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Compared to inserting needles, removing them was much easier.

All the needles in Alfred's body were removed in less than ten minutes.

After checking her condition, Roxanne began to pack her things.

Meanwhile, Jonathan and Frieda were anxiously at the bedside.

Previously,

all the famous doctors they had searched for did not achieve any results.

Therefore, they weren't sure if Alfred was able to wake up this time.

Under his watchful gaze, Alfred's fingers began to curl slightly.

In the next second, his eyes widened gradually and he began to wince as he coughed weakly.

"Grandfather!"

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As Jonathan sat up to help Alfred catch his breath, the former's eyes filled with surprise and delight.

Frieda was also so stunned that she was speechless.

Despite her lack of faith in Roxanne, her grandfather had been awakened by Roxanne's treatment.

"Grandfather,

how do you feel?" Jonathan asked with concern once Alfred stopped coughing.

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Alfred gave a slight nod and replied in an extremely hoarse voice, "How long have I been asleep?"

Just as Jonathan was about to reply, Roxanne walked over after she had finished packing.

"It would be better if old Mr. Queen didn't talk too much now, because he needs a lot more rest."

Nodding in response, Jonathan carefully helped Alfred to lie down.

After that, he stood up and expressed gratitude to him. "Dr. Jarvis, I couldn't thank you enough. Besides,

I would like to apologize for our ignorance in doubting you earlier. The mistake was ours, as you are clearly an extraordinary doctor."

After accepting her gratitude and apology, Roxanne recalled, "Although old Mr. Queen has woken up, his prognosis still seems bleak.

He needs at least six or seven more treatments before he can really turn the corner."

Jonathan nodded repeatedly.

"In addition, I will prescribe some medicine to complement your health, since it will help with the treatment. After all, the damage that Old Mr. Queen's body has sustained is significant.

As future treatments require him to be strong enough, I am concerned that he will not be able to take it," Roxanne continued.

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Jonathan's intentions couldn't be more obvious.

Although she did not mention the issue of drug supply, he was aware of her schedule. In fact, he was also interested in exploring the matter with her.

However, Roxanne hesitated to be rewarded for a task that she had not yet completed.

After all,

the Queen family had initially stated that they would only provide medicine at half price to whoever cured Alfred.

When she didn't say a word, Jonathan just looked at her with a smile.

Roxana returned the smile. "To be honest, I came here to treat Old Mr.

Queen after a friend told me that his family was willing to sell medicine for half price to whoever healed him. But now that he just woke up and his condition hasn't stabilized, I don't think it's appropriate to talk about the reward. At the very least, we can wait until his situation improves."

Jonathan's smile widened at Roxanne's response. He then responded with even greater sincerity: "Dr. Jarvis, the fact that Grandpa is awake is already a miracle to us. As for his follow-up treatment, we have the utmost confidence in you. Consequently,

You have earned the right for us to discuss your reward."

Surprised by his faith in her, Roxanne was stunned for a moment. When she finally came to her senses, she took a seat on the sofa.

"You were recommended by Dr. Galloway. When she came to see grandpa back then,

He mentioned the situation at the research institute. However, since she was unable to help the grandfather, the matter ended in limbo.

Jonathan further explained, "Now that he has sent you here, I am sure that he has something to do with the research institute. Is my guess correct?"

Roxanne nodded slightly before telling him about the situation at the research institute.

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“The research institute is currently working on some projects. Unfortunately, progress is held back by a lack of medicines. As a result, we have been looking for a drug provider that we can work with.

Unfortunately, we ended up being turned away by everyone in Horington. With no other choice, Colby thought of the Queen family and thought he should give it a try.”

Looking at Jonathan, Roxanne earnestly explained, “Of course, even without the reward, I would do my best to treat Old Mr. Queen.

The reward is nothing more than a bonus for me.”

When Roxanne's serious expression earned more respect from Jonathan, she repeated, “I'd like to apologize again for the doubt I've shown you earlier. You really are an exceptional doctor.”

Acknowledging her praise,

Roxanne stared at Jonathan as she waited for him to talk about the drug supply.

With no time to waste, Jonathan immediately intervened after understanding the situation:

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Hearing his promise, Jonathan replied with a smile, “Your words have put me at ease. Anyway, I'll draw up the contract tomorrow. When the time comes, all you have to do is sign it.

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Roxanne nodded in acknowledgment.

Once the matter of the reward is resolved,

Jonathan personally walked her to the door and watched her walk away.

Only when her car was out of sight did he return to the house and call Lucian.

"How is old Mr. Queen?"

The moment the call connected, Lucian's voice rang out with the sound of flowing water in the background.

Jonathan replied with a smile: “He's already awake. Dr. Jarvis is amazing.”

Remembering how awkward Lucian and Roxanne had been earlier, he asked curiously, “Lucian, did you know Dr. Jarvis before this? I feel that something is wrong between you two. Besides, I've never seen you behave like that with another woman before.”

Even though he made things difficult for her, he stood up for her at the same time.

At first, Jonathan really thought that Lucian didn't take Roxanne seriously.

However, after seeing how Lucian helped her and even insisting that Frieda apologize to her, he didn't know what to think.

Her hunch told her that they both knew each other,

but it was impossible for him to guess what kind of relationship they had.

Lucian's concern for Alfred was the only reason she took Jonathan's call. Therefore, the question caused his expression to darken. I don't know her. If she did, she would have already gotten her to treat Old Mr. Queen.

Before Jonathan could reply,

Lucian hung up, making the former curious.

Somehow, Lucian's tone at this moment was really awkward. Do they really not know each other?

When Roxanne got home, it was already late at night.

Madilyn was playing Lego with the kids in the living room.

The moment the three of them saw Roxanne,

they dropped the Lego into his hands and together they welcomed him home.

"Mommy!"

The two children threw themselves into her arms and asked her in a worried tone: "Why did you care? come back so late? We're all sleepy now."

They both yawned with their eyes about to close.

Roxanne ruffled their hair.

"I'm sorry for letting all of you wait so long."

Looking up, she wanted to thank Madilyn.

Realizing what he was about to say, Madilyn waved her hands. Don't worry about that. They are both my godchildren after all. As for you, have you had dinner yet? It's already so late!"

Roxanne shook her head. "I could not eat, since he was busy with work."

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After some idle talk, Madilyn took her leave as it was already late.

Meanwhile, the boys followed Roxanne.

After tidying up the room a bit, she finally had time for them.

"Did you have fun in kindergarten today? Did you fight with your friends?"

After recalling the events of the day,

the boys responded with a strong nod. "We had a good time. When school ended, they even gave us lots of snacks!"

Roxanne couldn't help but smile. "It seems that the two of them are very popular."

Benny nodded seriously before looking in Archie's direction. "In fact,

Today there is a girl who declared that she wants to marry Archie when she grows up!

"Really?" Roxanne gave her son an amused look.

Archie, briefly stunned, shot a look at his brother before blushing all the way to his ears. "Yes, but I did not agree."

Pinching his ear, Benny made a face at Archie.

When she saw how the children were playing, Roxanne smirked.

Despite the fact that it was already late, the children clung to her and told her everything that happened in kindergarten.

Most of the time, Benny had a lot to say, while Archie summed up her words.

As for Roxane,

he listened intently and gave an occasional laugh when he saw how cute they were.

When she finally looked at the time, it was almost ten.

"Time to go to bed. You still have school tomorrow," she convinced the children, putting on a serious expression.

Obediently obeying, they both went upstairs to sleep.

The next morning,

Roxanne dropped them off at kindergarten before heading to the research institute.

. Once she finished the morning meeting, she left the conference room along with Colby.

"How you were yesterday? Did you manage to treat old Mr. Queen's disease? Colby inquired.

Roxanne nodded slightly.

Although his condition seems to be serious and complex treatment is needed, it is still possible to cure him, but it will take quite a long time. Since I'll be going often in the next few days, you'll have to keep the fort around here for now.

full of admiration,

Colby quipped: "I'm in awe that you can treat a disease that has baffled all the famous doctors wanted by the Queen family. Dr. Jarvis, your words about him make us feel ashamed of ourselves!"

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Knowing that Madilyn had helped her pick up the children two days in a row, Roxanne planned to pick them up herself that day. Thus, she headed to the Queen's residence in the afternoon after finishing her work in the morning.

After her arrival

he examined Alfred to make sure there were no complications before proceeding with his treatment by inserting needles.

While he waited for the moment to remove the needles, Jonathan approached with a document in his hand. "Dr. Jarvis, here is the contract I have prepared. If you agree to the terms,

You can just sign it."

Roxanne wasn't surprised, since that was what they discussed the night before. After reviewing the document in detail, she placed her signature at the bottom.

With the contract signed, Jonathan's attitude towards her warmed. "From now on, we have become partners. However,

We will still need your help regarding Grandpa's condition."

Roxanne nodded in acknowledgment. "That's the least I can do."

After a brief chat, Roxanne looked at the time and removed her hands from Alfred's body.

Even though she had tried her best to rush,

school was already over for the boys when he finished packing.

After saying a quick goodbye, Roxanne drove to pick them up.

On the way, she wondered if they were worried since she didn't inform them that she would be late.

When she arrived, all the students had left, leaving behind an empty kindergarten.

Scanning the surroundings, Roxanne saw the two children sitting on a small bench in the field, but there was no sign of any teachers.

As a result, she eagerly rushed towards them.

"Mommy!" the boys ran in her direction the instant they saw her,

hugging them, she knelt down to caress their faces. "I'm sorry.

I was busy and lost track of time."

Archie gave her an understanding shake of his head. "Everything's fine. We are safe in kindergarten. Also, there is a teacher here with us. There is no need for you to worry."

Benny also nodded accordingly.

Roxanne gave them a confused look. "A teacher?"

Archie pointed to the corner of the field.

Following the path of her finger, Roxanne saw a teacher by the slide. With a warm smile on her face, she was kneeling on the ground while she was talking to a girl.

Looking adorable in her kindergarten uniform,

the girl had her hands tense on her knees as she sat upright. At the same time, she was staring in her direction.

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Roxanne nodded evasively before leading the children to greet the teacher.

Just before leaving, her gaze unconsciously fell on Estella again.

When she saw that the three of them were about to leave, Estella stood up anxiously as she stared at them.

Worried that she would fall, the teacher quickly clung to her.

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After a brief hesitation, Roxanne couldn't help but ask in concern. "It's her?"

Well aware of what she was about to ask, the children immediately replied, "Mommy, she is a student here too. In fact, she's in the same class as us. Since her dad and her mom haven't picked her up yet, she was waiting together with us."

Nodding in acknowledgment, Roxanne's heart melted a little at the sight of Estella.

However, she had no intention of staying, as either Lucian or Aubree would be picking up Estella soon, neither of whom she intended to see again.

However,

Estella was visibly reluctant to see her go.

Not wanting to disappoint her, Roxanne patted Estella's head with a smile. "Your parents will be here soon. Since I need to go first, you must obey the teacher and wait together with her, okay?"

Just as Roxanne was about to leave, Estella grabbed her sleeve tightly.

Stopped by Estella's reaction, Roxanne looked down to see Estella shake her head, her eyes slightly red.

The look on Estella's face made Roxanne feel so embarrassed that she couldn't bring herself to move.

When the teacher saw that Estella refused to let Roxanne out,

she sighed in resignation before approaching the latter to explain: "Estella has been very close to Archie and Benny recently. Due to her autistic nature, very few students are willing to play with her. But the first day the brothers came to class, they ended up protecting her from her. That is why she has come to depend on both of them.

And now, you're probably afraid they're leaving."

After learning about Estella's situation, Roxanne could feel the discomfort inside her intensify.

The girl is not only mute, but she is also autistic. No wonder the teacher let the children wait to the side.

Unfortunately,

The thought of running into Lucian and Aubree made Roxanne hesitate to stay behind.

Despite the teacher's persuasion, Estella refused to let Roxanne go no matter what.

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"I remember you came back from abroad with Archie and Benny. Considering that they grew up abroad, it amazes me how well they speak Canaanite."

Since the talk was just an excuse, the professor talked about trivial matters,

since Archie and Benny's performances in class were so impressive that there was nothing to complain about.

Roxanne nodded with a smile. "That's because there were still plenty of Canaanites to talk to."

Meanwhile, the boys didn't say a word and just smiled obediently. They just nodded to what their mother said.

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Seeing how well behaved they were, the teacher couldn't help but pour out admiration. "Aside from Chanaan and Ustranasion, they seem to be able to speak Ferropenian as well, no?"

"Mmm-hmm, they probably picked it up from my colleagues abroad."

Roxanne stroked the children's hair.

impressed,

the teacher exclaimed, "I must say that they are exceptionally intelligent not only having mastered three languages at such a young age, but also the primary school curriculum. Coupled with your exquisite features, you really do have exceptional children!"

Roxanne smiled proudly at the compliment. You flatter us.

They are just ordinary kids who enjoy learning."

While they talked, Roxanne kept looking to see if someone would come to pick up Estella.

Checking the time, she realized that a long time had passed.

Filled with sudden concern, she asked, "By the way, when will the girl's parents arrive?"

The teacher looked at her watch and replied, "Probably soon."

After nodding in response, Roxanne looked down at Estella.

The latter was still standing next to her as he kept his grip on Roxanne's sleeve as if it were her. she was afraid that Roxanne would leave her.

Resigning herself to the fact that she couldn't leave,

Roxanne turned to the boys. "Can you go to the car first and wait for me there?"

Nodding obediently, the two of them walked towards the entrance of the kindergarten.

Once she saw them get into the car, Roxanne's gaze returned.

It was prudent to keep the boys out of the way as she couldn't help but run into those two.

At the entrance to the kindergarten, Archie and Benny got into the car one after the other before looking

Through the window.

"Why do you think mom asked us to come here?" Benny wondered as he held his chin.

Archie put away his school bags before joining his brother at the window. "Because dad is about to arrive."

For some strange reason, mommy doesn't want us to meet daddy. However, she doesn't know that we have discovered Dad's true identity and even she knows what he is like.

As the boys continued to look outside, a Rolls-Royce came to a dramatic stop in the street.

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Meanwhile. Lucian didn't notice the kids in the car as he entered the kindergarten, well aware that he was late.

By the time he entered, he saw two figures by the slide along with Estella, who by then had already squeezed into Roxanne's arms.

"Mister. Bye bye,

are you here! the professor respectfully saluted upon seeing Lucian.

Lucian nodded in acknowledgment as he walked towards them. After glancing at her daughter, he looked coldly at Roxanne. "Why are you here?"

Sensing her hostility, Roxanne frowned in confusion.

The teacher then looked at them in surprise, "Do you know each other?"

A while ago,

she had assumed Roxanne didn't know Estella.

However, considering how dependent Estella was on Roxanne, she thought she wasn't a surprise at all.

After nodding to the professor without answering the question, Roxanne turned her attention from her to Lucian. "I came here to pick up my children. It was your daughter who refused to let go of my clothes, forcing me to stay here with her.

The moment she heard the words "your daughter" roll off her tongue, Lucian's expression darkened.

How can he say such a thing in front of his own daughter? What a heartless woman!

Not realizing what she had said wrong,

Roxanne saw a sudden change in Lucian's expression as he turned his attention to Estella.

"Come here." Lucian held out his hand gravely.

After glancing at Lucian's outstretched hand, Estella looked up and gave Roxanne a reticent, pitiful look.

Just when I finally got the chance to be with her,

why does daddy have to be so fierce?

As the seconds ticked by, Lucian's expression darkened as Estella refused to let go of Roxanne.

Finally, Roxanne looked down and ruffled Estella's hair before reassuring her, "Your dad is here to pick you up and I have to go too. So, you should go home with him now."

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After that, Roxanne got up, planning to leave the instant Estella released her grip.

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Despite that, Estella flatly refused despite how grim Lucian looked. Instead, she continued to give Roxanne a pleading look.

For some inexplicable reason, she loved staying by Roxanne's side,

to the point of wanting to follow her home.

As the tension in the air began to build, the master felt the need to defuse the situation.

Before he could, he saw Lucian make the move on him suddenly.

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After Roxanne's anger dissipated, she realized how funny the situation was.

In fact, I have no rights. In her eyes, I never had any.

She lowered her gaze to the ground, hiding the self-loathing in them. Without saying anything, she forced herself to remove Estella's grip from her sleeve.

Estella's little fingers wanted to reach for her again, but Roxanne caught them out of the air.

"Archie and Benny are still waiting for me in the car. I have to go to them. Be a good girl and go to your dad.

Roxanne gently ruffled Estella's head and released the latter's hand. With a hasty goodbye from the teacher,

Roxanne turned and ran out the front door without looking back.

Back in the car, Archie and Benny were sitting upright. When they saw Roxanne get in the car, they innocently asked, "Mommy, what's up?"

Roxanne took a deep breath before forcing a smile. "Nothing. We're going home."

He started the car and drove away from the kindergarten.

Meanwhile, Lucian was still entrenched in his place. Shooting a sharp look at the teacher, he asked, "Do your children also attend here?"

The teacher didn't know what was going on between the two parents, but she could feel the tension emanating from Lucian. Feeling the pressure

the teacher hesitantly replied: "Yes. Mrs. Jarvis's twins attend our kindergarten-"

Before the teacher could finish, he coldly interrupted: "When did you start?"

"Only... a few days ago," the master answered carefully.

"Inform the director of the kindergarten to remove the children from the list.

If you don't do what I ask, the Farwell Group will no longer invest in this kindergarten."

Lucian's expression turned hostile.

Without giving the teacher time to digest his words, he loaded Estella into her arms and headed for the front door.

Arriving at the parking lot, Lucian noticed that the car parked next to his was gone.

Looking away, he led Estella to the car without stopping.

By the time she got into the car, Estella struggled violently in her arms.

Lucian loosened his hold on her, letting her crawl to the other side of the seat.

Estella angrily took the notebook from her and wrote something in it forcefully.

A while later, her hand stopped.

Estella was furious this time as she turned her notebook over and sat there looking at Lucian instead of crawling over to tug at his sleeve to get his attention.

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Estella was in a bad mood all the way back.

She ignored Lucian, who was following her, and ran up the stairs to her room without looking at him. After slamming the door, she even closed the door angrily.

Catalina was standing at the door when her father and daughter arrived, so she noticed Estella's bad mood.

When she shifted her gaze to the expressionless Lucian walking behind Estella, she knew that they were once again at odds with each other.

"Mister. Goodbye, why is Mrs. Estella angry?"

Hearing the loud slam of the door above, Catalina turned to Lucian with a worried look.

Remembering the reason why Estella was angry with him, Lucian replied impassively, "Nothing. She's just having a tantrum. Take care of her."

Catherine nodded habitually, "Yes, sir."

I wonder why Ms. Estella would lose her temper at Mr. Farwell when she was rarely expressive. Also, Mr. Farwell is not good at persuading others.

All in all, we need a lady of the house.

Estella was just mad at Lucian, so she obediently opened the door when Catalina knocked.

"Millisecond. Estella, come eat something.

Catalina brought a tray with Estella's favorite food to her room.

Unfortunately, Estella had no appetite. After taking two bites of the food, he pushed the plate away and sat down sadly by the desk.

Catalina's heart ached for the girl.

However, she knew that this was something between father and daughter, so she was in no position to give any advice. She took the food to the kitchen and returned to help Estella shower a few hours later.

After cleaning the bathroom,

Catalina saw Estella lying face down on her bed, looking at the laptop in front of her with a hardened look. She wondered what the girl was doing playing the keyboard so seriously.

However, Catalina was used to Estella typing on the keyboard, so she quietly left the room after cleaning up without asking anything.

Meanwhile, Roxanne was stuck in a traffic jam on her way back with Archie and Benny.

Archie and Benny sat quietly in the backseat, exchanging glances from time to time, as they studied their mother's expression through the rearview mirror.

They didn't know what happened in kindergarten before. Though Roxanne didn't tell them nothing, they noticed that she was in a bad mood.

"Mommy, we made some cards in kindergarten today! The teacher asked us to do it for the people we love,

so Archie and I made one for you!