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Chapter 601 Not A Good Idea

When dinner time rolled around, Benjamin left the hospital with his wife and children through another exit.

Arissa felt a little perplexed. "Why aren't we going through the front entrance? It's more convenient to do that."

"It's not a good idea to go through the front entrance tonight!" he replied in a deep voice.

Shaun, Kingsley, and Ethen held back their laughter.

The children found it odd.

"Why isn't it a good idea, Mr. Graham?" Oliver asked curiously.

Benjamin glanced at him. "Because I'll get unlucky!"

Oliver was befuddled.

The same applied to the other children.

"I'm quite curious. What's so bad about the front entrance?" Shaun looked at Benjamin curiously.

"You study medicine. Don't you know anything about geomancy?" Benjamin replied plainly.

Shaun's eyes widened in disbelief. "You actually believe that, Benjamin?"

Arissa looked at Benjamin with intrigue, too.

Benjamin glanced at her. "Look where you're walking!"

She moved her line of sight away as he grabbed her hand.

It made her smile sweetly.

"Mr. Graham is holding Mommy's hand again!" Jasper shouted, attracting everyone's attention to the couple.

She blushed while Benjamin remained unmoved.

The bodyguard drove the car over to them. Benjamin let her in first before carrying the children into the vehicle and entering it himself.

The six children sat close to each other as they were sandwiched between Arissa and Benjamin. It made them quite happy.

"Remember to buy a phone for Tim, Mommy!" Jesse reminded.

"I haven't forgotten!" Arissa patted her head.

Tim shot a glance at her. When she saw that, she smiled and asked, "What's wrong?"

He shook his head.

She lovingly pinched his cheek.

Gavin and the others stared at them, smiling.

Benjamin looked at Arissa. "What do you want to eat?"

She paused. "Didn't you already decide the place?"

"All of you can order the food you like first before we arrive back at the hotel for dinner. I'll let the kitchen know what to prepare beforehand!"

She turned to the children. "What do you all want to eat, Sweethearts?"

They looked at each other before Zachary pouted. "We don't know what to eat without the menu!"

Jasper nodded. "That's right!"

Oliver asked, "Can we order prawns? Tim likes that!"

Benjamin smiled. "Of course. Anything else?"

Jesse raised his hand. "I want the same thing from this morning!"

Benjamin nodded and looked at the rest. "How about you guys?"

"We'll take a look at the menu first!" Gavin glanced at him.

Arissa smiled. "I think it's better to just let them order the food after we arrived at the hotel. If you want food to be prepared beforehand, you can send some to the hospital for Grandaunt first!"

"All right." Benjamin gave the butler at the hotel a call and ordered the food the children wanted to eat before telling him to prepare some food that was suitable for Mary.

Arissa heard him mentioning not to put any sugar or sweet ingredients into the food and glanced at him a few times. He's pretty thoughtful.

Once they all arrived at the hotel, Mary's dinner was done. Ethen asked someone to deliver the food to her.

The group had their dinner at the hotel.

Arissa helped the children order food while Benjamin continued to talk on the phone to deal with his work.

She knew his stomach wasn't feeling too well, so she ordered a dish that would hopefully help his stomach out.

Even after the dishes had been served, he still gestured for them to eat first as he continued to talk on the phone.

Shaun and Kingsley asked him to eat first, but Benjamin simply shook his hand and continued to talk on the phone.

"You should eat first, Benjamin. Otherwise, your stomach's going to hurt!" Arissa exclaimed since he didn't seem to be stopping anytime soon.

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Chapter 602 Benjamin Taps Her Head

"Even if you don't want to eat, you should drink this soup to warm your stomach first," Arissa suggested.

Benjamin met her caring look, apologized to the other person on the phone, and ended the call. "Let's eat!"

Shaun, Kingsley, and Ethen were shocked. He really listens to Arissa.

The three of them stared at the couple.

The six children also sneakily glanced at the couple as they smiled.

They were pretty happy.

Gavin whispered, "Daddy's listening to Mommy more and more now!"

Zachary added, "Mr. Graham has been getting more intimate with Mommy. Not bad."

The children were glad to see the couple getting along well.

"I'll give you this egg, Mommy!" Jesse put an egg on her plate onto her mother's plate.

"Thank you, Sweetheart!" Arissa bent down to kiss her forehead before eating it. "Tasty!"

Jesse smiled. "Isn't it tasty, Mommy?"

"Mmm!" she replied and helped put food into her children's bowls. "Let's finish quickly! Once we're done, we'll go and buy the phone!"

"Okay!" the children replied and increased their eating speed.

"Phone? For who?" Kingsley was curious.

Shaun and Ethen turned their attention to her.

Arissa answered, "I'm buying a phone for Tim!"

"Why the hassle? I can just ask Ethen to buy one later." Benjamin glanced at Ethen.

Ethen didn't mind as he looked at Arissa, awaiting her order. "I can go and buy one now, Ms. York. Aren't you going back to the hospital?"

"I'm not in a rush. I just want to take them out on a shopping trip. They have been staying in the hospital for the entire day. It was boring them out of their minds, so I thought it'll be best if I take them outside for a stroll and relax."

"Don't talk while eating." Benjamin swept his gaze across them.

Everyone smiled and continued their meal in silence.

Arissa glanced at Benjamin, but when he did the same, she looked away.

"You should eat more of these!" He put the wild mushrooms on his plate onto hers.

She blinked. "You aren't going to eat it?"

"I don't like it!" Benjamin began drinking the mushroom soup.

The edge of her mouth twitched.

He would occasionally put food onto her plate, causing her to always have food on her plate. She turned to him.

He explained, "These provide your body with the nutritions it needs. You should eat more, so you won't faint easily."

Pft!

Kingsley failed to hold it back. That sounded so romantic.

Shaun and Ethen lowered their heads and held back their chuckles.

The children looked at Arissa caringly.

Gavin said, "You've been taking care of Mdm. Mary for the entire day, Mommy. You should eat more so you have the energy!"

Jasper agreed, "That's right! This is for you, Mommy!"

The children continued to pile food on her plate.

She felt very happy at that moment. "Okay, okay, that's enough. I can't eat the food if you keep adding it to my plate. There's basically a small mountain of food on my plate right now!"

Jesse giggled as she stared at the mound of food on her mother's plate. The other five smiled too.

Arissa couldn't help but smile with them.

Benjamin also put some food into the children's bowl. "Eat!"

Jasper stuck his tongue out and lowered his head to eat.

Oliver's glasses were getting foggy.

When Arissa saw that, she took off his glasses, wiped them clean, and put them back on him.

"Thank you, Mommy!"

"No problem!" She patted his head lovingly.

Tim gazed at them with a smile and ate.

When Gavin and Zachary ate tasty food, they would put some on his plate.

As for Jasper and Oliver, they took care of Jesse.

Knowing that the children enjoyed eating prawns, Arissa peeled some before putting them into their bowls.

"Thank you, Mommy!" they thanked her.

Arissa felt blessed as she stared at their cute, delicate faces.

Suddenly, she felt pain on her head.

She turned and glared at Benjamin.

"Stop staring at them and eat!" he ordered in a deep voice.

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Chapter 603 Stressful

Arissa rolled her eyes. "You can tell me that without hitting me."

Benjamin smiled.

He leaned toward her ear and whispered, "You can hit me back if you like."

She instantly felt her cheeks burning as she stared at the man in disbelief. Does he really mean it?

"Stop making goo-goo eyes at each other. Otherwise, all of us will finish our meals before the two of you!" Kingsley joked.

Arissa blushed and lowered her head to eat.

Benjamin shot a glare at Kingsley.

Kingsley dry laughed and reminded, "We already finished this lamb chop, but it's not enough!"

"Just order more!" Benjamin exclaimed in a deep voice.

Kingsley's eyes lit up as he called for a server and ordered more dishes.

Shaun chuckled. "Benjamin's family alone can finish eating a dish by themselves!"

That family had six children and two adults, after all. At most, a dish only had enough portions for ten people.

"True!" Kingsley stared at the children with a grin and turned to Arissa. "Isn't it stressful raising six children?"

Arissa smiled. "It was quite stressful in the past."

She raised four children by herself before, which wasn't easy.

However, after that, she had help from friends. Once her job became stable, her stress level reduced.

"Mommy was really stressful when she was raising the four of us!" Zachary added as he looked at the men. "Mommy had to work several jobs in the past!"

Oliver nodded. "Once, Mommy was almost bullied by thugs when she went to work during the night!"

His eyebrows were furrowed as he displayed the worry he experienced back then.

Benjamin's eyes glimmered as he looked at Arissa. "Don't you know how to fight?"

Arissa looked back at him. "I only learned that after I came back!"

She learned how to fight when she thought about returning to the country because she didn't know who she would be facing.

"Mommy worked so hard back then. She had to work during the morning and learn martial arts during the night. It was super tiring!" Jasper furrowed his eyebrows tightly as he told them about what happened in the past.

"There were a couple of times when Mommy got so tired that she didn't have the energy to even take a bath and just slept on the bed!" A pitiful expression appeared on Jesse's face.

Arissa smiled. Yeah, I was really busy back then. It was so tiring, but it also made me feel happy. It also helped me forget the pain of losing two children.

She turned to Gavin and Tim.

The two of them felt their heart ache as they saw the regret in her eyes.

"You really worked hard, Mommy. If I was by your side, you would've needed to work even harder!" Gavin said considerately.

Tim nodded. If the two of us were around, Mommy would have to earn even more money to raise us, meaning she'll have to work even harder.

Arissa was glad to see her children being so considerate.

"I'm not afraid. In fact, if both of you were with me, I'll be even happier! Sure, it'll be more tiring, but I won't need to worry about you two then." Her eyes reddened as she choked a little.

Benjamin stared at her profoundly and gently reminded, "All right. Let's stop talking about that. Eat!"

"You should eat more, Mommy. When we grow up, we'll take care of you!" Zachary put more food on his mother's plate.

His siblings promptly did the same too.

"Thank you, Sweethearts! Let's eat together!" she thanked them.

Once the lamb chop arrived, Arissa grabbed a piece of it for each of her children.

"Please have some too!" She turned to Shaun, Kingsley, and Ethen.

They smiled and nodded.

Ethen grabbed a piece and started eating. Eating with Mr. Graham and Ms. York is the best. We always get to eat awesome food!

Seeing how eager Ethen was eating, Kingsley joked, "Are you paying him enough, Benjamin? Your assistant looks like he's on the verge of starving to death."

Benjamin glanced at Ethen in disdain.

Ethen was speechless.

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Chapter 604 Arissa Buys Tim A Phone

Ethen laughed dryly. "It's because you're treating me to such delicious food, Mr. Graham. That's why I'm not holding back. Since Mr. Watts is getting sick of good food, I'll help you finish them!"

He then put another piece of the lambchop onto his plate.

Kingsley grumbled and quickly snatched it back. "Who said I'm sick of it? Benjamin's treating me today, and I haven't gotten a bite on that yet."

Shaun shook his head with a grin as he witnessed Kingsley acting like a child.

It was quite an embarrassing sight.

The children ate as they stared at the adults. Haha, this is interesting.

Arissa smiled and put a piece on Benjamin's plate. "You should eat soon, or else it'll run out again!"

Seeing how she put the last piece on his plate, joy rushed into his heart.

"You should eat it. It is good for you!" He put the piece back on her plate.

Her eyes lit up as she munched on it with joy. "Thank you, Mr. Graham!"

Benjamin stared at her silently. I have a feeling that she didn't really mean to give that piece to me earlier, seeing how happy she is right now. Was she certain I would've returned the piece to her? Still, as long as she's enjoying it, I don't mind.

The dish Arissa ordered for Benjamin had arrived. She personally put it in front of him. "This will help with your stomach. Have more!"

He was surprised.

"Your wife ordered it especially for you, Benjamin. You should eat it!" Shaun teased.

"You ordered it for me?" Benjamin stared at her with a hint of joy in his eyes.

"Mhm! You're having stomach discomfort, right? These will help with your digestion!" she explained with blushing ears.

Everyone just smiled silently when they saw her feeling a little shy.

After that, they all ate happily.

The children were happy to see their parents getting closer to each other before they resumed eating.

Benjamin was in a good mood so he ate more.

He was done before everyone else was. Then, he walked to the side to make a call. "I'm full. You guys enjoy yourselves!"

Arissa took a look at him. Isn't he eating a bit too little?

Kingsley noticed her confusion and leaned toward her. "You're thinking that he's not eating enough, right?"

She turned to face him and saw his smile.

"Actually, Benjamin's eating quite a lot today. He usually eats half of what he has just eaten. He's eating more today because you made the order for him."

"I can vouch for that too. Mr. Graham usually only eats a small amount of food. He's real picky with it, too!" Ethen whispered.

Arissa chuckled.

Gavin added, "Daddy used to not eat breakfast at all, Mommy. Even when he does eat breakfast with me, he only takes a few bites. He's now eating more than usual."

"No wonder your daddy's stomach hurt! He has so much work to do; yet, he eats so little and even skips breakfast!" she commented.

Gavin nodded. "In the past, when Mr. Whitley told him to eat, he would just refuse!"

Kingsley and the others found it humorous.

"Finish your meal, Sweethearts!" She put more food on their plates.

They left to buy a phone once all of them were done eating.

Benjamin also followed them to the mall.

Shaun loved being around so many people, so he dragged Kingsley and Ethen with him and went along with them.

"We'll help take care of them!" Kingsley informed Benjamin.

Then, he carried two children with Ethen and Shaun to the car first, leaving the couple behind.

"Head in!" Benjamin pulled Arissa into the car.

She looked at him. "You don't need to join us if you're busy! We'll head back to the hospital once we bought the phone."

"My work's done for now." He swept his gaze across her face. "Do you think you can take care of six children all by yourself?"

She smiled. "Of course, I can! They're all obedient and they won't run around! Besides, there're still the bodyguards, Mr. Watts, and the others."

"Well, they aren't me. It'll be better if I come with you." Benjamin furrowed his eyebrows as he said domineeringly.

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Chapter 605 I Will Study Hard

Upon arriving at the mall, the adults brought the children inside to buy a phone.

Arissa stared at her children from behind as they held each other's hands.

Kingsley glanced at a branded store and led them there.

"Take a look at which one you like, <u>Tim!" he suggested.</u>

Tim looked at him and then back at Arissa.

Arissa nodded with a grin. "Take a look at which one you want, Sweetheart!"

Tim surveyed the phones, unsure of which to pick.

"This one is new, Mommy! Pick this for Tim!" Zachary picked up the latest brand of phone.

"This one looks good!" Gavin agreed as there were a lot of colors to choose from.

"Do you want this one, Sweetheart?" Arissa hugged Tim up and paid attention to his preference.

"I don't know which one to choose!" Tim uttered in a small voice.

"How about you buy this new one?" Benjamin suggested as he asked someone to turn the phone on.

The children gathered around him to take a look.

"It looks good!" Oliver smiled.

Benjamin glanced at his children. "Do you all want a new phone?"

Gavin, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper shook their heads.

"Our phones are still functional. There's no need to get a new one yet. Besides, we can just exchange our phones with Tim if we feel like it." Jasper giggled.

Benjamin was glad that his children were not materialistic.

"Is that one useful?" Arissa glanced at it.

"It's pretty good!" He glanced at her. "Good enough for a child."

She lowered her head to look at the son in her embrace.

Tim stared at the phone curiously as she grabbed it for him. "Do you like the color, Sweetheart?"

The phone was blue. He nodded. "I do!"

Arissa smiled and handed him to Benjamin.

Benjamin looked at her with confusion.

She looked at him. "I'm going to pay for the phone! You take care of the children."

Then, she gestured for the staff to head to the cashier and followed them.

Of course, he didn't want her to pay when he could.

She glanced at him again. "I promised Tim I would buy it for him!"

To prevent him from getting ahead of her, she hurriedly followed the staff.

Kingsley and the others found it humorous.

"Boss, if Mrs. Graham buys a phone for Tim, you can just buy a computer for him. He'll need one in the future anyway."

A lightbulb appeared atop Benjamin's head. I forgot about that!

And so, he brought the children to a computer store.

"I don't think it's necessary!" Tim refused helplessly because he found a computer to be far too expensive.

"It's necessary! You'll need one in the future." Benjamin patted his head.

"Isn't it expensive…" Tim stared at him.

Benjamin sighed in his heart as he lowered his head to meet his son's eyes. "It's an important tool for your learning, and it really isn't that expensive. As long as you study well, these are well worth buying!"

Tim nodded. "I'll do my best to study, Mr. Graham!"

Benjamin smirked.

Gavin pursed his lip. Daddy's tricking Tim!

Zachary and the others glanced at Benjamin.

"Tim is the best!" Jesse smiled widely and revealed her teeth.

She was so cute that Kingsley and the others wanted to hug her.

He threw her into the air, making her giggle.

Benjamin glanced at them a bit perplexedly. Why do they all like to play with Jesse? Even her older siblings love her a lot.

"Do you all want a computer?" he asked the kids.

"We have one, Mr. Graham!" Zachary answered proudly.

He didn't want his dad to buy one.

In the end, Benjamin bought a small laptop for Tim.

The keyboard was small and cute.

Jesse loved it. "Pink looks good, Tim!"