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Chapter 521 Benjamin Refuses To Send The Location

Shaun cleared his throat. "Nothing."

Benjamin glanced around, and finally, his eyes rested on Arissa.

"What is the joke?"

"We are not telling you!"

Arissa gave him a glare.

Benjamin narrowed his almond-shaped eyes and they glinted sharply.

The lovely children sniggered.

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"Hehe. It's a secret!"

Jasper gloated.

Benjamin grunted in reply.

When the waiter came, Arissa quickly ordered cheesecake for them.

"Is there anything else that you kids wish to have?"

"Mommy, cheesecake is good enough!" Zachary replied.

Arissa looked at them and asked Tim, "Tim, is there any dessert you want to have? I'll order it for you!"

"Anything is fine for me!"

Tim looked at the sumptuous spread on the table which was way better than even the Christmas dinners he had before. What more could he wish for?

Arissa nodded and turned towards the waiter, saying, "Just cheesecake, one slice for each of us!"

"Yes, ma'am!" The waiter bowed politely and turned around to make arrangements for the order.

Benjamin's mobile phone vibrated and rang. It was a call from Darius, his dad.

"You have found the child. Why are you not back yet?"

Benjamin glanced over at Tim. "Not so soon!"

"Where are you guys now? I'm coming over, too!"

Darius just could not wait to meet this grandson whom they had just found after a long and difficult search.

Benjamin turned him down right away. "Please do not come and add to the confusion. We don't have time to take care of you!"

On the other end of the line, Darius was infuriated. "I am as fit as you are. I don't need anyone to take care of me. All I want is to see my precious grandson. Send me the location quickly!"

With that, the grand Old Mr. Graham hung up the phone as a testimony of his strong character.

Benjamin put down his phone without sending the location to Darius.

Arissa who was seated next to him overheard Darius' yelling, so she looked at the calm Benjamin.

"Aren't you sending it to him?"

Benjamin placed his arm on the back of her chair, leaning his lengthy body against it. His domineering personality was revealed as he glanced at her.

Calmly, he asked, "Send what to him?"

Arissa was speechless.

Benjamin's eyes swept around, then he warned Ethen and Shaun. "You guys don't tell my dad where we are. I don't need him to come here and be a nuisance!"

"You children, too!" Benjamin warned the kids, as well.

Gavin pursed his lips. "I'll tell Grandpa you say he's a nuisance!"

Benjamin was not intimidated. "If you dare tell him, I'll send you home!"

Gavin sighed.

Personally, Arissa did not approve of Benjamin's way of interacting with children. He was threatening them too often.

"Sweetheart, I'm here. I'll stop him if he tries to send you back."

Gavin gave her such a big smile that his eyes became narrow slits.

"Mommy, you're the best!"

"Isn't he going to school?"

Benjamin snorted. He had to remind his wife who was constantly going against him.

Arissa started. That's right. The children must go back to school.

"Why not take Mdm. Mary to Dellmoor for treatment?"

She proposed, looking at Benjamin for his reaction.

That way, the kids would be able to stay with her.

Gavin and the other kids would have to return to school in Dellmoor. Then, they would be separated from Tim.

If Mary was being treated in Northstream, Tim would not go to Dellmoor.

Thus, the best solution was to bring Mary to Dellmoor for treatment.

Benjamin did not agree immediately. "We'll discuss this after our meal!"

Shaun was stunned by Benjamin's response. That was the side of his old friend that he had never seen before.

Secretly, he took a photo of Benjamin being affectionate with Arissa and sent it to Kingsley.

Kingsley was being very strict in the conference room and all his subordinates were subdued.

Out of the blue, he saw the picture Shaun sent to him and he laughed out loud.

"That's so flirtatious!"

Instantly, everyone in the conference looked at the boss in amazement.

Has he lost his mind due to stress?

Kingsley realized that he was in the middle of a conference, so he glared at all the pairs of eyes that were looking at him curiously. "What? Haven't you guys seen me before?"

Everyone was stupefied.

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Chapter 522 You Have Spoilt My Appetite

"The meeting is over! Why is there even a meeting so early in the morning?"

After his outburst, Kingsley got up and left the conference room. Then, he turned around and instructed his assistant.

"Something has come up so I have to be away for a while. Don't contact me unless it's something urgent!"

His assistant replied, with his head held low. "Yes, sir!"

Kingsley hurried up the elevator, whilst asking Shaun for the location.

He wanted to see his little sweetheart, Jesse and play with her.

Then, he saw Shaun's reply in the messages, "If you are smart enough, find it yourself!"

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Kingsley retorted with a curse.

Shaun laughed aloud.

Benjamin glanced over at him.

The six kids looked at Shaun, and Oliver asked, curiously, "Mr. Bailey, why are you laughing?"

"Your Uncle Kingsley is asking where we are now."

Shaun did not say that Kingsley had cursed him.

Ethen stretched his neck and peeped at Shaun's phone. He grimaced when he saw the vindictive message Kingsley had sent.

It seemed strange to him that Shaun could laugh so happily after being scolded.

"Shaun, keep your mouth shut!"

Benjamin took a sip of water and warned him.

"Sure, sure. I didn't say a word. Don't worry!"

Shaun quickly reassured him.

Only then, did Benjamin take his fierce gaze away from him.

Feeling his intense gaze, Arissa turned her head toward Benjamin, only to meet his deep enigmatic eyes. She blinked.

"Don't look at me. Go ahead and enjoy your meal."

Benjamin could not help teasing her.

His warm breath brushed her ears, and her heart throbbed. Is this man flirting with me?

She turned to glare at him. "Hey, you have spoiled my appetite!"

How does he expect me to eat in peace!

His arm was on the back of her chair like he was holding her in his arms.

Benjamin's eyes were still unfathomable as he looked at her. He noticed a drop of sweat on the tip of her nose, which made her look really cute.

He touched it.

Arissa was taken aback. In the next instant, she blushed deeply.

Embarrassed, she pushed his hand away and quickly glanced around. Everyone at the table was watching them.

She felt rather embarrassed.

"Please let me eat in peace!"

Rather angrily, she reprimanded him.

Benjamin chuckled. "I was just brushing away your sweat. Go ahead, enjoy your meal!"

Leaning back on his chair, he was the picture of an alpha male.

"Go ahead, take your food, everyone!"

Everyone was speechless.

Shaun teased him. "Benjamin, you are satiated so easily?"

Bradley and Ethen did not dare to banter with him.

Arissa was curious, too.

She glanced at his bowl in front of him. He had hardly eaten anything. Isn't he hungry?

"Yeah!"

Benjamin nodded and glanced at the six children. Seeing that they were all staring at him, he raised his eyebrows.

"Don't keep looking around when you are having a meal!"

The six kids were too astonished for words.

"Just eat and ignore him!"

Arissa felt that Benjamin was acting a little odd, so she coaxed the kids to continue eating.

Soon, the waiter brought the desserts and the kids were just overjoyed.

Seeing Jesse so eager to begin on her dessert, Arissa put on a strict expression and reminded her, "Finish your meal first before you eat the dessert!"

Jesse stuck out her cute little tongue and put pulled back her outstretched hand.

"Let's finish our main meal first. Then, we can eat the desserts."

Zachary comforted her sister.

"Hmm!" Jesse buried her face in the food again.

Benjamin's gaze turned to her and paused on her for a while. Why is this child's behavior so girlish now?

"Jesse!"

Hearing his voice, Jesse turned to him, looking confused. "Mr. Graham, are you talking to me?"

"Yeah!" Benjamin nodded. "When you eat, don't bend your head over the food. Eat like your elder brothers."

Jesse blinked, looked at Benjamin, and then at her brothers. She started eating again, taking small bites.

Arissa stroked her head. "Take your time, I'll keep you company!"

She reminded the five other kids. "You guys must eat your fill, okay?"

"Yes, Mommy!"

Gavin, Zachary, Oliver and Jasper replied aloud.

Only Tim nodded quietly.

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Chapter 523 Tim Smiles At Me

Arissa smiled and served her children more food. "Once we're done eating, we'll go over to the hospital!"

They had no idea if Mary had woken up yet, so they had no time to lose.

"Okay!" Tim nodded fervently.

Arissa was elated. He's such a caring child!

She only let the children have their cheesecake after they were done eating.

When the kids were eating their cakes, Jesse asked, "Tim, is it nice?"

"Yes! This is better than popsicles!"

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"Are you talking about the popsicles with beans in them?" Jasper asked.

"Yes!" Tim answered.

"I haven't had one of those in ages!" Zachary chimed in.

"Do you like them as well?" Tim asked.

"I do!" Zachary answered.

"Tim, where can we get those nowadays?" Oliver queried.

"There's a place in my village that sells them!" Tim uttered.

"We should go there with you to buy them!" Oliver answered.

"Sure!" Tim said.

"Tim, there's one more. You should have it!" Gavin exclaimed.

"Why do I get two portions?" Tim asked.

Right then, the other five kids answered at once, "Because you're the cutest!"

Tim started blushing after he heard that.

Arissa couldn't help but smile when she saw how well all six of her kids were getting along.

While feeling blissful, she started eating her cheesecake.

"It's delicious!" Arissa was enjoying her cheesecake with a bright smile on her face.

Benjamin's eyes flickered when he saw that. She seems to find everything to her liking.

He then lowered his gaze to look at his cheesecake. This is quite tempting.

After that, he took a spoonful and tasted it. This is just average. It's just too soft for my liking.

Benjamin wasn't fond of the cheesecake.

Benjamin put his spoon aside and shouted, "Gavin, you can have this!"

"I don't want your leftover!" Gavin rejected him unhesitatingly.

Benjamin raised his brows and said, "I've only had a mouthful! Besides, my spoon is clean!"

Gavin merely scoffed in response. Back then, he used to snatch Benjamin's food whenever he saw him eating something he liked.

"I'll have it!" Arissa immediately took the cheesecake.

Benjamin frowned and uttered, "You shouldn't have too much of it!"

That was why Benjamin asked Gavin to have it instead. Gavin is very fond of desserts, no? He has even snuck out to the airport to buy some for himself. That was what led to the blunder last time around. Otherwise, I wouldn't have found these kids if he didn't do that.

With those thoughts in his mind, Benjamin's expression instantly relaxed.

"This isn't even that much! I used to have more than this!" Arissa ignored him and proceeded to have both portions to herself.

"Mommy, can I have some?" While having her own portion, Jesse was salivating when she saw the two portions of cheesecake in front of Arissa.

Arissa smiled at Jesse before feeding her a spoonful.

Jesse was overwhelmed with delight. She ate the spoonful of cheesecake and said, "Mommy, it's delicious!"

Arissa chuckled softly. "Aren't we having the same cheesecake? How does mine taste better?"

"Hehe!" Jesse giggled.

"Jesse, you can have mine!" Tim pushed one of his portions to Jesse.

Jesse immediately shook her head and pushed it back toward Tim. "No! It's okay. You should go ahead, Tim! I was just messing with Mommy!"

She had no heart to take Tim's portion.

Tim glanced at Jesse and asked, "How about this? I'll share half of it with you."

Jesse looked at Tim and said softly, "You can have it, Tim. I'll just have mine!"

Tim noticed she was embarrassed, so he took her spoon and gave her some of his cheesecake.

Jesse smiled brightly and uttered, "Thank you, Tim!"

"You're welcome!" Tim smiled back at her.

Surprised, Jesse exclaimed, "Mommy, Tim smiled at me!"

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Chapter 524 Are You Worried About Me

Arissa was amused. "I saw!"

She had been paying attention to how the kids interacted with each other, and she was glad to see Tim giving food to Jesse willingly. Tim knows how to treat Jesse nicely!

"I can get some more if you guys like them so much!" Arissa said to the kids.

"Mommy, we should just pack them up and eat in the afternoon. I'm full now," Zachary uttered.

"All right. We'll pack them up. We can even get a slice of it for Grandma!" Oliver chimed in.

"Grandma can't have this!" Shaun reminded.

Arissa glanced at Shaun upon hearing that.

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"Grandma has diabetes, so she should be careful with her sugar intake," Shaun explained.

Arissa furrowed her brows and asked, "Are the test results out?"

"Her test for blood sugar level came out rather quickly. However, we're still waiting for the other test results," Shaun answered.

Arissa nodded. "I'll be more mindful after this!"

Tim frowned and said, "Grandma used to make desserts quite frequently. Could that have contributed to her condition?"

Arissa patted his head. "We'll just be careful from now on. Has Mdm. Mary ever done a health checkup?"

Tim lowered his head and uttered softly, "We're poor, so Grandma would usually just toughen up whenever she fell sick."

Everyone felt sad upon hearing that.

Indeed, Tim's life had been tough.

Arissa pinched Tim's shoulder lovingly and said, "Don't worry. That won't happen again. I have money to treat Mdm. Mary's sickness."

Tim glanced at her and said softly, "We can't spend your money, Ms. York. I have money!"

Arissa was puzzled as to where his money came from. "You do?"

Tim nodded.

Benjamin was worried that Arissa would get sad again upon hearing Tim's answer, so he interrupted, "Are you all done eating? We should get back now. Mdm. Mary might be awake already."

"Yes. Mdm. Mary must be famished. Sweethearts, are you all done eating?" Arissa didn't question Tim further, because it was more important to check on Mary.

"I'm done, Mommy!" Gavin answered.

"I'm done as well, Mommy!" Zachary answered.

"I'm done, Mommy!" Oliver answered.

"Me too, Mommy!" Jasper answered.

"I'm full, Mommy!" Jesse answered.

Tim quickly chimed in, "I'm done, Ms. York!"

Arissa flashed a smile before wiping the kids' mouths with a napkin. "Go wash your hands before we leave!"

Upon hearing that, all six of the kids got up and went to wash their hands.

Arissa then looked at Shaun and the others and asked, "Are you guys done?"

Shaun smiled and answered, "Yes!"

Bradley and Ethen nodded as well when Arissa looked at them. "We're done too!"

Both of them then got up and went to the restroom to accompany those six little ones.

Benjamin glanced at Shaun and asked, "Will you get them to hurry and pack up the food?"

"Sure!" Shaun got up and urged the servers to pick up their pace because they were about to leave.

"Have some water!" Benjamin poured a glass of water for Arissa.

Arissa shot him a look and asked, "What's the hurry?"

She knew Benjamin wasn't just worried about Mary.

"I have something to deal with," Benjamin answered flatly.

Arissa recalled how busy he was. "If you're busy, you don't have to be at the hospital. Perhaps, you should just head back to the hotel and work."

Benjamin's eyes glinted, and he leaned toward her. "Are you worried about me?"

Arissa froze momentarily before she smiled and answered, "If that's what you want to believe, go ahead!"

Benjamin played with her hair and asked, "Will you follow me back to the hotel?"

Arissa's heart skipped a beat. Is it just my imagination playing tricks on me, or does he actually sound a bit ambiguous?

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Chapter 525 Benjamin Is Worried

"I still have to take care of Mdm. Mary, no? How can I just go back to the hotel?" Arissa shifted her gaze and looked elsewhere.

Benjamin's expression became stern when he stared at her and said, "Bring the kids back for a rest. After that, go over. You can't possibly stay at the hospital the whole time, can you? You might end up tiring yourself out instead of taking care of Mdm. Mary!"

Arissa shot Benjamin a look in response. Is he just asking me to go there and rest?

Arissa was stumped when she realized she had misunderstood him.

"There's a lounge at the hospital. If I'm tired, I'll just go there and have a shut-eye. Otherwise, I would have to keep going back and forth between the hospital and the hotel!"

Benjamin frowned and retorted, "The bed at the hospital is small, so it's better to rest at the hotel. Even if you don't want to have a good rest, the kids need it too!"

"You should bring the kids back with you, then. I'll stay at the hospital." Arissa didn't want to go back to the hotel because she knew Tim would want to stay at the hospital to keep Mary company.

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Benjamin was annoyed. Why is this woman so stubborn?

After that, he pinched Arissa's cheek.

In pain, Arissa glared at Benjamin in disbelief. "What did you pinch me for?"

Benjamin's face fell. "Arissa, why must you go against everything I say? Why don't you just go back and rest?"

Arissa was rendered speechless when she saw how angry he had gotten.

Meeting his stern gaze, she smiled and said, "I'm just worried about Mdm. Mary and the kids, okay?"

Her voice was soft and melodious. It was as if she was acting coquettishly.

Benjamin's mood lightened up instantly. "It's good that you're worried about them. However, you ought to take care of yourself so that you won't faint again. The kids are worried about you!"

For some reason, Arissa felt blissful when she saw how serious Benjamin looked. With a hint of slyness in her eyes, she asked in a low voice, "Benjamin, are you worried about me?"

"I find you annoying!" Benjamin scoffed proudly.

Hearing that, Arissa sat up straight and answered, "Fine!"

Benjamin raised his brows when he noticed her disappointment. "Do you want me to worry about you?"

Why is he asking if I want that? Arissa shot him a look and asked, "Graham, does it matter if I want that or not? If I want you to fall in love with me, will you do as I wish?"

Benjamin stared at her intently and asked in a deep and alluring voice, "Do you want me to fall in love with you?"

Arissa blinked a few times and uttered, "I wonder if that's even a good idea!"

Benjamin's face fell at her answer.

Shaun overheard their conversation the moment he walked into the private room. Pfft! This is interesting! Arissa is the only person who dares to speak to Benjamin this way!

Indeed, not only did Benjamin not get angry, but he had also gone along with her in the conversation.

"Benjamin, is it that hard to just confess your feelings?" Shaun asked.

Hearing that, Benjamin shot him an icy glare.

Shaun merely rubbed his nose and smiled in response.

Arissa was slightly embarrassed. I wonder how much he heard!

She then said sarcastically, "Dr. Bailey, Benjamin had made it clear to me he would never fall for me, so you ought to stop teasing him. I don't know what kind of woman he likes, but that woman is definitely not going to be me!"

Benjamin scowled in response.

Shaun, on the other hand, was amused.

At the same time, Ethen, Bradley, and the kids had returned, and they overheard the conversation.

At that moment, they didn't know if it was a good idea to run back toward the restroom or walk straight into the private room.

"Mommy, we like you!" Gavin ran toward Arissa and hugged her before looking at her affectionately.

Arissa was touched. She then picked Gavin up and kissed his cheek.

"Mommy, we like you too!" Zachary ran toward Arissa and hugged her as well.

Seeing that, Oliver and Jasper also ran toward Arissa and hugged her. "Mommy, we like you the most! Don't be sad, okay?"