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Chapter 616 Moving Her Child Away

Tim asked, "Did you go to Mr. Bailey?"

Zachary nodded. "Yes. But we followed you there!"

Arissa knew what they were up to. She reminded them, "You shouldn't have run around in the hospital!"

Will Regan come back? It will be bad if they run into him. It's best for them not to see each other.

"Mommy, we just want to see Mr. Bailey!" Gavin responded.

Arissa nodded in acknowledgment.

Right then, Benjamin came in with Shaun.

"Show it to him," Benjamin instructed her.

Arissa could barely hide her surprise. Did he head out to summon Shaun?

Shaun shot her an amused look. "Arissa, do you have a headache?"

Arissa shook her head as a flush crept up her cheeks. "I sneezed a few times, and that was about it. I don't feel particularly unwell."

Despite that, Shaun proceeded to take her temperature.

The electric thermometer showed that she wasn't having a fever.

Shaun showed it to Benjamin. "She's fine."

Benjamin could finally relax.

Grinning, Shaun left some instructions. "Arissa, you should be careful. You don't want to catch a cold, do you?"

"Okay." Arissa nodded obediently. "I've just taken the medicine a while ago."

Shaun shot her an approving nod. "Prevention is better than cure. It was Tim who got the prescription from me."

Arissa turned to look at Tim, who blinked twice before averting his gaze shyly. She felt a surge of happiness.

"It's getting late. Let's pack up and leave," Benjamin said.

Arissa glanced at the time and bobbed her head.

"You can leave. I'll stay at the hospital to take care of Mdm. Mary," Shaun said.

They should get back to the hotel to get some rest.

"Thanks, Mr. Bailey!" Arissa thanked him gratefully.

For the past few days, Shaun had worked really hard. He spent all his time in the hospital and didn't really get to rest.

"It's fine. I can take a nap in the doctors' mess later," Shaun assured her.

The temperature was dropping, so it would be best for Gavin and the rest to return to the hotel.

Arissa bid goodbye to Mary before leading the kids and Benjamin back to the hotel to get some rest.

Kingsley and Ethen left with them, too.

Back at the hotel, everyone washed up and went to bed.

Arissa made sure the kids were asleep before she went to the bathroom to take a shower.

When she emerged from the bathroom, Benjamin was sitting on the couch. At once, she halted in her tracks.

"You should take a shower and go to bed soon," she said.

Benjamin whipped his head around and saw Arissa clad in a nightdress that exposed her attractive legs. His gaze promptly turned dark with desire.

Arissa had just stepped out of the shower, so she looked soft and inviting.

Her cheeks were pink and fluffy. It was an enticing sight.

“You should sleep in the adjoining room.”

Hearing that, Arissa was confused.

The kids had fallen asleep in this room, and she wouldn't sleep separately with them in a new place.

Otherwise, they might wake up at night and cry if she wasn't with them.

“I'll sleep right here,” she said.

Having said that, she walked over to the kids and lay down beside them.

Ignoring the man's presence, she tucked the kids in and prepared to sleep.

“Switch off the lights before you leave later,” she told Benjamin.

With that said, she shut her eyes and fell asleep.

As she didn't get to rest all day, her energy was spent.

Benjamin's brows snapped together when he heard her breathing turning stable. In the end, he switched off the lights and left the room.

Soon, he returned to the room after taking his shower.

The room was pitch black.

Benjamin could see clearly in the dark, so he strode over to the bed without any difficulty.

Standing beside the bed, he glanced at the spot beside Arissa.

He then looked at the kids.

Bending down, he moved Jesse, who was sleeping beside Arissa, to the other end of the bed. He then shifted Arissa carefully before joining her in bed.

It was midnight when a loud thump reverberated around the room.

Thump! It sounded like something had landed on the ground.

At once, Benjamin jolted awake.

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Benjamin's eyes snapped open as he observed his surroundings. His guard was up. However, he didn't discover anything out of the ordinary.

He was about to go back to bed when a loud wail pierced the air.

"Mommy!"

Arissa woke up instantly and scrambled out of bed. She didn't even realize she had to crawl over Benjamin to leave the bed.

She went in the direction of the wails immediately.

"Sweetheart, don't cry. I'm right here," she coaxed patiently.

Afraid she'd stumble, Benjamin switched on the lights hurriedly.

Arissa spotted her daughter wailing her heart out on the ground and picked her up.

"What happened? Hush, Sweetheart."

"Mommy..." Jesse burped pitifully and complained, "Mommy, I fell off the bed!"

Stunned, Arissa checked Jesse hastily to find if the latter was injured.

"Did you injure yourself? Show me!" she urged.

Jesse shook her head. "My butt hurts!" she sniffled.

Her small face was a mess of tears and snot was bubbling out of her nose.

Arissa wiped her tears off and unbuttoned her pajamas to check her body.

"Is she all right?" Benjamin came over to them.

Arissa stopped abruptly when she realized he was also there. She glanced at him before turning to look at the bed. Did he just sleep here?

“Mommy, my butt hurts!” Jesse whined as she touched her butt.

“Let me take a look.”

Arissa observed the sore spot and massaged it gently. “Don’t cry. Let me put on some ointment for you!”

Feeling sorry, Benjamin offered, “I’ll go see if there is any ointment around.”

He strode toward the living room to find the ointment.

The other five kids roused and rubbed their eyes sleepily.

Worried, they asked, “Mommy, what happened to Jesse?”

“Jesse’s fine. You should go to bed. She fell off the bed, but she’s fine,” Arissa assured them.

Oliver and Jasper were used to it, so they returned to bed and promptly fell asleep.

Zachary also did the same.

Jesse often fell off her bed, so this time, it didn’t cause a huge ruckus.

Both Gavin and Tim gazed at Jesse worriedly, so Arissa explained the situation to them briefly.

“Sweethearts, you should sleep. Jesse’s fine. The floor is covered with carpet, so she didn’t hurt herself.”

“But Jesse is crying so sadly!” Gavin’s brows scrunched up in worry.

Chuckling, Arissa patted Jesse’s back and explained, “Perhaps she got shocked after falling off the bed suddenly. It’s fine. Hurry, sleep now!”

Tim could barely hide his concern for Jesse.

“Don’t cry, Jesse.”

Arissa brought Jesse over to them and said, “Look, Sweetheart. Your brothers are worried about you.”

Jesse sniffed loudly. Tears hung on her lashes, and her nose was red. She looked like a pitiful sight.

“Gavin, Tim, I’m fine. My butt hurts, though. You should sleep. I’m sorry for waking you up!” she said.

Both Gavin and Tim shook their heads profusely. “We’re glad you’re fine!”

Benjamin came in with the ointment. He joined Arissa on the bed and uncapped the ointment.

“Here, apply some ointment for her.”

Jesse flung her arms around Arissa tightly.

Arissa patted her back to console her. “It won’t hurt. You’ll feel better after applying the ointment.”

She coaxed Jesse patiently and told Benjamin. “Give it to me. I shall apply it on her bottom.”

Jesse rested her cheek on Arissa’s shoulder and allowed her mother to apply the ointment to her bottom. Her cheeks were pink.

Gavin and Tim’s eyes turned as round as saucers.

Carefully, they wiped her tears away.

“It doesn’t hurt anymore, right?”

“Yes!”

Jesse bobbed her heads and stared at her brothers.

Arissa focused her attention on applying the ointment a few times.

Benjamin sat aside and noticed that Jesse’s bottom looked slightly green. His brows furrowed together at the discovery.

“Apply more ointment and more pressure. Otherwise, the bruise won’t go away,” he uttered.

Arissa paused and shot him an amused look. She pulled Jesse’s pants up without hesitation.

She found his reaction quite funny, actually.

“That isn’t a bruise.”

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Confused, Benjamin turned to look at her. "It isn't a bruise? But it's blueish green."

Arissa giggled. "It's a common occurrence in children."

Benjamin's frown deepened. A common occurrence in children?

He turned to Gavin. "Gavin's bottom doesn't look like that."

Hearing that, Gavin flushed shyly.

Arissa's lips curved as she put Jesse down. She told the kids to go to bed before she gave Benjamin an explanation.

"Not every kid has that. When they grow up, the lesion will disappear. It isn't a bruise," she revealed.

Benjamin had no idea about that.

Arissa glanced at him. "It's perfectly normal."

Tim shot them a look and whispered, "I have it, too."

"Is that so?" Arissa asked him cheerfully.

Tim gave a tiny nod.

He scurried back to bed and pulled the blanket over his head to cover his face.

Arissa smiled. My son is so cute when he's embarrassed.

"Zachary has it, too!"

She sat beside Tim and patted his head before pulling the covers up for Gavin and Jesse.

"Sleep tight."

“Okay!”

Jesse shut her eyes obediently.

Gavin yawned and got up. “Mommy, I need to pee!”

“All right.”

She picked him up and helped him with his shoes. Turning at her shoulder, she asked, “Tim, do you want to pee before going back to sleep?”

Tim stole a glance at her.

Seeing that, Arissa carried him up and helped him with his shoes.

“Go pee with Gavin.”

“Mm!” Tim ran away.

Arissa then met Benjamin’s gaze. “Why did Jesse fall off the bed on the other side?”

She remembered sleeping beside Jesse, but the little girl ended up falling off at the other end of the bed.

A flash of embarrassment appeared on Benjamin’s face. “I moved her there.”

Stunned, Arissa glanced at the bed before comprehension dawned.

“Did you sleep here earlier?”

Benjamin shot her a look. “Can’t I sleep here?” he declared.

Arissa’s lips twitched, but she said nothing else.

He moved Jesse away so he could sleep next to me?

Her heart began to race. Does Benjamin want to get closer to me? Or was he merely trying to take advantage over me?

At she stared at him strangely, Benjamin felt embarrassed. He went to the other side and climbed into bed.

“Sleep.”

Arissa was rendered speechless.

Why do you have to say that word so loudly? Fortunately, the kids didn't rouse.

Shortly after, Gavin and Tim emerged from the bathroom.

She tucked them into bed and said, "Sweethearts, goodnight!"

"Mommy, come and join us in bed!" Gavin urged.

Chuckling, Arissa made sure they were comfortable in the bed.

"I need to go to the bathroom, too. Don't wait for me."

"Okay!" Both boys closed their eyes quietly.

Arissa went to the bathroom and washed her hands hastily. When she came out, she switched off the lights.

"You switched the lights off before you get into bed. Can you see in the dark?"

As she was stumbling in the dark, Benjamin switched on the bedside lamp.

Arissa was startled by his action.

"There is a remote control here. Don't you know it exists?"

Benjamin only switched off the lights when she snuggled into bed.

I forgot about it, all right? Arissa rolled her eyes inwardly.

She was too sleepy to argue with him. Pulling the covers up, she lay beside the kids.

Soon, she drifted off to sleep.

Benjamin heard them snoring, but he couldn't go to sleep.

He lay on his side. As the moonlight shone through the windows, he glanced at Arissa and the kids in bed.

A smile nudged his lips.

They are sleeping soundly. They wouldn't know if someone move them out of the bed.

Arissa rolled over and nearly tumbled off the bed. At that sight, Benjamin felt his heart sink to his stomach.

Arisa then inched to the middle of the bed. Feeling disturbed, the kids mumbled in their sleep and inched toward Benjamin.

The second time Benjamin noticed she nearly fell off the bed, he got up and went to her.

He lay behind her and placed his arm around her waist naturally to pull her into his arms.

Her familiar fragrance entered Benjamin's nostrils, and it gave him a calming effect. Not long after, he fell asleep, too.

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Chapter 619 Accidentally Kicking Him Off The Bed

The next day, Arissa woke up to a warm body behind her.

Her entire being froze.

She whipped her head around to see a handsome face right behind her.

Benjamin seemed more approachable in his sleep, so she couldn't help but observe him carefully.

Didn't he sleep on the other side last night?

She snuggled into his embrace, enjoying the feeling of his strong arms supporting her.

The man's hot breath fanned her cheeks, bringing about a ticklish sensation.

Arisa felt her heart skip a beat.

As Benjamin's lashes moved, she promptly shut her eyes.

Her heartbeat quickened when she sensed the man's gaze landing on her.

Benjamin had just roused to the sight of Arissa lying in his arms quietly. His heart was full.

Something gleamed in his eyes as he realized her lashes were twitching. His lips curled into a mischievous grin.

Suddenly, Benjamin thought of teasing her.

He tightened his arms and rested his chin on her shoulder.

Arissa couldn't help but cower when his hot breath puffed against her neck.

"It's ticklish," she grumbled softly.

Benjamin let out a low chuckle as Arissa's cheeks turned pink.

Benjamin nuzzled her neck and took in her alluring, sweet scent. Taking a deep breath, he couldn't help but give her a few pecks.

Arissa's entire being trembled profusely as her cheeks heated up.

In a low voice, she chided, "What are you doing? Release me!"

The kids are right beside us!

She tried struggling out of his reach. However, she didn't dare move too much for fear of waking the kids.

However, her struggles seemed like an invitation to Benjamin.

His gaze turned dark with desire as he pressed his lips onto her nape.

Arissa shuddered and gave him a forceful kick.

Thump! The man tumbled off the bed.

Arissa was shocked by the loud voice.

The children promptly jolted awake. They sat up to find out what had happened.

At the sight of Benjamin's grim expression, they gaped at him.

Benjamin glared at the woman who hid under the covers.

How dare she kick me off the bed?

Sensing his imposing presence, Arissa felt a chill go down her spine.

I didn't do that on purpose! It was an instinctive reaction. He was the one who took advantage of me!

"Daddy, why are you on the ground? Did you fall off the bed?" Gavin asked on purpose.

Inwardly, he was laughing in delight. I can't believe Daddy fell off the bed!

"Mr. Graham, why did you fall off the bed just like Jesse?" Zachary grinned.

Both Oliver and Jasper giggled aside.

Benjamin's expression turned dark.

Jesse took one look at Benjamin and touched her head.

"I fell off that side last night, and Mr. Graham fell off this side in the morning. Mr. Graham, did you sleep with us?"

The kids cast him suspicious looks. Benjamin's throat went dry as he stood up.

He glanced at the woman hiding under the covers and told the kids, "Hurry, go wash up!"

The children shared a look and didn't say a word, for he looked especially grumpy this morning.

They toddled to the bathroom as ordered.

Benjamin fixed his gaze on the woman. "Get up!"

Arisa shuddered. Is he going to beat me up?

Benjamin's brows snapped together. Isn't she afraid of suffocating under the covers?

As she didn't move an inch, he reached out and pulled the covers away.

Without warning, Arisa met his sharp gaze. She blinked before offering an apology.

"Graham, I didn't do that on purpose. You did that suddenly, so I reacted subconsciously to defend myself!" she explained.

Benjamin harrumphed. "If you did it on purpose, I would've been injured!"

Arisa had no words to reply.

I'm not as good as him at fighting. Even if I did it on purpose, I wouldn't be able to injure him.

"The floor is covered with carpet. Did you injure yourself?" she asked.

Despite rejoicing inwardly, she pretended as though she was worried about him.
"Should I help you to apply some ointment?"

Benjamin glowered at her cheeky smile. He knew she was merely putting up an act, but the anger in his heart faded away.

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Chapter 620 Let Us Return To Dellmoor Together

Sensing his stare, Arissa looked away calmly and avoided meeting his gaze.

Benjamin took note of her guilty look. "Get up and wash up now."

Arissa wanted to laze around.

"If Mdm. Mary is doing well this morning, we can prepare to head back to Dellmoor," Benjamin told her.

Arissa's eyes lit up at his words. She promptly sat up.

"We're going back to Dellmoor?"

As she seemed eager to head back, Benjamin gave her a firm nod.

"We've wasted enough time here."

With that said, Benjamin spun on his heels and strode out of the room.

Arissa watched his departing figure silently. She was already busy planning how to send the kids to school.

Scrambling out of bed, she ran to the bathroom. "Sweethearts, hurry. We need to pack our stuff as we're going to head back to Dellmoor today."

Gavin and the other four were excited, but Tim was slightly nervous.

"Mommy, didn't Mr. Graham say we'll head back after confirming Mdm. Mary is okay?" Oliver reminded.

"Mdm. Mary will be fine. She looked fine yesterday!" Jasper replied cheerfully.

"Yes!" Arissa flashed a grin and nodded. She patted the kids' head affectionately.

"Mdm. Mary can follow us back to Dellmoor today!"

She glanced at the kids and realized Tim had lowered his head. Her heart sank as she squatted before him.

She held Tim's shoulders and asked, "Sweetheart, let's go back to Dellmoor together, all right?"

Tim glanced at her. "Are we bringing Mdm. Mary there so she can get treated there?"

Arissa ruffled his hair. "Yes. We're bringing Mdm. Mary to Dellmoor so she can get treated there. Healthcare is more advanced there. You can go to school with Gavin and the rest."

Tim gripped his clothes. He was feeling nervous and uneasy about going to a foreign environment. He also felt reluctant to leave this place.

Arissa knew how conflicted his feelings were.

She flung his arms around him and said, "Sweetheart, no matter where you go, Rutaceae Village will always be your home. When you wish to come back, I'll bring you back during the holidays to meet your friends. For the rest of the time, we'll live in Dellmoor. Is that all right?"

Worried that he would be reluctant to leave, Arissa did her best to coax him.

Tim took one look at her.

Arissa explained patiently, "If you follow Daddy and Mommy back, Mdm. Mary will also live with us. You don't have to leave Mdm. Mary, for you'll be with her at all times. You'll be living in a different place, that's all."

“Tim, come back home with us. That way, Mommy and Daddy won’t have to worry about you here. Don’t you want Mdm. Mary to get treated by a better doctor?” Gavin chimed in.

“I do!” Tim answered firmly.

“If you feel reluctant to leave, we can ask Mommy to bring us back here during the holidays,” Zachary told Tim gleefully. “We have a house in Rutaceae Village, remember?”

Tim gazed at his brothers and bobbed his head.

He didn’t want to leave Mary. If he were to stay here alone, his family and Mary would definitely worry about him.

Arissa flashed a relieved smile. She stroked his head adoringly and pressed a delighted kiss to his cheek.

“Sweetheart, relax. Everyone will be by your side in Dellmoor, including your daddy and brothers,” she assured him.

“Don’t forget about Grandpa!” Gavin interjected. “Grandpa will be thrilled to see Tim!”

Tim turned to look at Gavin. “Grandpa?”

“Yes, he’s Daddy’s dad. He wants to come and see you, but Daddy stopped him from coming. Grandpa must be upset! He won’t be upset when he sees you, Tim,” Gavin explained.

“Yes, Grandpa will be thrilled to see you, Tim! His house is full of yummy food!” Jesse enthused.

Tim’s eyes lit up. Does Grandpa like me, too?

“Let’s give Grandpa a call in secret!”

Zachary blinked twice before asking, “Tim, would you like to meet Grandpa now?”

Daddy might’ve blocked Grandpa’s phone, but there is another way for us to contact him!

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