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## The More the Merrier Chapter 337 - 338

Chapter 337 Benjamin Was Not Invited To Dinner

“Okay. See you later, Sweetheart!”

After Arissa hung up, she could feel Benjamin staring at her.

She turned around and stared back at him, asking, “Why are you looking at me?”

Benjamin felt slightly frustrated when he saw that the smile that Arissa had on her face earlier on had completely disappeared.

He could not understand why the woman was so gentle when she interacted with the kids but was stingy with her affection when she was facing him.

“Is Dad treating you to dinner?” Benjamin asked, cocking his brows.

Arissa nodded and replied, “That’s what Gavin said.”

Benjamin’s eyes gleamed when he heard that, wondering why he was not invited to dinner as well.

How could my own father do that to me? Am I really his son?

At the same time, he also thought about his own son, who no longer felt like his son, as the boy was much closer to Arissa than him currently.

Benjamin’s face fell slightly at the thought of that.

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Arissa took a glance at his handsome face that was visibly tensed and explained in a soft voice, “Maybe Mr. Graham didn’t ask you because he thought that you were busy.”

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Benjamin turned toward her and replied, "You don't have to comfort me. Do you really think I'll be upset over just a meal?"

Arissa gulped when she heard that.

If you're not upset, why are you following me then?

On the way to the restaurant, the couple did not speak to each other.

When they reached the dinner venue, the five children were in the midst of playing with Darius, Kingsley, and Shaun in the private room.

Laughter filled the entire room.

When the kids saw Arissa, they ran over to her at once.

"Mommy, you're here!" they exclaimed, jumping into their mother's arms, hugging her.

Arissa stumbled a little when she tried to take all five of them into her embrace.

Noticing that, Benjamin quickly put his arms around her waist to steady her, preventing her from falling.

"Mommy, we've waited so long for you to reach!"

Arissa smiled and tousled the children's hair affectionately.

"Didn't you say dinner start at six?"

The kids nodded and replied, "Even though it's at six, you can still come earlier!"

Arissa replied with a chuckle, "I was worried that you guys won't be here yet if I arrive too early!"

"All right, that's enough. Go wash your hands and get ready for dinner," Darius said to Arissa warmly.

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"Mr. Graham," Arissa greeted Darius at once.

The older man nodded in acknowledgment before glancing at Benjamin and saying, "I'm surprised that my busy son is free to join us for dinner today!"

Benjamin looked at his father, feeling rather speechless.

Arissa let out an amused chuckle while Kingsley and Shaun tried to suppress their smiles.

"Mommy, let's go wash our hands and get ready for dinner! I'm famished!" Jasper said, wrapping his arms around his stomach.

Arissa looked at her cheeky son and asked, "Didn't you guys eat something when you were outside just now?"

Jasper giggled awkwardly while Zachary jumped in and said, "Mommy, he's lying! He ate the most out of all of us just now!"

"Yeah! He was eating every food that he'd set his sights on. Grandpa bought us a ton of food just now." Oliver followed his brother's lead and ratted on Jasper as well.

If not for the fact that their grandfather was paying, Jasper would not get to enjoy that much food.

He was simply interested in every single food he saw, and it was a waste of money.

Jesse was beaming from ear to ear as she chimed in, "Mommy, Jasper snatched my food to eat as well!"

Arissa pinched Jasper's cheeks and said, "How can you bully your sister!"

Jasper stuck out his tongue mischievously and replied, "Mommy, Grandpa dotes on us so much! He buys us everything we want!"

Arissa did not know whether to laugh or cry at her son's antics. "So, if Grandpa doesn't buy you anything, does it mean that he doesn't dote on you anymore?"

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Jasper pressed his lips together and replied, "Of course not."

"Mommy, why is he here too?" Gavin shot a glance at Benjamin and asked.

Arissa gave the boy a hug before replying, "He saw me when I was trying to sneak out earlier and followed me into the elevator."

Zachary blinked a few times and said, "I bet he's constantly spying on Mommy!"

Arissa was at a loss for words after hearing the kids' comments.

Benjamin followed behind when Arissa took the children to wash their hands.

When Benjamin was washing his hands next to Arissa, Zachary and his siblings sneaked a glance at their father.

Sensing their gaze, Benjamin looked at them and asked, "Was it fun hanging out with your grandpa today?"

The kids nodded and replied, "Yeah! We had so much fun!"

Benjamin nodded and waited for them to finish washing their hands before bringing them back to the private room.

When they were back, Darius said to Arissa warmly, "Issa, come and take a seat!"

"Okay!" Arissa nodded with a smile.

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Chapter 338 Peeling Prawns For Mommy

Arissa settled the kids down first before taking her seat at the dining table. Benjamin sat down next to her.

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Darius took a look at the couple and smiled.

Kingsley and Shaun looked at the two of them as well and exchanged knowing smiles.

"We're starving just because we had to wait for you guys."

"Do you have nothing else to do?" Benjamin glanced at the two men expressionlessly.

Kingsley and Shaun merely smiled in response.

"Mrs. Graham, are you feeling better now?" Shaun glanced at Arissa and asked.

"Much better." Arissa nodded.

"Why? What happened to you, Issa?" Darius noticed something amiss and asked Arissa in concern.

Feeling somewhat embarrassed, Arissa replied, "I scalded my tongue when I was drinking coffee this morning, but I'm fine now!"

"You should take care of yourself more," Darius reminded before asking for the dishes to be served.

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"Mommy, let me take a look at your tongue!" Gavin said, turning toward his mother.

Arissa chuckled and patted her son's head before answering, "I'm fine now."

She felt awkward acceding to her son's request with so many people around.

While Gavin continued to fix his gaze on Arissa, Zachary, Oliver, Jasper, and Jesse looked over as well. "Mommy, are you really okay now?" they asked.

Arissa nodded and said, "Yes I am. Anyway, let's eat!"

While the five kids were taking turns putting food onto their mother's plate, they suddenly remembered Darius and started putting food onto their grandpa's plate as well.

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Darius was beaming from ear to ear as he watched his grandchildren serve him.

“Thank you, Sweethearts!”

“You’re welcome!” the children replied in unison.

“Jesse, come over to Grandpa!” Darius said to the little girl, who was the apple of his eye.

Jesse glanced toward Arissa and only went to Darius after receiving an encouraging nod from her mother.

“Here, Jesse, you’ll sit right next to Grandpa!”

Darius lifted the girl onto his lap and started placing food onto her plate.

“Mr. Graham, why don’t you let her sit on her own?” Arissa said to Darius, worried that he was spoiling Jesse.

She did not want her daughter to get used to other people feeding her.

Benjamin glanced at her and said to his father, “Dad, let Jesse sit on her own.”

Darius looked at the couple and laughed. “I just want to spend more time with Jesse given that I only get to eat with the kids once in a blue moon.”

Gavin, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper were already used to the fact that their sister was getting special treatment from their grandpa since she was his favorite.

However, not only were they not jealous at all, they were glad that that was the case.

“Grandpa, I can eat myself. Let me sit on my own!”

Seeing that her brothers were all sitting independently, Jesse wanted to do that as well.

Darius was a little annoyed at Benjamin and said, “It’s all your fault that Jesse doesn’t want me to carry her now.”

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Benjamin frowned when he heard that.

Darius then instructed Kingsley to add a chair next to him for Jesse. After placing the girl on the chair, Darius started placing food on her plate again.

“Here you go, Jesse. You should eat more! Tell Grandpa what you like to eat,” Darius said to the girl in a gentle tone before addressing the rest in a louder voice, “Everyone, dig in! Stop looking at us!”

Everyone laughed before picking up their utensils and started eating.

Benjamin found it strange that Darius was only paying attention to Jesse while the boys ate on their own.

However, Shaun and Kingsley were not surprised at all.

Arissa smiled and continued eating.

Seeing that the little girl was favored by Darius, she took some food for the boys.

“Thank you, Mommy!” the four boys said simultaneously.

Arissa smiled and replied, “Eat more, boys!”

The four little fellas nodded.

Benjamin glanced at Arissa, and his eyes lit up, noticing that she was enjoying her food.

“Mommy, I’ll peel some prawns for you!” Gavin offered and started peeling a large prawn for his mother.

Arissa was delighted and said, “Thank you, Sweetheart!”

“You’re welcome, Mommy!” Gavin replied with a wide grin on his face.

After peeling a prawn for Arissa, the boy peeled one more prawn for Jesse before peeling one for himself.

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Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper followed their eldest brother's lead and started peeling prawns for their mother too.

Benjamin shot a glance at Arissa's plate that was piled up with love from their children.

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