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Chapter 826 Wearing His Shirt For The Wedding Photo

Subsequently, Arissa studied Benjamin. Hmm, it seems like a pretty good idea to marry him. No matter what, I'll be on the winning end. Not only is he handsome, but he's also incredibly wealthy. On top of that, he even promised to pursue me as long as we got married. That's quite tempting. "Why are you grinning away?"

Benjamin pinched her cheek when he noticed the silly smile on her face. She seems to be inexplicably smiling to herself every so often. Arissa beamed so widely that her eyes became mere slits. "You're really going to pursue me after we get married?"

Benjamin took a long, hard look at her. An imperceptible glimmer of shrewdness glinted in the depths of his eyes. "Yup!"

We'll see after we've registered our marriage. Unfortunately, Arissa had no inkling of the man's thoughts. She continued reveling in her glee. The curve of her lips deepened.

At the sight of her euphoria, Benjamin dipped his head and kissed her cheek, his thin lips quirking up slightly. "Let's sleep!"

"Okay!" Nodding, Arissa closed her eyes to sleep. She initially thought she wouldn't be able to sleep, but she slumbered deeply in no time.

Surprised, Benjamin quirked an eyebrow when he saw that she had dozed off so quickly. He stared at her peaceful sleeping countenance fixedly, kissing her here and there.

Ticklish, Arissa reflexively dodged.

Afraid that he would wake her, Benjamin finally stopped messing around and locked her in his embrace.

Inhaling the fragrance emanating from her, he promptly drifted off as well.

The next day, Arissa woke up early in the morning, refreshed and rejuvenated.

Glimpsing the slumbering man beside her, she was intoxicated by his handsome face for a time.

Benjamin's thick eyebrows, high nose bridge, and crimson lips were so mesmerizing that she couldn't take her eyes off them, whether she looked at them individually or together.

He was so striking that the word exquisite fit him to a tee. Even in sleep, his inherent nobility and imperiousness were still exceedingly evident.

She giggled softly.

Without warning, Benjamin opened his eyes. He gazed right into the depths of her eyes.

In the next moment, he pecked the corner of her mouth. “How long have you been awake?”

Arissa jolted back to reality, her cheeks flushing slightly. “I just woke up.”

Benjamin arched a brow in disbelief. She doesn’t look groggy at all. Instead, her eyes are clear and bright.

A smile tugged at his lips. “You’ve been staring at me since you woke up?”

Arissa glanced at him, riposting coquettishly, “Is that not allowed?”

“Of course, it’s allowed!”

In a good mood, Benjamin nodded smilingly.

Arissa stole a peek at him.

Caressing the top of her head, Benjamin urged, “Go and shower! Later, we’ll register our marriage!”

In a flash, Arissa’s heartbeat accelerated. He was serious!

“Aren’t we going to the hospital today?”

She abruptly remembered that Mary was going to have an operation. There probably won’t be enough time.

“I’ll have the employees from City Hall come over.”

Benjamin pinched her cheek.

Surprise flooded Arissa. Seeing that the man had gotten out of bed, she hastily did the same.

How nice to have money! No, that’s not quite right. It’s more like clout works wonders. It isn’t quite possible if ordinary people wish to have employees from City Hall come to their house to register their marriage.

“The marriage rate is low right now, so they’ll come to your doorstep to serve you with a single phone call,” Benjamin explained, seemingly seeing right through her.

Arissa eyed him dubiously. “That’s only because of your impressive sway!”

Benjamin’s thin lips turned up imperceptibly. “Quick, go and brush your teeth!”

Thrilled to the core, Arissa hurriedly went to brush her teeth and wash her face.

Benjamin joined her.

As the two of them stood side by side brushing their teeth, it made for a heartwarming sight.

When Arissa had finished washing up, she couldn’t decide what to wear.

“Wear my shirt!”

Benjamin tossed one of his white shirts at her.

Catching it, Arissa gaped at the man in surprise. “Your shirt?”

“The wedding photo will turn out stellar like that!”

Benjamin changed into a shirt dashingly, exuding enthralling pheromones with every single movement.

Arissa was dazzled, a blush staining her face as her heart started racing.

She swept a gaze over her clothes in the closet, but there wasn’t any suitable white women’s shirt for the wedding photo. Hence, she had no choice but to wear Benjamin’s shirt.

However, it was so large on her that it could be a dress.

Thus, she tucked the hem into her pants.

She also folded the sleeves up a few times.

Well, this is much better. It doesn’t matter what I wear for the bottom half since it won’t show in the photo anyway.

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Arissa then straightened her clothes in the mirror before walking out of the closet. By then, Benjamin was already ready. He sat on the couch, looking as casual as ever.

Hearing movement, he turned and cast his gaze over. Arissa's complexion was impeccable, fair with a hint of rosiness. On the whole, she appeared angelic.

Dressed in his shirt, she even seemed a few years younger than her actual age, looking like a university student who had yet to step into society.

Despite that, her bright eyes carried a hint of womanly allure. Even without makeup, she was so stunningly beautiful that she took his breath away.

Benjamin's eyes darkened a shade. When he continued staring at her, Arissa grew a tad uneasy. She tugged at her clothes. "How is it? Do I look strange?"

Benjamin walked over to her. Stretching out a long and slender arm, he pulled her into his arms and captured her lips. Arissa thumped him on the back. "I haven't applied makeup yet!"

Benjamin only dropped his hold on her after nipping her lip. "You look stunning!" She has no idea how seductive a woman is to a man when she's wearing his shirt.

Benjamin's eyes darkened once more. Arissa was baffled for a moment before she realized that he was answering her question earlier. The blush on her face turned all the more enticing.

"I'm going to apply some makeup." Going over to the dressing table, she quickly put on some makeup. Benjamin sat on the bed and waited for her.

Downstairs, employees from City Hall had arrived. Edwin thought that it was Darius who called them over. He ushered them into the living room for a seat before swiftly going upstairs to inform Benjamin about it.

Knock! Knock!

"Are you up yet, Mr. Graham?"

Benjamin got to his feet and went over to open the door. He looked at Edwin inquisitively. "What's the matter?"

"Two employees from City Hall came, saying... they're here to register your marriage with Mrs. Graham. I have them waiting in the living room. Should I ask them to leave?" Edwin inquired cautiously.

"I called them over. Take them to the study to make the preparations. We'll be there in a while," Benjamin instructed.

For a second, Edwin was stunned. When understanding dawned that the man wanted to register his marriage with Arissa, he was over the moon.

“I’ll go and take them to the study to make the preparations right away!” he exclaimed, grinning from ear to ear.

He then went back downstairs.

Benjamin turned and glanced at Arissa.

When he saw her growing frantic, he stuck his hands in his pockets, his thin lips curving upward.

“Take your time!”

Arissa glowered at the man through the mirror. How am I to take my time when the employees from City Hall are already here?

Speeding up, she completed her light makeup.

Then, she finished it off with a bit of lipstick and pulled her hair into a ponytail.

After checking her makeup in the mirror, she headed toward the door.

“I’m ready.”

Benjamin’s eyes stayed on her face for several seconds. How pleasing to the eyes! She’s all the more beautiful with a bit of makeup!

Taking her hand, he walked out of the room.

Just then, Zachary shuffled out of his room. His eyes went wide when he noticed them dressed identically.

Curious, he inquired, “Mommy, Mr. Graham, where are you both going?”

At his voice, the five other children dashed out of the room. They all regarded the couple inquisitively.

“Your mommy and I are going to register our marriage!” Benjamin revealed.

The jaws of all six children dropped in shock.

“Can we tag along, Daddy?”

Sheer anticipation inundated Gavin.

Benjamin swept a gaze over him. "We're doing it at home."

Having said that, he dragged Arissa downstairs.

Utterly surprised, the six children chased after them.

"Why are you suddenly marrying Mr. Graham, Mommy?" Zachary queried.

We didn't know anything last night.

All the children alternated their gazes between Arissa and Benjamin.

Don't tell me Mommy was coerced by Daddy last night?

"It was a spur-of-the-moment decision."

Arissa looked at them gingerly, afraid that they would object.

At that, the six children exchanged glances. "Has Mr. Graham proposed to you, Mommy?"

Jasper trained his eyes on Benjamin.

Arissa likewise sneaked a peek at Benjamin.

Benjamin looked at Jasper before shifting his gaze to Arissa with a pointed look in his eyes. "Have I proposed to you?"

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Chapter 828 Are You Not Willing To Marry Me

As Arissa clocked the look in Benjamin's eyes, the corners of her mouth twitched, and amusement danced in her eyes. Turning, she answered, "He has proposed, Sweethearts."

All six children looked the couple up and down. "Was it romantic, Mommy?"

Jesse gazed at Arissa with stars in her eyes, eager to know the answer to that question. Torn between laughing and crying, Arissa continued fibbing, "It was very romantic!"

Benjamin eyed Jesse. Well, well, well... This little one is aware of the definition of romantic, huh?

“Hehe!” Jesse was on cloud nine, happy on behalf of Arissa. Meanwhile, Arissa’s face was flaming hotly. “Let’s go downstairs first,” Benjamin proposed.

Immediately after, he descended the stairs with her. Zachary and Gavin exchanged a look. “Why do I feel that something is off between them?”

Gavin shared his sentiments, but he was presently overjoyed at Benjamin and Arissa’s marriage, so he chose to ignore it.

“Perhaps you’re not used to it when Mommy is suddenly getting married to Daddy.”

Zachary was startled for a moment. Is that it?

Tim’s eyes shone like stars. “Are you all going to watch the ceremony? I want to watch it!”

“Let’s go!” Zachary grabbed Tim’s hand and rushed down the stairs.

Chuckling, Gavin called Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse to go downstairs with him together.

Oliver leaned close to Jasper and whispered, “Did you notice that Mommy wasn’t wearing a ring on her finger? There certainly wasn’t a proposal. No one proposes without preparing a ring.”

Jasper turned to his brother, feeling that it indeed made sense. I didn’t even notice that earlier.

“Don’t tell me it’s because of Grandpa that they’re registering their marriage?” he wondered out loud.

Oliver nudged his glasses. Well, that possibility does exist.

“Oh well, Mommy is getting the short end of the stick!”

“Let’s go and have a look first. Later, we’ll have a chat with Daddy.”

Jasper’s brows were scrunched together deeply.

Gosh, how daft of Mommy that she didn’t even bother fighting for her interests and foolishly agreed to marry Daddy!

All six children trailed after the couple.

Benjamin led Arissa to the study.

“They’re all ready! Quick, go in and get your photo taken, Mr. and Mrs. Graham! They said all that’s needed is to snap a photo and sign the form,” Edwin gushed.

Nodding in acknowledgment, Benjamin led Arissa into the room.

Nervous beyond words, Arissa greeted the two employees alongside Benjamin.

“Nice to meet you.”

“Mr. Graham!” The chief, Keith Zeigler, inclined his head and regarded them with a smile. Verily, he was surprised to have been called over to register the couple’s marriage.

“Thank you!” Benjamin murmured courteously.

“Not at all! Are you both ready? If you’re ready, we can snap a photo first and fill in the forms later.”

Keith personally walked them through the entire process.

“We’re ready.” Benjamin nodded.

Following the employee’s gesture, he went over with Arissa and sat down to have their photo taken.

“Take it easy.”

He turned and shot her a look.

“Okay.” Arissa bobbed her head.

At their striking countenances, the employee couldn’t help taking a few more glances at them.

“Sit close and look into the camera here.”

Benjamin wrapped an arm around Arissa while Arissa moved closer to his shoulder.

Staring straight into the camera, she naturally put on a smile.

“Smile, Mr. Graham. You’ll look much better if you do so,” the employee urged Benjamin.

Arissa turned to Benjamin, nudging him lightly upon noticing that he wasn’t smiling.
“You’ve got to smile!”

“Okay.” The corners of Benjamin’s mouth lifted a fraction.

At the sight of his stiff smile, Arissa’s lips twitched.

“Are you not willing to marry me?” she inquired softly.

Snapping his head over, Benjamin glared at her. “Of course not!”

“Then, why is your smile so stiff?”

In truth, Benjamin was merely unaccustomed to wearing a happy smile in front of others.

He composed himself and put on a more natural smile.

The employee hastily captured it.

The six children leaned against the door, observing the happenings in the room. Their eyes were all brightly lit and radiated curiosity.

“Mommy and Mr. Graham are really getting married!” Jasper muttered.

“That’s not quite right. They’ve really gotten married!” Gavin was all smiles, as happy as a clam.

All the other children nodded.

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Chapter 829 Two Marriage Certificates Came Into Being

“This is so sudden that it all feels like a dream!” Oliver lamented. As Edwin watched them and listened to their remarks, mirth filled him. “Kids, come and have breakfast with me.”

Afraid that they would barge in and disrupt the marriage proceedings, he wanted to take them away. “We’ll wait for Daddy and Mommy, Mr. Whitley!” Gavin turned and explained.

Then, he continued peering into the study. He just so happened to catch sight of Benjamin turning and dropping a kiss on Arissa’s face. Arissa gazed at the man shyly. That scene was captured by the employee.

“The photo is done. You only need to fill in this form and ensure that everything is correct before signing at the signature column at the bottom.”

“Got it.” Benjamin took the form. Subsequently, he dragged Arissa to the desk to fill it in. The two of them sat there and filled in their particulars. The six children silently inched over and took a gander at it.

“Mr. Graham, Ms. York, you’ve still got a worksheet to do?” Tim queried. Upon hearing that, Benjamin and Arissa broke out into laughter.

“Yup! We’ve got to finish this piece of worksheet since we’re getting married. We’ll only receive a marriage certificate if we pass.”

Arissa stroked her son’s head. Benjamin swept a gaze over the children. “Go out and play first. We’ll be done in a while.”

Sprawling on the desk, Zachary stared at him with wide eyes. “We won’t make any noise here, Mr. Graham!”

Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse followed suit. Gavin giggled, imitating his siblings’ actions. Seeing that, Tim sprawled on the desk as well. With six petite figures doing the same action, it made for an adorable sight.

Arissa beamed as she looked at her children. “You’re all here!”

Benjamin flicked her forehead. “Hurry up and fill in the form!” Turning, Arissa shot him a sidelong glance and snapped, “Are you done?”

At that, Benjamin brandished his form. His writing was beautiful, his signature a flourish that carried power and vigor. The corners of Arissa’s mouth twitched.

Snatching her form away, Benjamin completed it at lightning speed and asked her to sign her name. The two employees from City Hall were shocked when they spotted the six children of the same age and looks.

“Mr. Graham, are they all... your children?”

Nodding, Benjamin handed them both the forms.

“Do check and see whether there’s anything missing or incorrect.”

Keith took it from him and looked it over. “Everything is in order.”

The employee quickly put away the information while Keith personally stamped everything. With that, two marriage certificates came into being.

“Congratulations on your marriage! May your marriage be filled with love for the rest of your lives!”

“Thank you!” Benjamin tilted his head in thanks.

“Thank you!” Arissa echoed sweetly.

Excitement surged within her as she stared at the marriage certificate in her hand.

I’ve finally gotten married! And I married Benjamin!

“Thank you for making the trip, Mr. Zeigler.”

Benjamin offered them coffee.

“Not at all. It’s our job anyway. We’ve still got something else to do, so we’ll take a rain check on the coffee.”

Keith congratulated them further before he left with the other employee.

“Your children are really adorable, Mr. Graham. Are they sextuplets?”

“Yup!” Pride was written all over Benjamin’s face.

“That’s icing on the cake! We’ll be leaving, then.”

Keith’s eyes were inexorably glued on the six children.

“I’ll see you out.” Benjamin saw them out.

Arissa quickly trailed behind the man.

At that, all six children followed suit.

“Goodbye, sirs!”

They then waved at the employees.

Keith and the other employee were wholly captivated.

“I’m really envious of you both that you have six children in one go. They’re so cute!”

They couldn’t resist caressing the children’s heads.

“Thank you!” Arissa wore a motherly smile on her face.

Keith inclined his head at them before leaving with the other employee.

“Have a safe drive back!” Arissa cried out.

Benjamin stood beside her, watching as the car drove off.

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Chapter 830 Why Do You Not Want To Announce It

“Let’s go in and have breakfast!” Benjamin turned and said to Arissa. Then, he took the marriage certificate in her hand away. “I’ll take this.” Arissa jerked her head over, puzzled. “Why are you taking mine? You’ve got your own, no?”

“I’m going to store them together.” Benjamin placed the two marriage certificates together. “Can we have a look at them, Daddy? We’ve never seen one!”

Gavin brushed up against the man and looked up at him while asking that. “I want to have a look, too!”

Going over, Zachary gazed at Benjamin. “Me, too!” Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse did the same. Tim’s eyes lit up, and he murmured, “I’d like to have a look as well!”

Benjamin’s lips twitched. He handed the two marriage certificates to the children. “Be careful that you don’t tear them.”

“Okay!” All six children nodded. Taking them from him, they passed them around among themselves. “Hehe! It’s beautiful!” Jesse grinned as she looked at the couple’s photo.

Since Arissa hadn’t had a look at the photo, she poked her head over. The instant she saw that it was that of Benjamin kissing her on the cheek, her face flushed bright red.

“All right, all right, you’ve all seen enough!”

The six children burst into laughter. “Mommy is shy!” Jasper announced loudly as he stared at her. At once, Arissa knocked him on the head. Jasper rubbed his head in aggravation. “I was only speaking the truth. Hmph!”

“Mommy looked beautiful!” Gavin wore a spellbound expression. “Mr. Graham looked very handsome, too!”

A smile bloomed on Tim’s face. He couldn’t understand the words on the certificate, so he merely studied the photo.

“No wonder the two of you dressed identically! It looked great on camera!”

Zachary regarded Arissa and Benjamin, all smiles.

“There’s embossing on the photo, so it’s legal,” Oliver commented smilingly after touching the photo.

“Of course, it’s legal! The two men earlier were employees of City Hall,” Benjamin said to the children, his lips quirking a fraction.

The six children eyed him for a moment before they continued scrutinizing the marriage certificates.

Arissa snapped a photo with her phone.

Benjamin swung his gaze at her. “Why did you do that?”

Throwing him a glance, Arissa deliberately asked, “I want to post it on Instagram. Is that okay?”

“Sure! Indeed, we should be making a public announcement!”

Benjamin looked exceedingly solemn.

Conversely, Arissa was stunned. Does he really have no objections to it?

“I’ll announce it in a while!”

Benjamin gazed at her deeply.

Her cheeks flushing bright red, Arissa gave a dry chuckle. “Well, there’s no need for such haste.”

Benjamin’s eyes narrowed. His deep voice was tinged with a hint of authoritativeness as he asserted, “I don’t want to sneak around!”

In turn, the corners of Arissa’s mouth twitched.

Neither do I want to sneak around, but I haven’t prepared myself for that. If my colleagues were to learn about it, they definitely wouldn’t be able to accept it right away. How am I to work henceforth? Besides, if everyone knew that I’m Benjamin Graham’s wife, they’d undoubtedly keep a distance from me.

“Mr. Graham, how about not publicizing it first? Things are perfect like this! If you were to make it public, how would I work henceforth? Fearful of my identity, others wouldn’t dare say a word even if they have complaints.”

Benjamin snorted softly. For some reason, I feel that she doesn’t want to acknowledge me.

“You’re pretty considerate of the company!”

“Of course! I love my job!”

Arissa looked at him innocently.

However, Benjamin shot her a glare. "Why don't you want to announce it?"

Arissa sneaked a peek at him. "It's not that. I'm just not prepared."

Before today, I'd never imagined that I'd marry him on the spur of a moment, okay? When he agreed to register his marriage with me last night, I was still finding it rather surreal. But it turned out that we really registered our marriage today. It doesn't quite feel real.

Wrapping an arm around her slender waist, Benjamin leaned down and whispered into her ear, "Why do I have the feeling that you want to conceal your marital status to seduce other men?"

Arissa's lips twitched violently. She snapped her head over and glowered at the man.

"When did I ever do that? I only ever seduced you. Eh, no! I didn't seduce you! You were the one who seduced me!"