

Bumpkin 1001

Chapter 1001 Focus On Getting Better

The buzzing sound of the razor was audible in the quiet ward as soon as Veronica turned it on.

Wrapping the razor in her delicate fingers, she leaned over to Matthew and carefully shaved his beard.

His eyes were fixed on her as her faint scent lingered in his nostrils. It brought him back to when they were in Bloomstead, where they had first met and fallen in love, which was so very lovely.

As Veronica leaned forward a little, a wisp of hair hung playfully on her forehead, adding a bit of mess to her otherwise soft appearance.

Matthew's heart raced in response. However, he held back the urge to embrace her and instead raised his hand to gently tuck a strand of her hair behind her ear.

She paused slightly as she shaved him, looked up, and met his beautiful eyes.

Two pairs of eyes were all that were involved, but they were able to sense the intense love that lay between them.

While maintaining eye contact, they grinned, and the joyful energy spread throughout the space and lingered.

They mysteriously experienced a sense of calm at this precise moment.

"All done."

up straight, and turned to face Matthew.

Matthew arched a brow, assuming she didn't mean

"Of course!"

"Prove it to me."

want me to prove it to you?" Veronica shot

placed it on the table, wrapped his arms around her waist, and passionately kissed her crimson

became a little fixated on her lips because they were soft and sweet like lollies and he lightly sucked them with greed while refusing

he was overcome by his

bulge in a specific area of his body and pushed him away. "Matt, you

have acted in an unexpected

his

but laugh. She stretched her hand to gently poke his wound. "Hello! Does this not

"It does."

"Well, control yourself!"

my need for you." He chuckled as he said this. Then, he took her hand in his, playing with her

"I suppose..."

while cocking her head and considering the question. She suddenly moved closer to

Chapter 1002 Missing Child

Despite being injured, he exhibited extraordinary physical strength that allowed Veronica to fully indulge in the pleasure of their time together in bed.

She leaned against him as she hugged his slender waist and said, "I'm relieved that you are unharmed. However, our kids are still in the hands of Master Crayson, and I have yet to determine how to extract information about them from him."

Master Crayson lied to her and fabricated a story that their kids were strangled to death by Matthew shortly after birth. This statement silenced Veronica and left her with no other leads to inquire about the children's whereabouts.

"I've already arranged for a discreet search team to locate our kids. Don't worry. They are out of harm's way now," Matthew reassured her. "He wouldn't dare to lay a hand on them, at least not until the head of the clan's ascension ceremony."

"Now that the ascension ceremony draws closer, Master Crayson has been meeting with his subordinates more frequently for discussion and planning," Veronica said with a deep sigh. "We have yet to determine his true strength, but I fear it will result in a bloody battle. Unfortunately, it's the innocent people who suffer the most."

"Please don't get involved in this matter. Once you return to Hayley's villa, you can stay there and not have to leave again. I'll take care of everything." His large hand covered her head and stroked her hair gently. "I'll make sure that you and our children will leave the hidden clan safely."

was finished, they could finally

other intimately in the darkness, and

turn their heads toward it in

the bed and handed it to Veronica. Their eyes adjusted to the

feet as they stood beside the bed and kicked one of the intruders away. She swiftly turned around and slashed her dagger. There was a faint swishing sound, and the other man

Veronica, but she didn't give him a chance to get close. Her dagger flew out of her hand and lodged precisely in

to the ground with a

the commotion inside and promptly pushed

of Veronica, Lazlo's eyes widened as he addressed her, "Mrs... Mrs. Kings, what brings you

Chapter 1003 Let's Get Married

After recalling all the moves that Master Creyson had taught her before, her reflexes became faster, and her physical abilities improved significantly.

Veronice heard footsteps and leaned over to kiss Matthew's lips. "Your men are here and I must go now," she said. "Take care of yourself, Mett."

"Okay, you too."

"Goodbye."

As Veronice rose to her feet, Matthew reluctantly held onto her hand. Their gaze locked on each other, and neither of them wanted to break away even for a second.

With a gentle smile, she walked to the edge of the bed and leaped into the darkness, disappearing from his sight. He followed suit, stood by the window, and overlooked the scene below as he watched the agile figure vanish into the night.

He suddenly felt that he was more akin to a "young darling wife," but he couldn't deny how much he enjoyed it!

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wasn't around when Master Crayson sealed Veronica's memories. Additionally, the story Master Crayson concocted for Veronica wasn't relayed to Mateo promptly, which explained why he asked

Chapter 1004 I Won't Hate You

"Okay." Veronica bobbed her head with a smile.

Sensing Crayson's thoughts from his uneasy stare, she then cupped Mateo's face with both hands and leaned over to plant a kiss on his forehead. "Met, I've really missed you these days."

Instantly, a large smile bloomed on Crayson's face at the sight, his grin stretching from ear to ear as he happily turned to leave the word.

Meanwhile, Mateo was dumbfounded throughout the entire process, as if still unused to Veronica's sudden affection toward him.

At the sight of Crayson closing the door, Veronica knew that with his kind of personality, he would certainly continue to listen in on their conversation.

Hence, she immersed herself completely in the conversation and said, "Met, how did you get all these wounds? It hurts me to look at it. Don't worry, I'll never let that b*sterd, Matthew, off easily. One day, I'll end his life with my own hands."

"He..."

Suddenly, Mateo felt a trace of sympathy for Matthew. Although he was Crayson's grandson, there were some things that Crayson did that he was unable to accept. However, due to his identity, he could not oppose his decisions either. As he heard Veronica's words that were full of 'hatred' toward Matthew, he wondered if she would be overwhelmed with grief when she 'recovered her memory' one day and remembered what she did to Matthew.

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and she was even more thankful that Sean had hired such a skilled teacher to personally teach her how to act. It was only because of this that she was able to prevent any cracks in her

married?" Mateo's eyes widened, his face filled

you not want to marry

I want to, of course, I do." Mateo hurriedly nodded, more than willing to fulfill

Chapter 1005 He'll Throw a Fit

Veronice's eyes brightened. "A-Are you really willing to raise the children with me? You won't hate them for being Matthew's kin?"

Although Mateo was still weak, he still extended his hand to wipe the tears away from her face, saying gently, "I like you as a person. Even if you have a pest with Matthew, that's all in the pest. As for the children, I'll take them under my wing too."

"Met... Y-You're the best."

Veronice pounced on him and wrapped her arms around him, her cheek pressed against his. At that moment, the two were unbelievably close, to the extent where Veronice felt like pushing him away. However, she had to do this—it was only by making Mateo believe her wholeheartedly could she find out where her children were.

I'm sorry, Mett.

Veronice felt that she was wronging Matthew, but she had no other choice due to the urgent situation.

As Veronice did so today, particularly in her behavior toward him, Mateo was unable to accept reality all of a sudden and couldn't get used to it either.

After a pause, he finally raised his hand and patted her on the back. "Don't be sad."

"How can I not? The one I like is you, but I had that monster's children. Met, I think... I'm dirty now."

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a moment of thought, Mateo replied, "Your genes are stronger, so of course they look more like

Chapter 1006 Notifying Matthew

For reasons unbeknownst to her, Veronica was suddenly filled with guilt. Was it truly all right for her to use Mateo like this when he was still so innocent?

"Thank you, Mat." She sobbed gratefully, "When I become the head of the clan, we'll get married. I only want to spend the rest of my life with you and not anyone else."

"Your words... They're more than enough." Mateo felt just as relieved as well.

After giving it some thought, he added, "In time, we'll bring the kids to me and say that they're mine, and no one will think otherwise. When you've secured the position as the head of the clan, Grandpa won't be able to do anything to you either."

"Thank you, Mat, you're the best." Veronica pounced on him and pulled him into a hug, her heart filled with gratitude.

After that, the two sat and chatted for a long while. Soon, when Crayson returned, the three of them had a casual conversation with each other.

On the way back, Veronica passed by a jewelry shop and instructed, "Stop the car."

Crayson turned to look at her. "What's wrong?"

She pointed at the jewelry store and explained, "I suddenly remembered that Mat's birthday is tomorrow, isn't it? I'm going to pick a present for him." Saying that, she extended a hand. "Your card." go with you," Crayson said

"Forget it. With that taste of yours and

Then, you can

the two got married in the future, he

password is my birthday." He handed the card to her and asked, "Do

shook her head with a pout. "As I thought, you're growing

Crayson's eyes before he laughed heartily. "I was worried that you won't understand it anymore after all those years

a look of pride on

the jewelry store. As she looked at the display, she

said, "Matthew, listen to me.

hundreds of people living there, and I'm still not

in a courtyard on the east

I'll contact them

were sent by Crayson, and be quick.

Chapter 1007 Going All Out

Crayson walked over and took a glance, looking confused. "Matching rings?"

"That's right." Veronica let out a chuckle. "I just picked out a brooch as his present for tomorrow. As for this pair of matching rings, it's for our marriage. When I become the head..."

She deliberately phrased her words that way. After taking a glance at the sales assistant, she lowered her voice before she continued, "I plan to marry him after everything is over. What do you think?"

"Haha, I agree, of course."

Crayson, who had just been filled with worry earlier, finally let out a sigh of relief, thinking that his worry had been unnecessary. So she had been picking out her wedding ring; that was great news.

After picking out the brooch and matching rings, Veronica went to pay the bill.

As they walked out of the jewelry store, she said to him, "Crayson, you have to keep it a secret from Mat. I want to give him a surprise."

Mateo know as soon as possible so that he would be overjoyed. Expectedly, when Crayson and Veronica I have good news

"What is it, Grandpa?"

when we were on the way back, Veronica went to the jewelry store to buy a set of matching rings. She's planning to get married to you after the

felt as if he

laugh. "Veronica even told me not to tell you this. Anyways, now that you know, don't say it out loud. Veronica wants to give

Mateo's pale face. "Okay, I'll keep

had already told him her wish to get married to him in the hospital

took the two

and Dominik had a secret rendezvous to discuss the secret deployment during the ascension

hidden clan and even fantasized about taking them down. However, after he arrived, he realized that there was a huge gap in wealth within the clan, and their economy

Chapter 1008 Reunion

Time flew by. In the blink of an eye, there was only one day left until the ascension ceremony. Late that night, a newcomer entered Veronica's room. Although it was so dark that she could barely see her fingers, she still knew instinctively who it was.

She stood up and pulled him into her arms. "You're finally here."

Matthew returned her embrace, his large hand caressing her head as he asked softly, "Did you miss me?"

Veronica leaned on his chest, nodding. "Yeah."

"I missed you too." Matthew slowly closed his eyes, enjoying this sweet moment with her.

Just then, Veronica unexpectedly pushed him away and lifted her head to look at him. "What about the kids? How are they doing?"

"I've already rescued them and settled them down. Don't worry."

did you

aware of the children's whereabouts. However, as time was tight that day, she did not dare to ask any more questions

the hotel, he'd already said that the children were in trouble. I expected that they were taken to the hidden clan, so I'd been sending people to look for them. Now that I talk about it, it was a huge coincidence. Right after I found out where they were, I got a call from Hendrey, and he said that there was a huge possibility that they were

to the bed and took a

it out from Mateo," Veronica replied truthfully. However, there was something that confused her the unaware of

Hendrey and Lamia confirmed their relationship, they met again at a hotel for another joyful encounter. However, Lamia then received a call from Crayson, telling her to immediately take

extracted the necessary information from Lamia and instantly informed Matthew. Coincidentally, that was also the day when Veronica met Mateo

acted calmly and cautiously, and he was unable to fully trust Veronica, so he sent someone to move the children away. That very day, the family in the

orders, but in reality, they were Matthew's men. Meanwhile, the second group also claimed to be acting on Crayson's orders, but they were actually sent by Lamia, who was acting on Crayson's behalf to send the children away. However, they didn't manage to meet the children and

Chapter 1010 Are Your Men Reliable

As if she was a burden, she constantly needed Matthew's help and even almost made him lose his life, all while she could give him nothing.

"It's getting late. I should go now." Matthew grabbed her shoulders and softly, he noted, "There are still many things to be done. As for you, have courage in everything you do. I'm with you till the end." He revealed a tender smile. "I am your shield." Matthew raised his hand and caressed the top of her head, speaking with a pampering tone filled with love.

"You be careful as well, Matt," Veronica reminded.

"I will." He nodded. "I'm leaving now." With that, he loosened his grip on her, after which he turned around and walked to the balcony before hopping and vanishing into the night sky.

Veronica stood before the window. As the light in the room was off, no outsider could see her, but from her side, she could see Matthew's sturdy body fading away into the lightless dusk. With her hands clutching the rails, she uncomfortably furrowed her brows as immense worry surged in her heart.

The ascension ceremony is in two days... Veronica knew that Matthew was only able to come to her at this moment because while Crayson was scheming with the Elrods to seize the head of the clan's position, they accidentally accommodated the "heavily injured" Matthew, so he took the opportunity to get to her.

The next day, due to the ascension ceremony of the hidden clan, certain streets were closed as banners and lanterns of the hidden clan were hung at numerous places, making the region seem extremely merry. Though, there was nothing but darkness concealed under the exuberant atmosphere.

In the night, Dominik was having a secret meeting with Zac. Sitting opposite Zac, he stated with a stern face, "The Elrods will riot at the ascension ceremony tomorrow. We shall wait for them to take down Eleanor before going out and annihilating them. The elders who protect me will also come to support me tomorrow." With a solemn gaze, he questioned, "How many elites do you have?"

Holding a cigar in his mouth, Zac leaned back on the couch with a pondering scowl. "More than ten elites, but I have one deadeye."

Hearing that, Dominik raised his head and looked at Zac's proud eyes. "You even have a sniper?" He felt somewhat suspicious, but mostly happy.

"Of course."