

## **The Secret 101**

Chapter 101 Remarry

After doing the braid, Roxanne accompanied Estella.

She turned and saw the man standing in the doorway.

Immediately, the warmth in Lucian's gaze disappeared, and she was replaced by an indifferent gaze. He politely told her, "Breakfast is ready. Lets go down.

With that, she turned around and left without waiting for them.

Roxanne was rooted to the ground.

Her expression was different right now. However, she appeared only for a fleeting moment. Was she seeing things?

Roxanne snapped out of her reverie and led Estella down the stairs.

Estella sat next to Lucian at the dining room table.

Roxanne was about to take the seat across from them when Estella tugged on her sleeve, forcing her to stop dead.

"Millisecond. Jarvis, why don't you sit next to Mrs. Estella? Realizing Estella's intention, Catalina chuckled and pulled up the chair next to the girl.

Estella nodded and looked at Roxanne expectantly.

Roxanne immediately looked at the man sitting on the other side of the girl.

Lucian's expression was set, and she looked away as if she didn't care where she was sitting.

Estella tightened her hold on her.

Roxanne hesitated a bit before taking her seat next to Estella's.

During breakfast, Roxanne unconsciously helped Estella with the food. Lucian also did the same.

Small, almost imperceptible wrinkles formed around Estella's eyes with joy. She ate all the food that was put on her plate obediently.

After breakfast, Roxanne looked at her watch. It was time for her to go to work, so she got up and said goodbye to them.

However, Estella seemed reluctant to let her go.

"Essie, be good. Need go to work. I'll visit you another day, okay? Roxanne took her plump hand and assured her.

Hearing that, Estella reluctantly let go of Roxanne's top and said goodbye to her.

Roxanne smiled and patted her head affectionately before turning to leave.

Before going to work, she went to her house to change her clothes. She was also worried about her children and she wanted to control them.

Back home, the boys pounced on her. "Mommy! Why didn't you come home last night? Something happened?"

Lysa chuckled and explained, "They've been worried all night and woke up early today."

Roxanne agreed. She decided to tell them how she took care of Estella last night.

After learning that Estella was sick, the children anxiously asked, "Is Essie okay? Is she seriously ill? Can we visit her?"

Roxanne assured them: "She has a slight fever and she has recovered after sleeping through the night. You will see her in her kindergarten."

Chapter 102 She Won't Get To Meet Essie

That afternoon, Aubree and Gina met Sonya at a cafe.

They were already waiting at a table by the window when Sonya arrived.

"I'm sorry you had to wait," Sonya apologized as she sat down across from them.

Aubree's lips curved into a gentle smile. "We've just arrived. Take a sit. I have ordered some desserts. I hope they are to her liking."

Then she gestured for the waiter to serve their food.

Soon, some dainty desserts were served.

Sonya showed a satisfied smile. "Oh, how kind of you, Aubree. Do you still remember that I like sweet food? Lucian is not as considerate as you."

They chatted for a while before Gina casually mentioned Roxanne's existence.

"By the way, Aubree visited Old Mr. Queen a few days ago and ran into the woman who divorced Lucian six years ago. When did she come back? Do you know about this?"

Sonya's smile faded. "Roxana? Roxanne Jarvis? How dare she appear here? I wouldn't have known if you hadn't told me!"

Back then, Roxanne put the divorce settlement behind her and left without saying goodbye to her. A year later, Estella was returned to her family without her guardian.

Sonya was furious every time she remembered the past. How dare Roxanne go back to Chanaea?

Gina feigned surprise. "You did not know? Aubree also saw Lucian there. He seemed to be on friendly terms with that woman. I thought you wanted her back so you could take care of Essie."

Sonya frowned in disgust. "The nerve of her! If she had known this, she wouldn't have allowed him to even meet Essie!"

Roxanne stubbornly left the country and was cruel enough to abandon her daughter. I will never let someone as cruel as her get any closer to Essie!

Gina and Aubree had seen it coming.

Aubree gave him a placating smile. "Mrs. Goodbye, calm down. Maybe Lucian doesn't think that way.

She looked down miserably as her smile turned forced.

Sonya's fury increased. "What happen? Lucian intimidated you?"

Chapter 103 I want to go back to her

On the way back from the cafe, Sonya worried more the more she thought about it. Therefore, when Elias left work, she called him to go to the mansion together.

Lucian went to pick up Estella after work. As soon as the two entered the door, they noticed that the Farwell elders were sitting on the sofa with a solemn expression. It was evident that they had something to say.

"Dad, mom, why didn't you tell me you were coming? Is there a problem? Lucian asked in puzzlement.

Those words were barely out of his mouth when Sonya nodded solemnly. There's something we want to talk to you about.

Seeing the grave expression on his mother's face, Lucian frowned. He turned his head and handed Estella over to Catalina so that she could carry the girl upstairs first.

Catherine obeyed. Estella also obediently greeted her grandparents before following her caretaker upstairs after her.

Lucian sat down on the only sofa next to his parents. "What made you come here so late?"

Is Roxanne back? Sonya went straight to the point.

When she heard that, Lucian's gaze darkened and he frankly admitted, "Yes, we know each other."

As expected, Sonya snorted and continued to ask, "Why didn't you tell us? Don't tell me you still want to get back together with her!"

Lucian's scowl deepened, but he didn't immediately respond.

Sonya's heart skipped a beat when she remained silent. "I don't care what you think, but I will never accept that this woman is part of our family! Back then, she left without saying a word and even she had the heart to abandon her son. Now, does she want to go back? I will never allow it! If I allow it, what do we do if history repeats itself? Although you can accept it, Essie has already grown up. Will she be able to take it?"

After she finished speaking, she waited for a while. However, she received no response from her son.

Sonya's expression changed when she tried to persuade him by mentioning Estella.

Chapter 104 Aubree Takes Estella to School

Lucian remained silent until the pair finished speaking before calmly saying, "You're overthinking things. I have no plans to let Roxanne come back."

At least not now.

As his parents talked earlier, he kept thinking about his interactions with Roxanne during this period and concluded that most of them were due to Estella.

As that thought occurred to him, Lucian strangely felt a little wry.

Judging by Roxanne's attitude when we first met, she probably would have avoided me if it weren't for Essie's presence, and the matter my parents are worried about is now even less likely to happen.

Sonya's expression brightened a bit when she heard her son's words. "I'm glad to hear that. As for Aubree, when do you plan to settle down with her? The sooner you do this, Estella will have someone to take care of her.

Lucian frowned when he turned her away, "Compared to Roxanne, I'm more worried about leaving Essie with Aubree. Essie has always distanced herself from her, so I still have to carefully consider marriage."

However, Sonya did nothing about it. Isn't Essie growing apart from Aubree because you haven't been willing to accept her? If you had married her sooner and let her spend more time with Essie, they would eventually develop a good relationship. Also, we can say that Aubree had always dedicated herself to taking care of Essie all these years."

Hearing this, Lucian frowned a bit impatiently. "Let's talk about this later. I'm tired."

Over the years, though Aubree had always acted innocent and harmless to them and treated Estella well, she hadn't thought that the little girl would avoid her for no reason other than not feeling anything for Aubree.

Now that her mother kept mentioning her, she only annoyed him more.

Sonya sighed as her remaining words were interrupted by him. "We won't force you either. In any case, you need to think about it carefully. Before that, let's take care of Essie first."

After speaking, he raised her voice to signal Catalina to bring Estella down from the top floor and he held out his hand to the little girl with a smile.

Unaware of the confrontation between the adults, Estella obediently buried herself in her grandmother's embrace.

"Be good, Essie, and come over to our house and play for two days, okay?" Sonya affectionately pinched Estella's plump cheek.

The girl blinked blankly and instinctively looked at her father.

Lucian's expression tightened. "Essie lives well at home, Mom. I can also take good care of her."

Sonya was upset. You know very well why I want to take Essie with me. Besides, your father and I miss her. So what if we want her to come and join us for two days?

Elias said in a deep voice to defuse the tense situation, "I heard that Essie has just recovered from an illness and you have been very busy these days, so let us take care of her first."

Hearing his father's words, Lucian couldn't help but feel worried.

Chapter 105 Estella was slapped

On the way to the kindergarten, Estella sat in the back seat as she hugged her backpack with her eyes downcast, looking a little annoyed.

Aubree was also determined to win the girl over. At the very least, they had to appear close on the outside.

Looking at Estella's condition through the rearview mirror, she pretended to ask in concern, "Aren't you feeling well, Essie? Do you want me to take you to the hospital?"

Estella didn't even raise her head when she heard her voice.

Aubree frowned and continued to express concern in a sweet voice, "How about I excuse you from school and we head back to rest for the day?"

Despite those words, she still received no response.

After waiting a while, Aubree grew impatient. I'm asking you a question, Estella Farwell. What's with that expression? I can't even have a decent conversation with you?

Hearing her disgusted tone, Estella flinched and hugged her backpack tighter.

Noting Estella's visible resistance to her and remembering Sonya's words the night before about why Lucian was unwilling to marry her, Aubree grew angrier the more she thought about it.

If it wasn't for this brat's attitude towards me, would Roxanne have any reason to be at Lucian's side now? I also won't have to feel nervous because Roxanne is back in the country!

After thinking for a moment, Aubree drove the car to the side of the road in disgust and slammed on the brakes.

Estella was caught off guard and leaned forward unsteadily. She pursed her lips as she looked up and was quickly met with Aubree's smoldering gaze in the rearview mirror.

As soon as they met her eyes, Estella's eyes narrowed and she looked around her frantically.

Every time this horrible lady does something to me, she always has this expression, but there's no way I'm asking for help now...

Aubree's anger rose as she saw her frightened look at her. She opened the car door and got into the back seat before slamming the door shut.

Estella hurried away from Aubree, but Aubree grabbed her arm tightly.

Chapter 106 It Was Supposed

that it would hurt Aubree only allowed Estella to get off her when she heard the girl start to get breathless from crying so much.

Estella immediately crawled to the window on the other side of the car as she endured the pain and clutched her backpack to her chest as she continued to sob.

"Well! She was supposed to hurt," Aubree sneered as she looked at the girl. "If you tell anyone what happened today, I swear to God you will never see that woman again."

She only then went back to the front seat and took Estella to her kindergarten.

"They were here. Wipe those tears off your face," Aubree commanded after arriving at kindergarten.

Estella quickly wiped her face, afraid that she would not be able to see her beloved Mrs. Jarvis after this due to Aubree's threat.

Aubree looked at her and felt that her face seemed clean enough. She opened the door, and as they walked toward the doors together hand in hand, she hissed, "Don't cry and make a fuss again. If anyone can see even a single tear mark on your face, you will know what I have in store for you."

Right after he hissed at Estella, Aubree looked up again, a sweet smile plastered on her face.

Estella did her best to hold back her tears and obediently walked towards her teacher, leaning towards her.

"Hello, Stella!" her teacher waved happily. She saw the hastily dried tears on Estella's cheeks and frowned in concern. "What happened? Why have you been crying?"

Aubree's expression changed quickly but she settled just as quickly. I do not not know what happens. She was making a big fuss today and she didn't want to come to school. We spent a lot of time coddling her before she finally let us drag her here."

The master frowned in confusion upon hearing that. "Really? Estella had never hated school before. What happened?"

Aubree frowned but quickly covered it with a smile, quickly changing the subject. "Maybe she's not feeling very well today. After all, her fever has just gone down. Please keep an eye on her. If something happens, please contact me."

The teacher agreed with a smile, without looking too much.

Aubree handed Estella over to the teacher and pretended to give her a couple of pointers before turning to leave.

She had just gotten into her car when she saw a Mercedes-Benz station wagon parked in front of the kindergarten.

Roxanne took her two children out of the car shortly after.

Estella's expression cleared, and she began to look as good as rain once the three of them appeared.

Aubree's expression darkened rapidly.

## Chapter 107 Expel Those Two Children

The teacher immediately agreed with a smile once she heard that Aubree wanted to donate to the kindergarten and called the kindergarten principal.

She hung up after a brief conversation and led Aubree into the principal's office.

She had been waiting in his office for a while and immediately poured a cup of tea for Aubree the moment they entered. "Please have a seat, Mrs. Pearson," she said with a big smile on her face.

Aubree took the cup of tea and sat in the opposite seat. "I guess you've probably heard of my reason for coming here."

The kindergarten principal nodded. "I heard you wanted to donate some equipment for the kindergarten. I want to thank you on behalf of the children."

She had just finished speaking when she noticed how stoic the person in front of him looked.

Aubree took a sip of her tea with a cold expression and said just as coldly, "That's not all. I am willing to donate five million to this kindergarten too. You can do what you want with it, in exchange for a simple favor.

The kindergarten principal looked at her in confusion. "Which is it...?"

"A little while ago, the kindergarten seems to have taken in the children of Roxanne Jarvis. I would like them to be expelled from this institute." Aubree's eyes narrowed, his expression icy from him.

The kindergarten principal and the teacher looked at each other in confusion upon hearing Aubree's words.

Lucian had mentioned it to her before, but had taken it back rather quickly.

Now, they were hearing it again from Aubree.

"If you don't mind my asking, Mrs. Pearson, what happened between you and Mrs. Jarvis?" the kindergarten principal asked cautiously.

Aubree stared at him. "You don't need to know that much. All you need to know is that I don't want your children and Farwell's children to be in the same school. I think you are not entirely ignorant of the arranged marriage between the Pearson family and the Farwell family.

The kindergarten principal nodded frantically. "Yes, I've heard of that."

"I have had some personal issues with Roxanne in the past. I will soon be Estella's mother, and if my daughter is harassed by her son, will you be responsible for it? Aubree threatened gently.

At the mention of the Farwell family, the kindergarten principal thought of how Lucian had told himself that he would not expel those children. Didn't that mean that he wanted them to stay in this kindergarten?

But now that the future Mrs. Farwell was making such a request, the kindergarten principal really didn't know what to do.

Aubree sensed her hesitation and put down her teacup, banging it noisily against the table.

The kindergarten principal's heart clenched nervously due to the knowledge of her power.

Chapter 108 What exactly does Lucian mean?

That night, Roxanne came running in after work, just in time to pick up Archie and Benny from school.

Only the two of them stayed at the gates of the kindergarten and her teacher was taking care of them.

"I'm so sorry I'm so late," Roxanne said with an apologetic smile, reaching out to take her children's hands.

Unexpectedly, Pippa moved to stand slightly in front of them and gave him an awkward smile. "I'll help you take care of them for a while longer. The director of the kindergarten has something to discuss with you. He's in his office right now.

Roxanne didn't really know what was going on, but she still went up the stairs and knocked on her door.

The kindergarten principal's expression also looked strangely suspicious.

"Pippa told me that you wanted to talk to me about something. What happen?" Roxanne asked.

The kindergarten principal smiled in an extremely professional manner as he slowly said, "This is the problem. I have been watching your children for the past two days and I feel that they are simply not suitable for our kindergarten. Maybe you should consider giving them a change of scenery."

So he just wants to kick Archie and Benny out!

Roxanne frowned but remained courteous. "Did they do something wrong at school today? If that's the case, I'll definitely scold them at home. Please, do not worry. I can promise they won't..."

She hadn't finished with her promises when the kindergarten principal interrupted her abruptly: "Both of you have done well. However, I would not like them to stay in this kindergarten any longer. Of course, I will do my best to return all the school fees you have paid."

Roxanne began to feel that something was up. "It's not money that I have a problem with. Since my children are doing very well, why are they expelled? You have to give me a reason why I can at least tell my kids."

The kindergarten principal frowned. "There is no other reason."

She couldn't help but feel guilty saying it.

In fact, those two children had done very well in school. Compared to other children her age, they acted like two little adults who never let her teacher worry about her and actually helped her take care of the other children.

The kindergarten actually had no reason to expel them.

However, since it was an order from a benefactor, she couldn't take it back.

She couldn't even look into her eyes after speaking.



Roxanne did her best to control her anger and keep her calm as she tried to reason with him. "I sent my kids to your kindergarten because I trusted you, but you are seriously letting me down right now. How could you expel my children for no reason? I can report this to the Ministry of Education."

She was starting to feel the guilt eating at him, but still she replied, "Then go ahead and sue me. I won't change my mind."

With the Pearson family and the Farwell family backing kindergarten, the education ministry probably couldn't do anything about it.

#### Chapter 109 Please Let My Children Go

Roxanne picked up her children after leaving the office.

"I'm still a little busy, so why don't I have Aunt Madilyn come with you for a while?" Roxanne suppressed her anger and asked the two children with a smile.

The two of them didn't think too much about it and nodded obediently, assuming she was busy with work.

Roxanne handed them over to her best friend and walked back to the car, her expression sour once more. She immediately headed for the Farwell residence.

"Hello, Mrs. Jarvis," Catalina greeted. She was about to say more when she noticed the look on Roxanne's face, which made her swallow her words.

Roxanne nodded briefly and turned back to the living room. Is Luciano here? I would like to talk with him.

Catherine nodded quickly. "Yes it is. I'll go up and call him."

Soon after, she headed down the stairs with Lucian following her and Estella staggering after them both.

Lucian still didn't trust Estella with her parents and had waited at the kindergarten gates before they opened so he could pick her up early.

Estella's mood had clearly improved since she didn't need to see that bad woman. Now that he saw that Roxanne was here, her gaze simply gleamed with admiration, and he ran towards her with arms outstretched.

Roxanne's heart softened momentarily at the sight of the girl, and she patted her head. "I have something to talk to your dad about. Go there and just play for a while, okay?"

Estella nodded and began to play with her doll on the rug next to the sofa.

Luciano frowned. "What do you want?"

Roxanne's long-suppressed anger exploded at the sound of her voice. "Lucian, if you have a problem with me, then take it out on me. Why are you doing this to Archie and Benny? What did they ever do to you? They have always been very respectful of you and took very good care of your daughter. You don't have to bully two kids, even in Estella's name."

Lucian hadn't expected Roxanne's sudden visit, let alone her sudden outburst. He frowned even deeper at her accusations. "What did I do to both of you?"

Roxanne smiled coldly at her confusion. "Who are you trying to fool? Who else has the power to kick people out of kindergarten? Stop trying to act innocent. It won't work with me.

Lucian stiffened in shock and immediately began to explain, "I spoke to the head of the kindergarten earlier, but that already..."

Roxanne didn't even let him finish the sentence before angrily yelling, "Don't you think you're going a little overboard? No matter what has happened in the past, it must remain between us. Just come to me instead! I won't say no to that, but children are innocent. They don't know anything. Why are you doing this to them?"

She dug her nails into her palm in an attempt to calm herself. Doing her best to keep her voice from trembling, she continued, "Yeah, I shouldn't have done that in the past. That was my fault, so feel free to get back at me for that. But please, can't you find it in your generous and generous heart to forgive my children?"

Chapter 110 Drawing Clear Boundaries

Estella kept playing with her doll on the carpet and couldn't help but glance at Roxanne from time to time.

She managed to hear her conversation loud and clear.

When she heard Roxanne ask her father why she kicked out the two cute older boys, Estella frowned in confusion. She expected to hear her father explain that he had already got rid of that idea, but she didn't speak for a long time.

Estella pouted angrily.

Daddy is a liar and a bad boy! She promised me not to expel Archie and Benny, but she still ended up doing it!

With that thought in mind, Estella threw her toy on the ground angrily and ran up the stairs without looking back.

I'll never trust dad again!

Lucian heard Estella run up the stairs and felt a pounding headache at the sight of her.

It was easy to tell that she had overheard her conversation and misinterpreted it again, which caused him to throw another one of her little tantrums.

If he didn't explain it to her, she would probably get even angrier.

Lucian massaged his temples and said in a deep voice, "I talked to the kindergarten principal earlier, but after Estella finished throwing her tantrum, I told him not to expel the two of you. I really have no idea what you're talking about. If you want, I can ask him about you."

Roxanne sensed that she was just pretending and said calmly, "Why should I believe you? It has already happened, and the director of the kindergarten is under you. Naturally, he would be with you no matter what you say. Lucian, do you really think I'm an idiot?"

She wasn't completely wrong.

Lucian could actually feel a headache beginning to squeeze her skull, and she wanted to continue explaining, but the person in front of him had already stood up.

"I wish I had never met you." His tone was calm and he spoke each word clearly. As soon as the words left her lips, he turned and left.

At this, Lucian's face darkened immediately, and he watched her walk away from her, almost piercing her back with her gaze.

As her figure slowly disappeared from her field of vision, Lucian pulled out his phone and called Cayden.

"Go and find out what happened in kindergarten. Find out why the hell they went against my direct orders!"

Cayden could hear the pure anger in his boss's voice and immediately complied.

Roxanne began to feel exhausted after walking away from the Farwell residence and looked around her, deciding to stop on a dark driveway so she could just tune out.

Why is Lucian doing this? If she knew that she was doing this to his own children, how would he feel?