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Chapter 251 Are You Afraid Of Grandpa

“But...” Arissa still had the ointment in her hand as she looked at the man that just changed his mind.

Nevertheless, Benjamin did not want her to notice any oddities, so he said, “Be quiet! I’m going to take a nap!”

Arissa puckered her lips.

What a temperamental guy. So be it then. It’s your body, after all. I won’t feel bad for you.

Thus, Arissa turned around and went to the bathroom.

When she got out, she noticed that Benjamin had closed his eyes. She was not sure whether he was asleep. Then, she touched her stomach.

Even though she had some soup not long ago, she was still quite hungry, so she silently went for the door.

However, as soon as she placed her hand on the door, she heard the man’s voice.

“Where are you going?”

Arissa froze for a moment and turned to look at the man with his back to her.

Does he have eyes at the back of his head?

“You said you wanted to sleep, right? So I thought I’d go out and get something to eat.”

Then, Benjamin turned around and stared right into her soul. “Call the guards to come in.”

Arissa did not know what he wanted to do but still opened the door and asked the bodyguards to come in.

"Mr. Graham," they greeted.

Benjamin shot a glance at them and said, "Go ask Drawbridge Dining to make some food and send it over here!"

"Yes, sir!" They went out immediately after.

Arissa was taken aback by what she heard as her heart stirred.

She was about to say something, but Benjamin cut her off. "Come here!"

Arissa looked at him and was willing to look past his commanding tone, seeing that he had ordered food for her.

Hence, she closed the door and went over to Benjamin. "What is it?"

"I have an itch on my shoulder. Help me sooth it," he said as he turned around.

So, Arissa placed her hand on Benjamin's shoulder and started scratching.

"Higher!"

"Here?"

She adjusted the position and continued.

"Harder!"

Benjamin knitted his brows as it got itchier the more Arissa scratched.

Following Benjamin's instruction, Arissa applied a bit more force.

Benjamin's shoulder was rather stiff, but he had a higher body temperature than Arissa, so it felt warm to her touch.

And as she scratched, Arissa's eyes began to wander downward.

The curves and lines on the man's back were immaculate and brimming with power.

Arissa gulped as she was unknowingly being attracted to the man.

That said, she quickly snapped out of it and focused her attention back on her current task.

And after a while, Benjamin actually fell asleep, probably because of how comfortable it was.

Hearing the man's long steady breathe, Arissa took a peek to make sure before she carefully pulled the blanket over Benjamin.

At that moment, Benjamin's phone suddenly rang, so Arissa took his phone and saw that it was Darius calling.

She suddenly got thrown between a rock and a hard place as she did not know whether to pick up or not.

Then, she looked at Benjamin. And as soon as a single crease appeared on his forehead, she immediately denied the call.

Let's just let him sleep for a little.

On the other end of the line, Darius was infuriated to see that Benjamin had denied his call.

"You little bast*rd, how dare you deny my call!"

Kingsley smiled. "Mr. Graham, maybe he's just really busy right now. Why don't you call him later?"

Hearing that, Darius grumbled for a bit and decided to take Kingsley's advice.

After that, Arissa turned on silent mode for Benjamin's phone and placed it on the side.

I wonder how the kids are doing at home right now.

She walked to the balcony and closed the door behind before she called Zachary.

“Mommy!”

“Have you had dinner yet, Sweetheart?”

“We aren’t done eating, Mommy. Grandpa wants you and Benjamin to come home for dinner,” Zachary said after taking a look at Darius, who was still very much annoyed.

Grandpa?

“You guys are with your grandpa?” Arissa asked after a moment’s thought.

Benjamin’s father?

“Yeap. We’re at Grandpa’s house right now. He called that man just now, but he didn’t answer. Are you coming over, Mommy?”

How did the kids get to Old Mr. Graham’s place? Did he call Benjamin to tell him to go home for dinner?

Arissa looked at the man sleeping in the ward, perplexed, before she said, “I’m not going back tonight. Please behave at your Grandpa’s house, okay? Listen to him.”

“Okay, Mommy. But why aren’t you coming back? Are you afraid to meet Grandpa?”

“He’s a very nice guy, Mommy. He took us to some places and had a lot of delicious foods.”

“I think he likes us a lot, especially Jesse. He doesn’t seem to want to let go of her.”

“Grandpa would definitely like you, Mommy.” “Don’t worry, Mommy!”

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Chapter 252 Let The Children Keep Him Company

Arissa was relieved to hear the children's happy voice and, at the same time, happy to hear that Darius liked the kids.

"I have something going on right now, so I can't go. Your daddy's also not available, so we're not having dinner with you guys. We're not going back either, so be nice and listen to your grandpa."

"What happened, Mommy? Why aren't you guys coming home?" Zachary was astonished.

At the same time, Gavin also heard Zachary when he came over to call him.

Mommy's not coming back?

"Why aren't you coming home, Mommy?" Gavin asked as well.

"We have a social event to attend, so I doubt we can go back. You guys wash up and rest early. You'll definitely see me tomorrow morning."

Arissa did not tell them Benjamin was hospitalized so they would not worry.

"Then don't drink too much at night, Mommy. Stay safe!" Zachary urged.

"Don't worry, Mommy. We'll be going back after dinner," Gavin said to Arissa.

Arissa smiled. "You guys can stay there overnight. There's no need to hurry back since we're not there. Stay there and keep Grandpa company. Tomorrow's the weekend anyway, so spend some more time with him."

Arissa figured it was a good idea since she was in the hospital and could not spend time with them.

So, instead of the children staying at home alone, it was better for them to spend time with Darius.

"Okay, Mommy!" Gavin nodded.

"Mommy, Grandpa's actually eager to see you. It's a shame that you can't make it. He asked the chef to make a lot of delicious food and even asked us what you like to eat!" Zachary told her.

Arissa smiled. "Maybe next time. I'll pay him a visit when I'm free. So, tell Grandpa that we can't join him for dinner because of the social event."

Arissa did not expect Darius to want to meet her that quickly, so she was a little unprepared.

On top of that, Benjamin was still in the hospital, so there was no way she could leave.

At the very least, Benjamin needs to be there when we go and see his father. Besides, Benjamin has never even thought of bringing me to meet his parents, so it'd be inappropriate to meet his father out of the blue.

"Okay! I'll go tell Grandpa right now!"

Zachary handed the phone to Gavin and ran over to Darius.

"Grandpa, my mommy, and Benjamin went to attend a social event. They won't be able to make it back for dinner."

"A social event?"

Darius was surprised to hear that. Doesn't he hate attending social events? What happened? Don't tell me the children's mother is afraid to see me...

Darius laughed. It looks like my eagerness has scared my future daughter-in-law.

"No worries, there's always next time!"

Zachary smiled and said, "Yeah, Mommy said she'll visit when she finds the time!"

"Great!" Darius responded with a hearty laugh and ruffled the little boy's head.

Gavin saw that and happily told Arissa, "Mommy, Grandpa says you can come over next time for a meal!"

"Sure!"

Arissa could actually hear Zachary since he was very loud.

"Sweetheart, Mommy still got work to do, so go finish your dinner!"

"Okay! Bye, Mommy!" Gavin replied.

"Bye, Sweetheart!"

Arissa gave her phone an audible kiss before finally ending the call.

Coincidentally, the bodyguards came back with food in their hands. "Ms. York, your food is here."

"Okay. Thank you!" Arissa nodded with a smile. "You guys go eat as well."

"We're still on duty right now. We'll eat when we change shifts, so I'll leave you to it, Ms. York. If you need anything, feel free to tell us. We'll get it for you," the bodyguard said before he went out.

"Okay!"

Arissa smiled. They have shifts?

After catching a whiff of the aroma from the food, her stomach started rumbling. So, Arissa quickly headed over to the coffee table and munched down the food in front of her.

Drawbridge Dining's food is the best!

After that, Arissa let out a sigh of ineffable satisfaction as her stomach was thoroughly conquered by the delicious food.

At that moment, all those miserable memories of being ordered around got washed away as well.

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Chapter 253 The Five Treasures

At the Old Manor.

Darius brought his five grandchildren and Kingsley as well as Shaun to eat but was interrupted by an unexpected visit.

"Mr. Graham, Zayden is here again," Edwin informed Darius.

In an instant, all five of the little kids frowned and looked at Darius.

"Ask him to leave!" Darius scoffed.

What a killjoy.

Edwin noted Darius' order and backed away to send Zayden off.

"I kindly ask that you leave, Mr. Adams. Mr. Graham is not accepting any visitors today."

"Edwin, this is a gift for Mr. Graham. Can you please help me hand it to him?"

Zayden proceeded to raise the gift he had in his hand.

However, Edwin took a look and said, "Mr. Adams, you should bring it back as well. Mr. Graham is not going to accept this."

As soon as Edwin finished, he turned and went inside, completely ignoring Zayden in the process.

Zayden took a peek inside the manor and saw that it was brightly lit. Nevertheless, he could not see Darius, which gave him quite the headache.

Be it, Benjamin Graham or Darius Graham, Zayden did not get to meet either of them, not even Gavin Graham.

When he got news about the kids, Zayden rushed to the school, but they had already been taken away and were not at the school anymore.

Since both Benjamin and Darius were very adamant, there was no way for Zayden to plea for Danna. The only option left was through Gavin.

So, Zayden hovered at the door for a little longer before he eventually left.

Meanwhile, Darius was unaffected by the visit, as he invited the kids and two adults to eat with him.

"Come, everyone. Eat up!"

Darius delightfully started placing food on the children's plate.

"Eat whatever you want, and tell me if you can't reach it, okay?"

"Thank you, Grandpa!"

The five said simultaneously.

Their sweet and adorable voice was loved by all.

Darius was looking at them with a bright smile on his face. I can never get enough of this!

“Oh, are you having problems with the drumstick, Jesse? Let me tear it up for you, okay?” Darius asked, seeing that Jesse did not have any front teeth.

“Thank you, Grandpa, but I can eat it on my own!” the little girl said and bit down once again and slowly munched away at the drumstick.

Meanwhile, Gavin cut some meat up and placed it on Jesse’s plate.

“Thanks, Gavin!”

When Jesse smiled, her eyebrows formed a perfect crescent, and dimples would appear on both sides of her cheeks, not to mention the gap between her teeth.

She looked adorable, and everyone watched in amusement.

At the same time, Shaun and Kingsley also had their eyes glued to the five siblings, relentlessly filling up their plates with food and completely forgetting about themselves.

“Grandpa, Uncle, you guys need to eat too!” Jesse reminded as she looked at them.

“Oh! Right!”

Darius laughed and picked up his utensils after seeing the kids enjoying themselves.

“Grandpa, the Chanaen food here tastes so good!”

Oliver narrowed his eyes as the heat from the food fogged his glasses.

Kingsley was amused and said, “Oliver, take off your glasses when you eat.”

“But I won’t be able to see if I take them off!” Oliver replied.

Then, he took his glasses off, wiped them clean, and put them back on again.

Darius’ heart ached to see Oliver that way, so he asked, “How bad is your eyesight, Oliver? Maybe let Shaun have a look and see if he could fix it for you with surgery.”

What he said sounded silly to Shaun since Shaun was not an ophthalmologist, but he answered, "Okay!"

So, Oliver told Darius about his eyesight. "It's around 300 degrees, Grandpa. Mommy told me that my glasses could help adjust my eyesight, so my eyes will be fixed after wearing them for a year. I don't need to go through surgery."

Darius was astonished. "Does technology like that actually exist?"

"Sure does!" The little fellow nodded.

"Grandpa, the doctor said that Oliver won't need to wear glasses anymore if he wore that for a few years."

Jasper looked at Darius with a smile.

"That's good then. It's much safer than going through eye surgery." Darius nodded.

Shaun smiled and said, "Don't worry, Mr. Graham. It's common for people to have eyesight problems these days. Wearing glasses isn't that much of a big deal."

Darius was a little annoyed when he heard that. "How is it not a big deal? It's inconvenient to do anything while wearing glasses."

Shaun smiled in response.

"Grandpa, I've already gotten used to it. There's no such problem," Oliver said while his eyes narrowed as he smiled.

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Chapter 254 Return The Favor

"Here, have some beef!" Darius said as he cut the five children a slice of roast steak each.

"Thank you, Grandpa. You should eat more too!"

Gavin did the same for Darius.

And Darius was pleasantly surprised by it. This little guy has always eaten while quietly ignoring everyone around him. He has changed so much, having been gone for only a few days. Does being with his siblings influence him this much?

After that, Zachary, Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse all followed suit and place different dishes on Darius' plate.

"Grandpa, don't just look at us. Eat up! If not, we might finish everything!" Jesse said with her missing front teeth, adorable to no end.

Darius was delighted. "Don't worry. If you finish them, we can ask them to make some more!"

"Jesse, what about me? Where's mine? I might start ignoring you from now on," Kingsley teased the little girl.

Jesse's eyes immediately darted toward Kingsley, and she proceeded to try and fork some food over to him.

"Uncle Kingsley, you're too far away, move your plate closer!"

Kingsley was ecstatic, so he handed his plate over and let Jesse put food in it.

"Thank you, Jesse!"

"You're welcome!" Jesse sat down once again and started munching her food.

"Jesse, what about me? You shouldn't have favorites, you know?"

Shaun smiled as he looked at Jesse.

So, Jesse shifted her beady gaze toward him. "What would you like to eat, Uncle Shaun?"

Shaun smiled and gave Kingsley a smug look.

"I like shrimps."

So, Jesse took a few pieces of shrimp and placed them on his plate.

"Good girl!"

Shaun took one shrimp and peeled the shell off before placing it on Jesse's plate.

Jesse looked at him. "Why did you give it to me, Uncle Shaun?"

"Because I feel like it!" Shaun smile at her endearingly.

"Thank you, Uncle Shaun!" Jesse was overjoyed.

"Do you guys want some shrimp?" Shaun asked the other four kids.

"Yes, please!" They all nodded.

With that, Shaun took up the responsibility of deshellng the shrimps and gave some to Darius first before distributing them evenly between the children.

"Thank you, Shaun." Darius' lips curled.

"You're most welcome, Mr. Graham. After all, I'm the one enjoying a free meal here. This is the least I could do," Shaun responded with a smile.

Kingsley laughed when he heard that. "Based on what you just said, I would be ashamed of myself if I don't help out."

Then, he took a crab and started deshellng it.

The kids were all thrilled and took one each to deshell for the three adults.

"What are you guys doing? Just let me do it."

Kingsley looked at the five children funnily.

"Mommy said that we should always return a favor. So, if you're doing it for us, we should do it for you!"

Zachary was very serious about deshellng the crab.

So, other than Jesse, who did not quite do it right, the four brothers all did superbly and distributed the deshellng crabs to Darius, Shaun, and Kingsley.

All three adults were very happy to see that.

Darius looked at the four kids raised by Arissa and was very satisfied to see that they were all very polite and respected their elders.

Their mother has taught them well.

It left a very good impression in Darius' mind.

She's way better than that pretentious Danna. In the end, the biological mother is still the best.

Then, Darius looked at Gavin, relieved to see that the boy was fitting in and getting along happily.

The boy did not smile much when he was with Benjamin, but Darius had already seen more smiles from him in just one day.

"Here, wipe your hands with this."

Darius took a towel and got up to help the kids wipe their hands.

"Thanks, Grandpa, but we can do it ourselves."

Jasper wanted to wipe his hand, but Darius dodged him.

"Let me do it. I like it!"

"Alright then, Grandpa. Thank you."

The little child's cutesy voice was very endearing, and Darius just could not stop smiling.

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Chapter 255 Are They Out On A Date

Shaun and Kingsley both had a grin on their faces as they watched Darius get along with the kids.

The more they were with the kids, the happier they got.

How lucky of Benjamin to suddenly have five kids.

The two men felt jealous.

"They're just so adorable!" Kingsley sighed.

"I wish I could take them home!" he said while looking at the five identical children.

Shaun looked at him and smirked, "You can always make one."

"That's easier said than done! Tell me, how is Benjamin this lucky? Five kids in one go! He definitely won the game of life here."

Truth be told, Shaun was also jealous of Benjamin.

"Gavin, is it okay for you and your brothers and sister to come home with me tonight?"

Shaun asked the little guy with a bright smile on his face. Benjamin's hospitalized, after all. He can't go home. Which means I can have fun with the kids at my place.

"Sorry, Uncle Shaun, we can't." Gavin rejected him.

Darius was thrilled to hear that and stroked Gavin's head affectionately. "Yes. Don't go. Stay here with Grandpa."

Shaun looked at them in amusement.

"Why not?"

"If you guys don't like to go back with him, maybe come back with me instead? My house's definitely a fun place," Kingsley chimed in.

Gavin puckered his lips when he heard that. Uncle Kingsley's place is not fun at all.

"We're not going to your place either!"

Kingsley was devastated. "But Gavin, I have a lot of figurines at my place."

Gavin gave Kingsley a smug look and said, "My brothers have a lot too!"

He was very proud of it.

Jasper nodded as well. "Uncle Kingsley, do you have more figurines than I do?"

"You'll need to come home with me to find out then! How about it? You coming?"

"Can you two stop tempting my grandchildren? They're staying with me tonight to keep me company, period."

Darius huffed and shot the two a glare.

Shaun and Kingsley smiled in response.

Zachary nodded and said to Darius, "Don't worry, Grandpa. We won't go with them. We'll stay here tonight. I hope you won't think it's too noisy."

"Of course not! I'm ecstatic. I would never think that of you kids no matter how long you stay here."

Darius smiled and ruffled the boy's hair.

Back then, he could not even get Gavin to stay the night since Benjamin would always leave right after dinner and head back to Yaleview.

"Then, we're sorry for bothering you in advance, Grandpa!" Jasper agreed after seeing his two brothers saying they would stay.

"It's not a problem at all. My little sweethearts, you can stay however long you want and come visit me whenever you feel like it."

Darius sat down and asked the housekeeper to prepare some more food.

"Are we not going back?" Oliver asked Zachary.

"No. Mommy and Benjamin are busy with work, so they aren't going home. She said that we should stay here and keep Grandpa company," Zachary whispered into Oliver's ear.

Oliver understood and gave it some thought before he said, "Do you think Mommy and Daddy are out on a date right now?"

Zachary looked at the excited Oliver. "You think so?"

"Of course!"

Oliver smiled as his eyes lit up.

The corner of Zachary's mouth twitched. You greedy boy. Can't you control yourself? Look at you, calling him Daddy already.

Darius smiled when he saw the two boys secretly whispering to each other.

Shaun and Kingsley both knew what was going on with Benjamin and Arissa, but they merely kept it a secret and smiled.

Right then, Darius looked at them.

"Benjamin went to a social event. Do you two know where that is?"

Kingsley immediately shook his head in response.

Shaun followed shortly after and said, "I've not seen him today, Mr. Graham. How would I know where he went?"

Hearing that, Kingsley gave Shaun a side-eye stare. This guy really knows how to lie through his teeth.