

Meanwhile, Benjamin remained nonchalant about Danna's repeated calls. The woman was determined to get him on the phone.

As a matter of fact, Danna had already arrived at Benjamin's office. However, the security guards at the entrance stopped her from entering the premises.

"Buzz off! I'll make sure all of you get the sack!" fumed Danna.

"I am sorry for the inconvenience, but an employee must verify and escort all visitors to office premises. Otherwise, we can't let you in," insisted the security guard.

Earlier on, Benjamin passed orders to stop Danna from entering. Thus, the security did just as they were told.

"I am Benjamin's fiancée and have entered the office in the past!" expostulated Danna, who was livid at the way they barred her from entry. In her exasperation, she glared sinisterly at them.

"Mr. Graham does not have a fiancée!" retorted the security guards with a stoic countenance. They were actually professional bodyguards hired to be security guards on the premises.

Danna's face contorted with rage as they infuriated her. By hook or by crook, she needed to see Benjamin immediately. The longer the scandal remained in the limelight, the worse it was for the Adams family stock price. To make it worse, Danna's father made it clear to her about his displeasure.

What exasperated Danna more was the underhanded means of Kingsley. No matter how many ghostwriters she hired, she could not cover up the scandal.

If she could, she would pay to have the malicious tweets retracted. Unfortunately, the tweets came from Kingsley's official Twitter account and could only be taken down by himself. Hence, there was no way she could keep it under wraps.

Her own family intervened with their efforts, but it was futile. So, she sought Benjamin for help. She knew that as long as she could see Benjamin, the latter could help her.

Alas, Benjamin did not pick up her calls, and she was stuck outside his office. At that point, Danna fretted. In a frenzy, she called Benjamin relentlessly.

"Boss, let me hack into your home surveillance cameras," urged Kingsley. Since Benjamin did not object to it, Kingsley tried to hack his way into the footage. However, he was unsuccessful.

Kingsley wanted to upload surveillance camera footage online to turn the tables on Danna's ghostwriters. However, the sophisticated firewall setup prevented him from doing so.

"What is this? Boss, when did you upgrade the firewall system? The defenses are as solid as a rock!" Kingsley marveled with amazement.

Benjamin gazed at him indifferently and replied blandly, "Just yesterday."

Kingsley was speechless for a moment.

Then he explained, "I want the footage that will expose her misdeeds to the world. To protect Gavin's identity, I will blur out his face so no one can tell who he is."

At that same time, Benjamin stared at his illuminated phone screen. Finally, he accepted the incoming call.

From the other line, Danna sounded anxious but also as happy as a clam as she chirped away, "Benjamin, you picked up my call at last!"

Just like a bucket of cold water, Benjamin dampened her excitement with his icy-cold tone. "I'm in a meeting now."

Kingsley looked on with the corners of his mouth twitching. Next, he took a seat at the side and passed

orders to blow up the scandal. As Benjamin did not care about Danna anymore, Kingsley wanted to teach her a lesson on behalf of Gavin. *Since you have the nerve to bully Gavin, I'll teach you a lesson you won't forget. Then you will become a changed person for good.*

"Can I help you with something?" asked Benjamin impatiently.

As she felt a lump in her throat, Danna muttered sheepishly, "Benjamin, I know I made a mistake. When my job got too stressful, I vented my frustration on Gavin at his slightest disobedience. I should have held back. Even though I am too much, let me guarantee you it will never happen again. I will love Gavin with all my—"

"That's unnecessary from now on!" Benjamin cut Danna off stone-cold. He did not want to hear another word from her as rage ravaged his heart like burning ambers.

Since Danna was obviously unrepentant, Benjamin felt Gavin was better off without a mother like her. Besides, she even tried to frame Gavin. Thankfully, Gavin was a sensible child who knew what to do.

"Gavin has never bad-mouthed you, even after your claims that he was disobedient. Actually, I wish he was disobedient instead. Then he would have exposed your misdeeds earlier," scoffed Benjamin scornfully.

When he recalled how Gavin suffered under Danna's hands, his eyes glinted with viciousness.

He wondered whether Danna assumed he would do nothing to her for her to take her anger out on Gavin.

"Benjamin, I've misspoken again. I love Gavin too. Otherwise, I wouldn't have given birth to him. I need better control of my emotions and will change for the better in the future." Danna continued sobbing miserably as she pleaded with him, "Benjamin, it doesn't matter to me what others are saying. They can berate me all they want, but we must keep Gavin's identity under wraps. Is it possible for Kingsley to delete his Twitter posts? At the rate his tweets are trending, it will harm Gavin..."

Benjamin's eyes stared blankly in cold blood. "Worry about yourself instead. I will take care of Gavin's matters myself."

In his mind, he knew jolly well about Danna's selfish intent. At the end of the day, Danna was only concerned about her self-interest under the pretext of caring about Gavin. *How can she be Gavin's real mom?*

Benjamin's cold gaze deepened as he dwelled on his thoughts.

After knowing that Benjamin wanted to cut off all ties with her, Danna panicked.

Benjamin was having problems with her before this. After this incident, he was truly disappointed in her.

"Benjamin, Gavin is my son too..."

"Stop calling me, I'm working now!"

Benjamin held back his anger and hang up the call. He did not want to listen to her anymore.

Danna was overstepping his boundaries repeatedly. She thought that Benjamin would not do anything to her.

Kingsley was eavesdropping on their conversation. He was impressed by how ruthless Benjamin was.

*He should've done it earlier. A woman who truly loves you will never threaten you with her kid! She must be scheming something!*

"Boss, any woman will be better than her!"

He shut his mouth upon receiving Benjamin's glare.

Downstairs, Danna was panicking. She did not want to embarrass herself by entering the room. Therefore, she returned to the car to wait for Benjamin.

"Danna, what did Benjamin say?"

The manager in the car saw her while she was making the phone call. It seemed like there was not much hope.

"Get the ghostwriters to slander Kingsley!"

Danna had an evil glint in her eyes. Kinglsey made her life difficult, so she will definitely retaliate.

Soon, rumors about Kingsley started to spread around the internet.

Kingsley chuckled.

"Boss, Danna is tainting my name. Help me!" Kingsley sulked and handed his phone to Benjamin.

However, Benjamin was too lazy to look at the news.

"What are you afraid of if you didn't do anything?"

Kingsley twitched his lips. He was not afraid of anything.

He just wanted to show him the true colors of Danna.

"Look, she was begging you just a few seconds ago. Now she's accusing me. Danna really is a pretentious b\*tch! She is such a devil! How dare she defame me like that? I won't tolerate such slander. I was just teaching her a lesson today. To be fair, she is not innocent either. Who knows how many rich men she had seduced..."

"That's enough!" Benjamin interrupted him.

"Boss, you still have feelings for her? You deserve someone better!" Kingsley looked at him in disbelief.

Benjamin glared at him again. He was just waiting for the results.

If the result wasn't what he imagined, he would let Danna off. Above all, she was still Gavin's mother.

Arissa headed back to work right after she returned to the IT department.

After all, Benjamin requested her to take control of the business by morning.

She spent two hours reading the documents and asking the professionals to clear her confusion. She then went to meet Benjamin at half-past eleven.

In the CEO office, Benjamin was staring at Kingsley. "Go back if you have nothing else to say!"

Kingsley lifted his head and looked at him. Then, he laughed and asked, "Do you want to have lunch together later?"

"I'm busy!" Benjamin glared at him.

The corner of Kingsley's lips twitched. "What's wrong? Don't you need to eat?"

The comments were taken care of before this. Now, everyone was criticizing Danna. No one knew who leaked the video of her mistreating Gavin.

Even the leader of Danna's fan club unfollowed her. All her fans who were against her act unfollowed her as well.

Although the number of her fans was still the same, everyone was aware that those numbers were nothing but a fake number to show the capitalist.

Those were fake followers. In fact, her followers were less than ten million.

Kingsley was the boss in this field. It was normal for him to know.

Child abuse was not a small matter. All the international brands had removed the products under Danna's endorsement. Some of them even sued her for their losses.

On top of that, some of the TV shows and movies that were yet to be released got restricted because of her. That had caused the loss of several billion.

The investors had contacted the lawyers to sue Danna.

This trouble did not only affect Danna but even the Adams family also got caught up in it.

The stock was dropping. On top of that, Benjamin even agreed to let Kingsley deal with Danna.

The businessmen were very observant. They noticed that the relationship between Benjamin and Danna had turned sour.

A few of the business partners had terminated the contract with the Adams family.

After all, they did not dare to offend Benjamin and the Adams family.

Whoever offended Benjamin would not be able to stay in this field anymore.

Within a day, the Adams Group lost billions. All the major shareholders were agitated.

Danna was called upon by her father. The moment she entered the house, she was slapped across the face.

"How can you be so dumb? How dare you hurt Benjamin's son? Do you really want to push us to our graves?"

The opportunities were destroyed by her.

Zayden was breathless with anger. He lifted his hand to slap Danna again, but he was stopped by Vivian.

"Do you want to beat her to death? Obviously, this incident happened because the Watts family is targeting Danna!"

"She will not be targeted if she had not done anything wrong! It is impossible for you to marry Benjamin after what you've done! No matter what, you have to beg for his forgiveness. Otherwise, I'll kick you out from the Adams family!"

Vivian was shocked. "This is too much! Danna didn't do it on purpose! She has never taken care of a child before. It is normal for her to not know how to deal with one! Furthermore, every parent must've scolded their child before. Not to mention that the news is going wild only because of the ghostwriters on the internet. What's wrong with that? This is nothing compared to child abuse!"

"You fool!" Zayden scolded angrily. Then he continued, "How can you compare a normal child to Benjamin's child? I've warned you to take good care of the child before. Why didn't you do that?"

Danna lowered her head. She clenched her fists and explained, "I don't like him!"

"So you're in the right now, huh?" Zayden was so irritated that he wished he had never given birth to her.

"Look at your daughter! You thought that Benjamin will not do anything to you just because you're the mother? You're completely wrong! Things will definitely turn ugly if you mess with him! Follow me to the Graham Group to apologize! Why didn't you think of the consequences when you did that? When did I raise such an idiot?"

"Dad, I tried to! But, he didn't want to see me!" Danna was helpless.

In the beginning, she was trying to get along with the bastard son. However, the son would never want to get close to her.

Therefore, she couldn't help but bully him whenever there was no one around.

If only she knew that Benjamin would not just marry her because of her kid, she would've abandoned him.

Danna was infuriated when she thought of Arissa. She would not let her go just like that.

"I think that it is not wise to look for Benjamin now. We should go see Gavin instead. Since Danna is her mother, he will definitely forgive her if she is willing to talk to him. Once he forgives Danna, Benjamin won't be so ruthless anymore!"

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Danna's eyes lit up. She realized that she could still use the kid since he did not know that she was not his real mother.

Zayden agreed with the idea.

"Both of you go look for Gavin. I'll try my best to see Benjamin. We must make it clear that we're going to apologize. We must stop this trouble now! Once Benjamin forgives Danna, we will be fine!"

Everyone agreed to the idea and left.

Arissa arrived at the top floor and immediately sensed a deterrent force.

She straightened her outfit and steadied herself before walking over.

The nearer she came to Benjamin's office, the more jittery she felt.

She clenched her fists and prepared herself mentally. *There's nothing to be nervous about. I'm just reporting to him about work.*

If he tried to be hypercritical, she could just walk away.

Taking in a deep breath, she marched to the doorway and rapped on the door several times.

*Knock! Knock!*

"Enter!"

An intimidating baritone voice traveled from the room.

Arissa walked into the office, catching the attention of the two men inside.

Kingsley's eyes gleamed at the sudden sight of Arissa. A wolf-whistle escaped his lips involuntarily.

"A siren!"

*Since when did such an enchantress join Boss' company?*

Kingsley was all smiles as he eyed Arissa.

It was only then that Arissa discovered the presence of another person in Benjamin's office.

"My apologies, Mr. Graham. I wasn't aware there was a guest around. I'll take my leave first..."

Benjamin shot a glance at Kingsley and called for her to stop. "Come in."

Arissa nodded.

"Hi, beautiful! Why haven't I seen you around before?"

Kingsley sprawled over the back of the couch and attempted to strike a conversation with her.

Arissa nodded awkwardly. "It's my first day at work today."

"No horsing around here, Kingsley!" Benjamin issued a stern warning.

Kingsley alternated his gaze between Benjamin and Arissa before snickering.

*Did he try to chase me away earlier because he was waiting for this goddess? I smell a rat!*

"Fine. I'll shut my trap!"

Kingsley grinned at Benjamin while sizing Arissa up.

*A stunner who is both capable and experienced. Wait... Why does her side profile look kind of familiar? I'm certain I have never seen her before. There's no way I would have forgotten the face of such a looker.*

Kingsley stroked his chin.

Meanwhile, Arissa turned toward Benjamin. When their gazes met, she instinctively diverted her eyes.

Benjamin's gaze was like a pitch-black whirlpool that consumed anyone in its path.

She stepped up to his office desk. "Mr. Graham."

"Speak."

Benjamin leaned back against his chair and folded his arms across his chest. His deep and serene gaze fell upon her.

Arissa met his line of sight and tightened her grip on the documents in her hand. She collected herself and began to report on her work in all seriousness.

"The IT department is operating smoothly on the whole. The business department is also adept in their work. However, the system is still a little green behind the ears. For instance, telemetry remains a work in progress..."

Benjamin's gaze shone briefly as he looked at the woman who droned on in a measured tone before him. He was secretly impressed by her.

*I'll have to say that she is a capable worker. She has mastered the entire company's situation and obtained a sound knowledge of its core technology in just a few hours. She even discovered some issues that I have overlooked. She is able to clearly elucidate her points without any prompting on my end.*

From his seat, Kingsley keenly watched Arissa report on her work.

*Looks impressive. This one's a talent!*

Arissa watched the silent Benjamin who had a look of restraint in his eyes. She wondered how much of her reporting did he take in.

"Mr. Graham, I've concluded my reporting," she prompted.

Benjamin heard her feathery voice and raised his eyes in her direction. He asked in a low tone, "You looked into the Graham Group before you came on board?"

Arissa froze for a moment before replying in all honesty, "I did look into it, but I only obtained information that the Graham Group released to the public eye. I only learned about the technical issues it faced internally this morning."

Benjamin raised his brows and looked upon her exquisite features.

She began to feel a little flustered by his gaze and silence.

"Is this up to your satisfaction, Mr. Graham?"

*At least give me a response, right?*

Benjamin stared at her unflinchingly and moved his thin lips. "How much time do you need to resolve these issues?"

Arissa froze. *Does this mean I made it?*



Arisa did a quick calculation.

"The most pressing thing is to upgrade the company system. It will take a month to do so. The other issues are less time-consuming and can be resolved within half a month. However, I cannot promise anything for research and development. I will need at least three months to come up with a prototype..."

Benjamin strummed his fingers on his folded arms.

Arisa watched him as the atmosphere went silent again.

*Once this man stops speaking, the pressure piles on. Thankfully, I face four kids at home every day, so I'm not so scared of him.*

Benjamin's downcast eyes were like unfathomable pools of mystery that in no way betrayed his inner thoughts.

"Mr. Graham..."

Arisa was about to ask him for his decision when the phone on his desk rang.

Shaun was calling.

Benjamin gestured at her to take a seat and picked up the call.

"Are they out?"

Arisa sat down accordingly and waited for him to conclude the call.

"Benjamin, the result is out. The two are not related by blood."

An icy look flitted across Benjamin's eyes. He raised his eyes and looked at Arisa.

She felt a little puzzled. *Why is he looking at me like that? It's so weird.*

"I got it!"

Benjamin hung up the call and furrowed his brows. The chilly aura that emanated from him dropped by several degrees further.

He said indifferently, "Get back to work."

"Yes, Mr. Graham. I'll take my leave now." Arisa got up to leave.

Not understanding the reason behind his change of attitude, she nodded at a friendly-looking Kingsley and walked out of the room.

Kingsley smirked. "Beautiful, I don't know your name yet. Mine's Kingsley!"

Arisa nodded. "Arisa here."

Kingsley was no stranger to her. After all, he was a media darling. It was difficult not to recognize him.

Watching her walk out of the room, Kingsley quickly got up and caught up with her. "How about a lunch together?"

When he felt the sharp gaze that pierced him from behind, he curled his lips in a devious smile.

"Sorry. I've made arrangements with my department's colleagues."

Arisa turned him down with a smile. After another polite nod, she headed for the elevator.

Kingsley sighed. "It's so hard to ask beautiful women to go on a date."

He turned and met a certain penetrating gaze before laughing slyly.

"Where did you find this charmer? She looks kind of familiar!"

"If there's nothing else, you can get lost now!"

Benjamin sent him packing with a cold-eyed look.

Kingsley twitched the corners of his lips and went up to Benjamin. "Boss, did you chase me away earlier just to see this beauty called Arissa? Are you worried I'll snatch her away from you?"

A dark cloud loomed over Benjamin's handsome countenance as his chilly gaze swept over Kingsley.

Kingsley chortled.

"It's nearly noon. Let's head out for a meal together. I'll make reservations!"

Benjamin did not acknowledge his request.

He took a look at the documents and was reminded of the result that Shaun had mentioned. A deep disappointment welled from the bottom of his heart.

Just then, Ethen came in to follow up on the matter with Benjamin. Seeing Kingsley's presence, he hesitated for a moment before he spoke.

"Mr. Graham, the result is out on Mr. Bailey's side..."

"I know," replied Benjamin expressionlessly.

Ethen glanced at Benjamin. He was also fairly curious about whose DNA samples Benjamin had sent for testing.

Nonetheless, Benjamin did not speak further on the topic.

Kingsley looked at the two men before resting his gaze on Benjamin again. "The child's not yours?"

Benjamin stared at Kingsley viciously.

"Are you looking for a thrashing, Kingsley?"

Kingsley nearly jumped out of his skin.

In his heart, Ethen sent Kingsley his condolences.

However, Kingsley walked over to Ethen and swung his arm over the latter's shoulder in a brotherly manner.

"Hey! Does your boss have another illegitimate child? What does he look like?"

The corners of Ethen's mouth twitched. *Isn't it a bad idea to gossip about Mr. Graham in his face?*

He denied, "I don't think there is."

Back then, he had waited in the study for a while before Benjamin arrived with a lock of hair. If he was not mistaken, the hair belonged to Gavin.

In the same envelope, there was also a strand of hair that belonged to a woman.