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### Chapter 61

After watching Lucian's car leave, Roxanne took Archie and Benny back to the mansion.

She crouched down and gave them a serious look. The two children also looked at her because they knew that her mother wanted to talk to them.

"Archie, Benny, listen carefully. Never tell anyone about our family again!

especially the fact that you don't have a dad! Roxanne felt her head ache as she recalled the earlier incident.

Thank God I managed to put an end to her conversation. Given Lucian's intelligence, the things the children said would have aroused her suspicions.

Archie and Benny looked at each other, puzzled.

"Why not? It is a fact that we did not have a father!

Roxanne's head was pounding even more intensely when she heard her answer.

I can't tell these guys the real reason, right? How can I tell them that I am afraid that their biological father will come looking for them?

After a brief pause, Roxanne made up a story.

"Because the bad guys like kids who don't have parents. They know that mothers are not strong enough to protect their children. And if they snatch you?

The two geniuses exchanged glances. They thought the explanation was silly, but decided to play along. "It's fine mom".

Roxanne sighed with relief. She got up,

she took her bag and took them to the research institute.

Meanwhile, after leaving Roxanne's house, Estella was still in a bad mood even though she was no longer crying. During the return trip, she pouted and looked at the view outside the window as if Lucian wasn't anywhere near her.

feeling helpless,

Lucian sighed and said in a deep voice, "Are you still mad at Daddy? I'm sorry, Essie. It's all dad's fault. It shouldn't stop you from making friends, but you can't just run away from home all the time. Contact dad if you have a problem."

Estella tilted her head to look at him. Instead of looking out the window again,

he lowered his head and looked at his tiny feet.

Luciano sighed again. He reached out and gently stroked her head. "Instead of writing, you should try to speak. Writing may not accurately convey your emotions and can sometimes cause misunderstandings."

Estella shook her head and pushed his hand away from her.

She hugged her notebook even tighter and refused to put it down.

Seeing his daughter's reaction, Lucian frowned and fell silent.

Every year, everyone assumed that Estella was mute, and Lucian had never bothered to explain it to the public.

The girl was not mute. In fact,

he had learned to speak long before his peers.

However, Estella was later diagnosed with autism and she gradually stopped talking to anyone. That's why she preferred to write her thoughts on a piece of paper.

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"Dad, mom, what are you doing here?" Lucian frowned and asked.

Sonya complained while inspecting her granddaughter: "I had to drag your dad because I was very worried when I heard that my girl disappeared this morning. And why didn't you tell me?"

Lucian didn't know how to answer her.

"Essie, come on. Tell grandma where have you been? Sonya was relieved that Estella came home in one piece.

He hugged the girl and said: "How could you run away from home like that? You are still a little girl. Grandma is so worried about you. Don't ever do this again, okay?"

Aubree repeated, "You can always talk to me if you're upset. Don't stay home without letting us know! Grandpa and grandma were so worried about you.

Me too! If you hadn't come home, I would have gone looking for you!"

Estella didn't react much to Sonya's hug and Aubree's question, an icy expression on her face.

Knowing that this kind of atmosphere would make Estella uncomfortable, Lucian approached Sonya and took care of the girl. "Essie was hanging around the neighborhood.

She's a smart girl, so you don't have to worry about her."

Estella threw her arms around Lucian's neck and buried her head in the crook of her neck.

Sonya's heart ached for her granddaughter.

He turned around and complained to Lucian, "You must have neglected Essie because you're always busy with work! She wouldn't have felt lonely if you had married someone who could take good care of her. She wouldn't have run away if someone had been here to take care of her!"

Hearing that, Lucian frowned.

He knew that Sonya was trying to pressure him to marry again. She immediately promised, "From now on, I will try to stay at home to accompany her on the weekends. I also had no plans to go out today, but an emergency arose and I had to go to the office."

Sonya knew that she was trying to play dumb.

Instead of beating around the bush, he asked directly, "I don't want to play mind games with you anymore. When do you plan to marry Aubree? She waited for you for six years, and you expect her to wait another six years? Don't you feel bad for her?"

Aubree clung to Sonya's arm and looked up at Lucian with a slight smile as if expecting a positive response from him.

That's why she invited Sonya and Elias today,

You go

she will have no choice but to talk about our wedding since her parents are here.

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At noon, both Elias and Sonya stayed at the mansion for lunch. Aubree also made up an excuse and stayed.

At the dining room table, she did an act of attention. He not only brought soup and food for the couple from time to time, but even helped Estella peel some prawns that she herself didn't eat very much.

"Take,

I remember you love to eat shrimp, so I peeled them especially for you, Essie."

Aubree slid the plate of shrimp she had shelled over to Estella.

Estella simply raised her head and looked at him. Then, she hung her head again and continued to eat the food in her bowl as if she didn't see anything.

Aubree's hand was still on the plate,

and the smile on his face hardened slightly.

It took a while, but still, Estella didn't touch that prawn dish at all.

"Essie, why don't you eat the prawns Mrs. Pearson peeled especially for you? Besides, you didn't even say thank you," Sonya chided.

Estella turned a deaf ear and continued eating.

Seeing that,

Sonya frowned slightly and her voice became significantly harsher as she said, "Such behavior is extremely rude, Essie."

Estella stood still and raised her head, her eyes full of stubbornness.

I just don't want to eat any of this evil woman!

next to her,

Aubree was quick to act considerately and sensibly when she saw Sonya defending her. Don't be angry, Mrs. Farwell. Maybe Essie isn't eating the shrimp because she's already full. Also, she's emotionally unstable in the first place. You will scare her.

"What a considerate girl! I will rest easy with you taking care of her in the future",

Sonya praised with satisfaction.

Aubree cautiously shifted her gaze from her to Lucian with a somewhat forced smile on her face.

Likewise, Sonya looked at her son, but her eyes were full of recrimination.

When Lucian met her gaze, her expression tightened and she gasped to Aubree, "Essie doesn't eat food from strangers.

You don't need to try anymore."

When Aubree heard that, a flash of pain crossed his face, and he sheepishly took back the plate of shrimp.

Sonya wanted to soften her relationship seeing that Aubree was hurt. She turned and scolded her son: "This is all your fault for spoiling her."

Lucian remained nonchalant.

"Kids need to have some safety awareness in the first place. By

At the very least, she won't just eat strangers' food when she's out."

Sonya wanted to talk more, but Elias next to her coughed and seconded. "Lucian is right, Essie likes to wander these days.

No one can afford to take responsibility if they eat something they shouldn't be eating out."

Only then did Sonya relent.

After lunch, Lucian still had work to do, so she asked them about his plans.

Regarding his granddaughter with love,

Sonya commented: "It's been a long time since I took Essie shopping. Essie, I'll take you shopping for some beautiful dresses!"

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Elise didn't pursue the matter further. Since Estella wanted to learn those two words, she decided to teach her.

They both asked the housekeeper to bring a pencil and paper, then began to practice writing at the dining room table.

Seeing that his father was taking care of Estella, Lucian excused himself and went up to his study.

Meanwhile, Aubree was furious.

She could tell that Estella was evidently trying to keep her distance from her. The latter had rejected her in front of the Farwells.

If this continues, Mr. and Mrs. Farwell will definitely notice something is wrong! No,

I have to find an opportunity and teach that brat a lesson to behave!

Due to Estella's sudden visit, it was almost ten o'clock when Roxanne arrived at the research institute with Archie and Benny.

After installing them in her office, she went to work without delay.

The data proposed by Colby had not been processed,

so he looked for her immediately when he found out that she had arrived.

The two proceeded to dedicate themselves fully to the work.

It wasn't until it was time to get off work at night that they finally came to a conclusion.

Stretching, Roxanne saw her two sons studying something or other on her laptops.

"Archie, Benny, we can go home now," he called softly.

Hearing that, Archie and Benny looked up from behind their laptops and meekly nodded. They put down their laptops and got up from the couch.

Colby glanced at the time before suggesting with a smile, "Now it's time for dinner.

You've done me a big favor today, so how about I treat you and the kids to a meal?"

Roxanne was stunned for a moment. She turned to her children to seek her opinions.

Archie and Benny exchanged a look, understanding both.

Well, it's crystal clear that Mr. Galloway wants to go after Mommy.

Having observed the man for a day, they felt that Colby was really very outstanding. In career terms, at least, he had common threads with Roxanne. On top of that, his appearance was also acceptable.

However, for some inexplicable reason, only the countenance of his father appeared in his eyes.

minds every time they imagined a man with his mother.

How weird. We have never seen mom and dad standing next to each other, but we instinctively feel that dad is the only one who is worthy of being next to mom. Therefore, we better stay away from Mr. Galloway!

"Thank you, Mr. Galloway,

but my mommy already has a date tonight. So, she's fine," Archie politely declined.

Colby looked at Roxanne in bewilderment.

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Roxanne was unfamiliar with nearby restaurants, so she asked Madilyn to recommend a place and took Archie and Benny there directly.

As they ate, she received a text from Jonathan that said, Is treatment needed tonight, Dr. Jarvis?

Only then did Roxanne remember that she hadn't explained the treatment process to her. She replied: The old Mr. Queen is still a little weak, so the treatment can't be done so often. He has already undergone treatment twice in a row. Let it rest for a day. I will come tomorrow. Sorry, I forgot to tell you.

Soon

, Jonathan replied: It's okay. I will be waiting for you at any time.

When Archie and Benny noticed her mom texting at dinner, they curiously asked, "Is something wrong, Mommy?"

Smiling, Roxanne took some food for both of them. "No, the other day the patient was asking me if I'm going to go."

hearing that,

the two boys nodded sensibly. "You've worked hard, so eat more, mommy."

Roxanne's heart melted at the sight of her attention.

Dinner was a delicious affair.

After they finished eating, Roxanne led Archie and Benny to the counter to pay the bill.

As soon as she got to the counter,

he saw two people walking towards them.

Holding arms closely, Aubree and Frieda entered the restaurant as they chatted and laughed.

Spontaneously, Roxanne slowed her pace and scanned her surroundings, wanting to address the crowd to avoid both of them, as they had always been hostile to her.

Aubree had a long-standing grudge against her. In fact, the woman had even joined forces with all the herbal medicine suppliers in Horington to boycott her research institute.

Frieda, on the other hand, simply looked down on her medical skills and made fun of her over and over again.

Judging by the looks of things,

they clearly had a close relationship.

Roxanne had no doubt that Frieda would join Aubree in insulting her.

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Under normal circumstances, she could have ignored her presence and walked past them.

But with Archie and Benny accompanying them at the time, she didn't want to have a fight with them in front of her children.

Just as she was about to take a detour with Archie and Benny, Frieda's mocking voice sounded from afar.

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When Aubree heard Frieda's response, a mixture of emotions formed in his eyes.

Having been rejected by Lucian earlier and suddenly learning that Roxanne had returned to the country, she didn't dare wait any longer. In the last few days, she had been doing everything she could to have an identity that would link her to the man.

early that morning,

she had deliberately asked Elias and Sonya to persuade Lucian. She had thought that he would listen to her parents and change his mind, once again he had run into a brick wall and even had to put up with Estella for the whole day.

With the couple there, she didn't dare throw a tantrum either.

Enraged at the end of the day,

he had invited Frieda to shop in an attempt to allay her anger.

However, she had never expected to hear such news.

Countless renowned doctors were powerless over Old Mr. Queen's condition, but Roxanne managed to cure him. Other than that, Jonathan even signed a contract with her,

promising to supply medicinal herbs to the research institute at half price. In that case, haven't my efforts to urge Horington's herbal suppliers to boycott their research institute have been in vain?

On that line of thought, Aubree's gaze turned cold.

"Didn't I arrange a medical team to treat Old Mr. Queen? They were not effective? Why was she allowed to take over his treatment?"

As he said that, he looked at the woman who was meters away from her with fury burning inside of her.

I've gone so far

but still managed to find a herbal medicine supplier in Horington! He must have laughed at me behind my back!

Frieda was startled for a moment before responding hesitantly, "It's not that. The medical team you arranged was indisputably effective, but she knocked on our door and convinced my brother. Besides,

Grandpa's condition has certainly improved after his treatment. For that reason, my brother has decided that she will be in charge from now on."

Things having come to this, nothing I say will be of use.

Aubree snorted to herself, but her expression remained as courteous as ever.

She told Roxanne, "I didn't know you had such capabilities, Ms. Jarvis, that even a professional medical team can't compare to you alone."

Running a finger across the screen of her phone, Roxanne replied nonchalantly, "There's a lot more you don't know. Because,

Do you still plan to sabotage me further after finding out that I signed a contract with the Queen family?

Aubree's gaze darkened abruptly. Despite that, he sounded very innocent when he said, "What did you mean by that? I'm thankful that you cured old Mr. Queen, so how could I sabotage you?

Not in the mood to play along, Roxanne replied directly, "I'm sure you know very well

what I meant by that. Besides, I don't care if you still want to sabotage me more.

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Aubree and Frieda watched as Roxanne's figure disappeared from the doorway. Then they went to a window seat and sat down.

"Aubree. What exactly is your deal with that Dr. Jarvis? It seems that they know each other, but their relationship is not so good? Frieda asked cautiously with her eyes locked on the woman in front of her.

Aubree was so furious that steam was coming out of her ears. "How could our relationship be great? Roxanne Jarvis is Lucian's ex-wife!

If it wasn't for her, my marriage to Lucian would have been a sure thing long ago!

Shock washed over Frieda when she heard that. "Is she Lucian's ex-wife?"

It was no secret within his circle that Lucian was married once six years ago, especially among those who grew up with him.

However, they had also thought that Aubree would be the man's future wife until he married out of the blue.

Her wife had never appeared before them, and he had rarely mentioned her outside of her.

Therefore,

no one knew the identity of that woman even after they divorced.

I never expected it to be her.

The scene where Lucian and Roxanne met that night played back in Frieda's mind.



At the time,

I naively found it strange that Lucian would address that woman for no reason and still insist that I apologize to her. It turns out that such is her relationship.

At that thought, she belatedly wailed, "No wonder Lucian stood up for her that day."

Abruptly catching that comment,

Aubree coldly demanded, "What are you saying? Did Lucian defend her? What was that?"

Recalling the events of that night, Frieda had an expression of pure discontent, and she quickly complained, "It was the night she knocked on our door and asked to treat Grandpa. I just made some skeptical comments about her,

since she looks very young and no one knows if she really has such capabilities, but both Lucian and Essie asked me to apologize to her!

When Aubree heard that, her heart sank immediately.

I did everything I could to protect myself from her because I was afraid of Lucian meeting her and I even did everything I could to get him to change his mind and reaffirm our marriage. But I didn't know that they had actually met without my knowledge! Worse still, Essie knows her and even spoke for her. Also, judging from Lucian's character,

the fact that he defended her means that he doesn't dislike her.

Panic inexorably washed over Aubree.

No, this can't be happening. She appeared out of nowhere six years ago and took Lucian from me, but this time, I will never let her ruin my plans again!

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Archie and Benny proceeded to compare Aubree to Roxanne head to toe. At the end, they felt that she was too beneath her mother.

Daddy left mommy for that woman? How blind of him!

After internally despising him for a while, Archie suddenly remembered the conversation in the restaurant earlier.

Leaning close to Roxanne, she asked, "Mommy, what did you mean when you said that the woman sabotaged you just now? Did she mess with you?"

Roxanne didn't want to involve her two children in the mess, so she denied it casually: "It's nothing. It was just a work problem and it has been solved".

As soon as she said that,

Archie's determined voice echoed in her ear.

"She messed with you, then! What exactly happened? Hurry up and tell us, mommy!" The little boy's face was tense and he was frowning like an adult.

"Didn't we promise each other that there can be no secrets between us, mommy? You can't lie to us!" Benny seconded.

Roxanne's brows knit together in exasperation.

She had almost forgotten that Archie and Benny were different from the other children. Her intelligence quotient was ridiculously high.

Before her questioning looks,

Roxanne finally broke down, telling them that Aubree teamed up with the herbal suppliers in Horington to boycott their research institute.

Hearing that he actually messed with his mother, Archie and Benny were so furious that their hands balled into fists. "That woman is simply too evil!"

"Everything is fine now, so don't do anything rash," Roxanne urged.

Archie and Benny meekly nodded, but inside they were furious.

Once home, they took the opportunity while Roxanne was bathing to sneak into the study.

Archie whispered something into his brother's ear mysteriously. In the next heartbeat,

Benny's eyes lit up. He fired up his laptop, his fingers flying over the keyboard. Soon after, he hacked into the Pearson Group system.

When Roxanne came out after her bath, Archie and Benny had already innocently climbed into bed. They looked at her with bright eyes, imploring her to tell them a bedtime story.

Early the next morning, Aubree woke up to the ringing of her phone.

Displeasure was written all over her face.

Enraged after learning that Lucian had met Roxanne the night before, she had gone to bed very late.

She therefore, she was furious that Carly had been woken up in the morning then.

"What is it?" Her voice was brimming with impatience as she answered the call.

On the other end of the phone, Charles sounded extremely frantic. "Millisecond. Pearson, come to the office quick! There is a big problem with the company system!"

The instant Aubree heard that, she woke up with a start. getting out of bed, washed up a bit before running to the office.

Only when he got to the office did he discover that the entire company system was down. All the employees were standing to the side with peculiar expressions on their faces, while those from the technical department were trying to fix things.

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Aubre looked up and looked around the area to find that every computer screen in his view had the same image.

The sight of her made her shiver.

When the employees saw that she had seen the image on the screen, they tiptoed around her and didn't even dare to breathe hard.

Some who were curious to see Aubree's reaction immediately retracted their gazes after meeting her angry eyes.

Aubree looked around at everyone. He then named a few people through gritted teeth and instructed Charles to fire them immediately. After that,

he returned and scolded the employees of the technical department: "Is this how you work? How could someone just hack into the company system? Also, it's been a long time, but none of you figured this out. Did I spend so much money to hire all of you to humiliate the company like this? If you can't figure this out,

get lost!"

The employees knew how nasty Aubree's temper was and had prepared themselves mentally to be scolded by her.

Therefore, they could only simmer silently as she attacked them.

At this time, the manager of the technical department plucked up his courage and came out to explain: "Mrs. Pearson,

this virus is really powerful. It has to be created by a famous hacker, at the very least. We... need more time to figure this out."

Aubree shot him a look. "Fix this as fast as possible! Otherwise, you can pack your things and get lost with them!"

The manager hurriedly nodded in response and urged his subordinates to get to work.

All the employees were suffering.

Aubree's face turned purple with rage as she looked at the two figures on the screen and silently clenched her fists.

How dare this person humiliate me? You better not let me find out who you are, or I'll make life hell for you.

Early that morning, Roxanne was about to send Archie and Benny off to school when she saw Benny leave the room as she clutched her stomach.

Concerned, Roxanne stepped forward to examine it. "What happen?"

Benny's face contorted in pain as he said, "Mommy, my stomach hurts. Can't I go to school today?"

As soon as he finished, Archie also left the room and looked at Roxanne, saying, "Mommy, my stomach doesn't feel good either."

Seeing that, Roxanne frowned. "Maybe you both ate something bad last night."

Go inside and get some rest. I'll give your teacher a call.

Archie and Benny nodded.

When they saw Roxanne leave, her eyes sparkled with mischief.

Roxanne didn't suspect the boys in the slightest.

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"She has to pay the price for bullying mom." Archie snorted coldly,

Benny nodded vehemently and started typing on the keyboard again.

Archie was confused. "What are you doing?"

Feeling excited, Benny explained, "Their technical team is too weak. My virus is so simple, but they can't crack it so far. In that case, I will increase the difficulty and make that evil woman more angry."

Hearing that, Archie nodded his agreement. "It's better if they can't figure it out. That way, more people will laugh at her. Let's see if she still dares to bully mom in the future."

With that, the boys turned their attention to the laptop.

Suddenly, a series of footsteps were heard near the door.

Archie, who had keen senses, heard the sounds outside and nudged Benny.

Benny quickly finished coding and handed the laptop over to Archie.

As Roxanne walked into the room, she saw Archie hugging the laptop and Benny sprawled on the bed, looking at the screen curiously.

"Don't you two feel bad? Why are you using the laptop instead of resting? Roxanne frowned as she sat down next to the boys. "Come here. Let me take a look at you again."

Archie and Benny's hearts clenched when they heard those words.

Mommy has amazing skills. If she examines us,

we will definitely be exposed. Then everything we did in secret will also be exposed.

Roxanne reached out to take Benny's hand, but he avoided her.

"What happen?" Roxanne looked at him, puzzled.

Benny took her wrist gingerly. Not knowing how to react, she turned to Archie for help.

Archie, on the other hand,

he was much calmer. He held out his hand to Roxanne and said, "Actually, I feel much better after taking the medicine. But you can still check back with us if you're concerned."

He successfully got Roxanne's attention and she proceeded to examine him. After confirming that there was nothing wrong with Archie's body,

he turned to look at Benny.

She remembered that Benny's symptoms were now more severe.

Him having witnessed Archie's method. Benny came to his senses and scooted over to Roxanne with a smile. "Mommy, I feel so much better too! The medicine you gave us is really amazing! You are the best doctor in the world.

Archie and I really admire you. We love you more!"

Amused, Roxanne shook her head. After examining them and seeing that the boys were okay, she breathed a sigh of relief. At the same time, she felt that something was wrong.

"But I still don't feel well," Benny said seriously.

Roxanne's heart skipped a beat when she heard that,  
and studied it with concern.