

## Leaving The Country After Divorce Chapter 1302-1336

### Chapter 1302

"I'm right outside of Farwell Group," Cory quickly said.

Lucian inclined his head and gestured for Cayden to pick Cory up. At the same time, he said to Cayden, "My assistant will be coming for you."

Cory made a sound of agreement and waited for Lucian to hang up before nervously getting out of his car.

In no time, Cayden appeared at the entrance.

Cory walked over to him and followed him into the elevator.

Soon, the elevator came to a halt on the highest floor.

Cayden led him to Lucian's office, knocked on the door, and gestured for Cory to enter by himself.

Cory's legs seemed to have turned into jelly the moment the door opened, and he shakily asked Cayden, "Are you not going to come in with me?"

Cayden gave him a polite smile. "Mr. Farwell wishes to speak to you privately."

With that, a cold look returned to Cayden's face.

Cory hesitated for a long while, and yet, he had no choice but to muster the courage to continue with his plan. He was already there, after all.

He steeled himself and went in.

Lucian was sitting at the office desk, working.

When he saw Cory entering, he put down the documents and crossed his arms in front of him. After a curt inclination of his head, he said, "Please take a seat, Mr. Zaythrone."

The smile Cory had in response was an ugly one as he stiffly sat down in front of Lucian.

"You said you have information to sell to me. Do start," Lucian said, completely expressionless.

Even though there was no hint of anger on Lucian's face, Cory still felt a weight on his chest. "Before that, I'd like to ask for a guarantee from you, Mr. Farwell."

Lucian furrowed his brows and motioned for him to keep going.

"You know how things go for the people in our line of work. We take the money, and we do the deed. We're working for people, and we do what our client asks us to do, so it's not as if we have many choices sometimes."

Cory was trying to remove his responsibility from the equation.

Lucian gave him a smile. "Do tell me what it is, and I'll pass judgment on my own."

Cory was stumped by his answer, but since he was already there in Lucian's office, there was nothing else he could do about it.

"Why don't you tell me who your client is first?" Lucian stared at him. "Aubree Pearson?"

Cory broke out in a cold sweat immediately as he looked at Lucian in terror.

If he already knows it's Aubree, what else does he not know about? In that case, what use would my information be?

"I-It's her!" Cory hastily confessed. "She forced me to do this! I really don't know what she's trying to do! She only asked me where Ms. Jarvis and the kids were. I didn't think much about it when I told her where they were. Who knew she would bring a bottle over and pour its contents into the kids' bottles?"

Lucian's eyes darkened. "Are you talking about when Roxanne brought the kids to camp?"

He recalled what Roxanne had told him previously.

Back then, Roxanne had told him that Aubree was the one who put the bacteria into the children's cup.

However, Lucian did nothing about that because he could not find any evidence of Aubree's involvement.

If Aubree really was behind the bacteria incident, then she had to be behind the incident where Archie and Benny were chased by older children when they came to visit Estella as well.

Lucian chided himself when he realized how he had even planned to give Aubree another chance a while ago.

If he had let the wicked woman join the Farwell family, the woman would mess everything up.

“Do you have evidence of it?” Lucian asked.

Cory promptly took out the photos he had taken.

## Chapter 1303

Lucian took it with a neutral look.

Cory did not intend to hide anything from Lucian. What he had given to Lucian was the camera he had used when he was working on Aubree’s case. Not only was there the evidence in it, but there were also the photos Aubree had asked him to take of Roxanne.

After handing the camera to Lucian, Cory began waiting fearfully.

Lucian went through the photos.

The first photo was the photo Cory had deliberately selected for him—the photo where Aubree was putting the bacteria into the children’s drink.

The background of the photo was the field where Roxanne had brought the children.

Even though there were only a few photos, Lucian could see the ruthlessness and caution in Aubree’s eyes.

Lucian narrowed his eyes. He guessed that Aubree had to have done more things than what these photos showed.

He went through the other photos.

Most of the photos were photos of Roxanne with Jack, as well as photos of him and Roxanne.

Even though Roxanne had accepted him, and even though the two of them were close, he still could not help but feel irritated at the sight of her photos with Jack.

Cory had taken the photos deliberately from an angle that would make Roxanne look as though she was being intimate with Jack.

The tension built up in the office.

Sensing the change in Lucian’s mood, Cory craned his neck to look at the photos before explaining, “Mr. Farwell, please don’t misunderstand the situation. I was only making it

seem as if they were intimate. Ms. Jarvis has always been keeping a safe distance from him.”

Cory was filled with regret as he said that, and his explanation earned a glare from Lucian.

Naturally, he realized that, but it still did not stop him from feeling jealous when he saw the photos.

What was I doing while Roxanne was spending her time with Jack? I was giving her the cold shoulder and mulling over if I should make Aubree Essie’s stepmother.

Fury surged through him when he thought about that.

Suddenly, he saw a few familiar photos.

Lucian froze and lifted his head to look at Cory. “Did you send these photos to Aubree?”

Cory did not know what happened, but he nodded sheepishly. “I sent most of the photos here to Ms. Pearson.”

The anger twisted even more inside Lucian.

The photos were the ones that Sonya had used to kick up a fuss.

Back then, Lucian had asked her who sent her the photos, but Sonya had told him they were from an unfamiliar number.

Now, it was clear to him that Aubree’s scheming ways went further than what he could see.

“Mr. Farwell...” Cory was frightened by Lucian’s cold fury. “Mr. Farwell, I was only doing my job! I don’t know anything about what happened other than this! Aubree’s a lunatic! She even asked me to kill Ms. Jarvis for her, but why would I do that? But she threatened to tell you that everything was my doing if I didn’t do as she said. I had no choice but to flee from her...”

Lucian snapped, “What did you just say?”

That b\*tch even wanted to kill Roxanne?

A shudder ran down Cory’s spine. “Aubree went mad on the night Ms. Jarvis was hospitalized...”

He could not finish the sentence from the pure wrath Lucian was exuding.

The room plunged into a deathly silence.

Right as Cory was about to say something else, Lucian abruptly lifted his hand.

In the next second, the camera he had been holding shot past Cory's face and slammed onto the ground. The screen cracked.

Cory's knees went weak, and he nearly slid off his chair to kneel before Lucian.

## Chapter 1304

An indeterminate time passed, and Cory finally regained his senses. "Mr. Farwell, I was wrong! I won't ever dare to do this again. Aubree forced me!" He begged for mercy in a panic and spoke without considering his word choices. "I don't want the money. Please let me go. I'll scam!"

He got up from the chair and wanted to escape the office as soon as possible because that place felt like hell to him due to the gloomy aura emitted by Lucian.

Cory didn't want to stay there for a second longer.

"Stop right there," Lucian uttered just as Cory reached the office door.

At the same time, Cayden moved and stood at the doorway, blocking Cory's path. Cayden gestured at the latter for him to retrace his steps.

Remorse washed over Cory as he was trapped inside the office by Lucian and Cayden.

If he could turn back time, he wouldn't have met with Lucian no matter what.

Realizing there was no longer hope for him to run away, Cory turned around and gazed at Lucian, having only the courage to do so while keeping a safe distance from him.

"What else can I do for you, Mr. Farwell?"

Lucian got to his feet from behind the desk and glanced at Cory with a dark look. "I can give you the money."

Cory was shocked. He couldn't believe his ears. Am I really able to acquire money from Lucian? I'm not dreaming, right?

Immediately afterward, Lucian's voice rang again. "But not now."

Reality slapped Cory across his face.

Having worked in that industry for so long, he was already a worldly-wise person.

He fathomed Lucian had a task for him after Lucian finished his sentence.

Moreover, that task wouldn't be simple.

However, Cory was left with no alternative.

Instead of having Lucian force him to take on the job, he figured he might as well seize that opportunity to get on Lucian's good side by doing him that favor.

Cory flashed a subservient smile. "Mr. Farwell, how can I be of help? I'll definitely put forth my best effort!"

Lucian strode past him and looked at Cayden, who was standing at the doorway. "Bring Mr. Zaythron to the reception room to rest."

Cayden nodded politely.

Cory's heart jumped to his throat when he was on his way to the reception room. The tension even caused him to feel a little breathless.

Meanwhile, Aubree had finally returned to the Pearson residence.

Her legs were still a little weak when she got out of the car. She nearly fell to the ground.

"Aubree!"

Inside the mansion, Gina was sitting in the living room in uneasiness. Her facial expression brightened when she saw Aubree returning. "Where did you go? You haven't eaten anything in the past few days and were reluctant to leave your bedroom. When you stepped out of your room, you disappeared without updating us on your whereabouts. Do you know how worried I was about you?"

Samuel, standing next to Gina, also looked concerned.

"Just forget about the engagement since it has been called off. Lucian will always remember the kindness your grandfather had shown him, so the Pearson family's status remains," Gina comforted her daughter.

Although they were also dissatisfied with the cancellation of the engagement, Gina and Samuel thought their daughter's health was ultimately more important.

"Mom, Dad, things may be different for the Pearson family soon," Aubree stammered.

The rest of Gina's words stuck in her throat. She turned her head around and exchanged glances with Samuel. Only then did she confirm her ears weren't playing tricks on her.

Colors drained from her face again as apprehension filled her eyes. "What happened? Why are you saying that all of a sudden?"

Gina sized up Aubree's appearance as she spoke. A sense of foreboding crept into Gina's heart. "Be honest with us. What have you done?"

Aubree's lips trembled uncontrollably. "I-I messed up! Lucian will never let me off the hook! Mom, Dad, please help me. Only you two can save me now!"

## Chapter 1305

Gina panicked at the sight of her daughter's demeanor. She instinctively turned to look at Samuel.

Samuel remained relatively rational, but he was wearing a grimace. "What did you do?"

Hearing her father's question, Aubree lowered her gaze guiltily, her eyelids twitching uncontrollably.

Even as the situation progressed to that stage, she was still trying to figure out ways to describe her doings with reduced severity.

After contemplating for a few moments, she uttered warily, "I-I contaminated the water Essie drank with bacteria."

Samuel's and Gina's faces darkened as soon as they heard that.

They had always known Aubree despised Estella and had been mistreating her.

However, since Lucian didn't find out about that, they turned a blind eye to Aubree's misconduct.

Unexpectedly, Aubree's foolishness knew no boundaries.

Noticing the changes in her parents' mood, Aubree quickly added, "I didn't do that on purpose. I was just trying to teach the b\*tch, Roxanne, a lesson. I wanted those two b\*stards to be infected, but I-I didn't expect Essie's cup to be next to theirs. I got carried away—"

Before she could finish her sentence, Samuel slapped her forcefully. "You fool!"

Aubree covered her face, lowered her head, and stayed silent for a long while.

Samuel panted heavily. He recollected himself for a few seconds before asking again, "Is that all?"

Aubree's eyes flickered. "I did the same thing to Essie once in the past, but I suppose Lucian doesn't know I am the culprit. He doesn't have any evidence!"

Samuel bellowed, "Aren't you aware of Lucian's capability? He'll find out all the information he needs once you expose yourself!"

Aubree became even more agitated. "What should we do? Lucian cares a lot about Essie. He'll never forgive me if he knows I tried to harm her." Moreover, I even set Roxanne up on multiple occasions. Judging by their current relationship, Lucian will undoubtedly turn my life into a living hell by considering all the horrible things I've done when taking revenge on me!

At that thought, she grasped the hem of her mother's clothes hysterically. "Mom, you have to save me. I was wrong!"

Gina merely felt weak all over.

She understood her daughter more than anyone else, so she knew Aubree must've committed more wrongdoings than she had let on.

Still, Aubree's act of harming Estella alone was sufficient to convince Lucian to unleash his wrath on the Pearson family.

Gina gazed at Samuel, hoping he could figure out a solution.

"You fool! I can't believe I gave birth to a daughter as senseless as you!"

Samuel paced around the mansion anxiously.

After some time, he finally stopped in his tracks and instructed Gina, "Contact Sonya. We can only rely on her to help speak up for us in front of Lucian."

Gina was already deeply shaken up. She merely executed his orders blindly after hearing his words.

Right after she took out her phone to dial Sonya's number, Aubree's phone suddenly rang.

The three of them simultaneously shifted their gazes to the ringing phone.

Due to the fire at the factory earlier, her phone screen had been cracked into a mess.

Nonetheless, they could still see the caller ID displayed on the screen.



It was a call from Lucian.

Aubree shuddered when she caught sight of the name. She frantically tossed away the device. "Lucian must be calling me to settle the score! We cannot answer the call. We mustn't..."

"Do you think he'll be out of ways to deal with you if you don't pick up the call?" Samuel roared.

Frightened, Aubree answered the phone with trembling hands.

On the other end of the call, Lucian wasn't expecting her to speak, either. He simply uttered coldly, "I'll be waiting for you at the Farwell residence at two o'clock in the afternoon."

With that, he hung up the phone right away.

## Chapter 1306

It was two in the afternoon, and there were still two more hours to go.

Not wanting to waste any more time, Gina gave Sonya a call.

The latter answered immediately. "Gina, what is it?"

From Sonya's calm voice, it was obvious that she had no clue about what had happened.

Despite forcing herself to calm down, Gina couldn't stop her voice from quivering. "Are you free? Aubree would like to speak to you."

Gina's tone puzzled Sonya. "Did something happen? Is it about the engagement? Don't worry. I'll talk to Lucian about it."

The mention of Lucian's name caused the three Pearsons to feel self-conscious.

Finally, Gina steeled herself to reply, "You'll know when you arrive."

With that, she ended the call, confident that Sonya would come over.

Just as expected, Sonya arrived at the Pearson residence half an hour later.

When she saw the three gloomy Pearsons in the living room, Sonya's heart sank. "What happened? Why do you all look as if you're at a funeral?"

No sooner had Sonya spoken than Aubree came over and hugged Sonya's leg.

Stunned by the latter's abrupt action, Sonya was about to speak when Aubree preempted her with a voice brimming with despair.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Farwell! You have to help me. I'll never do it again!"

Aubree's words elicited Sonya's sympathy. "Tell me what happened, and I'll see if there's anything I can do."

In a choking voice, Aubree explained, "Remember when I told you about Essie getting an infection from the camping trip Roxanne took her on? I was the one behind it!"

Sonya's face darkened instantly. "What in the world happened?"

"I didn't do it on purpose! I just wanted to teach Roxanne and her two boys a lesson, but the bacteria somehow got into Essie's cup and infected her."

Aubree shamelessly tried to defend herself, "I really didn't expect it to turn out that way. That's why I didn't dare tell you about—"

Before she finished, Sonya slapped her across the face.

This slap was even harder than the one Samuel had given her earlier.

Sonya was outraged to learn that the daughter-in-law she favored had actually harmed her granddaughter.

Aubree's confession had also reminded Sonya of the time when she whacked Estella on the backside.

I must have been blind to believe Aubree when she claimed that she did it for Essie's own good!

"Mrs. Farwell..." Dazed by the strike, Aubree took a few seconds to regain her senses before giving Sonya a hopeless look.

Showing no mercy, Sonya shoved Aubree's hand away. "Shut up! How could you have lied to me all these years and even harmed my granddaughter? Why did it take me so long to realize how vicious you are? Aubree, I'm really disappointed in you!"

The Pearsons' faces fell in response to Sonya's reaction.

Nonetheless, Gina still held some hope. "Sonya, we have been friends for so many—"

"Don't you dare say my name!"

The aura Sonya exuded was so intimidating that it seemed to suffocate the Pearsons.

Right then, Sonya had a sudden realization as she looked down at Aubree. “What about the car accident?”

Now that she thought about it, there were plenty of reasons for her to be suspicious.

Aubree lowered her head and didn't dare reply.

Sensing how rapidly the situation was deteriorating, Gina and Samuel dropped to their knees in desperation.

“Mrs. Farwell, please forgive us this one time. I guarantee we'll never show our faces in front of the Farwells—”

“Leave your pleas to Lucian and Essie,” Sonya cut her off ruthlessly.

## Chapter 1307

When their appeal fell on deaf ears, the Pearsons were filled with despair.

Sonya gave them the side-eye. “How dare you lie to me all these years? And now, you still have the cheek to beg for my forgiveness?”

The three of them hung their heads, not daring to utter a single word.

After a brief yet deathly silence, Sonya turned to leave. “You guys better pray hard!”

Samuel finally got back up to his feet a long while later. As he stared at his daughter, who was still kneeling, a pained look flashed across his eyes. “You should leave the country.”

Aubree raised her head the moment she heard those words.

“That's the only way out.” Samuel let out a long sigh. “You can save yourself by leaving. Otherwise, we'll lose both you and our wealth!”

A look of hesitation filled Aubree's eyes.

Leave the country... Would Lucian really let me off? More importantly, would he even give me the chance?

As concerns filled her mind, Aubree just couldn't agree to her father's proposal.

In the blink of an eye, it was already one thirty.

The three of them left home on time.

Given that Lucian was already outraged by Aubree's actions, they wouldn't look repentant if they were to be late.

Meanwhile, Roxanne was oblivious to what had happened between the Pearson and Farwell families.

She had caught a cold the day before. Archie and Benny had taken the day off from the kindergarten to stay home to accompany her.

As always, the children were extremely concerned about her. They made sure that she took her medication and had enough water.

Although all Roxanne had was a slight fever, they forbade her from getting out of bed.

In the morning, Lucian and Estella had dropped by for a visit and only left when they learned it wasn't serious.

Just as Roxanne was about to take a nap so that her boys could also rest, her phone suddenly rang.

When she saw that it was Lucian on the line, she answered it, thinking that he was just checking in on her.

"Do you feel better now?"

Just as expected, Lucian's concerned voice rang out.

Roxanne's heart was immediately warmed. "It's just a minor fever. I feel fine. You guys are just overreacting."

For her sake, the three children had taken leave from school, whereas Lucian had almost dropped whatever he was doing in the office to care for her.

In the end, it was Roxanne who convinced him that there was no such need.

Lucian sounded solemn over the line. "Come to the manor if you can. I'll get Cayden to pick you up."

Roxanne was stunned by his request. She could sense the gravity of the situation.

"What happened?"

She reckoned Lucian wouldn't want her to be out and about unless it was something serious, as she was sick.

Lucian furrowed his brows. He didn't know how to break it to her. "It's better to talk about it in person. Cayden should be arriving anytime now."

Without asking any further questions, Roxanne agreed, "I'll go and get ready."

Lucian added, "Bring Archie and Benny along."

Since they were Aubree's initial targets, she has to apologize to them in person.

Even though Roxanne was baffled, she could tell from Lucian's tone that it was something serious.

"All right."

Just as she ended the call, the boys came in with a glass of water.

After taking it from their hands and drinking a mouthful, Roxanne said, "Mr. Farwell wants me to bring both of you to his place, so go get ready. Mr. Lawson will be picking us up soon."

## Chapter 1309

After reassuring Estella, Roxanne walked up to Lucian with Archie and Benny.

"Mr. Farwell, why was this man following Mommy?"

Archie, the most vigilant of them, had been scrutinizing Cory while Roxanne was chatting with Estella.

Hearing that, Roxanne turned to look at Cory with a frown.

She had a hunch that the reason Lucian requested their presence was tied to that man.

The only thing she couldn't figure out was why he wanted Archie and Benny to be there.

She looked at Lucian with concern. "Shall we let the children go upstairs to play?"

Lucian shook his head solemnly. "This matter involves them too."

The three children deserve Aubree's apology the most.

Hearing that, Roxanne and the children were taken aback.

They're just children. What could've happened for Lucian to put on such a grave look on his face?

Right then, something struck her. She turned to Lucian and asked hesitantly, "Is it—"

"Have a seat and wait." Lucian gestured for them to sit.

Roxanne had no choice but to save her questions for later.

The children sat beside Lucian but not before saving the seat next to him for Roxanne.

Despite that, Roxanne still chose a seat where the children were between Lucian and her.

Not knowing what was going to happen, she tried to avoid looking too high profile.

Once seated, Roxanne began to contemplate on the matter.

The only thing I can think of that relates to the three of them is Essie getting an infection during the camping trip. Is the result of the investigations out?

Roxanne then recalled Lucian's introduction of Cory.

Since he has been following me, does that mean he saw what happened that day?

With that possibility in mind, Roxanne gave Cory an anxious look.

Is the culprit who I think it is? Aubree?

Just as she pulled the children into her embrace and wanted to ask Lucian about it, a commotion was heard at the door.

Everyone turned to see what was going on and was greeted by the sight of Catalina ushering Sonya in.

From the sullen look on Sonya's face, it was clear that she had flown into a rage not too long ago.

And the sight of Roxanne and her boys only caused Sonya's scowl to deepen.

"Essie, come to Grandma."

She looked in Estella's direction. Her eyes were filled with guilt.

Estella pursed her lips and tightened her grip on Roxanne's sleeves, refusing to go over.

Sonya's face contorted when she saw Estella's reaction. She looked as though she was about to lose her temper.

However, at the thought of something, Sonya calmed herself down again.

She gave Roxanne a look of displeasure and didn't force Estella in the end. Instead, she turned her attention to her son.

"I just came back from the Pearson residence. They should be here any minute."

Roxanne's expression changed when she heard that.

Just as expected, the Pearsons must be the ones behind it!

At the same moment, Lucian gave his mother an inquisitive look.

Sonya's brows furrowed. "They were pleading for mercy from me, but I ignored them and told them to speak to you instead."

With that, she took her seat in the armchair beside Lucian.

For harming her granddaughter and lying to her, Sonya wanted to witness with her own eyes how the Pearsons would explain themselves in front of her son.

Moreover, she wanted to make sure Aubree apologized to Estella.

## **Chapter 1310**

At two sharp, the miserable-looking Pearsons arrived at the manor entrance.

Although Samuel's appearance was still considered acceptable, Gina and Aubree looked as if someone had died. After they cried in a panic the entire journey, their hair had become nothing but a mess.

"Go in and apologize!"

Samuel shot his daughter a glare, and Aubree nodded without hesitation.

After all, they had no other choice given the current situation.

The three of them entered the mansion with their hearts hanging in their throats.

The moment she stepped in, Aubree saw Roxanne sitting with Lucian. It went without saying that the three children had filled the space between both of them.

An insidious glint flashed across Aubree's eyes.

Even at her closest to Lucian, she had never shared a couch with him.

He would always be seated in a single seater.

And now, right before her eyes, they looked exactly like a family.

As rage began to boil within her, Aubree caught a glimpse of Cory from the corner of her eye.

In that instant, she felt weak and almost dropped to her knees.

Prior to her entrance, she had still hoped that Lucian had discovered something else instead.

However, the sight of Cory dampened those hopes and drowned her in despair.

“Lucian, what’s with the crowd—”

Samuel had wanted to pretend as if nothing had happened but held his tongue upon noticing Sonya’s presence.

Gina, on the other hand, felt her limbs go cold and looked as if she was about to faint at any moment.

“Ms. Pearson, I’m sure you recognize the man behind me.”

Lucian’s frosty voice rang out.

At his cue, Cory came forward and stood in front of Aubree.

The Pearsons turned pale upon noticing that Lucian had changed the way he addressed Aubree.

Ms. Pearson... Lucian must have decided to sever ties with our family!

“Speak! I don’t remember you to be deaf!”

Lucian had kept his temper in check due to the presence of the children. Nevertheless, his icy tone still struck fear into the hearts of others.

Even the children moved toward Roxanne when they, too, sensed his anger.

Roxanne responded by giving their heads a reassuring stroke before turning her attention to Aubree, who was wearing a frosty expression.

Ever since I returned to the country, this woman has been trying to harm me time and again. I don’t mind her attacking the research institute or me, but she has crossed the line by choosing to hurt my children. In fact, she has done so more than once!



Roxanne was filled with the urge to pay Aubree back for what she had done to the children.

Meanwhile, Aubree couldn't help but tremble under Lucian's gaze.

A long while passed before she finally found her voice. "I... I do."

Lucian narrowed his eyes in displeasure. "Is that all?"

His question sent a shiver down her spine.

She might have had the courage to confess her misdeeds to Sonya, but it didn't mean that she dared to do the same in front of Lucian, who would never let her off.

In her desperation, Aubree threw herself at Lucian. "Lucian, listen to me. Everything I did was for your sake. I love you. You can't treat me this way!"

Before she could even get close, Cayden grabbed her and shoved her back toward Gina's side.

He didn't hold back his strength after tolerating her all this while.

Stung by the pain in her arm and the dejection welling up inside her, Aubree burst into tears.

## Chapter 1311

"Since you have trouble recalling, I'll let Mr. Zaythron remind you of them." All Lucian felt when he saw her tears was disgust. "If he gets anything wrong, you're welcome to correct him."

With that, he gave Cory a look to signal for him to begin.

Acknowledging the cue, Cory cleared his throat and spoke. "Ms. Pearson hired me to keep an eye on Ms. Jarvis. She—"

He had barely begun when Aubree lunged at him suddenly.

"Shut up! I don't know you! You're a madman! I don't know what you're talking about. Go to hell!"

Even though her outburst caught him off guard, the physical strength between them was just too great.

The moment he regained his senses, Cory easily pushed her away from him. "Stop raving like a lunatic, you shrew!"

Upon crashing to the ground, Aubree snarled, "You'll suffer divine retribution for this! Do you think the Farwells will let you off just because you snitched on me?"

Cory paid Aubree no heed as he turned to face Lucian and Roxanne with an ingratiating look.

"Ms. Jarvis, I'm sorry, but I was just doing my job. It was Aubree who forced me to do it. But other than taking a few pictures, I definitely didn't do anything to harm you."

As she watched Aubree go wild, a look of realization flashed across Roxanne's eyes.

This was the first time she had seen her lose her composure, for the latter had always appeared aloof.

Soon, a look of conviction formed in Roxanne's eyes.

For harming the children, Aubree deserves to be punished!

She threw Cory a cold glance. "What did you capture with your camera?"

Cory was surprised by Roxanne's quick reaction. He said, "When you took the children camping, I saw Aubree put something into their cups. Also, I was the one who took all those pictures of you and Mr. Damaris on her instructions..."

One by one, Cory listed out Aubree's misdeeds while Aubree unleashed a constant tirade on him.

When he finally finished, Aubree shouted, "I didn't! That wasn't my intention. Lucian, you have to believe me!"

Cory looked at her disdainfully.

When he first worked with her, she had always put on airs and didn't show him any respect.

And here I was, thinking that she was someone capable. But in the end, she still has to grovel at Lucian's feet, begging for forgiveness.

Having had enough of the pathetic Aubree, Cory ruthlessly put the final nail in her coffin. "I have evidence of everything she did in my camera. As for the pictures with Mr. Damaris, I have more pictures of the scene from a different angle. They clearly show that Ms. Jarvis wasn't sharing an intimate moment with him at all."

When Cory's final words rolled off his tongue, Aubree's voice gradually faded away.

All that could be heard from her were sobs of dejection.

“What do you have to say for yourself?” Lucian’s eyes were brimming with contempt. He was simply disgusted by the sight of Aubree.

When she raised her head and saw him sitting with Roxanne, Aubree could feel madness take over her mind.

“I didn’t do anything! Roxanne framed me!”

Since I’ve lost everything, I’m going to drag her down with me!

Aubree’s eyes were burning with rage as she stared at Roxanne, who was seated on the couch.

## Chapter 1312

“Roxanne, you b\*tch! Why are you doing this to me? I’m the one Lucian loved in the first place. It’s all your fault! He left me because you keep pestering him. You deserve to die! I won’t forgive you. Who do you think you are, taking Lucian away from me like this? He’s going to see your true colors one day. You’re just a piece of trash who’s been bedded by thousands of men.” Aubree pointed at Roxanne. Her hysterical screams echoed in the mansion hall.

“I won’t let you talk about Mommy like that! You evil woman! I hate you! I hate you so much!”

Estella suddenly lost control of her emotions and burst into tears. As she cried, she picked up the things around her and threw them at Aubree.

Roxanne hurriedly pulled Estella into her embrace. She was racked with guilt.

I should’ve brought the children upstairs. This kind of situation is too overwhelming for them, especially Essie. She’s already emotionally unstable to begin with.

Estella cried so hard that she could barely breathe properly. “I don’t want the evil lady here! She scolds me and even pinches my arms and legs! Mommy! I want Mommy!”

All Roxanne could feel was her heart aching. She could not even process what Estella was saying. “Calm down, Essie. I’m here. Don’t cry. I’ll help you chase the evil lady away...”

Lucian’s and Sonya’s expressions changed when they heard Estella’s words.

Samuel cast Aubree a cold glare.

Aubree had lost her mind and was still lashing out verbally.

Samuel shifted his gaze from Lucian to Sonya before he slapped Aubree across the face. "Shut up, you idiot!"

This time, Samuel did not go easy on her, which left Aubree dizzy from the slap.

It took her some time to return to her senses. Still, she continued screaming, "How could you hit me? You're on that b\*tch's side, too, aren't you?"

Samuel landed another slap on her cheek, which sounded loud and clear.

After two slaps, Aubree's cheeks had swelled.

Samuel turned around to apologize to Lucian and Sonya.

"I'm terribly sorry, Mr. and Mrs. Farwell. Aubree has made a terrible mistake. I'll teach her a lesson when I get home. Please be merciful and not hold a grudge against her..."

Sonya was trembling with anger when she found out how Aubree had been secretly treating her granddaughter.

Likewise, a dark look appeared on Lucian's face. "We're not the ones you should be apologizing to!"

Hearing that, Samuel turned to Roxanne and the children.

When Samuel was about to part his lips, Lucian's voice rang out again. "You're not the one who made the mistake. What are you apologizing for?" The coldness in his tone was palpable.

Samuel froze when he heard that.

Several seconds later, he turned around and snapped at Aubree, "Damn it! Apologize to Ms. Jarvis and the children now!"

Aubree's pupils darted around out of fear and madness.

Eventually, the madness got the better of her.

She got to her feet stumblingly, murmuring, "Fine. I'll apologize. I'll apologize now."

Thinking she was actually going to apologize, Samuel let her walk in front of him without stopping her.

In the next second, Aubree suddenly dashed forward, holding the ashtray Estella had thrown at her earlier.

“Roxanne, you b\*tch! Go to hell!”

Aubree looked like an utter maniac.

At that moment, even the boys who were usually brave were scared senseless, and they watched Aubree charge at them in fear.

## Chapter 1313

Estella’s cries became sharper, and her eyes were filled with terror as she gripped Roxanne’s shoulder tightly.

Roxanne instinctively pulled Estella into her embrace and turned around, wanting to take the attack on the latter’s behalf.

However, only a muffled thud was heard.

The pain that was supposed to follow did not happen.

It took Roxanne several seconds before she slowly lifted her head to glance in the direction where Aubree was coming from.

To Roxanne’s surprise, Aubree’s hand that held the ashtray earlier was held by Lucian while the ashtray had dropped to the ground.

Various emotions could be seen flashing across Aubree’s face.

First, there was the mad look on Aubree’s face for the urge to kill Roxanne. Another was her terror for Lucian.

“You crazy woman!”

Lucian’s grip on Aubree’s wrist was so tight that it could almost crush her bones.

It was only then that Aubree snapped back to her senses. Suppressing the pain in her wrist, she apologized frantically, “I-I don’t know what’s wrong with me. Forgive me, Lucian. Lucian—”

Before she could even finish, Lucian shoved her away.

Aubree stumbled a few steps back and slumped to the ground pathetically. “I swear I won’t do it again. Please forgive me...” she pleaded, ignoring the pain in her body.

“Forgive you? So you can get another chance to attack the people I care about? Aubree Pearson, you deserve to die for everything you did.” Lucian’s voice was horrifyingly cold.

Shuddering, Aubree backed away with the help of her hands. At the same time, her gaze fell on Sonya. "Mrs. Farwell, please help me..."

Aubree knew how much Sonya liked her.

Seeing Aubree still had the guts to beg her for help, Sonya rose to her feet and barked, "I don't know a vicious woman like you!" She cast her granddaughter a worried look before turning back to Aubree. "I always thought Essie didn't like you because you two didn't spend enough time together. Never did I imagine you to have treated her that way behind our backs. You're unbelievable, Aubree!"

The thought of how much Estella had suffered over the years made Sonya's heart ache.

How dare this b\*tch still beg me for mercy? How shameless!

"From today onward, the marriage contract between the Farwell and Pearson families is off. After all, I've already repaid Old Mr. Pearson's favor long ago," announced Lucian. He then cast the Pearsons an icy glance. "In the future, Pearson Group is an enemy of Farwell Group!"

Samuel could not bear it any longer.

He marched forward, wanting to grab Lucian's arm.

This time, Cayden was quick to react as he blocked Samuel's path.

Given no choice, Samuel stood in his spot and looked at Lucian earnestly. "Please don't do this, Lucian. Back then, my father—"

He wanted to try bringing up the favor his father had done for Lucian.

"Old Mr. Pearson's favor had exhausted long ago when Aubree went looking for Roxanne for trouble! I said this before. I won't let her off the hook if she dares to harass my person again." Lucian cast Samuel a hostile glare.

Samuel's heart sank, and his eyes dimmed with despair.

Lucian turned around to look at Estella, who was still crying, and Roxanne, who was patiently comforting the little girl. The sight only spiked his anger more.

The nerve of her to hurt the people I care about!

Turning around, he marched over to Aubree and glanced at her condescendingly. "Since you won't apologize to them, I've got no choice but to resolve this with my methods."

## Chapter 1314

His methods?

The Pearsons exchanged nervous glances as a terrible fear grew in their hearts.

With a grim voice, Lucian called for Cayden. Just as he was about to give his orders, Roxanne's voice sounded behind him.

"Lucian, forget about it." Still hugging Estella tightly, Roxanne put a lid on her hatred. "Let the police handle this. I have the report of the bacteria she used on the children. The dosage is lethal for kids. She'll be spending the rest of her life in prison for attempted murder."

Roxanne could not stop her hatred from festering at the thought of Aubree almost murdering the children.

Even so, she could still think rationally.

Aubree's actions were outrageous, but it was not worth dirtying Lucian's hands to punish her.

Lucian frowned and fell silent for a moment before ordering Cayden, "Contact the lawyer and tell him to send Ms. Pearson to where she belongs as soon as possible."

Cayden could not be happier to hear that. "All right."

When Aubree heard Roxanne's words, her eyes darted from left to right.

I'm going to spend the rest of my life in prison? No! I don't want that!

"You b\*tch! I won't let you off even if I die! Just wait! I'll make you join me in hell!"

Aubree had a malicious expression on her face as she stared at Roxanne, looking like a devil who had just escaped from the pits of hell.

Unfazed, Roxanne merely covered Archie's and Benny's eyes.

The fury in Lucian's heart grew more intense.

Samuel hurried over to Aubree and finally restrained her after exerting much strength. After that, he shot Gina a look, implying that the latter needed to help him out.

Snapping out of it, Gina scurried over to cover Aubree's mouth.

However, Aubree seemed to have lost her mind as she bit Gina's hand. Regardless, the latter dared not remove her hand.

"It's our fault for not educating her well. Please, Mr. and Mrs. Farwell. Aubree's still young. We promise to keep a strict eye on her and not let her get near Ms. Jarvis and the kids. Please give her a chance!" Samuel pleaded earnestly.

Sonya had known them for a long time and even watched Aubree grow up.

She had only wanted to teach Aubree a lesson and cut ties with their family over that matter.

Never did she expect the punishment to become so severe.

Sonya's heart began to waver as she gazed at the pathetic-looking trio.

However, Lucian did not give her the chance to speak. Narrowing his eyes, he asked, "Should I escort all three of you out?"

Samuel did not dare to say anything else. In the end, he and Gina carried Aubree out and fled the scene.

When the Pearsons finally left, the mansion plunged into silence. All that could be heard were Estella's sobs.

Feeling heartbroken, Roxanne patted Estella on the back and said gently, "Don't be scared, Essie. The evil lady's gone. Don't cry, okay?"

It was at that moment Archie and Benny finally snapped out of their daze. They hopped off the couch and surrounded Roxanne and Estella.

"Don't cry, Essie. Mr. Farwell has given that evil lady a proper lesson."

"She won't show up ever again. There won't be anyone who'll bully you again. Mommy, Benny, and I will protect you from now on!"

The boys took turns assuring her.

When Estella heard that Aubree was gone, she stopped sobbing and peeked out from under Roxanne's arms.

Suddenly, Sonya approached and regarded her from above. "Come here, Essie. Let me hug you."

## **Chapter 1316**



After a prolonged moment of silence, Sonya said with a gloomy look on her face, "You're going to go that far for her, huh? Fine! I'll leave so I won't get in the way of your happy little family!"

She turned around and was about to leave when Lucian called out to her, "You should stay in the manor for today. I have something to announce once Essie feels better."

Sonya paused in her tracks and shot him a confused glance. "What is it?"

This is the first time Lucian has asked me to stay over at the manor, so whatever it is he wants to announce must be very important. Wait a minute... He said he was fine with giving up his position as CEO of Farwell Group earlier... Is that what he's going to announce? This is all Roxanne's fault! Lucian wouldn't have made such irrational decisions if it weren't for her!

Sonya turned toward Roxanne and shot her a vicious glare.

Roxanne simply ignored her gaze and continued comforting Estella.

"You'd better think this through, Lucian. Ask yourself if that woman is worth you giving up Farwell Group!" Sonya warned Lucian with a furious look in her eyes.

Lucian could tell from Sonya's behavior that she was starting to get scared.

"Just because I have something to announce doesn't necessarily mean it's about Farwell Group, so you have nothing to worry about."

Sonya paused and looked suspiciously at them for a few seconds before going up the stairs.

Realizing that Aubree and Sonya were gone from the living room, Estella slowly stopped sobbing and looked up at Roxanne with tears in her eyes.

Roxanne felt her heart ache when she met Estella's eyes. "Don't worry, Essie. I'll be sure to protect you."

Essie must've suffered a lot while she was under Aubree's care... Just thinking about what she said earlier makes me hate her even more! Essie couldn't even talk at the time! How could she do that to her?

She was snapped out of her train of thought when Lucian whispered in her ear, "I'm sorry."

Roxanne looked up at him in confusion.

Lucian was plagued with guilt when he looked at them and recalled what Estella had said while she was crying earlier.

He walked up to Estella and flashed her an apologetic look. "I'm sorry I didn't take good care of you."

Estella simply sniffled and shook her head profusely in response.

"You've disliked Aubree for the past six years. I can't believe I never realized the actual reason behind it..." Lucian continued with a look of regret in his eyes.

Estella reached out and caressed his cheek as she said, "It's not your fault, Daddy! She's the bad person here! She's the worst!"

I had wanted to tell Daddy about it through text before, but Ms. Pearson lied to me and said Daddy would never kick her out. She even threatened to hit me even harder if I tried to tell Daddy, so I had no choice but to put up with her. Now I realize she was lying all along! Not only would Daddy kick her out, but he would also punish her severely!

Lucian gave Estella a kiss on the back of her hand before shifting his gaze toward Roxanne. "I'm sorry," he said apologetically.

Roxanne frowned in confusion, as she didn't know what he was apologizing to her for.

Even so, she couldn't help but comfort him when she saw how guilty he felt.

"You are indeed at fault for placing Essie in Aubree's care for six years. However, the fact that Essie likes you so much indicates that you provide her with a strong sense of security, so you must've been a good father. Whatever happened is in the past. You've already punished Aubree for what she did, so that's enough to make up for your mistakes."

## **Chapter 1317**

Noticing that Lucian still had a look of guilt in his eyes, Roxanne pursed her lips and held his hand as she added, "Nothing like that will happen to Essie ever again."

"We'll do our best to protect Essie too!" Archie and Benny chimed in.

The look in Lucian's eyes softened up a little after he heard that, much to Roxanne's relief.

"Maybe I should bring Essie over to my place for the day. She has been through quite a lot today," she suggested.

Roxanne could tell that Estella was still unable to accept Sonya, so she was worried that Lucian's decision to have Sonya stay over at the manor would affect Estella's emotional state.

Estella wrapped her arms tightly around Roxanne's neck upon hearing that as she wanted to stay with her.

However, Lucian did not approve of Roxanne's suggestion. "Take her to the bedroom and get some rest. Essie won't pay too much attention to anything else with you around."

Roxanne was a little hesitant to do so, but Estella nodded profusely in agreement.

I'm not afraid of anyone as long as Aunt Roxanne is with me!

Roxanne couldn't bring herself to say no when she saw the expectant look in Estella's eyes. Eventually, she gave in and brought the three kids over to Estella's bedroom.

Lucian, Cayden, and Cory were the only ones remaining in the living room.

Having witnessed Lucian unleash his wrath upon Aubree earlier, Cory was exceptionally cautious when approaching Lucian. "M-Mr. Farwell..."

Whatever warmth Lucian had in his eyes had disappeared when he turned around and asked, "How much do you want?"

"T-Thirty million will suffice!" Cory replied nervously while holding up three fingers.

Lucian turned around and instructed Cayden, "Go ahead and pay him three hundred thousand. I do not want to hear anything about him in Chanaea starting tomorrow!"

Cory was frozen in shock when he heard that.

Wait a minute... Did I hear that right? Three hundred thousand? That's a hundred times lesser than what I asked for! Paying thirty million is a piece of cake for someone as wealthy as Lucian, so why isn't he willing to pay me the full amount?

Cayden then stuffed a check worth three hundred thousand into Cory's coat pocket.

"You nearly helped Aubree get rid of Ms. Estella, so be grateful that you're even getting paid at all. In fact, you should consider yourself lucky that Mr. Farwell didn't have you killed. Now, take this money and get lost!"

Having snapped out of his dazed state, Cory shifted his gaze between the check and Lucian's icy-cold expression.

"P-Please forgive me, Mr. Farwell! I have a huge gambling debt! They'll kill me if I don't pay up! Please help me!"

As though he didn't hear a word Cory said, Lucian simply stared silently at him with no emotion whatsoever.

Cayden grabbed Cory by the arm and began dragging him toward the door. "Shut up, or I'll take this check back as well!"

Cory struggled with all of his might, but he couldn't break free from Cayden's vice-like grip. Cayden opened the front door and tossed him out like a bag of trash.

Cory's face went completely pale as he watched the mansion door close in front of him.

This is all Aubree's fault! I wouldn't be in this position if it weren't for her!

"I've taken care of him, Mr. Farwell. The guys from Marsingfill will be informed of his location tomorrow," Cayden said as he made his way over to Lucian.

Lucian simply nodded without saying anything.

Cayden glanced at the back garden as he continued cautiously, "Mr. Farwell, about the decorations in the back garden..."

The look on Lucian's face changed slightly when he heard Cayden mention the back garden. After a brief pause, he turned around and made his way toward the back garden.

## **Chapter 1318**

The expensive plants had all been replaced with some unimpressive flowers, and the walls were decorated with strips of colorful lights.

Unsure if Lucian was satisfied with the decoration, Cayden explained, "I kept the decoration simple as per your instructions, Mr. Farwell."

The look in Lucian's eyes slowly grew gentle as he scanned the back garden. "This will do. Did you bring the item I asked for?"

Cayden quickly whipped out an exquisite velvet box and handed it over to him.

The cold look on Lucian's face vanished completely when he opened the box and saw its content.

Exhausted from crying, Estella fell asleep while lying in Roxanne's arms.

Roxanne didn't get any sleep throughout the entire afternoon. The incident with Aubree left her feeling a little tired as well, so she decided to take a nap on Estella's bed.

Seeing as Roxanne and Estella were fast asleep, Archie and Benny left the room to avoid disturbing them.

Upon arriving at the balcony, they saw Lucian and Cayden discussing something in the back garden.

They couldn't hear what the two were saying, but they could see Cayden handing Lucian a tiny box.

As the boys got on their tiptoes to get a better look, they saw something shiny inside the box.

Benny's eyes lit up as he asked excitedly, "Is Daddy going to propose to Mommy?"

After all, it was obvious that the item inside the box was a ring.

Archie was a little surprised as well, but he frowned in confusion moments later.

That evil woman just caused a huge scene not long ago, though. Is Daddy really going to propose to Mommy so soon? Now that I think about it, Daddy probably wanted Grandma to stay over so she could witness his proposal.

Archie's confusion was soon replaced by excitement and anticipation.

The boys were tempted to wake Roxanne up and bring her to Lucian right away, but they held themselves back when they recalled her having a mild fever earlier that morning.

They had no choice but to wait in anticipation for Roxanne to wake up later that evening.

Fortunately for them, Roxanne wasn't asleep for too long.

She groggily climbed out of bed at around eight in the evening, only to realize that Estella was no longer lying in her arms.

As she glanced around the room, she saw her sitting on the carpet with Archie and Benny. The three of them were huddled together and seemed to be whispering among themselves.

Archie was the first to notice Roxanne waking up, so he quickly called out to her, "Mommy! You're finally awake!"

The kids then stood up and made their way over to the bed.

“What were you three whispering about?” Roxanne shifted her gaze toward Estella. “And when did you wake up, Essie? How come I didn’t notice?”

Estella narrowed her eyes and broke into a smile as she replied, “I wasn’t really tired because I took a nap at noon, so I got up after a while.”

Roxanne had wanted to ask how she was feeling, but she held her tongue when she saw the smile on Estella’s face.

Seeing as she was already feeling a lot better, Roxanne decided not to bring it up and simply patted her on the head.

“We’re hungry, Mommy! Let’s go downstairs and have dinner!” Benny exclaimed while tugging at her arm.

Roxanne gasped in shock when she checked the time and saw that it was already eight.

Oh my goodness! Why didn’t anyone wake me up?

“You kids must be starving. I’m sorry I overslept,” Roxanne said as she got out of bed and brought the kids downstairs.

There were a few dishes on the dining table, but no one was around.

Roxanne felt a little bad for sleeping past dinner time.

Everyone else must’ve eaten dinner because they couldn’t wait for me any longer. I feel so bad... Good thing they reserved some food for us.

## Chapter 1320

Roxanne was stunned to see the man in front of her getting down on one knee.

Am I dreaming? Lucian is... proposing to me? Why would he do such a thing? He skipped this part when we got married six years ago.

At that instant, Roxanne felt a little lightheaded. She could not believe what was happening right before her eyes.

She instinctively wanted to flee but was held back by the three children as soon as she took a step backward.

“Mommy, Mr. Farwell means it. Please say yes. He’s been preparing for this moment for quite some time. We saw him getting ready since afternoon,” Benny blurted.

Roxanne's resolve began to waver after hearing that.

What the children witnessed was only Lucian's preparation in the afternoon. Little did they know how much time he had invested in turning all the flowers in the garden into traditional medicinal herbs.

I wonder how much time Lucian spent getting everything ready.

"Come on, Aunt Roxanne, say yes to Daddy! I want us to become a family," urged Estella.

One by one, the kids started persuading her to answer in the affirmative.

Meanwhile, Lucian was staring at her, the look in his deep, dark eyes as determined as ever.

"I've pondered a lot during your absence in the past six years. Now that you're back in my life, I swear I'll never disappoint you again. I'll protect you and also take care of our children. Please trust me once more, Roxanne."

His hand that was holding the ring didn't move once as he spoke, not even an inch.

"Mommy, Mr. Farwell is the only person we want to be our Daddy!" exclaimed Archie and Benny simultaneously.

Roxanne's eyes darted from side to side as she started having second thoughts.

She was wondering whether Lucian's proposal was merely a gesture to make up for their marriage six years ago.

No matter how hard she tried to let go of her past, it kept coming back to haunt her, for she was deeply hurt by that horrible marriage.

There was no way she could forget what was already etched in her heart.

In fact, just the word "marriage" would make her shake in her boots, especially when it came from the person kneeling before her—the culprit of her failed marriage.

Roxanne truly wanted to have more faith in Lucian.

After all, he had been treating her with utmost sincerity since their reunion.

Unfortunately, the sufferings she went through six years ago were still buried deep within her heart, hindering her from reaching out to accept the proposal ring.

To Roxanne, the ring was an absolute burden, but the children's constant urging prompted her to consider their feelings and needs.

Indeed, the two kids needed a father figure in their lives, and their biological father was standing right in front of them!

I've been keeping this secret from the kids for so many years. Now that they finally have someone to call "Daddy," how could I be so cruel and take that away from them? Moreover, they've directly expressed their love for Lucian...

After contemplating, she gave in. The pain from the heartbreak she suffered was no match for the guilt she felt toward her children.

When she moved her arm slightly and was about to accept the ring, a loud and clear barking cough rang out from a nearby corner.

Roxanne's hand froze in mid-air as she looked in the direction of the sound and saw Sonya, who appeared out of nowhere.

Displeased, the older woman was glowering at her as well as Archie and Benny who were standing next to her.

With that, Roxanne slowly withdrew her outstretched arm.

No, now is not the right time yet. Back then, I selfishly ran away when I was pregnant, neglecting the kids' feelings. If I were to let them reunite with the Farwell family, I should at least wait until everyone has accepted them without a qualm.

## Chapter 1321

When Lucian saw that Roxanne was going to retreat, his gaze swept across Estella.

"Do you really have the heart to decline? Essie dreams about having a mother. Could you bear to keep her waiting? You've already been absent from her life for six long years!"

His words left Roxanne totally baffled.

She looked down at Estella in shock, wondering what Lucian meant.

Is it what I think it is?

The two kids had yet to realize what Lucian was talking about and simply looked at the two adults innocently.



Roxanne took a deep breath and forced herself to stay calm. Then, she turned to Lucian and asked, "What are you talking about? What do you mean when you said I've been absent from Essie's life for six long years? I'm just..."

I was just an outsider to Essie. Why did he say that? The person who has missed out on watching Essie grow up should be her biological mother, no?

"Lucian, what has gotten into you?"

Sonya never wanted Roxanne to be a part of the Farwell family.

Furthermore, since Estella had just gone through an eventful afternoon, Sonya was afraid it would be too much for the little girl to take if she discovered the truth all within the same day.

Thus, she strode toward Lucian in frustration, trying to prevent him from saying further.

It was then that Cayden stepped forward and blocked her.

"Mrs. Farwell, Mr. Farwell is proposing right now. I think it's best you leave them alone."

Cayden's tone was polite yet assertive. "Don't you want Ms. Estella to grow up having a complete family?"

Sonya grimaced and shouted, "Get lost! Who do you think you are to meddle with the affairs of the Farwell family?"

Cayden kept his cool and insisted, "This is the instruction given to me by Mr. Farwell. All you need to do is to stay where you are and be a witness."

Although Cayden dared not lay a finger on Sonya, he was more than capable to get in the woman's way and keep her away from Lucian.

Left with no choice, the livid Sonya could only gaze at the duo from afar.

She could tell that Roxanne was planning to turn Lucian down just now.

However, things might change if Roxanne found out that Estella was her daughter.

Before Sonya even had the chance to do something else, Lucian revealed the truth with full confidence.

"Essie is your biological daughter. Six years ago, someone dropped her off at the gate of the Farwell residence without saying a word. I have done the paternity test, and I have the results to prove that she's our daughter."

Words eluded Roxanne as her body stiffened.

Essie is my daughter?

At that instant, all the moments she had spent with Estella ever since she returned to the country flashed across her mind like a slideshow.

Immediately, she teared up.

Now I know why a familiar feeling crept up on me the first time I met her, and there's no wonder she's so attached to me. Essie is my own flesh and blood, my little baby whom I thought was stillborn.

Roxanne was inundated with both joy and sorrow at the same time.

For a long while, she struggled to recollect herself.

Estella, who was holding Roxanne's hand, was also in shock. She, too, could not believe her ears until Archie and Benny asked questions to clarify their relationship.

"Really? Essie is Mommy's child? She's our biological sister?"

Lucian nodded solemnly. Then, he turned to look at Roxanne and Estella.

"I'm sorry for keeping this secret from you all these while. I was just worried that if you reject me and we don't end up together, both you and Essie would be downright disappointed. Essie, I'm so sorry for not telling you this earlier. Ms. Jarvis is the mother you've always wanted. It's time you change the way you address her. She's no longer your Aunt Roxanne."

As soon as he finished his sentence, Estella burst out crying all of a sudden. She hugged Roxanne's thigh tightly and bawled. "Mommy... Mommy..."

## **Chapter 1322**

Estella's wails snapped Roxanne out of her trance, and the woman found her face covered in tears.

"Oh Essie, I've missed you. I miss you so much..."

She pulled Estella into her embrace and tightened her arms around the little girl, wishing they would never be separated again.

Not a day went by in the past six years without her missing the child she thought she had lost.

In fact, the thought of that child was the reason she was motivated to wake up from her previous coma.

Little did she know the child she had been missing dearly was right by her side all this while.

As she thought about everything Estella experienced in the past six years, she felt extremely guilty.

I've missed out on her life for so many years. Yet, since the day we met, she's been helping me recover from my hurt and pain.

"I'm so sorry... It's all my fault..." Roxanne could not help but apologize profusely.

Meanwhile, tears started to well up in Archie and Benny's eyes.

They always knew they had a sister, but they thought she was gone.

As such, they had been caring for and loving Roxanne on behalf of their little sister as well.

Now that they found out that Estella, whom they had been taking care of, was their biological sister all along, the two boys were over the moon.

"Hooray! Our sister is alive, and she's always been by our side!"

Benny wiped the tears off his face and looked at his brother, who also shed tears of joy. The latter then nodded vigorously at Benny.

Yes! This is great news!

Lucian's heart clenched in sorrow when he saw Roxanne and the kids sobbing uncontrollably.

"You didn't do anything wrong, Roxanne. It was entirely my fault. I should have told you the truth the moment I found out you had no clue about Essie's background, but I had too many reservations. If you need to blame someone, blame me."

I never knew she thought Essie was dead all these years.

Lucian tightened his grip on the ring.

He could not imagine how devastating it must have been for her when she was told the baby was stillborn.

I knew nothing! I even resented her for being so cruel to Essie when we finally reunited.

Meanwhile, Sonya, too, was dumbfounded. She had always assumed that Roxanne was a heartless person who abandoned her husband and child.

That woman thought Essie was dead? Then, how was Essie sent back to the Farwell residence?

Roxanne kept Estella locked in her arms and wept for what felt like an eternity before she gradually regained her composure and turned to Lucian who was still down on one knee.

“What took you so long to tell me? Do you have any idea how much I’ve missed her? I’ve always thought... my daughter was dead!”

Over the years, she had lost count of the times she woke up from her sleep crying whenever she thought about her stillborn child.

Guilt and self-reproach inundated Lucian as Roxanne questioned him.

Why? Why did I worry so much? Why did I have so many reservations? He was dying for an answer too.

If only I had told her about this earlier, could there be a different ending to our story?

Unfortunately, it was too late for such wishful thinking.

Truth be told, he had missed the best time to reveal the secret to Roxanne.

If she had found out earlier, would she cry less?

“This is wonderful, Mommy! Essie is our little sister!” Benny exclaimed, exhilarated as he hugged Roxanne’s thigh after he was done crying.

Archie bobbed his head in delight, whereas the mother-and-daughter duo could not stop the tears from streaming down their faces.

Lucian stood up and immediately wrapped his arms around the two.

## **Chapter 1323**

Roxanne felt Lucian’s arms wrapped tightly around her, and her voice gradually grew weaker until only faint sobs were heard from her.

“Why... Why did you...”

Lucian was a man who had dominated the business world for many years, but in the face of Roxanne's tears and questioning, he had no idea how to respond. All he could do was apologize repeatedly.

"We want hugs too!" Archie and Benny exclaimed as they hopped around with joy.

Happiness was the only emotion left within them after all the crying.

To them, the hug they shared was a hug of joy and excitement.

Roxanne slowly recollected herself and felt slightly embarrassed when she heard the children's voices.

I can't believe I cried so hard in front of the kids...

She then looked at Estella's tear-streaked face as the little girl nestled in her arms and couldn't help breaking into a smile.

She's back! My little angel whom I thought I lost is back, and she's right in my arms!

Roxanne swore to herself that she would never abandon Estella ever again.

The grim look in Lucian's eyes eased away when he saw Roxanne smiling.

Noticing Archie and Benny's eagerness to give them a hug, Lucian bent over and embraced the two little boys as a look of tenderness surfaced in his eyes.

At that moment, Archie and Benny were filled with joy, for they found their sister and were hugged by their father.

All of a sudden, Lucian let go of them.

Just as the two boys were confused as to what was going on, a shiny thing appeared in their line of sight.

Upon taking a closer look, they realized it was the ring that Lucian had used to propose moments ago.

"Can you please do me a favor and put this ring on your Mommy's finger?"

Lucian's tone carried an unprecedented gentleness that Archie and Benny had never heard before.

The boys exchanged glances. Of course, they would be happy to help Lucian.

Since Estella could already change the way she addressed Roxanne, the boys wanted to address Lucian as “Daddy” too.

Benny carefully took his mother’s hand while Archie slowly slid the ring through her finger.

When their mission was completed, they looked up at Roxanne in anticipation.

However, Roxanne was busy trying to comfort Estella at the moment. Her mind was in such a mess that she didn’t have the time to pay attention to what the boys were doing though she had sensed something.

“Please stop crying, Essie. I will never leave you again. I promise,” said Roxanne, assuring the little girl. “From now on, I’ll protect you. I won’t let anyone bully our Essie. You’re my precious little baby.”

The woman patted Estella’s back as she spoke.

Estella was struggling to keep her emotions in check after going through such an eventful day.

When she heard Roxanne’s promise to her, she asked through sobs, “R-Really? You won’t leave me, Mommy?”

Roxanne felt her heart clench when she saw how red Estella’s eyes were from all the crying. She held out her hand without hesitation and said, “Let’s make a pinky promise! From now on, I promise to take you wherever I go!”

Archie and Benny’s eyes were filled with anticipation when they saw their mother’s action.

Lucian, too, felt uneasy, which was a first.

Roxanne caught sight of something shiny out of the corner of her eyes, but she did not pay much attention to it. She was focusing on Estella.

However, Estella fixed her gaze on Roxanne’s hand.

A few seconds later, she smiled through her tears and exclaimed excitedly, “Mommy, did you say yes to Daddy? Then we’re going to be a family! Mommy, you won’t leave anymore!”

Overjoyed, she wrapped her arms around Roxanne’s neck and hugged the woman tightly.

Roxanne froze in shock.

When did I say yes?

As she glanced in the direction where the little girl was staring just now, she noticed the diamond ring that Lucian was holding was currently on her finger.

Roxanne remembered the strange sensation she had felt earlier and looked down at Archie and Benny, who were standing by her side.

The boys were smiling adorably.

## Chapter 1324

Roxanne then turned to look at Lucian, who was gazing affectionately at her. The tender glow in his eyes hindered her from questioning and blaming him.

“Mommy, please say yes to Mr. Farwell!” Benny pleaded with his cute voice. He grabbed Roxanne’s arm and swung it back and forth, his tiny face filled with anticipation.

Archie, who was usually reticent, piped up to express his opinion as well. “Mommy, since Essie is our biological sister, you should give her a complete family!”

Roxanne felt guilty when she heard the boys’ words.

Archie is referring to himself, too. Ever since they were old enough to understand things, they’ve always wanted a daddy, but they never expressed their feelings because of me. Deep down, they must yearn for a complete family too! But...

Roxanne lifted her head and stared at Sonya, who was standing far away.

Sonya was standing in the corner where the light didn’t reach, and half of her body was concealed within the darkness.

The light shone on her face as she looked at Estella, her eyes filled with sorrow and distress.

However, when she met Roxanne’s eyes, her expression turned cold and indifferent yet again.

Roxanne looked away bitterly and regarded Archie and Benny, who were anxiously waiting for her answer. Guilt inundated her.

Her reckless decision years ago had turned the boys into monsters in the eyes of their biological grandmother.

Roxanne hoped Sonya would sincerely accept the two boys with open arms, and not only because they were part of the Farwell family.

“Mommy?” Archie and Benny called out anxiously when they noticed Roxanne remaining silent.

Roxanne returned to her senses. A look of conflict flashed across her eyes, but she quickly made up her mind.

She placed Estella back down and looked at the boys. “Bring Essie inside first.”

Archie and Benny seemed to have sensed something and stubbornly refused to leave.

Roxanne ruffled their hair in reassurance. “Don’t worry. I have already made a promise to Essie. We won’t ever be apart again.”

Archie gazed at his mother momentarily before turning to look at Benny and Estella. “Let’s go inside.”

Reluctance was written all over Benny and Estella’s faces when they heard that.

However, among the three of them, Archie was the decision-maker.

In the end, Benny and Estella gave in after a few moments of wordless stalemate.

Estella puffed her cheeks unhappily and held out her hand. “Mommy, pinky promise! We didn’t do it just now!”

Roxanne heaved a sigh of relief and smiled as she hooked her pinky finger with Estella’s.

Only then did the children turn and enter the mansion.

Roxanne turned around and calmly looked at the man before her as she took off the ring on her finger.

Upon seeing what she was doing, the other three people in the garden, including Cayden, changed their expressions in unison.

Cayden was totally baffled. I don’t understand. Now that things have come down to this, why is Mrs. Farwell still rejecting Mr. Farwell?

Sonya, on the other hand, let out a long sigh of relief.

Looks like Roxanne is still sensible enough to know that the Farwell family will not accept her!



Lucian watched as the woman took off the ring. His expression turned grim as bewilderment flashed across his eyes.

“Sorry, but I still need time to consider your proposal.”

Roxanne smiled apologetically. “I’m happy that Essie is my child, and I’m grateful that you took great care of her, but this shouldn’t be the reason we remarry.”

Lucian fixed his gaze on the woman before him and felt a sense of relief wash over him.

Indeed, my proposal was too sudden. I didn’t give her time to prepare herself mentally. Plus, I can’t compensate for all the harm I caused her six years ago in just one day.

## Chapter 1325

“Okay. I’ll wait for you.”

Lucian suppressed his disappointment and said, “You can take your time to think it over. There’s no rush. I’m willing to wait for as long as you need.”

He then glanced at the diamond ring in Roxanne’s hand. “I hope you can keep the ring. Put it on when you’ve thought it through. I’ll know your answer by then.”

Roxanne was touched when she heard that. The guilt she felt grew more intense as she said, “Thank you.”

She found it difficult to tell Lucian the reason she rejected him.

It wasn’t because she did not believe him but because she felt she had wronged Archie and Benny.

Cayden heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Roxanne keep the ring.

Looks like Mr. Farwell still stands a chance, and a good chance at that!

However, Sonya’s expression darkened.

I knew it! She’s leaving my son hanging! I’d never let someone like her become a part of the Farwell family!

Just as Sonya was thinking about how to make Roxanne give up, the latter suddenly walked toward her.

She scrunched her eyebrows and stared at the younger woman unhappily. “Why did you come over here? So what if Lucian proposed to you? I’d never accept you as part of our family!”

Roxanne grinned. "Mrs. Farwell, I'm not expecting you to change your impression of me so easily either. I just hope you would treat Archie and Benny better for Essie's sake. After all, they're just children. If there's anything, please come after me instead."

Sonya looked at Roxanne suspiciously when she heard the latter's words.

What does she mean by that? Why do I have to treat those two b\*stards better for Essie's sake? Just because she gave birth to Estella doesn't mean she can act all high and mighty before me!

Sonya's expression turned grim when her train of thought ended there. "I don't need you to tell me what I should or should not do!"

Helplessness flashed past Roxanne's eyes, but she did not say anything more as she turned around and entered the mansion.

Lucian followed after her.

Meanwhile, the children were worried about the result of their parents' discussion as they sat on the couch with frowns marring their countenances.

They looked toward Lucian and Roxanne in unison when they saw them walking in.

"Mommy!"

The children jumped down the couch in an orderly manner and ran toward Roxanne excitedly.

The light in their eyes dimmed when they noticed that the ring on Roxanne's finger was gone. They exchanged glances with each other wordlessly, refusing to be the first to talk.

In the end, Mommy still didn't say yes to Daddy...

Archie and Benny glanced at each other, their eyes filled with disappointment.

When can we change the way we address Mr. Farwell? We really want a daddy...

Taking note of the children's disappointment, Roxanne felt sorry for them but did not know how to explain it to them.

After a moment of silence, she changed the topic abruptly. "It's getting late. We should go home."

Initially, if things had gone according to Lucian's plan and the proposal had been a success, Roxanne would have stayed the night at the manor.

However, since she rejected him, she had no reason to stay any longer.

The children got even more upset when they heard that Roxanne wanted to leave.

Roxanne frowned as she stared at the children's expressions, troubled.

Just as she was wondering how she should persuade the kids, Lucian suddenly spoke up. "Let Essie go home with you tonight. You've just reunited with each other as mother and daughter, so I'm sure Essie is reluctant to part with you."

The children's eyes lit up when they heard that.

Estella looked up at Roxanne with wide eyes that were filled with hope.

Roxanne had the same thought, but she did not expect Lucian to suggest it first.

Smiling, she bent over to pick Estella up. "Of course, you will come home with me, Essie. I promised you we won't ever be apart again."

## Chapter 1326

"I'll send you guys home."

Wearing a tender expression, Lucian stared at his four loved ones, who were visibly happy.

The children were over the moon when they heard that Lucian would be sending them home, so much so that they could not help but cheer out loud.

Initially, Roxanne was hesitant about Lucian's suggestion. However, when she saw how happy the children were and the man's affectionate gaze, she could not bring herself to turn him down.

Carrying Estella with one arm, she was about to reach out and take the boys' hands when Lucian bent down to pick them up.

"Wow! It's so tall!"

Excitement was written all over Benny's face when Lucian carried him.

Archie obediently stayed put in Lucian's arms, struggling to suppress his excitement.

Roxanne could not help but smile when she saw how exhilarated the boys were. She picked up her pace and trailed behind Lucian.

When Sonya entered the manor, Roxanne and the others were already gone.

“Where’s Lucian?” she asked Catalina coldly.

Sonya was unhappy to witness Lucian’s proposal to Roxanne and wanted to have a chat with her son.

A sense of relief washed over Catalina when she thought of the rare happy smiles etched across Lucian and Roxanne’s faces when they left.

“Mr. Farwell just left, but I’m afraid I don’t know where he went,” she replied vaguely.

Sonya was no fool, and she wouldn’t just let the matter go. As such, she narrowed her eyes and pressed on. “How about Roxanne?”

Catalina instantly felt uneasy. However, she had no choice but to speak the truth. “She went home.”

Sonya’s expression darkened when she heard that.

Roxanne is going home at this late hour. Do I even need to ask where my son went? He must’ve sent that woman home! She rejected his proposal, yet he’s still treating her so well!

Sonya’s rage boiled over when she thought of the possibility that Lucian had brought Estella along.

Why is the son that I raised so eager to please this woman? To make matters worse, it’s a woman that rejected him twice!

That fact alone was enough for Sonya to forbid Roxanne from stepping foot into the Farwell residence again.

Deep down, Catalina heaved a sigh when she saw Sonya’s grim, infuriated expression.

Sometimes, she wanted to help Lucian convince Sonya, but she was merely a servant, and she was aware that Sonya looked down on her.

Thus, nothing she said would be of any help.

Catalina was mindful not to add fuel to the fire as she carefully spoke. “Mrs. Farwell, it’s getting late. Please rest early!”

Sonya shot her an icy glare. “Don’t think I don’t know you’re Roxanne’s accomplice!”

Catalina bowed her head and kept quiet.

After a while, she heard Sonya’s heavy footsteps walking toward the entrance.

Catalina panicked and hurried over. "Mrs. Farwell, where are you going? Mr. Farwell instructed me to let you stay the night here since it's late."

Sonya stopped in her tracks and, without even looking over her shoulder, replied, "What? Are you worried that I'll go pick on Roxanne? It's so late. I don't care if she's not tired. I am!"

Catalina felt puzzled when she heard that.

Then where is she storming away to?

"How can I fall asleep watching my son jump into a trap?" Sonya huffed angrily.

With that, she marched out of the manor.

This time, Catalina did not get in her way.

She only wished Sonya would come around as soon as possible and realize that Lucian and Estella's happiness was of utmost importance.

Ever since Roxanne returned, Lucian, who was usually aloof and indifferent, started to express more of his emotions.

Estella's autistic condition was gradually improving as well.

This family needs Ms. Jarvis...

## **Chapter 1327**

In the meantime, Lucian was driving Roxanne and the kids back to Roxanne's place. Roxanne felt uneasy throughout the whole ride, for she assumed the man had something to say because he was driving unusually slowly.

However, as the car slowly came to a stop in front of the mansion, Lucian still remained silent. The woman's anxiousness was replaced with confusion.

In contrast, the kids were chattering and having fun at the back. When the car stopped, they didn't cease playing as they hopped off the vehicle and chased each other around in the yard.

As soon as the kids were out of hearing range, Roxanne asked, "Do you have something to say to me?"

She thought Lucian felt uncomfortable talking to her in front of the children.

Yet, the man merely smiled at her. "I just wanted to stay with you guys for a little longer, that's all."

He gazed at Roxanne and continued with a sigh, "I don't know when you'll give me an answer, and I'm worried that you'll run away again. You won't run away again, will you?"

A glint of guilt flashed across her eyes as her lips curved into a sheepish smile. "I won't. I already promised you that I'll think about it, so I'll definitely give you an answer."

Relief flooded Lucian when he heard her words. He slowly rolled the window back up. "Rest early. Good night."

Roxanne waved him goodbye with a smile. "Drive safe."

After sending Lucian off, she turned to look at the three kids helplessly.

The kids were fooling around, huddling closely together as they had fun.

Archie and Benny embraced Estella excitedly. "Yay, we won't have to be apart anymore! You're our sister! We'll treat you a thousand times, no, a million times, better than before!"

Estella's eyes squinted as a wide smile spread across her face. "I'll do the same to you both!"

After declaring their promises, they ran to Roxanne's side.

Roxanne bent down and gave the trio a big hug. "All right. It's getting late. Let's go to bed."

The kids weren't done playing but realized it was indeed late, so they obediently followed their mother into the house.

"We want to sleep with Mommy and Essie too!" the boys protested in front of Roxanne's bedroom.

Estella, too, looked up at Roxanne with puppy eyes, hoping Roxanne would let them all sleep together.

That was Roxanne's first time facing such a situation.

Ever since Archie and Benny were old enough, they had always slept in a separate room from her, and Roxanne had gotten used to that.

She didn't expect the boys to oppose their sleeping arrangements one day.

"You're boys. Boys are different from girls, so you can't sleep with Essie," she patiently explained to the kids.

Even though they were still young, Roxanne figured she had to teach them about gender differences as early as possible.

The kids exchanged disappointed glances with each other. Knowing they couldn't refute their mother, they obediently complied, "Okay, then."

Roxanne noted their disappointment and comforted, "Essie will always be with us. You can see her anytime you want to, so it isn't necessary to sleep together."

The children's mood brightened again at her reassurance.

Roxanne heaved a relieved breath as she watched Archie and Benny return to their room. As she led Estella back to hers, she caught the excitement shining in Estella's eyes. Estella kept calling her "Mommy" over and over again as though to prove she wasn't dreaming.

Roxanne patiently acknowledged her each time.

"I also have a mommy now!"

Estella leaped into Roxanne's embrace after coming out of the shower, smelling like baby soap.

Roxanne caught the little girl and chuckled. "You have always had a mommy. It's just that I haven't found you earlier. Now that I found you, I'll never let you go."

## **Chapter 1328**

In the meantime, Archie and Benny had switched off the lights and were lying on their beds in the darkness, but they couldn't fall asleep.

Benny climbed out of bed and crossed the room to Archie's bedside. "Archie, say. Do you know why Mommy doesn't want to marry Daddy?" he asked as he shook Archie's arm.

Archie sat up with a troubled look on his face. "I don't know either."

He paused for a beat before the corners of his lips curled into a smile. "But we found our sister! Isn't that great?" he exclaimed as though to console Benny and himself.

Benny nodded fervently in agreement.

They had always thought Estella was their half-sister who shared a father with them. It was such a pleasant surprise to find out they shared the same parents.

That also meant their father had never cheated on their mother, and they were the ones who misunderstood Lucian from the start.

Their hearts soared with joy at the thought.

“But when will Mommy tell Daddy we’re also his children?”

Recalling how Lucian lifted them into his arms earlier, Benny couldn’t hide his disappointment. “I also want to be like Essie. I want to have a mommy and a daddy. I don’t want to call Daddy ‘Mr. Farwell’ anymore.”

Daddy could lift us up so high into the air.

Archie missed his father’s embrace as well but chose to put himself in his mother’s shoes. “Maybe Mommy has her own plans?”

Benny frowned as he speculated, “Do you think it’s because of Mr. Damaris? Mommy is close to him. He even gave her flowers. Do you think Mommy wants Mr. Damaris to be our daddy?”

Benny pursed his lips unhappily before continuing, “I like Daddy more! Daddy is more handsome than Mr. Damaris, and he cares for Mommy more than Mr. Damaris does!”

Archie pondered briefly before shaking his head and disagreeing with Benny. “I don’t think so. Mommy only considers Mr. Damaris a friend at most.”

After Mommy accepted Daddy, there is a massive difference in the way Mommy interacts with Mr. Damaris and Daddy. The look in Mommy’s eyes whenever she looks at Daddy is different from when she looks at Mr. Damaris.

Hearing Archie’s disagreement, Benny felt even more perplexed. “Then why didn’t Mommy say yes to Daddy?”

Archie suddenly remembered Roxanne did reach out her hand when Lucian proposed, but she quickly withdrew her hand upon hearing their grandmother’s coughing.

Realization dawned upon him when his train of thought ended there. He finally understood what his mother was thinking. “I got it!”

His eyes were gleaming brightly, but his eyebrows were furrowed. He felt bad for his mother.



Noticing the change in Archie's expression, Benny hurriedly held onto Archie's arm. "Why? Tell me."

Archie turned to Benny with a solemn look on his face. "It's because of Grandma. She still hasn't accepted Mommy and us. Mommy doesn't want us to suffer with her, so she rejected Daddy."

The light in Benny's eyes dimmed when he heard Archie's explanation. His heart clenched for his mother, too.

Indeed, Grandma's attitude toward us and Mommy has always been terrible. I don't understand why, though. What did Mommy ever do wrong to deserve such hatred from Grandma? Mommy is the best mother in the world in my eyes. I'm sure she felt pressured to reject Daddy because of Grandma. But she never tells us these. She keeps everything to herself. What should we do to get Grandma to accept Mommy?

## Chapter 1329

Even though Roxanne and Estella had been by each other's side a lot recently, their feelings toward each other were much different from before after the truth was revealed.

Roxanne had so much she wanted to tell her lost daughter. Similarly, Estella had a lot she wanted to say to her mother.

The two lay in bed and chatted endlessly, never running out of topics to talk to each other about.

"I drew a lot of pictures of me and my mommy, but none of those mommies in the pictures were as pretty as you."

Estella looked at Roxanne with glee in her eyes, her smile so sweet and lovely that it softened Roxanne's heart. "Now that I found you, can you draw pictures with me, Mommy?"

Roxanne's heart nearly melted into a puddle at her question. "Sure. Let's do everything together!"

Estella's eyes sparkled with delight. "Archie and Benny too! I want to do everything with them too!"

Roxanne promised with a laugh, "Archie and Benny will be by your side too."

"Mommy," Estella suddenly whispered into Roxanne's ear.

Playing along with the little girl, Roxanne put on a curious expression. "What's wrong?"

Estella said softly, "Can you tell me who is Archie's and Benny's daddy?"

Even though Mommy and Daddy are already together, I still wish they can progress to the next stage. I know this is something that's been bothering Daddy.

The smile on Roxanne's face stiffened ever so slightly when she heard Estella's question.

Archie's and Benny's father... How am I supposed to tell Essie that she and the boys share the same parents? If I tell her the truth, will she ask why I refused to say yes to Lucian even though we are an actual family in the first place?

Despite knowing that Estella wouldn't have thought of that question with her current level of intellect, Roxanne still couldn't help worrying about it.

"Archie's and Benny's daddy... You'll know who he is in the future." Roxanne gently caressed Estella's head, her tone laced with guilt.

Disappointment crossed Estella's face when she didn't get the answer she wanted.

But no matter who their father is, we will only share one daddy in the future!

With that thought in mind, Estella was once again filled with joy. "Then can they please come over so we could all sleep together?" she pleaded with an adorable voice.

Roxanne was about to decline the little girl's request when the latter burrowed deeper into her embrace. "I feel bad for them. I have a daddy and a mommy, but they only have a mommy."

Roxanne was instantly guilt-ridden when Estella mentioned the absence of the boys' father.

As penitence got the better of her, she sighed internally and decided to make an exception just this one time.

"Go on. Get your brothers to come over."

Roxanne watched Estella put on her pajama and led her to the boys' room.

In the boys' room, Archie and Benny were sitting on Archie's bed with looks of frustration on their faces.

When they heard the knock on their door, they quickly concealed their troubled expressions before letting Roxanne enter.

"You boys haven't slept yet? Good. Come over to our room, and let's sleep together."

Roxanne was confused when she saw the boys sitting on Archie's bed but didn't comment on it. "But you have to put on your pajamas."

Elation immediately replaced the boys' gloomy mood. They put on cute cow onesies before hopping to Roxanne's room in excitement.

The three kids got even more worked up than they already were as they gathered together.

Roxanne was already exhausted, but the children were still up and playing.

She regretted her decision of letting the kids sleep in the same room.

But since they're already here, I can't go back on my word. All I can do is stay up with them.

The children finally fell asleep at midnight.

## Chapter 1330

When Roxanne woke up the next morning, the kids were huddled together in a tangle of limbs, hugging each other as they slept soundly. She had no idea how they ended up like that, but they showed no signs of waking up.

Warmth spread in Roxanne's chest as she watched them sleep like babies.

Essie, my baby girl. I'm not dreaming. My daughter is really back!

Roxanne planted a kiss on each of their foreheads before heading downstairs to prepare breakfast for them.

As her tumultuous emotions began to calm, she belatedly recalled something important.

Estella was born with Archie and Benny, but why was she sent to Lucian? Yet I was completely clueless about the whole incident. Also, it was evident from Lucian and Sonya's attitudes that they didn't know what happened either.

The possible reason behind it sent chills down Roxanne's spine.

Who could've done such a thing? What was that person's motive for doing so?

In the meantime, chaos erupted all over Horington when the news was revealed.

As one of the prestigious families in Horington, the Pearson family was prominent and capable. Coupled with the marriage contract they shared with the Farwell family, their status in society had always been stable.

However, the shares of one of the Pearson family's branch companies' plummeted overnight. Numerous comments and discussions regarding the incident flooded the internet.

One netizen commented: I heard the Pearson family has offended the Farwell family. This is the consequence of their action.

Another refuted: No way! The Farwell family and the Pearson family have a marriage contract with each other. They're basically one big family. Why would the Farwell family go up against the Pearson family?

One supplemented: You guys haven't heard about it? I heard through the grapevine that the Farwell family has long since planned to annul the marriage, and the Pearson family has been begging them not to.

That comment attracted more attention from the public.

Meanwhile, Archie and Benny had just woken up in Roxanne's place.

Archie habitually glimpsed at the stock market news to check the latest rise and fall of shares. As he flipped through the articles, he accidentally noticed the plummeting of shares of a Pearson family-affiliated corporation.

Many shareholders were discussing the matter on the internet.

Archie's expression shifted subtly at the news.

Catching the look on his brother's face, Benny walked over to his side in confusion.

Archie tilted the screen to Benny, showing him the news.

"Whoa!" Benny's eyes sparkled. "Is it Daddy's doing?"

Archie tilted his head to the side. "Who else could it be?"

Benny rubbed his palms together in exhilaration. "No, this isn't enough. I have to add fuel to the fire. How dare that evil woman bully Mommy!"

He then reached for Archie's computer, his fingers furiously typing away on the keyboard, writing a long comment.

Before long, the discussion on the internet took a new turn.

A comment read: Have any of you heard? The daughter of the Pearson family is actually a homewrecker!

Another netizen commented: That's right! I heard she was the one who forced the legitimate wife away. I wonder what means she used to secure a marriage engagement with the Farwell family. No wonder the Farwell family delayed the wedding for so long!

Someone typed a question: What about now?

One of the netizens responded: The wife is back! Mr. Farwell repented and turned over a new leaf. Naturally, the homewrecker needs to be kicked out of the house!

That discussion soon reigned over the other speculations, and the netizens started condemning Aubree.

One of the netizens typed: Homewreckers are shameless!

Another netizen commented: I can't believe she has the audacity to meddle in someone else's marriage! How shameless!

A satisfied smile formed on Benny's lips as he read the public's comments about Aubree.

Hmph! Evil woman! That'll show you for calling Mommy a homewrecker! You're the one who's the homewrecker!

## Chapter 1331

"Mr. Farwell!"

At Farwell Group, the staff in charge of publishing comments on the internet noticed a shift in the trend of the public's opinion, so he hurriedly went to seek further instruction from Lucian.

Lucian glanced at the screen and furrowed his brows.

He saw the internet was flooded with speculations about his relationship with Roxanne and criticisms toward Aubree.

"We didn't do this. We merely released some news about the Pearson family. This statement mentioning the original spouse came out of nowhere. Should we attempt to sway the public opinion again?" the employee hurriedly explained.

Lucian rejected the suggestion. "That's not needed. Just let it be. Find out where the statement about the original spouse stemmed from."

The employee replied guiltily, "I investigated the source, but the information was leaked from a virtual IP address that does not correspond to a physical network interface..."

Hearing that, Lucian narrowed his eyes and was immediately reminded of the previous incident involving Pearson Group's computer malfunction.

Farwell Group's technicians were considered one of the best in their expertise. Even so, they failed to find out the mastermind's identity.

Could it be the same person this time? After all, that person scolded Aubree as an evil woman last time and is now sparking discussions on the internet about Aubree being a homewrecker. Homewrecker...

At the thought of that term, Archie and Benny's faces flashed across Lucian's mind.

Nevertheless, he quickly dismissed the idea. Those two boys are still so young. How could they be capable of accomplishing something like this? If the same person didn't orchestrate these incidents, and my technicians fail to track the masterminds down on both occasions, I think it's time for Farwell Group to hire new people.

He recollected his thoughts and instructed solemnly, "I got it. Ignore this matter for now. Update me again if there are any more changes in the trend."

The employee let out an inward sigh of relief before promptly agreeing.

Soon, opinions of varying stances appeared online.

A netizen wrote: Let's not make random guesses without evidence to support our claim. The two families have yet to announce anything, right?

Another commented: That's right. Don't forget that Mr. Farwell had personally accompanied Ms. Pearson to the hospital and stayed by her side throughout the night before. There's no way he would've done something like that if not out of true love.

After seeing that, Benny was speechless and at a loss for what to do. Daddy hasn't made any official announcement, so I don't suppose I can do that on his behalf, right?

Hence, he could only tap on his keyboard furiously to delete all the comments rooting for Aubree.

Still, the netizens posted more, no matter how many comments he deleted. Some people were even convinced by the remarks and switched sides to support Aubree.

Benny sulked as he couldn't remove all the distasteful comments in time.

Yet, all of a sudden, the phrase "Marriage Engagement Between the Farwell and Pearson Family" suddenly entered the trending list. The word "Hot" was added in red capital letters at the back of the title.

After clicking into the title, more astonishing descriptions were displayed before Benny's eyes: Farwell Group declared the marriage engagement with the Pearson family had been canceled from today onward! The reason behind the Pearson family's overnight downfall is shocking!

Benny was taken aback.

Following the statement released by Farwell Group, those posts discussing Lucian harboring true love toward Aubree gradually quieted down.

A netizen even commented: Rumor has it Mr. Farwell brought his original spouse to the hospital and took care of her all night, not Aubree.

The netizen also deliberately attached the picture from the newspaper the other day and a photo of Aubree's profile for comparison.

Upon scrutiny, although the person's identity couldn't be determined through the blurry profile, she was undoubtedly not Aubree.

One netizen wrote: Although this is all we can see, I must say the original spouse's facial features look prettier.

Another commented: Oh my! I've been complimenting the original spouse all along. She's so gorgeous and is a match made in heaven with Mr. Farwell!

Subsequently, the public's view on the internet did a one-eighty.

All of a sudden, Roxanne and Aubree became two starkly contrasting figures in the netizens' opinion.

## **Chapter 1332**

Meanwhile, at the Pearson residence, Aubree locked herself inside her room without consuming any food or water upon returning from the Farwell residence.

A single thought filled her mind for the entire day. I'm doomed. No one can save me this time. My life is completely ruined! I can't believe that b\*tch, Roxanne, told Lucian to let the police handle this matter. I'd rather die than spend the rest of my life in prison.

The more she dwelled on that, the more furious and terrified she became.

As a result, Aubree didn't pay any attention to the news on the internet.

Samuel currently loved and hated his daughter at the same time.

Aubree was his only daughter, so how could he have the heart to send her to jail?

If she hadn't done those foolish things, the Pearson family wouldn't have met its downfall.

Early in the morning, the person in charge of each of Pearson Group's branch companies flooded his phone with calls.

All of them informed him about their companies' stocks crashing out of control, and all their business partners requested to dissolve their collaborations.

Regardless of how much Samuel cared for Aubree as her father, the fatherly affection he harbored toward her gradually dissipated as he answered each call.

While he was boiling with rage, Gina, wearing a tear-stained face, rushed into the study.

"Samuel, bad news. Hurry up and look at this. How can these people on the internet criticize our family and Aubree in this manner?"

Gina wept almost immediately after reading the news on her phone that morning.

The Pearson family had never endured such humiliation since they established their presence in Horington many years ago.

Grimacing, Samuel took her phone and glanced at the screen.

He tightened his grip around the device when he read how the netizens berated the Pearson family to the extent of almost crushing the phone with his hand.

Unfilial daughter! That unfilial daughter! Does she realize how much trouble she has brought to the Pearson family?

"What should we do now, Samuel?" Gina gazed imploringly at her husband in a daze.

Samuel was still mad, and in a fit of rage, he shoved her, causing the latter to fall to the ground. "All you know how to do is cry! You're useless during desperate times."

With that, he stormed toward Aubree's room and banged on her door.

In a state of shock, Aubree showed no inclination to open the door.

The next second, the sound of someone kicking the door reverberated suddenly.

Samuel booted the door as he scolded in a rage, "B\*stard! Come out here and see the mess you made! What did I tell you yesterday? I asked you to go to the Farwell residence and apologize nicely. What did you do instead, you incompetent trash? You could've secured the position of Mrs. Farwell instead of letting Roxanne seize the opportunity if you didn't act on your own accord!"



If she hadn't treated Essie insincerely, the kid wouldn't have refused to accept her even after so long, and Lucian wouldn't have delayed fulfilling his promise to marry Aubree for six years!

The more Samuel thought about it, the angrier he got.

Overwhelmed by wrath, he successfully kicked down the door.

Aubree's heart sank when she saw her father standing at the doorway with bloodshot eyes. He didn't behave like this when I came home yesterday. Something must've happened again.

"What's the matter, Dad? What happened?" She gazed at her father in panic, wanting to inquire if the police were there to look for her.

Before she could do so, Samuel interrupted her, "How dare you ask that question! Look at what you've done!"

He flung the phone at her as he spoke.

Aubree dodged on instinct, preventing the phone from hitting the corner of her eye.

She picked up the device and glanced at the screen.

The discussions on the internet continued refreshing, and the comments about the Pearson family latching onto the Farwell family had sunk to the bottom of the page.

Displayed before Aubree's eyes were everyone's compliments toward Roxanne and their disdain toward Aubree as the homewrecker.

## Chapter 1333

"Ah!" cried out Aubree as she violently threw the phone in her hand away. "I'll ensure that b\*tch, Roxanne, regrets the day she was born! She must be the one responsible. She has to be!"

With that, Aubree was about to rush out when Samuel stopped her in her tracks.

"Idiot! Have you forgotten about what happened at the Farwell residence yesterday? Do you actually think it's a good idea to confront Roxanne now?" rebuked Samuel.

Aubree seemed even madder after listening to that. "You're my father! Can you really sit by and do nothing while those people cursed at me online? Since our family has nothing left to lose, I'm going to drag that b\*tch down to the abyss with me!"

At that point, Samuel could no longer hold his anger in, so he slapped his daughter so hard that she fell into her bed. "You're the reason our family is ruined, yet you show no remorse! In fact, you seem more than ready to repeat your mistakes. Now you listen to me well. I don't care if you have to kneel before Lucian or grovel at his feet; you will convince the man to stop keeping our family in his crosshair because you're responsible for this mess! Otherwise, nobody can save you!"

If the Pearson family were to crumble and his daughter was to be subjected to legal procedures by then, Samuel would not be able to do anything even if he wanted to.

Nevertheless, all Aubree could hear after getting smacked was the buzzing sound in her ear.

When she finally regained her hearing, the first thing she heard was her father telling her to kneel before Lucian and apologize.

"Fine! I'll beg for Lucian's mercy. I'll go right away!" responded Aubree with nothing but hate in her eyes, and after giving her father a cold glance, she got up and rushed out of the room.

With his eyebrows tightly knitted, Samuel could not help but feel worried when he thought of the look in Aubree's eyes before she left.

Still, there was not much he could do about Aubree, given the situation of his family.

"Aubree!" Gina just so happened to see the swollen-faced Aubree storm out of the room when she arrived at the scene.

"Hey, hold up! Calm down! Where are you going?" questioned Gina while trying to catch up with Aubree.

Aubree, however, turned a deaf ear as she rushed out of the house before zooming off in her car.

After witnessing that, Gina returned to the room in a panic to speak to Samuel. "What is Aubree planning to do? Is she going to do something stupid again? You have to stop her!"

"You're the reason she's who she is today, so you should figure it out yourself!" uttered Samuel, who was already having an unbearable headache, before striding into the study and slamming the door shut.

Left alone in Aubree's messy bedroom to stare at the door Samuel had kicked down and the smashed phone, Gina burst into tears.

There was a grimness in Aubree's eyes when she finally floored the brakes after driving for quite a distance. He expects me to apologize to Lucian? In his dreams! This is all that b\*tch's fault, so why do I have to be the one to apologize? I swear I'll make Roxanne pay!

Nevertheless, the Pearson family had already run out of resources they could use, so after some thought, Aubree took out her phone and tried to call Frieda.

When she failed to reach Frieda after several attempts, Aubree sneered and decided to send the woman a message instead: Don't forget that we're in the same boat! So far, Lucian knows I added the bacteria, but he has no idea where it came from. How much better do you think your family will do than mine after he finds out about that?

In less than a minute after the text message was sent, Aubree received a call from Frieda.

## Chapter 1334

"Aubree, I only noticed your missed calls now because I was in the shower. What's up?" Frieda sounded very concerned.

It was as if the engagement between the Farwells and the Pearsons was never canceled, and they were still on good terms.

Aubree knew that Frieda only called because of the message she had sent, but since she still needed Frieda's help, she decided to play along.

With that thought in mind, Aubree coldly bit her lower lip. "Nothing much. Seeing how we haven't seen each other for a few days, I wanted to ask you out."

Frieda hesitated for a few seconds, but because of Aubree's threat, she had no choice but to agree to the woman's request.

She wanted to follow Jonathan's advice, but what happened to the Pearsons was too shocking to ignore.

Frieda worried that her family would be in trouble if Aubree really did sell her out.

After confirming the place to meet, the two ended the phone call.

Then, Frieda got changed and was about to walk out the door when she bumped into Jonathan.

"Where are you going?" Jonathan gazed suspiciously at his sister.

In response, Frieda plastered on a smile. “Nowhere. I’ve stayed home for too long, so I wanted to go for a walk.”

Jonathan was still unconvinced, however. “I don’t care if you have to stay home for another few days! Just look at those comments online. You’d better stay away from Aubree if you don’t want our family to end up like hers!”

Standing still and staring coldly at Frieda, Jonathan had no intention of getting out of his sister’s way.

On top of feeling guilty, Frieda was afraid to meet Aubree then, so she nodded meekly and returned to her room.

Nonetheless, she eventually gave in to her anxiety and called Aubree. “My brother’s not letting me leave the house...”

“I bet he doesn’t want you to meet me because he has no idea what you did!” voiced Aubree through gritted teeth.

Frieda nodded guiltily. “I can’t let him know. Otherwise, he’ll kill me before Lucian does!”

“Does that mean you’re not afraid that Lucian will find out?” sneered Aubree.

After being rendered speechless for a moment, Frieda hurriedly reassured Aubree of her loyalty to the woman. “I believe you, Aubree, and I’ll do my best to help you in any way I can. However—”

“Don’t worry. I won’t tell Lucian even if the plan fails, but you have to be a part of it,” interrupted Aubree unceremoniously as though she knew what Frieda wanted to say.

Frieda finally breathed a sigh of relief after hearing that. “What do you need me to do?”

On the other side, Aubree was sitting alone in the corner of a café.

Because of how widespread the online public opinion was, almost everyone in Horington was discussing the matter.

In fact, it was difficult to find anyone who did not recognize Aubree.

Even the waiter who served her coffee gave her a dirty look.

Aubree could not help but harden her face when reminded of her situation. “How have things developed on the internet?”

After turning on her computer, Frieda was unsure how to reply to Aubree because the truth about Roxanne was close to becoming public knowledge.

Almost everyone was praising Roxanne for her beauty and kindness and saying what a perfect match she was for Lucian.

On the other hand, Aubree, who used to be put on a pedestal, became a laughingstock overnight.

Some even said that Aubree made up the story that she was Lucian's first crush.

"What's going on?" Aubree's heart sank when she heard nothing but silence from the other end of the line.

## Chapter 1335

Frieda could just imagine Aubree's face after the latter read the comments even though they were only speaking over the phone.

She said dryly, "You should take a look for yourself, Aubree..."

Aubree turned on the speakerphone and opened her social media app grimly.

Someone commented: Aubree is shameless. How dare she claim to be Mr. Farwell's first crush when she's really just a homewrecker? If he truly had feelings for her, why would he have married his original spouse?

Another seconded: That's right. Whatever feelings Mr. Farwell had for his first crush would have been gone by now after six long years. Moreover, Mr. Farwell acts as if he doesn't even know her. If you ask me, his original spouse is his first crush. Aubree is just a nobody.

The comments were scathing and merciless, leaving no room for doubt about the netizens' disdain toward Aubree.

Aubree had to muster up all her energy to resist the urge to throw her phone across the room.

"Roxanne, that b\*tch!" she cursed through gritted teeth.

Frieda tried to calm her down. "Calm down, Aubree. There's no point getting angry about this right now."

She was worried that Aubree might do something foolish and drag herself into it.

Aubree took a few deep breaths before she spoke again. "Do you know any public relations company? I'm going to make that b\*tch pay for what she said."

Frieda hesitated upon hearing this.

How is this any different from what she did the last time? I'm still the one who's handing the knife over to her as she commits murder. I'll be a goner if either Jonathan or Lucian finds out.

"Just let it slide, Aubree. Where are you going to get the money to recruit the help of a public relations company with the state your family is in right now?"

She tried to dissuade Aubree.

However, Aubree saw through her right away. "I'll contact them myself. Don't worry. I won't get you involved. As for the money, I can afford it."

I'll do everything in my power to expose that b\*tch's true colors to the world.

Frieda reluctantly gave her a number, having no reason to reject her at this point.

Aubree didn't say anything anymore after getting what she wanted. She hung up the call and contacted the public relations company.

"Hello, what kind of business collaboration are you looking for?" came the prompt response from the other end.

Aubree said through gritted teeth, "I want you to spread the news about the original spouse of Farwell Group's CEO."

The scandal involving the Farwells had caused a huge uproar online. It was only natural for a professional public relations firm to be aware of it.

The person on the other end of the line immediately became cautious when he heard Aubree's request. "And you are?"

Aubree replied coldly, "Aubree Pearson."

Hearing that, the other party ended the call immediately.

Aubree dialed the number again through clenched teeth, her face darkening. "I'll pay you thirty million to post the news. It's not fake, I promise."

The other party's resolve started to waver when they heard the offer of such a large sum. However, they still didn't dare to take the risk.

"Fifty million! I'll pay you ten million more when everything is over, so sixty million in total!" Aubree added.

Aubree had prepared the fifty million Cory requested back then, but little did she know she would be using the money for this instead of what she had intended.

In the end, the other party gave in to the temptation of money and agreed to her terms after much hesitation. "Okay. What do you want us to post?"

Aubree's gaze turned icy as she delivered the message she had prepared beforehand.

## Chapter 1336

Archie and Benny chuckled in delight as the public view tilted in favor of their mother.

Estella woke up and rubbed her eyes groggily. "Archie, Benny, what are you guys doing?"

Archie and Benny closed their laptop immediately when they heard Estella's voice. They shook their heads in unison. "It's nothing. We're just browsing the stock market."

They decided to handle the chaos that was going down online themselves. Estella had no need to get involved.

Estella felt that something was off as she stared at the boys.

However, nothing came to mind, as she was still groggy from her sleep. She took a moment to gather her thoughts before getting out of bed to wash up.

Archie and Benny wanted to continue monitoring the online discussion, but Roxanne called them down for breakfast.

After Estella washed up, they put their laptop away and went down.

Roxanne noticed that her two boys were in high spirits during breakfast and couldn't help but ask, "What's the occasion?"

Archie and Benny exchanged looks and replied, "Nothing special. We're just glad to have our sister back."

Estella nodded enthusiastically in agreement. "I'm very happy too!"

Roxanne didn't dwell further on the matter upon hearing that. Her heart warmed as she stared at the kids' smiling faces.

She scooped some food onto their plates. "I'll take you out for some fun after breakfast, okay?"

It's been a while since I took them out after the last incident. Besides, I've found my little darling this time around.

Roxanne would always be reminded of the child she had lost whenever she took Archie and Benny out to play.

However, her dream had finally come true, as she had found her missing daughter.

The kids were overjoyed when they heard Roxanne was going to take them out to have some fun. "Okay!" they shouted in unison.

Roxanne couldn't help but smile. Their happiness was contagious.

At the same time, Aubree managed to bribe her way through the public relations firm and was posting anything and everything about Roxanne on the world wide web, causing the public's view of Roxanne to shift drastically once again.

Someone wrote: His original spouse? You mean Roxanne Jarvis? Haven't you read the news? Her research institute was provided with the opportunity to join the Damarises' project because of her relationship with Jack Damaris. Women like her can't be trusted.

Another commented: You can still find pictures of Roxanne and Jack having dinner online. They have yet to clarify matters up till now. She's just another one of those b\*tches in the medical industry if you ask me.

Various posts defaming Roxanne started to pop up. At the same time, others still believed in Roxanne and thought the scandal between her and Jack was just mere speculation. Lucian's decision to call off his engagement told them everything they needed to know.

However, soon after, another piece of scandal erupted on the internet again.

The netizens started discussing again. Someone wrote: Rumors have it that Roxanne already has two kids aged around four to five. It has only been six years since she left the Farwells. Who fathered her children? It couldn't be Mr. Farwell, could it?

Another replied: That would be an understatement. Roxanne left the Farwells on her own accord back then. Who knows? Maybe she left because she had gotten herself pregnant and was worried that she wouldn't be able to explain herself. She's probably back to get her hands on the Farwells' wealth now that her children have grown up.

A third agreed: That is entirely possible. She must be really good at scheming if that's the case. Who knows? She might have played dirty tricks to make Mr. Farwell call off his engagement with Ms. Pearson.

After the public discovered that Roxanne had two mysterious children, they began to turn their backs on her.