

## Bumpkin 1081

### Chapter 1081 Echoes of Sorrow, Whispers of Hope

Matthew, Veronica, and Skyler embarked on a journey to the picturesque countryside in search of Shirley's house. As they stepped out of the car, their gaze was drawn to Shirley's parents, who were cleaning the pigsty and engaged in a lively conversation.

With anticipation in her heart, Veronica emerged from the car, clutching a beautifully wrapped gift box. However, to her dismay, Shirley was nowhere to be found in the yard. Shirley's father, immersed in his work within the pigsty, raised his gaze upon seeing Veronica, his brows furrowing in an attempt to recognize the woman before him. "Who are you?" he inquired.

Regretful for not introducing herself earlier, Veronica extended a warm smile and spoke. "I apologize for not introducing myself earlier. My name is Veronica Murphy, Shirley's dearest friend. I came here with the sole purpose of meeting you."

Pleased with the revelation, Shirley's father, affectionately known as Mr. Wilson, set aside his water hose and broom, closing the iron gate of the pigsty as he stepped out. A hearty laugh escaped his lips. "Hahaha, so it's the three of you. Shirley didn't return with you?"

Veronica subtly glanced at Skyler, silently signaling him to remain composed.

"Shirley is still at work. We happened to pass by and thought of paying you a visit," Veronica explained, taking a step forward and presenting the gift in her hands. "These items were personally chosen by Shirley for you."

Shirley's father, a man of simple and honest nature, beheld the valuable items and smiled with contentment. "Ah, this little rascal spent a fortune on these gifts."

her job and earning money. It's only fitting for her to shower you

chuckled heartily. "Hahaha, alright then. I shall treasure the kindness

attend to, so we

well, very well," Shirley's father acquiesced, his delight

bid her farewell.

Skyler echoed the gesture, expressing

car and drove away, leaving Shirley's father standing at the entrance of the yard. As they retreated, Skyler couldn't help but feel a pang of

elderly man from unnecessary worry or

of simple and honest nature, beheld the valuable items and smiled with contentment. "Ah, this little

at home, where could she be?" Skyler mused, leaning back in his seat, his voice tinged with despondency. "Despite our investigations, this woman has become elusive, evading all forms of surveillance. We can't seem to locate

solace and tranquility.

the car along the challenging muddy and bumpy

### **Chapter 1082 Love's Serenade Amidst Trials**

"Understood," Skyler Robins murmured, rubbing his temples, overwhelmed by the weight of his predicament.

"Matthew and I will mobilize our resources to locate Shirley. You should focus on your family matters," Veronica assured Skyler. "I consider Shirley as my own sister, and I won't allow her to endure any more harm from your family."

Veronica carried a heavy burden of guilt for Shirley's disfigurement, and her resolve to protect Shirley was unwavering.

"I know what I need to do," Skyler replied, gazing out of the car window, lost in thought.

Upon returning to the city center, Skyler went his separate way, while Veronica and Matthew made their way to the Pinewoods Villa.

As they arrived at the grand estate, their eyes were drawn to a graceful figure donned in a vibrant red dress, waiting in the courtyard.

None other than Eleanor stood before them.

The sedan glided into the villa's garage, and Veronica and Matthew alighted from the vehicle.

Eleanor approached them, a piece of Limburger in hand, her voice filled with curiosity. "Veronica Murphy, what's going on? What brings you here?"

fondness for these inexpensive Limburger, despite having enjoyed the finest delicacies during her time in the hidden clan, amused

you eating

"Troy Ritter was munching on these while drinking, so I decided to

I've had enough of those since

of those Limburgers was hard

them, her curiosity undimmed. "So, what's the reason behind your sudden divorce? If Troy Ritter

herself as Princess Eleanor of the hidden clan without reservation, a reminder

Veronica's waist, drawing closer to her, his warm smile filled with tenderness. "Put aside

Limburger in hand, suddenly found them unappetizing. Pouting, she cast a disdainful

she turned and walked toward Troy Ritter, who stood not far away. "Troy Ritter, let's head

with a plate of Limburger in hand, replied, "Troy Ritter was munching on these while drinking, so I decided to give them a

stay and have some fun?" Veronica playfully brushed off Matthew's arm, her voice tinged with complaint. "Why do you

that my wife might become jealous," Matthew replied, his warm smile exuding approachability and Eleanor declared without turning back. She then addressed Troy Ritter, who stood by the car. "Forget

### **Chapter 1083 Love and Hate**

"Where are you? I have a friend, a director, who wants to meet you," said Larry over the phone.

"Now?"

"Yes," Larry replied, then lowered his voice and whispered softly, "He watched 'Star Voyage' and really admired your skills. Since there's a new film in the making, he wants you to audition."

"Alright, send me the address, I'll come over now." Veronica nodded.

In order to help her enter the entertainment industry, Matthew even publicly announced their 'divorce,' and she couldn't let him down.

After hanging up the phone, Veronica looked at Eleanor, her eyes shining, and said, "Eleanor, aren't you bored? Come, I'll take you out to play."

"Really?" Eleanor turned around, looking happy.

Veronica raised her hand and touched her forehead, awkwardly pointing at the bag of Limburger in her hand. "Can you throw those away? The smell is too strong."

She was going for an audition and it was a good opportunity to take Eleanor out to have some fun.

been eating the Limburger all along, and the strong smell was indeed

made an 'OK' gesture and walked over to the nearby trash can, but only throwing the empty packaging into the bin after finishing the last

two of them

delicious foods in Bloomstead, can't you take her to eat something else?" Veronica looked at Troy, who was standing straight.

So I took her to the snack street instead, and recently, every evening, she goes there like clockwork,

Troy shrugged again. "What can I

speechless. "Then you go with Matt and help

Kings."

to Matthew. "The lunatic called me for an audition. I wonder if it

her temple and tucking

my best." Veronica left and beckoned to Eleanor, then drove her red Chevrolet out

Chevrolet sedan, worth only over a hundred thousand dollars, stood out among the  
herself, and she couldn't bear to part with  
driving a car worth over 15 thousand dollars

but she said she didn't like them. So I took her to the snack street instead, and recently, every evening,  
she goes there like clockwork, with skewers in her left hand

headed straight for the film and television media

### **Chapter 1084 Official Mirror**

"The past is in the past. I really hope you can live a good life after you come to Bloomstead." Veronica  
sighed.

Both of them seemed to have their thoughts returned to the hidden clan, reminiscing about everything  
that happened there.

Eleanor was missing her deceased mother, while Veronica thought of Crayson.

Human emotions were complex. She had a love-hate relationship with Crayson.

After a little over an hour, they arrived at the Langston Film and Television Media Company.

The sedan parked in the basement, and Veronica got out of the car with Eleanor, entering the elevator  
together.

Eleanor, holding her handbag, was still touching up her makeup in front of the mirror.

Veronica couldn't help but tease. "Enough with the touch-ups. Even without makeup, you can outshine  
everyone. Don't you know that women can be very jealous?"

Eleanor put away her lipstick, her beautiful eyes sparkling with a playful smile, seductive and charming.  
"The cosmetics were given to me by Troy. If I don't use them, wouldn't it be a waste?"

"Troy gave them to you?"

In her memory, Troy was a cold and indifferent person, who had never had a girlfriend.

How could he give Eleanor cosmetics?

This guy couldn't have had a sudden change of heart, could he?

Then... um..." She raised the lipstick in her hand. "I took him to a high-end cosmetics store and got a  
complete set of cosmetics worth over thirty hundred thousand from him.

Veronica was speechless.

been overthinking

Ding—

at the 31st

and saw Larry Freeman's

Veronica greeted her, "Hello."

there. Please follow me," the assistant said, unable to help but take a few more glances at Eleanor, seemingly amazed by

"Thank you."

and walked with the assistant toward the

there were many people in the corridor for the audition,

people were all staring at the two of them with

Veronica Murphy?

it be that Matthew Kings has really abandoned her, so she came to the entertainment industry to make  
god, who is that woman next to Veronica?

there be such a stunning woman in the

blind? Veronica is not bad-looking

Veronica was speechless.

been overthinking

truly looks pure

beauty and another has an alluring charm. They are not even the same

### **Chapter 1085 A Sense of Familiarity**

"No! In my opinion, the most beautiful one would of course be you," Larry replied sincerely.

Eleanor frowned when she saw him. "Why do you look so familiar? I felt like I've seen you before somewhere."

Eleanor was very certain that she had indeed met Larry before.

"Him?" Veronica Murphy pointed at Larry. "He's a popular actor, of course, you've seen him before, but probably only on TV."

"Oh," Eleanor had an epiphany and nodded. "You're right. That's probably why you look so familiar."

"Now that you've met me, you'll be able to recognize me in the future." Larry put his arm around Veronica's shoulder and opened the door to the audition hall while telling Eleanor, "Miss Eleanor, come. Let me show you around."

The three of them entered the audition hall together. They saw a slender and beautiful girl performing a scene of extreme hunger.

The judges glanced at Veronica briefly and continued watching the actress's performance.

"You two can sit here and rest for a while. We'll call you later." Larry patted Veronica's shoulder and whispered, "Don't be nervous. With me around, I guarantee you'll be fine."

"Thank you," Veronica said.

me. You thanking me will shorten

turned and walked to the judging panel. He sat down and started to

this moment, the actress finished the scene and stood in

in a deep voice. "You were supposed to portray a poor

overacted and lacked nuance."

"I only have

actress listened to the judges' comments, her eyes turned red, and tears welled

man immediately pointed at her. "Now, your current state is much more realistic. It can evoke emotions and

humiliating her so she retorted, "But I've never experienced being

actors who act as murderers really have

in

in grievance and ran out of the audition hall

scene,

with zero experience. Would she even have a

### **Chapter 1086 Action Scenes**

Veronica glanced at Larry. She hesitated for a moment before speaking directly to the director.

"Teacher, I don't have much acting experience, but I shouldn't have any problems with action scenes."

"If you are fine with action scenes then I don't think there will be an issue." The director was very confident, adding, "What do you say if you spar with my martial arts actor and I'll see how you do."

After all, the ancient drama he worked on needed a supporting actress to play some roles. Ordinary actors with poor skills and no experience are not appealing to him; top-tier actors might have experience but they would not be interested.

He always valued the quality of the script and didn't like to use special effects. He remembered Veronica after some consideration.

"No problem."

Veronica readily agreed.

The director turned around and called a man standing in the distance. The man nodded slightly and walked over.

The man dressed in black casual clothes, had a sturdy muscular figure, giving a demeanor that indicated he had a certain level of martial arts proficiency.

"Let's begin," the director said.

the sturdy man and said politely,

moves you have." The sturdy man seemed to look down on Veronica. Perhaps he thought that she only knew some showy

"Alright."

before delivering a left hook aimed at the man's chest. However, she

arrogantly as he stepped to the

beside, shook her head. She felt that the man was ignorant and

to Veronica. This man was overconfident and truly ignorant of what

man started to attack by kicking Veronica. She easily blocked it with her right arm and lifted her left leg to

that kick. The man fell backwards and rolled over twice on the ground before he stopped when he crashed into a

at Veronica and complained to the director. "Although she can fight, she can't control

just now but he accused me of being all

despised this kind of

"Alright."

back before delivering a left hook aimed at the man's chest. However, she deliberately slowed down her strike so that she could control her

Job!" Larry gave

### **Chapter 1087 Successful Audition**

Despite not having a formal education in acting, Veronica had studied acting for three months, so she had some basic acting skills.

"Yes, you can." The director, Sam Symons, nodded and showed great confidence in Veronica.

"Thank you, teacher."

Veronica bowed and followed an assistant to the next room, where she received the script and contract.

While she was reading the contract, in the audition room, Sam received a phone call. "Sam, Hello, I'm Eviette Robins. I heard that you're shooting a period drama and need a female actress?"

"E... Evie?"

Sam was puzzled as he held the phone in front of him and glanced at the unfamiliar number. He was overjoyed. "Ah, yes, we are, we are. We're currently auditioning for the female lead in the period drama."

"I know that you're a very dedicated director, and I've watched the dramas you've directed before. I really liked them. I wonder if I have a chance to audition for your female lead?"

After hearing that Veronica was auditioning for Sam's drama, Evie immediately found Sam's contact information.

she

also wanted to take

were really divorced, Evie would have an even greater advantage over

have time, you can come

entertainment industry knew about

was one of the few actresses who possessed both luck and talent. Despite only acting in

her three period dramas had consistently topped the ratings charts and became classics, earning her the title

had disappeared from the screen for quite

when she suddenly contacted him, wanting to audition for the female lead in his period drama. This good news came

on?" Larry Freeman, the investor of this TV series, asked as

at his phone, excitedly said, "It's Evie. She wants

retire?"

would

a big female lead role, which is very suitable for Evie. With her presence and

### **Chapter 1088 Car Accident**

On the road, Veronica drove while connecting to Bluetooth and she made a phone call to Matthew. "Matt, I passed the audition."

She was extremely happy, feeling that her dream was getting closer and closer.

"As expected. My wife is amazing," Matthew sincerely praised her.

Sitting in the passenger seat, Shirley listened to the lovey-dovey conversation and couldn't help rolling her eyes. She was on the verge of covering her ears to block out their dialogue.

"I'm actually surprised too. I was worried that I wouldn't pass the audition."

"You lack confidence," Matthew said gently.



Veronica smiled and said, "I'm going to have dinner with Crazy tonight and won't be going back. By the way, any news about Shirley?"

"We've found her. She rented an apartment on the outskirts of the city."

"Does Skyler know?"

"We haven't told Drew yet. Don't we have to wait for your 'verdict' first?" Matthew spoke with a doting tone, as if he wanted to hold Veronica in the palm of his hand.

like being in a honey pot, feeling so happy that

know that I'm safe for now. Don't reveal Shirley's location

listen to you,"

two of them chatted sweetly on the phone for a while before finally hanging

Veronica. "Please don't always show affection in front of me. Do you believe that one day I will regret it and forcibly snatch your

to have the ability to

confidence wasn't about herself but about her absolute

raised her hand and rubbed her temples. "No, I need to find a man too. Otherwise,

something you can

someone you like and get married, you can only get married once and

"Watch out!!"

she glanced at Shirley with her head tilted to the side, but she ignored a person suddenly rushing out from the

Crash!

it was

car accidentally hit a person, sending him flying and rolling a long distance before

she unfastened her seatbelt and rushed out, not forgetting to tell Shirley,

you didn't, I would have ended our friendship!" Shirley rolled her eyes at Veronica. "Please don't always show affection in front of me. Do

### **Chapter 1089 Melvin's Scheme**

Veronica and Eleanor sat on a bench in the hospital corridor after paying the hospital fees. The police approached them for questioning soon after. At the same time, Melvin was pushed out of the emergency room.

Veronica quickly went over and asked the doctor, "Doctor, how is he?"

"He has a mild concussion and some soft tissue injuries. He needs to be hospitalized for observation. If there are no issues, he can be discharged."

The doctor briefly explained the situation to Veronica.

Melvin, who was lying on the gurney, looked at Veronica and shook his head. "It has nothing to do with you. I will explain it to the police."

Then, he was pushed into the ward by a nurse, and they followed along.

After settling in the ward, the police, who were responsible to investigate the accident, and Veronica entered the room.

Melvin, whose head was bandaged, lay weakly on the bed and was put on an IV drip.

"Are you okay?"

walked up

said, "He shouldn't have crossed the road

then at the woman next to her in a red dress. He couldn't help but sigh at the sight of both of them where one exuded a cold

thought to himself, Although Eviette possesses a classical beauty,

out more compared to

if Matthew would really

indeed my fault," Melvin said with a guilty expression, then he turned to the police officer. "Officer, this

officer who was the lead replied, "Although you are responsible, she should

himself up to sit on the

explained to the police officer

sitting on a chair, raised an eyebrow at him. "At least

right? I'm really sorry for the trouble I caused. It was you who paid for my

his hand that wasn't attached to the IV drip and reached into his pocket. His brow furrowed as he

classical beauty, she is

said embarrassingly, "I'm really sorry, it seems like I

### **Chapter 1090 Skyler Wants to Marry Shirley**

Melvin leaned against the bedside, watching their backs until the door of the ward was completely closed. He let out a soft sneer, and his gaze instantly became cunning.

Although Veronica and Matthew are divorced, they still had two children together. If they were really separated, there would still be situations that might keep them together.

Especially since their divorce happened so suddenly, Melvin still remained suspicious.

The Robins Family.

Skyler sat in the villa's living room. He looked at his mother, father, and grandfather, who were sitting opposite him, and said calmly, "I have said it before, I like Shirley and want to marry her."

Before this, Skyler didn't really have any thoughts about marrying any woman except for Sofia.

However, during the time he spent with Shirley in the hidden clan, he realized that he liked her, especially when she got injured, he felt that he was responsible for it too.

face. However, halfway through his sentence, Benjamin's gaze shifted toward the entrance of the living room, and his serious expression suddenly turned into a smile. "Sofia? Come in and have a

hopes for this

Skyler's parents saw Sofia walking in with nutritional supplements in hand, they stood up to greet  
buy for

who is buying it." Keysha laughed heartily. She took the nutritional supplements and handed them to the servant beside her, then held Sofia's hand.

in front of the Robins Family, even her attire and appearance became elegant and ladylike,

only glanced at her pretentious appearance and didn't want to look at her

bowed slightly to Benjamin. "Hello, Grandpa. It's been a while since we last met, I

mother." Benjamin patted the seat beside him. "Have

eyes lit up with excitement and she subconsciously

held high hopes for this marriage, so the

Skyler's expression don't look pleased and his eyebrows furrowed tightly. "What wedding? I said before that

finished speaking, the lively