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Chapter 31 A Fool To Not Be Interested In Her

Upon hearing his words, Edwin relented as he patted Jasper's head.

"In that case, just wait for a little while. I'll make some more food for you."

"Thanks, Mr. Whitley!" Jasper grinned.

Having been melted by Jasper's cute smile, Edwin hurried into the kitchen to prepare more food for the little one.

As he sat at the table waiting for more food to be served, Jasper took some pictures and sent them to Zachary.

The food here is so delicious! The best part about staying here is I get to have all the tasty food!"

Zachary could not think of anything to reply to his brother.

Meanwhile, Danna arrived at the lobby after leaving Benjamin's office. Just when she was about to leave, Danna turned around and asked the receptionist, "Is there a Ms. York in the company?"

"I don't think so."

"Just tell me the truth. Is there someone by that name working in the office?"

Danna narrowed her eyes as she glared at the receptionist.

The receptionist, who had received quite a lot of favors from Danna, was startled by her sharp glare.

She tried to recall for a while before replying, "I think Mr. Frank sent a woman off this morning. If I'm not mistaken, her name was Ms. York. Was that the person you were referring to, Ms. Adams? That woman came over for a job interview yesterday too. Just give me some time to check."

The receptionist flipped through the visitor logbook. "Her name is Arissa York!"

Danna's face turned pale.

That b*tch again! Why won't she go away?

"Ms. Adams?" The receptionist felt afraid upon seeing Danna's pale face.

Donna cast another glare at her before leaving with her bag.

How dare you try to lay your hands on Benjamin, Arissa York? You'll pay for this! I need to get rid of that woman.

Once she got in the car, she made a phone call immediately. Her eyes were filled with malice and anger.

"I'm sending you a photo later. Just get rid of her for me!"

When Arissa finally came home, she was still in a state of shock. Nevertheless, the kids rushed forward and hugged her as soon as they saw her return.

"How did your interview go, Mommy?"

"Did you get the job, Mommy?"

"Mommy! Why did you come home so early? Did they decide not to hire you?"

"Tell us, Mommy! Did you get the job?"

Their soft and cute voices made Arissa feel incredibly happy and content.

She bent down and hugged them while planting a kiss on each of their cheeks. "Mommy got the job!"

"Wow. that's awesome!"

Jesse cheered happily. "You don't have to hunt for another job anymore, Mommy!"

Arissa pulled Jesse into her arms and showered the child with kisses.

Her sons were also grinning happily at the good news.

"I knew Mommy's the best! If he doesn't value Mommy's talent, that Benjamin Graham is definitely blind and dumb!" Oliver chuckled.

Looking at the kids in front of her, Arissa thought they were practically mini-versions of Benjamin. Her heart raced at the thought of him.

Was it him back then?

"Congratulations, Mommy!" Gavin smiled brightly as he congratulated Arissa.

Arissa ruffled their hairs as she felt elated.

"Mommy, how much will he pay you?" Zachary asked curiously.

Zachary swore to get back at Benjamin if he didn't hire Arissa for the job.

Arissa led them over to the couch and said, "The amount is what we've negotiated previously. Once I've become a full-time employee a month later, they're going to increase my pay as well."

Graham Group was famously known for having incredible and extensive perks and salaries in the industry. That was also the reason everyone wanted to join the company.

Zachary was happy upon hearing Arissa's answer. He decided to cut Benjamin some slack for the time being.

"Go get ready now, my sweethearts! I'm going to bring you guys to the school to apply for admission!"

"Is it necessary to be this anxious about school, Mommy?" Zachary asked as he exchanged glances with Gavin and Oliver.

They only wanted to stay at home and not attend kindergarten at all.

"I'm going to work tomorrow. I don't have time to take care of you guys. It doesn't feel safe to leave you guys home unattended."

"We'll take good care of ourselves, Mommy!"

Jesse leaned on Arissa's lap and acted coquettishly toward her.

"I don't want to go to school, Mommy!"

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Chapter 32 Checking Up On Her

Arissa smiled and pinched Jesse's nose lovingly.

"There are a lot of little kids your age in school. I'm sure it'll be fun. You should go to school with your brothers. I'll pick you up after school, okay? That way, I don't have to worry much, and you guys won't miss me all day long, right? I'll be worried sick if no one takes care of you at home."

Jesse pouted as she turned to look at her brothers. The young child knew she could not persuade her mother at all.

Finally, Zachary spoke up. "Could we just postpone the plan for a few days? We're still jet-lagged!"

Arissa looked at the energetic and rowdy kids in front of her.

"What difference does it make? I know you're all mature and sensible kids, but you have to go to school someday!"

She could not comprehend why her children were so reluctant to attend school.

"The kids in school are a bunch of whiny babies!" Oliver said with a tone of disdain.

Oliver's words amused Arissa. "You're saying that you're not a kid?"

She pinched his nose affectionately.

Oliver chuckled. "But I won't cry and make a fuss like them!"

"All right. We'll go to school, Mommy." Seeing how worried Arissa was, Gavin was the first to agree to her wishes.

Zachary gave him the side-eye and bargained with Arissa hurriedly, "I don't mind going to school, but can we skip kindergarten instead?"

Arissa looked at him, fully aware of his intentions.

"No, all of you are still too young for elementary school! You'll have to attend kindergarten first!"

Zachary finally gave in, "Fine."

Arissa smiled while she caressed their heads. "Get changed now, kids. We're heading there soon."

"Mommy, it's almost time for them to get off work. Can't we just go in the afternoon?" Zachary reminded her.

Arissa turned to look at the time. It was indeed almost noon.

She laughed and said, "You're right. I almost forgot about that. We'll go there in the afternoon, then."

After using the bathroom, Arissa started to prepare lunch for them. All four of her children surrounded her and chattered away while she made lunch for them.

After eating, Arissa cleaned up the kitchen and sent the children to take a nap.

Just when she was about to call Bradley, the phone rang. It was from him.

"Have you found out about it, Bradley?"

"No, I couldn't find much. Benjamin does have a son, but his identity is tightly guarded. He doesn't have any personal photos leaked out either."

Is that so?

Arissa frowned. What should I do if I can't see him at all?

However, now that she was working in Graham Group, there would be plenty of chances to get close to Benjamin.

In that case, it was possible for her to try to obtain his DNA so that she could run a paternity test.

She only wanted to know if the child was hers.

I have to think of a way to do so.

"Okay. You can start checking on the other thing for now."

Bradley agreed before he was reminded of something else. "Boss, someone's been looking into your identity."

"Do you know who it is?" Arissa frowned.

Could it be Benjamin or Danna?

"It's the Rogers family!"

"The Rogers family?" Arissa was confused. She had never crossed paths nor interacted with them at all.

"Did you find out their name?"

"I couldn't check who the exact person was, but the signal came from their side. My hunch is that they were hired to do the job," Bradley explained.

After all, the Rogers family was notorious for their shady business in Dellmoor's Durbaine. Almost all the nightclubs and entertainment establishments in the town were owned by them.

"Be careful, Boss," Bradley reminded her.

"I got it. Let me know if you find anything!"

After she hung up the phone, Arissa sat by her bed, deep in thought. Who are the people that want to harm me? There is a good chance that Danna might be the one digging into my past. After all, she is the prime suspect for the woman back then.

Arissa thought for a while and decided to investigate Benjamin's son's real identity.

Gavin entered the room just as she was looking at Benjamin's home address on her computer.

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Chapter 33 Hacking The Surveillance Cameras

"Mommy!" Arissa was shocked at his sudden appearance. She smiled at him and asked, "Why aren't you asleep yet?"

"I can't sleep, Mommy! Can I be with you for a while?"

As Gavin glanced at the screen, he saw Arissa searching for his home address.

He froze for a moment before asking her, "Mommy, why are you looking for Benjamin's home address?"

She ruffled his hair and replied, "Something came up, and Mommy has to do some investigating for a bit."

"What's wrong?" Gavin looked at her.

Arissa did not know how to explain it to her son.

"I'll tell you once I get to the bottom of this, okay?"

She caressed his tiny face.

"Okay. I won't disturb you now."

Gavin sat next to her while she busied herself with her computer. Mommy smells really nice.

Seeing how affectionate his son was with her, she smiled and allowed him to stay beside her.

After she found Benjamin's home address, Arissa entered a software. Within a few minutes, she was able to tap into Benjamin's home surveillance camera system.

Gavin was extremely impressed to see her incredible hacking skills.

Mommy seems to be a powerful and amazing person.

Carefully, Arissa monitored each surveillance point in the house, especially the dining area.

This was a place where everyone in the house would normally appear every day.

At that moment, the dining area was empty. Therefore, Arissa quickly scrolled backward to view the previous timeline.

Just as she saw a little child's figure, a warning notification popped up on her screen. Hurriedly, Arissa exited the software, cutting off the tracking.

D*mn it. Had I been a second too late, my location would've been exposed! Benjamin's too cunning. He's really alert and cautious.

Little did she know Zachary had actually hacked into Benjamin's computer last night. Hence, Benjamin was already in full vigilant mode when she hacked into the house's surveillance cameras.

Meanwhile, at the CEO's office in Graham Group, Benjamin was about to close in on the hacker's IP address when it disappeared abruptly in a housing district nearby. He narrowed his eyes in frustration.

This person is quite persistent. How dare they infiltrate my house? What is their motive?

"Ethen, I want you to investigate this housing district, including those who frequent or stay in this area!"

"Got it!"

After giving some thought, Arissa felt uneasy and quickly tapped into the surveillance cameras around their housing district.

Even before Ethen began his investigation, all surveillance footage with Arissa and the kids had already been deleted by her.

"Mommy, why did you hack into Benjamin's house surveillance cameras? What are you looking for?"

Gavin was slightly excited when he noticed Arissa becoming emotional at the sight of Jasper's appearance in the surveillance footage.

Was Mommy trying to look for me?

Arissa picked him up and placed her chin on Gavin's back, slowly inhaling the warm and calm scent on him.

Her tense and nervous feelings dissipated almost immediately.

"Mommy heard that there's a little boy who's just about your age in Benjamin's home. I got curious, so I wanted to see how he looks like!"

"Why?" Gavin's voice quivered as he asked Arissa.

Just then, Zachary entered the room and looked at them. "Why are you both still awake!"

Arissa looked at Zachary and felt his stern behavior was very similar to Benjamin's.

"I was preoccupied with something just now. Why are you still awake as well? Have Oliver and Jesse fallen asleep?"

"They're already fast asleep. I couldn't find Jasper, so I went looking for him. So he's really here with you, Mommy!"

Zachary stared at Gavin, making the latter feel guilty. "I just wanted to take a nap with Mommy!"

Zachary was left speechless upon hearing his answer.

"Okay. You can sleep with Mommy."

Arissa hugged Gavin and teased Zachary, "Do you want to sleep next to me too?"

Zachary exclaimed, "I'm scared that you might kick me when you're asleep!"

Arissa was rendered speechless.

"Don't bother about him. Let's go take a nap, Jasper."

Arissa climbed into her bed and held Gavin in her arms, gently inhaling her son's comforting scent. She felt blissful and contented.

Even though Zachary rejected Arissa's request to sleep together at first, eventually, he climbed onto the bed and lay next to Arissa.

She looked at him amusingly. "Aren't you afraid of me kicking you in bed?"

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Chapter 34 Jesse Is A Girl

"Shut up and go to sleep!"

Arissa was bemused when Zachary spoke with a firm tone of voice as he ordered Arissa to go to sleep.

She turned around to hug him and place a kiss on his cheek. "So you're all grown up and eager to bark orders at your mother now, aren't you?"

"Hehe! That tickles, Mommy!" Zachary squirmed as he tried to avoid Arissa's tickling.

"All right, go to sleep!"

Arissa held both of them in her arms as she patted them gently to sleep.

Gavin inched closer and wrapped his arms around her, feeling the warmth emanating from his mother's body.

Upon seeing Gavin's antics, Zachary hugged Arissa while glancing at Gavin.

Her lips curled into a smile as she looked at their identical faces. She patted their heads and closed her eyes.

After an hour of sleep, Arissa woke up abruptly, as she felt Jesse lying on top of her.

"I want to sleep with Mommy too!" Jesse exclaimed. Arissa hugged the petite child and kissed her on the cheek.

Oliver came into the room as well.

"Are you still sleeping, Mommy? I want to sleep next to you too!"

"What time is it now?"

As she held Jesse in her arms, Arissa sat up and looked at the time.

"No more sleeping!"

Zachary and Gavin woke up.

She hugged Jesse and said to the boys, "Go freshen up and get dressed, sweethearts! We're going to school soon!"

Clinging onto Arissa's neck, Jesse planted kisses on her mother's face. Soon, Arissa's face was covered with saliva.

Even so, Arissa was delighted and turned to kiss Jesse's soft cheeks.

She asked Jesse gently, "Do you want to wear a dress to school, Jesse?"

"Yeah!" Jesse clapped happily.

The three boys followed behind Arissa.

Gavin was perplexed. He looked at Zachary and Oliver in confusion.

Jesse's a boy, isn't he? Why is Mommy letting him wear a dress?

Zachary grinned mysteriously and whispered next to him, "Mommy has always wanted a daughter, so she would occasionally dress Jesse in girl's outfits."

"That's right! Jesse looks really pretty in a dress!" Oliver chimed in.

Arissa turned around to look at the boys and smiled. "Stop muttering and come over here! You need to wash your faces!"

"Coming!" Zachary ran over to her.

Oliver followed suit. "I'm coming too!"

Gavin rushed toward her as well. "Me too, Mommy!"

Arissa beamed and put Jesse down before handing the kids their toothbrushes.

"We can handle it ourselves, Mommy!"

Zachary grabbed the toothpaste and helped his siblings by squeezing toothpaste on their toothbrushes before squeezing it on his own. Then, all of them started brushing their teeth.

Arissa smiled as she watched the kids brush their teeth in an orderly manner. After that, she proceeded to brush her teeth as well.

All of them could not help but grin as they looked into the bathroom mirror and noticed they were doing the same action simultaneously.

After washing up, Arissa gave them their outfits before helping Jesse with her dress.

Not only that, she even tied Jesse's short hair.

In her pastel pink dress and neat hair, Jesse looked like a beautiful angel.

"Jesse looks really pretty!"

Gavin was dumbfounded. After dressing up as a girl, Jesse looks lovelier than girls!

Even Arissa thought Jesse looked charming and lovely. Feeling contented, she kissed Jesse's forehead affectionately.

"Our little Jesse looks super gorgeous!"

Jesse giggled happily and replied, "Mommy looks pretty too! And my brothers are super handsome as well!"

"You're so sweet!"

Arissa pinched Jesse's cheek playfully and said to them, "Mommy's going to get changed. Wait for me, okay?"

"Take your time, Mommy. We're not in a hurry right now," Zachary replied with a smile.

Arissa glanced at him and teased, "Well, aren't you smart? Trying to buy time so we'll be late for admissions?"

Zachary giggled and pursed his lips almost immediately.

Arissa ruffled the boy's hair and went to her room to get changed.

After putting on some makeup quickly, she tied her hair into a ponytail.

As Arissa donned her sunglasses, she grabbed her bag and prepared to leave with the children.

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Chapter 35 Why Is Benjamin Here

The kids were shocked when they saw how elegant and stunning she looked.

"Wow! You're so beautiful, Mommy!"

Oliver had a look of admiration on his face. I can just stare at Mommy's pretty face all day long!

Gavin, too, was stunned by Arissa's beauty. He could not tear his eyes away from her face.

"Mommy, your fiery red lipstick suits you really well! You look really dashing!" Zachary complimented with a proud look on his face.

"How can I be dashing, Zachary? The correct word should be beautiful."

Arissa raised her eyebrows haughtily.

Meanwhile, Jesse went up to Arissa and hugged her leg. "As soon as you step outside, there will be plenty of men looking at you, Mommy!"

"Haha!"

However, the reason she had to doll herself up was not to attract male attention, but to appear domineering, as she would be enrolling the children in a prestigious school. If Arissa were to wear something shabby, she could not possibly command presence in front of the elites.

"Let's go, children! We're heading to the school now."

The four children fetched her handbag, keys and high heels.

Finally, the family of five were dressed nicely, ready to head downstairs.

Just when they arrived downstairs, everyone was staring at them, admiring their exceptional appearance and style.

Nevertheless, Arissa was used to the ogles and stares from onlookers. She called to the kids hurriedly, "Stop wasting time! Hurry up!"

I'm walking faster than them in my heels! Why are they lagging so far behind me?

Zachary smiled and pulled his siblings quickly ahead.

"We're doing it for your image, Mommy! If some handsome guy appears and shows interest in you, it'll be better for us to keep a distance away from you."

Arissa pinched Zachary's nose playfully and said, "What nonsense are you talking about? Stop overthinking things!"

How could they possibly think of setting me up with someone else?

Gavin smiled at her. "This buffoon's just joking with you, Mommy!"

Arissa was confused when she heard Gavin's sudden name-calling toward Zachary.

"How could you insult your older brother? Did you guys fight?"

"No, we didn't!" Gavin shook his head.

Upon seeing Zachary's smug expression, Gavin pursed his lips.

"You should address me by my name!"

Gavin froze after Zachary tapped him on his head.

Who knows, maybe I was born earlier than all of them! It should be me who is the eldest child.

Gavin stared at Zachary.

After seeing them not arguing among themselves, Arissa stopped dwelling on the matter and instructed them to hurry up.

However, just as they were about to step out from the main gate, Arissa spotted Ethen nearby.

In a moment of panic, she turned around and pulled the four children aside to hide.

Oh, my gosh! Why is Ethen here?

Arissa stole a glance toward the entrance and saw the car window behind Ethen was slightly open. She could somehow see a figure sitting inside the car.

Benjamin? Why is he here? Did he come here on purpose, or was it just a coincidence? Have we been exposed?

Arissa's mind went blank almost instantly. She was in a mess as she did not know how to deal with the situation.

"What's wrong, Mommy?"

All four kids looked at her with a puzzled face.

It seemed as if they were hiding from crooks.

"Shh!"

Arissa peeked out to monitor the situation and added, "It's my boss!"

Zachary, Oliver, and Gavin instantly knew she was talking about Benjamin.

Why is Daddy here? Is he looking for Mommy, or did he just happen to come here?

"Mommy, look! Is that Benjamin?"

As Jesse peered out, she saw Ethen instead and mistook him for Benjamin.

Hurriedly, Arissa pulled Jesse back and said in a hushed voice, "That's not him!"

If they were to walk out of the entrance, Benjamin would definitely notice the children.

Arissa panicked. She had been caught off guard by his sudden appearance.

However, Ethen noticed Arissa from afar and recognized her almost immediately.

"That looks like Ms. York, Mr. Graham!"

Unfortunately for Arissa, Benjamin spotted her as well.

Arissa lives here?

"Did you miss out on any minor details?"

Ethen knew what Benjamin meant with his words. He explained, "Ms. York filled in a different home address in her application form. I've checked, and it's definitely not here."

Benjamin's eyes flickered and ordered, "Bring her to me now!"

How dare she fake her home address?

"Yes, Mr. Graham!"

With that, Ethen hurried over and waved at Arissa. "Ms. York!"

Arissa grew frustrated as she saw Ethen walking toward her. She had no choice but to let the kids hide in a corner.