. It was a reminder to him that it was time to keep a check on the stock market.

He switched off the reminder without hesitation.

Clearly, he was not in the mood for anything else. don't care if I'm losing money. can always earn the money back later. I'm more concerned about Essie right now. Money wouldn't bring her back if something happened to her.

Roxanne heard his alarm and immediately thought of something. Then, she lowered her eyes to look at Archie.

Noticing her gaze on him, Archie stared at her in puzzlement.

Roxanne shifted her attention to his smartwatch. With a frown, she suggested, "Archie, how about you call Mr. Farwell using your smartwatch?"

He's mad at me. That's why he won't answer my call. bet he will pick up the phone if Archie calls him instead. After all, the kid has nothing to do with our drama.

Hearing Roxanne's suggestion, Archie and Benny suddenly realized that it was a good plan. Yes, we can call Daddy!

With that in mind, they nodded without an ounce of hesitation.

Archie promptly searched for Lucian's contact on his smartwatch and pressed the dial button.

Meanwhile, a look of surprise flashed past Roxanne's eyes when she noticed Lucian's contact in Archie's smartwatch.

How did Archie get his contact? don't recall giving them Lucian's contact.

#### Chapter 885 Disappointment

At that moment, in the Farwell residence, Lucian's phone rang once again.

Frowning when he saw the caller ID, he hesitated for a while before he got up and took the call outside.

It didn't matter which one of the boys was calling him because Lucian had no reason to reject their calls under any circumstances.

In fact, he was afraid something bad would befall them in the event that they were calling him because of an emergency. It was a slim possibility, but Lucian did not want to leave it up to chance.

"Archie, what's wrong?"

Over the phone, Archie called out to Lucian in a childish voice and turned to look at his mother hesitantly.

Roxanne smiled encouragingly at Archie, gesturing at him to continue speaking. At the same time, she forced herself to ignore the peculiar sensation that had welled up in her heart.

Archie asked, “ heard Mommy say that Essie’s crying. How's she doing now?”

He purposely mentioned his mother in hopes that Lucian would realize she was the one who made him ask after Estella. Lucian’s gaze darkened after hearing Archie’s words.

had a feeling Roxanne was the one who made him do this, but didn’t expect him to come out with the truth so easily.

“Is Essie still crying?”

Without waiting for his reply, Archie repeated his question and turned on the speaker.

With that, Roxanne would also be able to hear the conversation when Lucian spoke. However, the other end of the line remained silent for some time.

Lucian was currently debating with himself if he should inform Archie, for Roxanne was bound to find out if he did so.

He wanted to use the opportunity to make Roxanne consider whether work or the children was more important to her.

Archie could vaguely guess Lucian’s line of thought. In a pitiful voice, he beseeched, “Mr. Farwell, we can keep it a secret from Mommy since you're angry at her. However, Benny and are very worried about Essie. Can you please tell us how she is right now?”

Benny chimed in, “Mr. Farwell, please tell us!”

The two of them sounded so pitiful that Lucian found his heart softening. After a brief silence, he finally replied.

“Estella is fine and asleep for now. Don’t worry too much. Also, since I’m the one who made her cry, I’ll make sure to take responsibility.”

Heaving sighs of relief, Archie and Benny turned to look at Roxanne in unison.

Since Essie is okay, I’m sure Mommy will be relieved too!

However, the troubled expression on Roxanne’s face did not fade in the slightest.

Judging from Lucian’s words, Estella had cried herself to sleep. What if she continues to throw a tantrum after she wakes up? At that thought, Roxanne’s lips parted as if she wanted to say something.

If only he’d let me see Essie...

A thought occurred to Roxanne, and she quickly closed her mouth. Turning to Archie and Benny, she sent them a pleading look. The two of them instantly understood her intentions.

Benny begged in an adorable voice, “Mr. Farwell, can Mommy bring us to visit Essie?”

As Benny spoke, Roxanne stared at the smartwatch nervously as if she could see the person on the other end of the line on it. Without hesitation, Lucian’s reply came the moment Benny finished speaking. “No, don’t see why you’d need to when you can see her at school tomorrow.”

Archie and Benny’s faces fell after hearing Lucian’s reply. Roxanne, too, was filled with disappointment.

Unable to bear their mother’s sadness, the two boys tried with all their might to come up with something else.

Chapter 886 Unease

“If there’s nothing else, I’m hanging up now.”

Lucian waited for a moment before preparing to end the call when the two boys did not speak.

“Mr. Farwell, wait a minute!” The boys hurried to stop Lucian after hearing his words.

Lucian paused, complying with their request.

Cautiously, Benny glanced over at his mother while holding onto Archie’s watch. He said, “Mr. Farwell, are you busy at work? If so, you can send Essie to us. We’ll take good care of Essie together with Mommy.”

After uttering the words, Benny waited with bated breath for Lucian’s reply.

After all, Lucian had rejected their request to go visit Estella just moments ago. Hence, it would not be a surprise if this request was rejected as well.

In fact, he’s quite likely to reject it. Still, it was worth a try. Maybe Daddy will even agree to it!

Roxanne had not expected the boys to come out with their request so suddenly, leaving her feeling anxious.

A few moments later, Lucian’s voice sounded from the phone. “There’s no need. I will stay home and take care of Essie.” Without waiting for them to speak, Lucian hung up right away.

The boys’ mouths were agape for a moment before awkwardly shutting. Then, they turned to look at their mother with woeful expressions.

As she was filled with frustration, the light in Roxanne’s eyes slowly dimmed.

However, she forced herself to smile and gently pat their heads when she saw their crestfallen expressions.

“Thank you, my darlings. Don’t worry. At least we found out that Essie’s all right.”

The two boys nodded obediently in response.

Although they were still worried, they knew if they wore their hearts on their sleeves, their mother would only become sadder. “Anyway, why do you guys have Lucian’s phone number?” Roxanne looked at Archie and Benny in confusion.

Not only did they somehow have Lucian’s phone number, but the latter also did not inquire who the caller was and clearly called out to Archie after picking up the phone.

This meant that the three of them had contacted each other before.

However, Roxanne had no recollection of Archie ever using his smartwatch to call Lucian. Thus, she concluded that they must have done it behind her back.

Suspicion surged within her as the realization hit her.

Right then, guilt flashed across their eyes as Archie and Benny realized their mother had caught wind of what they had been up to.

Steeling himself, Archie said, “Mr. Farwell gave us his number the day you got drunk. He told us to call him anytime if we needed anything.”

Roxanne furrowed her brows, trying to recall the time she had gotten drunk and had to be sent home by Lucian.

It makes sense if the boys had gotten Lucian’s phone number back then.

She leaned forward and tousled their hair, chiding them, “Don’t disturb him too much.”

Nodding demurely, Archie and Benny let out sighs of relief inwardly when Roxanne did not pry into the matter further. Roxanne sat with the children in the living room for some time before leaving to prepare their afternoon meal when lunchtime drew near.

In the living room, Archie and Benny whispered among themselves.

“Archie, is Essie really okay?” Benny asked as he fiddled with his fingers to distract himself.

Pressing his lips together, Archie replied solemnly, “I don’t know either.”

Judging from Daddy’s tone, Essie didn’t seem to be okay.

Even if Lucian did not explicitly spell it out for them, they could guess the reason. Estella had likely fallen asleep after wearing herself out with the crying.

## Chapter 887 Is Essie Okay

Thinking of that, the boys felt sorry for Estella.

“Alas, Daddy doesn’t allow us to visit her,” Benny grumbled in a piping voice.

Yet, his brother refuted almost immediately, “No. It’s not that he doesn’t allow us to see her.”

Benny looked at his brother in puzzlement upon hearing that.

After glancing in the direction of the kitchen, Archie expounded dejectedly, “Daddy just doesn’t want Mommy to visit Essie.” His words left Benny stunned for a moment. As realization dawned on the latter, his expression instantly changed.

wonder what happened to Daddy and Mommy. Is he still angry about what happened yesterday? But that’s just a trivial matter... Even Essie has forgiven Mommy.



Meanwhile, Roxanne, who was in the kitchen, felt uneasy as well.

Earlier, when she was on the phone with Lucian, she overheard the sound of Estella's sobs.

Estella was wailing miserably, and Roxanne even heard the little one uttering her name.

At that moment, Roxanne was racked with guilt and full of remorse for the decision she had made.

If I had known this beforehand, I would've rushed to her and stayed by her side. I wouldn't even hesitate. Alas, I didn't know Lucian would stop me from seeing Essie. She matters more to me than anything else in the world. Those medicines are nothing compared to her...

"Mommy, what's that smell?" Archie and Benny asked as they walked toward Roxanne.

The boys were puzzled to detect a strange smell in the air.

As the unpleasant smell seemed to be wafting from a pot, the boys stood on their tiptoes to take a look.

However, they were too short to look into the pot.

As the boys' voices pulled Roxanne out of her stupor, she lowered her gaze to check the ingredients in the pot.

Unfortunately, everything in the pot was fully blackened and burnt. Even the air was permeated with the odor of burnt food. Gosh! I've been thinking about Essie all this while and forgotten that I'm cooking!

Roxanne hurriedly turned off the stove. She looked apologetic as she looked downward at Archie and Benny. "Sorry, Mommy was lost in thought, and the food got burned. We shall head out for lunch."

After that, she turned around and took off her apron.

Eventually, the three of them went to a restaurant nearby their house.

As the trio was still worried about Estella, they did not have much appetite. They had something light for lunch and returned home right after.

“Mommy, are you tired?” Archie and Benny asked as they noticed how absent-minded their mother was.

“Why don’t you go upstairs to get some rest?” one of the boys suggested with great concern.

Roxanne knitted her brows when she heard that. Although she was indeed tired, she could not help but worry about leaving the children all by themselves.

“Don’t worry, Mommy. We’ll take good care of ourselves!” the boys reassured with a loveable smile.

As Roxanne massaged the bridge of her nose, she uttered softly, “All right. Mommy will head upstairs to get some rest. Be good, and stay right here, okay?”

In truth, she felt totally exhausted after what had happened.

After the boys nodded obediently at her in response, she turned around and went upstairs.

Her mind was mired in chaos as she locked herself in the bedroom.

As she did not feel sleepy, she stared blankly into space while sitting on the bed.

However, it wasn’t long before she got up and strode toward the study. She thought staying busy with work could keep her out of her inner turmoil.

Meanwhile, the little ones downstairs kept quiet until there was no rustling sound coming from upstairs.

“Archie, let's head to Daddy's house,” Benny suggested in a low voice.

The little boy looked immensely serious, and his eyes sparkled with anticipation as he spoke.

Mommy couldn't even concentrate while cooking. She was also absent-minded when we were eating just now. I'm sure Mommy is very worried about Essie. Since Daddy won't allow Mommy to visit her, the two of us can go, no? We can tell Mommy about Essie's condition after the visit!

#### Chapter 888 Feeling Uneasy

After giving it some thought, Archie looked toward the room on the second floor with a frown.

As usual, the elder child had more to consider before deciding.

Mommy is upset and worried about Essie. We shouldn't go out without her knowledge. She'll fly into a panic!

As for Benny, he continued to persuade his brother, “Essie may still feel uncomfortable when she wakes up. I'm sure she'll feel better if she sees us. On top of that, we can also let her know Mommy is worried about her!”

Having heard that, Archie was slightly swayed. After some time, he finally came to a decision.

Soon, the boys furtively opened the mansion door and ran straight to the roadside. After hailing a cab, they headed to the Farwell residence.

Naturally, the cab driver was shocked to see two children getting into his car. After hesitating for a moment, he voiced, “Hello, kids. Where are your parents?”

“We're going to our daddy's house! Mommy has given us some cash for the fare,” Archie replied in an adorable voice.

The driver heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing that. He then started the car and drove toward the boys' destination.

They're indeed a pair of silver-spooned kids. This is already a luxurious residential area, but they're heading toward a more pricey neighborhood. Nevertheless, the little ones are sure pitiable. Their parents are already living separately when they're at such a young age.

Anyhow, Archie and Benny knew nothing about what the driver was thinking. They were excited and looking forward to seeing their father and Estella.

Concurrently, Estella was sleeping in her bedroom at the Farwell residence.

When she was woken by the ringtones that rang out a moment ago, she opened her eyes in a daze.

“It hurts...”

Estella could not help but moan in pain as she felt excruciating pain around the eye area.

Her voice drew Lucian's attention, and he immediately strode into the room.

He furrowed his brows worriedly as he wasn't sure when exactly Estella had woken up.

Earlier, James had left the manor in a hurry. He had to attend to some urgent matters after sending them back.

Before leaving, James had repeatedly reminded Lucian to pay attention to Estella's emotions. He said that Estella might still be emotionally unstable when she woke up.

As the little girl squinted her eyes, she noticed that the person standing at the door was her father. With a woeful expression, she stretched out her hand to him.

Lucian hurried forward and scooped her up in his arms. "Are you okay? Do you feel uncomfortable?"

Estella touched her eyes gently and uttered softly, "Eyes. They hurt."

Frowning, Lucian looked at her eyes only to notice that she had swelling around that area.

As the little girl had cried miserably earlier, it made her eyes swell up.

In actuality, this happened to Estella quite frequently, even before she met Roxanne.

As an autistic child, Estella did not know how to express and manage her emotions. She would always lock herself in the bedroom and cry her eyes out whenever she felt uneasy.

As a result, her eyes would always get swollen the next day.

As such, Lucian had already gotten used to treating her swollen eyes.

After checking her eyes, he carried her down the stairs and applied a cold compress to her eye area.

"Mr. Farwell. Ms. Estella," Catalina greeted them politely.

Noticing that Estella's eyes were red and swollen, Catalina could not help but express her concern worriedly. "Gosh, that's severe swelling!"

Estella, who was being held in Lucian's embrace, was grasping the latter's shirt tightly with her tiny hands.

Since she had cried herself to sleep, she still felt upset after she woke up.

Having heard what Catalina said, the little girl wanted to respond to the former. However, when she opened her mouth, a burp got out, and tears started to well up in her eyes again.

Chapter 889 Like Her

Catalina quickly comforted her by saying, "It's okay. Have a good rest, Ms. Estella. I'll massage your eyes for you."

Estella nodded aggrievedly and leaned against Lucian's chest.

The look in Lucian's eyes was pitch-dark when he took a glance at Estella.

After a while, Estella finally regained her senses. When she did, she recalled what had happened before she fell asleep. "Daddy, where's Ms. Jarvis?" Estella tugged at Lucian's shirt. Before fell asleep, Mr. Lann had told me Ms. Jarvis would come back to see me in a short while.

Lucian didn't expect Estella to suddenly mention Roxanne. His gaze turned grim right away, and he didn't know how to answer Estella's question. If Essie knows Roxanne isn't here because didn't allow her to come, she's going to become agitated. However, can't lie to Essie.

"Is Ms. Jarvis not here yet?" Estella threw Catalina an innocent glance.

Thinking about Roxanne's previous two visits, Catalina subconsciously glanced at Lucian.

At that moment, Lucian was expressionless.

Seeing that, Catalina hesitated for a while before shaking her head. "I think Ms. Jarvis is still busy. Wait a while longer, okay, Ms. Estella?"

Upon hearing that, Estella lowered her gaze in disappointment. thought would see Ms. Jarvis the moment woke up. "Daddy." Again, Estella tugged at Lucian's shirt sheepishly.

Lucian lowered his head and met Estella's gaze.

With an innocent expression, Estella asked, "Daddy, could you call Ms. Jarvis? Could you get her to come earlier?"

Lucian's gaze darkened as soon as he heard those words. After that, he kept mum.

" want to see Ms. Jarvis," Estella uttered aggrievedly.

Lucian patted her head in response and said, "I know."

Estella noticed how Lucian had ignored her previous question, so she knew Lucian could still be angry at Roxanne. In an anxious tone, she asked, "Are you still angry at Ms. Jarvis, Daddy? Don't be angry anymore, okay? I'd be very sad..."

While she was talking, she sniffled aggrievedly.

Estella really thought Lucian was still angry about what had happened the day before.

Lucian merely frowned and remained quiet until he saw that Estella was about to cry. Remembering James' advice, he answered in a deep voice, "I'm not angry anymore."

Estella wasn't convinced. "Why is your expression so grim, then?"

"That's because I'm worried about you." Lucian forced a smile.

Estella didn't dwell too much on it. In fact, she even started consoling Lucian by saying, "Don't be scared, Daddy. I'm fine."

After that, she mumbled, "I just want to see Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny. Daddy, could you send me to Ms. Jarvis'? If she's still at work, it's fine. I can wait for her there."

Estella knew she would feel better if she could wait at Roxanne's house, for she would be able to see the latter after working hours.

"Do you like Ms. Jarvis that much?" Lucian couldn't help but ask.

Estella nodded earnestly. "As much as I like you, Daddy."

Lucian frowned, and his gaze darkened. "Why?"

Estella found that question hard to answer. While furrowing her brows, she tried her best to come up with an answer. In the end, she gave up and shook her head. "I don't know."

All she knew was that Roxanne was kind to her. Besides, Ms. Jarvis' smell makes me feel safe.

Chapter 890 Roxanne Is Here

Estella lowered her gaze discreetly and burrowed into Lucian's embrace. Ms. Jarvis smells so much better than Daddy! Lucian scoffed at the irony of the situation. Essie only likes Roxanne so much because of the bond between a mother and a child.

Little did he know, Roxanne was feeling the same about Estella.

He thought that Roxanne had chosen her job over Estella.



“Daddy, don’t feel remorseful, okay?” Estella remembered the phone call that made her cry. In a sheepish and cute tone, she added, “I only want Ms. Jarvis to be my mommy.”

Upon hearing those words, Lucian was reminded of the phone call, and he went silent for a few seconds after Estella repeated the question.

Annoyed, Lucian wanted to refute Estella’s words. However, he quickly recalled James’ advice. In the end, Lucian took a few seconds to calm himself down.

Once he had suppressed his anger, Lucian replied vaguely, “I won’t marry someone you don’t like. Besides, I’m not planning on getting married anytime soon.”

“ only like Ms. Jarvis!” Estella’s eyes lit up.

In other words, the only woman Lucian could marry was Roxanne because Estella wouldn’t like any other woman apart from her. A bitter look appeared in Lucian’s eyes when he heard that. He didn’t expect Estella to respond so swiftly.

When Estella said those words, there was a sly look in her eyes as she stared at Lucian.

“ know.” Lucian furrowed his brows helplessly.

In other words, he had agreed to Estella’s words.

Hearing that, Estella finally flashed a smile. While tugging at Lucian’s shirt, she urged, “Daddy, quick! Pursue Ms. Jarvis!” Lucian merely nodded indifferently in response because he couldn’t help thinking of the scene where Roxanne was with Jack. Even if don’t want to accept it, it’s the truth. Roxanne is no longer the person she was six years ago. Now, she’s a lot more eye- catching. I’m no longer the only man she sees.

Refusing to give up, Estella probed, “You know what mean, right?”

Estella wasn't going to let the matter slide unless she heard a definitive answer from Lucian.

Lucian returned to his senses and heaved a helpless sigh. "I'll try."

Satisfied, Estella nodded and gradually removed herself from Lucian's embrace. While staring at him sternly, she encouraged, "You're the best daddy in the world, Daddy! Ms. Jarvis is also the best mommy in the world! You'll surely be successful in pursuing Ms. Jarvis, Daddy! After all, Archie, Benny, and will be helping you!"

Lucian was amused by her words. He could only nod at her since he was rendered speechless.

Suddenly, the intercom in the mansion rang.

Thinking that Roxanne was there, all three of them looked inquiringly in the door's direction.

Catalina subconsciously took a couple of steps toward the entrance, but she turned around to look at Lucian, awaiting his permission.

Lucian frowned. If Essie were asleep, would unhesitatingly tell Catalina to decline the call. However, Essie is awake, and she's staring at the door.

Left without a choice, Lucian nodded at Catalina, signaling her to answer the door. If Roxanne's here, 'll let her in.

Catalina heaved a sigh of relief and quickly went to answer the intercom.