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Chapter 151 Who Dares To Ignore Him

Roxanne guessed what Lucian was planning and could not help but anticipate what Estella would say.

Although she was disappointed to see Estella taking a pencil and paper from her bag, she did not show it in her expression. "Don't worry. Estella has just started to improve and still needs time to stabilize. She probably only speaks when she is excited about something. So, let's be patient."

Lucian nodded quietly.

He found himself agreeing with Roxanne. The fact that Estella said something was already a good development. Thus, he should not demand too much but let her improve naturally.

Estella wrote for a while and took some time to think. Then, she finally answered all their questions.

Lucian and Benny listened to her attentively and gave encouraging responses.

The beluga whale performance came to an end, but the three children were still reluctant to leave.

Roxanne saw that there was still time and continued to let them play in the marine park.

Lucian was not sure why he came here today. Thus, he followed behind them and accompanied Roxanne and the children as they tour around the marine park.

During this time, the three children kept pulling Roxanne with them as they ran around. They seemed to have forgotten about Lucian.

Lucian looked at how happy they were and had an inexplicable sense that they had forgotten him.

It was bad enough that Roxanne, Archie, and Benny ignored him. Even Estella had forgotten about him.

Meanwhile, Cayden had received instructions not to disturb them. Therefore, he followed behind Lucian quietly from a distance.

He had witnessed Lucian being left out by his family a few times. Yet, Lucian would always follow them quietly. Thus, Cayden could not help but pity him.

Mr. Farwell had never suffered such indignity. Everyone in Horington knew the Farwell Group. Who would dare to ignore him? Perhaps only these four people before him.

Lucian could vaguely sense that it was Archie and Benny who excluded him. Ultimately, they were still unhappy over the conversation during dinner that night.

Lucian did not expect them to still hold a grudge over the matter.

After figuring out the reason, Lucian did not say anything but followed Roxanne and the children quietly.

They remained in the marine park until evening, nearing its closing time. By then, the children were tired and had played at every available attraction in the marine park.

Roxanne had not expected to spend so much time in the marine park and was

exhausted. She was relieved that the children were finally tired and decided to send them home.

However, Lucian continued to follow them.

Roxanne did not mind. She thought he only wanted to spend some time with Estella and would leave soon.

Then, she noticed he still followed them even when they reached the underground parking. Roxanne felt frustrated and said, "Mr. Farwell, are there other matters? I'm bringing them home if there is nothing else."

Hearing her, the three children all turned to look at Lucian curiously.

Lucian nodded. "Please wait for a moment. I have something for Estella in the car."

After saying that, he headed to his car to get something.

Roxanne was puzzled.

Estella had been staying at her place for nearly a week. She did not think Estella lacked anything.

Soon, Lucian and Cayden came over, holding a large box each.

"What are these?" Roxanne frowned slightly.

One of the boxes contained a few limited edition robot figurines, while the other box had high-tech small cars and robot models. Everything looked expensive.

Roxanne knew about them because Archie and Benny liked these things. Thus, she instantly recognized what Lucian had brought.

She grew suspicious. None of these look like something Estella would be interested in. Instead, they are the things Archie and Benny like.

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Chapter 152 Presents To Express Apology

Roxanne hesitated before asking, "These aren't for Estella, right?"

Lucian admitted to it straight away, "I bought these for Archie and Benny. I'd misspoken a few days ago. After returning home, I thought over what I said and felt I should apologize even though they were children. I noticed something similar in your house and thought Archie and Benny would like these."

After saying that, Lucian looked at Archie and Benny solemnly and offered a box to them. "I'm sorry for what I said before. I hope these are to your liking."

Archie and Benny looked at the toys delightedly.

It was normal for boys to love robots and race cars. Furthermore, Archie and Benny had much higher IQs than their peers. Therefore, they preferred more complicated toys and were interested in high-tech ones.

They used to badger Roxanne to buy them. However, some of these were too expensive. Although they liked those toys very much, they were sensible and did not mention them to Roxanne.

Thus, they were surprised that Lucian knew what they liked. Benny could not resist taking a couple of steps toward Lucian and looking into the box. It contained all the toys he coveted on the website. He nearly used the small fortune Archie earned in stock trading to get them, causing Archie to scold him. Although Archie liked the toys, he could not forget that Lucian abandoned his mother. He stood still with a stern expression but could not resist looking into the boxes. One could see Archie and Benny desired the presents from Lucian. Benny looked at the toys for a long time before turning to his mother and seeking her opinion. If Mommy disagrees, I will never accept the toys, no matter how much I like them. Roxanne looked at Archie and Benny's expressions and began to relent. However, she hesitated again as she looked at the things Lucian was holding. She had noticed Archie and Benny checking out those toy models and figurines on the Web. They were all highly sought-after limited editions. The race car model Lucian held cost two hundred thousand. Furthermore, the price is still rising due to market demand. Since Lucian wanted to apologize to the children, she would not stop him from giving them presents. However, those presents were too expensive. Benny seemed to understand what Roxanne was thinking. He looked at the models longingly before returning to Archie's side. Still, Roxanne relented when she saw his disappointed expression. Thus, she said, "That's thoughtful of you. My sons love these toys. However, the toys are too expensive, so let me know how much they cost. I will transfer the money to you." Lucian frowned upon hearing her. "I prepared these presents as an apology, so how can I ask you to pay? Furthermore, you must have spent a lot on Essie's expenses. These toys are only a small gift from me. I'm afraid they are not even good enough to express my remorse. Thus, if you insist on paying, there is no sincerity left." Roxanne hesitated upon hearing his explanation. Although the money Lucian spent on the gifts was only a minute sum to him, Roxanne still felt uncomfortable accepting the presents. Lucian understood what she was thinking and replied solemnly, "If you insist on paying, I should also pay you much more than this for taking good care of Essie. You have improved her condition tremendously. Will you be willing to accept my payment?" Roxanne finally gave up refusing the presents. She nodded toward Archie and Benny. "Since they are presents from Mr. Farwell, you should accept them." Hearing her, Archie responded with a polite but detached tone, "Thank you, Mr. Farwell."

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Chapter 153 His Speech Moved Her

Lucian and Cayden brought the boxes of toys to Roxanne's car. Then, they said goodbye and left.

After getting into the car, Cayden hesitated and asked, "Mr. Farwell, are you not going to spend more time with Ms. Estella?"

Ms. Estella has been staying in Roxanne's home all this while and rarely interacts with Mr. Farwell. I'm concerned they would grow distant from the lack of interaction.

Lucian shook his head but did not say anything.

Archie and Benny have not truly forgiven me. I have already followed them for a day and finally managed to redeem myself a little through gifts. If I continued to follow them, I would lose the little goodwill I received.

Lucian felt his head throbbing as he thought about Archie and Benny's attitude toward him.

Suddenly, a phone rang in the car.

Lucian adjusted his emotions and answered the call with a frown, "What is the matter?"

It was a call from Jonathan. "Lucian, are you free in a couple of days? It will be my grandpa's seventieth birthday soon. Initially, we did not plan to organize a banquet.

However, he has become much healthier recently, so we plan to have a huge celebration. You must come to the banquet!"

Lucian replied in a deep voice, "Sure, I will spare some time to attend it."

Alfred had treated Lucian well. Furthermore, Lucian worked hard to find a way to cure Alfred.

Therefore, he planned to attend Alfred's seventieth birthday banquet.

Meanwhile, Roxanne went home with the three children. Archie and Benny could not wait to unbox the figurines the instant they got home. They played with the figurines until midnight.

Since they did not have to go to school the next day, Roxanne did not stop them but coaxed Estella to sleep.

The following morning, Roxanne let Catalina take care of the children while she went to the Queen residence to treat Alfred's illness.

Jonathan was present during the treatment and discussed the details of the birthday banquet with Alfred.

Suddenly, Jonathan turned to Roxanne and asked, "Dr. Jarvis, will you be free to attend Grandpa's birthday banquet in a couple of days? I can include you on the invitation list."

Roxanne had just finished with Alfred's medical treatment and was surprised to receive an invitation to the birthday banquet.

She had listened to Jonathan and Alfred's conversation and knew it would be quite the affair. They had invited many prominent people in Horington and prestigious families that were closely acquainted with the Queen family.

On the other hand, Roxanne was only a newcomer and a little-known doctor in Horington. She believed she had no place at this birthday banquet.

Therefore, Roxanne hesitated and decided to refuse in the end. "I think I'd better not. I'm not good with such opulent social gatherings."

Hearing her, Alfred responded immediately, "Dr. Jarvis, it is all thanks to you that I can have a birthday banquet this time. If not for your efforts, I would still be bedridden! Therefore, I hope you can attend this birthday banquet. It would make me happy to have you there. Also, don't worry. If you dislike socializing, I will make sure that no one disturbs you."

Roxanne did not know how to refuse in the face of Alfred's enthusiastic invitation. Then, Jonathan smiled and added, "Even if you are not good at socializing, you will still have to learn it eventually. You are now in charge of a research institute, so you will have to interact with these people. Furthermore, you can use this opportunity to get to know some of them. Who knows? You might bring good business opportunities to the research institute."

Those words struck a chord with Roxanne.

Therefore, Roxanne nodded and said, "Thank you for having such good regard for me, Old Mr. Queen. In that case, I shall accept the invitation and will show up on time."

Before leaving, Roxanne briefly explained the subsequent treatment to Alfred, "You have one session of treatment left. After this, you only have to rest and recuperate. I will prescribe some medicine for you, so you must remember to take them on time. If you do, you will gradually recover."

Jonathan and Alfred answered in the affirmative and thanked her.

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Chapter 154 Give Up On Him

It was the afternoon.

Aubree and Frieda sat opposite each other in Thousand Degrees Cafe, drinking coffee and chatting.

They suddenly talked about Alfred's seventieth birthday banquet.

"Aubree, will you be attending my grandpa's seventieth birthday banquet?" Frieda asked cryptically.

Aubree had heard about the birthday banquet. Since the Queen family was closely acquainted with the Farwell family, Aubree believed she would have to attend. Thus, she nodded and said, "I'm going. Why?"

Frieda asked, "Erm... Would Lucian be attending with you? Everyone knows you are a couple!"

Aubree hesitated upon hearing this.

She knew Lucian would attend. However, she did not expect him to ask her to go with him.

Although Lucian did not cancel their engagement all these years, he behaved indifferently toward her.

However, Frieda was unaware of Aubree's concerns and continued, "Both of you must attend together. Then, you can show that woman who you are!"

Frieda hated Roxanne for her cold attitude toward her. That was why Frieda invited Aubree to meet and discuss the birthday banquet. Roxanne is nothing without Lucian's protection. I want to show her who Lucian truly loves!

Aubree naturally knew who Frieda meant. Her heart sank as she remembered how Lucian treated Roxanne, prompting her to reply immediately, "Of course. Lucian and I are in a relationship. We will attend the birthday banquet together."

Frieda was delighted to hear that. "That's wonderful! You have no idea how arrogant that woman was lately. She doesn't know her place, so I can't wait to see her face when you show up at the birthday banquet with Lucian!"

Aubree was looking forward to it too. Things had not been going well for Aubree ever since Roxanne returned to the country. Good. I can use this chance to make her give up on Lucian completely!

Then, Aubree and Frieda finished their coffee and went shopping before they parted ways.

Aubree became anxious about the coming birthday banquet once she returned home. Although she promised Frieda to attend the birthday banquet with Lucian, she did not know how she could convince Lucian to do that.

After considering for some time, Aubree decided to summon the courage and called Sonya on the phone.

"What is the matter?" Sonya's voice sounded the second the call connected.

Aubree calmed her emotions and said apologetically, "Mrs. Farwell, I heard Old Mr. Queen is having a birthday banquet soon. Will Lucian be attending?"

"He will," Sonya replied matter-of-factly.

After saying that, Sonya remembered Aubree and Lucian had quarreled about Estella. Thus, she persuaded Aubree. "When the time comes, you should apologize to him. I will put in a good word for you. Both of you shouldn't continue to quarrel like this."

Aubree agreed, "I think so too. However... Lucian keeps avoiding me. I fear he would not want to meet me during the birthday banquet..."

She made herself sound aggrieved.

Sonya had not thought about this. Hearing Aubree, she considered for a few seconds before replying, "That won't happen. You only have to get ready. I will tell Lucian to pick you up for the birthday banquet and attend it with you."

Aubree was delighted to hear this, but she pretended to sound nervous, "Sure, I will get ready."

After that, Sonya reminded Aubree about a few other matters before hanging up. Aubree could not conceal her glee.

She did not expect such an easy solution to her worries.

I want to see Roxanne's face when I show up at the birthday banquet with Lucian!

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Chapter 155 On Purpose

Prior to the birthday banquet, Roxanne had given the last round of treatment to Alfred. Although he couldn't stay on his feet for too long, he was in better spirits, and he could even get out of bed and move around.

Roxanne had also given him medications and told him to take them on time. After that, the treatment was complete.

On the day of the birthday banquet, Roxanne went home to dress up after she finished her work at the research institute. After putting on a dress and tying up her hair, she put on simple yet elegant makeup before going to the banquet.

When she arrived at the Queen residence, the banquet was just about to start. There were plenty of luxury cars parked outside, and the residence was packed with guests, all of whom were prominent figures in Horington.

Since Roxanne had stayed in Horington before that, she knew most of the people there. However, very few of them knew who she was.

Yet, she was the center of attention when she showed up at the venue.

When the crowd saw her, they were all in awe.

With her long hair tied up behind, she was flaunting her fair and slender neck. Besides, the crowd could clearly see her exquisite facial features, although she was just wearing a thin layer of makeup. When she smiled, her eyes were shining as bright as the stars in the sky. At the same time, her long and slender legs also charmed the crowd.

Instantly, everyone was making guesses about which family she was from.

Roxanne glanced around and pretended like she didn't notice the attention was on her.

Since no one has come forward to greet me, it would be rude of me to engage someone in small talk on my own. After mulling over it for a while, she decided to just go to a corner and chill on her own.

However, Jonathan called out to her when she had only taken a couple of steps, "Dr. Jarvis, you look amazing today."

Indeed, whenever she was giving treatment to Alfred, she would always dress in a shirt and a pair of long pants. Besides, she never put on any makeup. Although one could still see her beautiful facial features, she had never looked as stunning as that day.

Upon hearing that, Roxanne halted in her tracks and nodded politely to express her gratitude.

"Since you're already here, don't hide! My grandpa is waiting for you!" Jonathan could tell she was trying to shy away from the crowd, so he invited her to see Alfred.

Since the invitation was to see Alfred, Roxanne had no choice but to accept it. While enduring the weird stares from the crowd, she approached Alfred and greeted him.

Alfred greeted her with an affectionate smile and exchanged pleasantries with her.

The crowd was intrigued when they saw the warm interaction between Roxanne and the Queen family.

Meanwhile, Lucian had just left the office, and he was about to attend the banquet at the Queen residence. Suddenly, he received a call from Sonya.

Sonya asked, "Have you finished work? Could you come and fetch me? I'm getting my look done at Neon Boutique."

Lucian agreed after checking the time. Neon Boutique was a business owned by the Lane family, a family that was close to the Farwell family. They specialized in making evening gowns and suits. It was a business that was passed down through generations. Although their products were pricey, they were very popular among the high society in Horington. Everyone in the Lane family was involved in the fashion designing industry. Besides, they were all pioneers in their respective fields, even the younger generations. Before every event, the Farwell family would always get their outfits done at Neon Boutique. Hence, Lucian was unfazed when Sonya told him she was at Neon Boutique. When Lucian arrived, the person in charge of Neon Boutique immediately went out to greet him. By then, Sonya was ready. However, she remained seated when she saw Lucian walking in. "Have a seat." Lucian was confused. "Are you not done? It's getting late." In response, Sonya raised her chin toward a fitting room. "Wait for Aubree." Upon hearing that, Lucian immediately frowned. She's doing this on purpose, isn't she?

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Chapter 156 Asserting Dominance Over Roxanne

Aubree only came out of the fitting room after quite a while. "Not bad. This is the one." Sonya nodded in satisfaction when she saw her outfit. After flashing a smile, Aubree turned around to look at Lucian. "You're here, Lucian!" Lucian merely nodded expressionlessly. Aubree pretended like she didn't mind his aloofness. With a smile, she said, "Mrs. Farwell invited me along to get my outfit done. What do you think of my outfit? Isn't it nice?" With that, she twirled to show her outfit. Lucian wasn't pleased with the fact that Sonya had set him up. When he heard that, he responded with a cursory nod and answered, "Yes."

Aubree was slightly embarrassed when she saw how cold Lucian's attitude was. However, she maintained a smile on her face. Sonya finally stood up and said, "Since Aubree is also going to the Queen residence, she should just ride with us." Aubree smiled. "Thank you, Mrs. Farwell!" After thanking Sonya, Aubree glanced at Lucian sheepishly. Lucian furrowed his brows and uttered, "Let's go." Since Sonya had already said so, he couldn't have said no even if he wanted to. With that, he turned around and left without sparing Aubree a glance. Seeing that, Aubree lowered her gaze aggrievedly.

Sonya comforted her by patting her arm, signaling her to not mind him. Aubree nodded obediently and wrapped her arm around Sonya's arm affectionately before walking out with her.

In the car, Lucian kept silent throughout the entire journey and didn't bother to conceal his cold attitude. In fact, he would only respond whenever Sonya asked him something. Aubree could only clench her fists under her dress to vent her frustration. I must assert my dominance over Roxanne later.

In the Queen residence, Alfred could only stay on his feet to exchange pleasantries with the guests for a while before his body gave in. Jonathan then brought him a wheelchair so that he could continue meeting the other guests.

Roxanne thought she could excuse herself after greeting Alfred. Alfred, however, had a different idea. He told her to stay by his side.

"Since you're also going to interact with the guests, let me make it easier by introducing you to them." Jonathan wanted her to stick around as well.

Roxanne had no choice but to stay by Alfred's side. She then followed him around to greet all the guests one by one.

Soon, Jonathan's parents showed up.

"Are you Dr. Jarvis? Finally, we've met! Jonathan and Frieda had told me about how you've cured Old Mr. Queen. Not only do you have superb medical skills, but you're stunningly beautiful as well, Dr. Jarvis," praised Henrietta Chance, Jonathan's mother, with a smile.

Roxanne smiled and thanked her politely.

Jonathan's father, Zachary Queen, also thanked Roxanne. "All these years, we've looked for countless doctors to treat my father's illness. Unlike you, none of them could treat him. Thank you. From now on, don't hesitate to ask the Queen family for help whenever you need us."

Hearing that, Roxanne wanted to deny the gesture courteously, but Alfred chimed in, "Of course! Dr. Jarvis would still need to keep my health in check in the future."

Roxanne fell silent and smiled with her pursed lips.

Frieda wasn't happy when she heard how her parents were complimenting Roxanne. She then scanned the surroundings to look for Lucian and Aubree. When she realized neither of them was there yet, she glanced at the entrance in anticipation. Let's see if that woman could still smile when she sees Lucian showing up alongside Aubree!

Frieda didn't need to wait long, though. A few minutes later, Lucian showed up at the entrance of the mansion.

"Lucian is here!" Frieda exclaimed to get everyone's attention.

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As soon as those words fell, everyone in the Qucen residence turned toward the mansion's entrance. Roxanne also did the same instinctively.

Lucian was dressed in a tailored black suit. The suit was so well-lined that it was showcasing the man's toned figure. With most of his hair combed to the back, his perfect facial features were for everyone to see. At the same time, those few stray strands of hair hanging down from his forehead prompted his gaze to appear even more icy-cold than they were. All in all, he looked cold and distant.

Everyone's gazes fell on him at once.

Aubree appeared behind him wearing a black dress. Her curly hair was hanging down on her chesi, and her red lips were exceptionally eye-catching. At that moment, her arm was seen wrapping around Sonya's affectionately as they followed Lucian from behind.

With their matching outfits and the affectionate interaction between Aubree and Sonya, it was as if they were telling the world that Aubree was bound to be the future daughter-in-law of the Farwell family.

Upon seeing that scene, Frieda glanced at Roxanne from the corners of her eyes. Still, she was dissatisfied when she saw Roxanne's unperturbed facial expression. Right then, she deliberately held her mother's hand and exclaimed, "Wow! Lucian and Aubree look so great together!"

Henrietta didn't know what they were up to, but she was aware of the close relationship between the Pearson family and the Farwell family. Besides, Aubree was always seen together with Lucian. She nodded in agreement and uttered, "It seems like they might get married soon."

Roxanne's expression changed slightly when she heard that. However, she quickly composed herself and lifted her head once again.

Jonathan was standing next to Roxanne when he remembered the conflict between her and

ed at her. He was surprised when he saw how calm she looked.

Lucian wasn't happy with the attention he had gotten from the crowd. His gaze turned cold, and he walked straight toward the center of the birthday banquet. He wanted to just greet Alfred before coming up with an excuse to separate from Aubree.

Henrietta and Zachary were closely acquainted with the Farwell family. Hence, they went up to welcome the guests with a smile. "Hi! Welcome. This is..."

As they spoke, both of them glanced at Sonya.

Sonya merely smiled in response.

Next to her, Aubree seemed slightly shy when she greeted the elders politely. After that, she just listened as they chatted.

As they were chatting, they were walking toward Alfred.

Roxanne panicked when she saw them approaching. She averted her gaze and wanted to just bid

Alfred goodbye before leaving.

Just when she wanted to do that, some guests came up to her and greeted her. Roxanne had no choice but to exchange greetings with them. I've missed the perfect opportunity to get out of here.

Seconds later, Lucian and the others had arrived in front of her.

Roxanne kept her head hung low to make herself look as inconspicuous as possible.

First, she heard the man greet Alfred in a deep voice before hearing the latter respond joyfully.

Right after that, she felt the man's gaze fixate on her.

Roxanne clenched her fists and raised her gaze to look at the man. When Alfred mentioned her to them, she politely nodded at them.

The whole time, Lucian couldn't take his eyes off of her.

When Henrietta and Zachary went up to greet him earlier on, Lucian had already noticed Roxanne's presence.

When he saw her standing next to Alfred, she looked elegant but slightly disinterested. With the long white dress on, she looked as graceful as a swan. Although she didn't put in much effort to dress up, she was still rather captivating.

On the other hand, she had been avoiding eye contact with him from the moment he showed up.

The more she avoided him, the more Lucian wanted to take a closer look at her facial expression.

Sonya noticed her son was distracted, so she followed his line of sight. Her expression turned grim when her gaze landed on Roxanne.

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Roxanne kept silent after she greeted them. Since Alfred didn't give her a chance to leave, she had no choice but to stay and listen to their conversation.

Sonya retracted her gaze from Roxanne and looked at Alfred earnestly. "What a blessing it is for the Queen family now that you're fine!"

Alfred smiled and nodded before turning toward Roxanne. "It's all thanks to Dr. Jarvis. Without her, I would still be bedridden!"

As soon as those words fell, everyone turned to look at Roxanne.

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Henrietta chimed in, "Indeed, Dr. Jarvis is the Queen family's savior."

With those few words, she had directed Sonya and the others' attention toward Roxanne.

Roxanne furrowed her brows slightly and smiled. "I wouldn't call myself a savior, though. As a doctor, I was just doing my job. I'm very glad to have cured Old Mr. Queen."

Alfred's admiration toward her grew when he saw how humble she was.

Sonya's face fell when she noticed Alfred's attitude toward Roxanne. However, she maintained her smile and said sarcastically, "Not too shabby for a young doctor like her. We've looked for so many renowned doctors, and none of them succeeded. How surprising."

Although it seemed like Sonya was praising her, Roxanne could sense the hostility in those words.

Roxanne's heart sank, and she ignored Sonya.

Aubree wasn't pleased with how everyone was putting the spotlight on Roxanne. As soon as silence ensued, she let go of Sonya's arm and went up to Alfred. In a coquettish tone, she said, "Old Mr. Queen, you're going to live a long and stress-free life now that you've survived the illness!"

Alfred shifted his attention toward her and smiled when he heard that. "Why do you say so?"

"Well, that's what people say! I know you're going to live a long life with great prosperity, Old Mr. Queen!" Aubree smiled.

Alfred was elated when he heard those sweet words. "Thank you! Let's hope you're right!"

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With that, he shifted his gaze back toward Roxanne. It was as if he was trying to say that Roxanne deserved all the credits.

Aubree noticed it, so she purposely pouted and blamed herself when she said, "It's such a shame I couldn't find a doctor as impressive as Dr. Jarvis. Otherwise, you wouldn't have to suffer for such a long time, Old Mr. Queen!"

Alfred hurriedly waved his hands in dismissal, and he uttered delightfully, "Why would you say that? Although I've been bedridden all these years, I'm well aware of what was happening around me. All these years, you've gone through hoops to find me so many talented doctors, haven't you?"

I'll forever remember your kind gestures!"

With her reddened eyes, Aubree answered, "Yet, all the doctors I've found were useless.."

Alfred was moved when he saw how caring she was. With a smile on his face, he said, "I know you're a good person. You deserve the credit for finding me those doctors for the past years. Otherwise, I would've suffered more."

Henrietta quickly comforted her as well. "You've been very thoughtful, Aubree. In fact, you've even been treating Old Mr. Queen like your own grandpa! We're very grateful."

After saying that, she remembered how Lucian had also contributed to curing Alfred over the years. "Lucian, you too. Thank you," she added.

In response, Lucian slightly nodded. "We were just doing our duties as the younger generation."

Hearing that, Henrietta immediately glanced at their outfits and couldn't help but say, "Good things come in pairs, right? Since you've already been together with Aubree for so many years, I guess we'll meet each other again at your engagement party!"

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Jonathan glanced at Roxanne again when he heard Henrietta mentioning Lucian and Aubree's marriage.

At that moment, Roxanne's eyes were slightly lowered while wearing a faint smile. Hence, he had no idea what was going through Roxanne's mind.

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Throughout the whole time, Frieda's attention was entirely on Roxanne. Needless to say, she noticed the slight change of expression on Roxanne's face when Henrietta mentioned the marriage.

Frieda's excitement grew when she noticed that. "Indeed! Lucian and Aubree are like a match made in heaven. Although they aren't married yet, I bet everyone has long regarded you guys as a family," she chimed in.

With that, she threw a hubristic glance at Roxanne.

Since Sonya had been planning for it as well, she smiled and said, "We've undoubtedly been delaying it for way too long. Recently, both sides of the family have been planning to hasten their engagement. We'll surely be having a discussion soon."

Frieda wanted to fan the flames, but Lucian suddenly said, "Old Mr. Queen, since it's your birthday banquet, perhaps we shouldn't talk about my affairs."

Upon hearing that, Alfred was stunned momentarily before glancing at Lucian and Aubree. These two must be embarrassed. He then nodded with a smile and changed the topic.

After that, the others dared not to mention the matter anymore.

Right then, Roxanne's anxiousness lessened, and she breathed a sigh of relief inwardly.

However, she was starting to feel out of place when the topics that followed had nothing to do with her.

She was getting annoyed after listening to their conversation for a while more. Hence, she wanted to find a place to hide and relax.

In between the conversation, Roxanne uttered softly, "Old Mr. Queen, I'm drained. If there's nothing else, I would like to get some rest."

Upon hearing that, Alfred turned toward her worriedly. "What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?"

Roxanne smiled shyly and answered, "Oh, no. It's just that I've been standing in my pair of heels for a while now. I would like to sit down for a bit."

Since she wasn't feeling unwell, Alfred allowed her to leave by nodding at her.

Roxanne politely excused herself from the crowd and turned around to walk toward the corner.

When she was turning away, she could still feel the man's gaze fixated on her.

Subconsciously, she picked up the pace.

"Old Mr. Queen, please excuse me." Lucian's gaze darkened when he saw how many pairs of eyes lingered on Roxanne when she was walking toward a couch to take a seat.

Alfred was puzzled. "Where are you going?"

Considering the Farwell family's status in society, it was safe to assume that the prominent figures at the birthday banquet would approach Lucian to greet him, instead of the other way around.

Hence, Lucian was supposed to wait for the others to take the initiative and greet him.

However, Lucian frowned and struggled to find an excuse for himself.

Sonya read his mind and knew he was eager to look for Roxanne. Displeased, she grabbed his arm and smiled at him. "There are a few elders over there who are collaborating with our family. Logically speaking, since you're here, you should go and greet them."

Lucian followed her line of sight and saw a few elders who were indeed the Farwell family's acquaintances. After some hesitation, he agreed to her request.

Sonya then shot Aubree a glance.

Seeing that, Aubree uttered, "Since I know those elders as well, I was just thinking about greeting them!"

With that, she followed Lucian from behind with a smile.

Lucian furrowed his brows. Without a reason to chase her away, he had no choice but to let her follow him.

In the eyes of the public, they looked a lot like a perfect couple.

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Frieda glanced at the supposedly perfect couple before looking at Roxanne, who was sitting in a corner. Satisfied, she found an excuse to get away from the other elders.

"Hey! Why are you sitting here all by yourself, Dr. Jarvis?"

Roxanne finally managed to find a quiet corner to regain her composure. However, just as her mind was in a complete mess, she heard the sarcastic question.

When she raised her gaze, she saw Frieda standing in front of her haughtily.

Roxanne knitted her brows and got annoyed when she saw her. Frieda couldn't stop

talking about how Lucian and Aubree were meant for each other in front of the elders just now. Obviously, she wanted me to hear all about it. Never had Roxanne thought that Frieda would look for her, even after she had left the crowd.

Frieda didn't notice how annoyed she was. Instead, she stared at Roxanne mockingly and gestured for her to glance at Lucian and Aubree, who were in the crowd. "Do you see that? Lucian and Aubree are meant to be together, and that's what everyone thinks. Who do you think you are? Are you jealous now? Know your place, okay? You're not worthy of Lucian. Unlike you, Aubree is!"

Roxanne couldn't help but chuckle coldly when she heard that.

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Frieda frowned and asked, "What's so funny?"

Roxanne shrugged nonchalantly in response. "It's nothing. I just find it weird to see such a dedicated minion!"

Minion? Frieda was stumped. When she came back to her senses, her expression grew vicious. While pointing at Roxanne, she gritted her teeth and asked, "Who are you calling a minion?"

Roxanne stood up and answered calmly, "Who else was I talking to, if not you? Please stop bragging in front of me, Ms. Queen. No matter who Lucian is with or meant to be with, it's none of my business. Besides, I don't give a hoot about it. You've mentioned them to me so many times, but have you ever seen me flinch once?"

Perhaps it was because Roxanne had stood up, but Frieda could sense that the person before her eyes had become more domineering. Flustered, Frieda opened her mouth, but not a single word came out.

Roxanne smirked and walked up to her. "Hence, stop appearing in front of me and talk about things that don't concern me. Do you have any idea how much of an annoyance you are?"

With that, Roxanne walked past her without sparing her another glance.

It took a long while for Frieda to regain her composure. When she did, she was so angry at what Roxanne said to her. She wanted to throw a tantrum, but Roxanne was already out of her sight.

Roxanne fled pretty quickly because she didn't want to hear any more of Frieda's nonsense. In

fact, she didn't even know how she would react if she were to hear them again.

Since Frieda found her at the spot furthest away from the crowd, Roxanne had no choice but to find a new quiet spot to have a seat. This time around, she was a lot nearer to the crowd at the banquet

Coincidentally, that spot was just opposite where Lucian was at.

Lucian noticed her presence the moment she appeared in his line of sight. After that, his attention was on her again.

When Roxanne was just about to enjoy the silence, a figure suddenly appeared in front of her.

"Hi, there. Nice to meet you. May I know which prominent family you're from?" A rich gentleman approached her politely.

Roxanne froze momentarily before putting on a faint smile and answered, "I'm sorry, but

I'm just a doctor. I'm not from a prominent family."

The rich gentleman also froze for a second after hearing that. After that, he quickly smiled and uttered, "Judging from your demeanor, I thought you're from a prominent family. Would I be lucky enough to be your acquaintance? We could be friends."