

You More than Anything in the World

Chapter 131-160

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 131 You Are Lying

"You need to be safe, not just careful," Benjamin said in a bitter tone.

Arissa smiled. She couldn't understand why Benjamin was getting angry over this matter.

Watching her rubbing her nose, his stern expression softened.

He gently pulled her hand away and examined the slightly red nose.

Frowning, he held onto her hand and led her into the living room.

"Edwin! Bring the medical box here!" He called out.

"Yes, Mr. Graham," Edwin answered and hurriedly went to get it.

Arissa glanced at Benjamin, who was gripping her wrist tightly. She could feel the warmth of his hand tingling on her skin. Her heart was racing again.

Benjamin led her to the couch and made her sit down.

Edwin was beside them in a flash with the medical box in his arms. "Here, Mr. Graham."

He opened the lid and passed it to Benjamin, his gaze falling onto Arissa. "Did you get hurt, Ms. York?"

"It's nothing," She replied, feeling awkward.

Benjamin glared at her and took out an ointment. "Put your hand away!"

She looked at the serious man in front of her and put down her hand.

He gently rubbed the ointment onto her nose and her arm.

"Get Shaun to come," Benjamin ordered.

It shocked Edwin when he saw the bruises on Arissa's arm and hurried away to call Shaun to the Graham residence.

Arissa didn't know why Benjamin was calling someone over. She scanned the room, unable to catch a glimpse of Gavin.

“Where is Gavin?”

“He has gone to a classmate’s house and has not returned,” Edwin said with a smile on his face.

Classmate? Don’t tell me he’s at my house?

She smiled as she met Benjamin’s gaze. “Mr. Graham, my friend is taking care of my child. Why don’t you call the person you sent to return?”

An image of Bradley immediately flashed through Benjamin’s mind and he squinted his eyes at her.

His gaze was sharp, and his tone was laced with menace. “What friend?”

“A good friend of mine!” she exclaimed, suddenly feeling anxious.

He shot her a look and scoffed. “Your child will be safer here.”

Edwin stared at the two of them and asked in curiosity, “Ms. York, do you have kids as well?”

Arisa smiled and nodded. “Yes, I do.”

Edwin stole a glance at Benjamin. If Mr. Graham likes Ms. York, then they’re a perfect match. They both have children and won’t feel resentment towards one another over this matter.

“Ms. York, are you hungry?” Edwin asked. “Let me bring you some snacks.”

“No, that’s all right.” Arissa smiled.

“Bring them here,” Benjamin coldly ordered Edwin.

“Yes, Sir!” Edwin bowed and hurried to prepare some snacks, the corners of his lips curving into a smile. It’s been a while since I saw Mr. Graham care for someone.

Benjamin sat himself down beside Arissa.

Suddenly, she felt immense pressure with him beside her. His aura was just too imposing.

“Mr. Graham, please don’t mind me and go ahead with your business. I’ll just sit here and wait.” It was so awkward that she had to break the silence.

“Do you know which classmate’s house my son is at?” Benjamin suddenly asked.

"H-Huh?" Arissa stuttered and shook her head. "Sorry, but I don't know."

He turned to look at her. However, she would look at anywhere but him.

He could sense that she was guilty about lying. The corner of his lips twitched into a smirk as he purposely leaned towards her.

"You're lying." He whispered into her ear.

Arissa felt her heart skip a beat as she moved to the other side of the couch, trying to escape from him.

Benjamin noticed what she was trying to do and chuckled.

"W-Who says that I'm lying? I've been doing overtime all this while and haven't been able to contact Gavin."

She denied his accusation. In fact, she had only guessed that Gavin was at her home.

Bradley is taking care of them. Who knows if they're still at home or outside?

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 132 My Son Is With Your Kid

Benjamin sent someone to pick up the kids. Does that mean he's bringing all of them here? There are four. Even if only one is being brought here, he will definitely find out.

"Really? Why do I feel that you're lying?" Benjamin's gaze was piercing as he stared at her.

Arissa was at a loss for words.

Suddenly, Edwin walked in with a tray full of food. "Ms. York, please have some snacks," he said as he placed the tray on the table. "Have you had dinner? I can prepare some delicious dishes for you."

It was hard for Arissa to decline when met with such an enthusiastic person. She nodded and said, "Please. Thank you."

"You're welcome!" Edwin bowed and turned to Benjamin. "Mr. Graham, would you like to have dinner as well?"

"Yes." Benjamin nodded.

Edwin bowed and left the living room to prepare.

Arissa stared at the exquisite snacks on the tray and stole a glance at Benjamin.

Seeing him occupied with his phone, she leaned forward, took a snack, and munched on it.

She also took out her phone and noticed that Zachary had sent her a message: Mommy, are you not done with work yet?

Arissa's lips curved into a smile as she typed in a reply.

Benjamin glanced at her. "Don't play with your phone if you're eating."

Her hand trembled, and the phone slid out of her grip, falling onto the floor.

She quickly bent down to pick it up.

Benjamin's lips curved to form a small smile as she returned to her previous posture after picking up her phone.

"Are you nervous?"

Arissa turned to look at an expressionless Benjamin, unable to figure out what he was thinking.

"N-No, I'm fine..." She smiled awkwardly.

Benjamin nodded and leaned forward to pour a glass of water before giving it to her.

"Do you think the person I sent will be able to pick up your kid?" he asked, his gaze piercing into her soul.

On the surface, she received the glass with both hands and politely muttered, "Thank you." However, in her mind, she was panicking.

"Thank you for your concern, Mr. Graham, but my child is with my friend. How about you have the person you sent bring Gavin home instead?"

She felt Benjamin was being weird, but she just couldn't put a finger as to why.

Benjamin calmly replied, "My son is with your kid."

Uh...

She pretended to be shocked. "What a coincidence! Are they classmates? I didn't know that."

He frowned at her fake expression and scoffed. What wonderful acting. Why isn't she honest with me after all that has happened?

"They go to the same school," Benjamin replied harshly as he tapped his forefinger on his thigh.

The sight of him was intimidating. Arissa couldn't help but gulp and bring the glass to her lips to take a sip.

Oh gosh, my heart is beating is so fast. He couldn't have found out, could he?

"How did you know that, Mr. Graham?"

Benjamin's eyes flickered upon that question, and he immediately glared at her. "Arissa, just how long are you going to spin your lies?"

Her heart skipped a beat.

She did not know what to answer, as she wasn't sure what he was referring to.

"Mr. Graham, I really do not know what you mean," she said carefully, not wanting to upset him further.

"Do you not have anything else to say to me?" he asked through clenched teeth, seeing that she was still playing dumb.

"E-Excuse me?"

She wasn't sure if he had found out about the kids and didn't dare to bring it up to him first.

His expression darkened, and his aura turned cold.

She was sitting at the other end of the couch, thinking of what to say or do next.

His eyebrows knitted together, rage building up in him.

He hated seeing her being like this. Without saying a word, he got up and headed toward his study.

Arissa let out a breath that she didn't know she was holding. She calmed herself down by munching on a few more snacks and proceeded to call her son.

Zachary picked up the phone quickly.

"Mommy, what time are you coming home?"

"Um..." Arissa felt guilty.

"Sorry, Sweetheart. I can't go home yet. I'm at Gavin's house. Is Gavin with you all?" She asked in a low tone.

"Yeah, we're together. Mr. Hinton is here too. Mommy, why are you at Gavin's house?"

"I can't explain it through the phone, but I got into some trouble." She sighed. "Someone is going to pick up Gavin later. Can you please do Mommy a favor and tell them that the rest of you are staying with Mr. Hinton?"

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 133 Biological Mother of Gavin

Arisa didn't dare explain much to her son, afraid that he might worry too much. Instead, she reminded him of a few other things.

"Don't worry, Mommy. I'll take good care of them," Zachary promised.

"What a good boy! I love you, Sweetheart!" Arissa praised her son before saying, "Could you please pass the phone to Mr. Hinton?"

"All right!" In a few seconds, Bradley's voice was heard from the other end of the phone. "Boss!"

"It's me. A group of people ambushed me when I got off work and Benjamin helped me. I'm at his place right now, but it's not convenient for me to go back. Please look after my kids and make sure everything is all right," Arissa briefly explained.

"Understood. Are you okay, Boss?" Bradley asked, careful not to show that he was worried. He didn't want the kids to notice.

"Yes. It's nothing I can't handle." Arissa paused before continuing, "Don't tell the kids. I don't want them to worry. There will be someone going over to pick up Gavin later. Have the kids return to their rooms by then."

Her eyes flickered to Benjamin, who was coming out from the study. "He's coming back, so I'm going to hang up now. Call me if you need anything!"

"Understood. Don't worry, Boss. I'll take good care of them!"

Arisa quickly ended the call.

Benjamin walked into the living room and glanced at Arissa, who was trying her best to act casual.

She continued to munch on the snacks while he stood there, not knowing what to do.

She thought it was weird how he just stood there and turned to look at him.

Suddenly, their eyes met, and she quickly averted her gaze.

It wasn't long before she looked at him once more.

Benjamin was still staring at her.

She couldn't handle the awkwardness any longer, so she cleared her throat and asked, "Mr. Graham, may I please know why are you staring at me?"

It was weird how he was just staring at her silently.

His gaze was fixated on her, still silent.

At that moment, they could hear the roaring of a car engine from the entrance, as though someone had just arrived.

Shortly after, they could hear the car stop. Soon, there was the sound of a car door opening and closing, followed by hurried footsteps.

It seemed like that person was in a rush.

Arissa curiously turned around to look.

"Benjamin, are you hurt?"

Shaun asked with worry, carrying his own medical box as he stalked towards them.

His eyes widened in shock when he noticed that there was a woman sitting in the living room.

"Y-You are..."

Shaun was speechless. He looked at Arissa, then at Benjamin. His eyes scanned Benjamin up and down, and it seemed like he was fine.

"Have a look at her." Benjamin gave him a stern look.

Shaun came back to his senses and glanced at both of them. "You're not hurt, Benjamin?"

"Do I look like I got hurt?" Benjamin scoffed.

The corner of Shaun's lips twitched. He came rushing, thinking that Benjamin was injured.

But the person who was supposedly hurt didn't look that much injured as well.

He placed his medical box on the table and glanced at Arissa. She seems familiar.

“Benjamin, who is she? Why does she look so familiar?”

“Just have a look at her arm. See if she has broken any bones,” Benjamin ordered, his tone cold as he cut off Shaun’s gossiping.

Shaun stared at Benjamin and noticed the latter’s frown because of how worried he was about Arissa. What a rare sight! To think that Benjamin could be worried about someone.

“Who are you?” He asked as he turned to look at Arissa.

Arissa smiled. “I’m Arissa.”

“Oh...”

He looked her up and down, strongly feeling the sense of familiarity. Suddenly, a thought popped into his mind.

He yelled out in shock. “Could you be Gavin’s biological mother?”

The more he thought about it, the more certain he was.

Looking at Arissa, he could see the resemblance between her and Gavin. Their eyes and chin looked similar.

Arissa was rendered speechless. How is he so good at noticing the resemblance?

“Shaun!” Benjamin shouted.

A chill ran down Shaun’s back at his name being called, and he came back to his senses. He quickly but carefully held onto Arissa’s arm to look at her bruises

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 134 Applying Topical Medication On Her Again

When Shaun saw the large bruise on Arissa’s arm, he gasped in shock. “Who did this to you?”

Just as he was about to check her injury, Arissa’s face was contorted with pain.

Noticing her reaction, Benjamin, who was standing at the side, frowned and shouted at Shaun, “Be gentle!”

His action brought a small smile onto Shaun’s face.

"Since you don't bring her to the hospital for an X-ray, I can only perform a physical assessment on her," Shaun explained. "She has to endure the pain. If I don't do this, it is impossible to know if she has a broken bone."

Benjamin's dashing face turned sullen and grim upon hearing that.

Cold sweat trickled down Arissa's forehead while Shaun continued on with the physical assessment. It was so painful that the corner of her lips started to twitch.

"Does she have a fracture?" Benjamin asked coldly.

"Nope. She is fine," Shaun answered with a grin on his face.

Upon hearing the good news, Benjamin let out a sigh of relief.

Arissa rubbed her injured arm gently, trying to relieve the pain.

"You need to apply some ointment on it. Make sure you use enough of it. Do it every few hours, and you'll recover in a few days," Shaun reminded.

"Thank you," Arissa answered politely.

Shaun took the ointment and wanted to apply it for her. However, before he managed to do that, Benjamin grabbed the topical medication away from him.

Feeling amused by his action, Shaun backed away.

"Give me your arm!" Benjamin took a glance at Arissa.

Noticing Shaun's teasing gaze, she felt embarrassed and wanted to reject Benjamin. "I can do it myself."

Despite that, he grabbed her arm and started to apply some ointment on her.

"Ouch!" She gritted her teeth and screamed in pain. "It hurts so much! Please be gentle!"

Standing at the side, Shaun wanted to burst out laughing.

Arissa wanted to retrieve her arm, but she was stopped by Benjamin. The way he applied the ointment was so painful that she broke out in cold sweat.

Is he applying medication for me or trying to hurt me?

"Mr. Graham, I can do it myself. You're hurting me!" Arissa yelled, suppressing the urge to berate him.

"Don't move!" Benjamin raised his voice at her sternly.

It was so painful that she started to get misty-eyed. "Can't you be more gentle?"

Upon hearing her pitiful tone, Benjamin was startled and cast her a glance.

"Does it hurt a lot?" He smiled faintly when he saw the tears brimming in her eyes.

"Of course!" she muttered.

Meanwhile, Shaun was regaled, expecting that Benjamin would be angry.

"Benjamin is doing this for your own good. It will help your bruise to disappear faster." Shaun tried to comfort her.

Arissa was bemused.

"Bear with it a little! It'll be over soon." Benjamin tried to apply the ointment gently, causing her heart to skip a beat.

However, the sharp pain jolted her back to her senses. All she wanted to do was scream.

Even though Benjamin had reduced his force, it was still causing her pain.

"Hi, beautiful! Why haven't I seen you around before? How did you get to know Benjamin?" Shaun turned to Arissa, feeling eager to know about her.

"I came back from overseas recently, and now I'm working at Mr. Graham's company," she replied.

Shaun nodded and looked at the duo, his gaze ambiguous. "So both of you are colleagues? Why are you here then?"

Arissa felt awkward. "Something happened to me, so Mr. Graham brought me here for my safety."

"I see..." He smiled. "You're spending the night here?"

She was rendered speechless by his question.

"You're not needed anymore. Scram!" Benjamin stared coldly at Shaun.

Shaun stared back at him in disbelief. "Are you chasing me out after all the help I'd given you?"

"You did nothing to help me!" Benjamin retorted as he finished applying the ointment on Arissa's arm.

Leaning against the couch, she heaved a sigh of relief and rubbed her injured arm.

It hurts so much!

The corner of Shaun's lips twitched. However, before he managed to say anything, Benjamin cut him off. "Edwin, see him out!"

Shaun was struck dumb.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 135 Interested In You

Shaun was soon sent away by the butler.

Hence, only Arissa and Benjamin were left in the living room.

During the ensuing silence, she gazed at him contemplatively.

When she met his gaze, her heart skipped a beat.

"Does it still hurt?" he asked, glancing at her arm.

After he looked at the bruise, his face fell.

"It's better now," she muttered lowly, quickly averting her eyes as her heart raced.

Without saying a word, he got up and headed toward the kitchen.

Arissa looked at him curiously, wondering what he was going to do.

After a while, Benjamin came back to her with something in his hand.

Upon seeing that he was coming back to her, she awkwardly averted her gaze away from him.

Feeling something cold on her arm all of a sudden, she turned around and looked at him in bewilderment.

"Put some ice on your arm. You'll feel better," Benjamin said softly.

Looking at his exquisite facial features, she could not help but find him stunning.

"Thank you. Let me do it myself."

Arissa tried to take the ice pack from Benjamin, but she was stopped by him.

“Don’t move!” He shot a look at her.

She was once again rendered speechless.

Does he have to be so serious?

Sneaking a glance at his face, she pursed her lips and kept silent.

As she looked to the ground, she seemed to be lost in thought.

Noticing her silence, Benjamin raised his eyebrows and said, “Don’t worry. You can stay here for now.”

She looked up at him and asked, “Wouldn’t it be inappropriate for me to stay at your place?”

I’ve just worked for a few days, and now I am moving into my boss’ house? I can’t imagine the consequences if the media finds out about this.

“Why would it be inappropriate?” He held her gaze firmly.

Arissa blinked in response, not saying a word.

“Are you worried that I’m interested in you?” Benjamin sneered.

The corner of her mouth twitched at his words. “I’m worried that people might misunderstand us. It might ruin your reputation.”

Besides, it will also bring me endless troubles.

When she felt that his gaze was still fixed on her, her heart started to race again.

“Don’t worry. Nobody will know as long as you keep your mouth shut,” Benjamin answered flatly.

She wasn’t pleased to hear that, as she thought that Benjamin was implying that she was a gossip.

“I’m not a gossip!” Arissa raised her voice.

He merely gave her a quick glance in response and continued to ice her bruise.

Ten minutes later, he asked Edwin to bring her to the guest room.

With that, she was led to the guest room which was located near Benjamin's bedroom.

"Ms. York, if you need anything else, let me know."

Arisa scanned the lavishly decorated room and smiled. "Sure. I'll let you know if I need anything."

Edwin nodded with a smile and informed her of the toiletries in the bathroom before going back downstairs to prepare some food.

After Arissa walked around the room for a while, she lay on the bed to relax.

The kids are at home. Did Benjamin's people manage to find them? Will they bring the kids here?

Just when she wanted to make a call, she heard the sound of a car's engine coming from downstairs.

Then, she heard a child calling for her.

Unsure, Arissa listened carefully.

"Mommy!"

It was Gavin's voice.

Feeling excited, she desperately wanted to see her son.

Without hesitation, she opened the door and rushed toward the voice.

Currently, Gavin was talking with Benjamin at the bottom of the stairs. She let out a sigh of relief when she realized that her other children were not brought here.

"Sweetheart, you're back?" Arissa blurted.

When Gavin saw her standing at the second floor, he couldn't help but smile.

"Mommy!" Gavin called, rushing toward her.

He was currently wearing school uniforms and carrying his bag.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 136 Mommy Should Tell The Truth

As Gavin ran up the stairs, he looked adorable with his bag swinging behind him.

Arisa broke into a smile. The radiance of her motherly love was evident on her face.

"Slow down! Slow down! You might trip!" She hurried toward her child.

In return, Gavin wrapped his arms around her leg and shouted merrily, "Mommy!"

"Hey!" Arissa picked him up and pinched his little face. "Why are you so late?"

Gavin looked at her and smiled. "I was playing with my classmate at his house."

Arissa chuckled before she whispered, "Your daddy knows that you were at my house."

Hearing that, Gavin stole a glance at Benjamin.

The latter was standing in the living room, looking at the mother and son, his expression impossible to read.

Arissa looked at him before carrying Gavin upstairs.

"Gavin, have you had your dinner?"

"Yes. We had plenty of delicious food," Gavin answered softly.

Arissa listened to him with much interest as she carried him to the child's room before letting him down.

Then, she put his bag aside and stroked his hair.

"Do you want me to bathe you?"

"Mommy, I can bathe myself!" Gavin replied shyly.

Looking at his cute face, Arissa smiled and pinched his nose. "All right. You bathe yourself, and I'm going to shower too."

He nodded and exclaimed, "Mommy, are you really staying here?"

"Yeah!" she answered with a smile and looked at the door.

She then lowered her voice and asked, "Are Zachary and the others with Mr. Hinton?"

"Yes." Gavin nodded his head. "They went into hiding before anyone saw them. We came back right after that."

She chuckled and hugged him. "Let's go and take a shower. We'll see who is the faster one!"

"Okay!" He nodded and ran toward the bathroom.

Arisa's gaze was fixed on Gavin as he ran into the bathroom. She shook her head with a smile before going back to the guest room.

Gavin showered quickly. When he was done, he sent Zachary a text before he went to look for his mother.

He went to the door of the guest room's bathroom and yelled, "Mommy, I'm done. Are you done yet?"

"Sweetheart, you're so fast. I'm going to take a while. Wait for a moment." Arissa was surprised.

After that, he stood in front of the door and talked with her.

"Mommy, why did Daddy ask you to come here?"

"Hmm... Maybe he thinks that it is safer for me to stay here. I was almost kidnapped yesterday."

Arisa didn't dare to tell him about the incident.

Since I'm not sure how Benjamin will tell Gavin about the incident, it's more appropriate to give Gavin a vague answer. Besides, it's not a lie that Benjamin indeed brought me here to keep me safe.

"Mommy, don't you worry. It's really safe here. But what about my brothers?" Gavin lowered his voice as he asked, "Will they stay with Mr. Hinton?"

"I guess that's all we can do for the time being." Arissa sighed.

"Mommy, why don't you tell Daddy the truth? Once Daddy sees them, he will know that he has been tricked by Danna. Then, we can all stay together. It is safer for them too," he said after analyzing the situation.

She had thought about what he had said as well. However, she couldn't take the risk before she was sure how Benjamin would react to it.

Should I tell Benjamin? I managed to get away yesterday because I caught them off-guard. Tonight, I was lucky to meet Benjamin. However, it doesn't mean that I will be lucky every time. If they send more people in the future, it will be harder for me to get away unharmed. It is hard for me to guard myself against the enemy.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 137 Heart Skips A Beat

"Okay. I will tell him." Arissa nodded.

I can't put my kids' life at risk. Danna took away two of my children. Now, she's trying to kill the rest of us. It's impossible that she would suddenly turn over a new leaf. I'm sure those men were sent by her.

As she continued to ponder, she narrowed her eyes.

Maybe I can discuss with Benjamin tonight.

Gavin waited for Arissa with a smile on his face.

Knowing that her son was waiting for her, she quickly finished her shower and came out of the bathroom.

"Mommy!" Gavin greeted her with a smile.

Upon seeing him, she bent down and kissed his face over and over again.

"Sweetheart, have you waited me for a long time?"

He shook his head. "Just for a few minutes."

His answer amused Arissa, and she pinched on his cheek affectionately.

Just then, Edwin came upstairs to call her for dinner.

Nodding, she carried Gavin downstairs. "Sweetheart, let's get dinner."

"Mommy, didn't you eat at Daddy's company?"

Gavin looked at her without blinking.

"I did!" she answered with an affectionate smile. "Sweetheart, thank you for bringing me lunch today."

Stunned, he stated, "Mommy, I didn't bring you lunch."

"It wasn't you? Why would your daddy tell me that it was from you?" Arissa was puzzled as well.

Soon, realization dawned on Gavin.

Daddy lied to get close to Mommy!

Gavin grinned cheekily and said, "Mommy, I think Daddy was the one who brought you lunch."

When she heard that, the corner of her lips twitched again. Why would Benjamin say that? Was he afraid that I wouldn't accept it? Oh. He said that it was from Gavin after he found out that I wanted to leave.

Her mind went blank for a moment.

By the time they entered the dining room, Benjamin had been waiting for them at the dining table.

Upon hearing their footsteps, he turned toward them.

Her heart skipped a beat when she locked eyes with him.

She quickly composed herself and smiled at him politely.

"Come and eat." Benjamin swept a glance at them.

"Okay!" She carried Gavin to the seat beside Benjamin..

Benjamin glanced at Gavin and said, "Haven't you have your dinner?"

While Arissa fixated her eyes on Gavin, their son flicked a glance at Benjamin and answered, "I feel hungry again."

Well, I want to be with Mommy.

In response, Benjamin glanced at him without saying a word.

"Gavin needs to eat more. It is good for his health," Arissa said as she could not stand watching Benjamin being so stern toward Gavin.

Why doesn't he want Gavin to eat with us? All parents want their children to eat more. Usually, I even make supper for my children after eating.

Hearing her words, Benjamin shot her a glance and did not say more.

Seeing that Benjamin had allowed Gavin to have dinner, Edwin brought Gavin a bowl.

"Gavin, would you like to have some soup?" Edwin asked with a smile.

Gavin nodded. "Sure. Thank you, Mr. Whitley."

The butler then served the soup to Gavin.

"Let's eat!" Benjamin grabbed a fork and dug in.

After Arissa spared Benjamin a glance, she noticed that Gavin was blowing on his soup.

Knowing that hers was not as hot as his, she said, "Gavin, you can have mine. It's not hot."

Her serving was colder, as it was served earlier.

Hence, she gave hers to her son.

"Thank you, Mommy!" Gavin grinned.

"You're welcome. Enjoy your soup!" She stroked his hair lovingly.

"Yes," he replied with a bright smile.

Benjamin, who was sitting at the side, narrowed his eyes when he saw the way Arissa looked at Gavin.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 138 Does Mommy Like Daddy

Edwin stood at the side and glanced at Gavin. Then, he turned to look at Arissa, who was ever so loving to Gavin. She patiently showered Gavin with her endearing motherly love.

This made Edwin baffled. Arissa is so loving to Gavin, even though she's not his real mom. In contrast, Danna is so cruel to Gavin. She is incomparable to Arissa.

Meanwhile, Arissa looked at Gavin attentively as she tried to get him to eat more. For her, it was absolute bliss as she fussed over her little boy. However, as she was going to feed him, Benjamin halted her.

He threw a glance at her and muttered in his deep voice, "Let Gavin eat on his own."

With that, Arissa looked at Benjamin and relented.

Gavin, too, peered at Benjamin and ate on his own obediently.

After a while, he took some food and offered it to Arissa. "Mommy, this is yummy. Have some more of this!"

Immensely moved by his gesture, Arissa stroked Gavin's head affectionately. "Thank you, Sweetheart!"

Benjamin's eyes glistened brightly as he caught sight of Arissa's blissful smile.

Even Edwin had the corners of his mouth upturned in a faint smile as he basked in the affectionate atmosphere. Finally, he felt the warmth of a loving family as it had been some time since he last saw a smile on Gavin's face.

"Ms. York, do you like the dishes today?" asked Edwin with a polite smile.

"Yes, these dishes are delicious. Edwin, I can't match up with your culinary skills," praised Arissa wholeheartedly.

At that moment, Benjamin interrupted the happy mood with his abrupt view. "There's no need to flatter Edwin. Actually, I prefer your dishes instead."

In the blink of an eye, he rendered Edwin and Arissa speechless.

After Gavin peeked at Benjamin, he smiled and remarked, "Mommy's dishes are delicious too!"

With a bright smile, Arissa looked lovingly into Gavin's dazzling eyes. Then, she stroked his head gently and gushed, "Thank you, Sweetheart. Let's finish our meal first."

After Gavin beamed a smile, they continued with their meal.

As Benjamin watched the happy exchange between Arissa and Gavin, he couldn't help but feel displeased. His brows furrowed at the contrast between how Arissa treated Gavin compared to him.

This was more pronounced as Arissa called Gavin by his nickname. The more Benjamin thought about it, the more it annoyed him.

On the other hand, Edwin sneaked a peek at Benjamin and sniggered away. It seems Mr. Graham has the hots for Ms. York. He's finally showing more emotion than his usual self.

Under Benjamin's watchful eyes, Arissa finally finished her meal with Gavin.

After they were done, Gavin couldn't wait to drag Arissa out for a walk. "Mommy, let's go for a stroll!"

"All right then," Arissa agreed, as she usually gave in to the kids' requests. So, she held on to Gavin's little hands, and off they went.

Before they stepped out, Gavin turned around to look at Benjamin. He shouted, "Daddy, are you coming with us?"

Benjamin glanced at them and frowned slightly. He was apprehensive about joining them, as he knew Arissa was still guarded against him.

"It's okay. I'm busy at the moment. You guys have a good time out there," replied Benjamin reluctantly.

"Okay!" Gavin glimpsed at Benjamin and turned away, all ready for his stroll.

After Arissa heard that, she nodded at Benjamin in acknowledgment and went off with Gavin.

Soon after, Arissa and Gavin arrived at the garden, where they strolled leisurely.

"Mommy, how do you like this place?" asked Gavin.

"I like it. It's beautiful," replied Arissa. She took a panoramic view around the garden under the moonlight. With a mesmerized smile, Arissa immersed herself in the elegance of the surroundings.

"Mommy, how are you adjusting to life here?" asked Gavin as he tugged at her hand.

"I'm doing okay," replied Arissa, as she gazed into his eyes and stroked his head lovingly.

Gavin smiled contently and asked her next, "Mommy, when are you going to tell Daddy?"

With that, Arissa was stumped for a while. She instinctively turned to look in the direction of the house.

From a distance, an elongated silhouette of a man stood before the floor-to-ceiling glass window. It looked like Benjamin was amid a call.

She then retracted her gaze and turned to answer Gavin, "I'll do it when he has the time."

He followed suit and looked at the house with a nod.

"Mommy, do you like Daddy or not?" questioned Gavin relentlessly, with a serious look on his face.

Arissa looked confoundedly into Gavin's eyes and searched hard for an answer.

"Well, we're still getting to know each other. Besides, he's my boss for now," explained Arissa.

Once again, Gavin nodded in agreement. Then he continued with curiosity, "How were we conceived in the past?"

Arissa fell into a daze as she recalled the painful memories from five years ago.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 139 I Assumed You Abandoned Me

Back then, Arissa slept with Benjamin errantly after an elaborate set-up. However, she did not want to go into detail with Gavin that day.

So, she lowered her body and held on to Gavin's tiny shoulders. In an earnest tone, she explained, "You're still too young. I'll explain it to you when you're older. For now, just know that I love you all."

With a soft touch, Arissa gently caressed Gavin's cheek.

He smiled coyly in return and said, "Now, I know. Before this, I assumed you abandoned me."

Instantly, a sharp pain tore through Arissa's heart. Guilt-ridden, she pulled Gavin into an embrace right away and comforted him, "It's all my fault. I failed to protect you!" Arissa knew if she had been more careful, Danna would have had no chance to nab him.

"Mommy, I don't blame you at all. The baddies were just too evil!" uttered Gavin, who had his brows tightly knit in a bunch. When he had a look of hostility swept across his face, one could clearly see that Gavin took after Benjamin indeed.

Arissa knew Danna would not let her off so easily. The latter was even mean to Jasper.

Overwhelmed by emotions, she drew a deep breath. In a bittersweet tone, she muttered, "Thank you, Sweetheart."

After kissing Gavin on his cheek, she felt a warm assurance as he stroked her hair consolingly.

"Mommy, I didn't know that vicious woman was not my real mommy before. I only know she doesn't love me. In fact, it's a relief to know that she isn't my real mommy!" blurted Gavin.

Arissa's heart was in turmoil once again, as she saw how sensible Gavin was. This was despite the fact that he was deprived of motherly love from such a young age.

"Sweetheart, has she been mean to you?" asked Arissa. With much care, she lifted Gavin and placed him on her lap. As they sat on the rocking chair in the garden, Arissa couldn't help but feel heartbroken.

In response, Gavin shook his head. "Well, she's mean to me sometimes."

After Gavin noticed Arissa's worried expression, he felt elated that she cared for him. He went on, "Daddy does not like it when I'm out alone with her. Well, she isn't fond of me either. It's clear that she's making use of me to get close to Daddy."

As such, Danna was just another acquainted adult in Gavin's life, with no emotional attachment.

When she heard that, Arissa stroked Gavin's head again. "Sweetheart, I am sorry!"

"It's okay, Mommy. I don't blame you at all. Daddy has been protective of me," comforted Gavin as he wrapped his arms around Arissa in a hug.

Conscience-stricken, Arissa felt worse when she realized how doting Gavin was.

Back then, the consequences would have been dire if Danna had not brought Gavin to Benjamin. The thought of that made Arissa so emotional that she hugged Gavin even tighter than before.

At that moment, her phone rang. She looked at the phone and realized it was Zachary on the line.

Gavin peeked at the phone and chirped, "It's Zachary!"

Arissa settled herself down and answered the call with a slight smile, "Hi, Sweetheart!"

"Mommy, are you turning in soon?" asked Zachary on the line.

"Well, not yet. I'm taking a stroll in the garden with Gavin," answered Arissa softly.

Zachary went on, "Have you guys had your dinner?"

"Yes, we ate. Mr. Hinton bought plenty of delicious food," replied Arissa.

"Mommy, how is Benjamin treating you?" Oliver hollered.

Arissa couldn't help but break into a smile. "Not too bad!"

Jasper joined in, too. "Mommy, how long will you be there?"

"Just a few days. Be good and obey Mr. Hinton. Don't be mischievous, understand?" said Arissa.

"Mommy, are you in some kind of trouble?" Zachary asked worriedly, as he found it peculiar that Arissa needed to be there for a few days.

"Well, my boss thinks the kidnappers may strike again. For my safety, he wants me to stay put here first," quipped Arissa.

Zachary replied skeptically, "Mommy, are you lying to me?"

Meanwhile, Gavin found it queer the longer he looked at Arissa. He had a hunch that she wasn't telling the truth.

"Why would I lie to you?" Arissa smiled again.

"Mommy? Let's chat for a while more," gushed Jesse meekly.

Arissa agreed to Jesse lovingly, and she chatted with them for a while more. After some time, she finally ended the call.

"Mommy, are you in some predicament?" asked Gavin, with his forehead knitted tightly in a frown.

Arissa rubbed his forehead and replied, "Nope, everything is fine."

Gavin wasn't about to give up. He pressed on, "Mommy, is someone trying to kidnap you again?"

Looking at Gavin, Arissa realized how intelligent he was. However, she was hesitant about telling him the truth.

"Tell me the truth, Mommy! I won't tell the rest," urged Gavin with furrowed brows.

"Don't overthink it. Mommy is fine," replied Arissa, as she playfully pinched his cheeks. "Let's go back now. We'll see if Daddy is free now."

Gavin's eyes lit up brightly like glittery stars in the dark sky. "Are you finally going to tell Daddy?"

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 140 Cheesecakes for Mister Graham

After gently pinching Gavin's cherubic cheeks, Arissa chuckled. "Well, that depends on the situation."

"Mommy, hurry up and make it clear to Daddy. He's not the type who will lose his head in love. I mean-" Gavin stuck his tongue out in jest as he explained, flabbergasted. "Daddy and Danna are not even close, Mommy. In fact, they have long gone their separate ways!"

When Arissa realized Gavin's efforts to score brownie points for Benjamin, she laughed with amusement. "Okay, I got it. I'm rational enough to see the facts for myself."

With his eyes squinted in half-moons, Gavin chortled delightfully.

As Arissa held Gavin's hand on their return, she turned to look in the direction of the balcony again. This time, Benjamin was no longer there.

After they returned to the house, Edwin approached them with some cheesecake he had made.

"Try the cheesecake, Ms. York," offered Edwin.

"Thank you!" After that, Arissa sat down with Gavin and tucked into the cheesecake.

"Is it delicious, Mommy?" Gavin tugged at her arm and asked softly.

"It tastes great!" Arissa leaned in toward Gavin and wiped his mouth.

Gavin smiled from cheek to cheek. His eyes radiated warm affection nourished with Arissa's tender care. Arissa rubbed his head gently in a doting manner.

"Have more slices, Ms. York!" urged Edwin enthusiastically with a grin.

"I have room for two slices at most. Why don't you have a slice too?" said Arissa with a luscious smile, looking at Edwin standing at the side.

"Please enjoy the cheesecake, Ms. York. I will excuse myself for now with some chores. If you need anything else, please call out for me." After that, Edwin got ready to leave.

"Sure!" Arissa nodded in reply. She continued relishing the cheesecake with Gavin.

Soon, Gavin handed her another slice of cheesecake. "Here, Mommy. Have this!"

"Thank you, Sweetheart!" Arissa took over the slice of cheesecake from him. When she noticed he had not finished his slice, she playfully pinched his nose. "Sweetheart, why are you taking so long to finish your slice?" Arissa teased him.

"I will finish it little by little, Mommy." With that, Gavin snuggled up to Arissa affectionately and sat by her side. With his mouth full of cheesecake and legs dangling by the couch, Gavin looked incredibly adorable.

From a top-down view, Arissa admired Gavin's long, luscious lashes. He was a good-looking boy whose features were immaculately outstanding. In fact, Arissa couldn't help but feel exalted. After all, she had given birth to such a handsome boy.

"Are you going to bring Daddy a piece of cheesecake?" asked Gavin innocently.

"Huh?" replied Arissa, slightly astonished.

“Daddy likes cheesecakes too!” said Gavin with a grin.

“You mean he likes this too?” Arissa was slightly taken aback as she couldn’t imagine a cold and aloof man like Benjamin to like such sweet dessert.

“As long as you bring him some, he will eat it!” Gavin blinked his eyes expressively.

When Arissa noticed Gavin’s playful expression, she leaned forward to hold him. Then, she gave him a peck on his cheek.

“What are you trying to make Mommy do?” Arissa asked.

Gavin looked at her and replied with a sneaky smile, “I’m creating a chance for you to see Daddy by bringing some cheesecake over!”

When Arissa saw the look of anticipation on Gavin’s face, she couldn’t help but break into laughter.

“All right then. Let me finish my cheesecake first.” In hearty morsels, she finished her cheesecake with joy. After she was done with two slices, Gavin barely finished even one slice.

She wiped her mouth after she was done and took a slice of cheesecake. Then she set off to the study for Benjamin. At the door, Arissa knocked slightly to get his attention.

“Come in!” There came a voice from the study.

Arissa opened the door gently and peeked in. She made her way slowly into the study with the cheesecake.

“Mr. Graham, have some cheesecake!” said Arissa as she walked over to him. Then she carefully placed the cheesecake down.

With that, Benjamin raised his eyes to look at her.

At that moment, their eyes met, and that made Arissa’s heart thump excitedly. The atmosphere became somewhat awkward in that split second.

Arissa quickly cleared her throat and asked, “Are you available now?”

“Just speak,” said Benjamin with his body leaned back in his chair. His intense gaze shot directly at Arissa in anticipation.

As Arissa felt intimidated by his intense gaze, her eyes darted away with a few blinks to diffuse the tension. She found it difficult to express herself before his forceful demeanor.

"Do you want to try some cheesecake first?" Arissa sneaked a glimpse at him as she felt a sense of apprehension.

Benjamin looked down at the cheesecake in front of him. "I don't take cheesecakes."

At that moment, Arissa was at a loss for words.

Still, she conjured an awkward smile and persisted, "The cheesecake is delicious, actually. It's perfectly fine to have a slice once in a while!"

With an unyielding gaze on Arissa, Benjamin suddenly stood up and walked toward her.

He came up so close to her she got a whiff of his manly scent. Overwhelmed, Arissa took a step back. Her heart palpitated hard and thumped away uncontrollably.

When Benjamin noticed her flushed face, his upturned eyes glinted. Without warning, he extended his long arms and scooped her into them.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 141 Gavin Is Indeed My Son

Benjamin's sleek move caught Arissa by surprise. With quick reflexes, she placed both her hands on his chest to block him. Flabbergasted, she stammered, "Y-You..."

Benjamin peered at her with a suggestive, darkened gaze. Her face radiated a rosebud pink as she blushed away in embarrassment.

"You are nervous indeed," said Benjamin.

Arissa stared into his eyes, not knowing what to say. She couldn't help but feel nervous since he hugged her suddenly.

"Mr. Graham, can you let go of me first?" uttered Arissa.

However, Benjamin continued his steely gaze at her. "Why do I find you so familiar?" he asked, seeming to imply something.

This made Arissa's heart pound even wilder. With an uneasy smile, she replied, "Is this the way you usually pick women up?"

Benjamin heaved a slight sigh and said, "You came to me with a purpose by offering the cheesecake. Why are you acting all innocent now?"

Arissa's face grew redder than before. She struggled to free herself from him, but it was futile.

In a haughty tone, she glared at him. "Actually, I have something to tell you!" What a presumptuous man! He even thinks I'm trying to get near him purposefully... Oh, please.

Benjamin raised his thick eyebrows inquisitively and looked devilish. With his body leaned in close to her, he looked at her seductively. His elongated and upturned eyes were dark and brooding in a captivating gaze.

"What is it?" asked Benjamin.

Arissa moved back more to distance herself from him. Even then, she could clearly still feel his breath. The tension in the air made it hard for Arissa to focus.

With her face all red, she mumbled, "Mr. Graham, can you please make way?" It was hard for her to talk when he came up so close to her.

Benjamin noticed she was still red in the face and suddenly released her from his arms. Once he did so, Arissa quickly shifted aside with shady eyes.

"Is this your creation?" he asked, with a casual glance at her.

"What?" replied Arissa. She looked blankly at him, still in a daze.

Amused, Benjamin raised the cheesecake and looked at her. "I'm talking about this!"

Arissa returned to her senses and became alert. "Well, Edwin made this."

Then Benjamin put a mouthful of cheesecake into his mouth. The cheesecake exuberated a sweet and citrusy flavor.

With enlarged eyes, Arissa glanced at him in disbelief. She couldn't believe that Benjamin actually liked cheesecakes. As Benjamin savored the cheesecake, she pondered a while before firing off her question.

"Well, have you ever wondered..." Arissa started.

Benjamin raised his eyes to look at her. That made Arissa pause for a while as she gathered her thoughts about Gavin.

"Are you aware that Danna was mean to Gavin?" asked Arissa.

"I didn't know in the past," replied Benjamin with a spark in his eyes. In fact, Gavin withheld the truth from everyone.

When Arissa noticed the grim expression on his face, she felt slightly better. At least, she was convinced of his love for Gavin.

"Well, between your son and that woman, who is more important?" asked Arissa.

Benjamin narrowed his eyes and gazed at her firmly. Without answering her, Benjamin asked her instead, "What are you trying to say?"

With a doubtful look at Benjamin, Arissa wondered. Is Danna also important in his heart?

"Have you ever suspected the relationship between Danna and Gavin?" asked Arissa again.

Benjamin continued his steely gaze at her and showed no emotion on his face.

To further her point, Arissa cleared her throat. "For instance, Danna may not be Gavin's real mom."

Arissa hoped for a reaction from Benjamin, but he continued eating his cheesecake with his head down instead. In fact, he did not seem the least surprised with what he heard.

This made Arissa puzzled. Does he already know about this?

"So, are you saying you are Gavin's real mom?" Finally, Benjamin raised his head and looked right into Arissa's eyes.

Arissa was at a loss for words. She looked into Benjamin's deep gaze and smiled awkwardly.

"What do you think? Do you think I look like Gavin's real mom?" asked Arissa with gusto.

"Even if there is a resemblance, it doesn't prove your relationship!" replied Benjamin with his darkened gaze and low, husky voice.

When Arissa realized Benjamin wasn't mad at her, she took the chance and pressed on. "Actually, Gavin is indeed my son!"

Now, Benjamin sharpened his gaze even more intently and narrowed his upturned eyes.

Arissa felt a mounting pressure on her.

"What evidence is there to prove that you are Gavin's real mom?" asked Benjamin.

After she swallowed a lump in her throat, Arissa said, "If you don't believe me, Gavin and I can do a DNA test for authentication!"

At that moment, Benjamin had finished the slice of cheesecake and put the empty plate down. Arissa could not believe that he really finished that whole slice.

Benjamin took his time to wipe his mouth and slowly moved back to his work desk.

“Mr. Graham?” Arissa tried to get a reaction from him. She wasn’t sure about his take on the matter. Isn’t he the least surprised?

“All right. I got it.” Benjamin swiped a glance at her before he resumed his work. He remained indifferent and paid no more attention to her.

Arissa was speechless once again.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 142 You Made That Up

“Danna also did a DNA test before. It has been proven that she’s the biological mother of Gavin.”

Benjamin looked at her with a darkened gaze.

“That’s impossible!” Arissa blurted.

I am Gavin’s biological mother. Danna must have stolen my DNA for her test when I was held captive at that place five years ago. It would be a piece of cake for Danna to achieve such an act.

“Why are you so sure that Gavin is your son?” asked Benjamin flatly with an unfathomable expression. He didn’t seem to believe her at all.

Clenching her teeth, Arissa answered, “I gave birth to him, so naturally, he is my son.”

Figuring that she had nothing to lose, she bellowed, “It was Danna that snatched him away from me!”

Upon hearing that, Benjamin narrowed his eyes and signaled for Arissa to continue.

“Six years ago, not long after I found out I was pregnant, I was taken away and imprisoned in an abandoned building in the suburbs until the end of my pregnancy...”

When Arissa recalled the feelings of helplessness and fear during that time, her eyes instantly became teary as she choked in tears.

“Danna took away my child and even abandoned me in the desert so that I would become food for wild animals. Fortunately, we... I was rescued by someone. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be standing here!”

Arissa hid the existence of the other children as she balled her hands into fists to suppress the incurred hatred.

Danna had already set me up from the moment I left the room, and she would stop at nothing just to become Benjamin's wife.

Shock fled across Benjamin's eyes and his expression turned grim upon hearing Arissa's words.

If he heard about this in the past, he would never believe that Danna could do such things. However, after he saw her mistreat Gavin and came to realize that his son was not her child, he had no reason to doubt Arissa.

"Mr. Graham, you can go and investigate it yourself if you don't believe me. The abandoned building where they held me captive can still be found."

Arissa looked at Benjamin and thought that he didn't believe her, so she told him the location of the building.

As Benjamin gazed intently at Arissa, his heart ached for her when he saw hatred and agony fill her face.

"If you're telling the truth, why didn't you come and look for Gavin throughout these years?"

Benjamin felt sad for Gavin. She could have come back earlier. Instead, she only reappeared after five years. Gavin had to grow up without motherly love in all those years.

Arissa responded with a bitter smile.

"Mr. Graham, I would be walking into the lion's den if I came back as a weak and helpless person. Danna wanted to kill me. She will act against me if she sees my return as a threat. Do you think I can survive if I have no one to rely on?"

Arissa held back the rage in her heart and hissed, "Although I didn't come back, I never gave up on searching for my child. That was the biggest reason I returned from overseas to work here, but it never crossed my mind that you have my son!"

When Benjamin heard that Arissa had no one to rely on, his heart sank.

He then got closer to her side and asked, "You approached me because of Gavin?"

Arissa was stunned by his question. With a frown, she replied, "It was a coincidence. I didn't know you are the father before I returned. I only took a guess after seeing you."

That was why I agreed to visit your house in the first place. I was only sure of your identity after I saw Gavin!"

"Oh..." Benjamin responded with an unreadable expression.

Arissa raised her eyes to look at him. She was suddenly captivated by his dark eyes.

However, what Benjamin said next almost made her blood boil.

"Why does it sound like you made that up to approach me?"

Arissa gritted her teeth and muttered, "You can authenticate our DNA. If I am not the biological mother of Gavin, you can deal with me however you want, and I will not resist!"

"Are you sure?"

A cunning look flashed through Benjamin's eyes.

"Yes!"

Arissa answered without much thought. She didn't know that he had already gotten the maternity test report.

Benjamin scoffed as he turned around and walked towards his desk. He took out the report from the drawer and threw it before Arissa.

"Arissa, take a good look at it!"

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 143 Be The Wife Of Benjamin

Arissa stared at Benjamin with a puzzled look. She was curious about what he was trying to show her.

After she took the paper from him, her eyes widened as she realized it was a DNA test report.

Her pupils dilated when she read the final result of the test.

"Whose report is this?"

Arissa was in disbelief, she then felt an ominous premonition.

"What do you think?" Benjamin replied as he looked at her with a half-smile.

Arissa's eyes glinted. She shifted her gaze to look at the test result again.

This test is of me and Gavin? Impossible.

Just when she tried to refute, Benjamin started to speak.

“This is the maternity test report of you and Gavin. Do you think that I never had my suspicions? However, you can’t fool me with your lies!”

Looking at Benjamin’s condemning gaze, Arissa felt aggravated. “This test result is fake!”

“Are you doubting me?” Benjamin’s face darkened upon hearing that.

“Who just mentioned that if she was proven wrong, I can deal with her however I want?”

Arissa was dumbstruck. Gavin is truly my son. How can he not be? If I only had one child, I probably would believe this, but I gave birth to quintuplets. Furthermore, Gavin looks exactly like Jasper, Zachary, and Oliver. I couldn’t possibly have made a mistake!

Benjamin felt a twinge of pleasure as he looked at the stunned woman.

“Even though you are not the biological mother of Gavin, you seem to get along well with him. Therefore, I’ll allow you to live here for a period of time, meanwhile ensuring your safety. However, you are not staying as the mother of Gavin but as a nanny!”

Upon hearing Benjamin’s words, Arissa glared at him in disbelief.

Be a nanny of my own child? That is absurd!

“I don’t agree to this!”

I still have four children at home. If I become a nanny here, who will take care of them? Jesse will cry if I’m not around.

Benjamin narrowed his eyes. Ruthlessness was well hidden within his stare as he asked, “You no longer like my son?”

Arissa glowered at him. That’s impossible. They are all my children. I gave birth to them and they are all my sweethearts.

“I like Gavin, but I can’t be his nanny!”

I am indeed Gavin’s biological mother, and yet he still asks me to be his nanny?

“What do you want to be, if not a nanny?” Benjamin asked while staring at her intently.

Arisa's heart skipped a beat when she heard his question. She averted her eyes awkwardly as she answered faintly, "I am, in fact, his mom. Not his nanny!"

Benjamin raised his eyebrows slightly.

"You want to be Mrs. Graham?"

Arisa was rendered speechless.

I do not, all right? Can this man be less self-absorbed? Does he really think that everyone wants to be his wife?

"I just want to be Gavin's mom. No, I am his mom!" said Arisa with a flushed face.

Benjamin's expression darkened.

Arisa was clueless about how she got on his wrong side. Her heart trembled fearfully as she looked at the man's cold expression.

Even if she wanted to tell him about the presence of the other children, she didn't know how to do so at that moment.

It looks like he still has feelings toward Danna. If I tell him the truth about the children, he'll probably think that I'm making another excuse to get close to him.

Benjamin tapped his fingers on the desk, and people who knew him could tell he was not in a great mood.

Arisa sensed a dangerous aura from his action. Just as she took a few steps back, she tripped over a chair behind and stumbled onto the seat.

Benjamin's eyes flickered across her frightful face.

He then leaned forward and placed both his hands on the armrests. Domineeringly, he looked down at Arisa and uttered, "Playing hard to get will not work on me at all!"

Arisa was at a loss for words.

To rebut him, she blurted, "I have a husband!"

So, there's no reason for me to play hard to get.

Benjamin was irritated after hearing that.

This woman still won't confess the truth. Instead, she is trying to fool me by making up a man! Let's see how much longer she can put up this act.

With that thought, Benjamin held Arissa's chin and asked with a warning tone, "Who is your husband?"

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 144 Daddy Lied To Mommy

Arissa's mind went blank for a second as it was a lie she came up with in the spur of the moment. She had no idea who was the person in question.

"Are they your husband's children?" Benjamin asked, a sharp glint in his eyes.

Arissa felt guilty. She averted her gaze and answered, "Yes. Otherwise?"

As she said that, she felt like wanted to smack her mouth.

They are all his children. Why didn't I just tell him the truth?

Arissa grew frustrated. Looking at the smirk that appeared across the man's face, a sense of uneasiness arose within her.

What does he mean? What is he trying to do?

"Hmph! Arissa, you're a liar." Benjamin cast a disdainful glare at the woman before him.

Arissa's heart skipped a beat. She slapped away Benjamin's hand and rubbed her chin that began to hurt from Benjamin's pinch.

She had a fair complexion and would turn red easily if it was pinched even by little strength.

Seeing that, Benjamin's eyes flickered.

He stared at the red marks on Arissa's chin and wondered had he used too much strength.

"Mr. Graham, what's with the accusation?" Arissa asked with guilt.

Benjamin snorted in response. Without saying a word, he began to inch closer toward the woman, causing her to lean back in the chair.

His breaths numbed Arissa's senses.

"You lied. Is it an accusation?"

Benjamin's stared at her as if he could see right through her and all of the secrets she had been keeping.

At that moment, an awkward grin spread across Arissa's face.

"Mr. Graham, I'm telling you the truth, but you don't believe me. What else can I do?"

"Which one is the truth and which one is the lie?" Benjamin retorted with a question of his own.

"All of them are truths!" Arissa gulped and replied.

Knowing Arissa did not want to admit it, Benjamin stood up and stopped teasing her.

"I'm going to take a look at Gavin!" Arissa immediately bolted toward the entrance of the study as soon as she said that.

While looking at the woman who was fleeing with all her might, a grin appeared across Benjamin's face.

Arissa was stunned when she saw Gavin waiting outside the study, and she quickly pulled the little boy away.

"Did you hear that, Gav?"

Gavin shook his head and said, "Mommy, I'm here because I'm afraid that Daddy will bully you!"

Arissa was touched by his words, and she pinched his nose lovingly.

"Mommy, have you told Daddy?"

Looking at her son's expectant eyes, Arissa sighed and shook her head. "No."

She found it hard to grasp Benjamin's mood. Sometimes, the man would be easy to talk to, but other times, he would be hard to communicate with.

Frustrated, Arissa hoisted Gavin into her arms and began making her way upstairs while venting, "I told your daddy that you're my son, but he doesn't believe me. Instead, he wants me to be your nanny. I'm your mother. How can I be your nanny?"

It's my responsibility as a mother to treat my son well and do anything for him. What's the meaning of being a nanny? I can't possibly get paid for fulfilling my duties as a mother!

Gavin rolled his eyes. Daddy is so bad. How dare he lie to Mommy?

The little boy did not expose his father's scheme, and he comforted Arissa instead, "Don't be anxious, Mommy. Daddy will trust you after seeing my brothers."

Upon hearing his words, Arissa could not help but sigh. After all, the situation was not as easy as it looked.

"I think your daddy still trusts Danna. It's better to not let him know now."

Gavin blinked his eyes at his mother and refuted, "Mommy, Daddy doesn't trust Danna anymore. He hates being tricked by people."

At that, Arissa's heart skipped a beat.

Will Benjamin kill me if he finds out I hid the children from him?

Looking at Arissa's worried expression, Gavin immediately consoled her, "Did Daddy hit you just now, Mommy?"

Arissa looked at her son, a curious expression hanging on her face. "Daddy hits people?"

Gavin shook his head and quickly added, "Daddy only hits bad people. He won't hit Mommy!"

Arissa heaved a sigh of relief, and she brought Gavin into the bathroom for his bath.

"Let's stop talking about this. Come on, let's have a bath!"

Gavin was shy. "I can bathe myself, Mommy. Go have your bath!"

"It's okay. Let Mommy help you."

Arissa could not help feeling guilty toward her son. She did not manage to bathe him while he was young and wanted to make it up to him now. Arissa was glad to see Gavin's sheepish face, and she touched his nose gently.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 145 Not Interested

"Are you shy? Mommy will just wash your hair then!"

Arissa rubbed Gavin's head and relented as she did not want to put her son in a dilemma.

Delighted upon hearing that, the little boy squealed in joy, "Okay!"

Arissa laughed and let her son lay on her thigh. She proceeded to wet Gavin's hair with a towel and rubbed some shampoo onto his head. As Arissa massaged the little boy's scalp, foam began to form.

"Mommy is so gentle!" Gavin smiled. "Daddy is too rough..."

Arissa was shocked to hear that. "Daddy always washes your hair for you?"

"Hmm... Sometimes!"

Arissa's mouth curled upward. It was hard to imagine a man like Benjamin giving his son a bath.

"Are you going to wash your hair later, Mommy? Let me help you!"

Arissa was pleased to hear Gavin's words.

"Mommy doesn't want to wash her hair today."

"I will help Mommy if you want to wash your hair next time."

Gavin's face turned slightly reddish.

"Sure!" Arissa agreed with joy.

After washing Gavin's hair, she dried his hair with a towel and gave him a blow-dry. Then, she let Gavin take his bath by himself.

"Go have your bath, Mommy. I can do it myself!" Gavin raised his head and reassured his mother.

"All right!" Arissa left and closed the door for her son. Then, she took her bath in the guest room.

Edwin was always prepared. Hence, Arissa only realized she did not have any clothes to change into after taking off the set of clothes she was wearing.

She wrapped herself in a towel after having her bath and walked toward the wardrobe. There, Arissa saw plenty of new clothes hung in the wardrobe, and all of them were in her size.

All of these are mine?

Looking at the colorful dresses in the wardrobe, she could not help running her fingers through them while wearing a gleeful expression on her face.

Arissa pulled out a dress and a set of underwear and was about to put them on when the door suddenly sprung open. Instinctively, she quickly wrapped the towel around herself once more.

Arisa was stunned when she saw Benjamin making his way into the room.

"Mr. Graham!"

Unaware that Arissa had just come out of the bath, the man's eyes darkened when his gaze fell on her slender legs that were exposed.

Arisa quickly closed her legs and hid her embarrassment.

She asked in a loud voice, "What's the matter?"

Doesn't he know to always knock before entering someone else's room?

Benjamin shifted his gaze toward her face and said, "Take care of Gavin tonight. I have something to attend to."

After a brief pause, Arissa responded, "Okay. I get it!"

Looking at her cautious expression, Benjamin knitted his brows. "You don't have to be so wary of me. I'm not interested in you."

What?

Arisa was enraged by his words, but by the time she came back to her senses, the man had already shut the door and left. She had to take a moment to calm herself down before getting dressed.

Wait a second. Why am I angry? There's no reason for me to be angry at all!

Arisa slapped her cheeks gently before making her way toward her son's room.

Meanwhile, Gavin was sitting on the bed with his phone, looking as if he was about to call someone.

Arisa walked into the room and locked the door. Then, she approached her son.

"Who are you calling, Gav?"

"Mommy, I want to call my brothers!"

Gavin missed them dearly.

"They might be sleeping already. Let Mommy accompany you while you try to fall asleep, all right?"

"Okay!"

Gavin quickly put down his phone and patted the spot next to him excitedly.

Upon seeing that, Arissa snuggled up in bed with the little boy and gave him a tight hug.

She told Gavin some bedtime stories. Although he had already heard all of the stories before, he was still happy to hear his mother's soft and gentle voice.

After some time, Gavin fell asleep.

Arissa's heart melted when she saw the little boy in her arms, who had fallen in deep slumber.

She lowered her head and placed a gentle peck on his forehead. "Sweet dreams, Gav."

Then, she turned off the light and slept.

Meanwhile, Benjamin had led his people to the abandoned building where Arissa was locked up in previously.

"This building seems to be destroyed not long ago, Mr. Graham." Looking at the ruins in front of him, Ethen said to Benjamin.

Benjamin glanced at the compound and narrowed his eyes.

"Whose territory is this?" he asked in a stern voice.

This place was intact not long ago, but now it's destroyed. What are they trying to cover up?

Ethen ran a swift investigation and immediately got the answer to Benjamin's question.

"It belongs to the York family, and it's under York Corporation."

A vicious glare flashed across Benjamin's eyes.

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Well, aren't they quick on their feet?

Benjamin scoffed coldly.

A sense of ruthlessness was well hidden within his stare of the ruins.

How could Arissa not have known when the place Danna kidnapped her to was one of her own family's properties? From what she said, she probably had no idea that the building belonged to the York family.

"Look into every detail from five years ago. Find out who held Arissa captive, kidnapped the children, and abandoned her in the wasteland. Check every individual involved in this incident and her relationship with the York family. I want to know everything!"

Benjamin's voice was cold as ice, which sent chills down the spines of everyone around him.

Ethen glanced over at Benjamin. He was shocked by how much Benjamin cared for Arissa.

Will our CEO be getting a wife soon?

Benjamin glared at him and exclaimed, "What are you waiting for!"

"Yes!" Ethan answered hurriedly, then got to work.

Benjamin glanced back and narrowed his eyes at the ruins. His gaze was as sharp as ever.

After Benjamin left that place, he went straight to the apartment. Yet, he did not go upstairs. He merely stayed in the car and stared at Arissa's home.

If he had gone upstairs, he could have seen some of his kids.

A bodyguard, who was watching from the darkness, immediately headed over and reported, "Mr. Graham, we've kept watch this whole time. No one has left the building yet!"

Benjamin's eyes darkened as he nodded. "Carry on. Send me pictures of anyone exiting the building."

"Yes, sir!"

The bodyguard glimpsed over at Benjamin and asked, "Mr. Graham, are you not going upstairs?"

"No. Make sure to stay hidden."

Benjamin was worried that the kids would be startled by his sudden appearance. Therefore, he dispelled all thoughts of visiting them.

Moreover, the children should be sound asleep at the time.

There was also no need to be in such a rush to see them.

He drove back to Yaleview.

With the housekeepers fast asleep, the residence was dead silent.

Benjamin tiptoed up the stairs and straight to the guest room but there was no sign of Arissa.

Then, he headed for Gavin's bedroom. Yet, the doorknob would not turn. It was locked from the inside.

He shot a quick glare at the doorknob before returning to his bedroom.

In Gavin's bedroom, Arissa and Gavin were sleeping like babies.

At the crack of dawn the next day, Arissa was surprised to wake up with only one child in her arms.

She only realized she was at Yaleview after coming to her senses.

Gavin was the one by her side.

It might have been the trauma of having her kids taken from her five years ago, but she would panic if she did not see her children the minute she woke up.

Arissa calmed herself down, kissed Gavin, then washed up.

After a change of clothes, she left the room to see Benjamin coming out of his bedroom.

He was in sportswear, and his gaze was as sharp as ever.

Arissa was startled for a second before she quickly greeted him, "Good morning, Mr. Graham!"

"Yeah," firmly answered Benjamin.

Couldn't he have at least greeted me back? It's not like we're at the company.

"I'm heading down to make Gavin some food!"

Arissa turned to head down the stairs right after notifying Benjamin.

His eye landed on her calves as he followed her.

Her snow-white ankles with a dash of pink beguiled him.

Benjamin's gaze dimmed.

The feeling of someone eyeing her from behind made it uncomfortable for her to even walk.

She could sense that Benjamin was following closely behind her.

Arisa turned to check but accidentally missed a step instead.

“Ah!”

A large hand reached out to grab her wrist and pulled her upward, thus immediately eradicating all possibilities for her to fall.

Arisa clung to Benjamin’s chest in shock.

“Why would you turn around when you’re going down the stairs?” he asked rhetorically with a hint of reproval in his husky voice.

“Thank you, Mr. Graham,” said Arissa awkwardly.

She lifted her head, only to be entranced by Benjamin’s protruding and alluring Adam’s apple.

Quickly, Arissa moved aside with a rush of warmth growing in her cheeks.

Even though Benjamin was already taller than Arissa, it was more convenient for him to leer over her because he stood a step above her.

He stared intensely at her blushing face. His thin lips curved upward into a sly smirk.

“There’s no need to call me Mr. Graham when we’re at home.”

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 147 Gavin Was Allergic To Flour

Huh? Arissa looked at him in confusion.

Her face turned inexplicably redder when her eyes met Benjamin’s soulful and enticing eyes.

However, the memory of his distasteful words from last night shattered any longing that just sprouted.

“Yes, Graham!”

She nodded as she spoke, then turned to head down the stairs.

Benjamin's personable face darkened as he stared at Arissa's back. He grunted softly before heading out for his morning run.

Arissa turned her head to catch a quick look.

As she saw his cold silhouette head toward the door, the corner of her lips drooped slightly.

Just a moment ago, she thought Benjamin was at least slightly interested in her, but it seemed she was overthinking things.

Arissa patted her cheeks to make herself come to her senses before going to the kitchen.

Edwin greeted her merrily, "Good morning, Ms. York!"

"Good morning, Edwin!" Arissa greeted him back with a smile.

"Are you up this early because you're hungry, Ms. York? I just made some oatmeal porridge!"

Edwin looked at her ardently, and she could sense his friendliness.

She smiled and answered, "No, I just want to make something tasty for Gavin!"

"I'll be troubling you then, Ms. York. Gavin is allergic to flour, so as long as there's no flour in the food, it's okay."

Arissa's heart was torn at Edwin's note of caution. She didn't even know about Gavin's allergy.

"Thank you for the reminder, Edwin! I will keep that in mind."

Edwin nodded in reply and assisted her with making breakfast.

"Mr. Graham prefers a western-style breakfast."

Arissa took a quick pause to smile at Edwin.

She was only making breakfast for her son, so she could not care less about Benjamin's preferences.

After a few laps, Benjamin's phone vibrated. It was from a bodyguard.

Soon, he received several photos.

Benjamin scrunched his brows as the pictures depicted Bradley leaving a building with a child.

So this man is actually living in her home.

His gaze fell upon the little kid, whose skin was as fair as snow and looked identical to Gavin.

A gentle look flashed across his eyes as his gaze lingered on the image of the kid for several moments.

He ran a few more laps before heading back.

The minute Benjamin stepped into the house, the tempting aroma of delicious food swamped him.

He headed toward the kitchen to see Arissa in an apron, busy cooking away at the stove.

It touched his heart, and the scene in front of him gratified him.

“What are you making?”

Benjamin’s sudden appearance startled her, making her drop her spoon in the boiling broth.

Some of it splashed outward and landed on the back of her hand.

Arissa backed away in a hurry, rubbing her hand.

He strode to her and pulled her hand over. He asked in a worried tone, “How could you be so careless? Are you hurt?”

In a hurry, Arissa pulled her hand back when she felt the warmth of Benjamin’s hand.

“I’m fine! It’s just a little splash!”

Benjamin glanced at her, then said, “Why are you being so fussy?”

The edge of Arissa’s lips twitched as she instantly blamed Benjamin, “If it weren’t for you popping up like that, I wouldn’t have been startled.”

Doesn’t he know how dangerous startling a person can be?

He lifted his brow without even a hint of guilt.

"The way I see it, you're just a scaredy-cat. I spoke at a normal volume, yet you jumped out of your skin."

"I was focused on my cooking. I would obviously be startled if you suddenly talk to me out of nowhere!"

Arisa shot him a look before continuing cooking.

Benjamin's gaze fell onto the back of her ears, which were a glistening white.

For convenience's sake, Arisa pulled back her hair, exposing the nape of her neck.

From Benjamin's point of view, it was seductive and feminine.

Arisa glanced to the side to lock eyes with his deep gaze. Her heart skipped a beat.

She averted her eyes, thinking he would walk away. Instead, he approached her.

She could feel him standing close behind her as she stirred the broth. Her heart raced.

"So, what are you making?"

Benjamin looked over at the pot, then at Arisa.

His hot breath tickled her neck as a tingling sensation pulled at her heartstrings.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 148 She Just Wanted To Hug Her Son

Arisa suppressed her wavering heartbeats and replied as calmly as possible, "Bone broth!"

He's still growing, so having more of this is good for his growth.

The children had their lunches in school, so she could only pour more effort into their breakfasts and dinners.

"Bone broth for breakfast?"

Benjamin lifted his brow as he asked. The smell was delicious, but he was unsure whether the aroma was from the broth.

Arisa countered, "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! A balanced diet is crucial!"

Regardless, Benjamin often skipped breakfast. He did not care for it much, just as long as it got the job done.

He only had breakfast to keep Gavin company, so he never gave it much thought.

Edwin was the one who pulled out all the stops for Gavin's breakfasts.

"When will it be done?"

He meant that he was hungry and wanted to eat already.

Arisa answered without much thought, "It'll take a while."

As Benjamin left the kitchen, she let out a sigh of relief and carried on cooking.

Once she was done, she asked Edwin for a food container to pack the food in.

Edwin asked with a puzzled expression, "Ms. York, are you not having it here?"

"This is for Gavin to have at lunch!"

Arisa answered naturally, but she couldn't help but feel a little awkward.

She was unsure what Edwin would think of her if he knew she was packing the broth for her other children.

Nonetheless, it did not seem excessive to pack them some food since they were Benjamin's children too.

"That's a lot. I doubt Gavin can finish it all!"

Edwin took a look and saw that Arisa had already packed half the broth.

"It's okay. He can have it when he's hungry. Having several meals a day is good for his growth," said Arisa casually.

Edwin was moved. "You truly dote on Gavin, Ms. York."

She smiled in response but did not say anything. After setting the packed food aside, she went upstairs to wake Gavin.

However, he was already awake and washing up.

"Sweetheart, you're up!"

Arisa walked in to see her son in front of the bathroom sink. She walked over and affectionately combed his hair out of his face with her hands.

"Good morning, Mommy!" Gavin greeted her with a smile as radiant as the sun.

"Morning, Sweetheart!"

She leaned in and gave him a peck on his forehead.

Gavin curiously asked, "Mommy, why are you up so early?"

"I went to make breakfast."

Arissa wiped his face with a dampened towel after he brushed his teeth.

"Something smells good!"

Gavin could detect an aromatic scent from Arissa.

She lowered her head to get a sniff, and he was right.

"Sweetheart, I packed an extra-large helping for you to share with Zachary and the others in school," said Arissa as she glanced over at the door.

"Okay," answered Gavin while nodding.

She glanced at Gavin and added, "I told Edwin that I packed it all for you."

Gavin grinned. "I know, Mommy! I won't tell anyone!"

"Thank you, Sweetheart!"

Arissa patted his head and brought him out to change his clothes after she was done wiping his face.

She changed into a new outfit because her clothes smelled of oil and smoke.

"Mommy, you're beautiful!"

Gavin sat waiting at the bedside. He was all dressed up and ready with his little backpack.

Arissa chuckled and said, "You look great too, Sweetheart!"

She approached him and couldn't help but cuddle and drown him with kisses.

Gavin was over the moon with his plump cheeks a beet red.

Benjamin was leaning against the door. His lips curved into a slight smile at the sight of a loving mother and the child.

"Let's head down for breakfast," suggested Arissa.

She only noticed Benjamin when she turned around. Arissa merely nodded.

"Okay," answered Gavin, in her embrace.

He wrapped his hands around her neck, eyes beaming with joy.

Benjamin noticed Arissa struggling to carry Gavin, so he yelled, "Gavin, get down!"

Gavin pouted at Benjamin's strict manner.

Arissa turned to Benjamin and persuaded, "I can carry him if it's only for a little while, Graham."

She just wanted to hug her son more.

Benjamin thinned his lips and dropped the topic there.

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"How are you this charming, Sweetheart?"

Arissa sang Gavin's praises as she was about to carry him down the stairs. She couldn't resist the urge to pinch his squishy cheeks.

Gavin giggled in response. He behaved in a very cutesy manner whenever he was with Arissa.

He batted his long eyelashes, which made him appear all the more lovable and adorable.

Benjamin's eyes flashed over in Gavin's direction. He was slightly baffled by how different Gavin was in front of Arissa.

"Come over here! Daddy will carry you down the stairs!"

He quickly took Gavin into his arms when they reached the top of the stairs.

Arissa glanced over at him and felt that, contrary to his usual domineering appearance, Benjamin had a rather considerate side to him.

"Watch your step!"

Benjamin warned her with Gavin in one arm and the other on her back.

She blushed in embarrassment.

“Oh!” she exclaimed, dropping her head to look at the stairs.

Benjamin held onto her with his hand, which could feel how hot her skin was under her thin clothing.

She unconsciously picked up her pace, but it did not help put any distance between them.

Arissa’s cheeks were a rosy red.

She snuck a peek at Benjamin but saw that he kept his eyes forward with a cold straight face.

She averted her gaze and kept her feelings in check.

He’s just being nice!

Benjamin turned to look at her as they made it down the stairs.

He naturally retracted his hand before putting Gavin back down on the floor.

“Get over there yourself!”

His deep voice bore a serious tone.

Gavin glanced at Benjamin, then headed for the kitchen hand in hand with Arissa.

“Mommy, let’s go have breakfast!”

“Okay!”

Uncontrollably, Arissa always looked at Gavin with an abundance of love and affection.

Benjamin’s gaze glinted with emotion as it fell on Arissa’s smiling face.

While Arissa and Gavin went ahead, she could feel someone staring at her from behind, which made her heart beat faster.

However, she didn’t catch Benjamin staring at her when she tried to catch a glimpse from the surrounding reflective surfaces.

Hence, she thought she was being too sensitive and stopped thinking too deeply about it.

Benjamin's gaze moved from her face to her body.

She was wearing a white pencil skirt, which accentuated her hourglass figure.

Her outfit brought out all her merits. She was seeping with maturity, elegance, and sexual appeal.

Arissa paired the white pencil skirt with a mint green satin blouse. It was simple, fashionable, and sensible.

Her exposed white calves and delicate ankles seemed to be tempting Benjamin to play with them.

His eyes darkened.

"I want to sit with Mommy!"

Gavin's voice traveled through the kitchen. Benjamin picked him up and put him in his chair.

Arissa let go of Gavin's hand and pulled out a chair.

Benjamin took a quick look at her, then sat at the head of the table.

Subsequently, she took her seat.

Edwin hurriedly served breakfast.

A bowl of the broth Arissa cooked was given to both Arissa and Gavin.

On the other hand, Edwin served Benjamin western breakfast. Several other eastern breakfast dishes were also placed on the dining table.

"Come, Sweetheart. Drink the broth first! Have the others after."

Arissa tended to Gavin's breakfast. She stirred the broth to cool it down.

"Okay!"

Gavin nodded and scooped a spoonful of the broth. He blew it a few times before drinking it.

"Yummy!"

Arissa patted his head with a gentle grin.

Meanwhile, Benjamin was frowning at his breakfast that was different from Arissa and Gavin's.

He turned to Edwin and instructed him coldly, "Get me a bowl of the broth!"

Edwin was startled. He looked toward Benjamin and said apologetically, "Mr. Graham, there isn't any left."

The folds between his brows tightened. He knew Arissa made a large portion.

He glared at Edwin and questioned, "Isn't there a whole pot?"

Edwin turned to Arissa awkwardly.

She didn't expect Benjamin to want any; seeing as Edwin was in a difficult position, she explained, "Graham, I thought you didn't like having soup for breakfast, so I packed it all for Gavin to bring to school. If you really want some, Edwin can get you a bowl!"

With one look, Benjamin instantly knew what Arissa had in mind.

She wanted Gavin to bring the broth to school for the other children, didn't she? All she ever thinks about is her children. Did she not think to at least make an extra serving for me?

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 151 Takeaway

With regard to his meals, Gavin was just like his father. They were both picky eaters, and it was rare for Gavin to give a high review of any food.

Seeing Gavin's expression, Edwin knew that the taste of the chicken pie must be divine. Unfortunately, Arissa had only made a few pieces of chicken pie. There was not enough made for him, so he could only stare in fascination at the food.

"Gav, is it good?"

Just by looking at his expression, Arissa knew that he loved it.

Gavin nodded and exclaimed, "Mommy, you're a great cook! Everything you made tastes delicious!"

The corners of Arissa's eyes crinkled as she beamed up at Gavin and ruffled his hair adoringly.

When she looked up, she saw Edwin staring unblinkingly at Gavin eating. He was almost drooling at the sight of the chicken pie.

Arisa chuckled and said, "Edwin, go ahead and try some."

"It's fine, Ms. York. You're too kind... You can have it!" Edwin shook his head in embarrassment and declined her offer. It's not proper for me to request food from my employer.

"Don't worry, there's another one left. You can have it!"

Arisa took the pie on her plate and handed it over to him.

"Ms. York, you can have it. I have already taken my breakfast!" Edwin was stunned and did not dare to move a muscle.

"I want to eat something else. Try this. Let me know how it tastes. If it's good, I'll make it again on another day." Arisa handed it over to him once more.

Edwin sneaked a peek at Benjamin. Seeing that the latter was focused on his breakfast and not looking in their direction, he gathered his courage and approached Arisa. He took the food and said gratefully, "Thank you, Ms. York!"

"Thank Mr. Graham instead, I was able to cook this because of the ingredients that he bought!"

Arisa looked at Benjamin before sitting down.

Benjamin looked over at her and said, "My ingredients? In that case, why didn't you take the initiative and invite me to eat?"

Arisa was stunned.

She did not dare to argue that Edwin had previously mentioned Benjamin's preference for having a light breakfast. She hesitated to invite him, for the dishes she made were quite heavy.

Besides...

"This is your house. You can eat whatever you want. Why do you need my invitation? I'm not the owner here!" She pursed her lips in annoyance.

Benjamin lightly harrumphed. She has a way with words. I'll give her that.

"You aren't the owner, but you dare take away the food?" He could not help but joke.

Watching the two of them squabble, Edwin felt that the chicken pie in his hands was burning a hole through them, and a feeling of uneasiness filled his heart.

Gavin, however, was not affected by their squabble as he was happily devouring his chicken pie.

Arissa froze before retorting, "I'm just worried that Gavin will go hungry in school."

She felt a little guilty at the lie that she made up.

In response, Benjamin simply stared intently at her.

Arissa's heart raced. She felt that he was about to burn a hole through her with his stare. It seemed as if he could see through her with those dark eyes of his.

However, Benjamin said nothing more and continued with his breakfast. Seeing that Benjamin did not continue on the topic, she heaved a sigh of relief.

"If you don't like it, I won't take away the food next time."

After all, she was not staying there that night. In the future, she could prepare an extra portion of food for Gavin at her place.

In her house, Arissa could do as much as she desired. She could even cook any dishes she wanted.

"That's not necessary!" Benjamin replied.

Arissa was rendered speechless by him once more.

Does that mean he agrees to me packing the leftover food in the future?

Gavin sneaked a glance at Benjamin. The latter still had a stern look on his face.

Daddy is so egotistical. I bet he knows that Mommy is packing the food for my brothers, yet he still insists on asking her.

Benjamin ignored Gavin's look and glanced at Arissa, who still seemed startled by his response.

"In the future, remember to pack more food. I don't want Gavin to be on an empty stomach!"

Gavin and Arissa were astonished by the change in his stance. They could not believe their ears and stared at Benjamin with their mouths agape, not knowing what to say.

Edwin snickered before hurriedly resuming a face of seriousness.

"Okay," Arissa replied.

She had prepared a hearty breakfast, and Gavin relished the food. He was over the moon, having breakfast that his mother had specially prepared for him.

Benjamin was also very full. He did not foresee that Arissa would have such a flair for cooking. Unknowingly, he had stuffed his stomach to the extent he felt a little bloated.

After breakfast, Arissa and Benjamin sent Gavin to school together. The three of them sat in the back of the car, looking very much like a family.

Benjamin sat aside looking at work documents. Nobody dared to raise their voices.

Arissa brought Gavin aside and spoke softly to him. Her voice was gentle and pleasant to the ears.

“Gav, Mommy will return to my house to stay tonight.”

“Mommy, you’re not going to stay with us anymore?”

Gavin was shocked, and his brows furrowed in worry.

Previously, Mommy was in danger. If she doesn’t stay with us now, won’t she be in more danger?

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 152 An Exchange

“No. I’ll pass.”

Arissa was worried, for she had not seen the other children since the previous day.

Benjamin turned to her. “Though those people have been caught, that doesn’t mean you’re safe. Aren’t you afraid of endangering your children?”

Benjamin’s voice was stern at the last sentence. Until then, the stubborn woman still refused to tell him the truth, and Benjamin could not help wondering if she was planning to hide the truth from him forever.

Arissa was less worried about Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper. However, she was extremely concerned about Jesse as the little girl was the most clingy one among all of Arissa’s children.

After a few days, the girl would lose it.

Noticing the woman was struggling to come to a decision, Benjamin suggested, “If you’re worried about your children, you can fetch them over. Otherwise, I’ll have to compensate you for work injury if anything bad happens to you.”

Arisa's mouth quivered before she uttered, "Don't worry, Mr. Graham. Even if anything happens to me, it's none of the company's business."

"Are you sure your family members are fine with that?"

Benjamin stared at her firmly. Though he seemed expressionless, he was utterly serious.

Arisa was stunned. Is he implying that the children will seek compensation from him? That's rather amusing.

She cleared her throat and remained firm in her decision. "No thanks. I'm afraid my children will disturb you."

It's better not to let them meet for now. I'll just have to part with them for a few days. It's no big deal.

Benjamin's face darkened upon hearing that.

Arisa was clueless about how she irritated the man, and she swallowed upon noticing the man's icy-cold aura.

She was about to voice her intention of not staying at Benjamin's place when she saw how dark his face was. Hence, she ended up choking back her words.

Upon reaching the school, Arissa was about to exit the car when Benjamin stopped her.

"Stay in the car."

With that said, Benjamin carried Gavin and alighted from the vehicle without waiting for a response.

"I..."

Arisa wanted to tag along with the hope of meeting her four children.

However, Benjamin shot her a glare. "Stay!"

He took Gavin's bag and the meal that Arissa had packed.

"Bye, Mommy!"

"Bye, Sweetheart!"

Arisa smiled and waved at the boy.

After helping Gavin put on his bag, Benjamin walked him to the school entrance with a lunchbox in hand.

“Daddy, don’t get angry at Mommy!” Gavin tugged at his father’s pants as he pleaded.

Benjamin stared at his son. When he handed the lunchbox over, the latter held it tightly in his arms.

“Exchange with Zachary tonight.”

Gavin stared at Benjamin with his eyes shot wide, keeping his guard up.

“What are you up to, Daddy?”

“Daddy has never met him before, so I want to see him!”

Benjamin patted his son’s head gently.

After staring at the man for a moment, Gavin finally nodded and agreed, “All right. I’ll talk to him about it, but I can’t promise he’ll agree!”

If it was Oliver, he would agree without haste. Zachary, on the other hand, was tougher to convince.

Benjamin raised his eyebrows and pondered to himself. He won’t disagree, for his mother is right here.

“Okay, go on in.”

Gavin nodded. “Goodbye, Daddy!”

Honestly, he was pretty excited, for Benjamin rarely sent him to school. Moreover, his mother was tagging along too.

After waving at the car, he entered the school.

Benjamin watched the boy for a moment before returning to the car.

“Mr. Graham, why didn’t you let me exit the car earlier?” Arissa was bewildered by the man.

Benjamin merely cast a quick glance at her before telling the driver, “Head to the office.”

His actions rendered Arissa speechless.

When she gazed out of the car's window, she was hoping to see the few familiar figures. However, they were nowhere to be found, and Arissa could not help but feel let down. At the same time, she was slightly relieved Benjamin did not encounter them.

After shifting her attention away from the window, her heart skipped a beat as she noticed a pair of dull eyes staring sharply at her.

"It's inappropriate for you to send him to the school right now."

Arissa nodded in understanding. "I'll be careful next time."

After staring at her for a moment, Benjamin averted his gaze and looked straight ahead.

Arissa glanced at the man before shifting her gaze toward the window once more.

Suddenly, a man's voice rang out.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 153 He Likes Her

"Don't you have anything else to say?"

Hearing that, Arissa turned to face Benjamin. Although he was sitting down, he was still radiating a regal and dominating aura.

Arissa pursed her lips. Indeed, there was something that she wanted to ask.

"Umm... About the people from last night?"

"I've taken care of them."

Benjamin frowned while fixing his gaze at her.

Noticing that the man seemed unhappy, she merely brushed it off with a simple reply. "Okay."

After that, the atmosphere in the car became tense.

The driver looked in the rearview mirror but retracted his gaze immediately upon noticing something was off.

Meanwhile, Danna arrogantly made her way toward the Rogers residence but was stopped by the security guard at the entrance.

Her eyes immediately darkened. "Are you f*cking blind? Don't you know who I am?"

"Why are you so pissed, Ms. Adams?"

Suddenly, a wicked-looking man with an ear-piercing walked toward her.

Danna shot a glare at him and snapped, "Justin Rogers, what's going on? Am I not welcomed here?"

"Of course you are!" the man replied with a smile before kicking the security guard.

"Are you blind? She's Ms. Adams! How dare you stop her?"

In response to his antics, Danna chuckled coldly. "Stop fooling around. Where's Arissa?"

The previous night, Justin told her he had caught Arissa over their phone call. Hence, Danna had traveled all the way to the Rogers residence to teach the woman a lesson.

Justin smirked before wrapping his arm around Danna's waist. The latter stared sharply at him and struggled but failed to free herself.

Seeing that, Justin tightened his grip and got closer to her. Then, he took a whiff of the air, breathing in her scent.

"You smell so nice!"

Danna shot him a deadly glare. "Let go!"

"Come on, Ms. Adams! Let's not talk about other people now, shall we? I'm risking my life to help you, yet you're not showing an ounce of concern over my well-being."

Justin narrowed his eyes as Danna's blood continued to boil.

However, he liked her for how mean and ruthless she was.

"Justin, you asked me to come here, yet you refuse to bring me to her. Have you failed?"

Honestly, Danna doubted that was the case and merely blurted it out to spite the man.

Not long after, Justin led her into the mansion.

"What's with the rush? That's impossible!"

Danna bumped her elbow against Justin's waist, but the latter still held her firmly. Immediately after entering the mansion, Justin pushed Danna onto the wall and kissed her.

Though Danna was furious, her strength was no match for the man.

Justin continued caressing her. "Stop struggling. Did Benjamin even excite you? It has been so long since we..."

Danna's rage was on the verge of boiling over, but she could not hold back her desire. Not long after, she returned Justin's hug.

After a passionate session, Danna probed, "Where is she?"

She would not feel assured as long as Arissa was still alive.

Justin cast a glance at the seductive-looking woman and pushed her onto the bed once more before demanding, "One more time!"

Slap!

Danna slapped Justin across the face, obviously enraged.

"You assh*le! How dare you fool me?"

Justin lay on the bed, fully naked. The room still smelled of sweat. He pressed his tongue against the inside of his cheek, staring at Danna wickedly.

The woman's face contorted in anger as she hurriedly grabbed her clothes and put them on.

"Why are you so angry? Weren't you pretty happy just a second ago?" Justin retorted, his voice filled with mockery.

Danna turned her head, eyes looking bloodshot. "Shut up!"

"Hmph! So you're abandoning me after taking advantage of me? Honestly, you could have rejected me earlier, but you didn't. If you did, I wouldn't touch you!"

Justin took out a cigarette as he watched the woman get dressed. He was still lying naked on the bed, having no intention of covering himself up.

Meanwhile, Danna was pissed beyond imagination.

Justin lied to her that he had caught Arissa, but that was obviously not the case.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 154 Desperate

"Justin! Since this is all that you're capable of, we will definitely not be cooperating again in the foreseeable future!"

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"Oh, that's because you're incompetent! If you were actually capable, then why have you come to find me now?" Danna turned around and stared back at him, her expression growing much darker.

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At this point, Danna refused to believe that he had any real good news to share.

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Suddenly, Danna's expression changed. "How did he find out about that place?"

What could Benjamin have found?

Danna immediately felt her heart sink as she began to panic.

"Well, I'm not quite sure how exactly." Justin was staring at her body with lustful eyes. "You should stay here with me for a while. Make me happy, and I'll help you investigate it!"

"In your dreams!"

Danna grabbed the porcelain near the doorway and threw it at him. She then opened the door and proceeded to leave.

Justin caught the porcelain and fiddled with it in his hands. His face fell.

"What a bad temper you have! Would Benjamin even want someone this desperate?"

Though he wasn't that loud, Danna heard him very clearly. Her expression twisted. I truly regret getting involved with Justin. What a scumbag!

"Ms. Adams, Benjamin doesn't want you! I want you! You're welcome to come here any time!" Justin shouted at the top of his lungs.

Danna's face fell. She angrily rushed into her car and left the premises immediately.

The bodyguards beside the door briefly glared at her in disdain. How can a woman like that be Mr. Rogers' type?

Not long after, Justin came outside.

He instructed them, "Keep an eye on Benjamin. Report to me if there is any news!"

"Yes, Mr. Rogers!"

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"I'm getting out! Please stop the car!"

The driver looked at the man through the rear-view mirror. Seeing that Benjamin did not say anything, the driver did not dare to stop the car.

"But Ms. York, we haven't arrived at the company yet!" the driver reminded Arissa.

"No, I'm getting out right here!"

Arissa did not want anyone to spread gossip. Even allowing rumors to circulate would still be very hurtful.

Benjamin's eyes flickered as he glanced at Arissa. "But we haven't reached the company yet. What are you doing?"

Arissa looked at him and explained, "I think that getting out right here is the better option!"

Benjamin's frowned and he furrowed.

She gulped subconsciously, gathering the courage to speak further. "If people get the wrong idea about us, then it will surely have an impact on your reputation!"

"Hah!" Benjamin chuckled sarcastically. "Looks like you do care about your boss. Stop the car!"

The last three words were spoken with a tone of displeasure.

The driver, who wasn't brave enough to protest against it, quickly pulled over and stopped the car.

"Thank you!" Arissa thanked the driver as she got out of the car. She then faced Benjamin. "Thank you, Mr. Graham..."

Before she could finish her sentence, the door to the car closed automatically, and the car sped away.

Arissa was rendered speechless.

She calmed herself down and began walking toward the company.

At the same time, she tried to call her son.

Upon receiving her call, Zachary immediately answered it.

Arissa could hear his voice coming through the phone call.

“Mommy!”

“Hey, Sweetheart. Where are you right now?”

Looking at the time, Arissa forced herself to walk faster.

“We just arrived at school!”

“Did you sleep well last night? Did you eat your breakfast?” Arissa asked out of concern.

Zachary replied, “Yeah, we all slept well. Well, except for Jesse because she was calling your name. Mr. Hinton bought breakfast for us this morning!”

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You More than Anything in the World Chapter 155 Caught By Four Children

“Mr. Hinton said it’s for our safety!”

Arissa was grateful for Bradley. It must be tough for him.

“Then you guys should also stay safe. Mommy might not be able to come back home until after a few days... So you guys better listen to Mr. Hinton and do as he says!” Arissa warned.

“Mommy, did something happen last night?”

“Not at all!”

After walking for a while, Arissa panted a little.

“Mommy, what are you doing right now? Why are you panting?” Zachary asked worriedly.

“It’s nothing! I’m just walking right now!” Arissa replied to Zachary.

"Oh! You should watch out for danger! Don't go to places where there aren't many people around! Also, call us if you're in trouble!"

Arisa's heart warmed when she heard Zachary advising her.

"All right! I understand, Sweetheart!"

Her other children also squeezed in to talk to her.

"Mommy, you don't need to worry about us! We can take care of ourselves. You need to watch out for danger and stay safe!" Oliver instructed.

Mommy isn't telling us anything about what happened. But we investigated last night and found out that Mommy was actually surrounded by bad people.

"Mommy, you should relax while you're at Daddy's place. We go to school every day. When we go home, we listen to Mr. Hinton and do as he says!" Jasper added to the conversation.

Jesse suggested, "Mommy, you have a self-defense tool. Use that to teach all the bad guys a lesson!"

Arisa was deeply touched.

"Okay. Don't worry, kids. I can take care of myself!"

She chatted with her children until it was time to clock in for work. As soon as she hung up her phone, she entered the company building.

Meanwhile, near the school's entrance, Oliver and Jasper were tying up the hands of two bodyguards.

"Talk! Who sent you here to spy on us?"

The two bodyguards looked at each other. Then, one of them turned to Zachary and answered, "Mr. Graham did!"

Zachary nodded as he expected that answer.

Jesse looked through the contents of the camera that she snatched just now.

She then handed it to Zachary. "Brother number two! They took a lot of photos of us!"

Jesse looked very angry and fierce.

The two bodyguards were stunned.

Earlier, they were only following and taking photos of one child. To their surprise, there were actually four of them.

Then, they followed them and arrived at the school. They were about to report back to Benjamin when they were discovered by the four children.

And they were even tied up by them, which was humiliating.

Zachary frowned upon hearing what Jesse had just said. "Since when did I become brother number two?"

Jesse smiled cutely with squinted eyes. "Gavin is the oldest, so shouldn't that make you brother number two?"

Following that logic, Oliver was now brother number three, and Jasper was now brother number four.

Both Oliver and Jasper, who were supposed to be the second and third respectively, grimaced upon hearing their sister.

Zachary deleted most of the photos taken by the camera. He only left the ones that were taken in the early morning.

Pausing for a moment, he glared at the two bodyguards. As he resembled Benjamin, the two bodyguards shook in terror.

"Did you guys report to Benjamin yet?"

The two bodyguards, desperate to save their own skins, did not dare to reply and instead went along with the children.

"Are you sure you didn't report to him?" Zachary narrowed his eyes as he walked closer toward them.

"No, not yet, at least! We were just about to when you guys discovered us!" The other bodyguard replied. He had a serious expression on his face, indicating that he was telling the truth.

A dark look flashed across Zachary's eyes. He pulled a dagger out of nowhere and wrapped his hand around it.

Danger was imminent.

The two bodyguards broke out in a cold sweat. Why does it feel like this kid is scarier than Gavin?

“Do you know what will happen if you don’t tell the truth?”

Zachary was very threatening. The two bodyguards were trapped by Oliver and Jasper, so they were unable to move.

It was not because they were too scared to move but because they were simply unable to break free.

They did not know what sort of dirty tricks the children had pulled off. They were absolutely astonished. They’re so young but also very powerful.

“We really haven’t reported anything to Mr. Graham!” the bodyguards adamantly responded.

Zachary suddenly laughed, sounding quite devilish.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 156 Why Did You Lie Just Now

Seeing the expression on the child’s face sent shivers down the two bodyguards’ spines.

They were absolutely terrified.

Zachary glanced at Oliver and Jasper. “Take out their phones and check them!”

“I’ll do it!”

Jesse stepped forward and pulled their phones out of their pockets.

The two bodyguards seemed unusually calm. This was because they used code names in all of their communication devices.

Ordinary people would never be able to discern who was who. Every single email would also be deleted immediately upon being sent. This was to prevent all the information from falling into the wrong hands.

“Zachary!” Jesse handed both phones to Zachary.

Zachary looked at his sister and said, “Go sit over there!”

“Okay!”

Jesse obediently walked over to the side and sat down next to their four bags.

Zachary began checking on the two bodyguards’ phones. Their chat history was full of code names and numbers.

Zachary didn't bother with all of that. He simply read the call logs starting from last night when Benjamin asked the bodyguards to pick them up. All he had to do was read the information within the call logs.

He found one of the numbers matched Benjamin's phone number. And it was dialed in the early morning, too.

Zachary glared at them. "So you guys did call Benjamin!"

Seeing the child's intense gaze, the two bodyguards were extremely shocked.

"You were lying!" The child's eyes were full of rage.

"I did give Mr. Graham a call in the early morning, but..."

Just then, Zachary's phone started vibrating. It was Gavin who was calling.

Zachary glared at the two bodyguards before answering the phone.

"What is it?"

Gavin, who was on the other end of the call, raised his eyebrows as he heard the slightly unhappy voice.

"When are you guys heading into school? Mommy got you guys delicious takeout!"

Gavin was waiting for the four of them to arrive. However, the class was going to start soon. Since he had not seen them yet, he decided to give them a call.

"We're outside the school's entrance. There's something I need to take care of!"

While speaking on the phone, Zachary was also checking on the text messages and the instant messaging software on the two phones. So far, he found nothing.

He was feeling doubtful. They didn't send any of the photos?

"What is it?" Gavin's nervous and worried voice asked.

Zachary explained, "Benjamin sent people to monitor us and take photos of us. We caught them, and now we're dealing with them!"

Gavin was stunned. Then, he heard Zachary's annoyed voice continue to say, "They had a phone call with Benjamin earlier in the morning. I think we're all exposed now."

"No, no! We only saw one of you in the early morning. Only one of you! We never expected that there were four of you..."

This one is very smart. It's impossible to hide anything from him. We might have no choice but to confess.

Zachary glared at them. "Why did you guys lie just now?"

The two bodyguards remained silent.

Gavin tried to reassure him, "Calm down, Zachary! Daddy is smart. He's noticed you already! Let's switch identities today. He wants to see you!" I talked about this with Zachary and everyone before. For now, Daddy doesn't know about Oliver and Jesse.

Zachary exclaimed, "I don't want to switch!"

"Don't you want to be with Mommy?" Gavin did not want to switch either, truth be told. I want to be with Mommy. I go to school in the morning and only get to see Mommy at night. If I switch identities with Zachary right now, then I'd have to wait until tomorrow night at the earliest to see Mommy again...

Thinking about it, Gavin didn't feel like doing it anymore. But what Daddy wanted to say was meant for Zachary's ears, not mine.

Zachary frowned. "We can talk about it later. Right now, I have to teach them a lesson!"

"They're just doing their jobs. Go easy on them!" Gavin reminded him, though he did not try to stop him. If Zachary and everyone didn't discover them, all four siblings would have been exposed.

"I won't overdo it!" Zachary hung up the phone. The tip of his dagger was hovering over one of the bodyguard's stomachs.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 157 Go And Send Them Away

The bodyguard kept looking at the shiny dagger. One small slip, and I'll...

"Little one, we were only following orders! It's nothing personal!"

The bodyguard's body was tense as he did not dare to move an inch. One small slip from the boy's hand and I'm done for.

Zachary gave them a sharp-edged glare which was very imposing. "I want to hear the truth. Or else..."

"I'll talk! But can you put the dagger away first?"

The dagger was indiscriminate. The bodyguard sucked in his stomach as he asked him to put it away.

Zachary pulled the dagger away by one tiny bit, but he was still threatening him.

The other bodyguard had a panicked look on his face. He did not dare to say anything and risk offending Zachary while sympathizing with his companion. Luckily, I wasn't the one who called Mr. Graham in the early morning.

"I only sent Mr. Graham a few photos of an adult bringing one of you outside! All the photos after that were never sent! Mr. Graham asked us to protect you guys from the shadows, that's all!"

Zachary rolled his eyes as he tried to discern the truth from his words.

"I was the one who went outside with Mr. Hinton to buy our breakfast!" Oliver explained to Zachary, believing that the bodyguard was not lying.

Jasper tightened the restraints around the bodyguard's wrists. "Lie to us again, and we'll make things worse for you!"

The bodyguard's body hunched over as he twitched in pain.

The people who were passing by assumed that they were playing with the children instead of being threatened by them.

"Did you say anything about how many of us there are?"

Zachary gestured at the both of them using his dagger.

They shook their heads. "We didn't! Don't worry. If you don't want Mr. Graham to know, then we'll keep this a secret! But now that Mr. Graham has seen one of you guys, can we take a few more pictures and report it?"

Zachary stared at them as they begged.

He had an imposing presence.

"Aren't you guys afraid of being found out by Benjamin?"

The two of them exchanged glances miserably. They would never have accepted this commission if they knew that it would reach this point.

"We are! But we also want the best for you!"

These four children were basically their young masters. Since they saw just how incredible they were, they did not dare to offend them.

Otherwise, they would never live it down.

Zachary assumed that they would never dare to expose them, anyway. He instructed Oliver and Jasper to release them.

The two bodyguards were finally untied. They immediately rubbed their wrists as they were paralyzed with pain.

“You guys better not expose us! Or else, there will be consequences!” Zachary gave them a stern warning.

“Yes, little one!” The two bodyguards replied respectfully as if they were his lackeys.

“Everything will be all right as long as you keep this to yourselves!”

Zachary threw their phones back at them. After that, he told Jasper to grab his bag and walk toward the school’s entrance for the bodyguards to take photos. They sent the photos immediately after.

“You’re absolutely brilliant! If Benjamin decides to come at us, surely you’ll come and support us!”

Zachary lightly chuckled.

“Zachary, can we head inside now?”

Not only did Jesse carry her own bag, but she also held two other bags belonging to Oliver and Zachary.

Jesse held them in her arms tightly.

She hobbled toward Zachary.

The two bodyguards blushed upon seeing this. This one is very cute, the gentlest among them.

Zachary grabbed the two bags and threw Oliver’s bag over to him.

He carried his school bag on his back. As he turned around and was ready to bring them over, he noticed a car pulling over.

Zachary turned and looked at the two bodyguards suspiciously. He asked, “Is this your backup?”

The two bodyguards looked at it and immediately recognized that it was the car that was used to protect Gavin.

“Yes!”

"Then send them away!" Zachary ordered.

"Yes, sir!" the two bodyguards responded. They were about to go when they suddenly stopped. They beamed as they looked at the three children.

"What are you guys standing around for?"

Zachary frowned. Next time, I'll have to wear a disguise when I head out. Otherwise, I'll definitely be recognized.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 158 Not Being The Eldest

"Hey, what are your names? My name's Scott, and this is Stanley," Scott introduced themselves smilingly.

Zachary shrugged. "I don't think you can tell the difference between us even after telling you! I'm Zachary. This is Oliver, the second oldest.

The one walking toward the school gate is the third child, Jasper, and this is Jesse, the fourth child." Zachary still was not used to the ranking change.

"Zachary, you're the second child. Oliver is the third, and Jasper is the fourth. I'm the fifth!" Jesse corrected. Then, she smilingly added, "Gavin is the oldest!"

Zachary flicked her forehead in retaliation. "Stop reminding me!" He scowled in frustration at the thought of not being the eldest anymore.

The two bodyguards smiled at them. "Your names are pretty catchy!"

"Yeah, so make sure you get them right!" Oliver sneered at them mischievously.

"Yes, Oliver!" The bodyguards ran over to their colleagues to let the kids into the school.

As soon as the car had pulled aside, the three children immediately ran toward the school. Gavin and Jasper were already waiting for them at the entrance.

"Have you settled it?" Gavin asked Zachary.

Zachary nodded. "Yes. Warn your bodyguards, too, lest they tell Benjamin secretly!"

"It's Daddy!" Gavin corrected Zachary, who then pouted sulkily.

"I'll call them!" Gavin first called the bodyguards and urged them not to report the information to Benjamin before hanging up.

"So far, Daddy already knows about you and Jasper, but not Oliver and Jesse yet. He would be thrilled after finding out!" Gavin added.

The four of them exchanged looks. They were still curious about Benjamin, but they did not dare meet him without their mother's permission.

"Oh yeah, Mommy brought us mushroom soup. Wanna have some now?"

Jesse smacked her lips. "Yes!"

"Oh, come on! The class is starting soon!" Jasper flicked her forehead.

She then pouted and rubbed her forehead. "We can go after eating!"

Then, the five of them ran off to somewhere quiet to enjoy the soup.

"Do you wanna go back to Yaleview tonight? Daddy asked me to switch with you." Gavin watched them eat after preparing the food.

"Hmm... Yes and no!" Zachary wavered.

Gavin only glanced at him without pressing on further.

"If he isn't, I can!" Oliver beamed as he had not been before.

However, Gavin and Zachary shook their heads in unison. "No, you can't!"

"Why not?" Oliver fretted.

"You'll definitely reveal your greed for money before Benjamin!" Zachary rolled his eyes.

Oliver snickered. "Well, since Daddy hasn't met you before, I can pretend to be you!" Oliver knew that Benjamin had already found out about Zachary, anyhow.

"What if Daddy asks questions? He's pretty sharp, you know!" Jasper knew from experience after spending a few days with Benjamin. He would have exposed himself if he were not careful.

"It was so difficult when I was pretending to be Gavin! Oh well, at least the food there was excellent." He smacked his lips at the thought.

"Why don't I go?" Jesse wanted to be with her mother, but she also longed to meet Benjamin.

"You're out of the question!" Jasper flicked her forehead again.

Then, Gavin sympathetically rubbed her forehead when he saw her gloomy expression.
“Jasper, stop it!”

Jasper narrowed his eyes at his older brother and murmured to himself, “Why is he so fond of her?”

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 159 Danna Contacted Her

“Hehe. I’m fine, Gavin!” Jasper’s lips twitched when Jesse gaped at their eldest brother dreamily.

After their discussion, they finally decided that Gavin should return.

It was not that Zachary was unwilling to be with his mother and test waters with Benjamin. He just did not want to give Benjamin the satisfaction to meet him that soon.
“The more Benjamin wishes to meet me, the more I won’t go!” He sniggered at his impish thought.

Then, they headed toward the classroom after their meal.

Meanwhile, Arissa was already busy as soon as she reached the company.

Her phone rang when she was about to get off work. Nevertheless, she hung up the moment she saw an unknown number.

To her surprise, it rang again.

She could only answer it. “Hello?”

“Arissa York!” An unfamiliar voice spoke with arrogance.

Startled for a while, Arissa then instinctively knew it was Danna.

“Are you Danna?” Her doubts slowly vanished.

On the other end, Danna was shocked as she was not expecting Arissa to recognize her so quickly.

Nevertheless, she did not mind it anymore as she was looking for Arissa, anyway.

“Let’s have lunch together. My treat!” Danna spoke frigidly.

Arissa chuckled. “Ms. Adams, I didn’t realize we’re that close to having meals together.”

She scoffed silently. I’m not gonna do whatever you say! Besides, I have nothing to say to you. Plus, I have a rough guess of what you’re up to.

"Don't you want to know what happened before?" Danna asked.

Arisa clenched her fists. "What are you up to?"

Upon hearing Danna's question, she was sure the woman had recognized her.

"Come to Sim Restaurant to find out. I'll be waiting here!" Danna hung up and waited in silence. She was confident that Arissa would show up.

"Might as well meet up since she has already recognized me. Let's see what she has up her sleeve." Arissa packed her things while gritting her teeth and left.

"Ms. York!" Ethen bumped into Arissa, who was entering the elevator.

After realizing it was him, she pressed the button to prevent the door from closing.

"Yes, Mr. Frank?"

"Oh, Mr. Graham wants you to see him!"

"Now?" Frowning, Arissa complained silently.

"I'm a bit busy now. Can I go later?"

Sensing that she was about to go somewhere, he quickly asked, "Are you going on a date?"

Arisa was stunned. "I guess so! It's at Sim Restaurant."

Ethen could not help pondering to himself. She must be seeing someone? Otherwise, why would she be in such a hurry?

"But Mr. Graham wants you to see him now!" Ethen said apologetically and silently decided. I guess I'd better help the poor Mr. Graham before she gets taken by someone else.

After a moment of hesitation, Arissa finally pressed the top floor button to see Benjamin.

Well, I guess I'll have to make Danna wait. Arissa could not let Danna control her. She had been tricked five years ago, and she would never let her have the opportunity to do so again.

However, Arissa was a little puzzled at the sudden demand. I thought we had a rather unpleasant encounter this morning. But, it's already lunchtime. Does Benjamin want to discuss work? Aren't we supposed to discuss it during office hours instead?

Shortly afterward, she came to his office and knocked on the door.

"Come in!" Benjamin did not look up as if he was expecting someone.

Arissa skimmed at the man's face a few times and stopped in front of his desk. "Yes, Mr. Graham?"

Benjamin looked up, peered at her, and then leaned back.

Her heart thumped at his piercing glance.

"Mr. Graham?" she asked quietly.

He glanced at the bag in her hand. "Heading out?"

"Yes, something came up." Arissa was puzzled by the man's intentions.

"What is it?"

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 160 Praise From Benjamin

Benjamin got up and approached her. His unsmiling and solemn face could stress anyone out.

Arissa's eyes flickered before she replied, "It's personal!"

Benjamin cast a mocking gaze. "Is it a date? Looks like you're not competent in your job at all!"

He was secretly irritated as he assumed Arissa might have gone out to meet a man.

Angered by Benjamin's words, she glared at him and uttered, "I can go wherever I want after working hours!"

How can he call me an incompetent worker just because I go out for lunch? He is out of his mind!

Benjamin examined her face before returning to his seat. His fingers tapped the desk contemplatively.

Arissa furrowed her eyebrows peevishly. "Mr. Graham, if you have something to say, just say it."

She wondered what Benjamin was up to.

"Give me a report on your work progress!" Benjamin ordered her grimly. For some reason, he did not want to make life easy for Arissa.

Arissa froze for a moment. She noticed the stern expression on Benjamin's face.

Despite her annoyance, she was obligated to follow his instructions even though it was currently after hours. She was a well-paid employee, so she had no reason to ignore him.

Arissa put her bag down and quickly composed herself. Then, she relayed her work progress to Benjamin in an orderly manner.

Just like that, half an hour had passed before the briefing ended.

"That is all. What are your orders, Mr. Graham?" asked Arissa.

Benjamin looked up at the woman in front of him. He was impressed with her high efficiency and proper planning.

"Nice work!" Benjamin nodded.

Arissa was surprised to hear that. She did not think Benjamin would praise her. Pleased with her boss's approval, she let out a sigh of relief.

"Thank you for the compliment, Mr. Graham. It's all part of my job, after all," said Arissa.

Benjamin stared at her. He could feel her glowing with humility and confidence.

When Arissa was about to excuse herself, her stomach picked that moment to let out a loud growl that sounded throughout the quiet office.

Embarrassed, Arissa met Benjamin's gaze. Her cheeks had turned completely red. Right then, she wanted so badly to dig a hole and hide from the shame.

Benjamin peered at her rosy cheeks. He was tempted to give them a pinch.

He gulped as his fingers twitched a little. "I'm hungry too. Let's get some food, shall we?"

With that, he walked toward the lounge area.

Arissa snuck a glance at the man. She felt her heart skipped a beat. I'm going to dine with him again?

"Are you coming or not?" Benjamin turned around with a stern gaze when he realized Arissa was not behind him.

“Erm...” Arissa wanted to say something, but she eventually bit her tongue and went after him.

When she arrived, the food was already served. Arissa turned to look at Benjamin. It can't be just a simple meal, can it?

Ignoring her dubious gaze, Benjamin removed the lids and sat down.

“Have a seat.”

Before her very eyes was a delectable feast. Arissa could not possibly reject his kindness.

“Don't mind if I do!”

With that said, she sat down and helped herself to the food.

This is marvelous! I wonder where I can get the ingredients...

As Arissa relished the meal, Benjamin softened his gaze on her.

Yet, all of a sudden, he chided, “Don't speak with your mouth full!”

His words stunned Arissa. Her lips twitched. She shot the stern man a look in frustration. Am I here for lunch or for one of your lectures?

“This is how I eat. If you don't like it, I can leave,” she retorted.

Benjamin's gaze darkened in an instant. He glared at Arissa. “You know, Gavin...”

“Wait, Gavin ordered these?” Arissa blurted before Benjamin could finish.

A hint of uneasiness flashed across Benjamin's face, but he quickly regained his composure.

Arissa took note of the shift in his mood. She instantly brightened up.

“Thank you, Mr. Graham! I'll enjoy the meal!”

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 161 Messing With His Lover

The food seemed more appetizing now that Arissa was in a good mood.

She chose to disregard her appointment with Danna.

That woman will ruin my mood anyway, so I might as well eat as much as I can over here.

Right then, her phone rang. Looking at the number on the screen, she hung up immediately. Gosh, why is Danna so impatient?

Her phone rang another time, and once again she hung up. Annoyed, she put her phone on silent mode.

Benjamin looked at her and then at her phone. He asked, "Why didn't you pick up the call?"

"It's nothing important. I would rather not answer it," said Arissa.

Benjamin was rendered speechless.

He believed she was hiding something.

So, you won't entertain people you don't like, is that it?

With that in mind, Benjamin's mood lifted.

Danna sent her a text message. In it, she made her fury known: Arissa, come here at once, or you'll regret it!

Arissa snickered. Ha! You just can't wait, can you?

She replied: I'm held up at work. Do you suppose we can reschedule our meeting?

At Danna's end, she violently tossed her phone on the table after she read Arissa's message. Her face scrunched up in anger.

Nice try, Arissa!

Not one to give up, Danna texted the woman again: How much time do you need?

Arissa almost burst out laughing when she read the reply. Danna seemed to be much more frustrated than her. Next, Arissa chose to put down her phone to enjoy her lunch to her heart's content.

Benjamin shifted his gaze from the phone to Arissa's gloating face. Curious, he asked, "Who were you talking to?"

Arissa stared at him and answered, "Your girlfriend."

There was a pause before she added, "I was talking to Danna!"

Frowning, Benjamin asked, "What business do you have with her?"

Arissa scrutinized the man's facial expression. She could sense his displeasure. Is he crossed because I messed with his lover?

The thought somehow made her heart twitch. Arissa explained, "She contacted me first. Can you guess what she told me, Mr. Graham?"

With that, she lowered her head. Suddenly, the food did not seem as fancy as before.

Nevertheless, she made sure not to leave on an empty stomach.

"You were supposed to meet her, weren't you?" Benjamin asked, his eyebrows arched.

"Bingo!" Arissa answered as she ate.

Benjamin was relieved to hear that. However, his eyebrows remained knitted as he kept a straight face.

Arissa misread him. Her heart sank.

He still has feelings for Danna, hasn't he?

"Where had you two agreed to meet?" he asked. He had no idea what was on Arissa's mind.

"Sim Restaurant."

The restaurant was located near the company. Arissa would pass by the place every day to and from work.

At Arissa's reply, Benjamin nodded without saying a word.

Arissa kept quiet as she ate her meal.

Eventually, she finished her food. "Mr. Graham, enjoy your lunch."

Benjamin frowned when he noticed that Arissa had eaten so little. "Are you sure you've had enough?"

He glanced at her belly. Arissa blushed in embarrassment.

"Yes, I'm sure. Take your time, Mr. Graham. I have to go."

With that said, Arissa wiped her mouth with a napkin, grabbed her bag, and stepped out of Benjamin's office.

Benjamin watched Arissa leave until she was out of sight. This woman was clearly enjoying her meal. Why had she suddenly lost her appetite?

He did not understand it. His face darkened even more when he recalled that Arissa was going to meet Danna.

He promptly picked up his phone and made a call. "Follow her!" he ordered.

After he hung up, he stared at the remaining food on the table. He did not feel like eating anymore. He ordered the staff to clean up the table.

Meanwhile, Arissa had no idea that Ethen was following her. She headed to Sim Restaurant while she still had time.

When she arrived, there were not as many diners as she expected. It was still considered crowded as most of the diners remained at their table and were chatting up each other after they had their meal.

Arissa scanned the place and found Danna sitting at a table by the window. She hesitated for a moment before she made her presence known.

"Ms. Adams, I'm so sorry to have kept you waiting."

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 162 Money Talks

Arissa sat across from Danna.

A spiteful look fleeted across Danna's face. With a smile, she mocked, "I didn't think you are one to be late for your appointments! I guess you don't really want to know."

No one has ever made me wait so long! Arissa must be doing this on purpose!

Danna cursed inwardly, yet she could manage a smile, albeit a disdainful one.

At the same time, Arissa swept a glance at Danna. "You wouldn't beat around the bush if you intend to let me know, Ms. Adams. Just say it!"

She reached into her pocket while maintaining eye contact with the woman opposite her.

Since both of them knew each other's identities, there was no point in hiding anything.

They might as well put their cards on the table.

Danna ran her fingers along the rim of her cup. "Why do you seem so certain that I will tell you the truth?"

Arissa was unfazed by Danna's provocation. After all, she already had an inkling of what happened five years ago.

She wouldn't be controlled by Danna.

Danna smiled. "You sure are calm! Don't you want to know how I brought you there back then?"

Arissa tightened her fists as her eyes burned with hatred.

"So it was you! Danna, why would you set me up when I have nothing against you?"

Danna had held her captive for over half a year. Every time she thought back to that period of time, she found herself consumed by animosity.

Never had she ever expected Danna to admit to her crimes directly. Does she think she's untouchable just because she's from the Adams family?

"It's your fault for having slept with the wrong man!"

Danna glared at Arissa indignantly.

On that fateful night, she was supposed to lie with Benjamin, but Arissa snatched the opportunity from her.

If I were Gavin's biological mother, Benjamin wouldn't have given me the cold shoulder. I would have loved Gavin if I were the one who gave him life.

All the while, Arissa wore a glum look as she glared at Danna, whose arrogance permeated her features.

"Don't you think I might tell Benjamin everything you told me?"

Back then, she had been tricked into sleeping with Benjamin.

She had no idea that was him in the first place.

Otherwise, it wouldn't have taken her so many years to find Gavin.

"I choose to tell you because I'm not afraid of you snitching on me. Do you think Benjamin will believe you?"

Danna stared at Arissa scornfully. It was an act of mockery as well as an attempt to feel things out. She wasn't sure if Arissa had told Benjamin what really happened.

As long as Arissa remained silent, Danna would have nothing to worry about. She could allow Arissa to leave.

Meanwhile, Arissa suppressed her anger. She's right. Benjamin wouldn't believe in me even if I told him. I came clean to him last night and he didn't believe me at all.

Annoyed, Arissa glowered at Danna. "Cut the crap! What are you trying to imply?"

"Leave Benjamin!"

Danna eyed Arissa arrogantly as she leaned against her chair.

At that moment, Arissa found the situation quite amusing.

"I want you to leave him. Don't ever show your face in front of him again. Do that, and I can pay you handsomely!"

Danna took out a check she had written prior the meeting. It was worth two million. She placed it on the table and pushed it toward the other woman.

After glancing at it, Arissa smirked.

"Ms. Adams, do you think I can be bribed with money? You kidnapped my children!"

Arissa saw red. She wished that she could get rid of the vicious woman.

This is far from over! I have a score to settle with you! You better get your head out of the clouds!

Danna merely tucked a strand of hair behind her ear. Then, she declared, "Do you have proof that I did that? Watch your tongue, lest I sue you for slander!"

"Just a minute ago, you admitted to locking me up. Now, you say you didn't kidnap my children? If it hadn't been for you, my son wouldn't have been used as a pawn for you to get close to Benjamin! You can lie all you want to a child, but you won't be able to deceive me! Do you have what it takes to take me on in front of Benjamin?"

"Do you think he will keep spoiling you if he finds out what you have done? How can you be sure he loves you? Will he leave you hanging for five years without marrying you if he really loves you? Forgive me for my ignorance, for I don't understand love, but now I see that true love is something that can be delayed for years on end!"

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 163 So What If I Did

Arissa kept on pushing Danna's buttons. After all, she wasn't a pushover.

If it hadn't been for Danna's scheme five years ago, she wouldn't have been imprisoned for such a long time and failed to protect her children.

Meanwhile, Danna's face was livid with anger. She grasped her bag so hard that her nails dug into it.

"So what if I am the culprit? Benjamin will eventually forgive me. If he had any inclination to hold me accountable, he would've done so when he found out I'd been mistreating Gavin.

"Yet, he didn't do that, which proves that he still loves me. Compared to your son, I am more important to him. You will never understand our relationship. The only reason he hasn't married me is because my actions have irked him. One day, he will forgive me."

Although Danna sounded confident when she bit back, she was actually skeptical. Benjamin had been refusing to see her as of late.

Arisa must be behind this. Benjamin even saved her when I slipped up last night.

The thought left Danna enraged.

"Benjamin wouldn't have allowed a nobody to give birth to his children if he had known about it!"

Arisa glared at Danna's cocky face. She's trying to irritate me.

With a smirk, she questioned, "So, you didn't count on me giving birth to his children, did you?"

Benjamin's treatment of Gavin wasn't as heartless as Danna claimed to be.

All the hurt that Gavin received, he got them from Danna.

Gritting her teeth, Arissa declared, "Danna, don't you dare assume that your crimes have gone unnoticed. You will get your karma in due time!"

"Karma?"

Danna smiled, unaffected by the claim. "Do you plan on enacting your revenge? Do you think you stand a chance against me?"

Determined not to let the guilty roam free, Arissa stood her ground despite Danna's provocation.

"Why would you need to chase me away if you're certain that Benjamin is devoted to you? From the way I see it, you aren't sure how he feels about you! Tell me, what do you think are the chances of me snatching him away from you?"

Danna's face contorted with anger, but she quickly regained her composure.

"Even if you snatch my prize away, you might not live to enjoy it!"

Bloodlust fled across Danna's eyes, sending a chill down Arissa's spine. What is this woman plotting now?

"Are you angry?" she mocked.

"I never knew you are this flighty. I bet you're anxious. You're worried because you won't get another chance if Benjamin dumps you. Or rather, you feel insecure because you have committed a crime, and you are afraid of him finding out about your true nature. Am I right?"

"I wager that you're also behind the previous two kidnapping incidents. Unfortunately, you slipped up, and that's why I'm standing here unharmed. Not only did Benjamin rescue me last night, but he allowed me to spend the night at Yaleview. Why is he so kind toward an employee he knows nothing about?"

"Can you guess why he came to my rescue? Benjamin never was a loving man. To be frank, he's ruthless. Those who offended him all suffered a grim fate."

Danna turned green with envy as she listened on.

Has Benjamin actually fallen for this woman? Arissa had given birth to his children. If he finds out she's Gavin's biological mother, I won't stand a chance against her! I can't let her live.

"Are your kids still alive?"

Stunned by the sudden inquiry, Arissa watched her alarmingly.

"Arissa, you don't need to trigger me like this. You won't be able to bear the consequences!"

Triumphant, Danna forced Arissa into a corner.

"Take the money and get lost! You might live a good life with this. Just bear in mind that you will pay a heavy price if you dare snitch on me to Benjamin. He's not yours for the taking."

Danna held a blood-chilling gaze as she threatened Arissa. The latter felt like she was being choked, for she knew Danna wasn't above anything.

"You're overthinking this, Ms. Adams. I'm not interested in your man. As you said, I'm but a powerless woman. How can I possibly undermine you? No matter where I am, I will be targeted by the Adams family as long as you see me as a threat. After all, nobody is as cruel as you!" she sneered.