

After 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.

please drive a little faster." Roxanne could not help

acknowledged and

they

of the car and strode into

Benny rushed to the door when they heard sounds from outside. They thought that Lucian had brought Estella

left, both the boys had been waiting patiently on the couch so

who it was, the boys'

you done with

noticed that Roxanne's face was

her glance across the living room and

a little

exchanged glances. They could not bear

always been more worried

at the moment,

to come up

at the boys, but

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 I 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.

she dared not disobey Lucian, particularly when Lucian was obviously still very

have understood something. She looked

there earlier on, Catalina had told her that Lucian had taken Estella out. She had even suggested to

was asking

see me. Lucian must have brought

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

but can you at least tell me how

as she knew how Estella was doing, she could be at

shook her

appear upset. Unfortunately, he returned with a sullen expression. He has even instructed me not to disclose any information about Ms. Estella to her. I suppose he

was utterly crestfallen when

a long while but did not see any movement in Estella's room. It was only then that

as she gazed at her desolate

until Roxanne's car had disappeared before she let out a sigh and

door of Estella's bedroom was open. Lucian was sitting on her bed and watching her sleep. His eyes were

Catalina called out

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. I might resent Lucian. However, he would always contact me for matters involving Essie. I shouldn't be too worried this time but wait for his call patiently.

a while ago. With that, she could not help feeling anxious

and I'm unsure whether he will still contact me after this. It's not a good idea to keep exasperated

Archie and Benny could see how troubled Roxanne was. However, they were at a they felt perturbed

heavy silence ensued in the living

that Roxanne's phone rang out of

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

have you reached home

only to hear Jack's voice at the other end

answered politely, "Yes, I'm home. Thank you for your

something and asked in return, "Are you and Dr. Galloway still at the research

mention of Colby. He voiced, "We've separated. I'm on my way home to the Damaris

nodded slightly. "Be careful

and uttered, "You looked troubled today. Feel free to look

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.

I 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.

Farwell residence,

at that moment that Lucian's

Estella furrowed her eyebrows in her

darkened as he covered Estella's ears before lifting his head

at the caller ID, a strange look flashed across

I wonder if she prioritizes Essie

for quite some time before Estella asked, "Daddy, why aren't you

it

the end of the line. Hearing that,

Lucian refused to answer

to feel anxious but still tried to convince

Lucian didn't answer my call, does that mean Estella's

did not expect Lucian

Daddy must be really mad at her, but it's not very nice of him to hide

kids were enraged at the thought of

of silence fell over the

him that it was time

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.

"I heard Mommy say that

would realize she was the one who made

after hearing Archie's

made him do this, but I didn't

"Is Essie still crying?"

reply, Archie repeated

when Lucian spoke. However, the other end of the line remained

debating with himself if he should inform Archie, for Roxanne was bound

wanted to use the opportunity to make Roxanne consider whether

Mommy since you're angry at her. However, Benny and I are very worried about Essie. Can you please

"Mr.

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

Also, since I'm the one who made her cry, I'll make

sighs of relief, Archie and Benny turned to look

sure Mommy will be

on Roxanne's face did not fade in the

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!

out with their request so suddenly, leaving her feeling

phone. “There’s no need. I will

to speak, Lucian hung up

were agape for a moment before awkwardly shutting. Then, they turned to look at their

frustration, the light in Roxanne’s eyes

herself to smile and gently pat their heads when she saw

worry. At least we found out that

nodded obediently in

they wore their hearts on their sleeves, their

guys have Lucian’s phone number?” Roxanne looked at

only did they somehow have Lucian’s phone number, but the latter also did not inquire who the

the three of

smartwatch to call Lucian. Thus, she concluded that they must have done it

her as the realization hit

across their eyes as Archie and Benny realized their

number the day you

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.

I 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.

was wailing miserably, and Roxanne even heard the little one uttering

was racked with guilt and

Lucian would

Benny asked as

detect a strange smell in the

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

short

her stupor, she lowered her gaze to check

fully blackened and burnt. Even the air was permeated with the odor

thinking about Essie all this while

looked apologetic as she looked downward at Archie and Benny. “Sorry, Mommy was lost in thought, and the food got burned.

she turned around and took off her

of them went to a

worried about Estella, they did not have much appetite. They had something light for lunch

tired?” Archie and Benny asked

get some rest?” one of the

knitted her brows when she heard that. Although she was indeed tired, she could not help but worry

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.

of relief upon hearing that. He then started the car and drove toward the

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

was thinking. They were excited and looking forward

in her bedroom at

she was woken by the ringtones that rang out a moment

"It hurts..."

pain as she felt excruciating pain around

and he immediately

worriedly as he wasn't sure when

had left the manor in a hurry. He had

repeatedly reminded Lucian to pay attention to Estella's emotions. He said that Estella might still

standing at the door was her father. With a woeful expression,

her up in his arms. "Are you okay? Do you

eyes gently and uttered softly, "Eyes.

eyes only to notice that she had

little girl had cried miserably earlier, it made her eyes swell

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 I 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 I didn't allow her to come, she's going to become agitated. However, I 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.

moment, Lucian was

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

that, Estella lowered her gaze in disappointment. I thought I would see Ms. Jarvis the moment I woke

Estella tugged at Lucian's shirt

lowered his head and

Estella asked, "Daddy, could you call Ms. Jarvis?

darkened as soon as he heard those words. After that,

to see Ms. Jarvis,"

patted her head in

be angry at Roxanne. In an anxious tone, she asked, "Are you still angry at Ms. Jarvis, Daddy?

talking, she

really thought Lucian was still angry about

about to

convinced. "Why is your expression

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.

someone you don’t like.

only like Ms. Jarvis!” Estella’s eyes

Lucian could marry was Roxanne because Estella wouldn’t like

heard that. He didn’t expect Estella to respond

there was a sly look in her eyes as she stared at

Lucian furrowed his brows

other words, he had

tugging at Lucian’s

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

to give up, Estella probed, “You know what I

matter slide unless she heard a definitive answer

returned to his senses and heaved a helpless sigh.