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The More the Merrier Chapter 991-Just as they arrived at the dining room, Kingsley, Ethen, and Jack stepped out of the study.

Arissa was surprised to see them. "Why are you guys awake so early? Don't tell me you didn't sleep a wink last night."

When she saw how tired all of them looked, she figured they had been up all night.

"Indeed. We didn't sleep last night," complained Kingsley, blinking piteously with his eyes that had severe dark circles under them.

That evoked a chuckle from Arissa. "Come on. Take your seats. Let's have breakfast together," she offered.

"Okay!" Kingsley accepted the offer readily and took his seat hurriedly. After all, they only came out because they heard the noises outside.

Benjamin cast Kingsley a glance before directing his gaze toward Ethen and Jack.

Noting that, Ethen instantly reported, "Mr. Graham, we've completed the investigation."

Benjamin nodded in acknowledgment, then jerked his chin toward the dining table. "Let's eat."

"Okay!"

Thrilled to pieces, the two men sat beside Kingsley excitedly.

Arissa glanced at them but dared not ask them for the details since the children were present.

Hence, she said, "Let's eat. Boy, look at how severe your dark circles are. You guys should get some sleep after breakfast."

"Thank you, Mrs. Graham!" Ethen and Jack shouted cheerily.

Arissa could not help but feel embarrassed when she heard that.

Chuckling, Kingsley glanced at her and Benjamin before chiding Ethen and Jack smilingly, "Don't be so loud. Mr. Graham will kick you two out if you give Arissa a fright."

At that, the duo sneaked a peek at Benjamin and slowly retracted their gaze, falling into complete silence.

In the meantime, the six children observed them intently.

Unable to hold in his curiosity, Zachary asked, "Mr. Frank, what did you find?"

Ethen looked at the intelligent boy before stealing another glance at Benjamin. The former dared not reveal much without the other man's permission.

"Eat." Benjamin shot a glance at Zachary. He clearly had no intentions of letting him in on the matter.

Just then, Gavin looked at Benjamin but soon retracted his gaze. Turning to Zachary, he said gently, "Let's eat, Zachary. We're going to Grandpa's in a while."

Since Benjamin had no plans to answer his question, Zachary could only nod and dismiss his thoughts.

Arissa could not help but sigh when she noticed the curiosity on the children's faces. "Don't interrupt when the adults are talking. Hurry up and eat, or we're going to be late."

Pouting, Jasper refuted, "Mommy, it's still early. The clock hasn't even struck eight!"

"Don't talk back to me!" she scolded, straight-faced.

The boy stuck out his tongue sheepishly and lowered his head to eat.

With a tender smile on his face, Kingsley swept his gaze across the children before asking, "Gavin, why aren't you guys nicely dressed?"

However, Gavin merely looked at him and continued eating without saying anything.

Tim, too, gave Kingsley a brief look but said nothing. He was not close with the latter vet.

As for Zachary, he became a little dejected by Benjamin's refusal to answer his question. Hence, he was in no mood to answer Kingsley's question as well.

Similarly, Jasper dared not say a word after getting scolded by Arissa.

Only Oliver adjusted his glasses and asked, "Mr. Watts, are we not nicely dressed now?"

Kingsley chortled at the boy's response.

He gave the boy a thumbs up and commented, "You look nice, but I was wondering if you'll be wearing a nicer outfit."

Oliver flashed him a bashful smile. If one were to look closer, one would notice the cunning glint of a fox in his eyes.

"We'll change into our outfits after we've finished eating. Otherwise, we might accidentally dirty it," he informed Kingsley.

Chuckling, Kingsley shifted his gaze to Jesse. "What about you, Jesse? Are you wearing a dress later?"

Arissa froze. That's right. This is an important event. Should Jesse put on a dress?

However, everyone thought Jesse was a boy in the past, so they had prepared a boy's outfit for her, just like her brothers'.

"I'm not wearing a dress later, Mr. Watts. I'm wearing a cool suit!"

Jesse's sweet voice and pink cheeks melted everyone's hearts.

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The More the Merrier Chapter 992-Kingsley and the others stared at Jesse unblinkingly while Arissa smiled at her.

In actuality, Jesse loved wearing dresses. It was just that Arissa had convinced her to wear the same clothes as her brothers.

Giving Jesse an apologetic look, Arissa said, "Jesse, I'm sorry that I forgot to prepare a dress for you. I promise to prepare one for you next time. Remind me if I forget, okay?"

Jesse's eyes immediately lit up, and she said happily, "Okay, Mommy! Thank you!"

Right then, Benjamin turned to her and said, "I have a present to give you after breakfast."

Surprised, Jesse asked, "What is it?"

"You'll find out later," he responded, being mysterious about it.

At that, Jesse beamed and chirped, "Thank you, Mr. Graham!"

A loving look appeared on Benjamin's face when he saw his daughter's cute dimples.

"Mr. Graham, can't you tell us now? You're making us feel so curious. What exactly are you giving Jesse? Do we get one too?" Jasper gazed at Benjamin inquisitively, his eyes sparkling with excitement.

With a quirk in his mouth, Kingsley joyfully watched the interaction between Benjamin and the cute children. Instead of intervening, he ate his food in silence.

Alas, Benjamin shot Jasper a glance and said, "There's none for you guys. It's only for girls."

Disappointed, Jasper slouched in his seat and grumbled, "I got excited about nothing. I thought all of us were going to get one."

Benjamin heard the boy's complaints, and he swept a glance at him. "I can give you one next time if you like it."

Curiosity gleamed in Jasper's eyes. "What is it?"

To his dismay, Benjamin did not answer.

Eyeing him, Jasper finally pulled out his trump card. "If you tell me what it is, I'll address you as 'Daddy'!"

The boy was too curious to find out what it was that suited Jesse but not them.

I can't fall for his tricks. If it's a girl's thing, then I can't use it. Wait! I can give it to Jesse if that's the case.

Jasper was caught in a dilemma, but he was still extremely curious.

Benjamin's eyes twinkled as he met his son's gaze. "Well, I just heard you calling me 'Daddy' even when I haven't told you what it was."

Jasper was utterly speechless.

In the meantime, Kingsley, Ethen, and Jack gave a chortle.

As if he was not afraid of incurring Benjamin's wrath, Kingsley remarked, "Boss, you're quite shameless. Jasper didn't even call you that. It was just a statement, not an official address."

In response, Benjamin glared daggers at him, which made him hunch in fright.

Immediately, he lowered his head to eat his food, choosing to avoid Benjamin's glare.

Just then, Arissa flashed Benjamin a smile. "I'm curious too. What exactly are you giving Jesse?"

He'd better not make the boys jealous later.

Staring at her, Benjamin gestured for her to lean closer.

She did as told, and he whispered in her ear, "A dress!"

Shocked, Arissa stared at him in disbelief.

Nonetheless, Benjamin only smiled mysteriously—a smile so roguish that it could make a person blush.

Meanwhile, the six children watched their parents whisper among themselves.

Feeling dejected, Jasper asked, "Mr. Graham, why are you only telling Mommy about it?"

Sadly, Benjamin only glanced at him and uttered in a plain yet strict manner, "Hurry up and finish your food if you want to find out."

The boy pouted. Then, he turned to Arissa and inquired, "Mommy, what did Mr. Graham tell you?"

Seeing Benjamin was still being mysterious about the gift, Arissa merely smiled and kept quiet.

She decided to help him keep it a secret and not ruin the surprise he had for their daughter.

"It's a secret!"

The six children were baffled.

"Mommy, we know it's a secret. Did Mr. Graham tell you what he's giving to Jesse?" Zachary looked at her in curiosity.

Arissa chuckled at his question. I can answer that.

"Yes."

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The More the Merrier Chapter 993-"Mommy, what is it?"

Gavin's curiosity was piqued. He hoped that Arissa would tell him what the present was.

"It's a secret," Arissa replied with an enigmatic smile on her face.

Gavin let out a chortle. His gaze darted from Arissa to Benjamin. "Mommy, are you on Daddy's side now?"

Arissa was amused by the little boy's words.

"Mommy, you can secretly let us know. We won't tell Jesse!"

Tim gave Arissa a puppy-eyed look.

"Hurry up and eat. You will know the answer when you head upstairs later!"

Arissa didn't tell them, as she wanted to help Benjamin keep the secret.

Benjamin's lips curled up slightly.

Kingsley and the others' grew curious as well. However, noticing that Benjamin didn't seem keen to divulge further, they didn't egg him on and continued to eat their breakfast in silence.

The six children wanted to know what present Benjamin would give Jesse and wolfed down their breakfast.

"Slow down. Your daddy can't give you guys the present if he's not done eating yet!"

Arissa found her children's demeanor amusing.

The six children looked at Benjamin and said, "Daddy, hurry up!"

Benjamin's eyes crinkled into a smile as he hummed a response.

The children were delighted and cheered before they continued to eat breakfast.

After they were done, they sat anxiously in their seats as they waited for Benjamin to unveil the surprise.

"Daddy, hurry up!"

Gavin pouted his lips and groaned, 'You're too slow!"

Kingsley was amused and said, "Come, I'm going to take you guys upstairs to have a look!"

The six children turned their attention to him right away, their eyes glinting.

"Mr. Watts, you know where the present is?"

They jumped off their seats and circled around Kingsley.

He patted their heads gently and replied, "Of course. It's in your daddy's room!"

The six kids turned around and headed upstairs right after Kingsley was done.

Arissa smiled and reminded them, "Be careful."

Kingsley trailed behind them.

Benjamin waited for Arissa to finish before he headed upstairs.

The six children took a spin around the bedroom but found nothing.

They gathered around Benjamin when he was finally upstairs. "Daddy, where's Jesse's present?"

Benjamin shot a glance at the children and turned aside to call Ethen.

Ethen hurriedly handed him a present box and said, "Here, Mr. Graham!"

Then, Benjamin handed the present to Jesse.

"Jesse, open it up!"

Overjoyed, Jesse took over the present.

"Thank you, Mr. Graham!"

She carried the box to the bedside and opened it up. Her eyes lit up at the sight of a little dress in it.

Gavin, Tim, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper were exhilarated to see the present as well.

"It's a dress!"

"It's so pretty!"

Zachary took the dress out of the box and held it up against Jesse to see if it would fit. "It's going to look great on you!"

Jesse beamed so brightly that her eyes were crinkled. Her brothers felt happy for her as well. "Jesse, now you don't need to wear the same suit as us."

The smile on Arissa's face hadn't once diminished when she saw how happy her children were.

Likewise, Benjamin was pleased.

"It does look good. Gavin has got great eyes."

Kingsley stood by the door and chimed in, "Jesse, hurry up and try it on! You're going to look so pretty."

He had never seen the little girl wear a dress.

"Ms. Jesse looks so adorable in a dress, like a doll," Ethen said.

He grew sentimental when he recalled how cute Jesse looked when they used to spend some time together.

Jack cast an envious look at Ethen. "When have you ever seen her in a dress? Even I've never seen her in one!"

"I saw her in a dress once when Mr. Graham went to look for Mrs. Graham," Ethen explained with a grin on his face.

Arissa recalled the time and cast a dubious look at Benjamin. "Didn't you say you just happened to pass by?"

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The More the Merrier Chapter 994-Benjamin shot a glare at Ethen. The latter smiled sheepishly and retreated to a corner.

Then, he cast a glance at Arissa and said with a deadpan expression, "Yes, I did."

Kingsley snorted in disbelief. "Just admit that you wanted to see her, will you? It's not like you're doing anything illegal."

Arissa chuckled and teased Benjamin, "More like stalking me!"

Benjamin scanned his eyes over her and scowled at Kingsley. "Oh, would you shut up?"

Kingsley let out a chortle.

"Oh, how do we put this on?"

The kids were helping Jesse put on her dress.

Arissa hurriedly headed over and took the dress. "Let me."

"Mommy, I have a dress!" Jesse exclaimed.

Arissa patted her daughter's head and said, "Let me help you."

She helped Jesse get changed out of her pajamas.

"Hehe." The little girl spun around with a smile on her face.

"Mommy, do I look pretty?"

"So pretty!" Arissa replied merrily. She circled Jesse into her embrace and planted a kiss on her cheek.

The little girl giggled in delight.

"Jesse looks so pretty!"

Gavin and Tim couldn't take their eyes off Jesse, their eyes glinting with surprise.

Though Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper were used to seeing Jesse in a dress, they still thought she looked great in her new one.

"You look really pretty in that princess dress," Jasper praised.

"Thank you, Jasper!"

Jesse beamed brightly at her brothers while the boys couldn't seem to avert their gazes from her.

Even Benjamin was in a daze. It was his first time seeing his daughter in a dress. He thought she looked like a fine little princess.

He went over and carried Jesse. "Do you like it?"

Jesse nodded eagerly and said, "Yes! Thank you, Mr. Graham!"

"You're most welcome."

Benjamin patted the back of her head indulgently and took a seat with Jesse still in his arms. "Don't forget the shoes. Let me put them on you."

He took the present box and retrieved the pair of pink shoes in it to put them on Jesse.

"It seems like someone is well-prepared," Arissa chimed in.

Kingsley, Ethen, and Jack stood by the door. Their hearts melted at the sight of Jesse's cuteness.

"Jesse is so adorable."

Kingsley beckoned at Jesse. "Come here, Jesse. Let me hug you."

Jesse smiled and headed toward him. "Mr. Watts, doesn't my new dress look pretty?"

"Not only the dress, sweetheart. You look great too."

Kingsley pinched her cheeks and kissed her indulgently as well.

Ethen and Jack wanted to do the same, but they were stopped by Kingsley.

"Mr. Watts, let us hug her too!"

"You guys are so clumsy. You're going to hurt her!" Kingsley muttered in mock disdain.

Then, he carried Jesse aside.

Jack and Ethen protested, "We're not clumsy!"

Arissa chuckled and beckoned at her five sons. "Come on, sweethearts. Let's get you guys changed."

"We can change on our own," Gavin replied with a smile.

Then, he led his younger brothers out of the room.

"Mommy, we're going to get changed," Tim said before tailing behind Gavin.

"Mommy, hurry up and get changed too!" Zachary uttered before dragging Oliver and Jasper out of the room too.

Meanwhile, Kingsley, Ethen, and Jack were still playing with Jesse.

Benjamin headed over to close the door and turned to Arissa. "It's time we get changed as well."

Arissa nodded. When she was about to head into the closet, Benjamin held her hand. "Wait."

Her gaze traced Benjamin closely.

Benjamin headed inside the closet and retrieved a box from a dark corner of the closet before heading out.

A look of surprise fleeted across her eyes. "Is that my gown?"

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The More the Merrier Chapter 995-"Yes." Benjamin nodded and opened the box.

Noticing that the dress was the same as her daughter's, Arissa's eyes glimmered.

"Is it the same as Jesse's?" she asked in an attempt to confirm.

Pleasantly surprised, she took the dress out of the box. However, she noticed that her dress was a gown instead of a princess dress like Jesse's.

"Why don't you get changed?"

Benjamin fixated his eyes on her.

Arissa hummed in response. Just when she was about to head to the bathroom, Benjamin stopped her.

"Change here. I'll change in the bathroom," he said.

Then, he shot her a teasing glance.

"Well, go on, then," Arissa urged him.

Benjamin raised his brows and turned back around to ask, "How about I help you get changed?"

Arissa's face tinged bright pink. Embarrassed, she shot a sharp glance at him. "No, thanks."

Benjamin let out a chortle and turned back around to head for the closet.

Arissa seized the time and hurriedly changed into her new gown.

However, she couldn't zip up her dress, despite her hands going sore from the multiple attempts.

She was left with no other choice but to seek help from Benjamin.

Arissa supported the gown in front of her chest and headed for the walk-in closet. She fell into a momentary daze at the sight of Benjamin.

Dressed in a formal suit, Benjamin exuded a regal aura with his lofty and elegant demeanor.

Right then, he was fastening his sleeve cuffs. Sensing her glances, he cocked his head slightly aside to regard her.

Arissa felt her heart skip a beat.

She smiled. "Are you done?"

Benjamin arched a brow in a domineering manner and approached her.

"I'm almost done."

Arissa eyed him and turned around. "Help me zip up the dress."

Benjamin's eyes darkened. He swallowed a lump in his throat at the sight of the fair porcelain skin on her back.

He stepped forward and helped her zip up the dress.

As his fingers traced over her back, Arissa quivered slightly. Her cheeks turned crimson at the touch.

Benjamin eyed the back of her head and leaned over to kiss her nape.

Arissa hurriedly dodged and gave him a coquettish glare. "What are you doing?"

Benjamin's thin lips quirked into a devilish smirk. He reached out to circle her into his embrace.

"Help me tie my necktie."

Arissa felt her heart racing when she felt his hot breaths brush past her face.

She glanced over at him and met his burning gaze. Arissa felt her cheeks going hot once again.

"Give me that." She reached out her hands.

He lowered his head to kiss Arissa, and she blushed again on cue.

"Hurry up!"

Benjamin chuckled but did not let her go. "It's in my pocket."

Arissa felt for the necktie in his pocket.

It was the same color as her ocean-blue sash on her waist.

Arissa helped him tie his necktie.

At the sight of her meek demeanor, Benjamin felt the urge to tease her.

"All done!"

Arissa lifted her head and once again locked her gaze with his deep-set eyes. She felt her heart skipping a beat.

Falling into a daze, she blinked a few times. Then, she reminded him in a small voice, "Could you let me go now?"

"I don't want to," he whispered into her ears.

His hot breaths sent waves of tingles all over her body.

The tingling sensation made Arissa shrink her neck as she reached out to rub her ears.

"I need to put on my makeup. Let me go now!" she protested.

Benjamin titled his brow. He regarded her intently and muttered, "You look great even without makeup."

Arissa's lips twitched. She glared at him and retorted, "I don't dare to go to such a formal event with a bare face!"

Benjamin let out a hearty chortle and let go of her.

"Could you take a look if the kids are done?" Arissa asked. She padded over to the dressing table and started to put on her makeup.

Benjamin took a seat by the bedside and watched her put on some light makeup.

"It's easy for them to get changed. Don't worry!"

Arissa peered at the reflection of the man in the mirror. However, she soon diverted her gaze and focused on applying her makeup.

Benjamin continued to regard her intently. She looks really great in that dress.

Arissa gave off a gentle and captivating vibe laced with a hint of mature charm.

Feeling his scrutinizing gaze, Arissa's eyes glinted.

After meeting Benjamin's fiery gaze, she quickly averted her gaze.

"Why do you keep staring at me?" Arissa grumbled.

She couldn't focus on applying her makeup.