

## Bumpkin 331

### Chapter 331 Matthew Tells Her to Get Lost

Everyone refused to let Matthew off. Veronica was too nervous to breathe. Standing there quietly, she watched the situation develop while looking for an opportunity to help Matthew. “That’s right. Matthew, Grandma is right. You should find a woman and get married to her,” she reminded him indirectly.

As things stood, he could now propose getting engaged to a woman and take his time with the proposal of marriage later. Even if he were to announce to everyone right now that he wanted to marry her, she wouldn’t turn him down. She would at least accept his proposal to stabilize the situation first.

However, the situation didn’t develop as she had expected. Just as she was secretly praying for Matthew to agree to this, she heard him say, “Sorry, but I can’t do as you say.”

“You...” Veronica was speechless for a moment. However, she dared not speak much on such an occasion. She dug her teeth into her lips, feeling as anxious as a cat on a hot tin roof. How could he be so foolish? Did he really refuse Grandma’s demands for my sake because I told him that instead of getting married right now, I wanted to strive for opportunities to make myself strong enough to be his match before marrying him?

In the past, she would only remember the despicable things Matthew had done. But now, she saw in him the willingness and courage to take responsibility for everything all by himself, which were sufficient to prove his over-indulgent love for her. As a result, she was both incredibly moved and guilt-ridden. For an instant, she even wanted to come forward and tell everyone right away that the ‘young man’ was actually her.

“How impudent!” Elizabeth flushed angrily. Immediately, she stood up and pointed at Matthew, saying, “Either you marry a woman right now or get out of the Kings Family!” With that, she left him no room for maneuver.

Everyone at the scene could tell from her words that she was giving Matthew a chance... But he didn’t cherish it. “Grandma, I’ve got no problem marrying a woman—but not now,” he replied. Roni promised to marry me a few years later. I can wait that long.

Elizabeth nodded. “So you’re not gonna listen to me anymore, huh?” She was so furious that her hand that was pointing at Matthew trembled.

Standing next to Elizabeth, Yura immediately tried to soothe her, saying, “Please calm down, Old Mrs. Kings. Don’t get angry, you—”

get angry? Ha! Fetch me the

somewhat hesitant, though. “Please think twice about it, Old Mrs.

she barked,

a servant, Yura was unable to refute her employer, of course. “Well... Yes, Old Mrs. Kings. I’ll bring you

hall looked on with folded hands, and some could hardly conceal the smug smile on their lips. They couldn't wait for Matthew to be punished and

approached Conrad and asked in a whisper, "Uncle Conrad, what is the 'tool' that Grandma talks about?" Even though she didn't know what the 'tool' was, she knew that it

sorrowful sigh. He answered in a grave voice, "It's

was barely audible, but Veronica heard him. "The whip?" The so-called 'whip' was a whip covered in barbs. Such a whip was very elastic and could strip off a layer of skin with each strike, making it a tool for an excruciatingly painful way of

thought of this, Veronica turned slightly pale with

a short distance, Veronica could vaguely see the faintly visible barbs on the whip. The barbs were terrifyingly sharp; a glance at them was all it took to send a chill

said, "It's enough, Matthew. You'd better listen to

found Conrad's actions incredibly ironic. To think that the person who is Matthew's enemy is the only person at the scene who speaks for him. For some reason,

man, she thought. At this moment, all her previous misgivings no longer mattered to her. Having made up her mind, she plucked up her courage and stepped forward,

could speak, Matthew suddenly turned around and looked askance at her with cold, proud eyes. "Are you trying to win her favor by telling her when I started going out with that guy? Veronica, don't forget that this is a Kings Family matter. You're only Grandma's god-granddaughter. What right

cruel and merciless, but every word he said pricked her heart like a

from speaking because he kept his promise and didn't want her to disclose what had happened today. As a result,

## Chapter 332 Telling the Truth

Now that Elizabeth had spoken, no one dared to say anything, of course. Nevertheless, everyone sensed her partiality for Veronica.

Veronica hesitated for a moment. Just as she was hesitating, she looked up and met Matthew's piercing eyes. He was staring fixedly at her, as though to signal her not to tell the truth.

"He panics now that someone's gonna expose him."

"Ha! He's got a lot more dirty secrets, I'm afraid."

"Who knows?"

"How disgraceful."

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These people were only too eager for Matthew to have a bad time. They hoped for the skeleton in his closet to be brought to light so that they could naturally oust him from his position.

Clutching the cell phone in her hand, Veronica tore her eyes away from Matthew. Then, she bypassed him and walked step by step toward Elizabeth.

All eyes were on her. Filled with anticipation, everyone watched as she walked step by step up to Elizabeth, only to stand before the latter for a long time without saying a word.

Elizabeth's chair was placed in front of the altar on which the memorial tablets were placed, whereas everyone else was standing in the hall, so none of them saw Veronica's facial expression.

Just then, however, they heard a cry. "Oh!"

Yura, the servant, and Veronica immediately stepped forward. "Old Mrs. Kings, are you alright?"

you okay, Grandma?" cried Veronica. Then, she looked back and

first. However, as the year end was approaching, the doctor had gone home on leave, so there wasn't any doctor at the Kings Residence. Consequently, Matthew strode

some people began to stir up trouble just

You have to stay in the memorial hall to reflect

"Yeah, Joseph's right!"

you not gonna listen to us anymore

"Put her down!"

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but he ignored them

them at all. She looked back and gave them an angry glare. "We don't have time for this! Saving Grandma is the most important thing here! Can't you

lady, the dozen people were startled at first before they flushed crimson with

Since when did an outsider have the

all that just because Mom favors

"What a goddamn thing."

"What a disgraceful b\*tch."

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care about it in the slightest. These people have got nothing to do with me, she thought. Trotting up to Matthew, she got into his car and helped seat

into the distance, leaving everyone

did Veronica pat Elizabeth's

glance at the rearview mirror,

you brat?!" Elizabeth slowly opened her eyes with a sigh. "Now can

unwilling to

let him take the blame alone, though. So, she said voluntarily, "Grandma, I was telling the truth. The

phone with her back to the crowd at the memorial hall just now. The message read, 'I'm the person in the photo.' The text was enlarged, allowing Elizabeth to instantly realize what had happened, which was why she had pretended to faint. Otherwise, there was no way they could get away

helpless, but he couldn't keep his lips from curling into a faint smile. It feels great that this silly girl cares very much about me,

Chapter 333 Forgive and Forget

Everything happened so quickly that she was caught unprepared.

"Hmph! Do you think I'm a fool? I could tell long ago that you've got feelings for Matthew. As for Matthew, there's something different about the way he looks at you. How could he possibly be involved with a guy?" Elizabeth took Veronica's hand and gently patted the back of it. "I've been in love before.

How can I not know what it's like to be head over heels in love? But you two can't keep going on like this. Anyway, I'm happy that Matthew has finally found someone he likes. If he still didn't confess his love for you, I would've prepared to set you up with someone. To tell you the truth, I picked six nice guys for you and was about to arrange for you to meet them."

She sincerely liked Veronica and spoiled the latter like she was her own granddaughter. At first, she had thought that Veronica and Matthew weren't meant to be together, so she thought it good for Veronica to be her god-granddaughter.

Little did she think that fate would bring the two of them to develop feelings for each other. Inwardly, she was delighted. It was just that she was old, so such an emotional roller-coaster was a bit too much for her heart.

"Grandma..." Veronica didn't know what to say in response.

Matthew didn't want to see Elizabeth pressing Veronica harder and harder, though. "Don't put Roni in a tight spot. Now that I've promised her, I'll naturally keep my promise. Just give her some time."

"Tsk, ts. You're enlightened at last, huh? To think that you even know to feel sorry for her." Elizabeth shook her head and sighed with feeling. "Sigh. Well, that's a good thing. Veronica is a fine lady; she's more than a good match for you," she said. Then, she asked, "But what makes you love Veronica? She looks just like Tiffany. You're my grandson, but I'm telling you, I'll skin you alive if you're just playing with her feelings!"

liked Tiffany,"

had finally found himself a wife after being single for almost 30 years, she still

you a disservice. If he hadn't gotten engaged to Tiffany back then, you two would probably have had upon recalling what had happened in the past. However, Matthew didn't like her at the time, and nor did she like him. Now that I think about it, it's been eight months since we got to know each other. We've gone through a lot of things over the past eight months, which slowly brought

As you know, my health is getting worse by the day.

each other. If they were to get engaged immediately, she feared that Matthew might stop having feelings for her one day. Or what should she do if she found out after spending some time with him that he

their conversation, saying, "Just give Roni some time. I'll

brats hide it from me that you two are dating? I was worried sick about both of you," she said. Then, she patted the driver's seat and warned, "Especially you. You're already an adult; can't you afford to get a hotel

whose face had just returned to normal, blushed again at Elizabeth's words. Sh\*t, she's not gonna let this slide. At the thought of this, she got so exasperated that she wished she could beat Matthew to death. I've lost face because of

up and saw in the rearview mirror that Veronica was turning to look out of the car window with her face blushing scarlet. "Yes,

I'll take care of your uncles and aunts for you. Hurry up and deal

"No problem," Matthew replied.

asked Troy beforehand to have everything arranged, so there were no reporters here. After sending Elizabeth to

for you two outside then." With that, she turned around and stepped

the ward, Matthew said to Elizabeth directly, "Grandma, Roni is still young. I can wait

besides, even if she's still young, you two can get engaged first. Even if we don't inform the outside world about it, can't we meet her parents in private to

#### Chapter 334 A 100-Million Transfer

Being a woman herself, Elizabeth understood the difficult position Conrad's mother was in. She had a son with Howard, but he never acknowledged her as his wife in the end.

She had always known her place. If someone had to be blamed for this, Howard was the one who should be blamed. Conrad's mother was a nice person, which was why Elizabeth, who saw everything in black and white, was especially nice to Conrad.

Matthew's handsome face looked somewhat frosty. "Uncle Conrad has something to do with what happened to Roni this time. I can forgive him once, but three strikes and he's out."

"Okay, I got it," Elizabeth replied, but she didn't care about this at all. She couldn't help but question again, "Now then, when are you gonna marry Veronica? If you don't hold onto such a nice lady, she might become someone else's wife."

"There's no hurry. She's just 22 years old."

"You're not in a hurry, but I am."

"Even if you're in a hurry, you have to wait."

"That's f\*cking nonsense! How many years can I wait now that I already have one foot in the grave? Why is it so hard to have a great-grandson?" Elizabeth swore in anger. "A year—I'm giving you a year at most. You two must get married by then!"

"Three years!" Matthew protested.

"No chance. I'm giving you guys two years at most."

"We won't get married, then," Matthew replied nonchalantly while turning to look somewhere else.

"How dare you..." Elizabeth sat up angrily before slapping his arm forcefully. "Are you trying to piss me off? What a good-for-nothing who can't even deal with a woman! How useless of you to have such good looks for nothing!" Every word she said was filled with her distaste for him.

fair and pretty, but she's also a reliable person destined for greatness. If you don't hold her in your grasp right now, then don't cry in front

parted slightly. He wanted to make a retort, but he suddenly found

just get out of here and take care of the matter. Don't make a spectacle of yourself again." Elizabeth urged him to leave with a wave of her hand. Then, she added, "From tomorrow onward, you no longer have to come back as long

standing has plummeted now that there's Veronica! He left

and stared at him with

hand and gently caressed her cheek with his thumb. "I've never felt better than

was dumbfounded. "Huh? What makes you say so now that so many things

weren't there before," Matthew

Veronica's heartstrings, causing

her into his arms and leaned forward to peck her on the lips before straightening up. "I've talked to Grandma, and she'll keep

"Really?"

"Of course."

as her red lips curled into a

she thanked him. Leaning forward again, he bit her lips lightly, causing her to gasp in pain. Only then did he

can't say 'thank you' to you,

her ear and whispered, "Why say 'thank you' to me when you can deal with it with your body

eyebrows. "Why have I never realized before that you have no sense of shame? Since you're so lustful, you

around her waist. "Am I that

to go out with

pressed his forehead against hers with a gentle smile. He said affectionately, "Perhaps it's thanks to your charm. I've been unable to hold back my lust for you

blaming me, huh? Let's break up, then. Our relationship is still on a

her tightly. Then, he continued, "Grandma is right that women are capricious. I should have married you at once instead of agreeing to wait a few years before marrying you. Roni, if I do well during my three-month probation, can we register our

Chapter 335 Minds in Sync

Ding! There was another chime of an incoming text message. It was a message from Matthew that read, 'Roni, the 100 million is my betrothal gift for you.'

Shocked, Veronica immediately said to Elizabeth, "Grandma, I gotta go outside to make a phone call."

"Just go." Elizabeth gave her an affable smile.

Only then did Veronica stand up and step out of the ward. Standing in the hallway, she gave Matthew a phone call. After he answered the phone, she immediately said, "What on earth are you doing, Matthew? I only want the reward you promised me back then, not you." He had promised to give her 100 million when she saved his life back then. When she bid for her necklace at the auction, Matthew had helped cover part of the amount, so there was still an amount of money that he hadn't paid her yet. Even though they were now dating, they should keep careful accounts.

"You risked your life to save me back then. I can only repay that favor by marrying you."

"On what grounds? Have you asked for my opinion on it?"

"Are you willing to marry me, then?"

"I... Nope."

"In that case, I can deign to adopt your last name upon marriage."

"In your dreams! Where's your sense of shame?"

of shame isn't valuable compared

I don't want the money anymore." The difference is just tens of millions, anyway. 100 million is already too

to go back on it now." Matthew let out a chuckle. "And

because she had been bewitched by him. Would it be too late to go back on my word now? "Then let's wait until you pass the three-month probation. We've agreed on the rules; I don't believe that you won't violate them." Recalling how crazy he had been over

hung up the phone confidently before

that, but he contacted the few employees of the clothing store in the shopping mall, bribing them into denying the 'juicy' incident that had happened between Matthew and Veronica in the fitting

the man who rarely posted anything on Twitter finally posted the first tweet on his Twitter account. The tweet had no words, but it contained a photo—the photo of him kissing Veronica with his

great stir on the internet as soon as it was

system, he called up all the

anxiety because of what had happened to Matthew. All the members of the Kings Family arrived at the hospital after that to keep Elizabeth company, but she lay on her sickbed and pretended to sleep to

them driving to the shopping mall together. Besides that, she also recorded all the surveillance footage showing them in the shopping mall's parking lot. After that, she found the surveillance footage of

with this right now, he would inevitably draw criticism when he went public about their marriage one day. By then, she could produce the surveillance footage as evidence to silence everyone. If Matthew were to betray her and fall in love with someone else, these pieces of evidence would

'man' whom Matthew was kissing. It was very likely that they would look for

the surveillance videos again, she found that these videos had been encrypted and were unavailable. She was involuntarily perplexed. What's

videos couldn't be deleted. If they did so, when someone tried to call up these videos and couldn't find them in the future, even if they produced the videos to assert their innocence, people would say that these videos were faked. Therefore, the best way to prevent others from deleting the videos was to set up a firewall. Still, she didn't expect her and Matthew to think the same thing, as if their minds were

immediately went back to the hospital to continue staying with Elizabeth. However, as soon as she reached the door to Elizabeth's

you think you're too partial

assuage the

fact

Chapter 336 Elizabeth Blows Her Top



Because of Matthew's request, Elizabeth had to bear enormous pressure to keep the relationship between him and Veronica hidden from the public. At the thought of this, Veronica couldn't help blaming herself somewhat. "Shut up, you people! Don't you recognize these words?" she barked angrily and pointed at the words 'Quiet Please' on the wall while glowering at them.

Everyone looked back at once. Seeing Veronica standing at the door, they all looked at her with contempt and disdain.

"Ha! How domineering! Since when do you have the right to speak in the Kings Family?"

"Do you honestly think you can become a member of the Kings Family by beguiling Old Mrs. Kings?"

"Who do you think you are?"

"How ridiculous!"

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These people taunted Veronica and gave her dirty looks while laughing sarcastically.

Veronica didn't care a damn about their contemptuous gaze. She merely said frostily, "I'm the person who took Grandma to the hospital and had a ward arranged for her. I don't care what you guys are saying right now, but I'm calling the shots here today!" How can I let these people bully Grandma in my presence? What a joke!

These people were very displeased with Veronica's sharp tongue, especially Roxanne, who wiggled her hips and walked up to her before putting out a fleshy hand to point at her forehead. "Who do you think you are? What right do you have to tell us what to do?"

pause, she continued, "If you want to stay

"Do you really think you can become a member of the upper class by attaching yourself to Old Mrs. Kings? You're nothing but a yokel coming out of the backcountry. Look at the cheap clothes you're dressed in. Who

your position in the family is being diminished? Even an outsider can

your wife. Aren't you gonna do

outsider have the right to point a finger at

misfortune for our

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the opportunity to add

people to her, but the fact that they had all turned against her for the sake of interests struck a chill into her heart. Not in the mood to speak,

the other hand, upon hearing these people's words, Nicholas felt humiliated. Walking up to Veronica, he pointed at her forehead. "Get the hell out of here! There's no

unperturbed and dignified, she argued, “Won’t I look like a fool if

siblings and their wives, Nicholas got hot under the collar. “Heh, so my words aren’t working anymore, huh?

she put out

the latter grabbed her wrist. “You wanna hit me? We’re at the hospital! Lay a finger on me and I’ll call the

a moment as Veronica clenched her fingers. “Don’t touch me, you country bumpkin! Let go

touch my wife! If I don’t teach you a lesson, you’re not gonna remember who I am!” Flustered and

at all. Shaking Roxanne off right away, she grabbed Nicholas’ hand and pressed her thumb against his, pushing it with all her

pushing his thumb, he gritted his teeth

intention of coming to blows with him, Veronica dodged his attack by turning

#### Chapter 337 His Contentment

“As for the company’s shares, don’t you know how many shares you own in the company? You guys do nothing every day and get paid for nothing while enjoying the yearly dividends. Not only do you guys make no contribution to the company, but you guys even give me trouble here.

Have you guys forgotten your family name because of the comfortable lives you’re living? Which of you think you’ve lived too comfortably and want to suffer some hardships?

Tell me so that I’ll chase you out of the Kings Family and let you start your own business. Let me see how big a splash you can make. You wanna shoot for the moon or something? What a bunch of morons!” she said with a snort. Then, she turned around and walked out of the ward casually.

She is... leaving the hospital. Having been admonished, the few people looked at each other. Despite their pent-up grievances, none of them dared to stand out again.

Veronica darted a glance at them. After letting out a sigh, she immediately followed behind Elizabeth. Now that things had come to this, Elizabeth no longer had to stay in the hospital and pretend to be sick.

Veronica helped Elizabeth into the car before driving her back to the Kings Residence. After arriving at the Kings Residence, she gave Yura her phone number, telling the latter repeatedly to call her at once if anything happened to Elizabeth. Then, instead of leaving the residence, she chatted with Elizabeth to keep her company.

On the other hand, thanks to Elizabeth’s sudden outburst of anger, those who had teamed up to make a fuss stayed quietly at their respective homes, not daring to stir up trouble again.

Veronica’s cell phone kept ringing while she was at the Kings Residence. Xavier, Yvonne, Conrad, and others had been calling her.

Naturally, Elizabeth knew that she was busy. She said, "It's okay, Veronica. Just go back early. I'm alright on my own." She was angry today because of her unfilial sons and daughters-in-law.

Now that she had calmed down, she was no longer angry. At the very least, the problem that weighed on her mind the most had been solved. It was better than anything else that Matthew had found himself a girlfriend.

Veronica was worried, though. "Are you really okay?"

you and Matthew are getting along well, I'll be happier than

you, Grandma." Veronica was inwardly moved as she lowered her

me when we're a family? It's overly polite of you to say that. This is your home. You're my god-granddaughter. When you get married to Matthew one day, we'll be doubly

has come to light, I guess Grandma will not only urge him to get married as

have nothing to do, come back often with Matthew. I'm bored here

"Okay, Grandma."

and go ahead with what you were doing.

case, I'll take my leave,

outside, and the

before

the

in his office, oblivious to what was going on in the outside

came in with a pile of documents in his arms before putting them in

but for some reason, he didn't

'man' was Veronica, he couldn't understand why she would disguise herself as a man, nor could he understand why Matthew was so concerned about the Crawfords all of a sudden. Judging from the man's chilling expression, he surmised that the former was

all collaborations with the Crawfords immediately," Matthew

Kings," Troy replied with a nod

cake. However, if he were to destroy the family all at once, he would

Because of that,

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Kings Residence, Veronica tidied her apartment. Only after that did she lie on her bed and

Chapter 338 Starting to Suspect Xavier

"No one dares to give me a hard time at the company."

"That's good." Veronica believed Matthew's words. After all, he did have enough capability to convince those on the board of directors; it was just that things would get more or less tricky.

Clutching her cell phone, she fell silent for a while after asking the question. After that, she told him what had happened at the hospital tonight. After all, what Elizabeth had endured was all because of them, so she had to tell him about this.

However, Matthew wasn't as angry as she had imagined after listening to the story. Instead, he replied calmly, "You don't have to worry about Grandma. They dare not do anything to her."

"Grandma was really... commanding when she blew up at the hospital today." Veronica couldn't hide her amusement, but her smile disappeared after a while. Pursing her lips, she continued, "Sorry. I really got you two into trouble today."

"Don't say such things anymore, you silly girl, or else I'll really get angry."

"Yes, sir." She chuckled while covering her mouth, feeling incredibly happy as a beautiful smile brightened her features.

She chatted with Matthew for a while before hanging up the phone. However, as soon as she put down the phone, she got a phone call from Xavier.

"Xavier?"

"Have you learned about what's on the news?" Xavier asked, getting straight to the point.

know about it. What's the matter?"

told you to stay away from Matthew back then, but you didn't listen. Look at the sh\*tty stuff he's done.

had done. However, she couldn't help but recall what Matthew had said to her the other night. Matthew told her that while she and Xavier were at the hotel, Xavier had texted him using her cell phone, telling him that

overreacted after that day. Not only had he spurned her, but he had even

such a thing would happen either. Well, you seem like an unruly dandy at other times, but you're even franker than Matthew when we

"That's of course."

speechless; she didn't expect Xavier to respond in such an unaffected manner with no feelings of remorse. "I know what you want to say, but

of drinks?" Xavier seemed to sense that Veronica was in

a despicable and shameless person. Matthew used to be mean, but he never resorted to dirty tricks. On the contrary, Xavier was an out-and-out villain who had even shamelessly installed an eavesdropping app on her cell phone. Does he honestly think that I spent a few years at college for nothing? "What about tomorrow? I'm a

on staying at home, Xavier couldn't say anything. "Okay. In that case, have a good rest," he said before hanging up right

bed, thinking. Still, she wanted to know what had happened that night, so she took out her laptop and hacked into the surveillance system. After searching for a long time, she finally saw the scene where Conrad had stopped the

of the car and saw the latter. Not only

cahoots, but it wasn't until now that she realized that they had been working together for a long time, she ended up in the hotel? Once she thought about the details,

on the bed in quiet contemplation. After a long time, she called Xavier, asking, "Wanna come out for feeling down. Let's meet up at the usual place." He

After that, she picked up her coat, went

for a while. Dressed in a cream-colored trench coat, he looked handsome as usual,

you for ages." Veronica smiled before pointing at the liquor on the table. "Come

looking at the spirits on the table with a worried expression. "Are you

### Chapter 339 Realizing the Truth

He doesn't have Matthew as a friend? Veronica thought. She then tried looking through the messages while conversing with Yvonne. As she scrolled through the numerous messages on the phone, she came to a stop upon seeing the name 'Matthew Kings' on the list.

Without hesitation, she immediately tapped into the message. However, the content of Matthew's message made Veronica's pupils constrict, as Veronica felt a burst of anger come rising inside her.

The content of the message was photos of her 'sleeping' with the upper part of her body naked. Although the quilt had covered the upper half of her body, one could still faintly see that she was wearing her birthday suit under the comforter. Furthermore, Xavier was seen holding the 'sleeping' Veronica in his arms while he planted a kiss on her forehead.

As for the second photo, it was the same as the first photo where Veronica was 'sleeping,' except Xavier was smiling smugly at the camera.

At that moment, she blanked from the heavy blow she received upon the sight of these photos. The blow hurt so much that she couldn't get her words out for some time, even though Yvonne was still on the other end of the line talking to her.

Instantly, Veronica's left hand that was holding the phone tightened its grip to the point where the veins in her hand became visible, while her face grew red with anger.

With the anger she felt, she proceeded to plug the sinkhole in the basin, fill it with water, and throw Xavier's phone into the pool of water; she knew that he could use these photos to threaten Matthew one day, as he had the gall to even send these photos to Matthew.

At this moment, only the sound of the water splashing from the faucet to the water-filled basin echoed inside the room. Veronica propped her hands on the basin with her head down and eyes closed, as she only had one thing in her mind—retaliation; a through and through retaliation.

All this time, Veronica had treated Xavier as a friend. She had even chosen not to pursue the matter back at the wedding out of consideration of their friendship. Yet, not only were Xavier and Melissa ungrateful, but they had done such a thing behind her back. “Blegh—” Suddenly, she felt a wave of nausea overcoming her, as she couldn’t imagine just what Xavier had actually done to her that night.

she was fully dressed when she woke up the day after in the hotel. It was conceivable that Xavier had undressed her and put them back on before she woke up. However, she was completely in the dark as to what Xavier had done to her that entire night. Veronica’s first thoughts were the worst-case scenario of the situation: that she had been defiled by

water splashing onto the floor then woke Veronica who was drowning

phone sinking into the water while still on a call had accelerated the damage

some time had passed when the phone could not be switched on anymore, Veronica took a deep breath and adjusted her emotions before she went back outside with the now-ruined phone in her hand. However, the sight

okay?” Xavier asked as he looked at Veronica with

hatred. The times when she treated him as a friend of hers were no more, as she truly hated the man before her at this moment. Lowering

accidentally dropped your phone into the toilet bowl. Since it smelled bad, I could only... wash it for you. I’m really sorry about this.” Good thing she had taken care of the oil stains on her body. Otherwise, he would have thought that she

his attention focused on the phone in Veronica’s hand. Feeling disgusted, he hesitated in taking some of it... got onto your phone, so I had

around before going into the washroom and came back out with

slipped and fell into the toilet when I stood up. Even I felt disgusted when I had to fish your phone out of the toilet.” Saying that, she purposely

have to buy me a new phone. But that aside, I need to hurry and get the phone fixed. There’s a lot of important information inside

them? Can’t you accompany me to have a few

information for the company. I’ll need the phone

“Then, I’ll accompany you.”

Just sit and wait here for a while. I’ll ask someone to have it repaired before coming back for you.”

Chapter 340 Brought Back by Matthew

"Where am I?" With one hand on her forehead and the other propped on the bed, she sat up.

"Awake?" The familiar voice came from beside her. However, before Veronica could turn her head in the direction of that voice, she was caught in an embrace. As the familiar scent filled her nose, she raised her head to find Matthew who was sitting on the edge of the bed hugging her.

When she saw him, an inexplicable sense of security came over her. With a faint smile, she asked, "How did I end up at your place?" She clearly remembered that she was back home before she slept, yet she found herself here the moment she woke up.

"I see you still have the nerve to ask after that fever you had from drinking too much alcohol alone at home." Matthew loosened his grip around Veronica before he asked with a slight frown, "What happened?"

That night, after Matthew was done with his work in the office, he tried contacting Veronica but to no avail. He was worried that he would trouble her should he drop by her house. After all, with the news about him all over the internet, there would definitely be paparazzi following him around even after he was off work. If he went to her house, the paparazzi would most likely follow him there as well.

Initially, he thought she had fallen asleep that night. However, he started to worry when he couldn't reach her the next day. Then, he rushed over to her house to find her in bed with a burning fever.

"A... fever?" Veronica shook her head lightly. "I don't know. I don't remember anything. Oh, right. What about you? How are things with you?"

"I'm fine." Matthew had always solved his problems with logic and rationality. With no care as to how the world would perceive it, he had boldly posted a picture of him kissing Veronica who was dressed as a man without any caption. With that, he washed his hands of the matter and allowed the public opinion to fester.

"Why did you post that picture on Twitter? Aren't you afraid to be flamed to death?"

in me." Ever since he basically announced his relationship with the 'man' in the photo by posting the phone that night. Although

was as high status as Matthew would by right have his picks of better women. Yet, out of the countless women

to know him, the more the feelings of guilt and remorse as well as the feelings of her being not worthy of such a wonderful man grew inside her. However, her sense of inferiority instantly

have so much to drink?" Matthew asked

left his embrace. "This is your private villa, right? How about giving me a tour around?" She had come to this villa, which was just like a European castle, before. Matthew had once

on Veronica and wrapping

carefully wrapped the scarf around her and tidied her hair. This feels warm, she thought before her sense of inferiority grew wildly once more. Matthew was an amazing man, as he was gentle, considerate, dutiful, responsible, trustworthy, handsome, and wealthy.

The man leaned over and kissed her before holding her hand. With his big hand

bring herself to appreciate the European design in this castle-like villa, as

overcast. The bitter, biting winds were howling. Noticing how cold Veronica's hand was, Matthew placed her hand into his pocket. In the next instant, he stopped in

to walk forward, but came to a stop as Matthew tugged her hand he was holding. With how soulless the woman was, he naturally knew that something was on her mind. "I hope that we can be honest with each other, especially

Her eyes had lost their usual brilliance and were replaced by an indifferent and dull gloom. "Huh?"

arm around her waist, he pulled her into an embrace. "What are you hiding so badly that you won't are you saying? It's nothing like that. I'm just feeling

that, he dragged Veronica back to the bedroom in silence and prompted her to bed. After that, he called for