

## The More the Merrier Chapter 411

### Chapter 411 Switching Cars

Soon, it was already the end of school, and the children still had not made any progress.

Propping his chin on his hand and sighing, Jasper suggested “I wonder how long we will take given that there is so much surveillance footage to go through. Should we get Daddy’s help? Since he knows so many people, I’m sure our progress would be faster with his help.”

Gavin looked at his brother and replied, “Well, his men might have already started investigating.”

Benjamin’s subordinates had indeed already started looking into the matter as well, but they were faced with the same problem as the kids.

They had also lost track of Danna at the same location.

Carrying their school bags, the five little ones headed to the school gate to wait for their parents to pick them up.

While walking, they overheard their classmates’ conversation. “My dad told me that he is coming to pick me up in his new car today. Your dad’s car is so old. Is he thinking of changing his car soon?”

“My dad’s car is still working, so why would he change it? Besides, I think my dad’s car is really cool!”

Changing cars?

Zachary’s eyes lit up when he heard that.

“Could that woman have switched cars?” he asked Gavin, realizing that criminals usually used more than one car while committing their acts. That was especially likely in Danna’s case, given that she had kidnapped Benjamin’s child.

Gavin was surprised at his brother’s theory, thinking that there was indeed such a possibility.

“It’s quite likely!”

Oliver and Jasper’s eyes widened as well. “Let’s go home quickly and re-investigate!”

The five little ones ran toward the school gate and saw Darius there.

They rushed toward the man at once and greeted happily, "Grandpa!"

"Hey!" Darius hugged his grandchildren while smiling from ear to ear.

"Grandpa, why are you here? Mommy promised that she would come and pick us up," Jesse asked, remembering her conversation with Arissa that morning.

Darius brushed his finger against the girl's nose lightly and replied, "Your mommy is busy right now. Aren't you happy to see me?"

"Of course, I'm happy!" Jesse answered sweetly with a wide smile.

Darius beamed with delight when he heard that.

"Old Mr. Graham, shall we get the kids into the car first?" Edwin reminded.

"Let's get into the car first! Come on!"

Darius led the kids into the car, feeling cheerful.

"Grandpa, did you see Mommy before you came here?"

Gavin was the last to get into the car after his younger siblings.

"I did, I came from your house at Yaleview. Both your mommy and daddy are not free."

After the kids got into the car, Darius got in and sat at the back with Jesse on his lap.

"But Mommy promised that she would pick us up." Jasper pouted, feeling upset.

Oliver snorted softly as well, saying, "Seems like Mommy just broke her promise again."

Darius and Edwin both chuckled at the boys' comments.

"Your mommy isn't feeling well, that's why she didn't come. She didn't do it on purpose," Darius explained to the kids.

"What?"

The five children had worried expressions on their faces when they heard that.

"What happened to Mommy?" Zachary asked, staring at his grandfather.

"Her blood pressure was a bit low, but your Uncle Shaun had already given her an injection."

Darius patted the children's heads, comforting them.

"Mommy must be too worried about our brother, that's why she fell sick!" Oliver frowned.

Gavin also had a crease between his brows as he urged the driver, "Please start driving. We need to get home as soon as possible!"

"Start driving," Darius instructed.

Arissa failed to pick up the kids from school again. Not only had she missed the end of the school day, but she had also overslept.

When the five little ones got back, they kept completely silent upon noticing that their mother had an IV drip in her arm and was still sleeping.

As Gavin was worried, he still decided to ask Benjamin about Arissa's condition even though he saw that the man was preoccupied with work.

"What's wrong with Mommy?"

Benjamin looked up and fixed his gaze on his son before answering, "It's just low blood pressure. She will be fine after getting the IV drip."

His face taut with concern, Gavin continued asking, "Did you ask my mommy to work again?"

Although he was being reproached by his son, Benjamin was not angry at all.

"I didn't. She went out to look for your younger brother."

Gavin froze for a while before turning around and exchanging glances with his siblings.

"Let's go."

After saying that, Gavin led his brothers and sister out of the room.

Benjamin looked at his kids before looking toward Arissa. Seeing that her IV drip treatment was not yet completed, he returned to his work.

## **The More the Merrier Chapter 412**

Chapter 412 Jesse Keeps A Lookout

The five little ones returned to their room and locked the door at once.

After putting down their bags, they started their computers and began their investigation at once.

Meanwhile, Darius was downstairs helping with dinner preparation.

One hour had gone by before he realized that he had not seen the kids for a while.

Hmm... Where are Gavin and the other kids? Could they be upstairs disturbing their mommy's rest? I'll head up and have a look.

When Darius headed upstairs, the five little ones were still in their room, concentrating intently on checking the surveillance footage.

"Guys, this car looks very suspicious!"

Oliver sensed something amiss with a car that he was tracking.

At once, Gavin, Zachary, Jasper, and Jesse inched over, staring at Oliver's computer screen.

"Zoom in on the person's face," Zachary instructed at once, frowning deeply.

Oliver immediately did as told, but they were still unable to see the person's face clearly.

"Continue tracking this car," Zachary said before returning to his own computer to track down other cars.

Darius headed to Benjamin's bedroom first. When he saw that Arissa was still asleep, he did not enter the room.

"Benjamin, is Issa not done with her IV drip treatment yet?"

When Benjamin heard his father's voice, he looked up at the older man and replied, "Just a while more."

"Is she feeling better?" Darius asked in concern.

"Yes," Benjamin replied before continuing, "Dad, you should go back first. Don't worry about her."

Darius pressed his lips together and said, "I'm not going back yet. I'm having dinner here. Anyway, I'll go take a look at my sweethearts now."

After saying that, he left and headed toward the children's room.

When he tried to open the door, he realized that the room was locked.

“Sweethearts, what are you guys doing inside the room?” Darius called out while knocking on their door.

Immediately, the five little ones widened their eyes and stopped whatever they were doing.

“It’s Grandpa!” the kids whispered to each other in unison.

The next moment, they minimized the windows on their computer desktops.

“Jesse, go and play with Grandpa. We need more time to investigate,” Zachary said to his sister as the girl was not proficient with working with computers.

Jesse pouted and replied, “But I want to investigate too!”

“You don’t know how to do it. So just leave it to us. We’ll let you know once we find something,” Jasper said, dragging Jesse toward the door.

“If you don’t go downstairs with Grandpa, we can’t do anything with him around. You’re in charge of distracting him.”

Jesse’s eyes lit up as she replied, “Don’t worry, Jasper. leave that to me!”

Immediately after, she ran to open the door.

Before Darius could take a clear look at the situation inside the room, Jesse had already slipped out through the door before shutting it behind her.

“Grandpa, I’m so hungry. Is there anything to eat?” Jesse said, blinking her eyes while hugging her grandfather’s leg.

Darius’ heart melted at once when he saw his adorable granddaughter. He bent down and picked the girl up before pinching her cheeks affectionately.

“Yes, there’s food downstairs. Come, I’ll bring you down to eat something. Let’s call your brothers along.”

Just when Darius was about to open the door, Jesse put her arms around his neck and gave him a peck on his cheek.

“Grandpa, they are busy studying now. I’ll bring them some food after I finish eating! Let’s go now, I’m famished!”

Darius was unable to resist the girl’s cuteness and replied, “Sure! We can go first then!”

With that, he carried his granddaughter downstairs to get food.

He watched as Jesse enjoyed the snacks, fruits, and milk, beaming with affection.

“Slow down. There’s still a lot more.”

“I want to finish eating quickly so that I can bring some for my brothers.”

Darius could never get tired of hearing Jesse’s sweet voice.

“Just stay here. I’ll bring some food for them instead,” he said gently while stroking her head.

## **The More the Merrier Chapter 413**

Chapter 413 It Is Fine For Boys To Be Hungry

“It’s fine, Grandpa. I want to bring the food to them myself.”

Jesse pouted, insisting on making the delivery herself.

Darius was amused by her stubbornness and replied, “All right then, you can do it yourself. I won’t go upstairs. Jesse, eat slower.”

“What if they’re hungry?” Jesse blinked her eyes and asked while stuffing food into her mouth.

Darius laughed and replied, “It’s okay if they are left hungry for a while. They are boys, after all!”

Jesse giggled when she heard that.

“Sweetheart, are your brothers doing their homework? Have you completed yours?”

Darius asked curiously while fixing his gaze on the little girl.

“Ummm... They are studying something else that I didn’t understand, so I came down first.”

Bits of food came out of Jesse’s mouth as she spoke.

Darius wiped the corners of her mouth and said, “What is it that you don’t understand? I can teach you if you’d like.”

He lifted Jesse onto his lap and started feeding her.

“Grandpa, you don’t have to feed me. I can eat it myself. If Mommy sees it, she’ll scold me,” Jesse said, glancing at her grandfather.

She looked extremely adorable with her clear, bright eyes.

Darius laughed out loud when he heard that. Even the butler and the other servants could not help but chuckle at the girl's words.

"Ms. Jesse is so sensible!"

"Shh!"

Darius gestured for them to keep quiet before looking toward the second floor and said, "Don't let Benjamin hear you!"

Jesse glanced at him and said, "Grandpa, my brothers are learning computer skills. It's not fun at all!"

Darius turned his attention back to his granddaughter. As he was not good at using the computer as well, he said in a gentle tone, "Well, if it's not fun, we can learn something else instead. What does my dear granddaughter want to learn? Sweetheart, if there's anything you are interested in, I can do it with you."

"I like skateboarding, Grandpa!" Jesse exclaimed.

Darius was stunned for a moment, thinking that it was an activity for boys. However, upon noticing his granddaughter's enthusiasm, he smiled in agreement.

"All right. Let's go skateboarding together after you finish your food then."

"Grandpa, you know how to skateboard?" Jesse asked sweetly, cocking her head and blinking her big eyes.

"Haha! I don't, but I can watch you do it."

Darius was smiling widely with the little girl in his arms.

"Sweetheart, can you skateboard?"

"Yeah! And I'm really good at it. Even my brothers are no match for me!" Jesse replied proudly, her eyes gleaming with excitement.

"You're amazing, Sweetheart!" Darius praised the girl before continuing, "You have to show me your skills later, okay?"

"Sure!" Jesse nodded vehemently.

Not forgetting her brothers, she said, "Grandpa, I'll deliver some food to my brothers first. After that, I'll come down and play with you again!"

"All right!" Darius replied with a smile, feeling happy at how sensible his granddaughter was.

He put Jesse aside and let her continue eating on her own while he prepared some food for his four grandsons.

Jesse quickly finished her food and brought some upstairs for her brothers.

Just when she reached the door, she saw Benjamin walking out of his room and froze instantly.

"Hello, Mr. Graham," Jesse greeted sweetly.

Benjamin arched his brows slightly and walked over.

Jesse blinked, feeling slightly nervous.

Benjamin could tell at once that she was feeling uneasy and that made him feel slightly exasperated. He wondered why she was always behaving in that manner when she saw him.

"Are you hungry?" Benjamin stopped in front of Jesse and stroked her head.

"I've already eaten. These are for my brothers," Jesse replied obediently.

Benjamin frowned as he replied, "Did they ask you to get some food for them?"

They're the elder brothers, and yet they're bossing their younger sister around?

"Yes..." Jesse replied before quickly shaking her head.

"I mean, I volunteered to get food for them. Mr. Graham, would you like to have some?"

She glanced at Benjamin, hoping that he would leave soon.

"No, I'm fine."

Noticing that the little girl was carrying the tray with much effort, Benjamin took it over.

Jesse was momentarily stunned when he did that and quickly snatched it back.

"Mr. Graham, I can carry it myself. You should get back to your work."

Benjamin cocked his brows and his eyes glinted with mirth.

Why does she seem so nervous?



## The More the Merrier Chapter 414

### Chapter 414 You Have A Nice Smile

Benjamin squatted down and looked at Jesse tenderly. "Are you afraid of me?"

Jesse pursed her lips, her luscious eyelashes glistening as she blinked.

It made her look even more adorable than she already was.

Benjamin could not resist patting her head lovingly. He had always had a soft spot for little girls.

"No," Jesse answered softly but firmly as she lowered her head.

It made Benjamin chuckle.

When Jesse saw his reaction, her eyes widened in surprise.

"What's the matter?" Benjamin asked tenderly.

Jesse blinked her eyes and said gently, "Mr. Graham, you have a nice smile."

"Thank you," Benjamin said with a chuckle after getting over his initial surprise.

Feeling emboldened by his friendly demeanor, Jesse looked straight at him with her big, round eyes and said, "Mr. Graham, you look a lot like my brothers."

Still chuckling, Benjamin said, "Sweetheart, don't you think you look like me too?"

"My brothers say I look more like Mommy," Jesse answered with a pout.

Benjamin looked at her more closely and realized that out of the five children, she did indeed resemble Arissa the most.

In spite of that, she still seemed to have his eyes, nose, and mouth.

"You do look more like your mommy," Benjamin declared with an approving nod.

With her eyes twinkling as she smiled, Jesse saw the food she was holding in her hands and remembered what she was supposed to do. "Mr. Graham, is there anything else you'd like to ask me? If not, I'll be getting on my way. I need to deliver these to my brothers."

She remembered that her grandfather was still waiting for her downstairs.

"I'm all done. You can go ahead." Benjamin stood up and helped her to open the door.

"Guys, I brought food for all of you!" Jesse shouted quickly into the room when she saw Benjamin open the door.

The four boys in the room immediately stopped what they were doing.

Opening the door fully, Benjamin's eyes swept across the room and saw each of the four boys seated in front of a computer. "What are you doing?"

Gavin, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper turned to look at him and answered in unison, "We're not doing anything!"

From the defensiveness in their tone, Benjamin doubted they were telling the truth. He cast a glance at Jesse who was standing beside him.

Stealing a quick glance at him, Jesse dashed into the room, waving the food in her hands. "Guys, Grandpa got me to send these to you. Hurry and eat."

"Thanks, Jesse." Jasper gave his sister a hug and a kiss before reaching out for the food.

"Mr. Graham, would you like some?" he asked, looking straight at Benjamin.

Meeting his eyes, Benjamin decided to suppress his curiosity and simply answered, "No, thank you. You guys go ahead."

Then, he turned and started walking away.

The five children exchanged glances with each other.

"Guys, Grandpa is still waiting for me. So I'll be heading downstairs now," the quick-witted Jesse said before dashing out of the room to see if Benjamin had left.

Benjamin had not gone far. He looked at Jesse as she ran toward him.

"Mr. Graham, I'm going downstairs to play. Would you like to join me?" Jesse said in an attempt to divert his attention away from the boys.

"You go ahead. I need to check in on your mommy," Benjamin said before turning to walk back to his room.

Jesse wanted to see her mother too, but after a moment of consideration, she decided to return to her brothers instead.

She ran to their room and closed the door behind her as she whispered, "Guys, have you found anything?"

"Not yet. Go guard the door for us," Zachary instructed her.

"But Grandpa is waiting for me to go downstairs and play," Jesse replied apologetically.

"You go ahead and play downstairs then. We'll lock the door," Gavin said while patting Jesse's head. This would prevent Daddy from barging in.

Nodding her head, Jesse said softly, "I'll go out and make sure Mr. Graham is nowhere near the room. Be careful, you guys."

After making sure that the coast was clear, she poked her head back into the room again and said, "He's not here anymore."

With that, she ran downstairs to play.

Jasper quickly stood up and locked the door before the four of them continued with their investigation.