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Leaving The Country After Divorce Chapter 1121—Aubree followed Estella closely into the room. Hesitantly, she muttered, “Lucian...”

She felt somewhat guilty when she noticed the young girl fuming at Lucian. At the same time, she was relieved that Estella had not said a word to her father.

Lucian nodded at Aubree and said, “Sorry for troubling you to look after Essie.” Aubree was delighted by his words. She sputtered, “Not at all. I’m happy to do this. Essie’s a lovely girl.”

As for how she upset Estella in the car earlier, Aubree decided to sweep things under the rug if the young girl kept things to herself.

“Dinner’s ready. Why don’t you eat with us?” Lucian offered. Aubree was over the moon. “Sure.”

They entered the dining room one after another. Catalina had already set the table for three. Aubree said, “I’ll go get Essie.”

Despite her suggestion, she was not confident about coaxing Estella downstairs.

After all, the young girl was put out because of Aubree, and she might not listen to her instructions. If she throws a tantrum in front of Lucian...

Amid her distress, Lucian piped up, “It’s fine. She might be angry at me. She still doesn’t like her new kindergarten. Let her calm down on her own.” After that, Lucian picked up his cutlery and began eating.

Aubree stopped in her tracks, though the tension in her heart gradually eased. Still, she did not forget to put on her loving stepmother’s act.

“Essie’s still so young. She shouldn’t be starving herself. If she doesn’t want to come downstairs, Catalina, could you put together a plate and bring it upstairs?”

Now it was Catalina’s turn to stiffen in shock. She was pleasantly surprised at Aubree’s thoughtfulness.

She quickly collected herself and began filling a new plate with some food. Then, she brought the food upstairs to Estella, leaving Lucian and Aubree alone in the dining room.

Silence fell over the room. It was absolutely stifling, yet Aubree quietly ate her dinner, as she dared not utter a single word.

She had no idea how much time had passed before Lucian's voice suddenly rang out. "How are Mr. and Mrs. Pearson?" Aubree's heart skipped a beat. Elation bloomed in her chest.

In the past, she had always been the one scrambling to find a topic of conversation between herself and Lucian. Now, however, Lucian took the lead and even asked after her parents. Is this what I think it is?

The possibility filled her with hope, though Aubree suppressed her excitement and feigned composure. "They've been well. It's just that my dad, well...

Here, she trailed off and smiled wryly at Lucian before continuing, "You probably know how he had a huge argument with me after the whole issue with our engagement. He even kicked me out of the house. And he still hasn't let go of the topic after all this time. I've told him that you won't break off our engagement anymore, but he simply won't believe me."

As she spoke, Aubree carefully observed Lucian's expression. She noticed his brows creasing slightly, and she inadvertently tensed as she awaited his answer.

I can't be obvious enough with my hint. I wonder how he'll reply to that....

Lucian was not a fool, and he immediately knew this was Aubree's roundabout way of asking about their marriage. It was also a thinly veiled request for him to clear things up with her parents.

But...

Despite making up his mind to go along with the engagement, he still felt irritated when Aubree brought the topic up.

It took him a long time to suppress his annoyance. In a low voice, he replied, "If you're free, help me arrange a meal with your parents. I haven't met them in a while."

In a way, that remark answered Aubree's hopes. As expected, Aubree agreed happily to his request. "Of course. I'll tell them about it tonight!"

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Leaving The Country After Divorce Chapter 1122—Estella never appeared in the dining room, not even after Lucian and Aubree had finished their dinner. Aubree would not

allow the young girl to throw a wrench in her plans, not after she had worked so hard to draw a promise out of Lucian regarding their engagement.

After dinner, she offered, "I'll head upstairs and check on Essie." Lucian nodded indifferently in response. She trudged upstairs, her heart in her throat.

Catalina stayed with Estella in her bedroom and watched as the latter slowly ate her dinner. When she spotted Aubree at the door, Catalina greeted her amiably, "Ms. Pearson."

Aubree nodded in acknowledgment and said, "You can head downstairs. I'd like to talk to Essie."

Catalina hesitated briefly but had no excuse to protest the young woman's wishes. Eventually, she left the room. Aubree and Estella found themselves alone.

Estella puffed her cheeks indignantly and slammed her fork on the table. She turned around and jumped on the bed, wrapping herself in the blankets. Then, she busied herself playing with her doll, seemingly intent on ignoring Aubree.

Her behavior caused Aubree's expression to fall. She hastily approached the girl and pleaded, "Essie, I didn't mean to say those things about you. Won't you stop being mad at me, hmm?"

In the past, Aubree would have lectured the girl for her tantrum. However, Estella now held the key to her future, and Aubree had no choice but to worship the girl on a pedestal.

Estella kept her head lowered and ignored Aubree's pleas.

Aubree gritted her teeth and said, "Can you promise me not to tell your father about what I said to you in the car? Please? I promise I'll never say those things about you again."

Estella harrumphed softly at her words. She had no plans to tell her father about Aubree's words in the first place.

Though she hated admitting it, Estella knew something was indeed wrong with her.

Still, even if she told her father about it, he would only say that Aubree should not have made those remarks. Telling him would not achieve anything.

Meanwhile, Aubree took Estella's silence as an agreement and sighed in relief. "Well then, you should get some rest. I'll be here tomorrow to bring you to school."

After finishing that sentence, Aubree turned and headed for the door.

Still worried, Aubree stopped at the door and added, “I promise I’ll take good care of you in the future. Be a good girl, okay?”

Only after she closed the bedroom door did Estella drop the doll in her hands. Tears welled in her eyes, blurring her vision. I miss Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny so much...

Downstairs, Lucian watched Aubree leave, though his thoughts remained on his sulking daughter. Concerned, he headed upstairs to check on Estella.

His daughter was brooding under her blanket when he arrived. When she heard her bedroom door opening, she thought Aubree had returned and wrapped the blanket tighter around herself.

Lucian furrowed his brows in concern at her reaction. “Essie?”

Her father’s voice coaxed Estella out of the cocoon of her blanket. “What’s with you today? Why are you so upset?”

asked Lucian as he sat beside his daughter.

Estella sniffled and shot her father a pitiful look. “Daddy, I don’t want my new school.”

Frowning, Lucian said, “If you don’t like your. current kindergarten, I’ll transfer you to a new one.”

She clung to his sleeve and wailed, “No! I want to go back!” “No,” Lucian rejected her pleas coldly.

Realizing Estella was about to burst into tears, Lucian forced himself to soften his tone as he cajoled her, “Essie, don’t throw a tantrum. I’ve made up my mind about this. I won’t change it easily.”

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Leaving The Country After Divorce Chapter 1123—Estella said piteously with teary eyes, “I want to talk to Ms. Jarvis, Archie, and Benny...”

Lucian could not bear to see his precious daughter crying, so he stroked her head and comforted her, “How about another day when. I’m not busy?”

“Really?” Estella grabbed his sleeves and probed. If Daddy is willing to give Ms. Jarvis a phone call, does that mean there are chances for them to reconcile?

Lucian nodded without a change in expression. "Yes." Essie would have come to accept Aubree by the time I finish my work. She won't bother me to make the phone call by then.

Unaware of Lucian's thoughts, Estella broke into a smile as she thought her father would eventually call Roxanne.

Afraid that Estella would mention Roxanne again, Lucian patted her head and said, "All right, get some rest. I have work to do."

Estella nodded obediently as she watched. Lucian get up to leave. Meanwhile, Aubree was driving to the Pearson residence with delight.

As soon as she walked through the door, Gina called out to her. "What took you so long? Did Lucian ask you to stay for a meal?"

Gina knew that Aubree went to pick up Estella from school. At that moment, Aubree was in a great mood.

Upon hearing Gina's question, she was suddenly reminded of something and sat down beside her mother with a smile, holding the latter's arm.

Feeling puzzled, Gina asked, "What did you guys talk about to make you so happy?"

Aubree grinned and replied, "When are you free? Lucian wants to treat you to a meal." "What?" A joyous smile formed on Gina's face. instantly.

They had waited for this moment for years. They had invited Lucian for a meal dozens of times throughout the years, but the latter turned down their offer each time.

Therefore, they could not believe that Lucian would take the initiative to meet them this time.

Aubree smiled proudly, extremely pleased with herself. "Lucian was the one who proposed it. I was taken aback too."

Astonishment flooded Gina once again. "What's wrong with Lucian these days? Why the sudden change?"

As soon as she finished the sentence, she remembered something and pursued, "How's your relationship with Estella now?"

Upon hearing Estella's name, Aubree felt her head hurt.

"We were fine this morning, and even Lucian thought we were getting along quite well. However, when we got home from kindergarten..."

Gina's heart sank at once. "What went wrong?"

Aubree told her what had happened in the car. Panic seized Gina when she learned that Aubree had made Estella upset again.

"Lucian must have believed that Estella has accepted you, which is why he's treating us to a meal. This can't go on. You have to fix your relationship with Estella."

Aubree was also filled with frustration. The smile on her face faded away slowly when she heard her mother's words. "I'm also thinking of a way."

Frowning, Gina looked at Aubree and suggested, "Since Lucian has invited us for a meal, I don't think he will oppose it if you want to stay at the Farwell residence."

Aubree's eyes lit up when she heard Gina's suggestion.

I almost forgot about that! If I can stay in the manor, I can spend more time with Estella. By then, I won't have to worry about not having the opportunity to strengthen our ties.

With that in mind, Aubree came up with an idea. "Also..." Gina's voice sounded again. "What happened between Lucian and Roxanne?"

Lucian's persistence toward Roxanne was evident to all of them. Therefore, they were curious about his sudden change of mind.

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Leaving The Country After Divorce Chapter 1124—Hearing her mother mention Roxanne, Aubree was a little irritated. "Is she even worth mentioning?"

Since Lucian had decided to meet Aubree's parents officially, that meant they were only a step away from getting married.

From her perspective, regretting this decision would not be one of Lucian's options. However, that was not enough to soothe Gina's worries.

"In any case, Roxanne is still Estella's biological mother. What if Lucian regrets it? There is nothing we can do if he chooses to go back on his word."

Aubree's heart sank when she heard that. I've come this far, and I won't allow Lucian to regret it again!

However, her concern did not go unnoticed. Gina said faintly, "If you don't want Lucian to go back on his words, you must figure out what happened between them. If there is a misunderstanding between them, we will prevent them from clearing it up."

An icy glint flashed across Aubree's eyes. "Got it. Gina looked at her daughter as mixed feelings

surged within her heart. "I hope you won't blame me for dampening your spirits. We've waited for six years, and we're not going to wait any longer."

Aubree smiled. "I should be thanking you for reminding me."

The two chatted about Lucian for a while before Aubree returned to her room. After being blackmailed by Cory the last time, Cory left Aubree another new contact number that Lucian would not find out.

Deep down, Aubree still had her reservations. However, her mother's reminder left her no choice but to risk it and give it a shot.

She gritted her teeth and tried making the call. The person on the other end answered almost immediately. "Ms. Pearson, can I help you?" Cory's lazy voice sounded over the phone.

Aubree couldn't help hesitating. This man ripped me off! Is it wise to work with him again? However, he is the only person who can escape Lucian's investigation....

Cory was starting to get impatient on the other end of the line. "If there's nothing else, I'm hanging up. It's late, and we private detectives have to get some sleep too."

"Wait!" Aubree hastily stopped him from hanging up. "I need to talk to you."

Cory arched a brow. "Oh? What else do you have to say? I did not owe you anything in your previous commission. If you have another request, you will have to pay extra."

Cory was apparently trying to rip Aubree off again. Aubree clenched her fists tightly. "I've given you ten million! What you did previously isn't even worth that much!"

As soon as she finished saying that, she heard Cory sneering. "I'm afraid you've misunderstood. The ten million you gave me is for my service fee and the price of buying the photos I've taken. Or do you think those photos are worthless?"

Aubree gritted her teeth. "How much more do you want?"

Without any hesitation, Cory named his price. "Ten million." Another ten million! Aubree flew into a rage. "Don't cross the line. We are in the same boat, remember?"

Cory shrugged nonchalantly and said. "That's why I ask for this much. Don't forget that Mr. Farwell's men are tailing me now. It's way harder to stalk him now."

After saying that, he turned to look around. Lucian's men were still watching him in the shadows.

Although Lucian had decided to cut ties with Roxanne, in the end, Estella was also one of the victims who suffered previously. Naturally, Lucian would not let the mastermind go easily.

Aubree could not refute Cory's words. After weighing the pros and cons, she clenched her teeth and agreed to the latter's request. "All right, but you must do a good job!"

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Leaving The Country After Divorce Chapter 1125—Cory was in a good mood, knowing he had once again made a fortune. He then said, "Of course. Ms. Pearson, I'm sure you've come to me again because you believe in my capabilities. Now, tell me. What is it that you want me to investigate?"

Narrowing her eyes, Aubree said, "Investigate what happened between Roxanne and Lucian!" Cory let out a meaningful chuckle when he heard what she said.

Aubree questioned coldly, "Why are you laughing?" As if unaware of her anger, Cory muttered, "Since you've agreed to the price I proposed so readily, I have to show you something."

With that, he took out a phone from the bag beside him and typed away on the screen. Soon, Aubree received a few messages on her phone.

"I believe what you're about to see won't disappoint you, Ms. Pearson." Cory sounded confident.

Aubree furrowed her brows and swiped open her phone, checking the messages he sent. The chat interface showed that Cory had sent her more than ten pictures.

Each picture was attached with the time it was taken. Those were recent pictures of Roxanne and Jack hanging out together.

Judging from the date attached, the two had been meeting each other almost every day. Moreover, they seemed intimate with each other in the pictures.

Aubree was hesitant. "What does this mean? Are you trying to suggest that Jack was why Lucian and Roxanne separated?"

On the other end of the line, Cory said in a mischievous tone, "Come to think of it, it's kind of amusing. The princess of the Farwell family stayed overnight at Ms. Jarvis' house. The next morning, Mr. Damaris came. After that, Mr. Farwell came in the afternoon as well. Then, he left with her daughter and never returned to Ms. Jarvis place again."

There must be some correlation between these two incidents judging by the time they happened.

However, Aubree was still doubtful. Roxanne and Jack meeting up frequently was no longer something new. Before this, she had tried disclosing this matter.

to Lucian, but nothing significant happened.

Lucian indeed got furious, but he didn't cut off contact with Roxanne because of it. However, Aubree couldn't think of anything other than this that would possibly cause Lucian and Roxanne's separation.

Consequently, she was filled with puzzlement.

A few moments later, Aubree broke the silence. "It shouldn't be this simple. Continue to investigate and find out why Lucian and Roxanne separated. Otherwise, you will not receive a penny from me!"

"Ms. Pearson, are you threatening me?" Cory's tone turned cold.

Roxanne was momentarily at a loss for words. After struggling to suppress her anger, she said, "My apologies. I shouldn't have said that. I'm counting on you."

Satisfied with her response, Cory scoffed, "That's better. Don't forget that we're not in a simple employer-employee relationship."

He then hung up without giving her a chance to reply. Aubree's face clouded over as she stared at the darkened phone screen..

I swear I won't show Cory any mercy once I've become Mrs. Farwell in the future. She then remembered something and scrolled. through the pictures Cory sent her.

A cold glint flashed across her eyes as she looked at the way Roxanne and Jack interacted with each other in the pictures.

Regardless of the reason behind Lucian and Roxanne's separation, Roxanne's relationship with Jack is still worthy of exploitation! It'd be even better if I can get something to actually happen between them...

However, she couldn't come up with a plan for the time being. Hence, she needed to discuss with someone how to put her idea into action.