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Chapter 631 Their Piggy Bank

Benjamin noted that there was a stretch of dirt road heading to the village, so he turned to talk to Ethen.

“Arrange for us to fly over from there, and then fly back home.”

“Yes Sir!”

Benjamin didn't want to waste time driving. It was better for them to fly over to the village first for Mary to get used to it. After she looked around the village enough, they could all fly back home together.

Arissa mentally agreed with his idea. It would save a lot of time and stress going back and forth.

She explained the situation to Mary, who was endlessly grateful.

“Thank you so much! I'm sorry for troubling you guys.”

“Don't say that, Grandaut! You can't be in any stressful situations right now, and taking a plane would get rid of that,” Arissa comforted her.

Mary nodded.

Arissa finally started helping Mary tidy up her things along with the help of the six kids.

The helicopter arrived right after she had finished helping Mary pack.

“Are you ready?” Benjamin asked Arissa.

She nodded. “All done!”

“Then let's go.”

Benjamin called for the kids to follow Ethen out first.

Arissa was helping Mary onto the wheelchair and Benjamin walked over after seeing that. “Hold on to the wheelchair,” he said to Arissa.

She turned to look at him when he suddenly picked up the old woman to place her in the wheelchair gently, which shocked both Mary and Arissa.

Arissa giggled and gave Benjamin a big thumbs-up.

He simply glanced at her. "Give her a blanket or a shawl."

"Oh, I'm not cold, don't worry!" Mary said, almost tearing up at his kindness.

Benjamin may have been cold and sharp on the outside, but he was still warm and kind on the inside.

Arissa brought over a blanket for Mary.

"It's better to keep this on, Grandaunt. It's cold in the hospital, and it'll be cold on the plane later as well."

Mary looked at the two of them with a smile on her face. "Okay, I'll keep it on!"

Arissa pushed the wheelchair out to meet the six kids, who were busy helping Mary with her luggage.

Even Tim was holding onto a backpack.

"Tim, please give me that backpack."

Mary didn't feel right letting a small child hold onto her things.

"All of you, hold onto those bags for Great-grandaunt!"

"Great-grandaunt, we're fine! It's not good to put too much pressure on your legs," Zachary said with a smile.

"Great-grandaunt, I'll carry it!" Tim said, keeping a firm grip on his backpack.

Benjamin looked over to see a rather heavy backpack in Tim's embrace and gestured for Ethen to go help him with it.

Tim held on to it tightly, not wanting to let go.

"I can take it by myself, Mr. Frank!"

Ethen chuckled at the sight of Tim's stubbornness.

"What kind of treasures could possibly be in there?"

Tim just glanced at him silently.

Arissa and Benjamin looked at Tim curiously as well.

Mary chuckled. "It's his piggy bank! Our IDs are in there as well."

"No wonder he didn't let us take that just now!" Oliver said.

Tim pouted.

"It's a glass jar! It's fragile and you might break it!"

Arissa chuckled and continued teasing her son. "How much do you have in there now?"

Tim looked at her shyly, not daring to say anything.

"Daddy will take it for you," Benjamin said, picking it up smoothly.

Tim looked at him anxiously, but Benjamin just jerked his chin forward. "Watch where you're walking."

Tim looked at him and mumbled, "I can take it myself!"

"It's quite heavy. I can promise you that it won't break with me holding it!" Benjamin said haughtily.

Tim just pressed his lips together at the sight of Benjamin not letting the bag go. All he could do was run off to take something else.

"We'll hold on to these."

Jasper wasn't letting him take anything either.

Arissa saw Tim feeling a bit panicked and called out, "Tim, come over here and help push the wheelchair."

"Okay!" Tim said as he scurried over to help Arissa push the wheelchair.

Arissa smiled gently and patted him on the head.

They got into the plane and flew over to Rutaceae Village.

Arissa was worried that Mary wouldn't be used to it and kept watching over her and Tim.

"Grandaunt, are you feeling okay?"

“Yup!”

Mary pressed her lips together. She was feeling nervous since she had never been on a plane before, but she felt too shy to actually say it.

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Chapter 632 His First Time On A Plane

Arissa held her hand gently.

“Don’t worry, Grandaunt. Planes are always like this at takeoff. It’ll be fine in just a second.”

Mary nodded.

Tim was better off, but he was also both worried and excited since it was the first time he was so high up in the air.

He sat next to Benjamin, who held his hand tightly.

“Don’t worry!”

Arissa turned around to caress Tim’s head and said, “Don’t worry, baby. Mommy’s here.”

Tim looked at her and nodded as he chewed on his lip.

Jesse looked at him and said with a smile, “Tim, it’s fun to be on a plane. Don’t worry too much. Later when we’re higher up in the sky, you should look down at the view!”

Tim nodded.

Jasper patted Jesse on the head as he said to Tim, “When we get high enough, you can see the clouds, too!”

“In fact, the plane will stabilize soon enough and it’ll feel like nothing. I’m actually a little bit dizzy now, too,” Oliver said, trying to calm Tim down.

“My heart skipped a beat too!” Zachary said with a smile.

“That’s just how it is for takeoffs. This is okay because it’s a helicopter, but those big planes are even scarier!”

“Everyone’s first time on a plane is scary, Tim. It’ll get better,” Gavin comforted Tim.

Tim nodded in response.

Benjamin looked at the other kids with Ethen, Kingsley and Shaun around them.

“Were you guys scared too?”

Zachary simply glanced at him.

“Ethen, change our pilot next time,” Benjamin commanded in a low voice.

The six kids just stared at him.

“Yes, Sir!” Ethen noted down.

“Mr. Graham, if we change the pilot, he won’t have a job anymore. I wasn’t scared, I just wasn’t used to it,” Tim said quietly.

He didn’t want someone to lose his job because of him.

The rest of them looked at him with a smile.

“Tim, don’t worry, the pilot won’t lose his job if he doesn’t fly this helicopter. Mr. Graham will find him another job. All the pilots are bodyguards, and this one just happened to not be Mr. Graham’s favorite.”

“Oh!” Tim said awkwardly.

Benjamin looked down at him. “Are you feeling better?”

Tim glanced back up. “Yes!”

Arissa chuckled and patted him on the head. “Wow, you’re so caring!”

Tim’s face turned red while Mary chuckled as well.

“Of course he is! He’s always been caring. He just hadn’t known how to express it.”

Arissa smiled in response. “Grandaunt, you sure did a great job raising him!”

“That’s not true. Tim here is a good kid.”

Mary looked at Tim with a happy glint in her eye.

“Have some water, Grandaunt.” Arissa poured a glass of water for her.

“Thank you!” Mary took a sip.

“Are you feeling better?” Arissa asked. She had constantly been checking up on Mary to make sure that she was feeling alright.

“Yes, I’m feeling much better now,” Mary said a little awkwardly.

Arissa smiled and said gently, “This is how planes take off. I take them often but still get nervous, and sometimes I even get nauseous. I hope you’re not feeling dizzy or anything now.”

“Oh, of course not. I’m much better now, even though I did feel a bit lightheaded just now.”

Now that the plane was finally stable, Mary was much more relaxed and comfortable with telling Arissa how she actually felt.

“Planes are the same as boats and cars. It’s normal to feel a bit dizzy or sick on them,” Arissa said with a smile as she continued to keep a close eye on Mary.

She only relaxed when she was sure that Mary was completely okay.

“Shaun, come take a look at Grandaunt!” Benjamin called out.

Shaun came over to check up on Mary and massaged her temples gently.

“Don’t worry, please. I feel fine!” Mary consoled them.

“Mdm. Mary, if you’re feeling unwell, please let me know. I’m your doctor, so I’m supposed to help you. If you hold it back too much, it’ll just become worse,” Shaun reminded her gently.

“This isn’t anything serious. I’m just a bit dizzy, so you guys really don’t have to worry,” Mary said, touched by their concern.

“It’ll make us feel better if you let him do a quick check-up,” Arissa convinced her with a smile.

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“Mdm. Mary, smell this if you feel dizzy later.”

Shaun gave Mary an inhaler.

“Why didn’t you take this out earlier?”

Arissa widened her eyes as she stared at Shaun.

Shaun chuckled awkwardly in response.

“Mommy, Mr. Bailey’s airsick!”

Gavin snickered.

Shaun then cleared his throat in embarrassment before giving the boy a side-eye.

The others laughed, amused.

Shaun had been too preoccupied with himself earlier, so he had not paid attention to them.

Now that he was finally fine, he was generously offering them the precious item.

“Dr. Bailey, save it for your motion sickness. I’m feeling fine now,” Mary uttered, not feeling too unwell.

“It’s fine. You can use it. I’m fine,” Shaun insisted with a small smile.

Benjamin then shot him a glare. “Do you have more of that?”

Shaun was moved by his words, thinking that Benjamin was concerned about him. “I’ve only brought one.”

Immediately, Benjamin said in a low voice, “Get one for Arissa once we’re back.”

Shaun was taken aback by his response.

Meanwhile, Arissa looked at Benjamin, touched.

“Did you hear me?”

Benjamin arched a brow and shot Shaun another glare. The latter then nodded, despondent.

“I heard it. I thought you were worried about me.”

Kingsley barked out a laugh. “You’re overthinking it, Shaun.”

“You’re a doctor. Don’t you know how to take care of yourself?” Benjamin said, even harsher than Kingsley.

Upon hearing that, Ethen and the others giggled in secret.

Arissa pursed her lips and smiled before handing the item to Mary.

“Issa, keep it for yourself. I’m fine,” Mary rejected, pushing the item back to Arissa.

“Take it, Grand aunt. If I get nauseous, I’ll get it from you.”

Arissa was not getting affected by the motion sickness that day; she was feeling fantastic.

She then turned to Tim and asked, “Tim, do you want to use it?”

Tim shook his head.

He was only frightened when the helicopter took off earlier.

Arissa then ruffled his hair dotingly before taking some snacks for the siblings.

Meanwhile, Tim looked out of the window curiously.

Benjamin glanced at the other children.

Like Tim, Jasper, Oliver, and Jesse were also looking out of the window in curiosity.

“Do you want to see outside?” Benjamin asked.

The boys nodded shyly.

Benjamin unfastened his seatbelt before doing the same for them. Then, he led the brothers to the window.

“Look down, Tim! It’s so pretty!” Jasper cried out to Tim.

Tim was also by the window, looking at the scenery outside.

Everything on the ground seemed tiny, but the entire land looked like a color palette, and it was picturesque.

As Arissa looked at the father and the sons, her lips curled.

“Why aren’t the two of you joining them?” she asked Gavin and Zachary.

Zachary coolly replied, “I’ve already seen it. The window is small, so I’ll let them enjoy the view instead.”

Gavin nodded in agreement. “I’ve also seen the scenery countless times now.”

However, Arissa was curious, and she wanted to peek out of the window as well. Hence, she went to them and looked out.

“Why didn’t you look out the other time?” Benjamin asked as he gazed at her.

Arissa turned to take a glimpse at him before turning back to admire the pleasant scenery outside.

When she sensed the man coming close to her, her heart raced.

“It was already dark last time. Everything looks the same outside.”

At that, Benjamin lifted a brow and uttered, “It’s daytime today, so you can enjoy the view longer.”

After a while of staring out of the window, Arissa turned to Mary. “Grandaunt, do you want to take a look as well?”

“Ah…”

Mary wanted to say yes, but she was afraid of troubling the others.

“Mdm. Mary, I’ll bring you to the other window. Let the others have that window.”

Kingsley swiftly stepped forward and pushed the elderly woman to the other side before casting a smile at Benjamin and Arissa.

At the same time, he teased, “Continue with your lovey-dovey moment.”

Shaun, Ethen, and the bodyguards were watching over the six children, so the two of them had nothing to do.

After a moment of feeling awkward, Arissa inched closer to the children instead.

Soon, both Gavin and Zachary could not hold themselves back anymore and joined Tim and the others in watching the view outside.

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“This place is pretty! Are those fields? They’re divided into smaller sections!”

Oliver was staring outside with wide eyes.

The others were equally stunned by the sight as well.

Meanwhile, Tim was dumbfounded as he thought, Isn’t that our village?

“Those are rice fields... I think we’re at Rutaceae Village!”

Benjamin chimed in, “Yes, it’s Rutaceae Village.”

“We’re here so soon?” Tim and Mary gasped in surprise.

It felt as if they had just boarded the helicopter not long ago.

“Helicopters are quick, but you don’t feel the speed. Even if you look down, it feels slow,” Benjamin explained.

Arissa chuckled. “We’re about to land the helicopter, so sit back onto your seats, sweethearts.”

The six children quickly ran back to their seats.

Kingsley pushed Mary back to her spot and secured the wheelchair as well.

“Sit tight too,” Benjamin said to Arissa as he pulled her closer.

Arissa froze when she noticed the others looking at her.

“Okay,” she mumbled, promptly sitting down.

Benjamin and the others then took their seats as well.

Ethen then reminded the others to fasten their seatbelts and get ready for the landing.

“We’re ready!” Arissa told him after checking over Mary and the children.

Ethen then checked them over again before informing the pilot to descend.

The helicopter was going to land by the road in front of Arissa’s small house.

When Gavin and the others took in the familiar environment, they cheered in delight.

“Mommy, your house!”

“Yes, it is!” Arissa smiled.

Similarly, Tim turned thrilled when he saw Rutaceae Village. “I’ve seen this place last time!”

The last time he was talking about was probably when Arissa had brought Zachary and the others over.

Nevertheless, Arissa curiously asked, “When have you seen this place before? Don’t you live in the village? You should have seen this a long time ago.”

Tim peeked at her and replied, “I saw them playing here when I was at the hill the last time.”

Arissa gasped.

She recalled someone watching her the other time, but the person had been too far for her to catch a clear look at. As it turned out, it was Tim.

“Were you carrying a basket back then?”

Realizing that he had let it slip, Tim immediately bit down on his lower lip and fell silent.

“It must be him. He was working like the other kids in the village,” Mary said instead.

Tim panicked. He did not want Arissa to find out about that.

“Great-grandaunt, I’ll take you home later.”

“Sure.” Mary wondered about the messy state her house would surely be in.

Arissa turned to look at them for a while. A beat later, her phone made a sound, but she was too preoccupied with the helicopter descending to look at it.

“There will be a little bump when the helicopter reaches the ground. Don’t be scared,” Benjamin said to Tim and Mary.

Both nodded, albeit a little embarrassed. Neither had been out and about in the world—it was their first time in a helicopter. Therefore, they felt a little self-conscious about their lack of knowledge in many things.

Nevertheless, Arissa patted Tim’s head and held Mary’s hand.

After a while of adjusting, the helicopter slowly landed.

The passengers only felt a slight shake before the helicopter came to a complete stop.

It felt as if they were in a car instead.

Tim and Mary thought it would have been something dramatic, so they heaved a sigh of relief in response.

“We are here!” Arissa announced.

She then unfastened her seatbelt and did the same for Mary.

Ethen and the bodyguards went to open the door.

At the same time, Benjamin, Kingsley, and Shaun unfastened the children’s seatbelts as well.

Once they were done, Benjamin said, “Head down first.”

“Okay!” Kingsley said as he gestured to Benjamin before helping the children down from the helicopter.

Benjamin and Arissa then wheeled the elderly woman to the exit. One of the bodyguards then carried Mary down while another brought the wheelchair down.

Arissa and Benjamin were last to leave the helicopter.

“This place is simply breathtaking!”

It was Kingsley and Shaun's first time there, and they were astonished by the scenic place.

"Mrs. Graham, how did you think of buying a house here?" Kingsley asked as he studied the wooden architecture that blended perfectly into the scenery.

"By chance."

Arissa smiled for she never thought that she would be fated to be there.

Tim had grown up here.

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Chapter 635 Deducting A Month Of Bonus

The six children were all excited.

Gavin dragged Tim around the place to look at everything with wide, curious eyes. Among the children, he was the one who had seen the least of villages.

"This place is beautiful!"

"Agreed! It's even prettier than the last time we were here!"

Looking at the children's merry expressions, Arissa smiled. "Not only is this place pretty, but the air here is fresh too."

"The place is especially pretty when there is mist in the morning. There's also a lake right in front that looks different depending on the season. It's a beautiful place. Do you all want to take a look at it?" Mary asked as she looked at Kingsley and the others.

"We don't have much time today. Let's go there another time."

Kingsley could not simply agree to that, for there was a great chance that Benjamin would just leave him behind.

Meanwhile, the children had run into the courtyard.

"Grandaunt, let me take you in," Arissa said to the elderly woman.

A brief glimpse at the courtyard told her that Bradley's car was not around—it seemed like he was out. Hence, she called him.

After all, they were quite far from the village, and it would be tiring to walk there.

Once Bradley found out that they had arrived, he let out a happy cry and quickly drove back.

“Give me a few minutes, Boss!”

“Sure!” Arissa giggled.

Benjamin then turned to look at her with furrowed brows.

A beat later, the man shot a glare at Ethen. “You didn't prepare a car for us?”

That was Ethen's mistake, so he bowed in apology.

“Mr. Graham, the cars are at Northstream. I didn't make arrangements because I thought it'll be fine with Bradley here.”

Benjamin's frown deepened. “I'll be deducting a month's bonus for that.”

When Arissa heard him berating the innocent Ethen, she interrupted, “Bradley is here. There's no need for him to make any transportation arrangements. There's no need for this much trouble. Bradley will be back in a while. I don't think Mr. Frank has done anything wrong. You don't need to deduct a month of his bonus, do you?”

Promptly, Benjamin turned to glare at her with a gloomy look on his face. He could not believe that she was defending Ethen.

“I'll deduct yours then!”

His words rendered her speechless for a while.

I barely worked. If that's what he wants, then I'll just let him do that.

“Deduct it then.”

With that said, she turned away from Benjamin.

On the other hand, Mary felt bad when she overheard their conversation.

“I've troubled all of you.”

“It's fine. He always says that. Don't take it to heart, Grandaut.”

Right then Arissa stole a glance at Benjamin, but to her surprise, she ended up meeting his eyes. In the next second, she quickly averted her gaze.

“It isn’t too far if we walk back either—it’s only around a kilometer,” Mary lifted her head and said to Arissa, hoping to return home as soon as possible.

“Bradley is on his way back now. We just need to wait a few more minutes for him. We’ll take more than just a few minutes if we walk back now,” Arissa explained to Mary.

Just as she finished speaking, Bradley, who was speeding the entire way, arrived.

When he saw the group of people, he quickly stopped his car.

“Boss, why are you all here?”

“Grandaunt wanted to come home, so we brought her back before going to Dellmoor,” Arissa informed him.

She then opened the car door, about to help Mary into the car.

Noticing that, Ethen rapidly stepped forward to help her out.

Similarly, Bradley speedily got down from the car to help her out as well.

After Benjamin pulled the wheelchair away from them, a bodyguard took it and kept it in the trunk.

After helping Mary settle into her seat, Arissa entered the car as well. Then, Tim ran over and nimbly climb into the car.

Gavin and the others followed closely behind.

“Mommy, wait for us!”

Something flashed past Benjamin’s eyes at that before he turned around to get into the front passenger seat instead.

Frankly, he was feeling traumatized after getting abandoned by them twice.

“What about us?”

Kingsley then gestured at Shaun, Ethen, and himself.

“Stay here. If you want to come along, feel free to run there,” Benjamin flatly told them.

Both Kingsley and Shaun turned speechless at that.

“Boss, are we all in our seats?” Bradley asked after checking on the children and the adults.

“Yes, let’s go.”

Benjamin then sat on the driver’s seat and nodded at Benjamin. “Mr. Graham.”

If he had to be honest, having Benjamin in the front passenger seat was stressing him out.

“Drive,” Benjamin said in a quiet tone, but Bradley found himself obeying it immediately.

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