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Chapter 271 Be Honest

“Hehe, it’s all my fault, Graham. I must have been sleepwalking. I promise you it won’t happen again. I swear,” Arissa assured Graham.

Benjamin’s eyes gleamed. She actually thought she was the one who crawled into my bed. Oh well. I’ll just let it be then.

He poked Arissa’s back and she instantly fell back into his arms.

She stared at him in disbelief. Just one poke and I’m in his arms again. What the hell?

“How can I believe you when you don’t walk the talk?”

The atmosphere became tense as Benjamin flashed a smile that did not reach his eyes.

Arissa felt helpless. When did I ever fail to keep my promise?

“I will definitely keep my word. I don’t know what else I can do to make you believe me.”

She huffed in frustration. In the next moment, however, she had a wicked glint in her eye as she traced her fingers over his body.

“Could it be that you were the one who carried me over to the bed?”

Benjamin stared at her in amusement, as if telling her it couldn’t have been his doing.

Arissa was in a bind. Since he didn’t do it, I must have crawled into his bed then.

“Anyway, we’re just sleeping together. Why would you ask me to be your partner if you mind it so much?”

“Do you have to sleep with me just because you’re my partner?”

Benjamin arched his brow and spoke in a haughty tone.

Arissa laughed drily. Weren't you the one who wanted to sleep with me back then? Why are you acting all high and mighty all of a sudden?

“Graham, don't you know that honesty is the best policy? There's no shame in admitting to it.”

She trailed her hand down his abs as she spoke.

Benjamin's gaze darkened as a bulge begin to form in his pants.

He felt as if he had been possessed and was dangerously close to the point of no return.

“Woman, do you know what you're doing?”

He spoke in a deep, raspy voice as he locked his gaze on her.

Arissa's heart skipped a beat, and she quickly retracted her hands.

“Hehe. You kissed me just now. So why can't I touch you?”

Does he think he's the only one who's allowed to make the first move?

Benjamin stared at her with a dangerous glint in his eyes.

Just as Arissa was about to roll off the bed, the door to the ward was pushed open abruptly.

“Benjamin, look what I've brought for you.”

Shaun and Kingsley barged into the room. Their eyes widened in surprise when they saw the couple together on the bed before they smiled knowingly.

Arissa quickly flipped over and sat up straight. She straightened her clothes and rushed into the restroom to clean herself up. This is so embarrassing.

Benjamin glanced at her and turned his attention over to Kingsley and Shaun. He didn't look the least bit embarrassed even after getting caught.

"What are you guys doing here?"

"Hehe!" Kingsley chuckled with malicious glee.

Shaun gave Benjamin a look and walked right in. He seems to be in a good mood today.

"Tsk ts. You're disappointed because we've interrupted something good, right?"

Kingsley went over and teased Benjamin.

Benjamin gave him a piercing glance. "So you're aware of that? Why are you here then?"

Shaun and Kingsley exchanged looks of amusement.

"My, my. What a rare sight."

Kingsley glanced in the restroom's direction and asked Benjamin, "Did the two of you sleep—"

"Kingsley, how was the view yesterday when you're up on the mountains?" Benjamin asked coldly.

Kingsley's mouth twitched as he glared at him.

"Benjamin, what sort of a friend are you? I was just joking. How could you leave us up there? Don't you know I almost died?"

Shaun was fuming with anger as he stared at Kingsley.

Unbeknownst to Benjamin, they spent the rest of the night playing mobile games. However, their phone batteries ran out only after two hours.

Kingsley, being the wuss that he was, wouldn't let him have any shut-eye. In the end, both of them stayed up all night.

When it was finally dawn, they hastily made their way down the mountain, bought breakfast, and headed right over.

“You’re fine now, aren’t you?” Benjamin said harshly.

He then got up and made his way to the restroom.

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Chapter 272 Brushing Their Teeth Together

Kingsley pointed at Benjamin furiously. He was at a loss for words.

Shaun gloated over his defeat. “Hah! Serves you right.”

“Are you stupid? Weren’t you punished as well? How could you laugh at me?” Kingsley glared at him.

“You were the one who dragged me into this.”

Shaun scowled. “Can you please stop messing with Benjamin?”

He reckoned he would have been punished again if Benjamin wasn’t in a good mood just now.

Kingsley said to Shaun in a low voice, “Hey, don’t you think he’s in a really good mood today?”

“Well, obviously. You wouldn’t be standing here right now if he wasn’t in a good mood,” Shaun replied.

Kingsley pursed his lips. He's right.

He took his breakfast out and dug in.

"We're not going to wait for them?"

Shaun was amused as he watched Kingsley wolf down the food.

"I think they're still brushing their teeth. Anyway, I'm almost dying of hunger. I need to console my frightened self."

Kingsley was so loud that Arissa could hear everything from the restroom.

She gave Benjamin a look out of the corner of her eye when he entered the restroom.

Benjamin reached for his toothbrush, squeezed some toothpaste on, and brushed his teeth.

Arissa shuddered when she realized how close he was to her. She simply needed to lean back a little and she would be in his arms.

"Can't you scoot over to the other side?"

She was worried that her hair might be splattered with foam even though Benjamin was a lot taller than her.

Benjamin looked at the woman in the mirror and scoffed.

Fine.

He's the boss.

With that thought, Arissa moved over to the other side to wash her face.

She was already done washing up when Benjamin finished brushing his teeth.

I want to pee. But I think I should do it later.

"Mrs. Graham, come and have some breakfast!"

Kingsley and Shaun called out to Arissa.

She smiled and nodded in response. "Oh, okay. You can dig in first. I'm going to tidy things up."

Arissa made up the bed and went into the restroom to relieve herself after Benjamin was done washing up.

"Benjamin, come and have breakfast!" Kingsley gave him a look.

Benjamin walked over and sat down. He glanced at the breakfast they brought and frowned.

Kingsley and Shaun looked at him and knew he was about to pick on the food.

"Dig in first. That's all they have around here." Shaun smiled.

Benjamin felt a little annoyed. I guess she won't be making breakfast for me anymore since they've already bought breakfast.

"Come on, dig in. It's hygienic and tasty. You should try commoner food from time to time. Don't act like such a dignified creature."

Kingsley handed him some sausages.

Benjamin glanced at his hand but didn't accept it.

Kingsley's lips twitched. D*mn it. How can someone be so difficult to deal with?

"Hey, I never complained about you leaving us up on the mountain and even bought breakfast for you. You should be grateful."

"Did I ask you to buy me breakfast?" Benjamin shot him a look.

Kingsley was rendered speechless. What the heck?

"Here, Benjamin, have some oatmeal porridge instead. Avoid the oily stuff for now."

Shaun handed him a bowl of oatmeal porridge.

"Are you feeling better now?"

Shaun noticed that his face and neck weren't as red as before.

"Yeah."

Benjamin stirred his oatmeal porridge, took a spoonful, and ate it.

Hmm, the taste's all right I guess.

Just then, Arissa walked over and sat down beside Benjamin since that was the only seat left. "Wow. So much food."

"We had to buy enough for four."

Kingsley chewed as he spoke.

Arissa smiled and picked up a sandwich. "This is good."

Kingsley arched a brow and shot Benjamin a look. "At least someone has good taste."

Benjamin glanced at him. "Don't you know that you're supposed to eat with your mouth shut?"

Kingsley was rendered speechless once again.

Meanwhile, Shaun smiled and kept quiet.

After taking a few bites, Arissa reached out for a piece of ravioli.

"Did you guys really spend the night on the mountain yesterday?"

She noticed the two men were still wearing yesterday's clothes and had dark circles under their eyes.

The moment Arissa brought this up, Kingsley took this opportunity to complain about how cruel Benjamin had been to them.

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Chapter 273 What Are Friends For

"I was almost sent to hell by those squawking birds. Boss, how will you explain yourself to my old man if I were to die of fright?" Kingsley whined.

Arissa found it really funny. She never knew Kingsley to be such a wuss.

"Is it really that scary?"

"Of course it is, Mrs. Graham. You should try it out with my boss. It was terrible the way those birds were cooing."

Kingsley's heart raced as he imitated the sound of the birds.

"I even got bullied by a monkey and thought it was a ghost. It was so scary."

Shaun burst into laughter when he was reminded of the look on Kingsley's face at the time.

Benjamin's lips twitched.

"I've heard that bird sound before. It's kind of scary."

Arissa wiped the corner of her eye. She had laughed so hard that tears came out.

"Don't worry, I will explain everything to your old man if you were to die of fright and I'll even give you a proper burial."

Benjamin smiled drily, causing their hairs to stand on end.

Kingsley was at a loss for words while Shaun broke into a fit of laughter.

On the other hand, Arissa was staring at Benjamin in surprise. I never knew he had such a vicious tongue.

After all, what are friends for?

Benjamin gave her a sideways glance as Arissa turned back to her breakfast.

Shaun and Kingsley left shortly after the meal to get some beauty sleep while Arissa cleaned up after them and took out the trash.

“Do you still need me to apply the ointment?”

She noticed that Benjamin had almost recovered from his allergy reaction. I think he should be fine without the ointment now.

“I still haven’t recover.”

Benjamin gave her a look.

Hearing that, Arissa brought the ointment over before calling out to the man that was sitting on the couch. “Scoot over then.”

Benjamin walked over, unbuttoned his clothes, and took them off.

Arissa’s face reddened at the sight.

It’s just a torso and I’m already smitten by the sight of it.

She swallowed hard and dared not look him in the eye. Nonetheless, she would steal glances of his sculpted body from time to time.

His muscular body build was a pleasant sight to behold.

Benjamin sat on the edge of the bed and stared at her. “Get on with it then.”

Arissa gave him a look, squeezed out some ointment, and applied it to his rashes.

“Is it still itchy?”

"No." Benjamin felt much better after applying the medication.

"I should be able to recover after one more dose of injection."

Arissa was pleased to hear that. Does that mean Benjamin will be discharged this afternoon?

"What are you smiling at?"

Benjamin was dazzled by her smile.

Arissa gave it some thought, turned to him, and exclaimed, "I'm happy because you'll be discharged today!"

"Who says I'm going to get discharged today?" Benjamin harrumphed.

Arissa pursed her lips and stared at the arrogant man.

"You're fine now, aren't you? So why do you insist on staying here? Don't you want to go home? There's no way the hospital is more comfortable than your own home, right?"

Besides, the worst was over for him. He didn't even need to get hospitalized.

It's not like he's going to have a relapse anytime soon anyways.

Benjamin smirked. "Do you want to go home?"

Arissa nodded. "Of course. I want to know how the kids are doing."

Benjamin stared at her and replied softly, "They are well taken care of at the old manor. You don't need to worry."

"You're not the least bit worried about Gavin?" Arissa turned to face him.

As a parent, she was constantly worried about her children when they weren't within her line of sight.

She would only feel at ease after seeing her children personally.

Benjamin arched his brow and kept quiet.

Arissa quickly applied ointment over his rashes, helped him put on his clothes, and called for the doctor.

The doctor gave him a checkup and prescribed him some medication.

“Mr. Graham, the nurse will be over in a bit for your injection. You don’t need to take any more injections if your rashes are completely gone by this afternoon. Remember to take your pills on time so you can recover at a faster rate,” the doctor instructed before calling for the nurse.

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Chapter 274 Held On To Her Clenched Fist

Arissa stared at Benjamin happily.

“See, the doctor said you will recover today.”

Benjamin stared at Arissa, who was grinning widely and snorted. He proceeded to lean against the headboard.

“Anyway, it’s time to take your pills.”

Arissa poured him a glass of hot water and brought his medicine over.

Benjamin did not say anything further and took his pills like he was supposed to.

“Do you still remember what you promised me yesterday?”

He decided to mention about yesterday's promise since he had nothing better to do at the moment.

His question caught Arissa slightly off guard. It took her a while before she recalled what he was referring to and smiled awkwardly.

"I'll whip up something delicious for you later, okay?"

She didn't have to cook him breakfast since Kingsley and Shaun already brought food over in the morning.

"Didn't you say I'll get discharged today?" Benjamin asked in a flat tone.

"Whatever you say, Graham. It'll be best if you can get discharged today. I'll whip you something delicious when we get home. If not, I'll make you whatever you want later and bring it over to you," Arissa coaxed.

Before long, the nurse pushed a cart into the ward and gave Benjamin his injection.

Arissa's heart ached for him when she saw that he was being injected in the same arm.

"Graham, why don't you inject on the other arm?"

Surely, it'll hurt if he kept injecting the needle into the same arm.

Benjamin gave her a look and extended his left arm over to the nurse. "Just do it on this arm."

Arissa was bereft of speech.

"Doesn't it hurt?"

"It's not the same spot anyway," Benjamin replied faintly.

The nurse gave a slight chuckle as she injected into another vein.

"Be careful not to touch it."

She soon left with the cart after making sure everything was fine.

Arissa came over and placed a pillow under Benjamin's arm to make him feel more comfortable.

He stared at her. "Where did you live with the kids before this?"

Arissa paused, confused as to why he would suddenly ask her such things.

"We stayed in a small town far from here at first. I brought them out of the country after a while."

She had to take precautions since her enemies were in the country. Hence, fleeing the country was her only option.

Benjamin noticed the look of hatred in her eyes. He held on to her clenched fist and gently pried them open, just in case she hurt herself.

Arissa stared at him blankly.

"I'll make sure she pays for this," Benjamin promised before giving Jonathan a call.

"Have you looked into the case?"

Jonathan hasn't replied to my messages since yesterday. Benjamin frowned.

Since when did he become so inefficient?

"I was just about to call you. Let's talk later."

"Meet me at City Hospital then," Benjamin replied.

"What are you doing in City Hospital?"

Jonathan wasn't aware that Benjamin had been hospitalized. Regardless, Benjamin couldn't be bothered to explain himself. "Just get your ass over now."

He arched his brow as Arissa reached out for his phone to put it back in its rightful place. "I want to check my emails."

Arissa retracted her hand. "Are you done with those documents?"

"Yes," Benjamin replied.

With that, Arissa left him to his work. She then went over to the balcony to check on the clothes.

Not long after, they were visited by Ethen. He brought some documents and breakfast over, unaware that they had already eaten.

Benjamin instructed Ethen to take the documents away, gave him a few tasks, and told him to leave them alone.

"Eat up."

Arissa's mouth twitched. "I'm not hungry yet."

Benjamin simply gave her a look and returned to his work.

Arissa sat down and began to scroll through her phone.

When the smell of food wafted over, she felt the urge to eat even though she wasn't hungry. Her eyes lit up when she saw what Ethen had brought them.

Breakfast foods from Drawbridge Dining! She picked up a fork and dug in.

Benjamin looked up and smiled when he saw her eating sneakily.

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Chapter 275 Danna Receives Summons From The Court

When Arissa came to her senses, she realized that she had wolfed down more than half a portion of the food.

She stole a glance at Benjamin and thought of asking if he would like to have some. Right that instant, someone opened the door abruptly.

The next second, Jonathan stepped into the ward with a briefcase. Wearing a solemn look, he was dressed in a black suit with his hair slicked back neatly.

Scrutinizing him from head to toe, Arissa could not resist admiring the man inwardly. Now that's how a lawyer should look!

Sensing someone gazing at him, Jonathan turned instinctively. When a woman came into view, he was stunned momentarily. Is she Gavin's mother?

He nodded at Arissa and greeted, "Nice to meet you."

"Nice to meet you too," Arissa responded and curled up on the couch again. My goodness! This man is as stiff as a commander!

Benjamin flashed him a glance and asked, "Are you confident with it?"

Jonathan took out a document. "Yes. I need you to sign this letter of authorization."

After he went back the previous morning, he had spent time going through the case and managed to find a way out.

Thus, he brought the letter of authorization for Benjamin to sign before the submission of the application for judgment. The latter took the pen to sign on the document as requested.

Jonathan glanced at him and asked tactfully, "Is she Gavin's mother?"

"Yes," Benjamin replied briefly without looking up at him.

Jonathan proceeded to take out another copy of the document right away. "Then I'll need her signature for this document too."

"Arisa, come here," Benjamin called out at once.

Arisa's lips twitched at the man's commanding tone before asking, "What's the matter, Mr. Graham?"

Benjamin shot her a glance and handed her the pen.

Jonathan handed her the document as well. "Ms. York, since you're the victim of the case and one of the plaintiffs, I'll need your signature for this letter of authorization."

"Oh, sure." Arissa took the document from him. After taking a look at it, she signed in the related section and asked curiously, "Will Danna be sentenced to life imprisonment?"

"I'll fight for that by all means," Jonathan responded resolutely.

After getting to the bottom of the case, he was now in awe of Arissa. Apart from hiding herself from Danna, she had brought Gavin's younger brothers up painstakingly throughout the years.

Moments later, Jonathan put the signed documents back into his briefcase. Only then did he ask Benjamin in great concern, "What's wrong with you?"

"Allergies." Feeling awkward, Benjamin was reluctant to explain in detail.

Jonathan nodded. "Have a good rest then. I have to go and submit the application for judgment to the court now. In the meantime, I'll also try to gather as much evidence as possible."

"Okay. Just let me know if you need anything. Since Jack is back, you can assign him some tasks too," Benjamin reminded him.

"Got it." Jonathan nodded and left after waving at Arissa.

“So, he’s Jonathan Patterson?” She double confirmed with Benjamin out of curiosity.

Earlier on, she had a hunch that she must have seen Jonathan somewhere before. After browsing through the site of The Advocates’ Association, she finally realized his identity.

He was deemed the top-notch lawyer nationwide and could hardly be defeated by his peers in the court. So far, there weren’t any cases that he could not handle. On top of that, he was well known overseas too. In fact, she had heard about him while still overseas.

Narrowing his eyes, Benjamin gazed at her. “Yes. Do you know him?”

She looked at him and replied casually, “No, I don’t know him. But I’ve heard of his name before.”

Benjamin nodded and continued to bury himself in his work again.

Meanwhile, after finding out that Jonathan would be handling the case, Arissa felt relieved.

A few hours later, Danna and the Adams family received the summons from the court simultaneously. Danna was sent into a tizzy in an instant.

She was charged with kidnapping, unlawful house arrest, attempted murder, human trafficking, and others. Panicking, she noticed that Benjamin and Arissa’s names were in the plaintiff section.

“How is that possible? How could he sue me?” Danna wailed as she stared apprehensively at the names. The document soon crumpled in her clenched fists.

“This is impossible! Benjamin will never do this to me! You must have made a mistake!” she bellowed at the officers; her eyes flared with utter frenzy.

One of the officers yelled at her, “Silence! Your father has assigned you a lawyer. Do you want to meet him?”

“I want to see Benjamin now!” she shrieked indignantly.

At that moment, all she wanted was to see Benjamin so that she could ask him why he was so hard-hearted toward her. He should be grateful to me as I was the one who brought Gavin back to him! How could he join hands with Arissa in taking me to court? Besides, that

despicable woman and her illegitimate children are still safe and sound. Since I did not commit a grievous deed, how could they sue me?