

The More the Merrier Chapter 816

Chapter 816 Used To Me Kissing You

“It’s useless even if she does,” Kingsley scoffed. “I’m sure you have seen for yourself Benjamin’s attitude toward Rosetta today. Therefore, even if they wanted to leverage their relationship with Benjamin to get him to withdraw the lawsuit, it would be impossible. To Benjamin, the children are more important than any woman. No, wait, let me rephrase. All that matters now to him are Arissa and the six children. Whoever dares to bully them will suffer his wrath.”

Shaun smiled in response, for he harbored similar thoughts. As for Jonathan, he was finally getting it after listening to Kingsley’s words. “Does Benjamin really not have feelings for Rosetta?”

Kingsley glanced at him from the corner of his eye. “You bookworm, didn’t you just see for yourself how furious Benjamin was after hearing Rosetta’s words?”

Jonathan agreed after giving it some thought. “I’ve never seen him so protective over a woman before. Looks like we were the ones who misunderstood him previously.”

Kingsley let out a sigh. “His mind is really unpredictable.”

Shaun and Jonathan couldn’t help but feel amused.

Meanwhile, inside the car in front, the unpredictable Benjamin asked Arissa, “Are you tired?”

Gazing into his eyes, Arissa shook her head.

“Not at all.”

I didn’t need to entertain or stand for a long time. Furthermore, all I did was eat, so why would it be tiring?

Benjamin, nodding to her reply, stared intently at her pretty face.

“Did you manage to eat your fill?”

Arissa threw him a glance as she grinned. “More or less.”

“But I didn’t,” Benjamin remarked in a deep voice.

The stunned Arissa quickly remembered that he had barely eaten any food earlier.

“Shall I cook you some pasta when we get home?” she suggested, as it was a nutritious meal.

Benjamin’s brows furrowed slightly in resistance. “Can you cook something else?”

Arissa cracked a smile that made her look so beautiful he couldn’t peel his eyes away. “Of course. What would you like?”

Benjamin maintained a passionate stare on her.

Reaching out his hand, he pulled her into his embrace and planted a kiss on her.

Arissa, with her eyes widened, stared at his handsome face.

As the pheromones he was emitting began to fill her nose, her heart rate began to tick up.

Since her wide-eyed look was quite the mood-killer, Benjamin pinched her cheek. “Close your eyes!”

Blushing all over, Arissa complied obediently.

A delighted glint flashed across his eyes before Benjamin kissed her again.

Eyes closed, Arissa felt as if her soul was being blown away.

The moment she opened them, her lips curled slightly at the sight of Benjamin’s intoxicated expression.

By the time Benjamin released her, she was gasping desperately to catch her breath.

Her face was flushed red, just like a bed of blooming roses.

Nevertheless, Benjamin—unable to get enough of her—gave her another kiss.

Arissa unexpectedly dodged him this time. “My lips hurt!”

Benjamin frowned as he looked at the wound on her lip. “Why hasn’t it recovered?”

“This is your doing.” Arissa leaned into his arms and attempted to calm herself down.

When he lowered his eyes and saw how submissive she was, Benjamin was, again, filled with the urge to kiss her.

However, he was stopped by the sight of the wound on her lips.

Fortunately, there was some medication in the car, which he helped her to apply.

“Remember to apply your medication diligently,” Benjamin reminded her.

Chuckling to herself, Arissa gave him a sly look. “It will gradually recover as long as you don’t kiss me.”

When Benjamin snorted in response, she scooted her way to the other side of the car.

Incidentally, she blushed when she caught a glimpse of the driver and quickly averted her gaze by looking out the window.

As Benjamin’s attention remained fixed on her, his lips curled into a smile at the sight of her red cheeks.

Leaning into her, he whispered, “Are you still not used to it?”

His unbelievably deep and alluring voice caused her heart to skip a beat.

Feeling amused, she shot the calm Benjamin a quick glance. “Used to what?”

He pulled her into his arms and locked her in a tight embrace. “Used to me kissing you.”

Lowering his head, he nuzzled his face against her neck and allowed himself to be intoxicated by her mesmerizing scent.

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Chapter 817 Why Are You Back So Early

Arissa could feel her face flushing as she flinched. “We’re home!” Benjamin released her after nibbling her ear. He glanced out the window and noticed they had indeed arrived.

“I wonder if Gavin and the others have returned.” Arissa looked at the brightly lit house but had no idea if anyone was in it. “Were they home when he called?” Benjamin tilted his head and stared at her.

“Not yet!” Arissa met his gaze and quickly looked away. Benjamin grinned and stroked the back of her head. Soon, the six children ran out of the house. Arissa was elated to see them. “They’re home!”

She quickly opened the car door while Benjamin followed right behind. The little ones ran toward her. “Mommy, you’re home!” They were delighted to see her. Arissa embraced the children and kissed them. “What time did you arrive?”

"We just reached home, Mommy." Jasper said gleefully, "Aren't you supposed to be on a date with Mr. Graham? Why are you back so early?"

"It wasn't a date. It was a wedding dinner!" Arissa explained to Jasper. She then handed them the candies from the wedding dinner. "Candy!" Jesse clapped her hands happily.

Arissa gave her a smile. "You can't eat too many since you're losing your baby teeth." The little girl stuck her tongue out in response to her mother's remark. "Daddy!"

"Mr. Graham!" Gavin, Tim, and Zachary looked at Benjamin and greeted him. "Hey." Benjamin nodded and stroked the boys' heads.

Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse, too, called him in a sweet voice, "Mr. Graham!" "Has your great-grandaunt gone to sleep?" Benjamin asked them about Mary.

The six children shook their heads. "Not yet. She was still watching a television program when we left!"

Benjamin arched his brows. Good to know that she's doing well. Meanwhile, Kingsley, Shaun, and Jonathan had also arrived. "Mr. Watts, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Patterson!" Gavin greeted these men first while the other five children followed suit.

Out of curiosity, they stared at Jonathan with their little eyes. Jonathan, too, sized the children up with a grin. Seeing the children stand in one line, he found them utterly adorable. "Hi there!"

"Kids, this is Jonathan Patterson. You can call him Mr. Patterson," Benjamin introduced Jonathan to the five children.

"Hello, Mr. Patterson!" Zachary was the first to greet him.

The children's adorable expressions melted Jonathan's heart.

He squatted down and embraced them. He could not stop himself from stroking their heads and pinching their cheeks.

"I didn't bring you gifts today, but I promise I will when I see you again. Here are some monetary gifts for you." Jonathan had prepared gifts for all six children, including Gavin.

"Thank you, Mr. Patterson!" The six little ones thanked Jonathan gleefully.

Seeing the smiles on the children's faces, Arissa asked politely, "That's so nice of you, Mr. Patterson! You could have just brought some candies for them."

"I have to since it's my first time seeing these kids. They're adorable!" The stern-looking Jonathan responded with an affectionate smile.

Although they were already close to the little ones, even Kingsley and Shaun could not help but hug them. "Come, let's go in. I'll carry you!"

Each of the two men carried two children in their arms.

Jonathan picked the remaining two children up and walked behind Kingsley and Shaun.

Arissa was pleased to see how these men were fond of the children.

"Let's go in too!" Benjamin held Arissa's hand and entered the house.

Arissa hummed in response and walked in with him.

Shaun, Kingsley, and Jonathan continued to focus on the children. "We brought these candies back from the wedding. We haven't had the chance to taste them. Why don't you guys try them and tell us if they taste good?"

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Chapter 818 Could You Do Me A Favor

"You've not tried the candies?" the children asked. "Nope. We saved them for you!" "Thank you!" The men grinned. "Go on and take it. See if it tastes good!"

Arissa smiled and turned to Benjamin. "You keep them company. I'll get changed and prepare some food. Have you thought of what to eat?"

"I'll come with you to see what I can eat!" Benjamin raised his chin and decided to go upstairs with her.

Meanwhile, Edwin came out and served the guests some fruits. "Mr. and Mrs. Graham, are you still hungry? Should I prepare some snacks for you?"

"Don't worry about it. I'll prepare the food myself," Arissa responded with a smile. Edwin looked at them and bobbed his head in acknowledgment. "All right. The children only just returned, but they've had their dinner at the hospital."

Arissa nodded and went upstairs to change into casual wear while Benjamin followed behind. Turning to the gorgeous man, she asked, "You want to change too?"

Benjamin hummed in response and entered the bedroom. He went straight to the closet to retrieve a pair of clothes and passed them to her. "Need my help?"

Arissa blushed instantly but replied in a resolute tone, "No, thank you." Benjamin arched his brows. He then changed into the clothes he picked out from the closet.

Arissa's heart started racing the moment the man took off his clothes. She could not avert her gaze from his muscular body. Benjamin tilted his head and stared at her, but she immediately looked away and was ready to go elsewhere to change.

"I'm done. You can change here!" Benjamin buttoned his shirt and stepped out of the room. "I'll wait outside."

Arissa glanced at him and was amazed at how dashing he was from every angle. "Oh, okay," she responded. After the man had left, she closed the door and started changing.

Yet, after several attempts, she still could not reach the dress' zip on her back, and she eventually felt her arms aching. Arissa had no choice but to open the door and look for Benjamin.

Upon noticing he was scrolling through his phone on the couch, she cleared her throat to get his attention. "Benjamin, can you do me a favor?"

The man looked up and gazed steadily into her eyes. "What is it?"

Embarrassment swelled in her when she saw the subtle smirk on his face. "Help me with the zip, please."

"Sure. My pleasure." Benjamin got up and walked toward her.

Arissa turned her back to him.

Her silky-smooth skin instantly caught the man's attention when he unzipped her dress.

A few love bites behind her shoulders looked like flowers that had bloomed beautifully.

Benjamin's eyes darkened as a passionate glint flashed across his eyes.

He leaned forward and kissed her back.

That sent a shiver down Arissa's spine. She held onto her gown and distanced herself from the man.

Her cheeks instantly turned rosy, and she asked in embarrassment, "What are you doing?"

"I couldn't help it." Benjamin raised his brows, his gaze filled with passion.

Arissa's face was flushed. "Go out, please. I want to change!"

Benjamin pressed his palm against the door and smirked. "Shall we just stay in the room and not go downstairs?"

“What are you talking about? Everyone is waiting for us!” Arissa could read between the lines.

She shot daggers at him and shoved him out of the room. “Wait outside!”

As the door gradually closed, Benjamin cleared his throat and said, “Call me again if you need my help!”

The corners of Arissa’s mouth twitched. She quickly removed the gown, set it aside, and changed into the casual attire Benjamin had taken for her.

After putting aside her gown and Benjamin’s clothes, she opened the door and stepped out of the room.

Benjamin looked at her and said, “Let’s go down.”

“Okay!”

Did he not say he didn’t want to go down? Despite having that question in mind, Arissa decided to keep mum and responded with a smile.

Benjamin grabbed her hand. Together, they left the room and went downstairs.

While they were coming downstairs, Kingsley tilted his head to look at them and teased, “What were you guys doing upstairs? You were gone for so long.”

Benjamin glared at him. “Shut up!”

Everyone held their laughter.

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Chapter 819 Where Did You Learn This From

“Take a seat.” With that, Arissa turned and went into the kitchen. Benjamin followed suit. “Benjamin is following Arissa everywhere now!” teased Kingsley. Both Shaun and Jonathan started laughing.

“Kingsley, you’d better not talk too much. If not, Benjamin might throw you out!” Jonathan reminded him. Shaun burst out laughing. “Benjamin is in a good mood today. That’s why he allowed you into his house.”

The six children looked at the adults while they talked. Zachary asked, “Uncle Kingsley, didn’t my mommy eat anything at the banquet just now?”

Kingsley rubbed the boy's head before answering, "She did. But your daddy didn't eat anything." Zachary widened his eyes. So, Daddy is the one who hasn't eaten yet.

"Mr. Patterson, did anybody bully my mommy?" Gavin asked Jonathan politely. Jonathan chuckled. "Your daddy is busy protecting your mommy. Nobody dares to bully her!" Gavin eyed the adults with doubt and asked, "Are you lying to me?"

Shaun and Jonathan exchanged glances and answered, "We didn't lie to you." Jonathan turned around to play with Tim. Tim blushed, and the grownups found it amusing.

Edwin was looking on. If he did not put a stop to the teasing, they would likely carry on. When Arissa saw Benjamin follow her into the kitchen, she asked him, "Have you decided what you want to eat?"

Benjamin raised his brows and said, "How about some grilled meat?"

Arissa took out the ingredients and started the preparation. She then took out some fruit and vegetables. Once the meat was done, she wrapped them together with the fruit and vegetables.

All the while, Benjamin was with her in the kitchen, and he was watching her cook. With a smile, he asked, "Where did you learn this from?"

Arissa glanced at him sideways and continued with her chore.

"Don't you like it this way? All the children love to have their grilled meat like this."

Benjamin looked at her and then at the food before asking, "Can I eat now?"

"Go ahead." Arissa nodded.

Benjamin picked up a fork and tasted the food. Not too bad.

Arissa turned and glanced at him with those sparkling eyes of hers and asked, "How is it?"

"It's good!"

Benjamin nodded before taking the plate with him.

"I'll have a piece of steak too!"

Arissa laughed out loud and continued to grill the meat.

When the six children, Kingsley and the others came over, they felt hungry when they saw the food.

“Mommy, can we have some?”

Jesse gulped a mouthful of saliva. She wanted very much to have a taste.

“Sure!” replied Arissa.

She put out the food on the dining table, and there was plenty of it.

“Come over here. I’ll give you a piece!” Benjamin called out to Jesse.

The little girl ran over to him with a grin on her face.

Benjamin then fed her a piece of the meat.

“Thank you, Mr. Graham!”

Jesse was pleased as her mouth was filled with food.

“Do all of you want some?” Benjamin asked the boys.

“We’ll take this plate.”

With that, Jasper climbed onto the chair with eagerness and started eating from the other plate.

Both Shaun and Kingsley also reached to grab a piece each.

So did the rest of the children. Unfortunately for Jonathan, he was too slow and did not manage to get a single bite.

“Mr. Patterson, for you!”

Tim gave his piece to Jonathan.

Jonathan was very touched, and he patted Tim’s head. “Don’t worry about me. You go ahead.”

“Mr. Patterson, you can have this. I can have this anytime.”

Tim pushed the piece of meat toward him.

Jonathan was thrilled. “Thank you, Tim.”

"You're welcome!" Tim gazed at him.

Benjamin smiled and hollered, "Tim, come here. I'll give you some."

"Mr. Graham, you haven't eaten yet. You should have it. I'm not hungry anyway."

Seeing that there was not much food left on the plate, Tim shook his head.

Benjamin was very proud of the kind boy.

"It's fine. Come over here and have a bite. Your mommy is making a steak for me after this."

Tim glanced at everyone before walking over.

Benjamin fed him a piece.

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Chapter 820 Munch Away

"Do you like it?" asked Benjamin as he watched Tim chew his food. Tim nodded. When Tim finished, Benjamin gave him another. "Thank you, Mr. Graham," said Tim happily.

Benjamin then rubbed his head with fondness. "Mr. Graham, are you done?" asked Oliver. "Of course not!" replied Benjamin as he looked at the boy.

"Oh, I see." Oliver was eyeing Benjamin's food. "Want some?" Benjamin's eyes twinkled as he smiled. Oliver adjusted his glasses before he chuckled.

Benjamin fed him a piece too. Oliver grinned and said, "Thank you, Mr. Graham." "Mr. Graham, can I have a piece too?"

Jasper started to act cute toward Benjamin in the hope of some food. He blinked his eyes at him. It was an amusing sight. "Sure!" Benjamin gave a piece of meat to him too. He then looked at Gavin, Zachary, and Jesse. "Do you guys want some more?"

"Yes!" yelled Jesse. "Come over here." Benjamin fed her another piece. Both Gavin and Zachary shook their heads. Arissa popped her head out of the kitchen and asked, "Sweethearts, are you guys hungry? Shall I cook some pasta for all of you?"

"Yes, Mommy! I want pasta!" Jasper got excited and ran to the door.

Jesse joined him. "Mommy, me too!"

With a smile, Arissa said gently, "Got it. I'll cook the pasta in a short while. Don't take your daddy's food. He hasn't had his dinner yet."

The children stuck their tongues out, and Jasper teased Arissa, "Mommy doesn't love us anymore. She only cares about Mr. Graham."

Arissa blushed upon hearing that.

When Shaun, Kingsley, and Jonathan heard what Jasper said, they broke out in laughter.

Once Arissa served Benjamin his steak, she went back into the kitchen to cook the pasta.

Kingsley was very thick-skinned and followed Arissa into the kitchen. "Mrs. Graham, can you cook some for us as well? I didn't have my fill at the banquet just now."

"Is seafood pasta all right for you?" asked Arissa as she turned her head.

"Of course. We are okay with anything."

Kingsley dared not make any request. Instead, he made his way back to his seat with a smile and found himself looking straight into Benjamin's stare.

"Heh! Heh! Benjamin, you can't just eat by yourself. We need to eat too."

Benjamin snorted. "If you are hungry, why don't you go out and have supper instead?"

Kingsley stated shamelessly, "The supper I get outside is nothing compared to Mrs. Graham's cooking!"

To that, Benjamin raised his eyebrows. The compliment made him feel pleased indeed.

"Let me check on Arissa and see if she needs any help." With that, Shaun went into the kitchen.

However, not long after, Arissa chased him out. "She doesn't want my help!"

The corners of Kingsley's mouth twitched. "You're only putting on a show, and Mrs. Graham can tell. That's why she doesn't want to force you."

Shaun glared at him before retorting, "At least I offered to help, unlike you!"

Jonathan admitted with a smile, "Well, I will just wait for the food."

“My mommy is very fast at cooking pasta. She will be done in a few minutes,” said Zachary proudly to the adults as he beamed with pride.

Jonathan patted his head and asked, “I heard you know how to cook too?”

Zachary nodded. “Yes, all of us can cook!”

“That’s right! All of us know how to cook,” said Gavin with a smile.

“How about Tim?” asked Jonathan gently.

“I do. I know how to make a salad,” informed Tim as he nodded his head.

“All of you are great. One of these days, I must try your cooking.”

Jonathan was stunned to learn that those children could whip up a few dishes.

“Don’t try to be funny!” warned Benjamin.

Jonathan smiled sheepishly.

Seeing his children looking at him, Benjamin ended up feeding all of them a piece of his steak as well.

Benjamin’s appetite increased when he saw the children enjoying the food.

Very soon, the father and six children devoured the piece of steak.

Kingsley, Shaun, and Jonathan had rarely witnessed such a heartwarming scene. Furthermore, they did not expect to see that loving side of Benjamin.