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Chapter 351 Veronica Begins to Suspect Master Crayson

Crayson waved his hand, gesturing for them to take a seat.

Seated in front of him, Floch quickly passed him a cup of tea. "Please have some tea, Master Crayson."

He dispassionately took the cup from him and took a sip before sighing. "Thanks for your call that day. Nobody could guess what would have happened if it was just a minute later."

Floch tilted his head as he peered at Rachel next to himself and sighed as well. "That was a dangerous situation. Rachel found out about it after she accidentally overheard Tiffany's phone call."

Wham!

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the cup on the table harshly and scared the couple so much with the sound that they

yourselves. Tiffany is right under your noses, and you could still allow her to do something like this. Did you forget your identities? Since young, Veronica has been a stubborn and proud child. If Xavier got his way with her, and she ended her own life if she took things too hard, I would like to

that day, but he didn't expect to

to save Veronica, but time waited for no man, and he had no choice but

he arrived in time. Otherwise, the consequences would be

and agreed. "You're right, Master Crayson. We're the ones responsible for

couldn't help but stroke his white beard and say with a frown once he noticed the looks

"Master Crayson, I-I..."

offhand remark, and panic washed over Rachel's face

let out a long sigh. "Tiffany

then lowered his head, picked up the cup leisurely, and took a sip. "Tiffany's merely a replacement, and you're well aware of what it means to be a replacement. So, I would advise you to give

just

up, "We understand everything you're saying, but you should also know that

humans with feelings. It's impossible for

"Shut up!"

his top. "Remember, there's only one person you two have to protect from the beginning until the end. So, don't get the target

children who had done something wrong

silver hair. "Of course, humans have feelings and desires, but if you know that there isn't any end to some things, you should just forget about it. If you have what it takes to turn things around,

gave each other a solemn look,

"Randy is a

know what we should do," Floch nodded in affirmation

future, we have to try not to meet. The last time at the center of Mudwood Street, Veronica almost recognized

on that street when he went out to get something done in the middle of the night, and it gave him a big

to the main topic. "Veronica is smart, so we have to be careful. But recently, we heard

important thing now is Veronica and Matthew. Now that they're together, it will cause some

two days ago that Matthew Kings likes

it created a

Crayson hadn't heard of the news yet, but he

giving me? Can't you recognize

talked for quite a while before Crayson finally

at the end, that would

Chapter 352 Ruka Apologizes Personally

With suspicion in her heart, Veronica quickly re-dialed Crayson's number, but nobody picked up. Then, just when she was about to call Shirley to explain the situation, Shirley called her first.

"Did you find Crayson, Shirley?"

"Yes, I found him. Maybe I didn't look carefully earlier and missed him," she explained.

From the other end of the line, Veronica could hear her asking Crayson, "Mr. Crayson, are the doughnuts I bought for you delicious?"

"Heh, so nice of you to have me on your mind, young lass. It's not bad. Good," Crayson said with a cackle, and Veronica heard everything clearly.

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couldn't help but furrow her brows slightly. Was I too

as she figured she was too stressed recently, which resulted in overthinking,

his work. He had just disembarked the

down Crayson, she went to the appointment, but the last thing she was expecting to see when she arrived at the teppanyaki restaurant was Hendrey and

she here? Veronica wondered as she kept her gaze on

softly upon seeing her. "Don't look at me like that. I know that Hendrey asked you out for dinner, so

a sudden, she recalled that Hendrey had been working in a subsidiary of Dame Group since his return to the country. So, she could understand

"Yeah."

next to them, but before she could say anything, Ruka's voice echoed again, "I'm

"Apologize?"

asked herself but couldn't

as my imaginary enemy before this, thinking that you're my love rival, but who would have thought that Matthew actually likes men? I feel that I look like a joke now." She lifted the glass in front of her and had some

Veronica's face froze, and she

Ruka was here to apologize to her, and the reason was that she discovered

was surprising, it was courageous of

that the 'man' was

smiled awkwardly as she waved her hand to decline such

I thought we might have become good friends if Matthew hadn't been in the picture. It's great now because I've given up on him, so I came to look for you and

meeting in a teppanyaki restaurant, Ruka might have wanted to get up and bow deeply

very similar, and it's not

went along with his words as she lifted the glass on the table. "Veronica Murphy, I'll buy you this meal today, and I hope we can let bygones be

this really a good idea? I feel like we're ganging up

afraid that Ruka would kill her when

Despite that, she bit the

goes, it is always best not to make enemies of those who might be your friends. Being the eldest princess of the Dame Group, Ruka had set aside her pride, apologized, and

on the news, I'll remain as Old Mrs. Kings' god-granddaughter and will have a lot of contact with Matthew in the future. Miss Dame, are you sure you

glass, and drank from it, observing Ruka's expression

name in front of

Chapter 353 A Mysterious Woman

When Ruka had perceived Veronica as her potential rival, she utterly detested Veronica. However, after she discovered Matthew's sexual orientation, there was a total change in her attitude.

"Really? Can I?" Veronica's eyes brightened at the golden opportunity. Being a model meant working every day with a stable income. Besides, with Ruka as the middle person, Veronica might be able to clinch a contract with an agency without any problem. Hence, she would never let this chance slip through her fingers!

When she first came to Bloomstead, she did consider this job, but no company would want a nameless rookie with zero experience on runways. So, she had no choice but to work as a deliveryman and at the night market round the clock to feed her parents.

"Of course." Ruka was confident.

Hendrey couldn't help smiling as he added, "With your looks and capability, you might receive a chance to expand your career into entertainment, but don't forget about us once you hit it big!"

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tickled Veronica's funny bone as she let out a chuckle. "Nah, I just wanna earn

end. Furthermore, her career is her priority. Even if she

I think

you. I'll take

the end of the year, I think

you a meal

we got a

chess with Crayson, during which she received a call from Yvonne. She didn't pick up the phone after glancing at it, though. Instead, after Crayson decided to

had bought the neighboring residence. With such an awesome and comfortable interior design, the decoration

the bedroom and opened the wardrobe, only to be dumbstruck. Inside of it was a bunch of winter apparel in different colors and assortments of designs. She checked out some of them and realized that all the pieces

Matthew's consideration and affection, she felt her heart soften by his gesture. Then, just as she was thinking about

answered it at the drop of a hat.

haven't slept yet?" The mellifluous voice was so familiar that it soothed

she asked,

over the details, hiding that he replaced the clothes according to the change of seasons from the day he bought the

see." Veronica flopped in bed and hugged a pillow while sharing her little stories, "I

threats to their relationship. Matthew, who was no different from any other man,

He brought Ruka along with him and she apologized for everything she had done to me in the past. She even said that she wants to befriend me." She sighed while twirling her hair. "If she found out that the man she met the other day was me, I bet

good friend." Although Matthew didn't interact with Ruka much since he was young, he knew her character

Veronica coldly snorted as she deemed that Matthew didn't know much

Chapter 354 To The Modeling Agency

"You foolish brat! Have you forgotten everything that I had taught you? Can't you even defend yourself? What a waste of my effort!" A furious Crayson did not pull back his punches during the training.

Veronica hadn't expected him to not pull his punches, so she didn't go full-out, resulting in suffering a punch that knocked her down to the ground. Due to the excruciating pain, she couldn't get up on her feet instantly. "It hurts! Master Crayson, are you trying to kill me and get a new disciple for yourself?" She covered her stomach as the pain spread throughout her body.

"From now onward, my mission is to train you daily. If you're not going to take it seriously, endure the pain then. I won't go easy on you, but I promise I will not hurt your face." Despite his ordinary menswear, he stood firmly with his hands behind him like a menacing mafia boss.

"My face?" Veronica didn't feel grateful for his consideration at all, for Crayson was a man of his word. He meant everything he said, and he was serious this time around. Nervous, she rose to her feet and attempted to do her best.

Still, her determination alone was never enough because of her lack of sleep. Due to insomnia, she slept at four in the morning, and before long, she was forced to receive training. Therefore, the inadequate rest had definitely caused her to react slower, falling behind Crayson's punches.

Although she was severely beaten up, it didn't soothe the fire in Crayson as he growled, "Get up! Prove that my teaching hasn't gone to waste! Do you hear me?"

Veronica lay on the cold ground while covering her right shoulder, which hurt like hell. "Master Crayson, be gentle. I'm dying here."

I'll beat you to death, you

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her body. Finally, after a quick shower, she decided to take a

rang that she woke up from her deep

must be Master Crayson, she assumed, as she had handed the spare keys to grab her phone. When she realized that it was Ruka calling, she sprang up "Hi. Ruka?" agency today, yet she had long forgotten about you ready? Where should I'm ready. Just text me the "Okay." sticker to Ruka changed her at the destination where Ruka was waiting tied up, Ruka wore a pair of sunglasses to reveal only her striking red lips that contrasted her white coat. Still, she exuded fierce elegance, Come on, let's head were enough to strike one's fancy, but They're agency are they blind? Can't you recognize that one of them is Miss Dame? I've seen her on television multiple next to her is so beautiful! Look at that fair skin and red lips! It seems like she has only that face, my be kidding me. With that gorgeous face, you should find yourself a the gushing crowd and clicking sound of cameras, Veronica strode forward with steady steps, not Chapter 355 The True Power of Black Dragons Veronica gave a polite smile in return. "President Ludwig, you're flattering me." "You're not that bad. I've seen the video, and you've done pretty well. There are just some flaws that we can start polishing from now on," commented Sean. Skip tad of disappointment seeped into her voice. "Then, I'll be in your care,

never been on a runway show before. Thus, she was satisfied to have received such a compliment

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is not a big problem. Let's settle down with the contract first." Sean dived straight into the point. "Since Ruka is here, I'll be honest with the pay that we can offer you. Your

was content with the considerable

five hours per day. Besides, you have to make some

good." She gladly accepted it, considering that

have to find another job because share speculation would be her best option to invest her money. However, she had no choice but to

agreed on the terms of the contract, they signed it in no time. It was a one-year-long contract, which meant that Veronica would work under the agency for a year after probation. If she failed to complete the probation, she would be required to leave at any time. Of course, she would have a hectic schedule ahead of her

Sean with

guys a tour around the company. Veronica should familiarize

Chapter 356 A Capricious Veronica

Conrad maintained his image as the nice guy that was ever gentle and considerate, as though nothing had happened before.

Veronica smiled in response to avoid putting Elizabeth in a tough position. "Oh, really? What were you guys talking about? Don't tell me that you've spoken ill of me."

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right! Mom thought you

out a wry smile,

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nonsense." Elizabeth grinned ear

presents aside and began a light conversation. Then, suddenly, Veronica asked

Conrad told me about

insidious Veronica glanced at Conrad before continuing, "It's good news,

took a glimpse of Yvonne and sighed.

she heard Elizabeth's words. In the meantime, he had made up an

you not

in the backyard. When the old lady decided to

an honest conversation with Veronica. Yvonne felt a lump in her throat when she tried to strike a conversation with Veronica. "Are you still angry

she removed Yvonne's hand while saying,

tried everything just to bring Yvonne away, yet Yvonne chose to be

Yvonne as she had not expected

and she raked her fingers through her hair. Finally, she pursed her lips as she hesitated momentarily before claiming, "Conrad is not as bad as you think. I don't know what happened between you, but you can't regard him as the same as

shoved her hands into her coat pockets and showed no sign of wavering, as though Yvonne's words were mere wind to her.

stuttered. "I hope this matter

affirmative answer, although the tone of her

lips as she wasn't so dense that she couldn't feel Veronica's cold fury. "Then, can we

Chapter 357 To Die at the Prime of Her Life

"Yvonne, Roni is leaving. Better bid her goodbye if you haven't," said Conrad. Veronica gave Yvonne a side glance but didn't turn to look at her. Instead, she strode past the man and left without saying another word.

'Sometimes, one has to walk to the end of the route that they had chosen no matter how much they will regret it later.' That was Veronica's last advice for Yvonne.

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she watched Veronica leave. She walked toward Conrad's side. "Conrad, how will we clear the misunderstandings between you and Roni? It hurts

liked Veronica. "Time will heal everything." He stroked her hair and gently

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scent with closed eyes as she pressed her cheek against his chest. "Conrad, I believe that we will clear up the misunderstandings one day, and things

to do with her." A calculative Conrad was on the move again. "She doesn't trust me, let alone Matthew. So, the projects I had with Spinfluence Group are

embrace, frowning in confusion. "What do you mean? Why do you

wrap her

know what kind of relationship they have

understand his words. "What kind of relationship? Matthew is Roni's

Roni likes Matthew. Remember the photo we saw on the news? The guy next to Matthew was Little Roni. She was dressed up

her voice as she was wholly taken aback by

as though he was baffled. "You didn't know about that? You were still close

truly wants to be with Matthew, there's no

and Yvonne had now conceived his child, she should change the way she addressed

would've told you because you were still close back then." Conrad shook his head, pretending to be confounded. "Mom knew about it. Otherwise, she would've

her head with mixed feelings before muttering, "How come she didn't tell me such an

Chapter 358 Tiffany Lost Her Mind

"Haha, Veronica, you're such a coward. Do you not even have the courage to meet me now?" Melissa sneered as she mocked Veronica. "Whatever floats your boat." Veronica did not refute that statement.

"You..." Melissa was at a loss for words. After a brief silence, she said, "I'll send a video to your phone. You can reconsider whether you want to meet me or not after watching it."

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Veronica frowned as she held the phone in her hand, staring at Melissa's name that was displayed

happened last time, Melissa hated her to the bone. Yet, Melissa suddenly

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related to Matthew's attack on Centian

notification sounded. When she picked up her phone to take

a hotel suite; Xavier and the woman in the video seemed delightfully enjoying each other's company like two people who were in love. It was a beautiful sight to

to be... her! Her heart skipped a beat as she held her

again. After careful observation, she realized that the person in the video was not her

video had the same black bob hair and looked like her, the hotel room and the intense lingering

sober in the video as she tried to

lost her mind? How could she get mixed

because Tiffany looked exactly like Veronica herself, Tiffany was willing to be used

way! Veronica shook her

woman in this video could be said to be Veronica once it was released, it would also have an impact on Tiffany. It would humiliate both of

do that! Veronica rubbed her temples after putting her phone on the table.

was exhausted. Back then, she used to envy all the twin sisters. She felt that the connection between the sisters was

with Tiffany? Veronica sat quietly for a moment before her phone

the answer button before holding it to her ear. "What do you

to

as she continued, "I'm not going to tell you through the phone. Meet me at Phil's

she immediately hung

felt an impending headache about to bloom. She sat alone in her living room for a while longer

Beep, beep.

rang several times before the other party finally picked up the

for her to speak. "This is rare. Why did you

Tiffany did not expect Veronica to take the initiative

Xavier, but I'm warning you,

to be Melissa. Wasn't it evident that she cooperated with Xavier to

be confused and continued, "Veronica, it's almost New Year's Day. Our parents want you to come back

with you. I just called to warn you not to pretend to be me to have sex with Xavier! I don't care if you're shameless, but I

Chapter 359 Matthew Has a Mistress

Tiffany almost lost her mind and seemed to have forgotten that it was she who had taken the credit that belonged to Veronica and sucked up to Matthew just to try and marry him. Yet now that Tiffany ended up at this point, she blamed Veronica for everything.

Veronica suddenly felt that Tiffany was pitiful and pathetic.

"You clearly know that Melissa sent the group of people that assaulted you, yet you still decide to get yourself involved with Xavier!" Veronica sighed. "I'd advise you to go to the hospital to get your brain checked."

"Veronica you—"

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On the other end of the phone, Tiffany was furious and wanted to retaliate, but Veronica did not give her a chance as she hung up the phone directly.

She might have hated Tiffany back then, but Veronica only had sympathy for her now.

But what was there to sympathize with a mindless idiot like Tiffany?

Ding!

A WhatsApp notification sounded again.

A message popped up on the phone's screen; it was from Melissa.

In the message, she said, "Room 902 of the Phil's Restaurant."

the message as she had

at home and

"Shirley?"

Can you

of the phone,

and

hospital. Her child accidentally got hurt in her mother-in-law's care. I've asked several hospitals already, and no one is willing to accept this child. He's

briefly explained the situation to Veronica, and her heart skipped a beat when she heard it. "What?

thrown into prison. So, this was her way of taking it out on Monica

Let's forget about that for now.

Westcross Children Hospital. Unfortunately, the little boy is too young, so several hospitals refused to accept him.

up as she spoke, and Veronica could hear Monica's cry from the other

said, "Okay, I'll try my

she was going to call Matthew but thought against it, seeing that it was too late and she did not

before she finally found

before, and the two

up medicine to become a businessman. Before that, he was a prodigy in the medical field. So, naturally, he would

initiative to reach out to him. Although it was abrupt, she had no other

and let it ring a few times before the other party

my, is this actually you

did not expect the call

to take him in. I know you used to be a doctor, so I assumed you'd have some connections. Can you help

was an emergency, and she did not want to beat around the bush. So,

added, "I know it is very sudden for me to suddenly call you like this, but I have no choice. Can

her of assault, Monica had stood by her side, supporting and helping her from the beginning till

no justification for taking

establishing Encounters Bridal Store, Shirley worked there as a part-time planner, bringing many benefits to the company. In

it's rare that you're calling me.

course, Skyler would not reject

all, he already knew that she and Matthew were secretly

refuse her question, it would be like asking

the best pediatricians are all in Westcross Children Hospital. I'll give the people there a call now. Send

playful and unruly Skyler, who was always

right away. Thank you so much. When you come back,

she immediately hung up the phone and

Chapter 360 Skyler Tests Veronica

"No worries, it's no big deal." Skyler smiled sheepishly as he replied. His eyes were sharp as he studied Veronica, as if he was looking for any sort of hint.

All this while, he was muttering in his heart, fearing that she would be furious at what she saw on the video and break up with Matthew.

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According to Matthew, he was still on a probation period of three months. Skyler was afraid that she would break up with Matthew if she found out about this.

Skyler did not dare to bring it up, let alone ask her.

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his head and glanced at Monica, who was sitting on the side, sobbing with her head

didn't notice anything, Skyler leaned toward Veronica trying to test her to see her reaction before analyzing whether she had overheard what aback as she did not expect Matthew to share these things. However, I don't think we know each other well enough was at a loss she was trade my favor for an answer!" This Wouldn't you affairs are my topmost death day would be near if he accidentally ruined Matthew's love We're alright. We're still in a and asked again, "What has been exchanged for an answer. Unfortunately, you've run out of Roni, you've gone too far. I've rushed all the way here to help you. Aren't I don't lips curved upwards slightly, and her shallow dimples could be seen. Her smile was enticing but also "You—" Ding, ding, ding! wanted to question her further, he heard caller ID on the screen, her face immediately sank, and she turned around to answer speak as she quietly waited for the caller to you actually stood me up! Believe it or not, I will expose that shameful video was wholly unmoved very well that one indulgence from her would lead to countless threats from Melissa as would listen to me if I told you not to put it on the Internet?" Veronica sneered. She felt that I shall grant speaking, Melissa immediately hung up the face turned serious when Melissa ended the call as she clutched the phone in her hand; uneasiness

status in the upper class of society. As a result, their businesses gradually failed, and their cash flow stagnated. Soon, most of the factories began to close down due

limited; Veronica even heard that the Crawfords would

one wanted to buy it from them. Thus, they could only watch

purpose of Melissa's call today

started to think. In the future, even if she could turn things around and change the fortune of the Crawfords, Melissa

Roni, what are you thinking