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Chapter 451 The Director Is Furious

“What else do you think I called you here for? Stephen persuaded the director to push back the scene for you.” Larry kept walking forward as he turned his head and pointed a finger at Veronica. “You are in luck. It just so happens that Stephen likes ‘kung fu’ very much, and he is obsessed with you. He wouldn’t have humbled himself and begged the director if it was someone else.”

Even though certain fight scenes could be pushed back during filming, some plots couldn’t wait because of the setting. Furthermore, the crew had taken a lot of effort to make a fairly expensive set just for Stephen’s fight scene.

Veronica’s absence alone had delayed the progress of the entire crew. “How is this a good thing? I can’t act at all. Also, couldn’t you just reject Stephen for me if I didn’t answer your call?”

Veronica might be interested in trying out acting, but she wasn’t a fan of owing others favors. The point was, she was self-aware. She was aware that she was incompetent and was not worthy of making everyone wait for her.

Even though Stephen was well-intentioned, his actions inadvertently had made Veronica feel stressed. “I told Stephen that, but he is so stubborn. He insisted on making the director wait for you for the day.”

walked outside the studio, Stephen, who saw Veronica, hurried

would rather you call me Veronica, Stephen,” she replied bashfully. She had never agreed to be

is a very nice name. Come. I will take you to meet the director.

was straightforward and had proceeded to ruthlessly shove Larry away. He then threw his arm around Veronica’s shoulders and struck up a conversation, as

side kick when we were fighting yesterday? It was awesome! And the foundation of your basic skills

am sure we are evenly matched. I am not as good as you say.” Veronica gave a modest

was left aside, looked at the two people who were happily chatting in front

the studio, Stephen brought Veronica straight

who knows martial arts. Her kung fu is quite remarkable,”

“This is the famous director Johansson Willaume. He has won various awards in Castron, such as the Best Director Award, the Best Screenplay Award, and the Best Creative Award. Anyway,

Johansson, but

help feeling intimidated as she looked at the director with an artist’s temperament. He appeared to be in his fifties, with fluffy mid-length

out to shake his hand. “Mr. Johansson, I am truly sorry for

continued to sit in his chair as he watched the replay on
eyebrows in embarrassment before she clenched her outstretched hand, thereafter slowly
sent a kick his way.

“Hmph!”

and took a script to push it to her. “You are going to play a very powerful and mysterious master. There
are only three lines you have to recite throughout the scene,

her eyes fell on the script swarmed with French words, but still she

first. I will have the martial arts instructor judge the effect of your fight during the fight scene later. If it
doesn’t work,

when it came to

her joining

a polite smile on her face before she looked at Stephen and Larry with her face flushed shyly. “What
should I do? I

point, Veronica

an internationally

Chapter 452 Come Work in the Entertainment Industry

Veronica believed Stephen’s words as much as she doubted them.

Larry shrugged before speaking in English, “Don’t ask me. I don’t know. Johansson and Stephen are
friends. I don’t really know what goes on between them.”

Seeing the two of them talking about secrets openly, Stephen spread his hands curiously and asked,
“What little secrets are you chatting about?”

“No, it’s nothing. I was just asking him if my abilities will disappoint.” Veronica didn’t tell him the truth.
However, the men still explained some basic skills and methods to her.

Half an hour later, the production assistant came over and called her for the audition. She was a nervous
wreck by then. She might only have three lines, but it was possible that she wouldn’t even have the
chance to read her dialogue during the audition.

balled her hands and pursed her

noticed this, he put his arm around her shoulders and without caring about how others might look at
them, whispered in her ear, “Don’t be nervous. Just let go. Remember this—if you perform well today,
and on

wasn’t nervous at first, but you sound like you are saying that I won’t have

her hair. "With your beauty, you can still earn your keep even day. Her modeling career was only a part-time gig as about it. After she walked in involuntarily as a chill ran down her spine. "Mm. Ready as I'll ever be." "Alright, then. Give it a go." He nodded. With that, everyone stepped

walked up to her. "I am glad to have another opportunity to fight with you. You have to denied. She wasn't used to compliments for fear

As soon as the director said that, Stephen immediately turned serious as the smile on his face faded. "Are you

All of Ghislain's subordinates were either dead or injured, and only his as Stephen and Larry had told her about making her voice cruel and her eyes murderous. After However, as they both were skilled at fighting,

two was in full swing, and it rendered everyone stunned. They didn't forget to applaud during the more exciting parts. Even the director was caught off-guard by Veronica's

find someone like her?" As he watched from the side, he started chatting with the martial arts instructor don't know this beautiful lady, but she is good. Her every attack is solid. I think Stephen might not even I supposed to keep my job if there is someone who can both act and fight in the he told them to stop, and the two did as he

seem to have had his fill, but he was in a great mood as he stood in front of Veronica. Giving her a thumbs-up, he stated,

With your ability, being a model is...

after hearing his words. Right at this moment, Johansson walked up to her with his hands on his hips. As he looked her up and down with critical eyes, he nodded and commented, "I couldn't tell at first, but you are good. You are not

wanted to get into the industry with their looks, which explained why he was still

she showed that she knew how to fight during the fight scene

and smiled with a humble attitude. "What do you do? Can I get you to

were as rare as a blue diamond. "Huh? Me?" She gaped, feeling flattered. This surprise had come to her so fast she

Chapter 453 Super High Salary for a Movie Appearance

Twenty thousand?

This is an amount that Veronica didn't even dare dream of. But she knew one thing for sure—the reason she was promised such a high salary was because of Stephen and Larry's blessing, and that she had good fighting skills.

"Mr. Director, you... don't actually need to give me that much." She was guilt-ridden at this point. "I will only be starring in this fight scene. You are giving me too much money. I feel bad about accepting it."

Her words made Johansson raise his chin as he let out a hearty laugh. "With your ability, you are worth the price. Besides, I am looking forward to our future collaboration."

Action actors were already as rare as they were. Most fight scenes relied on either bridge suspension cables or special effects, and neither could get Johansson the effect he wanted.

He would always pay attention to action actors as he appreciated them.

This was why he was willing to wait for Veronica the whole day.

Even though he seemed solemn just now, that was just his attitude toward work. He had never meant to put Veronica on the spot.

After all, he had come across a lot of beautiful women like her who people around them would honey their recommendation of these women, only for them to fall short of his expectations in all ways possible.

now that him waiting on Veronica was

forward to working with you too." She nodded with a smile on her

a reasonable contract with Sean because

would not get involved in doing anything beyond that, such

that, the contract would only

joined Starshine that she learned that the minimum period for a model's

however, was only

talking about the contract after they had gotten more familiar with each other when Sean told her, "When we signed the contract with you, I didn't think you would stay in our company for long after I knew that you were the god-granddaughter of Elizabeth Hutchinson. If

bluebloods didn't like actors and

actors would have to

might just be another requirement of the occupation, but it wasn't something notable families could was normal for Sean to have reservations

a one-year contract with her, and not interfering with anything

would Sean have the courage to sign a long-term contract with her when Matthew didn't want Starshine anymore,

the set tomorrow to film this scene." After Johansson finished speaking, he suddenly her about the contract she signed with Starshine Media Agency after the long chat they not interfere with her other matters. Not only that, she had tomorrow." Veronica nodded quickly, unable to hide her

a meal together again. The three then went to a sushi restaurant, where they found masks and were dressed casually and kept a low profile, they didn't attract any attention and it was

hadn't driven herself to the filming location, offered then, "It is late. Let me send get a cab." She then gave a roundabout excuse for her rejection. "It is apartment from here, which meant that it would be past 10PM by the time Larry rushed back him getting insufficient rest so

Larry was no ordinary person. Veronica could only imagine the kind of false rumors that would spread be so wishy-washy, Demoness." Larry was dressed in casual clothes, and had a black cap and a mask on as he stood beside her when he reached out and patted her on the head. "Hop in quickly. We would have reached your place by now

Stephen and said, "Let's go, Stephen. Let's send her home together before we return to the a good idea," Stephen

to get into Larry's car. However, instead of giving him her apartment's address, she made a different

Chapter 454 Hendrey Johnson's Secret

Dumb? Veronica automatically ignored everything else Larry said and shot him a sharp look. "You are dumb one!" "What are you, if not dumb? I heard a lot of your old embarrassing stories from Hendrey back then."

"Hendrey? W-What did he tell you?" Veronica couldn't help being curious after hearing Larry say that. Stephen, who was sitting in the back seat, had his ears perked up as he eagerly tried to hear about Veronica's past.

"Let's see..." Larry frowned slightly as he fell into deep thought, his elbow on the car window to support his head. He suddenly burst out laughing within the next few seconds. "Ah, I remember now! Hendrey said that you and some boys from the village climbed a tree when you were in junior high school.

You then fell from the tree, and you were knocked breathless the whole day. He also said that you were catching shrimps at a pond when you fell in and... Haha! Hendrey also said that you are super dumb. You were in third grade then. It was obviously a school day, but a childhood friend of yours who was cutting class saw you on the way and lied to you that it was a holiday.

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him instead of going to school! You even stole someone's peas while you were walking home. And when you were discovered, they chased after you for

and he soon burst into laughter. His voice was so contagious that Stephen and Veronica couldn't help but laugh along. "Were

from home, so I always followed the children in the village to school. I even got tricked by my childhood friend who was playing hooky. I believed him when he

she thought about her past. Life when she was a child was so

asked, "How does Hendrey know so much about me? I only told him about me ping class. How did he know about things like climbing

Sol was the one who told him all

as her eyes fell, her eyebrows knitted together in

was a boy half a year younger than her, but he had

where she was. Sol would definitely have asked her whereabouts if Hendrey had gotten into contact with him and

didn't meet her by chance at the

this mean that he still has

But the thing is...

only a while to be with

has never returned

that she

must have been such a huge

clearly remembered how Hendrey had received news of Tiffany's death shortly after he had gone to the airport. It was

him even after she had

wrong, but she

Chapter 455 It's a Wrap!

"This? It was given to me by a friend." When Veronica noticed the odd expression on Stephen's face, she quickly followed up, "Does this bangle have an interesting backstory or something?" "I have seen it before. It—"

Stephen seemed like he was about to say something, but when he raised his gaze from the bangle to meet Veronica's expectant eyes, he immediately looked away while he shook his head. "It looks familiar, but I can't remember where I saw it."

After his eyes darted away, he tilted his head to look out the window. His change of expression in that split second was all she needed to confirm that the bangle had a story behind it. Her suspicion of Hendrey only deepened with that.

Deciding she didn't want to ask any more questions, she changed the subject. "Crazy, I will go to the crew earlier tomorrow. Remind me of things to watch out for before the shoot, okay?"

change the topic. The car finally arrived at the entrance of the hospital not long after. As she got out of the car, Larry also followed suit while asking, "How long will you be here for? I will wait for you

need. See you!" Veronica waved and walked in front of Larry before she pointed at his cheek. "Get in the car quickly. For your information, you are not wearing a mask, yet you're out and about. Aren't you am off, then.

in the car

tomorrow." Larry then started the car and slowly drove off. After they left, Veronica, with her

on the bench in the corridor. He was still in his security uniform

much to handle, she had told him early this morning to

stepped forward and gently patted him

it was an undeniable fact that he was an aged man. She couldn't help feeling guilty and remorseful for making

gaze turned into a glare as a frown appeared on his face. "Little brat, it's a good thing you still remember to come. Your

had his meal. "You haven't eaten?" She thought for a

hungry at all. She only wanted to keep him company while he ate. "Aye." He yawned, putting on a reluctant expression. "Can you stay here a little longer? I am going

child in her arms as she

walked to Veronica while carrying the baby. "Look! He is smacking his lips in more relieved about her friend. She then put

Chapter 456 Congratulations

After a while, the shooting started. Before the shooting, the director Johansson walked up to Veronica and said, "Both of you have experience in martial arts, so you don't need a martial arts instructor. Just improvise. However, you must remember that you are a villain and must lose to Stephen."

They did the choreography yesterday, so Veronica knew how to be defeated. Before the shooting, she thought it would be difficult and would need to be reshot at least two dozen times. However, much to her surprise, she and Stephen had terrific chemistry as the scene went smoothly.

Veronica said her dialogues well. Soon, she was kicked by Stephen according to the script and fell from the second floor to her death. The director repeatedly asked whether she needed a wire harness. However, she rejected them.

There is a cushion underneath, so it won't be dangerous. In the end, the fight scene was completed in just one take. "Cut!"

As the director called to stop, he stood up and applauded, and the others in the studio followed suit. "Such fun! Professionals are built differently."

"So cool! That choreography is too cool!" "That's right. I have a crush on her!" "That's the real deal; it's so amazing!"

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With her short chin-length hair and black fingerless gloves, she looked

was why she didn't bother

the fight scene with Stephen. After the filming, Veronica got up from the ground when she heard the applause and

she had died. She then jogged over to the

patted Veronica's shoulder and gave her a thumbs up. "You are talented. I never thought that you were good at

tease her, but he still praised, "It's all thanks to your chemistry with Stephen. In addition,

praised by the Oscar-winning actor Larry, as well as Johansson, Veronica

felt that

We can use this take because of your martial arts skill and luck. But, of course, you have to thank Stephen

Johansson agreed with Larry.

“That’s great!”

her heart

thought she would be scolded by Johansson and temporarily replaced by the former actress. However,

Veronica walked over to give him a big hug. “Thank

other. He smiled and said, “It’s so cool to act in a fight scene with you.” He shrugged as he added, “If every actor in the fight scene knows how to fight,

many stars who couldn’t do wire stunts for fight scenes,

her red lips and

it was not a requirement to practice martial arts. Although Stephen’s requirements were reasonable, finding a skilled martial artist was

on, let’s take

cell phone, and

posted a photo on Instagram with the caption, ‘It’s an honor to act with the one and only Stephen.

However,

in the morning, so she stayed with the crew

the production was done at noon, they

of work, but I am free. Can you be my tour guide and show me

you must bring me along as well. I can ask the director for leave. He will agree to

Stephen could quickly get a

that. “I-I don’t think

thought Stephen was too

Chapter 457 Veronica Is Pissed

Matthew held the phone and put it to his ear as his earlier question echoed in his mind. He couldn’t help but frown. D*mn it, why is my self-control getting so bad? Why couldn’t I help calling her after I saw her group photo with Stephen and Larry?!

Matthew had made the call on impulse. Now that he had calmed down, he didn’t even know when he had called Veronica. It was as if the process of calling Veronica happened in an illusion.

On the other end of the line, Veronica had a dark expression when she heard Matthew’s voice. B*stard, why are you calling me?!

“I don’t have to report my schedule to you. If you have something to say, do it now. Don’t waste my time!” Veronica scolded Matthew angrily. Then, she added, “I’m busy.” Busy?

Hearing her words, Matthew remembered the intimate photo of Veronica with Stephen and Larry. In the photo, she was smiling and was in a good mood. Is she being so-called busy flirting with handsome men? Bullsh*t!

Matthew was gloomy and wished he could immediately appear before Veronica and take her home to hide her. "I don't care what you are busy with; you must come to the Spinfluence Group immediately."

Matthew had completely lost his reasoning at that point.

He did not care how he planned to keep his distance from her in order to not be discovered by outsiders that they were close. It didn't even matter how he tried to keep himself away from Veronica so that she would not realize that he still loved her.

He had long forgotten everything about those plans. Matthew could swear he had never lost his mind until now. However, Veronica ruthlessly refused. "I said I'm busy."

B*stard, who does he think I am? Can I be easily called to come and go?

a flash of an idea and he said with an indifferent tone, "Are you sure you don't want call themselves best friends. Matthew knew Veronica had been worried about Yvonne.

change her mind in a second. And so,

hanging up the phone, Veronica put away her phone and couldn't help cursing, "What the heck! Why won't he say anything on the call?

To help Yvonne, Veronica had

Stephen, she left

then drove to the Spinfluence

rush hour, so it took her about

door, and Matthew's voice came from inside. "Come

god-granddaughter of the Kings Family, so she was free to enter

door and walked in, but didn't see Matthew

sitting on the couch in the lounge

meal was on the table, filled with balanced nutrition and a variety of

groaned as she had been busy in the

was obvious in the

suddenly flushed red, and Veronica felt

to maintain her icy façade and

when facing the man she
his head, he picked up his fork and knife.
eat after you
was very annoyed and felt Matthew was deliberately
a charming smile appeared on that handsome face of his. "You can go now if
"You—"
her fists on the side tightly and wanted
I must endure it. I can't be so
breath and smiled politely, "Then... please go ahead and have your meal. I will
threw her bag on
speak. Instead, he forked
at an average speed with elegant movements, and it
on the table was
felt that the b*stard Matthew did it
to her, she heard him say, "You can have some too if you'd
want

Chapter 458 Matthew Has Cancer?

Veronica was a foodie, and coupled with her being hungry for a long time, making her look at Matthew enjoying the food alone was a physical torment and destruction for her.

Matthew deliberately scolded Veronica, but he still involuntarily smiled as he looked at her lowered head while she ate. He slowed down his eating, and in the end, he stopped doing so altogether.

On the other hand, she swept through several plates of food on the table at an incredible speed. She put down the knife and fork before she took out a tissue and wiped her mouth with a satisfied look.

Then, she leaned on the couch and let out a long sigh to the point where she indecently hiccuped. Her burps were apparent in the office. At that, Veronica immediately raised her hand to cover her mouth with an unnatural look on her face.

Matthew spent a considerable time with Veronica, so he was accustomed to her cold appearance and carefree temperament in private. Truth was, he found it fascinating.

his hot gaze on her, she frowned. "Why are you looking at me? Now that the meal is over, can you clean up the

he pointed at the dirty plates on the

wiped the table with a paper towel to keep it clean as she thought to herself, But, of course, it is all because I ate a

looked at Matthew with a

He nodded slightly. "Conrad is—ouch! I have a slight headache." Before he could finish his words, he suddenly raised his hand and rubbed his head with a pained

acting pitiful. Veronica's heart ped a beat when he cried out in pain, and she sat up straight, feeling slightly nervous. "A-Are you

suddenly took a turn for the worse. Matthew was flirting with Sasha and said he loved Sasha out of the blue, despite him being close

confused and tormented during these times. On one hand, she thought the relationship between Matthew and Sasha was bizarre and felt his confession was fake but on the

was true or false, Veronica couldn't see through

be dying of cancer, so he pretended to like someone else to break up

before, she knew her heart only had Matthew in it. The room in Veronica's heart was small enough to keep him and him

So, she could only let time pass and gradually forget

elbow was on the couch. His dark eyebrows were knitted into

The heart that fell to the bottom gradually warmed as he

stunned and she raised her head to look at Matthew, who was seated on the opposite side. He had closed his eyes

stopped breathing for a moment before she quickly nodded. "Okay, I'll get

an application to get a masseuse. However, she sighed when she saw the masseuse would only arrive after half an hour.

Her initiative surprised Matthew.

on her delicate face, so he felt relieved. Then, he waved

least half an hour for the masseuse to come, so I might

a chance to refuse. She then got up and walked behind

have

"I can't find anyone else to tell me about Conrad's plan

It was an explanation.

Veronica herself felt that

Chapter 459 Send Yvonne's Child Away

It was well known that Elizabeth pampered Matthew, so it was no exaggeration for Veronica to say so. "I won't die."

Matthew closed his eyes and enjoyed Veronica's massage. If something terrible happens to me, does she only care about Grandma being sad because of me? What about her?

They were silent for a while before Matthew said, "Uncle Conrad keeps wanting that child. Yvonne won't be able to get rid of him even if she goes to Castron with her child."

Matthew knew Veronica was worried about Yvonne, so he told her about it. At the mention of Yvonne, Veronica was filled with worry and it showed on her face. Finally, she said, "What should we do?"

trusts me, I can settle the child down safely. However, she can't see the child within a year." Matthew didn't have any good ideas. After all, Yvonne had to hide from

Conrad from hurting the child, but he couldn't

and sat opposite the man. "After a long time, you could only come up with such

solution other than separating the child from

calm eyes. "Why would you think I have better ideas? Even if we take Uncle

if he could compete with the royal family, Matthew wouldn't waste his energy on a person who had nothing to do with him. Hearing Matthew's words, Veronica lowered her head, knowing that what he said was

for her

words stunned Veronica to the core. After being silent for a while, she said, "Okay, I'll ask Yvonne's opinion." After saying that, she got up and prepared to leave. Before leaving, she asked Matthew, "If the child is taken away, can Yvonne have a video call with the child?

other once every three months. Of course, it's best not to chat online if there's no emergency."

without saying anything. When she left the office, she wanted to tell Matthew to go to the hospital for a check-up. However, she couldn't

Yvonne's home and met Yvonne at her house. At

come back so soon? Is the filming

I was fortunate to have the guidance of an expert, and

room and closed the door. After sitting on the couch, she exchanged a few words with Yvonne before she changed the

question had been bothering her. It was undoubtedly the biggest problem for her

"I don't know."

she looked very worried. “Yvonne, t-there’s

separating from him; this way, you may be able to protect him,” Veronica said hesitantly. She was unconfident,

all, the baby was Yvonne’s child. Yvonne gave birth to a child with much effort, so she

still young, so Yvonne wouldn’t bear to do so. “S-Separate?” Yvonne was stunned, and her eyes fell on Veronica blankly. “You mean... send

said the best way to protect your child is to send him away to a place no one knows, so someone can safely

up with you? Why did

must be an ulterior motive for Matthew to do this. In addition, Veronica had broken up with Matthew a few months ago, so he had no

Chapter 460 Not an Ordinary Woman

In Castron, Mia lost a bet with Veronica worth hundreds of thousands, and the former suffered a lot. After returning to the company, she secretly said terrible things about Veronica.

Mia had also embellished the story where Veronica hooked up with Larry. Then, Ruka saw the picture from Veronica’s Instagram Stories.

“He’s an old friend,” Veronica replied, then asked, “I believe you and Mr. Ludwig have something to talk about, so I will leave you two alone and come back later.” “Don’t. I have nothing to talk about with him.”

Ruka waved her hand to Veronica and patted the couch. “Sit down for a while. Let’s talk; it’s been too long since we saw each other.” Truth was, it was only about a month since they last met.

Veronica cast Sean a pleading gaze, hoping to seek his help. However, Sean said, “She is here for you.” He pushed his spectacles up the bridge of his nose and stood up with some documents in his hand. “You may chat. I’ll do something and be right back.”

After he finished speaking, he left the office. With the boss away, Veronica lost her restraint and asked Ruka, “Why were you looking for me?”

so they could talk over the phone. However, Ruka wanted to meet Veronica in person, which meant Ruka might have something

and red lips, she exuded an icy sensuality. Veronica had to

her hand and turned around to face Veronica. Raising her beautiful eyebrows, Ruka murmured, “Well...”

in Hendrey

a branch of the Dame Group, so

I was able to contact him when he first went abroad. However, it now seems

touch with him for a while.” Veronica shook her head, and curiosity surged into her heart. “He’s been abroad for so long, so why are you looking for him? Wait, oh...”

with a wicked smile on her face. “Hey, what are you talking about?! I just want to chat

on Ruka’s cheeks, which was very unlike her. This rendered Ruka’s explanation

don’t know.” Veronica put away her smile, took out her cell phone, and searched for Hendrey’s phone could work in Starshine because of

Hendrey’s number, but a mechanical female voice came out from

but Hendrey’s phone was still turned off. She shrugged at that. “I

When Veronica couldn’t contact Hendrey, Ruka sighed. “It’s so annoying. It’s worrying that he’s worry about

calm Ruka. Ruka’s delicate

getting any news from Hendrey, she left after sitting for a while. Then, Veronica waited for Sean to return to the office and told him about the

Veronica’s first filming went smoothly and received unanimous praise from Johansson and

with your great work. If you become popular and someone contacts you to film another show, I can also profit

company expand to

training models and only accepted a few

two episodes in a reality show, so the company

so I didn’t try to expand to that industry.” Sean leaned on the executive chair while turning the pen in his hand. “If you have the skill to develop in that direction, I’m happy to see it. After all, we can earn money together.

words made Veronica calm

that if the other companies asked her to shoot a drama series, she wouldn’t be able to sign the contract with the company as she already

it, she was overthinking

and gave me 20,000 for today. I will report the income to the finance department;