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Chapter 186 Must Be Starving

After waiting for a long time, Bradley finally returned.

Initially, he had brought a couple of men along with him. However, traveling in a large group was far too eye-catching. Hence, Bradley tasked them with roaming the town and informing him if they spotted anything suspicious.

“Mr. Hinton is back!” Gavin exclaimed in joy upon noticing the shining headlights of the car through the window.

“It’s Mr. Hinton!”

The other kids were thrilled too.

Arissa got up with a smile plastered on her face.

“Finally, you are back! We almost starved to death, Bradley!”

Bradley explained apologetically, “One of the car tires punctured on my way back. Hence, I got stalled.”

He quickly grabbed the food from the car.

“Let’s eat first and leave everything for later.”

Arissa took some of the food and hurried into the house.

Bradley placed the food on the table. After washing his hands, he joined them for dinner.

The kids were gobbling up the food, except for Gavin. Still, he ate faster than usual.

“Slow down!” Arissa chastised as she was worried the kids might choke if they gobble up their food too quickly.

Jasper teased, “How could you say that, Mommy? You’re eating really quickly too!”

He was finally feeling energized after eating a hearty meal.

“I’m an adult, whereas you’re all kids! It’s different,” protested Arissa as she took another bite of her food.

"This tastes really good!" exclaimed Gavin as he took another slice of pizza.

Amused by his reaction, Zachary commented, "Of course! Pizzas are the best!"

"Pizza?" Gavin stared at him in confusion. Then, he turned to look at Arissa. "Are all of these pizzas?"

Arissa grinned. "Yes. These are pizzas of different flavors. Each of them tastes great!"

This was Gavin's first time having pizza.

"I'm glad that you liked it. Don't worry. I bought lots of them, and I also got us some pasta!"

Bradley got up to serve them the pasta. At that point, he had already finished several slices of pizzas as he was starving as well.

Anything would taste exceptionally delicious when one was hungry. Furthermore, it was hard for pizza and pasta to not taste good. Hence, Arissa and the kids could not stop complimenting the food as they ate.

Half an hour later, the group was stuffed after finishing up their scrumptious dinner. They were all satiated and reluctant to move. Hence, all of them remained on their seats, leaving the table as it was.

Arissa glanced at Bradley and the kids. "What a hungry day, isn't it?"

Bradley chimed in, "No doubt! Luckily we were able to escape. Otherwise, we would be famished!"

Jasper patted his tummy and said happily, "This is the hungriest day of my life, Mommy!"

Amused, Arissa chuckled and turned to Gavin. "How about you, Gavin?"

Gavin nodded.

Indeed, it was his first time to experience such hunger. In the past, Danna would often leave him without food, but the longest he had gone hungry was half a day.

"I can still handle the hunger!"

The corners of Zachary's mouth quirked upward. "Then, why did you eat so much just now?"

Gavin retorted, "You guys were eating, so I ate too. Wouldn't it be weird if I just watched?"

Arissa watched the two bicker in amusement. Gavin has become so lively now.

“Mommy, I want to watch cartoons!”

Jesse grabbed her hand and gazed into her eyes.

Bradley suggested, “Which cartoon do you want to watch? I’ll play it for you.”

He got up and turned on the television, intending to play the kids some cartoons. Coincidentally, the news channel popped up almost instantly, and they were reporting about the kidnapping incident.

Arissa and the kids were utterly speechless.

Zachary scoffed angrily, “It’s going to be much more difficult for us to hide now. All thanks to Benjamin! He’s so cunning!”

Earlier, Gavin had taken a look at the location of the farmhouse and realized it was a strategic hiding spot. Only keen eyes would be able to notice the house. “He will never find us as long as we stay indoors!” he consoled.

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Chapter 187 At Least Ten Billion

Oliver pouted in disagreement. “We can’t stay here forever. There are still a lot of things to be done!”

I want to earn lots and lots of money...

Jasper commented with a grin on his face, “We shall hide for some time and get out when Benjamin stops the search!”

Oliver flicked Jasper on the forehead and retorted, “Are you nuts? Benjamin already knows of your existence. There’s no way he’s going to give up now!”

Jasper ran out of words. Instead of arguing, he rubbed his head and approached Arissa. “Mommy! Did you see that? He hit me!”

Arissa chuckled. “You should fight back!”

Upon hearing that, Jasper backed down. Now that Oliver is in charge of the finances, that’s not a good idea. What can I do? Hmph! I will just let it go!

While wearing a pout, Jesse added, “I shouldn’t have wanted to turn on the television. What a party pooper!”

Everyone was amused by her reaction.

Gavin chimed in, "Indeed! Party pooper!" He never expected Benjamin to take such measures.

What a bad guy! How could he? Mommy will be accused as a human trafficker!

Bradley quipped, "Boss, do you think Benjamin will give me ten million if I turn all of you in?"

As soon as the words left his lips, the kids glared daggers at him. "Mr. Hinton, that isn't the right thing to do! We had a hard time escaping!"

Zachary narrowed his eyes and gave the older man a sharp stare. "Are you willing to sell us out for only ten million?"

At that moment, he looked like Benjamin.

Bradley was amused. "I was joking!"

Jasper commented, "Mr. Hinton, I'm absolutely sure that you won't get the money if you turn us in. Moreover, you'll be blacklisted by Daddy!"

Oliver adjusted his spectacles and nodded. "That's right. He might even give you a beating!"

Bradley was shocked. "Seriously?"

A gentle smile appeared across Arissa's face as she watched the banter unfold. She then added, "Don't you think turning us in for ten million is a loss? At this point, I'm pretty sure Benjamin knows about Oliver and Jesse as well. There's no way five children are only worth ten million."

Bradley's eyes instantly lit up. "It should be at least fifty million!"

Arissa's grin widened as she remarked, "No. At the very least, five hundred million."

If Benjamin had offered five hundred million, she might even consider turning in the kids herself.

The kids rolled their eyes.

Are the adults currently discussing our value?

Oliver was the first to object. "Mommy, do you think we're only worth five hundred million? How disappointing!"

We'll definitely be able to earn way more than that sum in the future.

"That's right, Mommy. Your expectation for us is too low! Do you really think five hundred million is a lot of money?"

Zachary's expression turned sullen. In fact, we have more money saved up, but Mommy doesn't know about that. Maybe that's why she assumed five hundred million is a huge amount.

"Mommy, I have five hundred million in my bank account. You should request for ten billion instead!"

Gavin's words caught everyone off guard, and the others turned to look at him in astonishment.

Bradley was dumbfounded. "Did you just say you have five h-hundred million?"

Gavin nodded indifferently.

Noticing Arissa's shocked expression, he explained, "That's the money that I have saved up so far!"

Even if Daddy wanted to, he can't do anything to the money.

Arissa was amazed. "Sweetheart, it looks like I'll be depending on you from now on. You're amazing!" With that amount of money, I won't have to worry about a single day of my life after taking revenge.

Gavin beamed and nodded. "Sure. You can count on me, Mommy!" he replied in a serious tone.

As for the four other kids, they were overwhelmed, staring at one another.

Apparently, they were stunned by the news.

Although Jesse might not know how great the sum was, Zachary, Oliver, and Jasper understood its value.

They were well aware that they would have to work hard for a long, long time to be able to have that much money.

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Chapter 188 When Will Benjamin Find Us

"Hmm! Do you think Benjamin will offer a bounty of ten billion?"

Zachary glanced at Gavin.

"I don't know!" Gavin replied truthfully.

The four children were speechless.

Arissa smiled. "All right, let's not talk about this. Take a shower and get to bed."

They would be staying here for a while.

Whether or not they go back depended on what Benjamin would do.

If he wanted to take the children away from Arissa, she would rather raise them alone.

The children meant everything to her. No amount of money would make her surrender them.

Bradley rose to clean the table.

The children joined in.

Arissa did not intend to stop them. When they were done, she said to Bradley, "You've worked hard today. Have a shower and rest up!"

"You too, Boss. I have given my men their assignments. Benjamin won't track us down anytime soon. When he gets here, my men will inform us at once," Bradley told Arissa.

Arissa nodded. Then, she took the kids up for their shower.

Jesse showered in her bedroom.

After that, the other four joined her in her room.

"Mommy, can we sleep with you tonight?" Gavin asked.

"Sure! I'm going to take a shower first."

Arissa hugged and kissed the children before heading toward the bathroom.

She watched the five children have fun on the bed before closing the bathroom door.

"Benjamin is in Lightspring now! Haha!"

Zachary giggled when he managed to locate Benjamin.

The man must be furious to have lost them.

"We can't let him find us because he's in cahoots with Danna!" Jesse snapped.

She no longer trusted Benjamin.

Jasper patted his sister's head. "Is Benjamin the one behind Danna's arrest?"

"That's possible!"

Oliver nodded in agreement. "After all, Mommy hasn't done anything yet. Furthermore, it's hard to believe that the man and the woman would surrender."

Zachary turned his attention to Gavin, who was in deep thought.

Zachary then gave the boy a nudge. "You're awfully quiet."

Gavin glanced at Zachary. He looked troubled.

"Daddy cares so much about Danna, so why would he let the police arrest her? Why had he changed so much in such a short time? Is it possible that he's not the one behind this?" he voiced his concerns.

"That's possible!" The four children glanced at him.

Jesse came over to sit next to him and gave him a hug.

"Cheer up, Gavin. You have us, and you have Mommy too. We're not going anywhere."

Jesse's sweet and mellow voice was so soothing that it calmed Gavin down.

"Okay!" Gavin's doubts instantly dissipated.

"She's right! We'll stay with you forever!"

Jasper patted his head.

Gavin didn't like that. He frowned, releasing a fierce aura.

Jasper immediately retracted his hand and smiled cheekily. "It's just a pat!"

"How rude!" Oliver mocked.

"What did you say?" Jasper huffed.

Zachary smiled at them. "Say, how long do you think it will take Benjamin to find us?"

Gavin shot him a glance and uttered calmly, "Don't underestimate him. As long as we remain in the country, it won't take long before he finds out where we are. So, we have to be careful!"

"No way! Is he that good? We're hiding in the middle of nowhere. Do you think he can find us so soon?"

Jasper frowned in disbelief.

"Our disappearance is all over the news. The locals are going to recognize us sooner or later," Gavin explained.

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Chapter 189 Not His Biological Mother

The four children agreed that Gavin had a point.

"What should we do?" Jesse muttered and turned her attention toward the other four.

It took them a long while before they managed to escape Benjamin's clutches. She was worried that the man wouldn't be kind to them once he found them.

"Don't worry. At least he won't find us in a while!" Gavin's lips curved into a smile.

"We already know that!" Zachary hissed at him.

Arissa stepped out of her shower to find that her five children were still wide awake.

"Why aren't you asleep yet? Aren't you sleepy?"

When they heard their mother, the children turned toward her and grinned. "We're waiting for you!"

Arissa smiled at the quintuplets.

"Give me a minute!"

She spent some time cleaning up the place, and went to bed soon after that. The rest could wait.

"Good night, everyone!"

She hugged her children and kissed them on their cheeks.

"Good night, Mommy!"

The children returned Arissa's kisses, and went to bed as well.

It did not take long before they fell asleep. After all, it had been a long and tiring day.

Meanwhile, in Lightspring, a man stood before a window as he stared at the night sky in the distance.

His eyes were dark, and he exuded a cold aura from head to toe.

Ethen came up to him from behind and reported, "We've lost contact with Ms. York and the children after they disappeared from Lightspring. I've arranged for my men to track them in all four directions."

He gulped as he observed the towering figure. He did not dare to speak out of line.

He had been excited when he found out he had actually fathered five children, but Arissa suddenly ran away with Gavin.

Benjamin broke the silence with his cold voice. "Any news from the police?"

Ethen tensed. Instinctively, he straightened his back and replied, "No. Not yet."

Ethen glanced at Benjamin, who was practically purple with rage, and uttered, "Their disappearance was on the news just now. Once they show up in public, I'm sure we'll get updates from our informants!"

Benjamin's eyes flickered when he heard that, but he still had other things on his mind.

After some time, he uttered, "I want no harm to come to them. Assure their safety!"

"Sure!" Ethen replied with a nod. That was needless to say.

Then, Benjamin turned and headed toward the door. Stunned, Ethen followed suit.

"Mr. Graham, where are you going at this hour?"

"Back to Dellmoor!" Benjamin replied shortly, confusing Ethen even more.

"Are we giving up the search?"

"Increase the bounty!"

Ethen's eyes shot wide. He probed, "How much?"

For him, ten million was more than enough.

"One hundred million!" Benjamin's lips trembled.

He was sure that the woman would not be able to hide forever.

Ethen blinked and pushed his glasses up. That's rather excessive, isn't it?

Just then, Benjamin's phone rang.

It was a call from the Graham family.

An old man's voice rang out from the other end of the line. "Benjamin, where are you? Come back now!"

It was Darius Graham, Benjamin's father.

"What's the matter?" Benjamin replied calmly.

Darius took a while to suppress his anger before he spoke. "The Adams family is here!"

"Just send them away," Benjamin replied coldly.

"What's going on? They said you've had Danna arrested?" Darius demanded an answer.

"That's right," Benjamin confessed.

Darius was shocked to hear that. "Oh, dear! What happened between you two? Release her at once!"

"That's impossible," Benjamin replied curtly.

"Are you trying to piss me off? No matter what happens between you two, she's still Gavin's mother! What will happen to Gavin if she's in jail?"

"She's not Gavin's biological mother."

With that said, Benjamin ended the call and headed to Dellmoor.

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Chapter 190 Darius Is Infuriated

The Graham family erupted into chaos.

Darius could not believe his ears. He thought he might have been hearing things.

He called Benjamin again.

“Dad.”

Darius did not like the sound of Benjamin’s rude tone, but he decided to let it slide for now.

“What did you say? Danna is not Gavin’s biological mother?”

“That’s right,” Benjamin replied flatly.

“How is that possible?”

Darius was confused.

“Watch the news. You’ll get your answers there.”

Just like that, Benjamin ended the call again.

In truth, Darius had just returned from the village. He had not caught up with the news. The Adams family had arrived the minute he returned. He had absolutely no knowledge of what had happened when he was away.

“Turn on the news. Quick!”

He urged Edwin to switch on the television. At the same time, he scrolled through the news on his phone.

“Attention to all viewers. Kindly contact the number below or the local police should you have any information about their whereabouts. The reward is one hundred million.”

Darius and Edwin were shocked.

“What’s going on? Is Gavin missing? What are you waiting for? Call him!”

Darius felt rage rising within him.

He failed to take note that the news was talking about five children, not just Gavin, but he had gotten worried when he caught sight of Gavin’s picture.

Frowning, Edwin tried to call Gavin. “Old Mr. Graham, I can’t reach him!”

Darius slapped his thighs in annoyance. "Why didn't that b*stard inform me about his son's disappearance? He's such a horrible father!"

"Don't worry, Old Mr. Graham. I'm sure Mr. Graham has ordered a search party."

Edwin quickly comforted the old man.

Darius' face grew dark as his anger simmered. He scrolled through his phone some more before finally landing on a news article.

As he read the content, he nearly smashed his phone onto the floor.

"Old Mr. Graham, what's in the news?"

Edwin noticed that the old man had gotten even more furious.

"See for yourself. That b*tch! How dare she do that to my grandson!"

Darius passed his phone to Edwin before he exited the study, supported by his walking cane. The Adams family had not left.

Zayden and Vivian got to their feet the moment they saw Darius.

"Mr. Graham, what did Benjamin say?"

The couple was frowning, looking troubled. After all, Benjamin had suddenly arrested their daughter, and they couldn't bail her out.

It took some time, but they eventually found out that it was Benjamin who ratted Danna out. They tried to contact him, but the man would not answer their calls. Hence, they could only beg Darius for mercy.

Darius shot the couple a cold gaze as he stood there. His walking cane supported his weight.

"Please leave, and don't come back."

The Adams exchanged glances before Vivian spoke up, ridden with anxiety.

"Mr. Graham, we are out of options. We can't get in touch with Benjamin. Youngsters these days are so mean. They shouldn't have made such a fuss. It will be bad if the public finds out about Danna's imprisonment."

Darius chuckled. "Benjamin may be mean, but he's nothing compared to your daughter!"

The couple's faces fell. They worried that Darius might have gotten wind of the truth.

Darius gave the two a deadly stare as he exuded a terrifying aura.

He knew what they were thinking.

The two had come begging, taking advantage of the possibility that he knew nothing about the case.

Darius would have felt sorry for Danna, but that time had passed.

“Your daughter mistreated my grandson! How dare she! I suppose she didn’t have what it takes to love him because she’s not his biological mother. What on earth do you take us for?”

Zayden’s face instantly paled. Does he know?

“What are you saying, Mr. Graham? Danna is not that kind of person. Of course she’s Gavin’s biological mother!”

Vivian continued to play innocent, insisting that their daughter had not done anything wrong.

“Do I look stupid to you? Do you take me for a senile, old man?” Darius retorted.