

The More the Merrier Chapter 856

Chapter 856 Second Pregnancy

“Yes, Dad?” Arissa stood and approached Darius. With a nod, the old man said, “Just leave them be for now. Have some coffee!” “Okay!” She then poured coffee for Darius.

“This isn’t good enough, you know that, right, Issa? Once we get back home, you need to pour coffee for me again!” Darius joked around.

“No problem!” She laughed before placing fruits and snacks in front of him. “Have some snacks, Dad! Don’t just drink coffee.”

The more Darius stared at the sensible Arissa, the more he felt satisfied. “Were you the one who brought up the topic of getting the marriage certificate or him?”

A tinge of awkwardness was heard in Arissa’s voice. “It’s him!”

He nodded with relief. “Did he mention any conditions when he brought it up?”

That question stunned her because she didn’t understand what he was trying to ask. Therefore, she just told him how Benjamin proposed to her last night.

Darius let out a hearty laugh. “I didn’t expect that brat to do such a thing! Maybe you should reject him and make him panic.”

Arissa and William chuckled too, though the latter did so in secret.

“Daddy will get angry if you give Mommy ideas like that, Grandpa!” Gavin reminded.

Staring at the boy, Darius said, “Hmph! I’m not afraid of him getting angry.”

After returning to the ward, Benjamin saw the children feeding Mary, and his wife chatting with his father.

Subsequently, he sat next to Arissa and asked, “What are you all talking about?”

Darius glanced at him with a grin. “We were talking about how you proposed to Issa!”

Raising his eyebrow, Benjamin turned his head to her. “What did you tell him?”

She pursed her lips. “I didn’t say anything to Dad yet.”

He fixed his eyes on her and was staring at her so intently that it made her face blush slightly with embarrassment.

Turning back to Darius, Benjamin asked, "Have you found a good date?"

Darius' eyes glimmered smugly. "I thought you would never ask."

Patiently, Benjamin waited for his father's answer.

"I'm thinking your wedding should take place on the sixth day of the next month. I was told that's a good date to hold a wedding!"

Arissa was stunned before she checked her phone. There are less than twenty days left until the wedding.

Suddenly, she began to panic. "Isn't this kind of rushing it?"

"What rush? Your children are already this old! And both of you have gotten your marriage certificates. If you two wait any longer, your second pregnancy will happen first," Darius scolded.

Awkwardness crept into her heart. Her face blushed again when she thought about what had happened two days ago. I didn't use any protection, and neither did Benjamin, I believe. I'm not going to get pregnant, am I? I've been taking medicines to take care of my body, so it probably won't happen. Additionally, the doctor said it wouldn't be easy for me to get pregnant again after I was injured after giving birth to the six children.

Benjamin glanced at her and then at his father. "Do you think we have enough time?"

With a resolute tone, Darius said, "Yes. Even if the wedding is held tomorrow, I can make it happen for you two! You two don't need to worry about it. I'll handle it!"

William smiled. "You two should know that after Old Mr. Graham went back this morning, he had already ordered people to start the preparation for the wedding. All you need to do is to attend it, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Graham!"

No words left Arissa's mouth as she smiled because she wasn't mentally prepared for it yet.

On the other hand, Benjamin was fine with it. As long as Dad and the others think there's enough time to set things up, I'm okay with it.

"What about the preparation for Tim and the other's trip to pay respect to their ancestors?" he asked.

The old man glanced at him. "The preparation is done. Just remember to show up on time when the day comes."

With a nod, Benjamin made a mental note.

After Mary finished her meal, Darius returned home with William.

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Arissa said to Mary, "Grandaunt, let me wipe your body down. I doubt I'd have the time to do it later since we're heading out to eat. I'm not sure I'll have the time to come over tonight either."

Mary smiled and rejected, "That won't be necessary. The caregiver's here. Besides, I'm more than capable of wiping my body myself, so don't worry about it."

"Have you been sleeping well at night? Did you have any trouble falling asleep?" Arissa was still worried and was contemplating coming over to accompany the elderly woman at night.

Well aware of her concerns, Mary smiled and replied, "I'm sleeping just fine, so just stay home and keep the kids company. You don't need to worry about me, not when the caregiver and Kingsley basically keep watch over me around the clock. Not to mention Dr. Bailey would come over and pay me a visit sometimes too."

Arissa nodded. "You must give me a call if you need anything else, okay? And if you find yourself having a hard time falling asleep, just call us, and we'll chat with you to keep you company."

"Okay." Mary nodded.

The kids also came over to give her a few reminders.

Mary was touched. "Go and have your meal. You'll need some time to get there, and I reckon it'll be rather late when the food reaches your table."

Arissa nodded. "Got it."

Benjamin got to his feet and bade Mary goodbye before taking the kids and Arissa for dinner.

Just before he left, he even instructed the caregiver to take good care of Mary.

"Great-grandaunt, we'll be off to have our dinner now. Get some rest and call us if you miss us!" Jasper called out.

Gavin chimed in, "Great-grandaunt, once we're done with our meal, we'll pay you a visit if it's still early!"

Mary was overjoyed to hear that, but she said, "No need. Go back home and rest once you're done eating, okay? You still need to go to school tomorrow, after all."

Zachary smiled. "It won't take us much time to visit you, Great-grandaunt."

Tim added, "Take good care of yourself, Great-grandaunt. We'll miss you!"

"Great-grandaunt, we'll video call you later!" Oliver said.

Jesse piped up, "If there is any delicious food later, I'll pack some for you, Great-grandaunt!"

Seeing how filial the kids were being, Mary was so happy that she was beaming from ear to ear.

Arissa smiled. While leading the kids outside, she turned around and reminded the elderly woman, "We'll be leaving now, Grand aunt. Get some rest and remember to call us if you miss us!"

Mary nodded. "I will. It's late now, so hurry up and go have your dinner."

Arissa inclined her head in agreement before bringing the kids out with Benjamin in tow.

Shaun trailed behind them, and before he left, he said, "I'll be back later once I'm done with dinner, Mdm. Mary!"

Mary chuckled. "Okay!"

Once everyone filed out of the ward, silence filled the space once again.

Mary sighed, and the smile that was hanging on her lips just moments ago faltered. She couldn't get used to the sudden stillness.

"Mdm. Mary, would you like to lie down, or would you like to have a walk? I can bring you down for a stroll if that's what you'd like."

The caregiver was newly appointed, and she was also one of the nurses in the hospital. Because of that, she was very professional and patient with the patients.

Mary smiled and replied, "Go ahead and have your meal. Just help me switch on the television before you leave. I feel like watching some shows."

"Sure. Give me a moment." The caregiver hurried away to turn the television on for her. After switching to a channel that was playing Mary's favorite show, she stayed behind to accompany her.

Meanwhile, after Benjamin, Arissa, Shaun, and the six kids reached downstairs, Shaun took the kids with him. "Come on, follow me. There won't be enough space for you all in your daddy's car."

The kids looked up at him with doubtful expressions. "What do you mean? Of course there's enough space for all of us!"

Instead of replying to them, Shaun led them to his car before lifting them inside one by one.

Before the kids even realized it, they were already buckled up inside the car.

Shaun reminded them, "We'll sit in one car and give your mommy and daddy some alone time together, okay? If you keep third wheeling them, they won't be able to bond with each other."

Jesse was unhappy when she heard that. She pouted and said, "Mr. Bailey, are you calling us burdens?"

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Afraid that the kids would misunderstand him, Shaun hurriedly explained, "I don't mean it like that. It's just that if you guys are around, your mommy will focus all her attention on you. She won't have the time to bond with your daddy."

Jasper pursed his lips and scoffed. "Why must it be Mommy who's doing the bonding? Why can't it be Daddy who initiates it? It sounds unfair to me!"

Shaun's eyes lit up, and he grinned at the little boy. "Oh? you're finally calling him 'Daddy,' huh?"

Jasper grunted. "I'm just calling him that so that you won't misunderstand what I'm trying to say."

Shaun chuckled and pinched the little boy's cheek. "There's no harm in calling him your daddy, you know? He's not here to hear it, anyway."

The kids laughed at that.

When Benjamin saw that Arissa's attention was all on the kids, he tousled her hair and said, "Come on, let's get in the car."

Arissa turned her head to look at him and nodded.

Opening the door to the passenger seat, he motioned for her to get in.

After getting in, Arissa asked, "You're driving?"

"Yes." Benjamin leaned over and helped buckle her seatbelt.

Feeling the man's broad chest against her, Arissa couldn't help the fuzzy feeling from spreading within her, and she smiled sweetly at him.

Benjamin noticed her beaming at him when he was straightening, and his eyes darkened with desire. He proceeded to lean in and kiss the corner of her lips.

Arissa stared at him, stunned.

A hint of amusement flashed across Benjamin's eyes, and he pinched her cheek affectionately before getting out of the car and closing the door.

Staring at the man's tall figure, Arissa could feel her heart pounding furiously. She touched the corner of her lips, feeling beyond contented at the moment.

The first thing Benjamin saw when he got into the driver's seat was Arissa sitting there, grinning with a dazed look. He couldn't help but smile at that.

She really likes to smile, huh?

After closing the door, he purposely leaned over. "What are you smiling at?"

Arissa blinked and turned to look at the handsome face that was a hairbreadth from hers before laughing dryly. "I just like to smile, that's all."

Her response elicited a slight chuckle from Benjamin.

She huffed, "I'm not like you, always going around with a deadpan expression, looking like people owe you money."

Benjamin's smile faltered when he heard that. "I'm just not that good at showing my feelings!"

Arissa's lips twitched, and she teased, "Your explanation's so lame. There's no way no one knows when you're happy or angry, especially when you're angry. Your whole being would radiate coldness to the point where you won't even need to turn on the air conditioner in the hot summer weather."

Benjamin frowned. "It's not that serious, is it?"

“Of course it is! Nobody would dare make a peep whenever you have that deadpan expression on. One glare from you is enough to scare someone sh*tless!”

Although Arissa was mocking him, Benjamin felt rather comfortable just listening to her sweet voice.

“What about you, then? Were you frightened by me?”

Arissa took a peek at Benjamin and saw how he started the car before turning the steering wheel and driving out.

Her heart raced, and she couldn't help but think how cool he looked.

Noticing that she didn't reply to his question, Benjamin shot her a glance.

When he saw her looking at him with an awestruck expression, he smirked.

“What are you looking at?”

“Huh?” Arissa snapped back to her senses and turned her head away, looking out the window.

The next moment, Benjamin's deep, magnetic voice rang out. “You haven't answered my question, you know?”

Arissa's heart pounded against her ribcage, threatening to break through it.

It took her a moment to recall his earlier question.

“Well, I... um... I have to admit that I'm scared sometimes. After all, your anger comes swiftly and suddenly. It's hard not to feel frightened by that.”

Benjamin fell silent. Is it really that serious?

Ever since he was young, he received a strict, military-style education. Because of that, he never realized the domineering aura radiating from him or how frightening it was for other people who felt it.

Besides, he reckoned he wouldn't be able to lead his subordinates if he was all smiles all the time.

After mulling over it, Benjamin said, “I'll take care not to frighten you next time.”

A sweet sensation spread within Arissa when she heard that.