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Chapter 511 Teaching Tim How To Take The Elevator

Arissa looked over her shoulder and called for the kids. "Follow me, Sweethearts. Don't fall behind."

Seeing all six kids together, Mary couldn't help the smile spreading across her face.

All the kids were beautiful like dolls. Adoration filled Mary's heart just looking at them.

They attracted the attention of many others in the hospital.

The medical staff were stunned.

"Are they sextuplets?"

"How cute! All six of them look the same."

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"Why is one of them so dark? But he's beautiful too."

"Oh my goodness! There are six cute babies! They're adorable! Their parents must be so lucky to deliver six babies in one go."

"Wow! There are so many kids. How much money will the parents need for them? Each of them is like a furnace burning money..."

Arissa was used to the whispers and exclamations. She would hear numerous praises and envious exclamations from passersby every time she took the kids out.

She nodded at every doctor and nurse with a smile as she passed them.

A nurse asked boldly, "Are they all your kids?"

"Yeah," Arissa admitted.

"Sextuplets or how many are there?"

"Sextuplets."

Arissa bid the nurse farewell and led the kids to catch up to Benjamin.

"She's so lucky!" The nurse was so envious.

Tim looked up at Arissa. Ms. York said I was her child.

"Hurry up. Let's not fall behind."

Arissa looked over her shoulder and counted the kids, making sure none had fallen behind.

Zachary teased, "Mommy, don't worry. Even if you fall behind, we won't. Besides this is the hospital. We can find you even if we do get lost."

"Not funny!" Arissa poked Zachary's forehead.

Zachary giggled as he dodged.

Looking at the kids, Arissa couldn't help the smile playing on her lips. Her gaze was filled with adoration as she looked at them.

She ruffled Tim's head and shot him a smile when he met her gaze.

"Did you sleep well last night, Sweetheart?"

Tim shyly looked up at her and nodded.

Arissa lovingly ruffled his head.

"Hurry up."

Benjamin had pushed Mary into the elevator but noticed the rest of the group hadn't reached yet.

Arissa looked up at Benjamin and said, "You go first. We'll take the next one."

Everyone getting into one elevator is way too packed.

Benjamin answered, "It's on the third floor."

"Got it."

Arissa led the kids to the other elevator. Once all the kids had gotten on, she tapped on the close button.

Looking down, she noticed Tim was staring at the control panel with curiosity and confusion.

With a pat on his head, she asked gently, "Have you ever gotten on an elevator before, Sweetheart?"

Tim lowered his head as he shook it.

His ears were red from embarrassment.

A glint of pity flashed across her eyes at his response. She bent down to pick him up into her arms and started explaining.

"The button I pushed earlier was the close button. After everyone has gotten in, you can press it to close the doors. Next, press the button for the level you intend to go to, and it'll activate the elevator. When it reaches your floor, the doors will slide open automatically."

Coincidentally, the elevator had reached the third floor, and Arissa continued her explanation.

"If this is not your destination, wait until the other passengers get out, then press the close button. Once the elevator starts to move again, wait until you reach your <u>destination</u> to get off.

"This is the close button, and this is the open button. The button with arrows pointing toward each other is to close the doors while the one pointing in opposite directions is to open them."

Arissa saw that all the kids had gotten off the elevator, so she brought Tim out and continued to brief him on the precautions when taking the elevator.

"After you pressed the close button and spotted someone wanting to get on, just push the open button. We need to show courtesy to the other passengers. Move to the side to not block the doors."

Arissa turned to the side and pointed at the buttons to call the elevator. "These two buttons are the up button and down button. One brings you up, and another takes you down.

"Push the up button if you're going to the upper floors and push the down button if you're heading to the lower floors. Once you press it, you'll have to wait for the elevator to arrive.

"There is only one elevator in one shaft. For example, if you want to go up, but the elevator is going down, the display will show an arrow pointing down. So you'll head down first before you can go up."

Tim was listening intently to her explanation.

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Chapter 512 What Is With That Expression

The other five kids obediently wait on the sides for Arissa to finish explaining the elevator use to Tim. They didn't throw any tantrums or make fun of Tim's ignorance.

We would've freaked out and not be as calm as Tim if we were the ones who grew up in a rural town and has never seen an elevator.

Arissa glanced at Tim. "Can you remember everything, Sweetheart?"

Tim nodded with blushed cheeks.

His face was too dark, so his blush wasn't too obvious, but Arissa was well aware of his shyness and patted his head adoringly.

With a soft voice, she said, "When I took the elevator for the first time, I was scared of others making fun of me, so I got on with someone and watched how they operate it. You'll be familiar with the workings after a few times."

"Okay." Tim nodded.

Arissa continued to carry him and hollered for the other five toward the examination room.

"Grandma and Mr. Graham are over there."

Gavin saw Benjamin and Mary were almost at the end of the hallway and told Arissa.

"Let's hurry over there."

She picked up her pace, and the other five children ran to keep up with her.

"Ms. York, let me down, please," Tim reminded Arissa.

"It's fine. I can carry you."

She flashed a smile at him. I finally got the chance to carry him, so I want to carry him for a bit longer.

She bounced Tim up slightly and tightened her arms around him as she led the other five children toward Benjamin.

"Mommy is really amazing to run even faster than us!" Jesse laughed.

"You're not too slow yourself, Jesse. You're doing great today!" Arissa complimented Jesse.

Jesse's smile grew wider at the compliment. Her eyes curved, her dimples appeared, and her smile was so wide everyone could see her gums.

She looked absolutely adorable.

Tim was staring at her.

Jasper couldn't help but pinch her cheeks.

"How can you smile so widely when you're missing a tooth. You look ugly!"

Jesse swiftly covered her mouth and glared at her brother.

"When your teeth drop, I'll laugh at you too."

Arissa laughed at the siblings' banter. When she noticed Tim looking at them, she put him down. "Jesse, Jasper, play with Tim too."

Jasper nodded and came up to Tim. "Tim, we'll go and take the elevator later."

"I want to accompany Grandma," Tim rejected softly. Grandma is undergoing some checkups, so I can't run around.

"I mean after Grandma finished her checks. Not now," Jasper explained.

Tim contemplated it briefly before nodding his head.

Jasper responded with a smile.

Jesse came over and clung to Tim's arm.

"Tim, I want to continue talking to you about Mr. Graham."

Jesse peeked at Benjamin, who was on the phone, as she whispered to Tim.

"What about him?" Jasper was curious too.

Oliver approached, wanting to listen in too. "What secret are you guys talking about?"

Jesse gestured for them to follow her to the side and pulled Tim along with her.

Gavin and Zachary trailed after her too, wanting to listen in.

Arissa smiled when she saw all six of the kids getting along.

She could still hear their conversation clearly even if Jesse was whispering.

Benjamin went up to Arissa after his call. "What are they doing?"

Arissa cast him a glance and said, "Sharing a secret."

Benjamin locked his gaze with hers and said, "Jesse looks like a girl sometimes, but it's best if you take note. A boy needs to act like a boy."

Benjamin didn't like boys acting gentle or showing feminine characteristics.

He wanted his boys to all be men.

Arissa was having a hard time holding in her laughter.

"What is with your expression?"

Benjamin noticed the awkward twitching of her facial muscles and narrowed his eyes at her.

Arissa turned around and giggled.

Her shoulders were shaking excessively.

Benjamin's expression darkened. What is this woman doing?

After calming down slightly, she turned back around and answered Benjamin, "Okay."

Her bright eyes couldn't hide her amusement.

Benjamin narrowed his eyes at her and asked, "Why were you laughing?"

Arissa shook her head fervently. "I wasn't. Did you see me laughing?"

Benjamin didn't know how to respond to her denial.

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Chapter 513 Mary Feels Tired

After Mary had her blood drawn, Arissa came forward and helped her put pressure on it.

"Do you feel dizzy, Mdm. Mary?"

Arissa was shocked when she saw over a dozen of tubes of blood were taken from Mary.

"I feel a bit weak."

Mary's face had paled slightly, so Arissa didn't dare to help her up yet. "Sit down for a bit. I'll get some sodium solution for you."

Arissa asked Benjamin to watch Mary for a bit as she prepared some sodium solution for Mary to regain a bit of her energy.

"Are you okay, Grandma?"

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Tim ran over to Mary and looked up at her with concern in his eyes.

Mary forced a weak smile on her face and patted Tim's head.

"I'm fine, Tim. Just feeling a bit weak after having some blood drawn."

Arissa came back and fed Mary the sodium solution. "Mary, have some. It's sodium solution. It'll help you regain a bit of your energy."

"Okay."

After gulping down the whole cup, Mary felt better.

Arissa reached for the empty cup and asked, "do you feel better?"

Mary nodded.

"Bring another cup," Benjamin asked Arissa.

With a nod, Arissa went to get another cup for Mary.

"Sweetheart, you don't need to press on the wound any longer."

Arissa took the cotton from Tim's hand after checking Mary's wound wasn't bleeding any longer and threw it into the bin.

"Mary, we'll be having breakfast later."

Arissa was worried about Mary's condition and figured it would be better to wait a little longer.

"Okay."

Mary didn't want them to worry, so she was very cooperative.

"Grandma, does it hurt? I'll blow on it for you."

Jesse walked over to Mary's side and blew on her wound.

Mary laughed. "No, it doesn't hurt."

The nurse was skillful in getting the needle in, so Mary didn't feel much pain.

Benjamin brought the kids over. "Let Mdm. Mary rest."

Tim looked at Mary with concern.

Arissa patted Tim's head. "Mdm. Mary just feels a little tired after having her blood taken. That's normal. Don't worry."

Mary was better than some people. Some would even faint.

After waiting for twenty minutes, Mary said, "Issa, I want to continue with the other checkups."

"Mdm. Mary, we can do it later after breakfast. There are still a few more left, and it'll be noon by the time we're finished. No rush."

Even though everything had been scheduled and Mary would've undergone an examination immediately after she arrived in the examination room, there were still too many tests left. It would take some time to finish all of them.

"Let's head up for something to eat and regain our energy."

Benjamin's tone was commanding, and it naturally made others obey him.

"Let's head up then." Mary glanced at them.

"All right." Arissa pushed Mary's wheelchair. "Do you feel dizzy, Mary?"

"No, I'm all better now."

Mary laughed. Her pallor had improved compared to before.

Everyone followed Mary back to her room. Once they arrived, Arissa and Tim served Mary her breakfast.

"I can eat on my own. You guys take a break too," Mary said to Arissa.

"Issa, why don't you share some of this with me? This is too much for me. I can't finish it all. Why don't we all share it?"

Mary offered Gavin and the rest of the kids, but they shook their heads.

"Grandma, we're not hungry. Eat up, you have to do more tests later."

Mary smiled at the child. She began searching for Benjamin but didn't see him. "Where are the sweethearts' father?"

Arissa pointed outside. "He's outside talking. Dig in, Mary. Just ignore us as we have eaten already."

Arissa glanced in Benjamin's direction and saw Ethen talking with him, so she served some oatmeal porridge for Mary.

"Careful, it's hot."

After Mary finished her breakfast, Arissa brought her to undergo the rest of the tests.

Benjamin didn't join them as he was occupied with something, so he went to the lounge next door to do his work.

Coincidentally, Bradley had come to the hospital and was in charge of watching over the kids.

With Shaun tagging along with Mary when she went to do the checkups, Benjamin wasn't worried in the slightest.

It was already afternoon when Mary finished all her tests.

Arissa fed Mary the remaining oatmeal porridge and had her rest for a bit.

Feeling exhausted, Mary fell asleep quickly.

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Chapter 514 Hug Her In Front Of Everyone

Benjamin dropped by to check on everything.

Once he saw Mary was asleep, he said, "Let's have lunch."

"You take the kids with you, and I'll stay here to watch over Mary."

Arissa tucked the blanket under Mary's arm.

Benjamin frowned at Arissa's refusal. "She might still be asleep even after lunch. Let's go."

Arissa was speechless as she looked at the domineering man.

"Ms. York, go have lunch. I can accompany Grandma by myself."

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Tim looked at the two adult and offered to stay.

"We're all going together," Gavin said.

"Bring the kid along. We have doctors here looking after Mdm. Mary." Benjamin stared at Arissa.

Arissa noticed Tim was reluctant to go with them and went to him.

"Sweetheart, let's all have lunch, and you can bring some back for Mary."

"Tim, let's have lunch together and pack something tasty for Grandma," Zachary urged.

"Tim, let's go."

Jesse went up to Tim and tugged him outside. "If you're not going, then I'm not going too."

Tim looked at her and had no choice but to follow her.

Oliver and Jasper giggled. Jesse is the best.

Arissa noticed Tim would follow everything Jesse asked of him.

"Learn from your son," Benjamin whispered.

Arissa eyed Benjamin with puzzlement.

She didn't understand why Tim was so compliant with Jesse's demands.

"Jesse cried when she thought Tim didn't like her during breakfast. They became closer after Tim calmed her down."

Arissa finally understood. Not many can handle it when Jesse starts crying, but I can't exactly cry to get Tim to be closer to me. I'm too old for that, and I don't want to lie to Tim.

Gavin, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper were startled too.

Hmm, Jesse has used her trump card. No wonder Tim was following her every word today.

"Let's go have lunch."

Benjamin naturally reached for Arissa's hand and walked out the door without even looking at the kids.

Arissa glanced at him and looked over her shoulder. "Sweethearts, let's go have lunch."

Gavin ran up to her and took her hand looking all happy.

Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper also ran toward Arissa and snatched her hand from Benjamin's grip.

"Aren't you embarrassed to hold Mommy's hand right in front of us, Mr. Graham?" Zacharv asked.

The corner of Benjamin's lips twitched slightly at the jab. When he saw all the kids were holding onto Arissa's hand, he frowned.

Arissa's cheeks blushed at their fight.

Tim was already waiting with Jesse outside the elevator.

"Tim, remember what I taught you?"

Arissa looked at Tim gently.

Tim nodded.

"So what should you do now?" she asked.

Tim swept a glance at them, then walked toward the call button, and pushed the button with an arrow pointing down.

"You're amazing, Sweetheart!" Arissa complimented Tim and led the kids into the elevator.

Benjamin wanted to squeeze in, but Shaun beat him to it and squeezed past him. "Why didn't you invite me to lunch?"

Shaun, Bradley, and Ethen had all gotten into the elevator.

Benjamin's expression turned darker. Feeling Benjamin's mood change, Ethen came out of the lift rather unwillingly. "Mr. Graham, please get in."

Benjamin scoffed at him and glared at Shaun.

"Are you coming? We need to eat and get back here soon," Arissa urged.

Benjamin stepped into the elevator and went to her side, sliding his arm around her waist.

Arissa wasn't used to being intimate with him in public, so she tried to dodge his arm.

Benjamin tightened his grip around her waist and shot her a warning glare.

Arissa opened her mouth to say something but shut it without saying anything.

Shaun noticed Benjamin's actions and merely hit the close button with amusement.

"Oh, you shouldn't push it, Mr. Bailey. You should've let Tim press it," Jesse admonished Shaun urgently.

"Huh? Isn't it the same no matter who presses it?" Shaun asked with a puzzled look.

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Chapter 515 Do Not Be Shy

"No, it's not the same. Tim has to learn how to take the elevator!" Gavin coolly reminded Shaun.

Shaun drew back in shock before gazing at the little boy in front of him.

"It's okay, Mr. Bailey," Tim muttered, feeling somewhat embarrassed.

The next second, Shaun broke into a smile and opened the elevator door. "Come here, Tim!" he said as he gently ruffled the boy's hair.

Still red in the face, Tim lifted his hand and closed the elevator door. After recalling what Arissa had taught him, he pushed the button for the first floor.

When the elevator didn't move, Tim grew nervous once again. Oh, no. Have I done something wrong?

Arissa, who noticed how flustered her son was, quickly explained, "That's it, Sweetheart! It takes a while for the elevator to move!"

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True enough, the elevator started descending at that moment, and Tim's eyes lit up.

"You'll get the hang of it with more practice, Tim!" Oliver reassured.

"Yes!" Tim replied, nodding excitedly as his lips curled into a smile.

"There's nothing to be embarrassed about, Tim. I was the same when I tried it the first time. I was so afraid of making mistakes that I didn't even dare to press the buttons!" Jasper piped up with a grin.

He went on to share his experiences, and it didn't even matter if Tim commented or not.

Benjamin hadn't taken his eyes off Tim, but he was visibly relieved after seeing how well the other children got along with the latter.

Shaun, Ethen, and Bradley merely smiled at the boy, not wanting to say anything lest it made him feel uncomfortable.

The elevator stopped on one of the other floors, except no one else got on when they saw it was already full.

"You can close the door," Shaun urged as he patted Tim's head.

Tim shot the doctor a glance before pressing the button to close the door. Once the elevator continued its descent, the joy he felt was beyond measure.

Yes! I'm getting better at this!

"You're amazing, Tim!" Zachary exclaimed with a massive smile.

Upon hearing that, Tim instantly blushed.

Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse then chimed in with their compliments, causing him to turn even redder in the ears.

Gavin and the adults, too, beamed with delight but said nothing more.

Gazing tenderly at her children, Arissa ushered them out first as soon as the elevator stopped.

"Let's go! It's time for lunch!" Shaun said as he swiftly picked up Tim and Jesse.

Ethen carried Jasper and Oliver, while Bradley followed behind with Gavin and Zachary in his arms.

Just like that, the six children were all safely escorted away.

Feeling relaxed, Benjamin looped an arm around Arissa's waist as they brought up the rear.

"What about the doctors from Dellmoor? Aren't they going to eat with us?" the latter suddenly asked.

Benjamin furrowed his brows and replied, "It's all right. They'll be eating at the hospital."

I didn't even want to invite Shaun and the others. Why would I get the other doctors to come along?

Arissa immediately raised her brows. "Should we ask them anyway?"

"We're having lunch on our own," Benjamin insisted as he stared intently back.

Realizing he didn't sound too happy, Arissa quickly stopped with her questions.

The group decided to go to the restaurant in three separate cars, and the children were only too happy to follow Shaun, Ethen, and Bradley.

Even though Benjamin and Arissa were in the same car, the latter couldn't help but shoot a worried glance at the children.

"Come on, get in the car. What are you still looking at?" Benjamin asked while opening the front passenger door for her.

"The kids..." she mumbled.

The other five are familiar with Shaun and the guys, but Tim has only just known them. What if he feels out of place?

Sighing, Benjamin pushed her into the car. "The guys will take good care of them!"

Once Arissa had settled into her seat, Benjamin promptly leaned forward and fastened her seatbelt.

Alas, she was so shocked by the sudden closeness that she instinctively pushed herself back into her seat.

When Benjamin's musky, masculine scent wafted into her nose, Arissa instantly felt a flush creeping up her face.

That, of course, did not escape Benjamin's eyes. In fact, the sight of Arissa blushing was so mesmerizing that his gaze gradually darkened.

Unable to control himself any longer, he kissed her.

Arissa widened her eyes, completely taken aback.

Benjamin merely chuckled and pinched her cheek before closing the door behind him.

Naturally, Arissa's heart was racing. She touched the area where she had just gotten kissed, only to feel her cheeks burning even more.

Her eyes followed the strapping man as he walked to the driver's seat. Why has he suddenly become so gentle?

Benjamin got into the car and raised his brow in amusement when he saw Arissa staring at him.

"What's wrong?" he asked, exuding his natural elegance and air of superiority.