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Chapter 656 Call Me Daddy

Gavin looked at Tim with a smile and said, "Tim, if you address him as Daddy, Daddy is going to be so happy!"

Zachary frowned and protested, "No! You can't call him Daddy!"

The rest of the kids looked at him in bewilderment.

Zachary's eyes gleamed as he said to Tim, "Tim, you have to call Mommy first. Since Mr. Graham hasn't passed the test yet, you should refrain from calling him Daddy!"

Tim merely stared at them, not knowing who to listen to.

Right then, Benjamin came out. As his gaze swept across the children, it finally landed on Zachary.

With a teasing look in his eyes, he asked, "Zachary, did you just call me Daddy?"

Zachary was stunned momentarily and started blushing. He then instantly retorted, "No, I didn't call you Daddy!"

Benjamin smiled and stared at him intently. "Didn't you just call me Daddy again?"

Zachary went silent upon hearing that.

Speechless, Gavin also glanced at Benjamin and said, "Daddy! Do you have no shame?"

Benjamin's eyes flickered, and he glared at his son.

Seeing that, Gavin flinched and addressed his siblings, "Let's go wash our hands before our dinner!"

"Mommy is here!" Jesse was over the moon when she saw Arissa and Mary come in.

Upon hearing that, all the kids quickly went to wash their hands.

Arissa saw Benjamin standing by the entrance of the study room, but she shifted her gaze away. Instead, she just pushed Mary right past him.

Benjamin merely glanced at her in response.

"It's time to eat, Mr. Graham!" Mary called out.

Benjamin nodded. "Grandaunt, you can just call me Benjamin!"

Mary smiled and nodded.

Benjamin followed them from behind to wash his hands as well.

Sensing the man's gaze on her, Arissa turned her head back to look.

However, she quickly turned back around again after she saw Benjamin talking to Edwin. Was I imagining things?

She pushed Mary to the bathroom after that. Jesse was just done washing her hands, so she came out and said, "Mommy, I'm done!"

"Good! Head over to the dining room first!" Arissa replied with a smile.

After Mary was done using the bathroom, Arissa washed her hands for her before pushing her out.

"Please let me help, Ms. York!" Edwin came over to push Mary to the dining room.

Arissa went back to the bathroom to relieve herself before washing her hands. After that, she went to the dining room.

By then, the kids were all already seated.

"Mommy, hurry up!" they urged her excitedly when they saw her.

After giving them a nod, Arissa was stunned when she noticed Shaun and Kingsley there.

"Let's eat, Mrs. Graham!" Kingsley greeted with a smile.

Arissa nodded awkwardly. "I thought you guys had already left!"

"No. We were upstairs, and we've just woken up!" Kingsley smiled and answered.

Benjamin came over and frowned when he saw Kingsley looking at Arissa. "Zip it before I throw you out!"

Kingsley was shocked when he noticed Benjamin's warning gaze. He then looked away and teased softly, "Benjamin, why are you so petty? Can't I chat with Mrs. Graham?"

Benjamin shot him a fierce stare and uttered, "Edwin, get him out!"

Edwin glanced at them and had no choice but to approach Kingsley.

However, Kingsley remained seated. "Edwin, do you have to be so obedient and listen to everything he says? At least wait till I'm done eating, okay? I'm famished!"

Benjamin shot him another glare.

Upon seeing that, Kingsley quickly shut his mouth after saying, "Fine! I'll keep my mouth shut!"

Arissa was amused by their interaction.

"Shall we eat? The kids are hungry," she asked Benjamin softly.

Something flickered in Benjamin's eyes as he gazed at her. "Let's eat!"

Arissa smiled and said to everybody, "Dig in, everyone!" She then got some food for Mary and the kids before she started eating.

The moment the hot food came into contact with the corner of her lips, she gasped in pain.

Benjamin's eyes flashed, and he stared at the corner of her lips for a while.

Jesse, who was sitting beside Arissa, heard it. She then tilted her head and asked, "Mommy, what's wrong?"

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Chapter 657 Her Lips

All at once, the people sitting opposite Arissa raised their heads to look at her.

Arissa smiled awkwardly and pursed her lips before comforting Jesse, "It's nothing. Hurry up and dig in!"

In the meantime, the other five kids were all staring at her too.

Tim then noticed something on the corner of Arissa's lips.

"Ms. York, what's wrong with your lips?" Tim touched his own lips to show her what he meant.

Upon hearing that, Kingsley, Shaun, Mary, and even Edwin were staring at the corner of her lips.

Arissa was embarrassed when she saw them looking at her.

Kingsley and Shaun seemed to have thought of something after seeing the marks on her lips, and they smiled ambiguously.

All the while, they kept glancing between Benjamin and Arissa.

Kingsley then teased her, "Mrs. Graham, what happened to your lips?"

Arissa avoided his gaze and uttered, "Perhaps I'm falling ill!"

"That doesn't seem to be the case! I think they were bitten!" Shaun chimed in.

Indeed, she couldn't hide it from Shaun because he was a doctor.

Arissa was rendered speechless.

Benjamin, on the other hand, glared at them ferociously. "Leave now if you guys aren't going to eat!"

Kingsley and Shaun looked at him before exchanging glances with each other.

They both smiled at each other after realizing that they had the same idea in their heads. Now we know why Benjamin looks so unsatisfied and moody!

After that, they both smiled sheepishly and kept silent.

Arissa just kept eating with her head hung low. At that moment, she was blushing because she could sense everyone looking at her.

Benjamin's eyes glinted when he saw her blushing.

"Eat more!" He took some food for her.

Arissa rolled her eyes and glanced at him from the corner of her eyes.

He was staring intently at her, not appearing the slightest bit apologetic at all.

He's crazy!

Arissa cursed inwardly before going back to her meal.

She picked up the food he had given to her and chewed aggressively to vent her anger.

Benjamin couldn't help but smile imperceptibly when he saw how grumpy she looked.

Suddenly, there was a commotion at the front door.

Benjamin furrowed his brows when he heard that.

It was Jack who had just arrived.

"Mr. Graham, you guys are back!" Jack had always been an easy-going and clumsy guy, so he just walked right in with a smile on his face.

When his gaze landed on the six children, he greeted, "Hi, everyone! We meet again!"

The kids all turned to look at him. Gavin uttered coolly, "Mr. Jack, you're just in time!"

Jack chuckled and wanted to tousle the boy's hair.

However, Gavin quickly dodged and stared at his hand in disgust.

Jack retracted his hand sheepishly and patted Tim instead. "Hi, Danny!"

"His name is Tim!" Benjamin's expression turned solemn as he glared at Jack.

Jack gazed at Benjamin and quickly rectified, "Oh! Hi, Tim!"

"Hi, Mr. Jack!" Tim greeted obediently.

"You're such a good boy!" Jack casually pinched Tim's cheek.

Upon feeling an angry gaze fixed on him, Jack sneaked a peek at Benjamin before retracting his hand.

"Jack, you might have lost your hand if you were to pinch just a second longer," Kingsley teased.

Upon hearing that, Shaun laughed at Jack.

"Tim is too cute! I can't help it!" Jack chortled.

Jasper and Jesse laughed out loud, amused by the scene.

Gavin then rubbed Tim's cheek and advised in a serious tone, "Tim, don't let anyone pinch your cheeks anymore. Otherwise, they might go out of shape!"

Upon hearing those words, everyone laughed.

Jack ran his hand over his nose awkwardly because he had just been dissed, and by a child, no less.

Arissa chuckled because she knew how much Jack liked the kids. When she noticed he was embarrassed, she uttered, "Jack, have you eaten? Would you like to join us?"

"Sure, Mrs. Graham!" Jack was elated and went on to pull a chair out for himself.

"Did I say you can sit? Wait outside!" Benjamin scolded in a deep voice.

Jack immediately froze, not daring to sit down. In fact, he looked rather pitiful.

Arissa frowned and shot Benjamin a glance before standing up for Jack. "What's with your temper? Jack means no harm!"

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Chapter 658 Bitten By Benjamin

Jack was touched. He looked at Arissa and said, "You're so nice, Mrs. Graham!"

Arissa blushed when she heard those words.

Benjamin stared at her and snorted softly. "You're quite adept at standing up for others, aren't you?"

Arissa's eyes flickered, and she ignored Benjamin's sarcastic tone. "He was just messing around with the kids, no? You're wrong for throwing a tantrum."

Jack became worried for Arissa when he saw Benjamin's warning look.

"Sit down, Jack!" Edwin uttered. Mr. Graham is only going to get even more pissed if Jack keeps standing there.

Benjamin turned toward Edwin and stared at him intently. "You're not getting paid this month!"

"Yes, Sir!" Edwin retreated to the side and kept silent.

Arissa was frustrated by Benjamin's domineering attitude.

Although most of the people there were aware of Benjamin's temper, Mary and Tim weren't.

That was why they felt uneasy when they saw Benjamin throwing a tantrum.

Instantly, the mood in the dining room became awkward.

When Arissa saw how uncomfortable Mary looked, she reached out her hand to tug at Benjamin's pants under the table before shooting him a pointed look.

She then reminded him softly, "Don't throw a tantrum when everyone's eating. Do you see that? They're now too scared to eat."

Benjamin glanced at her and saw how passive and coquettish she looked.

When he eventually saw her hand on his pants, his mood lightened up almost instantly.

"Please carry on, Grandaunt!" Benjamin uttered respectfully and shot Edwin a look, hinting him to get food for Mary.

"Okay. You too!" Mary nodded and said nothing more.

Benjamin then glanced at Tim. "Tim, just take whatever you want to eat, okay? If you can't reach them, get the others to help you!"

"Thank you, Mr. Graham!" Tim answered politely.

After that, Benjamin's gaze shifted toward Jack.

Arissa was afraid that the tension would rise again, so she quickly coaxed, "Benjamin, let Jack join us, okay? We have plenty of food!"

She even placed some of his favorite food on his plate as she spoke.

Benjamin snorted lightly and ordered, "Sit down, then!"

Jack was extremely grateful. "Thank you, Mr. Graham! Thank you, Mrs. Graham!"

Arissa smiled awkwardly and answered, "You're welcome. Also, you can just address me as—"

"Hey!" Benjamin voiced his displeasure.

Arissa turned to look at him.

"Did you forget what you've promised me?" Benjamin asked.

Reminded of her promise, Arissa cleared her throat and turned away. "Don't be shy, okay? Eat up, everyone!" she said.

Edwin didn't feel a hint of uneasiness when he saw Arissa acting like the lady of the house. Instead, he was rather pleased.

Kingsley and Shaun smiled faintly when they sneaked a peek at Benjamin, who was sitting in the main seat at the head of the dining table. There's no doubt that Benjamin does treat Arissa differently.

Jack merely kept quiet as he smiled at the six kids.

The kids were all busy gobbling up the food served to them. When they finished the food on their plates, Jack and the others would fill it up again.

Arissa was pleased when she saw the men caring for the kids, so she smiled and focused on filling up her own stomach.

However, she could only eat slowly because her lips were causing her pain.

Benjamin noticed it, so he turned toward her and asked, "Are the dishes not to your liking?"

Arissa shot him a look and answered, "That's not it!"

"Why are you eating so slow then?" Benjamin was puzzled because she was usually a fast eater.

Arissa twitched her lips and smiled at him before reminding him what he had done to her.

"Are you able to eat fast if your lips are in pain?"

She had forgotten to lower her voice when she said that.

Hence, everyone in the dining room could hear her loud and clear.

Kingsley was the first to react as he started laughing.

Seeing that, the rest of them couldn't help but laugh as well. "Hahaha!"

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Chapter 659 Alone In The Dining Room

Arissa immediately blushed when she heard Kingsley's teasing words.

At the same time, the kids were all also staring at her curiously.

Sensing the attention on her, Arissa's face turned even redder.

"Get lost if you can't keep your mouth shut!" Benjamin scolded Kingsley.

Although Kingsley swiftly zipped his lips, he was still looking at Benjamin suggestively.

Benjamin narrowed his eyes and glared at him in response.

Seeing that, Kingsley instantly retracted his gaze sheepishly and looked elsewhere.

Shaun was smiling as well when he swept a glance at Benjamin and Arissa.

Right then, Mary uttered in a concerned tone, "Issa, eat slowly, okay? Don't burn yourself!"

"Okay. I know, Grandaunt!" Arissa was less embarrassed when she saw how concerned Mary was about her.

The kids were blinking in bewilderment as they stared at Arissa. Did Daddy really bite Mommy?

Gavin knitted his brows and glared at Benjamin.

At the same time, Zachary was also glaring at Benjamin. If Daddy really did that, he has gone over the line!

Jack, on the other hand, didn't dare to get curious at all. He just kept his head lowered and ate his dinner.

"What are you looking at? Eat up!" Benjamin uttered in a deep voice when he noticed the angry glares from the kids.

The kids snorted in response before getting on with their dinner.

Arissa was delighted when she saw the kids do that. Even the kids are angry at Benjamin's shameless act!

Benjamin then took a bowl and filled it up with food before placing it in front of Arissa. "Eat these. They're not as hot!"

Arissa glanced at Benjamin and saw him looking calm and collected.

Benjamin shot her a look and uttered domineeringly, "What are you looking at me for? Hurry up and eat!"

At that, the corners of Arissa's mouth twitched.

The rest of them merely looked on in amusement, though none of them dared to utter another word.

The men, in particular, were aware that Benjamin was going to get angry if they were to speak again. He's really going to chase us out in the middle of dinner!

Hence, they all focused on eating as much as they could and kept mum.

The kids wisely remained silent as well. However, some of them would sneak a glare at Benjamin from time to time.

Arissa's embarrassment faded when she saw everyone eating quietly. Finally, I can eat in peace!

Before she could finish her food, Benjamin would fill her plate up again.

In response, she accepted his gesture willingly. I'll just treat it as him making it up to me. Since he's so attentive, I guess he's feeling remorseful.

With those thoughts in her mind, her mood lightened up, and she started eating happily.

Benjamin noticed how much she was enjoying dinner. The way her cheeks bulged with food made her look like a squirrel. Her lips were also glistening with oil from the food.

His gaze darkened at the sight, and he reached out to wipe her mouth for her affectionately.

When his hand came in contact with her lips, Arissa trembled and leaned backward. At that moment, she started blushing once again.

She breathed a sigh of relief when she saw no one had noticed it because they were all busy eating.

Benjamin's eyes glimmered when he saw how shy and innocent she looked when she blushed.

However, Arissa didn't notice the tenderness in his eyes.

Unlike Arissa, Edwin saw it, and he was delighted. The relationship between Mr. Graham and Ms. York is getting better!

An hour later, everyone was done with dinner, but Arissa wasn't.

"Take your time, okay, Mrs. Graham? We understand your circumstances. We'll go to the living room for coffee!" Kingsley smiled and said.

Shaun was also smiling when he pushed Mary toward the living room. "Mrs. Graham, I'll bring Mdm. Mary for a walk, okay? Carry on!"

"Mrs. Graham, enjoy your dinner! I'm going for a walk as well!"

"Mommy, enjoy your dinner. We'll keep Great-grandaunt company!" the kids uttered before following Kingsley to the living room.

"You may leave now. Keep an eye on Gavin and the others!" Benjamin turned and ordered Edwin.

With a smile on his face, Edwin answered, "Yes, Mr. Graham!"

Edwin quickly left after that. Hehe! Mr. Graham wants to spend time alone with Ms. York!

With that, everyone left Benjamin and Arissa alone in the dining room.

She sneaked a peek at Benjamin, but he was looking right back at her. Taken aback, she immediately averted her gaze from him.

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Chapter 660 Distraction

Benjamin noticed her action, so he retracted his gaze and ate elegantly.

Is he not done eating? Arissa peeked at him and saw him still eating. Her initial sense of embarrassment vanished, and she happily continued filling her stomach.

Benjamin was done after just a few more bites.

When he looked at her, he saw her mouth stuffed with food. Why does she look so cute when she eats?

Arissa felt his intense gaze, so she turned around to glance at him.

The instant their eyes locked, her heart started pounding frantically. She then calmly broke away from his gaze.

After looking away, she could still feel Benjamin staring at her. Inevitably, her heart raced even faster.

The atmosphere turned somewhat sensual all of a sudden.

The next thing she knew, she was choking on her food, and she ended up coughing.

Benjamin got up and patted her back. "Why are you so careless?"

He was frowning, clearly worried about her.

Arissa coughed for a long while before she regained her composure. By then, her cheeks were flushed due to the coughing.

Benjamin poured her a glass of water and gave it to her. "Drink some water."

Arissa felt a lot better after a few mouthfuls of water.

Benjamin was still staring at her when he noticed her watery eyes. Right then, he changed his mind about scolding her for her carelessness. "Are you feeling better?"

Arissa nodded. "Yes. Much better."

"Pay attention when you eat!" Benjamin reminded before taking his seat.

Arissa merely glanced at him in response. Wasn't that all his fault? His stare was so distracting!

When she noticed he was still staring at her, she asked, "Are you done eating?"

"Yes." Benjamin picked up his fork and served her more food. "Now, eat up!"

Arissa answered softly, "If you're done eating, go ahead with your own matters. You don't have to stay here."

Benjamin's eyes lit up, and he stared at her devilishly. "Is my presence distracting you?"

Who in the world wants people to stare at them when they eat? Arissa was startled momentarily before she answered, "How are you not distracting me when you keep staring at me?"

Benjamin's lips curled into a smirk. "If you weren't looking at me, how would you know I was looking at you?"

Rendered speechless, she could only shoot him a look of disbelief. Is Benjamin joking with me?

She wasn't used to how he had softened up compared to how cold and distant he was last time.

Benjamin then flicked her head and lifted her chin. "Eat up! When you're done, I'll apply some medication for you."

Arissa was stunned.

"What?" Benjamin uttered in a deep voice and stared at her awkwardly.

"I can do it by myself," she retorted.

However, Benjamin snorted lightly and remained rooted to his seat.

Arissa had no choice but to continue eating after seeing that he had no intention of leaving.

For the next half an hour, Benjamin kept her company till she was done with dinner.

When Arissa got up to clear the table, Benjamin grabbed her hand and dragged her to the living room. "You don't have to clean up," he said.

Arissa felt her heart skip a beat when she saw that towering figure of his. "Thank you, Graham!"

In response, Benjamin merely spared her a glance before turning away.

After bringing her to the living room, he sat her down and went to take the first-aid kit.

He then took out a bottle of disinfectant and ointment from the box.

Arissa's heart was fluttering as she watched him dipping a cotton swab into the bottle of disinfectant.

After that, Benjamin turned toward her and lifted her chin.

"I'll do it myself!" Arissa was feeling embarrassed.

"Don't move!" he demanded before disinfecting her wound gently.

With her head tilted back slightly, Arissa was staring right at that handsome face of his. They were so close to each other that she could feel his breath on her face. Needless to say, the atmosphere was rather sensual.

Indeed, men are most attractive when they're focused! Besides, he's so elegant and alluring. Arissa started blushing again, and her heart was pounding.

Benjamin saw how shy she looked with her eyelashes fluttering slightly, and he was tempted to kiss her pink lips.