

## **ABANDONED 941**

Chapter 941 Felt Like Food Poisoning Fortunately, Lucian had packed some professional camping equipment for Estella before the camping trip.

Initially, Roxanne had thought that they wouldn't need any of those items. Who knew that those would turn out to be exactly what she needed to save the children's lives?

After she found the small pot that Lucian had specially prepared for Estella, Roxanne emerged from the tent.

Without further ado, the woman poured some water into the pot and threw in the herbs and two leaves before starting to boil the mixture.

While waiting for the medicine concoction to be ready, Roxanne got up and carried Benny and Estella into the tent. Overwhelmed by pain, the children had a blank look in their eyes, and their foreheads were covered in sweat.

Roxanne covered the two little ones with some clothes before stroking their heads and saying, "Just bear with it a little more. You will feel better soon."

Benny and Estella gave a slight nod but were too weak to speak.

After settling the kids, Roxanne stood up and walked out of the tent.

Right after she stepped outside, she felt her stomach churning.

She had taken a sip of Archie's water earlier.

As it was just one sip, the pain in her stomach was still bearable.

Ignoring her discomfort, Roxanne went to check on the traditional medicine concoction that she was preparing.

Archie was watching the fire to ensure that the mixture was boiling properly.

When the boy saw his mother approaching, he asked in concern, “Mommy, will Benny and Essie get well after drinking this?”

An inexplicable glint flashed across Roxanne’s eyes before she shook her head dejectedly and replied, “No. It will just help to lessen their pain.”

More medicinal herbs were required for the kids to make a full recovery, and some of them had to be retrieved from the research institute.

Given Benny and Essie’s current condition, they would not be able to tolerate the pain until they made it back to the research institute and waited for Roxanne to finish preparing the traditional medicine concoction.

When Archie heard that, his face dropped in disappointment. “How are they feeling now?” He collected himself and continued asking.

Roxanne’s gaze softened when she saw how concerned the boy was for the other two. She moved forward to sit down beside him.

Archie shifted aside to give his mother some space to sit.

Roxanne patted her son’s head and said, “You keep asking about Benny and Essie, but what about yourself? You drank that water too. How are you feeling?”

Even though Archie had less severe symptoms, Roxanne was still worried.

After giving it some serious thought, the boy replied, “My stomach is aching a little, and feel a little sick, but it just feels like a normal stomachache from food poisoning.”

It was similar to what Roxanne was feeling.

The woman heaved a sigh of relief. "You should also have some medicine when it's ready."

Archie nodded obediently. Meanwhile, Benny and Estella's agonized cries from the tent could be heard intermittently.

Roxanne could feel her chest tightening. There was nothing she could do other than hope that the medicine concoction would be ready soon.

When she checked on the medicine concoction half an hour later, she noticed that it was not fully ready yet. If it was taken then, the medicine might not work to its full effect.

However, the little ones could not wait any longer. Roxanne took out four disposable cups and scooped some medicine for herself and the three children. Archie took one cup and drank it. Roxanne finished hers as well before bringing the remaining two cups to Benny and Estella.

The two little ones were hurting so much that they were curled up into a ball. When they noticed the woman entering the tent, they glanced at her weakly.

They were like two injured little animals, and one could not help but feel sorry for them. Roxanne rushed to the kids' sides and took Estella into her arms first without hesitation.

Besides the fact that she was a girl, Estella had drunk the most water. As such, she was in more pain compared to Benny.

Chapter 942 Should Not Have Camp Here

"Ms. Jarvis..." Estella, who was in Roxanne's embrace, called out weakly. Roxanne stroked her cheek and assured her, "Come on. You'll not be in as much pain anymore after drinking the medicine."

Naturally, Estella trusted her and leaned over to have her medicine. A frown instantly formed on her face after she took a sip. Roxanne placed the cup near Estella's lips. However, the latter refused to open her mouth again.

Ever since Estella was young, she had always taken pills or been on an IV drip when she was sick. She had rarely had any traditional medicine. Hence, Estella could not stand the bitterness of it.

Just as Roxanne was worrying about how she could get Estella to finish her medicine, Archie walked in. "Hurry up and drink your medicine, Essie. I'll give you a piece of candy once you finish it!"

He squatted down in front of Estella and waved his fist. Hesitating, Estella looked at Archie for a moment before opening her mouth and chugging the medicine. She then turned her head and looked at Archie expectantly.

Archie scratched his nose embarrassedly and said, "We ate all the candies earlier." He had no choice but to lie to Estella just now. Otherwise, she wouldn't have finished her medicine.

Upon hearing that, Estella was slightly unhappy. However, she knew that the boy had done it for her health. Hence, she recomposed herself and gave Archie a smile.

Only then did Archie heave a sigh of relief and turn to check on Benny. It was way easier for Benny to take his medicine.

Since they were young, Archie and Benny had always hung around in the research institute. They had tried different traditional medicines as if they were just a snack.

Many of them were way more bitter than the traditional medicine they were having now. Roxanne nervously observed Benny's and Estella's condition after they finished their medicine.

"How are both of you feeling?" Roxanne asked, concerned, as she did not notice anything amiss from both of them after some time.

Benny furrowed his brows and said, "I felt better when I just finished the medicine. Now, I'm starting to feel the pain again." Just as he finished his words, Estella, who was at the side, couldn't help but let out a groan.

She had more severe symptoms and was the first to finish her medicine, so Estella had started to feel the sharp pain in her stomach again a few minutes ago.

However, she endured the pain as she didn't want the boys and Roxanne to be worried about her.

But the pain was getting more and more intense, and she couldn't bear it anymore.

Roxanne's heart ached, and she was slightly upset when she saw Estella acting tough.

"Let me know if you're in pain. You don't need to force yourself to stand it.

With that, she wrapped her arms around Estella.

The next second, Estella buried herself deeper into Roxanne's arms like a weak kitten and held onto the latter's shoulders tightly.

Roxanne's eyelashes quivered as she could sense the pain that Estella was holding in. She then lowered her eyes to check on Benny's condition.

Benny lifted his gaze to Roxanne and forced a smile to assure her. "Mommy, I'm fine."

Her heart wrenched as she ruffled his hair and said, "You too. You don't need to act strong for me."

With that, Roxanne cuddled Benny closer with her other arm.

"We'll be driving back to the city now, and it'll take quite some time. Let me know if any one of you is in pain. Don't hold it in by yourself."

The children nodded obediently at her in response.

They exited the tent but didn't have the time to pack their stuff.

Roxanne only told Archie to take the herbs she brought back just now, then got straight into the car and headed toward the city. However, Roxanne felt a wave of regret right when she tried to turn her car around. She shouldn't have camped here.

The road was extremely narrow.

If Roxanne had been given more time, she would've been able to turn her car around and leave the place.

But now, she couldn't even think straight and wasn't able to turn her car composedly.

#### Chapter 943 Something Bad Happened

Just as Roxanne was trying to keep her composure and leave the place as soon as possible, a few painful groans sounded from the backseat.

As panic swirled within her heart, she couldn't control herself, and her limbs trembled from anxiousness. Before Roxanne could snap out of her daze, her car was speeding right toward a huge tree.

Her mind immediately went blank. Just as the car was about to crash into it, she finally snapped back to her senses and lifted her foot, which was flooring the gas pedal.

However, it was too late. The car slammed into the tree trunk, shaking violently at the impact. Immediately after that, the car engine died.

Estella and Benny, who were already experiencing terrible pain in their stomach, cried out loudly when they felt the violent jerk of the car. Tears flowed down their cheeks at the agony. "Mommy, are you okay?"

Archie had witnessed the entire thing play out. He immediately comforted Estella and Benny, then checked on Roxanne in concern. Roxanne's hands were still shaking in fear.

Estella and Benny's sobs and Archie's questions were sounding in her ears. However, Roxanne could only stare at the giant tree in front of her, which was still shaking due to the impact.

It had been so close. Something bad would've happened if she hadn't regained her senses in time.

Not only did she fail to take good care of them, but now she couldn't even bring them back home when they were already feeling unwell. She had even put them in danger. Roxanne couldn't help but blame herself. "Mommy!"

As Archie did not get a response to his question, he raised his voice in panic and urged, "Let's go, Mommy!"

Regaining her composure, she took a deep breath to calm herself and assured him, "I'm okay. Please take care of Benny and Estella."

With that, she lowered her gaze and tried to start the engine. To Roxanne's dismay, the car engine rumbled before shutting off again. Her heart sank, and she tried to start the engine again.

However, it was to no avail. After a few tries, the car engine failed to even respond. Roxanne had no choice but to give up. It seemed like the car crash had damaged the engine.

In the backseat, Estella and Benny were still sobbing uncontrollably. Upon listening closely, Roxanne could even hear their voices wavering.

Roxanne's heart wrenched along with their sobs. "I'm getting off the car to take a look," she said. As soon as she finished speaking, she exited the car to see if she could try to fix it.

However, Roxanne didn't know much about car mechanics. She tried to search online and examined her vehicle for a while, but she couldn't figure out how to fix it.

As time ticked away, Roxanne shut the hood of her car dejectedly. She then turned and walked toward the backseat door. Archie's heart sank when he noticed his mother's despondent mood. However, he opened the door calmly. "Mommy, how are things?"

Estella and Benny's sobbing traveled into Roxanne's ears again the moment the car door was pushed open. Her eyelashes quivered when she heard their crying.

The children were already feeling unwell. If she were to show any sign of panic, it would only frighten them even more. With that in mind, Roxanne took a deep breath and smiled at them comfortingly.

"There's some problem with the car, so it doesn't work anymore. I'll go make a call first." Archie nodded obediently in response and assured her, "I'll take care of Benny and Essie." Seeing his mature and understanding behavior, Roxanne was touched. "Thank you, Darling." If it weren't for Archie, Roxanne wouldn't be able to stay calm in a situation like this.

It was not as if she had not been through thrilling situations like this in the past few years.

However, it was different this time. The thought of Benny and Estella being in pain made her lose her mind, and she was unable to keep her cool.

#### Chapter 944 Answering The Call Outside

Roxanne shut the door and gave Madilyn a call. It took a while before Madilyn answered. "Roxanne? Didn't you go camping? Is there something you need?"

It seemed pretty noisy on the other end of the line, so Roxanne asked, "What are you doing?" Madilyn sounded pained. "Don't mention it. was forced to work overtime again."

As soon as she said that, the noise increased. Before Roxanne could say anything, Marilyn hurriedly added, "I need to get back to work. I'll call you later."

She then hung up right away. Roxanne's gaze turned dark as her phone screen dimmed. She didn't call Marilyn back. After a brief hesitation, she tried calling Larry.



Larry picked up pretty quickly, but he was in another state and couldn't be of help in time. Roxanne didn't tell him anything despite his concern. She dismissed him with a few cursory words and hung up.

There was no time to explain things. Besides, she didn't want to trouble them further. As her friends couldn't be of help, Roxanne couldn't stop panic from rising in her heart.

At the same time, Archie observed her side profile and recalled the two calls she made earlier. He could somehow guess their current situation.

Mommy must have tried to ask for help but failed. With that thought in mind, Archie's expression grew grim. "Daddy..." Estella was groggy from the pain, so she instinctively sought comfort.

Hearing his sister's voice, Archie had a thought in mind. He sneaked a look at his mother outside the car. Roxanne was scowling unhappily.

A brief moment later, Archie looked away and called Lucian using his smartwatch. In Farwell Group, Lucian was seated in the conference room, his face devoid of expression. A group of managers was sitting in front of him.

Herbscape Group's acquisition was a success, so it was time to plan their collaboration with Queen Group. They had been holding meetings for the past two days to discuss this matter.

When the meeting was about to come to an end, Lucian's phone suddenly vibrated. The conference room descended into silence as everyone turned their attention to the vibrating phone.

Lucian's brows snapped together. He grabbed his phone and was about to reject the call when he noticed the caller ID. Archie? Why is he calling at this hour? Didn't they go camping?

"Mr. Farwell, should I continue my presentation?" the manager who was presenting asked sheepishly.

Lucian's gaze swept over him. "Go on."

Hearing that, the manager nodded and did as told.

He had barely said a few words when his CEO interjected, "Stop. need to take this call outside."

Lucian was still worried, so he cut his employee short and strode out of the conference room without hesitation.

After watching him leave, the others in the conference room shared a look.

Previously, work was always Lucian's top priority.

During meetings, if someone's phone were to ring, kicking the person out of the conference room was considered a light punishment.

No one knew Lucian's phone would ring when he was in the middle of a meeting one day.

The matter had happened more than once recently, but their CEO would head out to answer the call every time without fail! They couldn't help but wonder who the person on the other end of the line was.

Outside the conference room, Lucian answered the call with a frown, oblivious to his employees' thoughts.

"Mr. Farwell!" Archie's voice rang out the moment the call connected.

Lucian thought he might be hearing things as Archie's voice seemed to be trembling.

Chapter 945 What Medicine

His heart sank when the realization hit him. "What's wrong?" Archie glanced at Benny and Estella. "Are you free now? Can you come and pick us up?"

Lucian's frown deepened. "Where is your mommy? What happened to you?" His first assumption was that something had happened to them. Otherwise, there was no reason for Archie to make that request.

A few seconds of silence ensued before Archie replied, during which Lucian heard someone sobbing in the background. This further affirmed his suspicion. "Our car hit a tree, and—

Before Archie could explain Benny and Estella's condition, Lucian cut in, "Are you all right? Are you badly hurt? I'll come to you right now!"

As he spoke, he strode toward the elevator quickly. Archie hurriedly explained, "We didn't get hurt, but Benny and Essie are sick."

Lucian was already inside the elevator when he heard that. Archie wanted to clarify further but thought he couldn't make things clear. Thus, he said, "I'll ask Mommy to talk to you!"

He opened the door and hopped out. Dashing over to Roxanna, he removed his smartwatch and handed it to her.

When Roxanne saw Archie appearing beside her without warning, she instinctively took one look at the car. Archie's here. That means Benny and Essie...

"What happened to them?" Suddenly, Lucian's deep voice pulled her out of her reverie. Roxanne stiffened in shock. She belatedly noticed the smartwatch that Archie was offering her.

Archie had turned on the speaker mode, so Lucian's voice sounded especially loud. She didn't know what to reply after hearing his voice suddenly.

"Mommy!" Archie tugged at the hem of her clothes urgently.

Only then did Roxanne snap back to her senses. She tamped down the peculiar sensation in her heart and took the smartwatch from Archie. "I'm sorry for not taking good care of Essie," she said apologetically.

Lucian's gaze darkened a shade when he sensed something was amiss. Slowly, he probed, "What happened? Archie told me Benny and Essie are sick. Is that true?"

Strangely, Roxanne felt herself calming down upon hearing his voice. She explained, "They contracted a type of bacteria that caused them to suffer from severe abdominal pain. I was about to bring them back to the research institute to prepare their medicine, but I was too hasty and drove the car into a tree."

Lucian's voice was still calm. "Are they in a serious condition?"

Roxanne inclined her head. "I gave them herbs to ease their pain, but it isn't working well." She added, "I know how to treat them, but the medicinal herbs are at the research institute. I need to bring them there."

Lucian's brows scrunched up. "Where are you?" Roxanne told him their location.

"It's too far away, so it will take at least four hours to travel to and from. Don't forget you'll have to brew the medicine, too. Can they hold on for that long?" Lucian inquired. The same thought had also crossed Roxanne's mind.

Initially, she planned on bringing the kids back to the research institute. She also considered asking Madilyn or Larry to head to the research institute and deliver the medicine to her instead.

They were both excellent doctors and knew the medicinal herbs well. Thus, Roxanne could trust them. That way, it wouldn't take up too much time either.

Alas, they were busy and couldn't be of help. She was stumped when Lucian offered, "What do you need? I can head to the research institute and deliver the medicinal herbs you need."

Hearing his suggestion, Roxanne was almost convinced but remained hesitant.

After all, Lucian wasn't in the medical industry. He couldn't recognize many medicinal herbs. Besides, she also needed the exact dosage.

She couldn't afford the consequences of getting an incorrect dosage.

Lucian had already gotten into his car to start the engine. "I'm going to the research institute now. I'll call you when arrive, so you need to think about what medicinal herbs you need now."

Without waiting for a response, he cut the line and called Cayden. "Mr. Farwell, where are you? The meeting..."

Cayden felt an incoming headache when Lucian left without looking back, leaving the higher-ups waiting inside the conference room.

Lucian ordered, "Something else cropped up, so the meeting is adjourned. They can leave now."

Cayden agreed hastily and entered the conference room to relay his orders.

After giving that order, Lucian hung up and sped toward the research institute.

Roxanne stared at the smartwatch in a daze. She knew there was no other way.

It soon occurred to her that the research institute might be empty as it was the weekend. Lucian might not even get in. She immediately called Colby.

When Colby answered her call, she didn't even wait for him to greet her and went straight to the topic. "Dr. Galloway, where are you now?"

Confusion flashed across Colby's eyes when he heard her question. Roxanne is calling me at this hour. Judging by her tone, did she realize was the one behind the fire? With that thought in mind, Colby answered warily, "I'm at home. What is this about?"

"If possible, can you head to the research institute and open the door for Mr. Farwell? need his help to get a few medicinal herbs," Roxanne explained.

Colby relaxed slightly, but he dared not let his guard down. "Got it. I'll be there right away." He then left his house and headed to the research institute without further delay.

don't get it. Why does Lucian have to come to the research institute in person to get the medicinal herbs? Roxanne must've discovered something about the fire and sent Lucian here to investigate with the excuse of getting medicinal herbs for her.

As that possibility occurred to him, Colby promptly sped up.

cannot let Lucian find out what did!

Twenty minutes later, Colby's car arrived at the research institute.

There was a Bentley parked outside. Lucian, clad in a grey shirt, was heading to the entrance.

Colby's heart sank at the sight. He quickly got out of the car and called out, "Mr. Farwell!"

Lucian halted in his tracks.

Colby hurried over to him. "Dr. Jarvis called me earlier to ask me to open the door for you." He observed the man's reaction when he spoke.

Lucian was frowning, looking as serious as ever.

Roxanne sounded anxious, so Benny and Essie must be in a dangerous condition.

Even someone like Lucian couldn't keep his cool under such circumstances.

Seeing his expression, Colby couldn't help but grow more curious. Nevertheless, he didn't reveal his true emotions and remained respectful.

"What medicinal herbs does Dr. Jarvis need? can help you get them," he offered. Lucian glanced at Colby as though he had just realized the latter was around. Colby forced himself to stay calm as he met Lucian's gaze.

He assumed Lucian was about to say something to him. To his surprise, Lucian soon looked away.

#### Chapter 947 A Cold Glint

Lucian pulled out his phone to call Roxanne. "I've arrived," he reported. Without thinking much, Roxanne rattled out the names of a bunch of medicinal herbs.

Lucian's expression grew increasingly grim as she talked. can understand her words and recognize some of the medicinal herbs. However, the rest eludes me.

Roxanne was in a hurry, so she belatedly realized that Lucian didn't know some of the medicinal herbs only after she rattled out their names.

When realization struck, she forced herself to calm down. Slowly, she ordered, "Ask Dr. Galloway to bring you to the warehouse." Lucian grunted in acquiescence and told Colby curtly, "The warehouse."

He then looked away from Colby.

His indifference evoked a subtle frown from Colby. The latter then led Lucian into the warehouse.

"I'm here," Lucian told Roxanne.

Roxanne's brows snapped together as she wondered how she could help Lucian gather the medicinal herbs she needed.

The researchers didn't expect that a layman would enter their warehouse to get the medicinal herbs when they arranged the herbs, so there were no visible labels on the shelves.

They were in the middle of a dilemma when Colby broke the silence in a gentle voice. "Are you here to get the medicinal herbs? If you don't mind, can help you."

The other two were surprised at his offer. Roxanne promptly regained her senses and told Lucian to put her on speaker. "Thank you, Dr. Galloway." She told him the names of the medicinal herbs she needed quickly.

Colby arched his brow slightly and began retrieving the medicinal herbs she needed from the shelves without needing her to repeat herself.

The more medicinal herbs Colby gathered, the more he knew about the condition Roxanne wanted to treat. After retrieving all the medicinal herbs, Colby could finally confirm his guess. "Is it a bacterial infection?" Roxanne's stress eased slightly after he gathered all the herbs she needed. "Yes. Thank you."

Colby merely smiled in response and stated nonchalantly, "It's an urgent matter. You should've asked for my help directly instead of going to Mr. Farwell."

Roxanne was surprised to hear that. For a moment, she didn't know how to reply.

Colby was just her colleague, and they weren't close to each other.

Previously, she thought of getting help from her good friends in the same industry as her. Nevertheless, the thought of asking for Colby's help never occurred to her.



She couldn't be honest with Colby, though.

Fortunately, Colby didn't force her to answer and said, "I need to adjust the dosage. I'll do my best to hurry up." Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief inwardly and thanked him. "Thank you for your help.

Colby smiled in response.

Lucian's gaze fell on Colby's expression as a dark look appeared in his eyes.

Before they could say anything else, Lucian hung up.

Noticing his action, Colby lifted his head and glanced at him before shooting him an understanding smile.

He then returned his attention to measuring the herbs, his head bowed. A cold glint flashed across his eyes as his brows snapped together.

The fire that happened two days ago was pretty obvious. Roxanne should've gotten my hint, so she must've started to suspect Lucian. However, she still trusts him wholeheartedly. She'd rather ask him for help when an urgent situation cropped up than come to me!

## Chapter 948 Extreme Pain

Jealousy surged within Colby's heart. He had assumed Roxanne's call was a result of her realizing something unusual about the fire. He did not expect it to be for this reason.

have done so much, but still, Roxanne refuses to spare me even a glance! If that is the case, don't mind teaching her a lesson! With that thought in mind, Colby purposely slowed down and made slight mistakes along the way.

Since Roxanne was so anxious about the infected people, he wanted to make sure they suffered longer. That way, Roxanne would learn to find professionals to handle professional matters the next time.

For instance, he knew more about medicinal herbs than Lucian! "Is it not done yet?" Lucian asked as he looked at the time, frowning his brows.

Colby raised his head indifferently. "The quantity of medicinal herbs used has to be very precise. have to be careful when measuring them."

Hearing that, Lucian suppressed the worry in his heart and fell silent. His brows drew together as he watched Colby's every movement.

Colby felt his stare and reverted to his regular speed, afraid Lucian might suspect something. After he prepared the prescription, he glanced at the time. He had delayed the time by around half an hour.

Satisfaction flashed across Colby's eyes, and he passed the medicinal herbs to Lucian. "It's done. You should go, Mr. Farwell." Lucian retracted his gaze and took the medicinal herbs. He uttered a word of thanks before leaving. Colby watched him leave with a sinister look.

One day, I'll make sure Roxanne only looks at me! No matter how exceptional Lucian or Jack is, they are only my steppingstones!

Back near the campsite, Roxanne did not know what was happening at the research institute as she waited anxiously for Lucian to arrive.

Benny and Estella were in so much pain they could hardly move anymore. They were also displaying signs of losing consciousness.

Archie was alarmed when he noticed their feeble conditions. "Mommy, are Benny and Essie going to be okay? They seem to be in so much pain..."

Roxanne suppressed her anxiety and patted Archie's head. She reassured him, "Don't worry. Mr. Farwell will be here soon." Estella must have heard them talking about Lucian as she opened her eyes weakly and extended her hand toward Roxanne.

Roxanne instantly lifted the little girl into her arms. Then, she began to tenderly stroke Estella's back as she murmured soothing words.

Meanwhile, Archie massaged Benny's stomach gently.

The sky was turning dark as the four of them waited in the car anxiously.

Suddenly, they saw a bright light from afar.

Archie's eyes lit up. "Mommy, Mr. Farwell is here!"

Besides Lucian, Archie could not think of anyone else who would come here at this time.

The light soon enveloped their surroundings.

Roxanne was still carrying Estella in her arms as she glanced in the direction of the light.

When she saw the familiar Bentley, she heaved a sigh of relief.

Lucian was finally here.

Soon, the car stopped beside them. Lucian got out of the car with a bag of medicinal herbs.

"Mr. Farwell!"

Archie ran over to him excitedly.

Lucian patted Archie's head with a grim expression, and they quickly made their way over to where Roxanne was.

Lucian was only wearing a thin shirt, even though it was a chilly night.

Roxanne finally calmed down when she saw the man in front of her. Despite that, it still took her a while to snap back to reality.

Lucian's gaze moved from her to Benny and Estella.

#### Chapter 949 Great Sense Of Security

"I'll go brew the medicine." Roxanne jolted back to her senses and took the medicinal herbs from him. However, just as she moved to get out of the car, Estella instinctively grabbed tighter to her clothes in her unconscious state.

As she was sick, Estella innately wanted to be close to someone who provided her with a sense of security. It was evident that Roxanne was such a person to the little girl.

Roxanne froze upon noticing Estella's movement. In the end, she did not let go of the girl, who remained in her arms. With Estella in one hand and the bag of medicine in the other, she got out of the car.

"Can you help me look after Benny, Mr. Farwell?" As she spoke, she glanced at Benny, who was still sitting in the car. Before Lucian could say anything, Archie promised, "I'll take good care of Benny!"

Roxanne smiled when she heard that. She then carried Estella toward the direction of the tent. She could only head there to brew the medicine, as all their equipment was placed near the tent.

Lucian stared at Roxanne's retreating figure with a complicated expression. A second later, Benny caught his attention. "Mommy..."

Benny was already fading out of consciousness from the pain. However, he still called out as he felt his mother leave him.

As he muttered, his hand reached out in the direction of where Roxanne was previously sitting. However, his hand grasped empty air.

The next second, Benny sniffled pitifully and placed his hand back on his stomach. His pained expression made Lucian frown. After a moment of hesitation, he shifted Benny into his arms.

Benny instinctively extended his hand to grab Lucian's shirt. Lucian's heart softened when he saw Benny's reliant action. Archie watched enviously at the sight of Lucian embracing Benny.

also want to be hugged by Daddy like this...

With Benny in his embrace, Lucian glanced at the tent and saw that Roxanne was already brewing the medicine. He said to Archie, "Let's go over there."

Archie was still immersed in his thoughts and did not reply to him immediately.

Lucian thought Archie was worrying about Benny and raised his other hand to pat the boy on his head. Then, he bent down to take Archie's hand.

Archie finally snapped back to reality. His eyes lit up when he realized his hand was being held by Lucian. He then followed the man obediently to where Roxanne was.

Roxanne was sitting near the tent with Estella in her arms. The girl was trembling slightly, but Roxanne did not know if it was because of the pain or the cold. Roxanne stood up upon seeing that. She wanted to find a piece of clothing from the tent for Estella to wear. As soon as she got

up, she saw Lucian walking over with the two boys. "Is the medicine done?"

It took her a few seconds to regain her senses before she answered him, "We need to wait for another half an hour." With that, she directed her concerned gaze to Benny.

Her heart clenched when she noticed Benny was gripping Lucian's expensive shirt. Lucian must give Benny a great sense of security for the latter to have such a reliant action. Does Benny miss having a father?

At that moment, Roxanne felt like revealing the truth to Lucian. As she was contemplating, Benny's murmur broke the silence. "Daddy..."

Benny tightened his grip on Lucian's shirt. It feels like Daddy's embrace...

Benny was in so much pain he had lost consciousness. He did not know his mutter had led to tremendous shock for the two adults who heard it.

#### Chapter 950 Sadness

Archie also grew nervous upon hearing his brother's voice. If Mommy finds out that we knew about our father a long time ago and were just hiding it from her, would she be upset?

In reality, Roxanne had not even considered this possibility. Even though she was still considering whether to reveal the truth about their background to her children a moment ago, she regained her senses right after she heard Benny's voice.

She was not ready yet. At that thought, Roxanne pinched herself to snap out of it as she looked calmly at Lucian. "You can pass Benny to me. He must be frightened."

Roxanne moved closer to Lucian and passed Estella to him. "Estella must miss her father too." Lucian furrowed his brows at Roxanne. She seems to be acting strangely today.

However, he did not think much of it as he passed Benny to her. Estella seemed to realize she had left Roxanne's embrace and murmured in dissatisfaction.

Benny also frowned in disappointment upon leaving Lucian's embrace. Roxanne glanced at Lucian's chest, which was where Benny had been grabbing onto a moment ago.

There was an evident crease mark on the shirt where Benny's fingers had clutched it. "Sorry. Benny was—"

Lucian's clothes were expensive, so Roxanne subconsciously tried to apologize on Benny's behalf. Before she could finish her sentence, Lucian interrupted, "Why are you two fine?"

Especially Archie. They must have eaten and drunk the same things, so why are Estella and Benny in so much pain while Archie seems fine?

Roxanne was stunned by the sudden change in subject. Archie was the first to react. He answered in an adorable voice, "Benny and Essie finished all the water in their cups. only drank a sip!

Lucian was baffled as he did not know what water Archie was talking about.

Roxanne jolted back to her senses and explained, "The water was prepared beforehand, and they all drank it during lunch. There was no problem then. However, they suddenly got a stomachache when they drank it again in the afternoon."

Roxanne was filled with remorse thinking about it. "It's my fault. Archie told me the water tasted funny when he drank it, but didn't think much of it."

If only had been more careful and checked all their cups, Benny and Estella wouldn't be sick now. Lucian's gaze darkened as he glanced at Estella. Under the moonlight, Estella's face was extremely pale, and there was no color in her lips. She was clearly in much agony. He

would have flown into a rage if someone else had put Estella in such a situation.

However, Lucian only frowned at Roxanne and comforted her in his deep voice, "It's not your fault. It's as you said. They all drank it during lunch, and the water was fine then."

They should be more concerned with what happened after. Archie chimed in, "Mommy, don't blame yourself, or Benny and Essie will be sad when they find out."

Roxanne was touched, and some of her guilt abated when she heard their comforting words. As time ticked away, the medicine was finally ready.

Roxanne placed Benny down at the side and took out the cups to pour the medicine for Estella and Benny.