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Chapter 339 Darius Gave Benjamin An Earful

Shaun and Kingsley, who were sitting across the table from Benjamin, noticed the envious look in the man's eye and smiled.

"Benjamin, you seem to be very envious of Mrs. Graham," Kingsley teased.

Benjamin shot a piercing gaze at his friend after hearing that.

Shaun looked at the two other men in amusement and started teasing the kids.

"Zachary, why are you boys not peeling prawns for your daddy?"

"He's a man. He doesn't need us to do that for him," the four little boys replied in unison.

"Haha!"

Everyone burst out laughing when they heard that. There was nothing wrong with what the boys said.

It was right for men to be caring toward women.

Kingsley glanced at Benjamin and said, "Benjamin, look, your sons are so gentlemanly. Why don't you learn from them and peel some prawns for Mrs. Graham too?"

Benjamin glared at his friend and replied, "Since you're so free, why don't you peel prawns for all of us?"

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The corners of Kingsley's lips twitched.

Arissa chuckled and continued eating the prawns that her boys had prepared for her happily.

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When Benjamin noticed that she seemed to be enjoying her prawns a lot, he peeled a prawn and placed it on her plate as well.

Suddenly noticing the extra prawn on her plate, Arissa turned to look at the man.

She could not help but gulp after seeing how elegant he looked even when he was eating.

"Don't keep eating prawns. Eat more of the other dishes as well," Benjamin said, turning his head in her direction.

Arissa took one more look at him and continued eating.

Even though Darius was taking care of Jesse, he was also paying attention to the interactions between Benjamin and Arissa at the same time.

He laughed under his breath and asked Arissa, "Issa, do you like these dishes?"

"Yes, I do!" Arissa replied with a nod.

"That's good to hear! We can order more of those that you like!" Darius smiled.

"Okay! Mr. Graham, let Jesse eat on her own. You should eat something too!" Arissa replied.

"Sure, sure." Darius chuckled heartily.

His appetite increased greatly after seeing how much his grandchildren were enjoying their dinner.

Relishing in the harmonious atmosphere, Shaun and Kingsley started filling their stomachs as well.

Benjamin placed a piece of chicken on Arissa's plate and asked, "Do you like chicken?"

She glanced at him and replied, "I do."

"The food here is pretty good. You should try a bit of everything," Benjamin suggested before going back to his own food.

The children sneaked a glance at their father and were noticed by Arissa, who arched her eyebrows at them.

When they realized that they had been discovered, they smiled at their mother cheekily.

"Concentrate on your dinner!" she said to her children.

Instantly, the five little ones turned back toward their plates and stopped looking around.

"Benjamin, is it very busy at the office?" after a while, Darius asked Benjamin in a serious manner.

"It's all right," Benjamin glanced at his father and replied.

"If it's not that busy, try not to work overtime during the weekends. The kids are still young. You should try to spend more time with them. If you're really busy, you can carry on with your work but let Issa stay with the kids. It doesn't make sense for the two of you to spend the weekends working. It's not as if our family is short of money, and you have to work additionally hard to make ends meet. Try to spend more time with the kids."

Although Darius gave Benjamin an earful, he was very considerate toward Arissa.

He continued, "The kids need their mom. If you insist on taking Issa with you to work, the little ones would be upset and wouldn't enjoy themselves as much."

Benjamin cast a glance at his children. He couldn't tell that they were upset at all.

"I got it."

He looked at Arissa before sweeping a glance at Gavin.

Gavin stared back at his father.

When Benjamin saw that, he sneered silently, wondering if the boy had complained to Darius.

"Why are you staring at me?" Gavin asked fiercely, shooting daggers at Benjamin.

Darius looked toward Benjamin in an intimidating manner as well.

"Why are you staring at my grandson?"

Benjamin was speechless.

Arissa could not help but giggle under her breath, amused by the scene.

Kingsley and Shaun tried their best to suppress their laughter as well, after seeing Benjamin's inability to respond.

Meanwhile, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper burst out laughing.

When Benjamin heard that, he gave the three boys a side-eye.

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Sensing their father glaring at them, the boys immediately took some food and placed it on Arissa's plate. "Mommy, you should eat more. You must be tired after working so hard today!"

Kingsley laughed out loud when he heard that.

"Boys, why are you only taking food for your mommy? How about giving some to Uncle Shaun too?" Shaun said in amusement.

The three boys blinked before looking at Shaun and said, "Uncle Shaun, we'll pass the food to you. You can take some for yourself. You're too far away from us!"

Shaun and Kingsley laughed and said, "Look at how smart these boys are!"

Darius gazed at the boys affectionately before turning toward Benjamin.

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With a serious look on his face, he said, "Did you hear what I told you just now?"

"Yes," Benjamin answered plainly.

"Just hearing is not enough. You have to take it to heart and act on it as well!" Darius emphasized.

"All right."

Benjamin merely agreed without saying anything else to prevent Darius from nagging any further.

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After dinner, everyone headed to the garden at the restaurant for a stroll.

The garden was picturesque and well-maintained.

While everyone was enjoying their evening walk, Darius gestured for Benjamin to step aside for a chat.

"Dad."

Benjamin walked toward Darius.

Noticing that the father-and-son pair had something to talk about, Arissa wanted to take the kids somewhere else but was stopped by Darius.

"Issa, you should come over here as well."

"Of course, Mr. Graham." Arissa had no choice but to comply.

Darius looked at her smilingly and teased, "It feels really awkward to hear you addressing me as Mr. Graham. When are you going to change the way you call me?"

"Huh?" Arissa was confused.

"I prefer to hear you call me Dad." Darius went straight to the point.

Arissa was slightly startled and quickly explained, "Mr. Graham, I think you've mistaken. I'm not dating your son!"

Darius frowned and stared at Benjamin.

Benjamin glanced at his father before looking toward Arissa, who was quick to clarify their relationship. He could not help but feel slightly displeased.

He said, "Dad, she's just feeling a bit shy."

Darius looked at his son and smiled. "Yeah, I can tell."

Arissa was dumbfounded.

Since when did we start dating?

"|-"

At that moment, Benjamin grabbed her hand and intertwined his fingers with hers.

Arissa could feel an electric current flowing through her fingers, and her heart skipped a beat.

"Dad, what is it that you wanted to say? Stop beating around the bush," Benjamin said, interrupting Arissa.

Darius looked at the couple and said, "Oh, I was thinking that since the kids have reunited with each other, they should change their last name back to 'Graham."

Darius glanced at Arissa after saying that.

In actuality, Arissa had seen that coming. However, she did not know how to respond now that Darius had brought the matter up personally.

"Got it, I know what to do," Benjamin replied.

"Issa, what do you think about it?" Darius directed the question to Arissa.

She looked at Darius before looking toward Benjamin.

"Can we talk about this again at a later time?"

Arissa knew that for a prominent family like the Grahams, changing the children's last names was not that simple. There would surely be complex procedures to follow in order to formalize the change.

As such, she was rather reluctant to agree to that.

She was not ready for her children to return to the Graham family.

As Darius was an extremely sensitive and observant man, he only needed one look at the woman and he could guess what she was thinking.

"The kids are just changing their last name. No matter where they might be in the future, they will always be descendants of the Graham family. It doesn't mean that they will have to leave you."

Arissa's eyes lit up when she heard that. "Mr. Graham, do you mean they can continue staying with me? We won't have to be separated?"

When it came to matters concerning the kids, she made sure she clarified them properly.

"Since you're their mom, it's only natural they should be with you. No one can change that fact. Even if you and Benjamin do not end up together, they can still choose to stay with you, and you will still have their custody. I know it wasn't easy bringing them up on your own. So, we won't snatch them away from you. My only request is that they change their last name back to 'Graham."

Since Darius had already made his stance clear, Arissa figured she shouldn't keep refusing his request.

"Do you mean it, Mr. Graham?"

She then shot a glance at Benjamin, who merely fixed his gaze on her and kept quiet.

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"As long as I am still alive, I will keep my promise," Darius said firmly, completely ignoring Benjamin.