

## **Bumpkin 1121**

### **Chapter 1121 Veronica's Concern**

What Matthew cared about was that once Flavian found out about Veronica's identity, he would either use her or take action against her.

Matthew could keep the children under the radar because they were young. However, she was an adult and couldn't be hidden away from the world, especially after he suffered serious loss because of the hidden clan.

It almost depleted his liquid assets. The remaining asset was the market value of the listed company, which couldn't be cashed out in the short term.

Even if he could cash it out, a large amount of cashing out would cause a company shock. That would attract external attention and create a negative impact that was equivalent to exposing his own weakness to the public.

Therefore, when the current situation was not looking good, the first thing he needed to do was to protect Veronica and their children.

The two went upstairs together. Matthew went to the study to handle work, whereas Veronica went to freshen up and then lay on the bed to read the script.

The days had been comfortable and pleasant recently. She relished in the inexplicable sense of tranquility.

The script was a historical drama called 'The General's Lonely Daughter' that told a story of a famous general, Cedric Sterling, who was slandered by a treacherous minister, and his whole family was executed. A servant escaped with the young lady, who later returned to the capital for revenge.

her name to Liora Sterling in order to seek revenge for her father. The character played by Veronica was mother worked for Cedric and owed him a favor. Her mother asked her to protect the Seraphina as a way

not bad. The characters are good

at the script and sighed. "But what if

on the bed, thinking left and right, and decided to call Larry. "Hey, Crazy, are one?" he greeted

"I've read the script for 'The General's Lonely Daughter', but I

the drama, so how should she face

He laughed heartily unlike

help but complain, "I seriously want to reveal your true color to your fans and let them see what kind of hilarious character

wasn't a sociable person; he couldn't act himself in front of strangers, so he gave people the impression of

were close to him knew that he had a humorous and cheerful personality,

He scoffed lightly and continued, "Alright, enough. I'm in Castron

## **Chapter 1122 A Request**

The smile on Shirley's face instantly froze the moment she saw the woman standing outside.

"How... is it you?"

She never expected that Sofia would actually find her here. Anxiety was rushing through her blood.

That incident, in which Sofia had beaten her at First Meeting, cast a pall of shadow over her.

Sofia noticed Shirley's nervousness and calmly said, "Relax. I'm not here for a fight today."

She handed some gift boxes to Shirley. "These are for you as an apology for my rudeness. I hope you can forgive me."

Shirley stared blankly at the four gift boxes in Sofia's hand. Based on the exquisite packaging, they were obviously expensive.

She's apologizing to me?

While she was silent, Sofia softly

instinctively shook her head.

to refuse, but Sofia pointed to the surveillance cameras in the corridor. "There are surveillance cameras here. If I do anything to you,

and opened the door for Sofia. Sofia walked into the living room, taking in the small place. The decoration was simple yet wholesome, especially at the entrance. There was a pair of men's slippers, indicating that Skyler

asked her father to make some arrangements for the factory Skyler was in charge of.

of men's slippers. An

still love her? She doesn't look pretty anymore! Just which part

She couldn't understand.

have a seat,"

things down and sat on the sofa. Treated her as a guest, Shirley poured a cup of tea and placed it in front of Sofia. "Miss Green, is there anything I can help you with? I have

lowered her head slowly. She clasped her hands

## **Chapter 1123 Pregnant with Skyler's Child**

"I have something to show you," Sofia said as she took out three things from her bag: a pregnancy test, an ultrasound report, and a phone.

"What is it?" Shirley couldn't tell what Sofia was trying to do. As soon as she saw the pregnancy test and the ultrasound report, her mind went totally blank.

She stared at the pregnancy test and the ultrasound report in disbelief, unable to constrain her emotions. "W-What is this?"

She could clearly see what they were, but she couldn't accept it. Immersed in astonishment and panic, she didn't realize her eyes turning red.

"I'm pregnant with Skye's child." Sofia pursed her lips upon telling the 'truth.'

Her words struck Shirley like thunder. The latter shook her head in reflex. "No way. These can be faked. Don't try to buy me with these."

"Shirley, I know you don't believe me, and I know that the truth can be cruel. But I don't want you to be kept in the dark forever." Sofia took out her phone to play a recording. "Listen."

A familiar voice echoed in the quiet living room loud and clear.

marry her." Shirley was confident that it was

you going to marry her

tone was firm beyond a

Spasms of pain incurred internally, causing her heart to ache as it pounded

that Skyler truly loved her all along. She never expected that he wanted to

placed her hand on her cheek to touch the scar. Tears welled up in an

it is. So, this is the

immediately got together with you when I returned to the country, just to seek revenge on me.

Otherwise, do you really

in the heart. It was like

got together with Skyler. It

words were reasonable. They

are twins. 40 days

## **Chapter 1124 Brother Was Kidnapped**

Why? Why did it turn out this way?

Shirley used to trust Skyler so much, but now she was utterly disappointed, especially when she heard him personally admitting that he wanted the marriage solely because of guilt. It broke her heart.

All the trust she had in him faded, leaving only the bitter taste of being stabbed by the 'truth.'

She lay in bed the whole day, dwelling in helplessness and dejection. She recalled what happened during the past month. Skyler rarely came over and contacted her. That was enough to prove everything.

However, bad news never came alone. Shirley received a call from her mother in the afternoon.

As soon as the line got through, her mother's painful wailing resounded from the other end. "Shirley, please save your brother..."

Shirley woke up from the grief, regaining her composure. "M-Mom, what happened? What's going on? Stop crying."

mother's emotions easily

was going elsewhere

only made phone calls to her family and never dared to return to them. She was afraid that they would be upset upon finding out about

at

3 million to someone in the casino. Someone has kidnapped your brother and asked our family for money. If we can't

cried bitterly, and she could faintly hear Tarquin—her father—cursing on the other end. He rambled how his

well. Shirley never expected that he would get himself involved in gambling

running

kill Lucien. Just how did I end up with such a son? Gosh." Her mother cried

find a way to solve it. I will find a way. Stop crying. Don't worry," Shirley comforted her mother over the phone before asking Tarquin to get on the phone. She tried

call finally ended. She sat there,

### **Chapter 1125 Skyler's Betrayal**

The thought of Skyler sleeping with Sofia after spending a steamy moment with her disgusted Shirley.

Disgusting! He's so disgusting.

He betrayed her in the end, albeit how much she trusted him.

They already have a child, so what am I? A home breaker?

Shirley scoffed in sorrow, forcing herself to calm down and think of a way to rake in money. She scrolled through the contact list on her phone. She wanted to call Veronica, but then she recalled the fact that Veronica was Matthew's wife and also Skyler's friend.

Since Skyler liked Sofia, Veronica should know the truth. However, she kept Shirley in the dark. Shirley wondered if it was a joined conspiracy. She couldn't quite put her finger on it.

Still, even if she put that aside, she couldn't just ask Veronica for over 3 million worth of money for no reason. She couldn't afford to repay this astronomical debt.

moment, someone flashed across

she say she will give me 3 million? But

day, Shirley finally went to the living room

"Sofia?"

"You're still young. Saving some money won't be a bad thing for you. Besides, Skye doesn't really like you. He's only with you because he feels guilty. How long can this guilt last? Besides, if he really loves you, why would he come to my bed

merciless words were tormenting Shirley's

put up with the humiliation. "So you want me to leave Skyler and take the money? Fine, but... I want 4.5

I was being too nice." Sofia coldly snorted, thinking that Shirley was underestimating

4.5 million, I won't leave him. After all, he said he would marry me, and I believe he can do it." Shirley mustered

think his parents will allow you to marry into the Robins? Oh, do

#### **Chapter 1126 Skyler's Car Accident**

"I know that Wade likes you. His mother is currently undergoing cancer treatment in the hospital and owes over a million. Now she works as a secretary under Talila. But from what I know, Talila has tried multiple times to make him submit to her, but he refused every time. As a result, he has suffered a lot of beatings.

"If you pretend to be in a relationship with Wade and let me film a video or take photos, I will give you 3.75 million and help him pay off his debt. This way, I will have evidence to prove everything even if you change your mind. Skye will be able to stave his guilty off and won't marry you to make up for it."

Shirley was stunned, instantly losing her train of thought.

On the other end of the line, Sofia's voice resounded again. "You have 30 minutes to consider." She hung up the phone.

Shirley held the phone and sat down on the sofa, not knowing what to do. After hesitating for a while, she finally decided to call Wade.

Since he wasn't doing well either, it would be better for the two of them to pretend to be in a relationship. They could help each other. It would be a win-win situation.

She dialed his number. "A-Are you busy?"

"Not really. What's up?" Wade's voice was as gentle as ever.

recently?"

returning from the hidden clan, she had only talked to him a few times on the phone. He had invited her out several times, but she refused because she

for a while. Later, she faintly heard a self-deprecating laugh from the other

was a very

were less than eight minutes left. She clenched her fist and mustered her courage. "Wade, can I ask you for

be my honor," he agreed without hesitation. She was

gone to the hidden clan. She only mentioned the

a long silence, Wade only asked

Shirley Wilson smiled bitterly. Do I even have the

I won't," she

After hanging up

hotel room under Shirley's name for the duo's meeting. As the mastermind, Sofia gave instructions for every step of the plan, and Shirley followed them one by

she and Wade stayed in the hotel and left early the next morning. They passionately

Sofia. As

### **Chapter 1127 Shirley's Betrayal**

"We have the results. The truck driver was drunk and it was an accident," Caleb reported.

Matthew naturally believed what he said since he was a police officer and a good friend.

Veronica sighed. "He's seriously injured. Is it really a good idea not to tell Shirley?"

"Shirley is not in the right state of mind. Telling her will only make her worry." Caleb added, "The first thing he said when he woke up was not to let Shirley know. It's clear that he truly cares about her."

Matthew smiled silently at the fact that the ever-reckless man had finally decided to settle down.

The group of friends stayed with Skyler in the hospital. In the afternoon, he woke up again and they chewed the fat.

Matthew prepared a helicopter so that they could return to a private hospital in Bloomstead. Skyler could continue his treatment there.

Two of his ribs were fractured in the car accident and he suffered internal injuries. He needed some time to rest and recover.

others came to the hospital one after another to visit Skyler, except for the Robinses

also

the dozens of missed calls from Shirley. After hesitating

Ring, ring, ring...

a while before someone

He regained his composure,

taking a shower." When Skyler was expecting to hear Shirley's voice, a man's voice came from

of his sudden reaction, a spasm of pain throbbed in his chest. He

back, but it seemed like his number was blocked. No matter how many times

lost it. He got out of bed to get changed and left the hospital. No one noticed his departure

to Youth Apartment and arrived at Shirley's door. He shouted her

out Shirley's whereabouts for

"Yes, President Robins."

staircase and sat down on the steps,

### **Chapter 1128 The Revelation**

After receiving the video message from his subordinate, Skyler went straight to Room No. 1902, where Shirley and Wade were staying.

Standing before the door of the room, Skyler hesitated for a moment. In the end, he knocked on the door.

Knock, knock, knock...

It sounded urgent like the beating of his heart. He was nervous yet afraid; he was afraid of what he would see inside.

"Who is it?" A man's voice could be heard from the inside.

Skyler's heart sank to the pit of his stomach in an instant. He wanted to respond, but couldn't find the words to say.

Creak—

was opened to reveal the man wrapped in a towel around his waist. His hair was still wet as water

moment, but Wade calmly

other as though it was

is it?"

nothing. Just a staff asking if we need room cleaning," Wade

massage my back, will you? I'm so tired." Everything sounded so real. Her coquettish tone

almost hear the sound of his heart breaking and feel the pain of his heart bleeding. The pain  
He withdrew his gaze and turned to leave. Stepping on the soft carpet, Skyler felt his feet felt so heavy  
that he could barely lift them. In the end, he fell to the ground. It hurt so much that he  
delivered a sharp pain  
cleaning staff that helped him up. He finally managed to enter the  
She dialed Sofia's number and  
give you the remaining 1.75

### **Chapter 1129 Skyler Has Gone Crazy**

"It's neither right nor wrong. I am indeed pregnant with Skye's child, and Skye does feel guilty for  
disfiguring you. As for your brother, he is addicted to gambling himself. I just went along with it." Sofia  
smiled. "Now that things have come to this point, you should leave Bloomstead."

Her words were like a reminder, but more of a warning. Shirley could only agree to that. After hanging  
up the phone, she sat on the bed with eyes devoid of emotions. She appeared like a lifeless puppet.

Wade donned his casual clothes before approaching her. He patted her shoulder. "It's all in the past,  
don't worry too much. Besides, this may not be entirely bad for you."

He sighed heavily and sat beside her. "Social status is important has always been important. We are at  
the bottom of the pyramid. It's best to lead a stable life. The wealthy elites look down upon us, and we  
can't fit in with them, let alone force ourselves to fit in."

Wade's words made Shirley burst into tears. He patted his own shoulder. "Here, you can lean on my  
shoulder."

"Wade, I'm sorry." Shirley choked.

He shook his head. "I should thank you. Thank you for helping me. If it weren't for you, I would still be  
living a miserable life."

them felt the threat from 'capitalism.' They realized the dangers lurking

left Bloomstead alongside Wade's mother that night. No one knew

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was pitch black, yet there was a faint heavy breathing echoed against its walls. Veronica looked at the  
man beneath

the top. You can't go

was time for the shooting to start. That meant the couple wouldn't be able to spend much

the release of his wild side until now. Veronica couldn't put up with his tenacious advances anymore and  
kept begging for mercy. He teased, "If you're on the

be late for the shooting tomorrow, she had



had already been an

was at a loss for words, extremely

Ring, ring, ring—

Her eyes

### **Chapter 1130 Despair**

Veronica was exhausted and fell asleep immediately. She didn't catch what Matthew said. Matthew drove to Miguel. Matthew asked, "No news about Drew yet?"

Miguel shook his head.

"What about Caleb?"

"Caleb took Naruto abroad over the weekend for a treatment."

Miguel's phone suddenly rang. He picked up the call.

"Mr. Lynch, we have found President Robins. He is drinking at the Twilight Club."

"Drinking?"

"Yes, we are keeping an eye on him."

soon as the person on the other side of the line finished, Miguel terminated the call. A string of

Twilight Club together. They entered the bustling club and went to the second floor, where

several empty bottles on the table, and there was a woman next to Skyler, feeding him. Behind him stood another one

Skyler, you surely can drink." The

with deafening music as several ladies

door flung open, Miguel turned on all the lights and walked directly to the jukebox to pause the music. All eyes were on them. It became silent out of a

Matthew and Miguel. She stared at them arrogantly. "Who are you? Who gives you the nerves to act recklessly in the room? Do you know who he is? Do you have a

Skyler didn't give her a chance to finish speaking and slapped her.

a cold gaze.

she covered her face while

women exchanged glances before leaving the room in ones and twos. It was already late fall, so the temperature

with his hands in his pockets. Standing, he stared

he bent over to hold the glass on the table. He downed everything, ignoring