

The More the Merrier Chapter 194

“Did you wake up really early today, Mommy? Breakfast is ready so soon,” Jasper said, looking at Arissa.

Gavin didn’t even wake us up just now. We could have helped Mommy with her chores too.

Jesse, who was sitting next to him, yawned a few times. Had she not been hungry, Jesse would have stayed in bed longer.

“I only woke up an hour earlier than you guys did.”

“What about that dummy, Gavin? Did he wake up around the same time as you did?” Oliver asked.

Arissa glared at Oliver and chided him, “Mind your language. He’s your eldest brother, you know.”

Oliver stuck his tongue out. “I haven’t gotten used to that yet!”

“Gavin’s the eldest, Zachary’s the second child, you’re the third child, and I’m the fourth. Lastly, we have Jesse as our baby sister!”

Jasper chuckled as he listed each child in order.

Zachary felt quite frustrated. I guess I’ll have to relinquish my position as the eldest child to Gavin now.

“What? I have a sister?” A loud gasp sounded from behind them.

Everyone turned to find Gavin looking surprised.

Stunned for a moment, Arissa chuckled. “Jesse’s a girl, Gavin.”

Gavin gasped again. He stood there with his mouth agape, staring at Jesse.

Jesse, however, grinned widely at Gavin

“Hehe, you’re my eldest brother!”

Gavin was taken by surprise at the revelation. He rushed toward Jesse and said, "So, you're my sister along?"

I thought you're my brother...

"Yes! I am a girl!"

Jesse nodded fervently, showing her dimples.

She was rather adorable.

"That's great news! I thought you were my little brother!"

Gavin was over the moon about the news.

Seeing how happy he was, Arissa smiled fondly. She did not know Gavin was unaware of Jesse's real gender.

Zachary, Jasper, and Oliver's mouths twitched when they noticed Gavin's excitement.

They snickered.

"I didn't think you would actually believed us when we told you Jesse's our brother!" Jasper grinned.

Gavin stole a glance at Jasper, but he was not really mad or upset.

He caressed Jesse's face and said, "I had a hunch that you're my sister, but they tricked me into believing that you're a boy wearing girls' clothes!"

In fact, his siblings lied to him that Arissa was the one who had always wanted a daughter, and that she would sometimes pretend Jesse is a girl by dressing her up in feminine clothes.

Arissa was amused. "It's my fault for not telling you about it. I've completely forgotten."

In the past, she was afraid that Jesse would be bullied just because she was a girl.

So, whenever they went out, Arissa would dress Jesse up in clothes to match her elder siblings. She had Jesse retain a boyish hairstyle so that it was easier to manage.

“I’m really happy, Mommy! I have a sister now!”

Gavin smiled goofily at Jesse. He was still amazed by the discovery.

After she was done serving oatmeal porridge to the children, Arissa said, “All right, eat up, Gavin. Jesse isn’t going anywhere, okay?”

Gavin kissed Jesse on the cheek before tucking into his meal.

“I thought you knew, Gavin!”

Jesse flashed a wide grin, revealing her missing front teeth.

Gavin smiled back. The two liked how everything turned out.

Arissa smiled as she looked at Gavin and Jesse. “Gavin, did you manage to wake Mr. Hinton up? Will he be joining us for breakfast?”

“Oh, I almost forgot. Mr. Hinton said he needed more sleep. He wants us to leave some food for him.”

Gavin told Arissa about Bradley’s request.

Arissa was happy to hear that. She knew Bradley could not possibly get up so early in the morning.

She set aside some of the food for Bradley. Then, she dined with her five children.

After a while, Zachary got bored and went to switch on the television. News reports about their abduction appeared on the screen.

The updated amount of their bounty came as a jaw-dropping surprise to them.

“Oh gosh! It went up to one hundred million!”

Oliver’s eyes lit up almost instantly. That’s a whole lot of money.

Arissa closed her mouth and said nonchalantly, “What’s all the fuss about? One hundred million won’t burn a hole in Benjamin’s pocket at all.”

“Mommy’s right. Daddy... I mean, Benjamin is filthy rich!” Gavin nodded.

Arissa looked at Gavin with a sad face. Benjamin is really hurting Gavin right now.

She could not help but sigh deeply.

“He keeps increasing the amount. With that hefty sum, it might not take long before we get caught,” Zachary said as he looked at Arissa.

She glanced at her son and replied, “Let’s not worry about that. Eat up!”