

## **Bumpkin 23**

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Shaking her head, Rachel let out a sigh.

Then, she looked up at Floch and listened to him as he analyzed the situation. "No matter what, the most important thing now is to let our daughter be engaged to Matthew first."

"What about the child Veronica conceived?" Tiffany asked.

The child in Veronica's womb was Tiffany's main concern as she feared that the existence of that child would be her greatest threat.

"Oh, my silly daughter," Rachel said as a conspiratorial thought came across her mind. Then, she smiled. "Veronica is a person filled with pride and arrogance. If she finds out by then that you're getting engaged to Matthew, do you still think she'll be willing to give birth to the child? And besides, once you're engaged to Matthew, it's your decision whether the child could live past infancy even if she gives birth to the child."

As she listened to Rachel's words and analysis of the situation, Tiffany felt enlightened. The gloomy look on Tiffany's face eventually disappeared, and she gave out a smile. "Mom, you're the best!"

Once again, Tiffany hugged Rachel tightly, expressing the profound endearment in their mother-daughter bonding.

*Ring...*

The next day, the sun was bright, and the breeze was gentle. It was a lovely day to stay in bed. However, Veronica was woken up by the ringing sound of her mobile phone early in the morning. She grabbed her phone and saw that it was her adoptive mother calling. Then, she checked the time, only to realize it was already 8.30AM.

"Oh, sh\*t! It's already 8.30AM? How on earth did I oversleep?" She smacked her forehead and immediately answered the call. "Hi, Mom. Sorry I overslept and forgot to prepare a meal for you." Veronica yawned, her hand rubbing her sleepy eyes as she said that.

At the same time, Daniella stated her request over the phone. "It's okay. I have already eaten something. Anyway, the reason I'm calling is that I want you to bring

Xavier along with you when you come over later today."

Upon hearing that, Veronica, who was still feeling slightly sleepy a while ago, instantly jolted awake. She immediately sat up. "Mom, Xavier needs to go to work. Besides, didn't he pay a visit to the hospital yesterday? So, why would you want him to go over again today?"

he is relatively

"But, Mom,"

listening to any of your bluffs. If Xavier doesn't come over today, then

“Mom! You—”

hung up the

for tears, Veronica held her phone in one hand while resting her

just met with Xavier yesterday. How could I have the nerve to ask him out again today?

a while and stared as the time passed little by little. Eventually,

sleepily. His drowsy voice was heard

feeling embarrassed. Her hands touched the thin blanket anxiously, and

relationship with Xavier was good, she was slightly apologetic for troubling him

Veronica’s intention behind this ‘phone call.

it be that

you’re high and mighty

chuckled in a flattering

With that, Xavier hung up the

Veronica was rather baffled. Huh? What does he mean

sleepy. Initially, Veronica wanted to lie down for a while before getting

arrived at the hospital after he was done washing

he had arrived at the hospital. He thought Veronica was already there in the ward. When

entered.

there was no one in the ward when Xavier walked in. So, he put the items in his hand aside

innocent-looking as she spread her arms around Daniella and Tony’s shoulders. Although it was only an inadvertent glance, Xavier was surprised after he discovered that the young lady in the photo

and took a closer look. 10th February 2021 was the date shown at the bottom right corner of the

flipped the photo over and saw the words ‘Family Photo’ written on the back of the photo. Family photo? Isn’t Tiffany the Larsons’ daughter?