

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 11

Chapter 11 Benjamin Misunderstood

Danna let out a disdainful snort. With inexplicable animosity, she scoffed, "Now, be on your way out!"

Arissa was breathless with anger. After shooting one last glance at Danna, she turned her back against Danna and left the room.

Seeing how she had offended her potential boss' fiancée, she reckoned that she probably did not have a chance of getting the job anymore.

"Even if you really were his fiancée, you shouldn't be so rude and unkind to others!" Arissa retorted. At this point, she was no longer intimidated by Danna's threats. She was determined to leave this situation with her dignity intact.

"You!" Danna's face began to scrunch up in anger.

She glared at Arissa's departing figure with sinister thoughts boiling within her.

At this point, Arissa had walked out of Benjamin's office and headed toward the direction of the elevator. She then boarded the elevator immediately.

Just then, the private elevator inside the CEO's office opened. Benjamin stepped out of the elevator.

The man's posture was tall and proud, while he had extraordinarily handsome features. He also radiated an innate sense of nobility that could make anyone's heart in his presence flutter.

Danna's heart began to pound at the sight of him. Staring at Benjamin's impeccably handsome face, a hint of madness arose within her. This man was hers in her mind, and whoever was to stand in her way shall be met with death undoubtedly.

With his long and narrow yet sharp phoenix eyes, Benjamin quickly scanned the room. However, instead of finding the supposed interviewee, he saw Danna instead. Immediately, he frowned at the sight of Danna.

"Benjamin, you're here! I brought you breakfast," Danna exclaimed after quickly adjusting into a gentle expression. She then briskly walked over to Benjamin's side and attempted to wrap her hand around Benjamin's arm. However, Benjamin swiftly dodged that attempt of hers.

He walked toward his desk with a stone-cold expression instead.

"What are you doing here?" he asked in an eerily cold voice, with no hint of warmth in his tone at all.

Danna's heart sank. Looking at her pair of lonely hands, the smile on her face began to stiffen. Nevertheless, she recollected herself and quickly followed after him, gathering a smile on her face once again.

"Well, I was afraid that you haven't eaten breakfast. Here, I made this for you. Please eat it while it's still hot!" Danna replied as she opened the lunchbox and placed it on Benjamin's desk.

Yet, Benjamin only swept one glance at the lunch box before monotonously replying, "Please go and leave me alone. I have other things to do."

Benjamin sat down and began to work. That eerily cold and apathetic attitude of his made her feel like her heart sank alongside a large stone. After all these years, he still refuses to forgive me?

"Benjamin..." Danna called out. She could feel a tinge of sorrow in her nose. Seeing how indifferent and cold Benjamin was, her heart fluttered in panic.

Especially after that encounter with Arissa, Danna sank even deeper with fear. If Benjamin were to find out...

"I've just had my meal back home. Now, put these down and head off. I'm busy!" Benjamin ordered.

He cut her off abruptly without even casting her a glance, demanding that she left that instant.

"In that case, please have them when you feel hungry later!" Danna pleaded. She cast him an unwilling gaze, reluctant to part ways with him.

However, she soon spotted Benjamin dialing an internal extension number. It looked like he was summoning for Ethen.

Immediately, Danna could tell what he intended to do next. Feeling panicked, she opted to strike first.

"Oh, by the way, Benjamin, when I arrived at the office earlier this morning, there was a lady sitting here by the couch. She seemed to have accepted a phone call from another company inviting her for an interview. She requested that I convey this on her behalf. Apparently, the other company managed to offer her a better remuneration package than Graham Group. The total remuneration offered by Graham Group was too low in comparison now. So she chose the other company and decided to leave this interview prematurely."

Benjamin's face darkened immediately. The eerie sense of chills he radiated prior grew more intense too.

Realizing how mad he had gotten, Danna secretly beamed with smugness.

There shall be no chance for you to join Graham Group anymore, Arissa York. The one thing Benjamin hates most is people failing to keep their promises. He hates a sudden change to pre-agreed plans too.

"Got it." Benjamin put the phone back down. He proceeded to ignore Danna and got back to work.

Gazing toward her perfect guy, Danna hoped to stay on for a little longer. Nevertheless, in the face of Benjamin's cold hostility, she did not dare to approach him anymore. Thus, she had no choice but to leave the office.

Danna had just reached the office entrance when she bumped into Ethen. Upon seeing Danna, Ethen was stunned.

"Ms. Adams!" Ethen addressed her.

"Hmm," Danna murmured. She put on her cold and aloof stance once again, then headed in the direction of the elevator with her head held high.

This brief encounter had Ethen muttering inwardly. Ms. Adams can be pretty disrespectful and ill-mannered sometimes, huh?

Soon after, Ethen retracted his gaze and walked toward Benjamin's office. Seeing how Arissa wasn't there, Ethen was puzzled.

Could it be that Ms. York has gone to the bathroom?

"Mr. Graham, have you met Ms. York already?" Ethen asked as he walked toward Benjamin's work desk. Yet, he received a piercing glare from Benjamin in return.

Ethen felt utterly puzzled. Looking at his boss, who was clearly infuriated, he tried to carefully ask again, "You've met her?"

"Next time, don't waste my time with people who are disinterested in the company!" Benjamin roared. Which bloody company is it that could afford to offer a better remuneration than Graham Group?

"Blacklist this candidate and never consider hiring her again!" he continued.

Jeez. Do you think my business is short of a mighty individual like you?

Upon hearing this, Ethen blinked in confusion. He had no idea what had happened. Arissa was a candidate that he spent a lot of effort getting in touch with. It was a mere coincidence that she had plans to return to the country, thus was willing to accept the job offer. Mr. Graham, don't you know how hard it is to get hold of promising talents these days?

"Mr. Graham, mind if I ask what happened?" Ethen was determined to get to the bottom of this.

"You're asking me?" Benjamin's piercing gaze swept across the office. When he caught sight of the lunchbox on the desk, his temper exploded into an even fouler state.

Well then, who else should I have asked? Weren't you the one who saw her?

Ethen let out a sigh. He felt it was such a shame this recruitment effort did not go through. Previously, Benjamin had seen Arissa's resume too. He also agreed that her skills and experiences were suited for the role and the company.

"Now, take this away!" Benjamin instructed domineeringly.

"Right, okay!" Ethen quickly picked up the lunchbox on the desk. He carefully peeked at his boss before commenting, "Ms. Adams treats you well, huh? Making an effort to make you food the moment she returns is great."

Honestly, Ethen did not like Danna much as a person. Regardless, he had no choice but to speak nicely of her since she was his boss' sweetheart. Who knew if the day came when she became his boss' wife? It was safer and wise to speak nicely of her now.

Benjamin shot Ethen another glare. Ethen was surprised, gulping instinctively.

He then smiled awkwardly and said, "I'll take it away this instant if you don't like it. But Mr. Graham, Ms. York is a rare talent. Are you sure you won't reconsider your decision? Has there been a misunderstanding somewhere along the lines?"

Ethen had only gone to the bathroom and left her for a short moment. Thus, he couldn't understand why Arissa had left by the time he came back.

Sigh. If only I hadn't walked away. None of this would have happened then.

"The woman declared that the terms we offered were not up to her expectations," Benjamin scoffed. "Now, is there anything else?"

Seeing how bad of a mood his boss was in, Ethen merely shook his head and decided not to report other matters pertaining to their work. He would wait for Benjamin to be in a better mood again before reporting the rest of their work details. With his brows knitted together, Ethen turned around and left the office. Didn't Ms. York agree to the terms offered by our company the last time we spoke over the phone? Why did she change her mind at the last minute?

Ethen couldn't get over his confusion. When he reached the entrance of the office, he turned back to face Benjamin before asking him, "Mr. Graham, did Ms. York personally tell you that she was declining our offer because our offer was unattractive?"

Ethen just felt that something was off. Typically, even if an employment negotiation failed to work out, candidates would usually be more indirect in declining the offer. They wouldn't outright fuss and complain about the employment offer, especially when their potential employee was Benjamin Graham. Wouldn't they think twice before choosing to offend Mr. Graham? Only a dimwit would be stupid enough to do that, right?

"She told me about it!" Benjamin stated bluntly. He wanted Ethen to drop this ordeal. That way, he could go back to reading his documents.

After being stunned for a while, Ethen caught on that Benjamin was referring to Danna. His lips twitched in response to this realization.

Ms. Adams could have come to see Mr. Graham at any time of the day. Yet, she came coincidentally at the moment of Ms. York's interview. Also, Ms. Adams didn't respond to my greetings on her way out. Could it be that she was the one who chased Ms. York away?

Ethen glanced over at Benjamin but did not dare to say anything more. He headed back to his office. After giving things some thought, he decided to call Arissa and understand what happened.

After all, he was the one who scouted for Arissa. His instincts told him that there must be a reason behind her unpleasant encounter today. Arissa couldn't have despised the Graham Group for no reason.

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Chapter 12 The Other Woman Named Adams

After exiting the Graham Group office, Arissa turned around to look at the sky-high building. It was undeniable that she felt a little disappointed with the interview outcome.

At first, she thought the interview would proceed smoothly and that she would soon begin working here. But who knew a turn of events would change this trajectory.

Since fate had other plans, she could only search for other opportunities.

I mean, there are plenty of other companies besides Graham Group anyway.

Arissa hailed a taxi to go home. On the way back, she suddenly received a phone call. Seeing that it was Ethen, Arissa felt odd that he could still call her after her earlier encounter.

Arissa furrowed unconsciously. Nonetheless, she answered the phone call with a courteous tone. "Hi there, Mr. Frank!"

"Hello, Ms. York!" Ethen replied, secretly trying to test the waters. "Ms. York, is there something that you're unsatisfied with Graham Group? If the concern relates to your remuneration, please know that we're open to discussion. Our CEO, Mr. Graham, really values your talent. We sincerely hope that you'll consider working with us."

Arissa was stunned by Ethen's words. What is Mr. Frank up to now?

Arissa tried to make sense of the situation before concluding that Ethen and the rest of them probably didn't know that she was chased away by Danna.

Thus, she replied, "There's nothing that I'm unsatisfied with the Graham Group. I came to today's interview with sincerity to join the company too. However, since Mr. Graham's

fiancée did not like me and chose to shoo me away with a mouthful of nasty and impolite words, I figured that there is no longer a reason for me to join your company. I will take my shot with other companies instead.”

Upon listening to this, Ethen was shocked. “You mean Ms. Adams?”

Ms. Adams!

Arissa’s heart skipped a beat at the sound of that name. The name instantly brought out a deep-seated hatred that she had buried deep in her heart for many years.

Five years ago, a woman, who was also called Ms. Adams, forcefully took her children away from her. Furthermore, she instructed cruel treatments upon Arissa and her children. It was extremely fortunate that someone found them. Otherwise, she and her children would have died a painful death.

Is this Ms. Adams the same individual as the woman from my past? Or is it just a coincidence that they happened to share the same last name?

To this day, Arissa still couldn’t understand why that woman wanted to take her babies away from her. They had no past grudges and didn’t even know each other. Yet, that woman secretly set Arissa up and locked her in an abandoned building until she gave birth to her children.

Initially, Arissa thought that this whole thing was her father’s doing. However, as time went by, she realized that things didn’t make sense.

She will never forget those dark days and had sworn to find that woman to exact retribution. But more importantly, she needed to find her lost children back.

“Ms. York?” Realizing that Arissa had stopped responding for a while, Ethen called out to get hold of her attention.

Arissa finally came back to her senses and responded, “I’m here!”

“Ms. York, so are you saying that you were chased away by Ms. Adams and did not leave the interview because your negotiation with Mr. Graham failed?” Ethen was still in shock. He needed Arissa to confirm this explicitly as he still had a lingering worry that the interview might have failed because of the negotiation between her and his boss.

Who knew that Ms. Adams would interfere with the company's hiring interview?

"I haven't even gotten the chance to meet Mr. Graham before being chased away by that woman. That woman said that if she couldn't see my potential, Mr. Graham wouldn't see it either." Arissa's mood was affected by the memories and realizations she recalled. Since she wasn't in a good mood, she didn't bother to explain herself to Ethen further.

"Anyhow, your company is way out of my league. Goodbye now!" Arissa commented before ending the call.

Am I being overly sensitive about this matter? That woman from the office earlier sounded different from the woman five years ago. That woman who took my babies had a slightly more hoarse voice.

Arissa then tried hard to recall the encounter with Ms. Adams at the office earlier. She recalled seeing how shocked Ms. Adams was when she caught sight of her.

Initially, she thought that the woman was just surprised to find someone else in her fiancé's office. But come to think of it now, it did seem like she recognized Arissa.

Not to mention the way she arrogantly treated Arissa and that inexplicable animosity she had against her. She seemed to be rushing to chase Arissa out of the office.

The more Arissa thought about it, the more she shuddered.

Could she be the same woman from that incident five years ago? If that's the case, wouldn't my children be with her now?

Arissa quickly took out her phone to search: Benjamin Graham's fiancée.

If that woman is Mr. Graham's fiancée, then the media must have covered her news in the past. It's probably just me who's struggling to find her information. Could it be that Mr. Graham has hidden all the personal and private information relating to him? Seeing how unique his identity is, it's probably normal if the media chooses not to report news about him too. Perhaps I could ask Ethen for Ms. Adams' first name. That way, it'll be easier for me to conduct my investigations.

At the thought of that, Arissa quickly tried to call Ethen. However, Ethen did not have his phone with him now. He was on his way to the CEO's office to find Benjamin. At the office,

Ethen carefully studied Benjamin for a while. Nonetheless, he failed to determine what Benjamin was feeling. "Speak if you have something to say. If not, get out and get back to work!" Benjamin roared after casting Ethen a sharp gaze.

"Mr. Graham, I-I have just spoken to Ms. York..." Despite being glared at by Benjamin, Ethen mustered his remaining courage to finish his sentence. "She said that it was your fiancée who chased her away earlier!"

There was pin-drop silence in the air. Consequently, Ethen closed his eyes so that he wouldn't have to look at Benjamin.

"My fiancée?" Benjamin snorted with skepticism. Benjamin never doubted Danna. On the contrary, he believed that Arissa could not be trusted.

What is wrong with Ethen? Did he get brainwashed by that candidate? Why is he speaking on her behalf time and time again?

"She's quite good at coming up with excuses, isn't she? So what if she was chased away? What good is a candidate like her if she didn't even think to check things through with you?" With a stern voice, Benjamin continued, "Stop wasting more time on her and find someone else. It's not like the Graham Group would fall apart without her. Now get out!"

Benjamin was in a terrible mood. After being reprimanded, Ethen rubbed his nose and left the room.

Sigh. Ms. York really is a precious talent that the Graham Group needs. Can't Mr. Graham be a little more understanding? Doesn't he realize how hard it is to find another suitable candidate? I mean, we're looking for the best IT engineer in the industry, not just some ordinary engineers.

Meanwhile, Danna arrived at an underground parking lot. With a fierce look of mercilessness flashing across her eyes, she picked up her phone and called someone.

The recipient answered the phone call while trembling in fear. "M-Ms. Adams!"

"So you do remember me!" Danna's voice was vicious and rude. A complete difference from how she portrayed herself in front of Benjamin.

"Of course, I remember you, Ms. Adams. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have the life I have today," the middle-aged woman replied with fear and gratefulness.

"Is there something that I can help you with, Ms. Adams?" Danna had not contacted her for a few years. Thus, the middle-aged woman could tell that nothing good was up now that Danna reached out to her out of the blue. Her heart palpitated with uneasiness.

Danna let out a snort before interrogating the middle-aged woman, "Why didn't you tie up loose ends for that thing I asked you to do five years ago? I just saw that woman alive and well right in front of me, fool!"

"Alive and well? That's impossible! All of them were eaten alive by beasts!" the middle-aged woman exclaimed in disbelief.

That woman is alive? But that's impossible.

"Did you see her being eaten alive with your very own eyes?" Danna pressed on. She had to find out what exactly happened back then.

If Arissa did die, then the woman Danna met earlier in the office couldn't have been her. Yet, Danna trusted her own eyes more. She was sure that she did not mistake Arissa for someone else.

"W-We... Back then, we saw a pack of wolves rush up to them and tear them apart. T-Then, we left. We couldn't bring ourselves to see the rest," the middle-aged woman whispered. Indeed, we did not witness them being eaten alive ourselves. There were so many wolves among that pack. We were afraid of being attacked too.

If the wolves were to charge at them, they would have a hard time leaving the scene even if they were inside the car, which was why they sped off after seeing the wolves closing in on the family from afar.

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Chapter 13 Do Not Feel Sad

Arissa was on pins and needles when she did not receive any reply from Ethen.

Did I offend him for being rude earlier? Is that why he's ignoring me now?

In an instant, her mind was awash with all sorts of speculations. After hesitating for a short while, she finally gathered herself to make a call. She felt uneasy as she waited, and the call was eventually picked up before it disconnected.

"Ms. York?" Ethen sounded surprised.

"Mr. Frank, there's something I'd like to ask you!" Arissa probed cautiously after holding in the jumble of emotions rising in her.

"What's it about?"

"What is the full name of Mr. Graham's fiancée?" asked Arissa, holding her breath.

"Danna Adams!" Ethen was slightly taken aback by the unexpected question. Doesn't she know Danna?

"Oh, thank you. All right then. I was just curious." Keeping her composure, she hung up the call. The next instant, she looked up for Danna on her phone.

Danna Adams is the only daughter of Adams Group. Despite being born wealthy, she has expressed her deep interest in the film industry. She's now the hotshot movie star, and her fans call her Dani.

Upon reading that, Arissa's brows settled into a frown. Is she the Dani that I heard at the airport?

She had her eyes fixed on Danna's photos as she continued to ponder. Why does she look like a completely different person from what I saw? She looks pretty yet elegant, and her smile is so lovable in the photo. If I didn't meet her in real life just now, I bet I'd be fooled by her appearance too.

Staring at the screen flooded with information, Arissa fell into deep thoughts. If she was really the one who did that to me back then, it's going to take me some effort to probe further into the matter. Besides, I'm sure she must've done something to cover up her doings. Where should I start then? If Danna's truly the mastermind behind the scheme years ago, I think I've just exposed myself. In this case, I'll have to be wary from now on. Otherwise, I'd probably be dead before I even get to seek revenge!

"Miss, we've arrived!" the taxi driver reminded as he turned his head.

His voice immediately drew Arissa out of her thoughts. After taking a quick glimpse of the familiar neighborhood, she hastily paid the fare before getting off.

As soon as she arrived home and opened the door, her children rushed over before hugging her thighs. Jesse was even trying to climb onto her. "Mommy, you're back!"

Their sweet voices instantly lightened up Arissa's mood.

Smiling, she replied, "Yes. I'm home!"

Oliver also climbed, causing Arissa to lose her balance and stumble backward. Instinctively, she held them tight before closing the door.

"Hey! Mommy's about to fall down. Get down now!"

"No way! I want Mommy to carry me!" Jesse's front teeth were missing, and she could barely utter a clear word. Regardless, she was cute speaking in her soft voice.

Arissa patted Jesse's plump cheeks lovingly as she said, "Sweetheart, come here!" Standing still, she carried Jesse before giving a peck on her cheek.

“Hehe! Mommy, I want to kiss you too!” Jesse wrapped her arms around Arissa’s neck and gleefully placed a couple of kisses. Within seconds, Arissa’s face was all covered with saliva.

“Mommy, I want kisses too!” requested Oliver after seeing what Jesse did. While he was trying to climb onto Arissa, his glasses slid down his nose. Arissa could not help laughing at his silly look.

The other two were glad to see Arissa, but they did not do the same.

Instead, Zachary and Gavin clung to Arissa’s thighs on each side.

“Okay. No one will be missed!” Then, she carried Oliver and gently kissed him on the cheek.

Oliver pushed his glasses up. After his vision became clear, he dropped a light kiss on Arissa’s cheeks.

Upon looking at her bubbly children, Arissa’s heart melted as she beamed at the blissful scene before her. She squatted down before pulling Zachary and Gavin in her arms to kiss them. Nonetheless, she did not notice that Gavin’s cheeks had turned red.

“I’m going to the bathroom, and I’ll be back to join you in a moment!” She hugged them all before running to the bathroom. They could not help giggling when they saw her in haste.

They were having fun on their own when she came out. The four of them looked exactly the same. Arissa stood at the side as she watched them fondly. They’re all my kids. It’d be great if my eldest son could be here too.

A hint of melancholy fleeted across her gaze as that idea hit her. I don’t even know if my son is doing well. Why did the woman take him away? If she intended to raise him as her own, is she treating him right?

Soon, Zachary and Gavin spotted the sappy look on her face. Feeling puzzled, the two exchanged glances. What’s wrong with Mommy? Didn’t the interview go well?

They approached Arissa before asking in concern, “Mommy, how was the interview?”

Arissa swiftly hid her sadness behind a gentle smile. “I failed the interview!”

"Huh?" Zachary was shocked as he frowned. That shouldn't happen because Mommy's pretty capable.

He turned around and shot Gavin a doubtful look. What's wrong with your daddy?

Earlier in the morning, Gavin was overjoyed to hear from Zachary that Arissa was going to Graham Group for an interview. He was confident that she would definitely get the offer.

Upon hearing the disappointing news, Gavin questioned anxiously, "Mommy, why didn't you get the offer?"

"Mommy, didn't you talk to the assistant? Why did you fail the interview then?" Zachary stared at her in bewilderment. After a moment's pause, he asked, "Who was the one that failed you?"

Was Daddy the one who did that? At the same time, Gavin had his eyes locked on her as he waited for a solid answer that could clear his doubt.

Oliver and Jesse went over too. Both of them held Arissa's hands as they comforted, "Mommy, don't be sad. It's their loss they didn't hire you. We'll look for better companies and let them learn their lesson for missing out on a good candidate like you!"

Arissa broke into a smile when she heard those words. She led them to the living room and sat down. "Everything went well without a hitch, and I thought I had a high chance too. Not until I met a woman when I was waiting for Benjamin, and she chased me out!"

Little did she expect such a drastic turn of events before she could meet Benjamin.

Gavin narrowed his eyes with a scornful expression on his face. "Mommy, who's that woman?"

Could she be Danna Adams?

Gavin had already taken Arissa as his mommy, and the only feeling he harbored toward Danna was nothing but hatred.

"She's Benjamin Graham's fiancée!" Arissa looked at her children as she expressed her grievance.

Gavin's lips slightly twitched as the name rang in his ears. What a shameless woman! She isn't even Daddy's fiancée! Even though she thinks she is, Daddy has never acknowledged her, and he has no plan of marrying her too! If he really intended to do so, he would've done that when she brought me back four years ago. How shameless is she to go around telling people that she's Daddy's fiancée?

"Mommy, don't get fooled! I've never heard about Benjamin having a fiancée!" Gavin certainly did not want Arissa to get things wrong.

Zachary took a look at the former before he retorted, "How dare your... How dare that woman say that?"

At that moment, Gavin was rendered speechless by Zachary's blunt reply that was so close to exposing him.

Grinning, Arissa was touched by their protective acts.

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Chapter 14 She Tried To Pinch Me

Arissa was pleased to see her children defending her when mistreated and showering her with care at a time like this.

"Okay! It's okay. I'll just look for another job!" She wore a smile to set their minds at ease.

Zachary grabbed her hand. "Mommy, don't worry. We'll take care of you!"

Arissa was utterly moved by Zachary's words. She gave him a warm embrace before patting his head. "There's no need for you to do that. I'll take care of you!"

It's the thought that counts. Of course, I won't let them bear the burden of living. It's still too early for them to take on such a heavy responsibility at this young age.

"Mommy, I can make lots of money after selling another program!" Oliver assured confidently.

"Mommy! Don't forget about me! I can earn a lot of money by modeling too!" Jesse hugged Arissa tightly. She also wished to help out.

"Mommy, I have some money too. I can take care of you!" Gavin raised his thought without hesitation, hoping that Arissa could worry less about getting a job.

Moved by their acts, Arissa held them closer in her arms.

"Thank you for your kind thoughts. I've got this covered. So, you can keep the money for yourselves. Oliver, you should stop writing those programs."

It took a lot of effort to do programming; she definitely did not want her child overworking himself.

Oliver ducked his head timidly after getting warned. Letting out a chuckle, he replied, "All right. Mommy!"

"Jesse, you're not allowed to accept modeling jobs without my permission!" Arissa caressed Jesse's head.

After all, it was not easy money. The children probably had to work harder than the adults, as they had to undergo training constantly.

"Mommy, anything you say!" Jesse's lips curled into a bright smile. Her missing front teeth made her look rather endearing.

Gavin cast his gaze upon Jesse, who looked fairer and more delicate than the rest.

He has the same dimples as Mommy when he smiles. The more I look at him, the more he looks like a girl to me. How good it would be if he were a girl and were my sister.

Jesse caught sight of his attentive gaze and returned with a smile.

Gavin cracked a smile as he patted her head. "Jesse's so cute!"

Arissa looked at Jesse, and she thought the same too.

Jesse had been raised as a little boy ever since she was born. Her hair was short, and she wore the same outfit as her brothers. Hence, everyone would easily see her as a boy.

Arissa took Jesse in her arms and kissed her cheek. Jesse was so happy that she could not stop giggling.

"My baby is so adorable! Let me kiss you!" Arissa was laughing as she played with Jesse.

"Hehe! Mommy, that tickles!" Jesse ducked her head in, and she was beaming with joy.

The other three chuckled at the scene too.

Meanwhile, Zachary went to sit at a corner and texted Jasper: Mommy didn't get hired by Benjamin.

Jasper could not help but scowl at the text message. Benjamin didn't hire Mommy?

His anger spiked after knowing that Arissa was kicked out by Danna.

"That's horrible!" Losing his rag, he threw the book in his hands.

Edwin was dumbfounded by the former's action.

Did someone mess with him? Edwin went over to calm him down. "Gavin, what's wrong?"

Jasper glanced at Edwin and pondered for a brief moment. Only Benjamin and I are staying in this place, and Danna's not here. I'm eager to ask Edwin about Benjamin's relationship with Danna.

Just then, the housekeeper walked to them. "Ms. Adams is here!"

Danna was following behind the housekeeper. Apparently, she was there to look for Gavin.

Her sudden appearance did not help matters because Jasper was more enraged after seeing her. He then shot her a death stare.

Danna furrowed when she met his menacing gaze, and she started cursing inwardly.

What a brat! Now that he has grown older, he's getting more and more disrespectful. He's even glaring at me like this! I must teach him a lesson today!

"Ms. Adams!" Edwin greeted her politely.

"Edwin, go tend to your chores. I'll spend some time with Gavin!"

Danna held her anger in before gesturing for Edwin to leave. Wearing a smile, she went closer to Jasper.

Edwin peeked at Jasper and saw his furious expression. Despite feeling worried, he still moved aside.

Danna grinned from ear to ear when she saw Jasper. "Gavin, are you still mad at me? I'm sorry. Let me take you out for some nice food!"

Edwin gave her a quick sidelong glance without saying a word.

She's Gavin's Mom, and she has been bringing him out all this while. There's nothing wrong with her taking him out this time too.

"I don't need you to do that! You're such a shameless person! I feel disgusted whenever I see you. Get lost!" exclaimed Jasper, seemingly not afraid to offend her feelings.

Jasper could not care less about anyone when he was triggered.

Edwin had never seen Gavin speak to Danna in such a harsh manner before. Thus, he was stunned by the scene.

There was a hint of viciousness that fledged across Danna's gaze when she placed her hand on Jasper.

She put on a helpless expression as though she was an unwanted mother by her son. At the same time, she was secretly exerting force and attempting to pinch Jasper's arm.

However, she did not know the child in front of her was not Gavin. In fact, Jasper was not someone who would tolerate such an act.

Before Danna could make her move, Jasper responded with a kick. Consumed by pain and wrath, her eyes turned red in seconds.

“Gavin Graham!” Danna yelled furiously. She was caught completely off-guard by his attack.

I didn’t know this brat could be so strong!

Jasper met her sinister glare. He was startled for a bit before he burst into tears.

Edwin rushed over and held Jasper in his arms. He dared not get angry at Danna but comforted Jasper instead, “Don’t be afraid!”

“Mr. Whitley, why did she do that? Why? What have I done wrong? She’s not my mom... I don’t want a mother like her. She even tried to pinch me...” Jasper wept in sorrow.

Edwin’s face turned solemn after listening to Jasper. He averted his gaze to Danna. “Ms. Adams!”

Danna widened her eyes in disbelief. I didn’t expect Gavin to complain about me!

She caught Edwin’s skeptical gaze and went into a state of panic. “I-I didn’t do anything. Edwin, don’t listen to him! Gavin, how could you tell lies? What have I taught you? Why are you lying? I’m your mom!”

“You’re not my mom! Not only did you try to pinch me, but you’ve been scolding me too! Besides, you even told me to lie! You’re a bad woman, so you’re not my mom!” Jasper wailed while burying his head in Edwin’s arms.

I’ve never expected her to try doing that to me in front of everyone. She could’ve done worse when no one was around.

Jasper shuddered when the scenes of Danna attempting to harm him flashed across his mind.

I feel sorry for Gavin. Danna must’ve done the same to him before, and he surely didn’t know how to retaliate.

Jasper made a scene on purpose only because he felt bad for his “younger brother.”

“Gavin Graham!” Danna’s face contorted in rage. She wished she could teach him a lesson on the spot.

If I knew earlier that Benjamin wasn’t going to marry me even after I brought this brat back, I would’ve abandoned him back then rather than having him raise his voice at me and accuse me now!

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Chapter 15 Benjamin Was Infuriated

Jasper was trembling in fear, and his response drew Edwin’s sympathy. The latter said in a low voice, “Ms. Adams, you’ve frightened Gavin!”

“Edwin, look at him! It has only been a few days, but he’s already acting out of line now. He even learned how to tell lies! I must teach him a lesson today!” Danna could no longer keep her composure. She reached out her hands, wanting to pull Jasper over.

Jasper grabbed Edwin’s thigh tightly and glared at her. “Do you dare say that you didn’t try to hurt me?”

A look of guiltiness flashed across Danna's eyes, but she soon managed to keep her cool before chiding with a straight face, "You're lying! Your daddy will be so disappointed to find out that you're telling lies!"

Jasper was about to explode with rage. He rolled his sleeve up before stretching out his hand. "Mr. Whitley, she really had the intention!"

When Jasper had tried to free himself from Danna's grip before, a mark was left.

Convinced by Jasper's allegation, Edwin's face fell as he stared at Danna. "Ms. Adams, I'll have to call Mr. Graham!"

Edwin was burning in fury because he could not believe Danna would try to do that to a child even when he was around.

The Grahams will never allow anyone to lay their hands on their family members. Hence, she's in no position to punish Gavin even though she's his mother.

Although Benjamin was not someone expressive in his feelings, he cared a lot about Gavin.

"Edwin, don't! I didn't try to hurt him! Gavin, how could you play such a dirty trick! Once your daddy's back, I'll make sure that he educates you well!"

Danna was guilty of her doings. How would I expect him to fight back? It's better if I push all the blames on him!

"What a hypocrite! You were trying to hurt me just a while ago! Mr. Whitley, why is she such a vicious woman? I want Daddy! I want Daddy!" Jasper started crying aggrievedly again. Besides, he was also taking the chance to see if Benjamin truly cared about him. If Daddy sides with this bad woman, we'll leave him behind!

Edwin's heart ached to see Jasper cry, so he carried the poor boy in his arms. "Gavin, don't cry. I'm here, and I'll call your daddy back home now!"

Danna was terrified as soon as she heard that Benjamin would be coming home. If Benjamin knows about what I tried to do to Gavin, it will definitely affect our relationship. He has already warned me after I got rid of this brat's cotton candy yesterday.

“Edwin, Benjamin’s still at work. I don’t think we should bother him because of such a trivial matter.”

Angered by Danna’s action, Edwin brushed her off in a stern manner, “Ms. Adams, I think it’s better if you can talk to Mr. Graham personally regarding this matter!”

We’ve been doing our best to keep Gavin safe from injuries. How could she try to do that? If she dares to do so even when I am present, she’d probably go overboard when we’re not around! Come to think about it, Gavin has been behaving strangely whenever she’s here! I bet this wasn’t her first attempt! Edwin’s heart sank after fathoming the situation.

The butler called Benjamin right away. The latter instantly rushed back home upon hearing the news.

At that point, Danna was fully aware that it would make the allegation stick if she were to leave. She sat on the couch in the living room nervously.

If Benjamin still cares about me, he’ll probably let this slide. I’m Gavin’s mom, after all.

Meanwhile, Jasper was still crying.

Danna stealthily shot him a death glare.

He has been keeping everything to himself previously. Why is he going against me today? In fact, he actually started doing this yesterday. That’s such a drastic change!

Danna narrowed her eyes as she thought of bumping into Arissa at Graham Group.

Did Arissa happen to meet this bastard child?

Astounded by that possibility, Danna was torn between anger and trepidation.

Has Benjamin already met Arissa before this? It’s time for me to figure out a way to get rid of her forever!

The evil look in Danna’s gaze grew intense as she plotted against Arissa deep inside.

In the meantime, Arissa was still unaware of everything happening behind her back.

She spent some time playing with her children before bringing them out for a meal, and they were all over the moon.

“Mommy, I want to have a lot of nice food!” Jesse, who was a foodie, could not hide her excitement as she tugged at Arissa’s hand.

“Mommy, what are we eating?” Oliver was delighted too. He had been waiting to try all the nice foods he saw on the internet before they returned to the country.

“You can eat whatever you want!” Arissa gave them a playful wink as she fixed their hats. Only then did she notice that Jasper’s hat was missing.

“Jasper, where’s your hat?”

“Mommy, I gave it to another kid at the airport!” Gavin played his role well as Jasper without exposing himself. He was pretty good at imitating Jasper’s expression, so much so that Arissa did not notice anything out of the ordinary.

Zachary cast him a glance as he ridiculed inwardly. He’s pretty good at it!

If he did not notice it earlier, he would have been fooled by Gavin too.

“I’ll give you my hat!” Zachary removed his hat and placed it on Gavin’s head.

“I don’t need that.” Gavin turned Zachary down, thinking it was fine not to have one.

“Listen to me and take it!” Zachary wore a smile as he put it on Gavin, acting like he was the older brother.

Gavin froze for a moment. Is he taking me as his younger brother? If Danna took me away instead of them, it’s most likely that I’m the eldest kid among them.

“Let’s go! I’ll buy you a new one!” said Arissa, keeping the smile on her face.

Gavin was on cloud nine when he heard that. Grinning from ear to ear, he chirped, “Thank you, Mommy!”

Arissa then brought her children out for a scrumptious meal.

On the other hand, Benjamin rushed his way home within ten minutes.

Before he made it to the door, he could hear Jasper's pitiful wail coming from the inside. He had already heard him crying when they were on the phone just a moment ago.

Benjamin's face darkened as he furrowed his brows, and his apathetic demeanor shut him off from the others.

"Mr. Graham!" Edwin went toward Benjamin with Jasper in his arms, looking anxious.

Jasper had been crying for a long time that his eyes were red-rimmed and swollen. His nose had turned red too. It hurt Edwin to see how aggrieved he looked.

"Benjamin..." Danna went closer to Benjamin, but she stopped in her tracks when she caught sight of his sharp gaze.

"Daddy! Daddy..." Jasper was so worn after crying his heart out for a long time. He went toward Benjamin to ask for a hug when he finally saw the latter.

Benjamin scooped Jasper in his arms and gently patted him on the back. "Don't cry." Even though he sounded slightly awkward, he spoke in an exceptionally gentle tone.

Jasper leaned on Benjamin's shoulder, and his eyes lit up within moments. It seemed like Benjamin did care about him.

Then, he complained to Benjamin with a pitiful look, "Daddy, she tried to hurt me!"

Danna did not succeed in her action, but the idea of trying to do that was enough to infuriate Benjamin.

Benjamin's gaze grew darker with a sense of murderous intent as he shot Danna a stern look.

It was Danna's first time to see him staring at her that way. She immediately felt a chill down her spine. Quivering, she attempted to explain herself, "Benjamin, listen to me. This..."

"Get lost!" exclaimed Benjamin in a cold manner.