

You More than Anything in the World

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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."

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Arissa sat across from Danna.

A spiteful look flitted 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.

Arissa 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!"

Arissa 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.

“Arisa, 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.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 164 A Mistake You Made

As a member of the elite, Danna was arrogant and fearless. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have had the courage to do what she did five years ago.

Therefore, she was satisfied to see that Arissa knew her place.

“Relax, I won’t kill you, but I can make you suffer. As long as you make yourself scarce after taking my money, I will take good care of Gavin.”

All the while, Arissa sniggered internally.

I wonder what gave her such confidence. Gavin is already showing signs of autism due to her mistreatment. I doubt she would take care of him. Gavin would have a hard time surviving under her care.

“I will not leave here yet.”

I returned for an investigation, so I won’t leave before uncovering the truth.

The moment Danna heard that, her face fell. “You lied to me!”

“Oh, I wouldn’t dare. You have the Adams family’s backing, so you have no reason to feel threatened by someone like me.”

Arisa eyed Danna derisively.

At the same time, Danna chuckled in contempt. “You must be joking, Arissa. Why would I be afraid of you?”

“Were you the one who drugged me five years ago?”

Arissa interrogated Danna because she wanted to find out when exactly the latter had started plotting against her.

Frowning in disdain, Danna gave Arissa a once-over.

“Do you think I drugged you so that you could sleep with Benjamin? Do I look like an idiot to you?”

Actually, she had drugged Benjamin that night just so she could sleep with him, but Arissa ended up doing just that.

Arissa was startled by Danna’s expression.

“It wasn’t you?”

“Haha!”

Danna stared at Arissa with contempt. “Wow, you don’t even know who drugged you. You must have poor connections.”

There was a sullen look on Arissa’s face. If it’s not her, then... could it be them?

She thought of someone in particular, and immediately felt a sting in her heart.

“To be honest, I had no qualms about you sleeping with Benjamin. However, you got pregnant because of that one night, so I had no choice but to...”

After the brief explanation, Danna took a sip of her coffee.

It wasn’t until much later when she bumped into Arissa at the hospital that she got the idea to lock the woman up.

If she had known that Benjamin wouldn’t marry Arissa even if she had given birth to his children, she wouldn’t have committed the atrocities.

There was no going back.

“If you wish for your children’s safety, you should leave here immediately!”

Leaning in, she warned Arissa smilingly.

Hatred flashed across Arissa’s eyes. She grabbed Danna’s hair and smashed her head on the table.

Danna felt dizzy after the impact. She did not expect Arissa would resort to violence.

The cups clinked as they rolled off the table and onto the floor. The noises attracted the attention of the people around them.

Arissa only released Danna after she pounded her a few more times.

Furiously, she cautioned Danna, "Don't even think that I will remain complacent. If you lay a finger on my children, I will make you pay dearly!"

Danna cowered upon meeting Arissa's fiery gaze.

She quickly recalled that Arissa didn't have any backing. As soon as Danna regained her composure, she splashed the contents of her cup on her.

"Arissa!"

Arissa had expected this. She was able to duck in time, but she still got some coffee on her.

Regardless, she fared way better than Danna.

Danna pounced. She wanted to fight Arissa, but Ethen came between them just in time.

"Are you all right, Ms. York?"

Seeing Ethen, Danna's expression shifted as she checked her surroundings.

Is Benjamin here too?

"Why are you here?" she asked Ethen.

"Ms. Adams."

Ethen nodded. "I happen to be dining here."

Danna's gaze flickered for a second, but she managed to suppress her guilt, knowing that Ethen wouldn't tell Benjamin about what happened.

"Get out of my way! This woman raised her hand at me! I will teach her a lesson!"

"Calm down. Let's talk things through. You have an image to maintain. If this makes it to the news, your reputation will be tarnished, Ms. Adams."

Ethen tried his best to deescalate the situation. Nonetheless, a fight broke out between the two women.

He tried his best to protect Arissa so that Danna wouldn't get to her. Benjamin had assigned him to do so.

"Ethen, what is the meaning of this?"

Danna glared at Ethen glumly.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 165 Benjamin Sent Me

Stunned, Ethen replied smilingly, "Ms. Adams, I am concerned about your image. People are watching. What will Benjamin think if he sees you behaving like this?"

Danna's expression changed, yet she continued to glower at Arissa fiercely.

After that, she tidied her clothes and hair.

She looked down on Arissa proudly and said, "Just you wait!"

Then, she put on her sunglasses, packed her things, and turned to leave.

Arissa glared at Danna's retreating figure as hatred simmered within her.

"Are you okay, Ms. York?" Ethen inquired with concern.

Danna had always been demure in Benjamin's presence. I didn't think she can be so bossy. She must have been putting up an act around Benjamin. If Gavin hadn't broken the news, none of us would have known that she's such a nasty woman.

Arissa looked back at Ethen and said, "I'm fine."

"Thank you for defending me."

"It's nothing. I was just doing my job."

Ethen smiled shyly. "Mr. Graham was worried about your safety, so he sent me. You have him to thank."

Benjamin?

Arissa frowned, feeling something shifting within her as she walked toward the exit.

Catching up to her, Ethen studied her for a moment. He eventually noticed her disbelief.

"I'm telling the truth. Mr. Graham was worried that Danna might bully you."

Arissa whipped her head around and asked, "How can you be sure that he's worried about me, and not afraid that I might be tormenting Danna?"

Ethen had nothing to say to that.

Instead of going after Benjamin, Arissa stepped into her office once she arrived at the company.

She then took out the recording pen she had in her pocket.

She checked the contents and confirmed that it had recorded everything Danna told her.

Just you wait, Danna.

Determined, she plugged the pen into her computer to backup and save the files.

She could not get Danna's threats out of her head, so she called the children.

"Mommy!"

Zachary's cheerful voice came through.

"What are you up to, Sweetheart?"

The moment she heard her child's voice, her bad mood dissipated.

"We're resting, Mommy."

Zachary had yet to fall asleep, so he picked up her call on the balcony.

Heaving a sigh of relief, Arissa asked, "Where are your younger brothers? Is Gavin with you?"

"Yes, he is. The others have fallen asleep, including Gavin!"

Arissa let out a chuckle as she jested, "What are you doing staying awake?"

"I have things on my mind," Zachary uttered mysteriously.

Arching her brow, Arissa tried to pry for answers, but Zachary dismissed her concerns.

"Sweetheart, you need to listen closely to what I'm about to tell you."

Upon hearing her stern tone, Zachary responded in all seriousness, "I'm listening, Mommy. What is it?"

“Sweetheart, I met up with Danna just now. She admitted that-”

At that moment, she got a phone call from an unknown number.

Arissa hung it up and continued the conversation with Zachary. She said, “She was the one who separated us from Gavin. I worry that she might find and harm you, so I need you to stay at home and steer clear from strangers. Keep an eye on everyone, even the people who you know. Do not trust anybody aside from me and Mr. Hinton.”

“Got it, Mommy. You need to be careful too. We will protect ourselves.”

Zachary furrowed his brows as he contemplated whether he should inform his mother that Benjamin’s bodyguards had been following them.

Danna is a wicked woman. It’s time he sends someone to protect Mommy.

“Mommy, did she hurt you?”

“No. On the contrary, I fought back when she tried to make me leave Benjamin.”

Arissa didn’t keep anything from Zachary. She wanted her children to exercise caution by telling them the truth.

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Zachary rolled his eyes. “Don’t go anywhere and stay close to Benjamin, Mommy. Danna will not hurt you with him around!”

Upon hearing her son’s words, Arissa was greatly touched.

“Okay!”

Danna is so afraid that Benjamin will find out what she had done. Why don’t I just expose her scheme? Besides, she worries that I’ll snatch Benjamin away from her. I’ll just do it since it isn’t a bad thing.

This time, there was no way Arissa would stay quiet and let Danna manipulate her once more.

She hung up the phone after talking to her child. Arissa then reapplied her makeup and got herself in the best condition before looking for Benjamin.

Before entering the man’s office, Arissa took a deep breath at the door.

“Ben...”

Looking at the people in the office, Arissa halted. She felt embarrassed about what she had in her mind just now.

“Sorry to disturb you, Mr. Graham. You may continue.”

All eyes were on Arissa. She was stunned and was going to leave the office when a man’s voice suddenly boomed.

“Come in!”

Benjamin glanced at her and then to the other managers, his eyes darkening.

“Please leave us for a moment.”

The managers were speechless and exchanged sneaky glances at one another while pondering inwardly. There’s definitely something between Mr. Graham and this newcomer.

When they walked past Arissa, they wore knowing smiles on their faces.

Arissa greeted them with a polite smile, not knowing what they were thinking about, and walked toward Benjamin’s desk.

“What’s the matter?” Benjamin asked before she could make a sound.

Looking at Benjamin’s stern gaze, Arissa felt a little guilty.

Then, she gave him a brilliant smile. “Thank you, Mr. Graham!”

Benjamin raised his brows. “What for?”

“Didn’t you ask Mr. Frank to follow and protect me just now?”

Arissa sized Benjamin up but he remained calm, not as awkward as she thought.

“You came to look for me because of this?”

Benjamin did not shift his gaze away from her.

Arissa laughed. “And more!”

The man merely stared at her, waiting for her to continue. Because of his dominating presence, Arissa could not help noticing her heart was pounding loudly in her ears.

What if he isn’t that easy to be flirted with? Besides, we’re in the company now. Will he chase me out of this company if I were to enrage him? Should I stop?

Previously, Arissa was filled with confidence. Now that she was face-to-face with Benjamin himself, however, she was like a deer in the headlights.

“I wasn’t lying to you about Danna. You’ll understand what I’m talking about once you listen to this.”

Upon saying that, Arissa placed the recording pen in front of Benjamin, who then shifted his gaze toward the object before questioning, “What is this?”

“Evidence!” Arissa wore a serious expression on her face as she exclaimed.

Benjamin took a glance at her before taking the recording pen into his hand. Suddenly, his phone rang.

He grabbed his phone, and his eyes flickered.

“Hello? Benjamin...”

A woman’s fearful and helpless voice was heard. Soon, Benjamin’s expression turned grim.

“What happened?”

“I got into a car accident... I’m so scared... Benjamin... I’m bleeding a lot. Do you think I’ll die?” The woman’s voice was feeble and soft. One’s heart would ache for her upon hearing how weak she sounded.

Arissa knitted her brows as she could hear the voice from the other end of the phone.

“No, you won’t! Where are you?”

As he said that, Benjamin quickly grabbed his coat and hurriedly strode out of his office.

Arissa lowered her eyes, and her heart sank. How ironic.

She thought Benjamin had nothing to do with this woman, but it turned out she was the one who deceived herself. As her gaze fell on the recording pen on the desk, she walked over and took it in her hands.

Looks like I can’t rely on others for some things. It’s better to do it myself.

Upon returning to her office, Arissa still had not calmed herself down. A sense of annoyance arose within her as she pondered about the situation.

Danna, that b*tch! There’s no way this is all a coincidence. How could someone get into a car accident just like that? Is she doing this on purpose?

Regardless of whether Danna's car accident was coincidental or intentional, there was no doubt that Benjamin still cared for her.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 167 You Still Care

Arissa quickly made a phone call. "Bradley, find more people to protect Zachary and the rest of the children."

Bradley was stunned by her request. Coincidentally, the children had asked him to protect their mother just mere moments ago.

All right. I guess I'll have to summon all of them back.

"Also, I have some evidence for Danna's wrongdoings, but it's not enough to pull her down. You should look for more people," Arissa continued.

"I was just about to talk to you about this, Boss. I managed to locate the whereabouts of those two people, but I lost them this morning."

Bradley could not hide his annoyance as he recalled the situation. He did not send the children to school that morning because he was busy tracking down the two people.

"They're in Dellmoor?" Arissa frowned. "Where did you see them?"

Bradley told her everything.

After hanging up the phone, Arissa turned on the laptop and checked on the surveillance cameras of the location Bradley had informed her about.

Before long, she found the people she was looking for.

A glint of pure hatred appeared across her eyes as she scrutinized the woman who was walking out of the grocery store.

It's her! Yes. This is definitely her.

Using the surveillance cameras, she tracked their locations down and found out they were last seen in Olswick.

After that, Arissa immediately gave Bradley a call. "Gather more people and head to Olswick. Be careful not to get caught!"

"Yes, Boss!" Bradley quickly got himself ready and relayed her orders to the rest of his men.

Arissa's fists were clenched tightly beside her as she gritted her teeth in determination. Neither of them can escape!

Meanwhile, Benjamin had arrived at the scene of the car accident and noticed that Danna's car was badly damaged from the crash.

While wearing a grim expression on his face, he got out of his car and strode over.

"Danna?" Benjamin asked as he knocked on the car window.

Then, he walked to the front and saw Danna leaning against the seat with her head tilted, motionless. His gaze sharpened.

Benjamin smashed the car window with a few punches and opened the car door from inside. He placed his finger on her neck tried to look for a pulse.

Sensing there was still a faint pulse, he quickly carried her out of the car. Danna opened her eyes feebly, and upon seeing Benjamin, tears instantly welled up in her eyes.

"I knew it... You still care about me..." Danna coughed.

"Stop talking. Let me bring you to the hospital!"

Benjamin carried her to his car. He stepped on the accelerator and quickly sent her to the hospital.

Outside of the emergency room, Benjamin waited and stared at the door intently. No one knew what he was thinking.

"I've found the driver who fled, Mr. Graham," one of his bodyguards reported.

"Did you investigate it thoroughly?" Benjamin's voice was low. One could tell based on his demeanor that he meant business now.

"The driver was hellbent on keeping his mouth shut at first, but he eventually spilled everything after we threatened him. He admitted he was instructed to cause the accident."

The bodyguard then continued, "We couldn't find out who was the person who made the instruction as the deal was made through an online platform. All we know is that he was instructed to hit the car as long as no one died from the accident."

He told his employer all of the information he got out of the driver in question.

Upon hearing that, Benjamin's brows furrowed. No information on the person who gave the instruction?

“Give the information to Ethen and ask him to check again!”

“Yes!” At Benjamin’s behest, the bodyguard quickly left and did as he was told.

Meanwhile, Ethen felt slightly gloated after knowing that Danna was involved in a car accident. However, upon finding out Benjamin was with her, he helplessly let out a sigh and proceeded to investigate the ordeal as he was ordered.

As he got more information, Ethen’s expression became increasingly sullen as a frown slowly appeared across his face.

Should I tell Mr. Graham about this? Or should I make a phone call first?

At the same time, Gavin was in the computer lab at his school. He wore a grim expression as he stared at the computer screen. There was a hint of disappointment in the little boy’s eyes.

Just then, his phone rang.

Zachary was beside him. “Are you afraid?” He doesn’t look like he’s afraid, though.

Gavin turned around and looked at his younger brother. The hostility on his little face faded slightly.

“I’ve decided. I’ll stay with you guys and Mommy!” the boy exclaimed. Mommy has been exposed, and she’s in danger.

Upon hearing that, Zachary blinked his little eyes and responded, “Sure! As long as your dad doesn’t try to snatch you away.”

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 168 He Should Not Want Me

Zachary wondered if they should go somewhere else instead.

He was not afraid of them, but he did not want to expose his mother to any danger.

“Hmph! He should not want me.”

Gavin was outraged when he saw Benjamin appear at the scene. Raw anger shot through him.

“Are you going to get that?”

Zachary reminded Gavin that his phone was still ringing.

Gavin answered the call. “What’s up?”

When Ethen heard the cold, icy voice on the other end of the phone, it reminded him of Benjamin. He shuddered.

“Gavin, I found something. Danna’s accident...”

“I did it. You can tell Benjamin!”

Ethen was put in a spot when he heard that. Gavin did not intend to hide the truth from his father.

It had been quite tense between both father and son. Ethen thought that telling Benjamin about the incident might strain the relationship even more.

“Gavin...”

Before Ethen could say what was on his mind, Gavin had already hung up.

“We need to leave now. Do you know a good hiding place?” Gavin asked Zachary.

Now that Ethen was aware of the matter, Benjamin would know about it sooner or later.

Gavin never intended to hide what he had done.

Danna had tried to make things difficult for his mother so many times. That woman had even mistreated him. He was determined not let her off. She had even used them to threaten his mother.

Zachary’s eyes lit up.

“Yes, but Mommy wouldn’t want to leave with us so soon. Why don’t we take it slow?”

“No, we can’t do that. Do you think Benjamin will let you stay out for long now that he knows who you are?”

They would not be able to leave once he caught them.

Gavin’s eyes had a brilliant glint.

Zachary stroked his chin. “You’re right! Should we leave now?”

Gavin nodded. “Where are Oliver and the others?”

“They said they were going to the washroom. The three of them have been gone for quite a while.”

Zachary recalled what Arissa had told him. Frowning, he quickly stepped out.

“Hey, Mr. York! Where do you think you are going?”

The teacher could not tell the brothers apart. So, he addressed them all as ‘Mr. York’ for good measure.

“Teacher, I need to use the washroom!”

Zachary put on a serious look. It was very convincing.

“Sure!” The teacher smiled kindly at him.

“Teacher, I need to go too!”

Gavin immediately followed Zachary, leaving the teacher speechless.

Olivier, Jasper, and Jesse were surrounded by a group of men as soon as they came out of the washroom.

“Hey, kids. Why don’t you follow me? I can get you some candy.”

The children exchanged looks. The men did not look like they had good intentions.

Do these men think we’re dumb just because we’re children? Do they think they can buy our trust so easily?

Oliver and Jasper huddled together, blocking Jesse from view. All three of them looked warily at the men.

“Who are you? We don’t know you.”

“Who we are isn’t important. Your mother asked us to pick you up. Come with us.”

Oliver and Jasper looked at each other. They acted quickly.

The men were taken by surprise. Within minutes, they were all beaten up and lying on the floor.

“Jesse, pass the rope!”

Jesse quickly took out the rope from her bag.

The three of them tied the men together.

“You...”

The men stared at the kids in disbelief. They didn't think they would be fooled by children.

Jesse stuffed the mops taken from the washroom into their mouths.

The men almost fainted from disgust.

"I'll give Zachary a call!"

Jasper took out his phone and was about to call Zachary.

Just then, Oliver saw Zachary and Gavin approaching and tugged at Jasper's sleeve.

"They're here."

Zachary and Gavin caught sight of the three of them and quickly ran over.

"What happened?"

Both of them looked at their siblings worriedly. They heaved a sigh of relief when they realized they had not been hurt.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 169 Woman At Forty

"Zachary, I don't know who they are. They tried to trick us. They must be up to no good."

Jesse gave one of men's face a hard kick.

Zachary went up to the men and kicked them some more.

Unable to escape the boy's blows, the men howled in pain.

Jasper and Oliver joined in.

The boys' kicks were hard as steel, leaving the men squirming in pain.

Gavin followed suit.

All five of them kept on kicking mercilessly.

Soon, the men were all beaten to a pulp. Their faces were now bruised and swollen.

Gavin gave them a warning look. "I have a question for you. Answer me truthfully, otherwise..."

The men nodded.

Gavin removed the mop from one of the men's mouths. "Who sent you?"

His stare was intimidating.

The men quivered in terror and exchanged glances.

"Your mother ordered us to-"

Before he could finish his sentence, Zachary kicked him in the face, causing him to bite his own tongue.

Tears rolled down from his face.

"Don't lie! Believe it or not, I could chop off your limbs!"

Jasper took out a knife from his pocket.

The man shook in fear. These are not children. They are demons!

"I'll give you one more chance. Don't make me hurt you!"

Zachary curled his lips and stared at the man.

"Spill it!" Oliver glared at the man menacingly.

The man stammered, "I-It was a woman. She ordered us to get you. She said she was your mother. We don't know if it's true. I'm telling the truth! I swear!"

The man backed off in fear at the sight of the knife pointing at him.

Jasper turned to face Zachary and Gavin.

Gavin had a grim look on his face. Could that woman be Danna? Has she found out about Zachary and the rest?

Danna threatened Arissa not long ago, so that was a possibility.

"How do you contact her?"

"She wanted us to bring you to Olswick. She will contact us when we get there."

The man was quick to confess. "We don't know her at all. We are only doing this for money."

The men were all ruffians who had just gambled away all their money. The woman had given them an offer they could not resist.

Olswick?

Zachary and Gavin looked at each other.

“Have you met that woman?” Zachary asked.

“Yes... She looks to be forty years old.”

Gavin was deep in thought. Is it really Danna?

“What is her name?”

The man shook his head. “She stopped us as we were leaving the casino. We don’t know her name. I have her contact number. Why don’t you try to get hold of her yourself? We really don’t mean any harm. Please let us go!”

“No harm? You wanted to kidnap us!”

Oliver kicked the man again.

The man did not dare to scream. He merely winced in pain.

Gavin shot a look at Zachary who stuffed the mop back in the man’s mouth.

He took the man’s phone and handed it to Gavin.

Zachary knew what Gavin wanted him to do, and Gavin expected him to comply.

The boys were baffled. As younger brothers, they had to take orders from their older brother. They did not like it.

Gavin looked for the woman’s contact number and sent it to his own phone. He then deleted the number from the man’s phone before tossing it back to him.

Zachary was bewildered by Gavin’s actions.

Gavin called Scott and Stanley, who had been standing guard outside, and asked them to come in.

You More than Anything in the World Chapter 170 Leaving The School

“They’re trying to kidnap children. Take them to the police!” Gavin ordered.

Scott and Stanley were shocked.

They did not think kidnappers would be able to enter the school compound. Next time, we should get inside the school to protect the kids!

The kidnapper wanted to beg for mercy when they heard that, but they could not do anything because they were tied up.

“Understood!”

After ensuring that the children were all right, Scott and Stanley dragged the apprehended kidnappers to the police station.

“We should leave now!” Gavin said to the other four.

“I agree,” Zachary nodded his head in agreement, while Jesse, Jasper, and Oliver were confused.

“Huh, what are you guys talking about? Did we miss anything?”

“Let’s just get out first. We’ll talk later!” Zachary said.

Jesse, Jasper, and Oliver nodded. They were willing to follow him as long as they stayed together.

“What if Benjamin’s other bodyguards see us?” Zachary was worried that the other bodyguards might catch them leaving.

“I know a place. Follow me!” Gavin replied.

After a while, five of them exited the school through a small opening in the wall and headed toward a certain direction.

On the other hand, Benjamin was waiting in the hospital, unaware that the children had left the school.

An hour later, Danna was pushed out of the emergency ward. Her head and limbs had been bandaged. She had a dislocated limb and a broken leg.

“How is she?” Benjamin tossed his cigarette away and asked the doctor.

“The patient’s suffered a severe blow to the head. She’s most likely concussed, so she needs to be hospitalized for a few days. The injury on her leg isn’t too serious, but it’s best she stays in bed and not walk around for a while to avoid further damage...”

Benjamin nodded his head in silence as he listened to the doctor’s advice.

“Benjamin... Don’t leave me...” Danna, still under the effect of anesthesia, mumbled Benjamin’s name.

The doctor and nurses looked at Benjamin in surprise when they heard his name.

Is this person Benjamin Graham, the big shot in Dellmoor?

“It’s okay. You’re fine now!” Benjamin grabbed her hand and consoled her.

“We’ll take the patient to her room for some rest. No worries, Mr. Graham. As long as she gets enough rest, she will recover in no time!” said the doctor told Benjamin.

He had a nurse take Danna to her ward.

Danna’s hand was still clinging to Benjamin’s along the way.

After setting up the IV drip, the doctor and nurses exited the ward in silence, not wanting to disturb Benjamin and Danna.

“I’m sorry... Benjamin... Don’t leave... me...” Tears spilled from the corners of Danna’s eyes as she shook her head.

“I’m here. Stop moving and get some rest!” Benjamin said as he held her head in place.

After a while, Danna finally fell asleep with her hand in Benjamin’s.

Benjamin sat at the corner of the bed, deep in thought, as he stared at Danna’s injuries.

Suddenly, his phone rang.

Ethen was calling him.

Benjamin frowned and declined the call. He tried to pull his hand away from Danna’s, but she gripped his hand hard.

He sent a text to Ethen: What’s the matter?

Taken aback by the text message, Ethen carefully replied with another text: I found the culprit, Mr. Graham. Are you free to talk now?

Looking at Ethen’s reply, Benjamin grabbed a random object and stuffed it in Danna’s hand. Then, he left the ward to call Ethen.

“Who is it?”

Ethen trembled at the sound of Benjamin's voice. Will Gavin be in trouble if I tell Mr. Graham the truth? But Mr. Graham will know it sooner or later anyway.

After a moment's consideration, Ethen finally told Benjamin the truth.

Chapter 171 Gavin Is More Important

"I traced the IP address of that person to Gavin's school.

"So who is it?" Benjamin frowned.

Don't tell me it's him again!

"I-It's Gavin, Mr. Graham!" Ethen said.

He thought that Benjamin would be furious, but the man's response was a calm one.

"Noted."

Ethen could not believe his ears.

Just like that? Mr. Graham is not angry about it?

"Don't tell anyone!"

With that, Benjamin hung up the phone.

Ethen came back to his senses and felt relieved. Quickly, he destroyed the evidence.

I'm glad Mr. Graham puts Gavin first.

"Benjamin? Why are you here?"

In the hospital, Shaun, who happened to be talking to a colleague, noticed Benjamin and walked up to greet the man.

"Are you injured?" Shaun added when he noticed the blood stains on Benjamin's shirt.

"It's not me. Danna got into a car accident. I took her here." Benjamin frowned as he looked at his stained shirt.

"Danna got into a car accident? Is she all right?" Shaun gasped.

He glanced at the ward.

“She has a broken leg, her head’s injured, and she’s probably concussed!” Benjamin replied calmly.

Shaun looked at him and patted him on the shoulder. “She’s going to be fine. Don’t worry too much.”

Benjamin peered at him without saying a word.

After a while, Shaun asked in a low voice, “You’re still concerned about her, huh? Are you guys...”

Benjamin’s facial expression was unreadable. Shaun brushed off the question and changed the subject.

“Oh, I have other things to do. I guess I ought to get going. Call me if you need anything!”

Benjamin nodded. He lingered outside of the ward for some time before going back in.

After turning a corner, Shaun called Kingsley and told him about Danna’s car accident.

“Serves her right!”

Kingsley felt no sympathy for Danna.

“You said Boss is there? Don’t tell me he’s still in love with that wicked woman!”

Shaun sighed. “It sure looks like it!”

“I thought you said that Boss was interested in Ms. York?”

Kingsley felt that Benjamin and Arissa were more suitable as a couple.

“Whatever. We don’t have a say in this. It’s all up to him,” Shaun said.

“Gosh, I feel bad for Gavin,” Kingsley said, apparently upset.

That woman mistreated the kid. Why would Benjamin go back to her?

In the meantime, the school was in chaos.

No one could find the five children. The surveillance cameras did not detect them leaving the school.

That was because the children had tampered with the devices.

Robert and the teachers got anxious. It had already been an hour since their disappearance.

They tried looking for the children outside the school but to no avail.

In the end, they had no choice but to inform Arissa.

When Arissa got wind that her children had gone missing, her mind went blank.

She almost fainted.

“Are you okay, Ms. York?” Her colleague, who was in a meeting with her, rushed forward to catch her.

Arissa was panicking. She slumped onto her chair.

She bit hard on her hand and came back to her senses. Then, she yelled into the phone, “Why is this happening? How did they disappear?”

Her hands trembled when she thought of the possibility that Danna had kidnapped them.

“We’re really sorry. We’ll find them as soon as possible!”

Arissa knew that now was not the time for questions. She needed to find her children.

She dashed out of the meeting room as soon as she hung up the phone.

Chapter 172 I Am Sorry

Arissa’s colleagues overheard her phone conversation.

They exchanged glances. “Ms. York’s kids are missing. We should join the search.”

“Let’s go!” With that, everyone set off together.

Before Arissa could hail a cab, her colleagues drove over.

“Ms. York, get in. We’re coming with you,” Charlie lowered the car window and shouted at her.

“You guys...” Arissa felt extremely thankful for the support. “You should all go back to the office. I just have to check things out.”

“Come on! Just get in the car, Ms. York. There is strength in numbers. We can save time too.”

Not wanting to delay, Arissa quickly jumped in the car. “Thanks, guys.”

“Don’t mention it, Ms. York. Now, let’s find your kids.”

Arissa nodded, clenching her fists.

Anxiety stirred within her.

How on earth have the kids gone missing?

“Ms. York, have you tried calling your kids?”

The reminder snapped Arissa back to her senses. She immediately called Zachary.

Hearing about the incident from the school left her in a daze. Danna’s threats were still lingering in her mind. For a moment, she was at a loss.

The call did not go through as Zachary’s phone was switched off.

Her heart sank.

She dialed Gavin’s number but to no avail.

What’s going on?

Arissa’s hands trembled in fear. She called Oliver next.

“Sweetheart, please pick up the call. Please…” she murmured under her breath in dismay.

No one knew how to comfort the distressed woman. They could only hope that it was a false alarm.

This time, the call got through. Arissa was surprised. Her hands were sweaty.

Pick up the call, Sweetheart. Please!

“Mommy!”

Arissa had her heart in her mouth when she heard the familiar voice coming from the other end of the line.

Slightly relieved, she asked cautiously, “Sweetheart, are your brothers with you?”

“Yes, they are. What’s wrong, Mommy?”

Carrying some snacks in his arms, Oliver walked over to his siblings just ahead of him.

Though Oliver's reply seemed relaxed, Arissa probed again, "Where are you now? Have you been kidnapped?"

"Nope," Oliver denied.

He dared not tell his mother that the bad guys had been taken to the police station.

"Mommy, we're not in school at the moment, but don't worry. My brothers say that we have to get to safety. That's why we got out."

Upon hearing that, Arissa finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Yet, fury rose in her. "Didn't I tell you not to go out without permission? Do you know how dangerous it is for you to wander around like that? I've been worried sick about your safety when the school told me you all have gone missing."

My children, why didn't you tell me in advance? You almost scared the life out of me!

"I'm sorry, Mommy. We... We got caught up in something and forgot to tell you," Oliver apologized.

"Where are you now?" Arissa asked, utterly livid.

"We... We're in Olswick."

Olswick?

Arissa's brows furrowed. I think Bradley is still there.

After asking for her kids' whereabouts, she told them to stay where they were. Then, she called Bradley and told him to get her kids.

"Ms. York, have you found them?" her colleagues asked after she hung up the call.

"Yes. They left the school on their own. You guys can go back to the office now. I'll take it from here."

"Let us take you there."

"No need. It's fine. Return to the office. There's still work to do. Sorry for troubling you all," Arissa apologized.

"It's all right. What matters is that the kids are safe."

She nodded with a smile and let out a sigh of relief.

Those naughty kids... Thank goodness nothing bad happened.

Chapter 173 Her Jig Is Up

"I'll get down here and hail a cab. It's quite far. Please go back to work."

Arissa waved goodbye to her colleagues before taking a cab to Olswick.

She contacted the school and told them that the kids had been found. She also apologized to the principal.

While she was on her phone, she sized the driver up, but nothing seemed unusual. She finally felt relieved.

Meanwhile, in Olswick, Bradley was keeping a watchful eye on the man and the woman.

He didn't know which building they were currently residing. He had to keep a low profile so that he wouldn't give the game away.

Nonetheless, he paid the beggars on every street in the area to watch out for the two. That way, he would know once they made their appearance.

So, after he received Arissa's call, he quickly rushed to her aid.

He spotted the five kids sitting on the terrace garden. They were eating snacks. They were so cute that he could not bring himself to stay mad at them.

"Hey! What are you guys doing here? Your mother is worried sick."

"Mr. Hinton!"

As soon as Bradley came into view, the children ran over to hug him.

"We are here for you. We wanted to give you a surprise," Jesse said sweetly.

Bradley was shocked. "How did you know I'm here?"

"We have GPS," Jasper answered, waving his phone.

"As much as we like visiting you, we have an urgent matter to tell you," Zachary said sternly.

Bradley raised his eyebrows. "What is it?"

Chills ran down Bradley's spine as Zachary told him everything.

That was a close one! If they hadn't been practicing self-defense since they were much younger, they would have fallen into the hands of the bad guys.

"We found that the culprit is somewhere around here. That's why we came, and... we called her just now. I believe she'll show up soon."

"Huh? What did you tell her?" Bradley was astonished.

Won't she suspect anything?

A hint of cruelty flashed across Gavin's eyes. "We told her that her jig is up. The police will be at her doorstep in any minute."

Bradley gaped.

"Now, we just have to wait for her to take the bait."

Zachary revealed a devilish smirk.

"Oh, my! You should have at least told your mother about this."

Bradley and the five children took their cover as they surveyed the alley.

The kids had already located the woman's hideout. They just couldn't be sure which room was hers.

Meanwhile, when Edwin realized Gavin was missing, he rushed to the school. He was anxious as well.

He didn't want to hide the news from Benjamin, so along the way he contacted the boy's father.

Benjamin did not pick up the call. Edwin had no choice but to call Ethen instead.

"Edwin?"

"Ethen, Gavin's missing. Quick, send out a search party!"

Staggered, Ethen walked outside as he continued to learn about the situation.

After finding out that Gavin was last seen at school, Ethen hurriedly got his men to check the surveillance footage.

He called Benjamin too, but the call was instantly cut off.

Huh? What the h*ll is going on out there? Mr. Graham hasn't left Danna's side. And now, he doesn't even pick up my call?

Left with no choice, he sent Benjamin a text message.

Meanwhile, at the hospital, Danna noticed Benjamin's active phone screen. She peered at the direction of the restroom. Seeing that the coast was clear, she grabbed his phone, hung up the incoming call, and deleted the phone record.

It wasn't easy to get Benjamin to stay with me. I won't let anyone come between us. If he leaves, I'll be stuck here on my own.

Ethen texted Benjamin: Mr. Graham, Gavin's missing.

Danna's eyes lit up at the sight of the text message. She immediately deleted that too.

That son of a b*tch is missing? This is great! He had better not show his face again!

A hint of smugness flashed across her eyes.

The door opened. Danna instantly put down Benjamin's phone and got back onto the bed, pretending to be asleep.

Chapter 174 The Captured Accomplice

Benjamin came out from the restroom. He glanced at the sleeping woman.

He approached the bed and noticed that his phone was not in its original position.

Briefly stunned, he picked it up. He peeked at the woman on the bed.

He checked the phone. There were no missed calls or text messages.

His brows furrowed. Just as he was about to inspect the application, Edwin's call came through.

Benjamin exited the ward before answering the call. "What's up?"

"Mr. Graham, Gavin is found. He's with Ms. York now."

Edwin received the news shortly after arriving at the school. Knowing that the children were safe had finally taken a load off his mind.

He then called Benjamin to relay the good news.

Benjamin's eyes lit up. He asked in a low voice, "I don't understand. What do you mean?"

Has the kid gone missing?

Benjamin did not seem to know anything about the incident, so Edwin explained everything.

Benjamin's face darkened. Immediately, he called Ethen.

"Mr. Graham, I've been waiting for you to call me back. I tried to call you-" Ethen rambled on anxiously.

Benjamin cut in, "Wait, you tried to call me?"

He cast a glance in the direction of the ward.

Upon hearing that, Danna gritted her teeth.

Such a nuisance!

"Yes, I did. I called you multiple times and even sent you a text message."

Ethen was puzzled, but he went on, "I wanted to tell you that Gavin had gone missing. Then, Edwin called me just now and told me that the boy has been found. I'm at the police station dealing with the kidnappers..."

Benjamin listened patiently. He narrowed his eyes, flashing a cold glint. "I'll be right there."

He turned to his bodyguards standing in front of the ward. "Follow me," he ordered, his face grim.

"Benjamin... Benjamin!"

Shrieks echoed from inside the ward, yet the man chose to walk away with his bodyguards in tow.

Meanwhile, Arissa finally arrived at Olswick. As soon as she got out of the car, she caught sight of the woman sneaking out anxiously with a man.

She directly charged toward them, and gave the woman a brutal slap on the face.

The woman was dumbfounded. "Why did you hit me?"

Just as she was about to return the favor, her gaze met Arissa's. In an instant, her face turned pale.

"Y-You..."

Slap! Slap! Slap!

No holds barred, Arissa slapped her several times in a row.

Blood oozed out from the corner of the woman's mouth.

The man next to the woman came at Arissa in spite of his guilt.

Bradley, who got there just in time, got hold of the man and gave him a good beating.

He exchanged a knowing glance with Arissa. At the sound of his whistle, his men surrounded the place.

"What are you trying to do? You cannot take the law into your own hands. It's against-" the man threatened, calling on all his courage.

It was a futile attempt, as Bradley soon knocked him out cold.

The woman wanted to escape. Arissa stretched her leg out, tripping the woman and making her fall on her face.

"Ms. York, please let us go. We have no business with you-"

Squatting down, Arissa grabbed her by her hair and slammed her head against the ground.

The woman's chin met excruciating pain as tears rolled out from her eyes.

She cried, "Help! Help! We're being attacked!"

She shut up when she felt the blunt end of Bradley's knife on her neck.

He ordered his men to take the two suspects into the car.

"Where are the kids?"

Arissa's anxiousness had petered out on her way to Olswick. She didn't think she would encounter the two culprits so soon.

"There!" Bradley pointed at the children's hideout.

The children deleted the surveillance footage, packed the laptop, and ran over to their mother.

“Mommy!” they shouted in unison.

Chapter 175 They Were Almost Kidnapped

Their excitement trailed off at the sight of Arissa’s stern look.

She scanned the kids from head to toe. Seeing that they were completely unscathed, she sighed inwardly, but she still kept a straight face.

“Now, tell me. Why did you skip school?”

Her fury made them jump out of their skin.

“Don’t you know that everyone’s worried about you?” Arissa snapped, seeing red.

Their disappearance kept the teachers and principal on pins and needles. When the school told her about it, she was almost scared to death.

“Mommy, I’m sorry...” Zachary apologized as he kept his head low.

He was sorry because they failed to inform Arissa before executing their plan. They wanted to tell her after they captured the perpetrators.

It was Gavin’s first time seeing Arissa swell with wrath. He was somewhat frightened.

He knew he had to take responsibility.

So, he came forward. He shielded Zachary and fessed up, “Mommy, I-I’m really sorry. It was my idea. I led them out of the school. I’m the one to blame. Please don’t be mad at Zachary.”

Realizing that her kids were afraid of her, Arissa did her best to contain her anger.

Bradley walked over to them and put in a good word for the kids.

“Hey, hey... Boss, hold your fire. They were right to get out of school. Who knows where they might be right now if they hadn’t?”

“What did you just say?” Arissa stared daggers at Bradley.

“They were almost kidnapped,” Bradley said as he gulped.

Arissa broke out in a cold sweat when she heard that. So, it's true. Someone really did try to take them away.

She turned to her children, but none of them dared to look her in the eyes.

It tugged at her heartstrings.

Squatting down, she pulled Gavin and the others into her embrace.

"I'm so sorry. I didn't know what was going on. I didn't mean to be mad at you. I assumed you were wandering around for no reason. I was worried you might be in danger. I should've controlled my anger..."

Arissa hugged them tightly.

If anything happens to you, who knows what I might do to that woman?

Zachary and Gavin secretly exchanged meaningful glances. See, what did I tell you? Mommy can't stay mad at you.

"We're sorry for not telling you in advance, Mommy. You must be worried sick," Gavin whimpered as he patted Arissa on the back.

"Please forgive us, Mommy. We should've told you ahead of time," Zachary quickly added.

"Mommy, I was wrong." Oliver's eyes reddened.

"Mommy, we know what we did wrong. Sorry..." Jasper pouted.

"Sorry for scaring you, Mommy." Tears ran down Jesse's cheek.

Mommy's so scary just now, but she's right. We're in the wrong.

Arissa kissed their foreheads and gave them a tight embrace.

"It was my fault for rounding on you without understanding the situation. I should apologize too."

She let go of them, caressed their cheeks, and wiped away the tears on Jesse's face.

"It wasn't your fault, Mommy." Zachary looked at her timidly. "It was ours."

Arissa ran her fingers over their hair.

“Boss, I think we should go,” Bradley reminded Arissa. They still had other important things to do.

Arissa nodded. She and her children got into the backseat of the car while Bradley opened the door to the driver’s seat.

“Sweethearts, are you hurt?”

Looking at her children, she acknowledged her lingering fear. I can’t imagine what I would do if I lost you.

“Not at all,” Jasper said, shaking his head.

Then, he and Oliver explained how they subdued the kidnappers.

Arissa smiled with relief.

Her children seemed to have great self-defense skills.

Nevertheless, she could not bring herself to let her guard down. They got lucky too. If they had encountered a skilled fighter, they might not be able to pull it off.

“Sweethearts, why have you come to Olswick?” Arissa asked when she regained her composure.

She looked to Zachary and Gavin for answers.

“We came here to catch the bad guys, Mommy.”

Gavin tensed up, exuding a strong aura.

Chapter 176 Help Her

“Mommy, that woman is behind it all! Our investigation led us to this place. Little did we know, Mr. Hinton is here too!”

Zachary glanced toward his mother who had her brows knitted tightly together.

I was right! Danna had been behind it all. That vicious woman deserved that accident. She had it coming for her!

Arissa wished Danna could vanish from this earth.

“Don’t worry, Mommy. They won’t get their way. I helped you kick her *ss just now. When we have collected all the evidence against her, she will have a taste of her own medicine!”

Gavin clutched her hand tightly, his eyes burning with hatred for Danna.

Arissa said, "Sweetheart, you said you kicked her *ss?"

Her heart skipped a beat as she remembered something.

"Yes, I sent people after her! But relax, Mommy, I will keep her alive."

Arissa's heart wrenched as she looked into Gavin's hate-filled eyes. She embraced him tightly.

"Sweetheart, I-let's not do this anymore. Mommy can deal with this. I will make that woman pay. You should enjoy your youth. I don't want you to have their blood on your hands!"

Danna has turned my child into a monster!

Arissa was heartbroken, but she did not blame her child for protecting her.

"I am sorry, Sweetheart. Mommy made you suffer."

"Mommy, don't blame yourself. This is not your fault! If anything, it is all because of that nasty woman!"

Gavin's attempt to comfort her only made Arissa choke up with tears.

"I will be fine. Don't worry about me, Mommy."

Arissa caressed her child's hair, took a deep breath, and suppressed her emotions.

"Mommy, don't cry. That woman deserves it. We are not afraid of her!" Zachary wrapped his arms around her and consoled softly.

Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse joined the hug as well. "Mommy, don't be scared. We can protect ourselves."

Arissa could not hold back her tears any longer. She wanted to bring all her kids away from here so that they would be away from danger.

Meanwhile, Bradley witnessed the entire scene from his rearview mirror, and tears welled up in his eyes.

"Sweethearts, don't expose yourselves unless necessary, okay? We don't know what that woman is capable of," Arissa warned her children.

The five kids nodded their heads. “Mommy, we’ll be careful. We already cleaned up all traces of us in the surveillance system, and we didn’t leave any trace of our identity at the scene. She won’t be able to track us down,” said Zachary confidently.

On the other hand, a frown appeared across Gavin’s little face as a sense of uneasiness arose within him.

I left behind a clue on purpose... Will Daddy help that woman?

Gavin felt his gut lurch at the thought of Benjamin’s concern for Danna.

With gritted teeth, he reminded himself that having his mother’s love was enough.

While wearing a determined expression on his face, Gavin said to Arissa, “Mommy, we should leave this place as soon as possible. It might be dangerous if we stay.”

Arissa paused. Just as she was about to question him, her phone rang.

It was Benjamin.

All five kids saw the caller ID.

Before Arissa could react, Gavin reached over and declined the call.

“Don’t pick up, Mommy!”

Thinking that he was just afraid of receiving a scolding from Benjamin, Arissa patted his head. “It’s all right!”

“Mommy, it’s not that! Benjamin knows about me and Jasper now. I think he wants to snatch us from you!” Zachary told her the truth.

Arissa was shocked.

How did Benjamin know? Why didn’t he say anything when they met?

“Mommy, he is sly as a fox! Hurry, turn off your phone. Take your sim card out, too, so he can’t trace the signal.”

Zachary snatched the phone over and removed the card for her. Following his lead, the other kids took out their cards from their respective phones as well.

“H-How?” Arissa was confused. “How did you all know that he’s aware of your existence?”

If Benjamin knew, why did he keep silent in front of me? He even looked at me in disbelief when I told him that Gavin is my son!

Chapter 177 You Will Regret This

Gavin's face was red with anger as he narrated the events to her.

"Mommy, he asked me to swap places with Zachary at night. He wanted to bring Zachary and the rest back to the Graham family, so he asked me to not tell you the truth. Mommy, I will never help him again! I hate him!"

Arissa was taken aback by his outburst. She hugged him and said, "Sweetheart, are you all right?"

"He didn't want me! I hate him!"

This child had feelings for Benjamin. Not so long ago, he was defending his actions. When did he develop such hatred for Benjamin?

Arissa looked at Zachary. The little boy avoided her eye contact and remained silent.

She asked gently, "Tell Mommy what happened. Why do you hate Daddy?"

"Mommy, he only cares about that woman! He doesn't even care about me!" Gavin bawled loudly in her arms.

Arissa was stunned.

My child is hurt by Benjamin's treatment of Danna?

"What did you see?" Arissa rubbed circles on his back, soothing the crying child.

"Once he heard that Danna was in trouble, he ran right out! He cares so much about that evil woman. I hate him! I don't want him anymore. I just want to be with you, Mommy!"

Gavin tightened his hug as he spoke.

At this point, Arissa's eyes were puffy with tears. "There, there. Don't cry anymore. Stay with Mommy. I will always be with you!"

If Benjamin wants to be with Danna, then let them be together! I can always raise my kids by myself.

Arissa was determined not to let Benjamin hurt her kids anymore.

However, she knew that the most important thing for them then was to find a place to hide. Otherwise, with Benjamin's capabilities, they would be defeated.

"Mommy, let's leave this place, okay?" Gavin's tear-stricken face gazed up at her pitifully.

Arissa could not bring herself to reject his request. Hence, she nodded and said, "Yes, let's all leave."

She wiped the tears off Gavin's face before asking Bradley to bring them to Lightspring.

Gavin sniffled. Then, a determined gaze flashed across his eyes.

Hmph! Benjamin, you will regret this! We don't need you anymore.

At the same time, Benjamin frowned as he stared at his declined phone call.

He tried once more, but the phone was turned off.

Benjamin's face darkened as he emitted a chilling aura.

"Mr. Graham, have you managed to contact Gavin?"

Ethen watched Benjamin's reaction carefully. The latter shot him a cold glance, sending shivers down his spine.

"That woman turned off her phone. Find out where she is this instant!"

"Yes!" Ethen was frightened. Why did Ms. York have to turn off her phone?

Even after some effort, Ethen was still unable to locate her.

"Mr. Graham, I can't locate her..." Ethen's forehead was covered in a cold sweat as he reported the bad news to Benjamin. However, he tried his best to reassure his employer. "I'm sure Gavin is safe with Ms. York."

Benjamin narrowed his eyes. What game are you playing now, Arissa?

"Is the report out?" Benjamin's eyes remained steely.

"It just says here that a lady had hired them. They did not reveal any address..."

Benjamin boomed, "Well, then use other methods to make them talk!"

Ethen rushed to get the task done. Within ten minutes, he got the information he needed.

“Mr. Graham, they say that the woman is in Olswick. We have located her on the satellites. She’s heading out of the city.”

Upon hearing that, Benjamin’s eyes flickered.

Trying to escape?

“Gather some of our men to stop her. Don’t let her leave!”

Kidnapping my son? You will wish you were never born!

“Find out who else she has made contact with! Leave no stones unturned!”

“Roger that!”

Ethen got into the car. He made a call to pass down the orders before continuing his investigation.

Meanwhile, in Bradley’s car, the group was about to hit the highway toward Lightspring when Arissa remembered something.

“Bradley, don’t take the highway. Use the small roads.”

“Is something wrong, Boss?”

Bradley looked at Arissa with concern through the rearview mirror.

“It won’t be easy for us to leave with the two people we’re bringing along. Find a secluded area. We’ll teach them a lesson first.”

Chapter 178 At Their Mercy

Arissa had a plan in mind. She wanted the culprits to pay.

What’s the point of capturing the accomplices? Her priority should be preventing Danna from ever rising again.

“I know a place. Follow me!” Bradley’s eyes flashed dangerously as he hastily informed his companions. They followed the trail.

Half an hour later, they found a dilapidated warehouse surrounded by overgrown weeds.

The place looked like it had been deserted for a long time. The gloomy atmosphere from the inside sent shivers down their spines.

“Let’s go!” Bradley and his men dragged the couple into the warehouse and flung them onto the ground unceremoniously.

The two observed the dark surroundings nervously.

The woman began to sob.

What are they going to do with us? They won’t kill us, will they?

The woman trembled with fear as she thought of the worst-case scenario.

“Feel free to beat them up. I don’t care how you do it, but make sure to keep them alive,” Bradley informed his men. Then, he shot the two a malicious look. “You’re at our mercy now.”

“No! Please!”

The two captives kicked the ground rampantly as they retreated to the back in a desperate attempt to escape.

“Remember to cover their faces!” Bradley instructed his men as he leaned against the door.

The men approached their captives and covered their faces with black sacks. Then, the pummeling commenced.

Arissa and her five children also gave them a well-deserved kicking for everything they had done, and left after they had properly unleashed their fury.

“Be good and wait in the car. I’ll be back soon!” Arissa instructed her children.

“Mommy, are you going to let them go after this?” Gavin asked.

Arissa stroked his head affectionately.

“We’ll let them go for now. They still have to record their statements. After that, I’ll attach a tracking device on them. They can’t run away from us,” Arissa assured him.

These two scumbags reappeared in Dellmoor just to kidnap my children. If we really let them go, they’ll surely contact Danna again.

“Mommy, that’s a great idea!” Zachary’s eyes lit up in anticipation.

“Mommy, do you know how to use it?” Jasper looked at Arissa doubtfully. “Do you need my help?”

"There's no need. I know how to use it. Just stay in the car. I'll return shortly!" she reminded them.

"Okay! Be careful, Mommy!" Jesse nodded obediently.

"Don't worry, Mommy. I'll watch over them," Gavin said.

It was time for him to take responsibility as the eldest brother.

Arissa looked at her children one more time, shut the car door, and hurried into the building.

By the time she got there, the couple had already been beaten to a pulp. They were barely conscious.

Arissa cued Bradley to proceed with the interrogation.

He approached them and removed the sacks from their heads. Then, he turned on the recording function on his phone and pointed it at the captives.

"If you treasure your lives, you better tell us the truth!" Bradley warned.

The woman and the man met Arissa's furious gaze. They were regretting not killing her all those years ago.

If they had, no one would have found out what they had done.

Damn it. I should've killed her while I had the chance.

"Ms. York, Danna ordered me to do it. She told me to kill all of you, but I didn't. I beg you, please spare me. I let you live, didn't I. We had no say! If we hadn't obeyed her, she would take revenge on us!"

The woman blabbered on without waiting for the interrogation to start.

"Were you the ones who tied up me in that building?" Arissa glared at them viciously, showing no sign of sympathy. She could not care less whether or not they had been forced to do Danna's dirty work.

She and her children almost lost their lives because of them.

She had no intention to show them mercy.

"It wasn't us. Danna sent other people to kidnap you. It was only later that I was told to take care of you until the children were born..." The woman quivered in remorse at the thought of the children.

She did not dare to look Arissa in the eyes.

If the children hadn't survived, there's no way she would forgive us.

"It was all Danna's doing. She forced us to accept her money and work for her. She would have hired other people even if we turned her down. She kidnapped your children and asked me to kill you. I couldn't do it, but I didn't have a choice. I was stuck between a rock and a hard place," the woman said in between sobs.

She continued, "We decided to abandon you and your children in the desert, b-but you somehow managed to survive, didn't you? That's all we know. It's all Danna's doing!"

Chapter 179 Her Parents Knew About This

Enraged, Arissa squatted down and grabbed the woman by the collar.

She knew that much.

"So, Danna ordered you to kidnap my children, did she?" Arissa asked in an intimidating tone.

The woman nodded in fear. Her face was as pale as a sheet.

"Y-Yes, she knew you were still alive. T-Then, she called us over to kidnap you and the children again, but we never had the chance until we spotted them. We decided to get them first," she explained.

Arissa could not hold back her rising anger. She slapped the woman hard on her cheek.

"You heartless scumbags! I can't believe you would lay your hands on children!" she fumed.

"Please understand, Ms. York. We were forced to do it. Danna took our daughter. If I don't obey her, she will k-" The woman choked on her tears as she struggled to finish the sentence.

"She threatened to kill our daughter... We don't have a choice."

"Tell me, why did Danna want to kidnap us?" Arissa probed.

"S-She wanted to kill all of you because she felt threatened by your presence. She wasn't going to let you guys live," the woman replied fearfully.

"I didn't do anything," the man said, his voice shaking. He feared death more than his wife did.

He went on, "I was just the driver. Danna was the one ordering us around! And my wife didn't do anything wrong to you either! She didn't kill you back then."

"Do you think I'm deaf?" Arissa glared at him.

She knew this man had wanted to kill them. It was the woman who spared their lives.

The man shivered as he felt a stab of guilt.

"We really didn't want to kill anyone!" he protested.

"Does Danna know my children are still alive?" Arissa decided to change the subject.

The couple looked at each other and shook their heads vigorously.

"No. We haven't told her. We couldn't kidnap you, so we tried to take your children instead. That way, at least we have something to show her. When everything was done, we couldn't inform her in time," the woman explained.

She paused for a moment, and said, "Actually, we only found the four children this morning. We weren't sure who they are at first, but they definitely resembled Benjamin. So, we decided to kidnap them first to check if they were indeed your children!"

They happened to be standing guard nearby Arissa's house when the four children came out together.

They were surprised because the children looked so much like Benjamin.

The kids were exactly the ones they had abandoned in the desert all those years ago. With that in mind, they decided to take action despite the risks.

They did not want to harm the children. They just wanted to lure them out and have them answer some questions.

However, they were caught in the act before they could bring the kids over.

"We just had some questions for them, but we were discovered before we could do so!" The man glanced at Bradley.

Bradley did not send the children to school because he was tailing the couple.

The couple had gone back to Olswick after successfully evading Bradley. They recruited some gangsters to help them kidnap the children.

They would have accomplished their mission if the children were proven to be Arissa's.

If not, they would let the kids go.

Thankfully these scumbags miscalculated, or else my children would be in real danger.

“Who else was involved in my kidnapping back then, besides Danna?” Arissa scoffed.

The woman shook her head and said, “I don’t know! I’ve told you everything I know!”

Just then, Arissa brandished a knife and pressed the blade on the woman’s face. With a gentle slash across the cheek, blood gushed out from the wound.

“Ah! Not the knife, please... On no, I’m bleeding! Ms. York, please spare me!” the woman cried.

“Talk, or else,” Arissa pressed the blade harder against the woman’s cheek. More blood poured out.

“Danna’s parents knew about it. Her mother came to see you once, but you were sleeping then,” the woman explained.

“What else?” Arissa asked menacingly.

Gasping for breath, the woman said, “That’s all I know! I swear!”

As soon as Arissa raised her hand, the woman fainted from the shock.

“Dear!” the man screamed in horror.

He looked warily at Arissa for fear she would attack him. However, there was no way he could run as he had been tied up.

“You! What the hell are you planning? You’ll go to jail for murder!” he warned.

Arissa laughed haughtily at the threat. Against the light, she looked like the Grim Reaper.

“Jail, you say?” Arissa snorted.

Chapter 180 Little Footprints

Arissa snorted, “Why didn’t you think about prison when you were committing all those atrocities? You obviously thought that I would not survive, right? Too bad. Here I am!”

She raised her dagger and swung. The man rolled his eyes and passed out.

“Pfft! What a coward. What should we do now, Boss?” Bradley saved the video and shot a dirty look at their captives.

Arissa drew back her dagger from the man’s crotch. He deserved it for attempting to molest her. She wiped her dagger clean against the floor before putting it back in its sheath.

“Mommy!” Oliver’s voice rang at the door. Arissa turned around to block the gory scene from his view.

“What’s wrong?”

“Mommy, Benjamin’s men are on their way!”

“Where are they now?” Arissa scowled as she exchanged looks with Bradley.

“They’re on the highway!”

“Let’s go!” Arissa berated herself for forgetting about him.

They got into the car and left the place as fast as they could.

Right after they left, Benjamin and Ethen arrived at the scene with their men.

“Are they still alive?” Ethen was shocked when he saw the captives lying unconscious in the warehouse.

“Yes.” Benjamin was certain.

Ethen gazed meaningfully at him. What does he know?

“Wake them up. The rest of you, search the place!” commanded Ethen. “Tsk tsk, what a horrible scene! I wonder who’s behind this.”

Who did this to them? How cruel. Almost as cruel as Mr. Graham!

Benjamin scanned the surroundings. There were footprints scattered all over the floor. He narrowed his eyes at the smaller ones.

“W-Who are you people?” The captives eventually regained consciousness. Their pupils dilated with fear at the sight of the intruders, especially Benjamin, who stood against the light.

“That is not your concern.” Ethen flashed them a half-smile as he radiated a menacing aura. After working under Benjamin for so many years, Ethen had mastered the skill.

“Tell me, who brought you here?”

“Are you here to save us? Did Ms. Adams send you here?” Unable to conceal his excitement, the man made the mistake of assuming they were being saved.

Ethen turned to Benjamin, whose expression remained unreadable.

The foolish man spilled the beans without being probed.

“It was Arissa. She brought us here. She beat us up-”

“And why would she do that?” Ethen snapped.

The man gradually realized that the people in front of him were not here to save them. He looked away from Ethen.

Benjamin stepped in and gave Ethen a meaningful look.

The man trembled when he caught sight of Benjamin.

“B-Benjamin!”

Benjamin shot him a seething look. The man almost wet his pants.

“M-Mr. Graham!”

“I see you are no stranger to fear. Did it ever occur to you, when you kidnapped Mr. Graham’s son, that something like this might happen?” Ethen thrust his foot at the man, then he nodded at the bodyguards.

Instantly, miserable cries filled the air. Painful shrieks echoed throughout the abandoned warehouse and persisted for more than ten minutes.

The couple twitched weakly. Death would have been kinder. Not a single part of their bodies had been spared from torture.

“Mr. Graham... Please have mercy... It’s all Ms. Adams’ doing. We did not kidnap your children! We only want Arissa’s kids. All four of them...” Terrified, the woman told Benjamin everything.

Benjamin’s eyes flickered.

Even Ethen couldn’t suppress his shock.

“Four children? What do you mean? Ms. York only has two, doesn’t she? Wait. Make that three if we count Gavin.” Ethen cast a look at Benjamin, who had yet to come to his senses.

“T-There are four children with her. We just found out this morning, and they all look identical to Mr. Graham,” the man confessed, still shaking.

Chapter 181 Quintuplets Instead Of Triplets

“We just wanted to make sure if the four of them belonged to Mr. Graham. I swear, that’s all we w-”

Ethen did not let him finish. He stomped forcefully on the man’s wound, causing the captive to wince as tears rolled down his cheeks. “Keep telling yourself that, you bastard! That’s all you wanted, is that right? Then why did you kidnap them?”

Benjamin bellowed, his fingers slightly clenched.

Arissa has four children? Are they mine? Not three, but five of them?

“W-We are sorry! It’s all Danna’s idea! She’s the one behind all this! She wants Arissa dead. She wants to kill you children too. She forced us to do her bidding. Please believe us, Mr. Graham. We told you everything we know!”

The man struggled as he begged for forgiveness. He would have gotten down on all fours and pleaded if he had not been tied up.

Bloodlust flashed across Benjamin’s eyes.

“Break their legs.”

“We’re sorry! Ah!” The woman fainted as soon as her husband’s legs were snapped in half.

Just because she blacked out did not mean she was spared. Benjamin’s men made sure the pain they inflicted on her was enough to keep her awake.

“M-Mr. Graham... please have mercy on us. I beg you...”

She finally learned that Benjamin was not someone to be messed with.

Benjamin wanted them dead.

“I’ll give you a chance to come clean. If you dare to hide anything from us...” Ethen flashed the woman a devilish smile that scared her out of their wits.

The woman told them what she had just told Arissa.

Benjamin's face darkened, sending goosebumps to everyone near him.

The woman wanted to pass out so badly. That might have been preferable to meeting his gaze.

However, she did not tell him why he only had one child with him, instead of two. Deep down, she was convinced that the other child was dead, and Benjamin would definitely take revenge on them if he found out.

Benjamin's heart broke when he learned about Arissa's mistreatment prior to giving birth, and how she had been abandoned in the wild after the delivery.

She is telling the truth. He recalled how calm Arissa had been when she told her story. Benjamin's heart ached some more. It must have taken a lot out of her to contain her fury.

"We don't know what happened next. Ms. Adams, or Danna, summoned for us a few days ago and ordered us to kidnap Arissa again. We didn't have the chance to do it. Then, we found that her children are still alive, so..." the woman went on, her eyes filled with fear.

A dozen bodyguards surrounded them. They might not get out of this alive.

"D-Danna has my daughter. She's threatening us with our child's life on the line. We have no choice but to do what she says!"

"Heh! You care about your child, but what about mine? Admit it. You are just a vicious hypocrite! You couldn't kill them five years ago, and you wanted to do it again now!"

Rage surged through Ethen's veins. He kicked them hard as vented his anger.

How dare they lay their hands on Mr. Graham's children! No, Danna is the most detestable person here. Don't judge a book by its cover. I didn't think she'd be so vicious when she looks so innocent!

"Mr. Graham, what do we do now?" Ethen asked Benjamin for further instructions. The latter had a stern look on his face.

"Take them to the police! I want them alive!"

Benjamin spoke in a cold manner.

"Understood!" Ethen waved his hands at the bodyguards, gesturing them to take the couple out.

“Hand in all the evidence. I want that woman to suffer too!” Benjamin did not mention who, but Ethen could tell that he was referring to Danna.

They did not expect to receive such breaking news that day as they had yet to investigate the incident five years ago.

If the couple had not gone out of their way to harm Benjamin’s children, they might not have found out the truth so quickly.

Chapter 182 Arresting Danna

“What about Ms. York and Gavin?” Ethen glanced at Benjamin. They had yet to track them down.

Benjamin’s eyes flickered at the mention of their names. “I will look for them personally.”

He then turned and got into the car. Ethen assigned one bodyguard as his driver.

Benjamin tried to locate Gavin but to no avail. His eyebrows furrowed in frustration.

Arissa and the other two children could not be found.

Is she avoiding me? Are the kids with her? Even Gavin?

Benjamin rubbed his temples.

Meanwhile, Ethen and his men had arrived at the police station with the two culprits. They filed a police report pertaining to their crimes five years ago as well as the attempted kidnapping earlier that day.

All evidence pointed to Danna, the true mastermind behind everything. The police swiftly sprang into action.

Danna had been expecting for Benjamin. Her call eventually got through to him.

“Benjamin, my head hurts! When are you coming over?”

“I’ll be there soon!” he said coldly, and hung up soon after.

Danna did not notice the wrath in his voice. Clutching to her phone, her lips tugged into a sweet smile as a blissful sensation washed over her.

I know it! Benjamin loves me.

Unfortunately, the police had come for her.

When the door opened, Danna hopped off her bed. She intended to greet her lover with a smile.

“Benjamin-”

She jolted when she realized that it was not him at the door.

What are the police doing here?

“Ms. Adams, you are suspected of kidnapping. Please follow us!”

Danna’s face darkened, yet managed to pull herself together. She was a proud Adams, after all.

“I didn’t do anything. Believe it or not, I can sue you for slander!”

The police officer confronting her was not afraid of her arrogance. They had Benjamin as their backing. Between the Grahams and the Adams, it was a no-brainer when it came to deciding who they would choose to serve.

“We shall investigate, Ms. Adams. This way, please!” the police officer said firmly. If she still refused to cooperate, they would not hesitate to use force.

Danna was furious. Panic washed through her.

Who told on me? Is it those two?

“Can’t you wait till I fully recover? I’ve recently been hit by a car. My head hurts...”

“I’m afraid we have to take you away by force if you refuse to cooperate.”

The police officer waved the handcuffs in his hands, indicating his comrades to get ready.

Apparently, Danna could not afford to embarrass herself as a public figure.

“Fine. I will go with you!”

She gritted her teeth and stepped out.

She also let her hair down to conceal her face.

The police had caused quite a ruckus at the hospital. Many curious onlookers gathered at the scene. Very soon, the crowd erupted into chatter.

One of them recognized Danna.

“Hey, isn’t that Danna?”

“It looks like her. I watched her movies before.”

“Danna! Danna!”

The crowd swarmed at her.

Danna covered her face with her hands as the cameras kept flashing.

“Has she committed a crime?”

“I bet she did. Why else would the police be doing here? Pfft! Idols! Who knows how trashy they really are under all that glamor?”

“Well said! This is especially true of female celebrities. They are never as innocent as they claim to be!”

The sarcasm and mockery kept coming. Danna had no way to refute their statements, for she dared not show herself.

She quickened her pace. She hoped to get into the car as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, she knocked into a man, and exposed herself by accident.

“It really is Danna!” someone cried.

“Quick! Take her picture! This is shocking news!” The reporters and paparazzi who had blended in with the crowd shouted excitedly as they snapped one photo after another.

“No! Don’t!” Danna shrieked horrifyingly, but her demand served no purpose.

The crowd was simply unstoppable.

“Back off!” The police fended off the crowd.

The crowd retreated, but their cameras never stopped.

Danna was taken into the police car.

“Danna, why are you arrested?” asked a reporter.

Chapter 183 Gavin Abandoned The Necklace

“Hello, sir. May I know what’s her crime?” the reporter asked the police officer when Danna did not respond.

“We will announce it once we finish our investigations. Keep an eye on our website for more details,” the police officer replied and got into the car without further ado.

They left the scene with Danna.

Dumbfounded, Danna looked at an officer in front of her.

“Who reported me for kidnapping?”

No one answered.

At that point, she felt deeply insecure.

Benjamin told me that he would be reaching soon. Why haven't I seen him yet? No, he could not have known what had happened. Maybe he is still on his way.

“Can I make a phone call?”

“What are you up to?”

The police officer stared at her sternly.

“I want to get a lawyer.”

Of course she would say that. She came from a wealthy family, after all.

“We will inform your family. Hand in your phone!”

Danna gritted her teeth furiously. Her face was smoldered with wrath.

She had no choice but to cooperate with the police.

Panicked, she clenched her fists tightly.

Who reported me? Is it that b*tch Arissa, or Benjamin? I must remain calm before I find out who's responsible for this.

Meanwhile, Bradley and Arissa took to the road with the five children in tow.

They avoided the surveillance cameras cleverly and managed to evade Benjamin's men.

“Mommy, Benjamin is coming for us!”

Zachary was keeping track of Benjamin's whereabouts.

Scowling, he looked at Gavin suspiciously.

“Have you brought anything with you that could have given away our location?”

Gavin shook his head. “No. I’ve blocked all the signals.”

Suddenly, a thought struck him. He fumbled for his necklace, the one with the bullet shell.

After examining it, he found that it had been embedded with a tracker.

“We are exposed!” Zachary wailed.

The very next moment, Gavin lowered the window and threw it out of the car without hesitation.

“Sweetheart!” Arissa exclaimed.

“Mommy, we have to leave this place as fast as we can! Mr. Hinton, hit the gas! We must not let Benjamin catch up to us!”

Anguish flashed across Gavin’s eyes.

Daddy doesn’t care about me at all. So, that necklace shouldn’t matter to me.

Arissa’s heart broke as she took note of Gavin’s sadness. She gave him a hug and stroked his head affectionately.

“You didn’t have to throw it away, Gavin. We can hide it elsewhere.”

That necklace must have meant a lot to him. He would take it everywhere he went.

“Mommy, I don’t want it anymore. It hurts my neck!”

Gavin cuddled in her lap as she patted his head.

Feeling guilty, Zachary glanced at Gavin. He felt bad for suspecting the latter of betrayal.

“I will gift you one next time,” Zachary promised.

Arissa couldn’t help but smile at his kindness.

“Gavin, don’t be sad! You shall have many, many more presents in the future!”

Jesse tried to cheer him up.

Gavin was stunned by their reaction. I'm not sad. What's all this about?

Jasper and Oliver nodded too.

"Next time, we will give you whatever you like!"

"I'm not sad!" Gavin pursed his lips and got back to his seat.

I'm just disappointed with Daddy for using such a dirty trick to track me down.

After ditching the tracker, they managed to lose Benjamin effortlessly.

However, they decided to take a different car anyway. They could not be too careful.

When Benjamin and his men reached the place where the necklace had been discarded, his face darkened. They were surrounded by crop fields, with no sign of the kids.

"Get me the necklace."

Gavin, that little brat! He actually threw away the necklace, huh?

The bodyguards hurriedly searched for the item despite feeling pity for Gavin.

Gavin, please stay hidden, or else you shall face Mr. Graham's wrath!

The bodyguards found the necklace in the mud some time later.

They returned it to Benjamin after giving it a wash.

Holding the necklace in his hands, Benjamin scanned the surroundings.

Chapter 184 A Bounty

In the wilderness, a village could be seen some distance away. There were no surveillance cameras in the secluded area.

Arissa, you better hide well.

After determining the direction, Benjamin continued the chase and commanded the bodyguards to extend the search range.

He had numerous methods to find Arissa and the kids as long as they did not go abroad.

Nonetheless, there were still ways to find them even if they did, but it would be more time-consuming.

At present, Arissa, who was dozens of kilometers away from Benjamin, let out a sigh of relief.

“How long will it take for us to get to Lightspring, Bradley?”

Bradley checked the distance and replied, “Hm... About an hour, if we’re fast.”

Arissa nodded and uttered, “We can have a meal there. After that, we shall continue our journey.”

They needed to get away as far as possible. Otherwise, Benjamin could easily capture them.

After arriving at Lightspring, Arissa examined the surrounding towns and eventually picked a quaint one. They skipped the dazzling shops and chose to eat at a plain-looking restaurant.

“Mommy! The evil woman, Danna, has been captured!” Jasper spoke in excitement upon seeing the entertainment news at the restaurant.

Arissa and the kids turned to take a look at the television. Indeed, the news reporter was announcing the incident.

Arissa’s forehead creased as questions popped inside her mind. Danna has been captured? Is Benjamin behind this?

The entertainment news ended shortly, and a broadcast appeared on the screen.

“Dear audiences, please be aware that the son of the CEO of Graham Group has been abducted. If you have any information or clues, do contact the police immediately! Ten million will be awarded if the child is found!”

Then, two portraits appeared on the screen. Other than Gavin’s, Arissa’s photo was also posted.

She was completely dumbfounded. What the hell! Benjamin offered a bounty to find us! Now I’ve become a human trafficker? Am I currently wanted by the police? What a cunning man!

The kids were confused at first. Soon, they were pissed.

How sly!

As for Bradley, he was shocked by the broadcast. Then, he noticed people in the restaurant were getting into heated discussions about the situation.

He whispered to Arissa, "Boss, why don't we leave now?"

After all, it was too eye-catching for them to be with five children. When they first came in, people were already staring.

Just then, the restaurant owner, Nina Binder, approached them to take their order. "What would you like to have today?"

She was stunned upon seeing the five kids. Their faces seemed familiar.

Suddenly, she recalled the broadcast. On the next second, her eyes lit up.

Arissa's heart skipped a beat.

"I would like to order a plate of spaghetti first. We are still deciding on the others."

Nina peered at her and nodded. She did not dare to question them. "Okay. Please wait for a moment."

As soon as she left the table, Nina contacted the police.

Realizing that, Arissa and Bradley exchanged looks. In the blink of an eye, they got up and escaped the restaurant, along with the kids.

Nina shouted, "Hey! Stop! They're the human traffickers! One of the kids appeared on the news just now!"

Immediately, the customers got up from their seats and chased after them.

Bradley hurriedly started the car engine and drove off. He continued stepping on the accelerator, going as fast as he could.

What's going on? There are still people behind us!

Everyone was persistent in capturing them. After all, ten million was a large sum of money.

Furthermore, all of them had a sense of justice due to their hatred for human trafficking.

Arissa, Bradley, and the kids were down to their nerves after getting rid of the people that were trailing behind them. It was an hour later when the police arrived at Lightspring, leaving them no choice but to head to another city.

“Bradley, we have to leave Lightspring at once! Take the shortcut!” Arissa ordered.

“Got it!”

After successfully getting out of Lightspring undetected, the group was exhausted and famished when they arrived at a new place.

Bradley went to buy some food, whereas Arissa stayed with the kids, afraid that someone might recognize Gavin if they were to head out together.

“Where are we, Mommy?”

Arriving at a farmhouse, Gavin was amazed by the scenic view of the mountains and rivers.

“This is our home!”

Jasper remembered the house from the photo. He was the first to rush inside.

Gavin was surprised.

Arissa patted his head and said, “We are home now. Let’s head in!”

“Wow! Finally!”

Gavin followed his younger brothers and ran inside.

The kids were overjoyed yet overwhelmed with curiosity. They began running around to explore the place.

Chapter 185 Hiding In The Countryside

Looking at the bunch of excited kids, Arissa was glad that she brought them here.

The initial destination was an old village. However, she suddenly recalled having bought a farmhouse in the past, so they came here instead.

After all, she was familiar with the area. As long as they had enough food and water, this would be a safe place for them to hide.

Hm... We need to store some grains. As for vegetables, we can plant some ourselves. I think we can avoid Benjamin for some time if we are self-sufficient.

The previous owner of the farmhouse was selling the property as they intended to migrate out of the country. Arissa came across the notice and decided to take the opportunity to purchase it.

The farmhouse was located in a relatively remote area, and there were rarely outsiders. Thus, it would not be easy for Benjamin to track them down.

Soon, the kids returned from a stroll around the farmhouse. They were beyond satisfied and could not stop complimenting it.

Jasper said, "Mommy, it's so beautiful here! There's a clear stream just behind the house!"

Oliver chimed in, "Mommy, I saw some fishes and shrimp in the stream!"

Jesse cut in, "There are snails too!"

"Mommy, the air is so fresh!" Zachary commented.

Gavin exclaimed, "I love this place so much! Is this where you grew up, Mommy?"

Arissa was relieved that the kids were satisfied with their new place.

"No. I passed by during one of my travels. I thought it was great so I bought it!"

It had been some time since she made the purchase. Five years ago, she got into trouble shortly after leaving this place. Hence, she had never returned after buying the farmhouse.

However, when she was abroad, she would often hire people to clean the place once every few months.

Arissa guided the kids into the house. It was rather neat but dusty as it had been vacant for a long time.

The last time it was cleaned was a few weeks ago.

"Let's get some rest, kids. Mr. Hinton will be back soon with some food, and we'll clean the place up once we've eaten."

"Why don't we clean now, Mommy?" suggested Zachary.

Arissa chuckled. "Aren't you all tired?"

The kids shook their heads and answered in unison, "No!"

All of them groaned about hunger in the car. Now, they were energized.

"Okay. Let's do some cleaning!"

Arissa then led the kids to clean the house while waiting for Bradley to return.

An hour later, Arissa and the kids sat on the floor inside the clean, bright house. They were all worn out after giving the house a much-needed cleanse.

By the time they were done, the sky was already pitch black.

Jesse rubbed her tummy and muttered tiringly, "Mommy, why isn't Mr. Hinton back yet? I'm so hungry!"

She had been repeating the same question since a while ago.

"Mr. Hinton must be getting us roasted chicken. It takes a longer time to cook. That's why he's late!" Jasper began drooling at the thought of scrumptious roasted chicken.

Upon hearing that, they imagined the smell of the roasted chicken, and their stomachs began growling, including Arissa.

She had been staring at the gate for some time.

Why isn't Bradley back yet? Did he get captured by Benjamin?

Still, there was nothing she could do other than wait while coaxing the kids. She dare not contact Bradley as Benjamin might discover their location.

Her energy replenished after some rest. After that, she went to the kitchen to have a look.

Unfortunately, there was nothing to be found.

"Oh no! There's absolutely nothing for me to cook!"

She sighed in disappointment. That's fine. I can still boil some water.

After boiling a kettle of water, Arissa poured each of the kids a glass of water to drink. After that, the six of them sat in the living room, staring at one another.

The kids were sweaty and dirty after cleaning the entire house, and Arissa could not help noticing. Hence, she suggested, "Why don't we take a shower?"

They're like dirty kittens after playtime. How cute!

"I'm too tired for a shower!" groaned Oliver while laying his face on the dining table.

"Do you want Mommy's help?"

Arissa could still bear the hunger. Nonetheless, she was worried about the kids. She forgot to bring food with them due to the rush. The kids must be starving...

Oliver sat up straight and responded, "No!"

Arissa put on a sad expression.

"You must be tired too, Mommy. We can shower after eating. After all, there's no need to rush now," added Oliver in an attempt to console their mother.

Arissa ruffled their hair and urged, "Drink more water, then! It will make you feel better."

The kids remained indifferent as they already had too much water. Instead, they whined, "Come back soon, Mr. Hinton..."

Chapter 186 Must Be Starving

After waiting for a long time, Bradley finally returned.

Initially, he had brought a couple of men along with him. However, traveling in a large group was far too eye-catching. Hence, Bradley tasked them with roaming the town and informing him if they spotted anything suspicious.

"Mr. Hinton is back!" Gavin exclaimed in joy upon noticing the shining headlights of the car through the window.

"It's Mr. Hinton!"

The other kids were thrilled too.

Arissa got up with a smile plastered on her face.

"Finally, you are back! We almost starved to death, Bradley!"

Bradley explained apologetically, "One of the car tires punctured on my way back. Hence, I got stalled."

He quickly grabbed the food from the car.

"Let's eat first and leave everything for later."

Arissa took some of the food and hurried into the house.

Bradley placed the food on the table. After washing his hands, he joined them for dinner.

The kids were gobbling up the food, except for Gavin. Still, he ate faster than usual.

“Slow down!” Arissa chastised as she was worried the kids might choke if they gobble up their food too quickly.

Jasper teased, “How could you say that, Mommy? You’re eating really quickly too!”

He was finally feeling energized after eating a hearty meal.

“I’m an adult, whereas you’re all kids! It’s different,” protested Arissa as she took another bite of her food.

“This tastes really good!” exclaimed Gavin as he took another slice of pizza.

Amused by his reaction, Zachary commented, “Of course! Pizzas are the best!”

“Pizza?” Gavin stared at him in confusion. Then, he turned to look at Arissa. “Are all of these pizzas?”

Arissa grinned. “Yes. These are pizzas of different flavors. Each of them tastes great!”

This was Gavin’s first time having pizza.

“I’m glad that you liked it. Don’t worry. I bought lots of them, and I also got us some pasta!”

Bradley got up to serve them the pasta. At that point, he had already finished several slices of pizzas as he was starving as well.

Anything would taste exceptionally delicious when one was hungry. Furthermore, it was hard for pizza and pasta to not taste good. Hence, Arissa and the kids could not stop complimenting the food as they ate.

Half an hour later, the group was stuffed after finishing up their scrumptious dinner. They were all satiated and reluctant to move. Hence, all of them remained on their seats, leaving the table as it was.

Arissa glanced at Bradley and the kids. “What a hungry day, isn’t it?”

Bradley chimed in, “No doubt! Luckily we were able to escape. Otherwise, we would be famished!”

Jasper patted his tummy and said happily, “This is the hungriest day of my life, Mommy!”

Amused, Arissa chuckled and turned to Gavin. “How about you, Gavin?”

Gavin nodded.

Indeed, it was his first time to experience such hunger. In the past, Danna would often leave him without food, but the longest he had gone hungry was half a day.

“I can still handle the hunger!”

The corners of Zachary’s mouth quirked upward. “Then, why did you eat so much just now?”

Gavin retorted, “You guys were eating, so I ate too. Wouldn’t it be weird if I just watched?”

Arisa watched the two bicker in amusement. Gavin has become so lively now.

“Mommy, I want to watch cartoons!”

Jesse grabbed her hand and gazed into her eyes.

Bradley suggested, “Which cartoon do you want to watch? I’ll play it for you.”

He got up and turned on the television, intending to play the kids some cartoons. Coincidentally, the news channel popped up almost instantly, and they were reporting about the kidnapping incident.

Arisa and the kids were utterly speechless.

Zachary scoffed angrily, “It’s going to be much more difficult for us to hide now. All thanks to Benjamin! He’s so cunning!”

Earlier, Gavin had taken a look at the location of the farmhouse and realized it was a strategic hiding spot. Only keen eyes would be able to notice the house. “He will never find us as long as we stay indoors!” he consoled.

Chapter 187 At Least Ten Billion

Oliver pouted in disagreement. “We can’t stay here forever. There are still a lot of things to be done!”

I want to earn lots and lots of money...

Jasper commented with a grin on his face, “We shall hide for some time and get out when Benjamin stops the search!”

Oliver flicked Jasper on the forehead and retorted, “Are you nuts? Benjamin already knows of your existence. There’s no way he’s going to give up now!”

Jasper ran out of words. Instead of arguing, he rubbed his head and approached Arissa. "Mommy! Did you see that? He hit me!"

Arissa chuckled. "You should fight back!"

Upon hearing that, Jasper backed down. Now that Oliver is in charge of the finances, that's not a good idea. What can I do? Hmph! I will just let it go!

While wearing a pout, Jesse added, "I shouldn't have wanted to turn on the television. What a party pooper!"

Everyone was amused by her reaction.

Gavin chimed in, "Indeed! Party pooper!" He never expected Benjamin to take such measures.

What a bad guy! How could he? Mommy will be accused as a human trafficker!

Bradley quipped, "Boss, do you think Benjamin will give me ten million if I turn all of you in?"

As soon as the words left his lips, the kids glared daggers at him. "Mr. Hinton, that isn't the right thing to do! We had a hard time escaping!"

Zachary narrowed his eyes and gave the older man a sharp stare. "Are you willing to sell us out for only ten million?"

At that moment, he looked like Benjamin.

Bradley was amused. "I was joking!"

Jasper commented, "Mr. Hinton, I'm absolutely sure that you won't get the money if you turn us in. Moreover, you'll be blacklisted by Daddy!"

Oliver adjusted his spectacles and nodded. "That's right. He might even give you a beating!"

Bradley was shocked. "Seriously?"

A gentle smile appeared across Arissa's face as she watched the banter unfold. She then added, "Don't you think turning us in for ten million is a loss? At this point, I'm pretty sure Benjamin knows about Oliver and Jesse as well. There's no way five children are only worth ten million."

Bradley's eyes instantly lit up. "It should be at least fifty million!"

Arissa's grin widened as she remarked, "No. At the very least, five hundred million."

If Benjamin had offered five hundred million, she might even consider turning in the kids herself.

The kids rolled their eyes.

Are the adults currently discussing our value?

Oliver was the first to object. "Mommy, do you think we're only worth five hundred million? How disappointing!"

We'll definitely be able to earn way more than that sum in the future.

"That's right, Mommy. Your expectation for us is too low! Do you really think five hundred million is a lot of money?"

Zachary's expression turned sullen. In fact, we have more money saved up, but Mommy doesn't know about that. Maybe that's why she assumed five hundred million is a huge amount.

"Mommy, I have five hundred million in my bank account. You should request for ten billion instead!"

Gavin's words caught everyone off guard, and the others turned to look at him in astonishment.

Bradley was dumbfounded. "Did you just say you have five h-hundred million?"

Gavin nodded indifferently.

Noticing Arissa's shocked expression, he explained, "That's the money that I have saved up so far!"

Even if Daddy wanted to, he can't do anything to the money.

Arissa was amazed. "Sweetheart, it looks like I'll be depending on you from now on. You're amazing!" With that amount of money, I won't have to worry about a single day of my life after taking revenge.

Gavin beamed and nodded. "Sure. You can count on me, Mommy!" he replied in a serious tone.

As for the four other kids, they were overwhelmed, staring at one another.

Apparently, they were stunned by the news.

Although Jesse might not know how great the sum was, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper understood its value.

They were well aware that they would have to work hard for a long, long time to be able to have that much money.

Chapter 188 When Will Benjamin Find Us

“Hmm! Do you think Benjamin will offer a bounty of ten billion?”

Zachary glanced at Gavin.

“I don’t know!” Gavin replied truthfully.

The four children were speechless.

Arissa smiled. “All right, let’s not talk about this. Take a shower and get to bed.”

They would be staying here for a while.

Whether or not they go back depended on what Benjamin would do.

If he wanted to take the children away from Arissa, she would rather raise them alone.

The children meant everything to her. No amount of money would make her surrender them.

Bradley rose to clean the table.

The children joined in.

Arissa did not intend to stop them. When they were done, she said to Bradley, “You’ve worked hard today. Have a shower and rest up!”

“You too, Boss. I have given my men their assignments. Benjamin won’t track us down anytime soon. When he gets here, my men will inform us at once,” Bradley told Arissa.

Arissa nodded. Then, she took the kids up for their shower.

Jesse showered in her bedroom.

After that, the other four joined her in her room.

“Mommy, can we sleep with you tonight?” Gavin asked.

“Sure! I’m going to take a shower first.”

Arissa hugged and kissed the children before heading toward the bathroom.

She watched the five children have fun on the bed before closing the bathroom door.

“Benjamin is in Lightspring now! Haha!”

Zachary giggled when he managed to locate Benjamin.

The man must be furious to have lost them.

“We can’t let him find us because he’s in cahoots with Danna!” Jesse snapped.

She no longer trusted Benjamin.

Jasper patted his sister’s head. “Is Benjamin the one behind Danna’s arrest?”

“That’s possible!”

Oliver nodded in agreement. “After all, Mommy hasn’t done anything yet. Furthermore, it’s hard to believe that the man and the woman would surrender.”

Zachary turned his attention to Gavin, who was in deep thought.

Zachary then gave the boy a nudge. “You’re awfully quiet.”

Gavin glanced at Zachary. He looked troubled.

“Daddy cares so much about Danna, so why would he let the police arrest her? Why had he changed so much in such a short time? Is it possible that he’s not the one behind this?” he voiced his concerns.

“That’s possible!” The four children glanced at him.

Jesse came over to sit next to him and gave him a hug.

“Cheer up, Gavin. You have us, and you have Mommy too. We’re not going anywhere.”

Jesse’s sweet and mellow voice was so soothing that it calmed Gavin down.

“Okay!” Gavin’s doubts instantly dissipated.

“She’s right! We’ll stay with you forever!”

Jasper patted his head.

Gavin didn’t like that. He frowned, releasing a fierce aura.

Jasper immediately retracted his hand and smiled cheekily. "It's just a pat!"

"How rude!" Oliver mocked.

"What did you say?" Jasper huffed.

Zachary smiled at them. "Say, how long do you think it will take Benjamin to find us?"

Gavin shot him a glance and uttered calmly, "Don't underestimate him. As long as we remain in the country, it won't take long before he finds out where we are. So, we have to be careful!"

"No way! Is he that good? We're hiding in the middle of nowhere. Do you think he can find us so soon?"

Jasper frowned in disbelief.

"Our disappearance is all over the news. The locals are going to recognize us sooner or later," Gavin explained.

Chapter 189 Not His Biological Mother

The four children agreed that Gavin had a point.

"What should we do?" Jesse muttered and turned her attention toward the other four.

It took them a long while before they managed to escape Benjamin's clutches. She was worried that the man wouldn't be kind to them once he found them.

"Don't worry. At least he won't find us in a while!" Gavin's lips curved into a smile.

"We already know that!" Zachary hissed at him.

Arissa stepped out of her shower to find that her five children were still wide awake.

"Why aren't you asleep yet? Aren't you sleepy?"

When they heard their mother, the children turned toward her and grinned. "We're waiting for you!"

Arissa smiled at the quintuplets.

"Give me a minute!"

She spent some time cleaning up the place, and went to bed soon after that. The rest could wait.

“Good night, everyone!”

She hugged her children and kissed them on their cheeks.

“Good night, Mommy!”

The children returned Arissa’s kisses, and went to bed as well.

It did not take long before they fell asleep. After all, it had been a long and tiring day.

Meanwhile, in Lightspring, a man stood before a window as he stared at the night sky in the distance.

His eyes were dark, and he exuded a cold aura from head to toe.

Ethen came up to him from behind and reported, “We’ve lost contact with Ms. York and the children after they disappeared from Lightspring. I’ve arranged for my men to track them in all four directions.”

He gulped as he observed the towering figure. He did not dare to speak out of line.

He had been excited when he found out he had actually fathered five children, but Arissa suddenly ran away with Gavin.

Benjamin broke the silence with his cold voice. “Any news from the police?”

Ethen tensed. Instinctively, he straightened his back and replied, “No. Not yet.”

Ethen glanced at Benjamin, who was practically purple with rage, and uttered, “Their disappearance was on the news just now. Once they show up in public, I’m sure we’ll get updates from our informants!”

Benjamin’s eyes flickered when he heard that, but he still had other things on his mind.

After some time, he uttered, “I want no harm to come to them. Assure their safety!”

“Sure!” Ethen replied with a nod. That was needless to say.

Then, Benjamin turned and headed toward the door. Stunned, Ethen followed suit.

“Mr. Graham, where are you going at this hour?”

“Back to Dellmoor!” Benjamin replied shortly, confusing Ethen even more.

“Are we giving up the search?”

“Increase the bounty!”

Ethen’s eyes shot wide. He probed, “How much?”

For him, ten million was more than enough.

“One hundred million!” Benjamin’s lips trembled.

He was sure that the woman would not be able to hide forever.

Ethen blinked and pushed his glasses up. That’s rather excessive, isn’t it?

Just then, Benjamin’s phone rang.

It was a call from the Graham family.

An old man’s voice rang out from the other end of the line. “Benjamin, where are you? Come back now!”

It was Darius Graham, Benjamin’s father.

“What’s the matter?” Benjamin replied calmly.

Darius took a while to suppress his anger before he spoke. “The Adams family is here!”

“Just send them away,” Benjamin replied coldly.

“What’s going on? They said you’ve had Danna arrested?” Darius demanded an answer.

“That’s right,” Benjamin confessed.

Darius was shocked to hear that. “Oh, dear! What happened between you two? Release her at once!”

“That’s impossible,” Benjamin replied curtly.

“Are you trying to piss me off? No matter what happens between you two, she’s still Gavin’s mother! What will happen to Gavin if she’s in jail?”

“She’s not Gavin’s biological mother.”

With that said, Benjamin ended the call and headed to Dellmoor.

Chapter 190 Darius Is Infuriated

The Graham family erupted into chaos.

Darius could not believe his ears. He thought he might have been hearing things.

He called Benjamin again.

“Dad.”

Darius did not like the sound of Benjamin’s rude tone, but he decided to let it slide for now.

“What did you say? Danna is not Gavin’s biological mother?”

“That’s right,” Benjamin replied flatly.

“How is that possible?”

Darius was confused.

“Watch the news. You’ll get your answers there.”

Just like that, Benjamin ended the call again.

In truth, Darius had just returned from the village. He had not caught up with the news. The Adams family had arrived the minute he returned. He had absolutely no knowledge of what had happened when he was away.

“Turn on the news. Quick!”

He urged Edwin to switch on the television. At the same time, he scrolled through the news on his phone.

“Attention to all viewers. Kindly contact the number below or the local police should you have any information about their whereabouts. The reward is one hundred million.”

Darius and Edwin were shocked.

“What’s going on? Is Gavin missing? What are you waiting for? Call him!”

Darius felt rage rising within him.

He failed to take note that the news was talking about five children, not just Gavin, but he had gotten worried when he caught sight of Gavin’s picture.

Frowning, Edwin tried to call Gavin. “Old Mr. Graham, I can’t reach him!”

Darius slapped his thighs in annoyance. "Why didn't that b*stard inform me about his son's disappearance? He's such a horrible father!"

"Don't worry, Old Mr. Graham. I'm sure Mr. Graham has ordered a search party."

Edwin quickly comforted the old man.

Darius' face grew dark as his anger simmered. He scrolled through his phone some more before finally landing on a news article.

As he read the content, he nearly smashed his phone onto the floor.

"Old Mr. Graham, what's in the news?"

Edwin noticed that the old man had gotten even more furious.

"See for yourself. That b*tch! How dare she do that to my grandson!"

Darius passed his phone to Edwin before he exited the study, supported by his walking cane. The Adams family had not left.

Zayden and Vivian got to their feet the moment they saw Darius.

"Mr. Graham, what did Benjamin say?"

The couple was frowning, looking troubled. After all, Benjamin had suddenly arrested their daughter, and they couldn't bail her out.

It took some time, but they eventually found out that it was Benjamin who ratted Danna out. They tried to contact him, but the man would not answer their calls. Hence, they could only beg Darius for mercy.

Darius shot the couple a cold gaze as he stood there. His walking cane supported his weight.

"Please leave, and don't come back."

The Adams exchanged glances before Vivian spoke up, ridden with anxiety.

"Mr. Graham, we are out of options. We can't get in touch with Benjamin. Youngsters these days are so mean. They shouldn't have made such a fuss. It will be bad if the public finds out about Danna's imprisonment."

Darius chuckled. "Benjamin may be mean, but he's nothing compared to your daughter!"

The couple's faces fell. They worried that Darius might have gotten wind of the truth.

Darius gave the two a deadly stare as he exuded a terrifying aura.

He knew what they were thinking.

The two had come begging, taking advantage of the possibility that he knew nothing about the case.

Darius would have felt sorry for Danna, but that time had passed.

"Your daughter mistreated my grandson! How dare she! I suppose she didn't have what it takes to love him because she's not his biological mother. What on earth do you take us for?"

Zayden's face instantly paled. Does he know?

"What are you saying, Mr. Graham? Danna is not that kind of person. Of course she's Gavin's biological mother!"

Vivian continued to play innocent, insisting that their daughter had not done anything wrong.

"Do I look stupid to you? Do you take me for a senile, old man?" Darius retorted.

Chapter 191 Not On Good Terms

"I don't even want to know how your daughter got the child. Right now, one thing's for certain. She hasn't been kind to my grandson, so stop begging for my mercy! Let the law deal with her!" Darius snapped.

"Mr. Graham, Danna didn't mistreat Gavin. Gavin's just naughty, that's all. She had to punish him a little-

"A little? Have you read the news at all? What else has your daughter done behind everyone's back? Who knows? What a devil! I don't care how naughty my grandson has been. That doesn't give you the right to punish him like that! Get lost!"

Darius' eyes widened as he yelled. He got so angry that his body trembled violently.

Edwin immediately rushed over to the old man and offered some soothing words.

"Mr. Graham, Danna has learned her lesson, so please free her. We can have a nice talk about everything else..."

Zayden decided to let go of his pride and pleaded some more. He was not willing to see his daughter suffer.

“Hmm! I don’t give a f*ck what you know. Why hadn’t you two talked things over with me when your daughter impersonated my grandson’s mother? Do you seriously think an apology is enough?” Darius retorted.

Zayden replied shamelessly, “I truly have no idea that she has done something so foolish. I’m telling you, Gavin is really her son! There’s no way he isn’t Danna’s child. Please don’t listen to such nonsense!”

Darius waved his hand, urging the two to leave. “Edwin, get them out of here. I don’t want to see their faces ever again!”

By mistreating Gavin, the Adams family had disrespected the Graham family, and had no right to ask for favors.

“It’s best you leave, Mr. Adams!”

Edwin had no intention of treating them respectfully after reading the news.

At the same time, he was heartbroken. He never thought Danna would be so cruel to Gavin.

That was unforgivable.

Gavin was the apple of everyone’s eyes. They pampered him so much, except Danna.

It was no wonder Gavin was such a quiet kid. There were times he would shut himself off. It was likely all Danna’s doing.

It became clear that Darius would not give in. Zayden and Vivian eventually left.

Bang!

Darius vented his anger by slamming his cane against the back of the couch. It broke upon impact.

“Calm down, Old Mr. Graham! It’s not worth jeopardizing your health because of what they did!”

Edwin rushed over and comforted Darius again.

He poured the old man a glass of water.

Darius' expression turned somber as he instructed Edwin, "Inform everyone that we're no longer on good terms with the Adams family!"

"Understood!" Edwin nodded, and went on his way.

Darius sat on the couch. His lips were tightly pursed, and his presence was an imposing one.

By the time Benjamin returned, it was already midnight.

He frowned when he saw Darius in the living room, still wide awake.

"Dad, why aren't you asleep yet?"

Darius merely glanced at him for a moment before looking straight ahead.

Benjamin walked over and took a seat across him.

"You should go to bed now. It's already twelve!"

Suppressing his anger, Darius questioned his son, "Why didn't you tell me about this? It's gotten out of hand. Have you found Gavin?"

Darius might be mad, but he was more concerned about Gavin's whereabouts.

That was why he insisted on waiting for Benjamin.

Benjamin shot his father a glance before pouring another glass of water and placed it in front of the old man.

"I didn't tell you because I've been busy. No, I haven't found him yet."

Seeing Benjamin so calm, Darius only got more furious.

"Well, keep looking! I don't care how much you spend, but you must get him back! The longer he stays out, the more danger he'll be exposed to! Why did you come back anyway?"

Chapter 192 Bounty For The Birth Mother

"Weren't you the one who told me to come home?" Benjamin said as he scrutinized his father.

Anger surged within Darius as he stared back at his son.

"I didn't know you were that obedient. Get out there and look for my precious grandson! You're dead meat if anything happens to him! Do you shun him because he's not Danna's biological son? I'm telling you, if you don't love him, I'll take him in and treat him like my own!"

After Darius told him off, Benjamin pinched his temple. He felt a headache coming.

"He's with his biological mother!"

"What did you just say?"

Darius was confused by the sudden revelation.

My grandson was abducted by traffickers, wasn't he? What do you mean he's with his biological mother right now?

"Are you saying that Gavin is safe? If so, where is he? Why didn't you bring him home? He's going to be in a state of shock."

Benjamin stared at his father. He knew Darius would not be able to go to sleep without an answer.

"He's safe, but I'm not quite sure where he is. I'm still looking for them!"

His words carried a hint of resignation and helplessness. It was not that he refused to bring them home. He simply could not find them.

Darius furrowed his eyebrows tightly. He found Benjamin's statement questionable.

"Don't tell me that you lied to me about him being with his biological mother just because you couldn't find him."

Sensing that Darius was about to blow up, Benjamin quickly explained, "I'm serious. His birth mother took him away! He's perfectly safe!"

Darius froze. Didn't the news reports say Gavin was abducted by traffickers?

He frowned while Benjamin remained calm. "You mean the lady mentioned on the news isn't a trafficker, but Gavin's birth mother?"

"Who told you she's a trafficker?"

Benjamin's face fell. He disliked the derogatory term used to describe Arissa.

"The news said that she kidnapped my precious grandson. What is she if not a trafficker?"

Darius snapped angrily at Benjamin, "Since she's the birth mother, then why did you put up a bounty for their return? Are you out of your mind?"

Benjamin gave his father the side-eye.

"If I hadn't done that, do you think I'd be able to locate them? They're deliberately hiding from me!"

Darius glared back at him. "Well, why are they hiding from you? Why did she take Gavin away?"

Benjamin would like some answers too.

He had been taking care of Gavin since he was a baby. Yet, the boy switched sides and was currently hiding from him.

Where could she possibly hide with five kids in tow? Could this woman have devised a plan from the very beginning to steal Gavin from me? That explains why she approached me back then.

At that thought, rage flared up within him.

"Just go to bed, Dad. I promise you, I'll get your precious grandson home, safe and sound. Don't worry."

With that, Benjamin got up and walked out.

"Where are you going? We're not done here!"

Darius was fuming mad. It was bad enough that Benjamin only told him half of the story before he hung up on Darius. This rascal is showing way too much defiance toward me. Is he already beyond my control now that he's all grown up?

Nevertheless, Darius had known Benjamin was a tough nut to crack ever since he was a child.

"What else is there to say?"

Benjamin turned around to look at his father.

Darius's mouth twitched.

Benjamin's words infuriated him even more.

"Danna mistreated my grandson. How do you plan to deal with her?"

While Darius treated Danna quite well, he loved Gavin even more. If he had to pick a side, he would of course choose Gavin, not the outsider.

“We will go through the legal process.”

With that, Benjamin turned around and left.

After that, Darius beckoned Edwin over.

“Did you find anything?”

Edwin nodded.

“Just tell me already!” Darius demanded.

“Don’t get too worked up, Old Mr. Graham. You have to mind your health.”

“Cut the crap and spill it! I’m as healthy as a horse!” Darius bellowed as he slammed his walking cane on the floor.

“The reason Mr. Graham ordered his men to capture Danna was because she had ordered someone else to abduct Gavin. Gavin was not the only victim. Several children were abducted as well.”

Darius’s cheeks twitched out of utter rage. “This woman is vile and vicious! What is she planning to do with my grandson?”

Unfortunately, Edwin did not have any information regarding Danna’s true intentions.

“I want updates on this. I want to know what else she’s done. Get someone to monitor the Adams family. Report to me as soon when new information arises. They won’t get away with it so easily!”

Darius was extremely furious about the whole situation.