

## Bumpkin 461

### Chapter 461 Investigating Tiffany's Death

Sean's respect made Veronica happy. She chatted with Sean for a while before leaving the company. When she reached home, she turned on the computer and checked Hendrey's surveillance video from when Tiffany died three months ago.

From the surveillance area near Hendrey's house, Veronica slowly cracked the surveillance video of each place one by one. Veronica found out that Hendrey was not at home the day Tiffany died. Instead, he only went home at 9.00AM. After entering the house, it took less than 20 minutes for him to pack up, change his clothes, and leave with a suitcase.

It was the same clothes he wore when Veronica and Hendrey last met. Veronica retraced Hendrey's footsteps and found from the surveillance that he did appear near the Dragon's Creek Villa, but he never went in.

However, the surveillance near the villa only played for a few minutes, and there was no video. Since Hendrey appeared, all the videos were deleted. Veronica tried to restore the deleted video, but it was to no avail.

It had been three months since the videos were deleted, so they could not be retrieved. All the clues stopped here. Tiffany had been buried for several months with no evidence, so an autopsy can't be performed... Wait, autopsy?

Veronica narrowed her eyes thoughtfully. Caleb handled Tiffany's case and he was in the Bloomstead Bureau, so he must have an autopsy record at his police station.

Hence, Veronica switched an IP address. Hiding all her browsing traces, she broke into the system and tried to check Tiffany's autopsy report. However, it showed that there was no such person. Seeing this happen, Veronica was unable to calm down.

too many secrets. At first, Caleb concealed the truth about Tiffany. Matthew didn't even know about it at all. Now that I think about it, they

were no more leads. Veronica leaned on the couch, looked up at the ceiling,

it? Could it be because Tiffany

it. I should

felt that since Tiffany was dead, she didn't need to hold on to

emotions but couldn't suppress her deep desire for the truth. She sighed. When she was about to close the computer to rest, she realized

"It's this late!"

to bed to sleep. She had taken a two-day leave from Sean,

to work, she couldn't escape Crayson's torture, as the man had  
got up and opened the door. "Master Crayson, please let me sleep.  
begged him pitifully with pleading  
make her train. In the end, he waved his hand. "Okay, I'll let you rest today. However, you must make  
"Okay, Master. Thank you!"  
she closed the door and went back to sleep  
up with Matthew, her sleep quality had returned to its previous state, with her having a short sleep time  
gone to the doctor and had some medicine prescribed, but it had little  
phone rang  
was playing with her phone, answered  
Stephen and I have already packed up. Have  
She turned on the loudspeaker on her mobile phone, opened the browser interface, and kept scrolling  
through the content. "I haven't  
However, it will be boring with just the  
and I'll invite some  
don't know  
meeting each other, you guys  
Stephen's  
she didn't think there were any exciting places on it,  
rang again. It was from

#### Chapter 462 I Like You

Miguel received a call from Skyler, asking him out for a picnic. Hence, Miguel asked, "What about  
Matthew? Is he coming?"

Skyler remembered Veronica was there, so it wasn't appropriate to call Matthew over. He declined  
politely, "He's crazily busy with work, so I didn't invite him."

Miguel didn't think much about it and hung up the phone. However, he felt that not inviting Matthew  
meant they would miss out on some fun, so Miguel still called Matthew to invite him over.

"I'm busy with work." Sure enough, Matthew declined. Since breaking up with Veronica, Matthew had  
turned into a workaholic. He worked non-stop, from day to night. It was as if he had gone crazy.

Miguel sighed in response. "Although work is important, you should take care of your health. Also, our gang hasn't spent time together for a while; we should meet-up sometime."

Miguel's words made Matthew unable to refuse, so he could only agree. After that, Veronica found the most suitable place for a picnic and sent everyone an address. Skyler shared it with Miguel.

Then, Miguel said to Skyler on WhatsApp, 'I called Matthew, and he said he would come.' Seeing this message, Skyler widened his eyes and wanted to stop Matthew from coming. However, after thinking about it, Skyler knew Miguel would start to suspect things if he stopped Matthew.

If Miguel doesn't go, I can't meet my idol, Stephen Armstrong. After weighing the pros and cons, Skyler muttered, "I'm sorry, Matt. Unfortunately, to meet my idol, you have to come along too."

care much. And so, Caleb,

respective cars and met at Qurra Mountain. The mountain was the most

was to one side of the

scenery, and

arrived

Veronica stood at the foot of the mountain and waited for them, the first to appear was

her child so she had the time

and

Caleb brought Abby

won't be angry, right?" Caleb

already brought her here. I can't chase her away, can I?" As she said that, she looked at Abby and stepped forward, thereafter giving the girl a big hug. "It's been a

Abby was during winter. Abby's face was chapped, and her hands were covered with frostbite. After half a year, her face was clean. Her

would like a girl like

came from the same village, they

Long time no see, Veronica. How are you

confused, as she could not

said it's been

the time to visit you. However, since you're on semester break, you can visit me whenever

blame me for

Caleb translated again.

while, Veronica introduced Shirley and Monica to Abby,  
was worried it would be hard to communicate with them, so she typed out her  
another car came

Veronica

and Miguel get out of the

Veronica's temple throbbed.

Why is he here?

at Veronica with

stood beside the car and stared at Veronica with flickering eyes.

the picnic?

too, was dumbfounded. "Uh... Hehehe, I didn't know Veronica was here. I wouldn't

Chapter 463 I Have No Shortage of Spares

Veronica only asked Skylar to bring Miguel over to put on a show, in the hopes that Matthew would eventually hear about it. However, Matthew was there.

In this case, I must really put on an act before Matthew. "You... Miss Murphy, please have some self-respect," Miguel said as he reached out to grab the key.

However, Veronica hid the key behind her, not wanting to give it to Miguel. "Am I disrespecting myself by pursuing someone I love? You must have failed your comprehension test during your school days." "I... You..."

Miguel stammered. At that point, he was sweating profusely. He glanced at Veronica and Matthew, and Miguel felt a chill run down his back upon noticing Matthew's terrifying gaze.

Gulping, Miguel answered in a resigned tone, "Fine, you win. I can't afford to anger you, but I can hide." After speaking, he moved from the driver's seat to the passenger's seat and was about to leave.

Veronica turned around and planned to go to the other side of the car to stop Miguel. However, Matthew stopped her path, and he did not plan to move an inch.

around to the left. However, when she went left, he went left and

his hands in his pockets and looked down at Veronica from his upright position. His dark gaze was like an unpredictable abyss. He remained silent. Veronica pursed her lips and frowned. "I told you to get out of the

he deliberately blocking my way? Could it be that Matthew is still in love with me? Bah, who am said a word. "Are you trying

disturbing a good friend of mine, so I can't just sit back  
in an orderly manner. Those words are reasonable. "Is he your biological  
silently and not intervene. Although Veronica had broken up with Matthew, their relationship was  
treat him as my own  
"Ha! Is that so?"  
brother too? You already have Sasha, yet you still want to cheat on her and get together with Miguel  
felt sick when she thought Matthew had feelings for Sasha while  
a conservative and couldn't accept  
could sense a fit of jealousy in  
such cruel words because she still cares about  
but laugh.  
that smile was over-analyzed by  
so gently. Could it be that  
went to Twilight Condominium to  
living room at that time, and the two disheveled women came out of the  
I think about it, could it have  
impossible. Miguel is an upright gentleman, so he wouldn't cheat like you." Veronica raised her  
eyebrows and smiled confidently. "Don't worry. I won't give Miguel up because of your words. I love his  
gentle, easy-going,  
fleeing Miguel, and smiled. "Although he escaped today, there's still a long time ahead. One day, I will  
Matthew, but her gaze was on Miguel the whole time. It sounded like  
and it was  
same time,  
was parked there. The door opened, and Stephen and Henry

#### Chapter 464 But Demoness Doesn't Like Me

The way she spoke sounded like she was cutting Matthew out of her life. After she finished her  
sentence, she ignored the troubled expression on Matthew's face as she hurried off toward Larry and  
Stephen.

"Why is it just the both of you? Didn't you guys say there was someone else?" Veronica tilted her head  
and peeked into the car to find just the both of them.

Larry shrugged. "Both of us took a day off. The rest of the production crew is busy, and the director didn't allow them to take a break," he explained. Both of them were used to speaking in English. Before Stephen could comprehend what they were saying, Skyler charged toward them like a madman before grabbing Stephen's arm. "My idol! Hahaha... Hello, my idol. I'm... Oh, my apologies! I should speak in Chinese," Skyler cried.

Skyler had been too excited for a moment—he nearly forgot that Stephen was from Castron.

loyal fan of yours, and I'm so shocked to see you here today. Can I get an autograph? You're my idol. Hahaha... I'm so excited!

Can you be a little more dignified?" she whispered to him in English. Then, she apologized to Stephen in Chinese. "I'm sorry. My friend is a loyal fan of yours, so he's especially excited

nodded before responding with a grin. "Hahaha... It's fine! Don't worry about it." Skyler immediately pulled his phone out when he saw how laid-back Stephen seemed. Skyler hastily stood beside Stephen before snapping a few pictures with him. Right then, the few

the people except for Matthew. She didn't seem to care even as the man's expression turned grim and sour. Larry, on the other hand, asked about Matthew when he realized that there was someone Veronica hadn't introduced. "Who's this, Demoness? I noticed how you guys seemed really

blind? What makes you think he's my boyfriend?" She pouted and shot Matthew a dissatisfied glare before introducing

whistle while raising his eyebrows suspiciously. "What are you thinking about? Old Mrs. Kings took me as her god-granddaughter, so he's my godbrother. Anyway, he has a girlfriend, so

that." He took a step forward and reached his hand out in front of Matthew. "So, you're Young Master Matthew, huh? I've

glint in his dark pupils as he looked at the person in front of him. "Hello," he greeted

Matthew's hand

smile. "It's been a year since we last met.

Chapter 465 He's Worried

Veronica flung her arm over Larry's shoulder after he finished speaking. "We know each other too well; I don't have feelings for you anymore. I prefer the sort of guy who can make my heart thump when I first see him. By the way, you've been in the entertainment industry for a while now, so I'm sure you know many handsome guys.

Why don't you introduce a few to me soon?" She was clearly saying this for Matthew's ears. Hmph! Does he think I don't have better options? If he can have Sasha, I can also date other handsome men. It's all a game! If he wants to play, then I'll play with him!

Matthew could feel his temples throbbing when he heard Veronica's words ringing in his ear. However, he had no choice but to hold himself back.

"If you ever guide Roni down the wrong path, I will never forgive you for it," he said in the end. Since Larry saw Matthew as Veronica's godbrother, he figured that he would have to speak to Larry with that 'godbrother' role in mind.

said, he turned around and grinned at Matthew. "I wouldn't dare to do so. Nevertheless, I can't stop other men from throwing themselves toward her," he said. Larry was indeed a good friend—he played along with Veronica by

too many pursuers coming after me

away, and Skyler soon realized that there were three people who hadn't caught up with them. So, he waved his arms in the air and told them to hurry. Veronica carried some bags in one hand and rested her

were at preparing the food. I'll have to try some of your cooking today! Hahaha..." Veronica and Larry chit-chatted

hot with

them after he managed to soothe his anger a little. He walked at a quick

the duo, Matthew walked behind them and listened to their conversation. Veronica had an arm around Larry's shoulder, and they were

Veronica would throw her head back as she let out a hearty laugh. She didn't seem to care about her image

remember how you climbed over the school walls to go to the cyber cafe? I thought you would guide me

continued talking about games for a while, and Matthew finally found a chance to interrupt them midway.

at Matthew. "Yes..." he started with a nod. But before Larry could say anything else, Veronica interrupted

that you were caught ping school once and were forced to stand on the stage in front of everyone else.

laughing along as well. Matthew had never been a part of Veronica's past, so he felt a mixture of interest and regret as he heard both of

was only 20% of what he felt—most of his emotions were related to jealousy and anger. That d\*mned woman. We only broke up for less than three months. How dare she put her arm around another man's shoulder while ignoring me?

the grill for barbecuing while the girls prepared tables and cutleries for the meal. They delegated the tasks clearly between the guys and girls, so they efficiently got

barbeque stall, and since he used to follow his parents to work,

## Chapter 466 He Kissed Her

“What is it?” Veronica turned around and glared at him with a displeased look on his face. The man took a few steps forward and grabbed onto her hand before dragging her out. “Follow me. It’s too dangerous here.”

“Why are you dragging me out? Let me go!” Veronica was fuming as she tried to shake him off. However, her tiny hand was no match for his large and muscular arms, so she couldn’t get him to let go at all. “Hey, Matthew. Don’t force me to get violent!” Veronica growled.

her with his handsome features. “Do

be all pretentious in front of me,” she said. After the ‘inappropriate’ things that happened between Sasha and Matthew, Veronica had always felt resentful toward him. So, she would instinctively

me. Nonetheless, if anything bad happens to you, Grandma would hold me responsible.” This was the best excuse he could come up with. “Hah!” Veronica seemed to have expected his response, and she spread her lips into a sarcastic smirk. “Who are you? You’re Grandma’s biological grandchild—she would definitely take your

the mining pit. After walking for about 10

family of hermaphrodites and the phylum Chordata. Their bodies were large and flat, and they generally had a length of about 23 to 32 inches. They lived in caves, stone caves, and deep pools of streams and rivers at least 0.6 miles above sea level. It

why she felt so curious about them. Regardless, she hadn’t expected Matthew to be so resistant to the idea. Humans were generally rebellious. The more Matthew wanted to stop her, the more

Matthew. Aren’t

“Wuu...”

“Ah!”

## Chapter 467 Their Wild Experience

What did her actions mean if Matthew’s kiss was just out of pure rashness? Was it done in the spur of the moment as well? Veronica felt like she was being driven by her emotions. However, both she and Matthew were typically people who were in control of her feelings. Veronica even had a thought that flashed across her mind: Matthew must love me. Otherwise, why would he kiss me?

“What are you looking at? We’re calling it quits now. Otherwise, I’d be on the losing end.” After she kissed him, he kept staring at her without looking away. This made her feel extremely awkward, so she had no choice but to confront him fiercely. Matthew’s dark pupils were glistening as he gave her a passionate gaze. She didn’t understand what was going on in his mind, and she didn’t realize it as he tugged his lips into a slight smirk.



if I decide to sleep with you right now?" For some reason, Matthew came up with a moment. The man stepped closer to her and was only inches away from her as he spoke. "Roni,

Mmm..." Before she could finish her words, Matthew wrapped his arm around her waist and pulled her close before kissing her on the lips. This time, the man's kisses were much wilder and more aggressive. He bit

to do anything—she simply allowed him to kiss her, which went on to a point where she could barely breathe. The strong scent of the man shot up her nose, and she felt like she had been dragged back in time to

made it easier for him to dominate her. She fell deep into an ocean of passion and fondness. By the time she returned to her senses, she had found herself being lifted by Matthew. Before she knew what was going on, she found herself riding him. Everything was made

to wriggle her way out when she finally realized what was happening. Nonetheless, she realized that she was in a somewhat awkward position. Is

like she was about to lose her mind at that moment. In the end, she simply rested her face

to let Matthew notice how she was 'falling' for him. Wouldn't he realize that I still like him? No. That can't happen. So, she pressed her lips together and forced herself to act cool before she leaned in to whisper in his ear. "I didn't know that you like

#### Chapter 468 Each Takes What He Needs

Veronica was reminded of the 'wild' things that went down in the cave earlier as she stared at Matthew's figure. She couldn't stop herself from blushing, and there was even an odd sense of joy that bubbled within her as she thought about it. Right then, Skyler came over with a bottle of beer. "Here you go. You'll have to finish three bottles as punishment," he teased.

"Fine, fine. It's my fault, anyway." She took the beer from him and chugged it while thinking... Doesn't Matthew like Sasha? Why would he get involved with me? Is this what others mean when they say that the grass is always greener on the other side? Even with Sasha committed to him, he still misses the excitement of being with me. Is that why he was so wild and passionate earlier?

I guess this is the only way I can make sense of it. Well, there's no harm done, I guess. We're all adults, and it's not wrong to say that we have to fulfill our bodily desires. Furthermore, I don't have a boyfriend, so... what I'm doing isn't wrong, is it? Veronica felt better after comforting herself a little.

"Woah, your alcohol tolerance is impressive, Veronica," someone commented. "Roni's tolerance is no joke!" "How impressive. She drank it all without hesitating." "It really seems like no amount of alcohol can get you drunk, Demoness."

That's great.

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Veronica as she finished all three bottles of beer. Then, she took a seat on the ground beside Larry as he handed her a few skewers. "Here. Try some of my cooking." There were fried fish cakes, squids, and some meat. These

tried the skewers that you've prepared. I wonder if they still taste the same," she said before taking a bite of the food. She chewed on it slowly while nodding in awe. "Your career in the entertainment industry is really in the

more if you like it. I'll prepare more for you later,"

and paused for a moment before making a statement to strengthen the lie she had

Matthew, who was sitting opposite them, sent a glance in Veronica's direction every now and then. He looked rather displeased to

Draw. Since they were from different family backgrounds, Shirley, Monica, and Abby preferred to play Fighting

before heading home herself. She had just gotten to the entrance of her house and was changing her him more than I trust Conrad," Yvonne said. She had interacted with Matthew a few times and had a relatively good impression of him. Furthermore, he had agreed to let her visit the child every

Matthew for hiding. Yvonne figured that she would take care of all

Chapter 469 Follow Me to Meet Hendrey

After the child was sent away, Yvonne's emotions were all over the place, so Veronica decided to stay in the villa to be with her. Both of them chatted for a long while and only slept in the middle of the night.

The next day, Veronica made her way to work, keeping her busy for a few consecutive days. However, she was reminded of an incident when she was done with her work.

done in the mountains with Matthew a few days ago, and she realized how she hadn't taken any morning-after pills following their intercourse. So... Does it mean that I'm at a higher risk of getting pregnant? Just the

series of pictures in the studio at work. When she walked past the office, she bumped into Ruka. "Hey!" Veronica greeted Ruka first. When Ruka saw Veronica,

what else could I be up to? I was just filming in the studio this whole morning,"

wasn't in Starshine, she was highly familiar with everything that was happening in the company. "Well, a fight is bound to

already despised Veronica back then. Tiffany was the one who was giving Mia her orders, but Mia hadn't even shown up at Tiffany's funeral when she passed away. Their friendship was practically meaningless as they had only been using

Veronica asked. Since Ruka discovered that Matthew was interested in 'men', she was no longer as hateful toward Veronica. Back then, Ruka had treated Veronica as a love rival since she was interested in Matthew. Nevertheless, after Matthew was exposed online for having kissed a 'man' on the

men's clothing, and she did it right before Ruka's eyes. The whole incident

to Veronica. They were relatively close, but they weren't

taking a trip to Castron," Ruka spoke after some

there

used to be interested in Matthew. Have you fallen for someone new already?" Veronica asked in a teasing manner. Ruka pouted at

complained while sitting on the couch and resting her forehead against her palm. "It was all one-sided love. If I knew that he was into men from the start, I wouldn't have

Chapter 470 Sasha's Pursuer

Ruka was pleased since Veronica agreed to her suggestion. "I should be the one thanking you since you've agreed to go to Castron with me. Come on; I'll buy you a meal."

They headed to Phil's Restaurant, where they had their meal in a private room. "You can go ahead with your meal. I need to use the washroom." Veronica finished her beef wellington, but her stomach felt rather uneasy. I wonder if it's because I drank cold water last night.

"Sure. Go ahead." Ruka nodded. Veronica got to her feet and headed out of their room before walking toward the washroom. Right then, she heard the sound of people arguing. "I dare you to touch me again! I'll... Ah!"

The argument was followed by a scream, along with a banging sound. The person's voice sounded somewhat familiar to Veronica. She instinctively stopped in her spot as a person's face popped up in her mind. Sasha! It sounds exactly like her.

would be interested in a psycho like you? Do you think you're actually a woman

No... You can't say that..." she cried. "Hmph! Am I wrong? Do you think Young Master Matthew would be interested

...

stood still in her spot for a long while. She hadn't intended to eavesdrop,

to her. Before she could turn around to see who it was, someone shoved her out of the way.

the wall beside her, and she let out a gasp of pain when her shoulder struck the concrete wall. “How dare you hit Sasha, Adrian?! Do

her head over to see the person who had pushed her aside—Skyler. And the guy in the suit behind Skyler is... Matthew? What... is he

after being hit, hastily scrambled to her feet before running to Matthew

her aside before lifting his leg to kick Adrian in his chest. Thump! Adrian fell backward and hit

finger on Sasha!” Matthew hissed through gritted teeth. His voice was filled with

door and watched everything that went down in the room. At that

still attracted to her even if he had fallen for Sasha for a time.

why wouldn’t Matthew realize my presence after

his chest with his other hand as he let out a sarcastic laugh. “I didn’t know you

look on her face. She grabbed Matthew’s sleeve with her fair and slender hand, showing

other person? Look at Sasha’s face!” Skyler, who was standing in front of Matthew, pointed at Sasha’s face while confronting Adrian. Nevertheless, when Skyler turned to point at Sasha, he found himself distracted by Veronica’s figure standing

here?” Skyler’s eyes lit up for a moment as he instinctively glanced in Matthew’s direction.

tensing up immediately. When he turned around, he found himself looking at Veronica, who had her left hand clutched onto her

her face. The moment he met her gaze, he felt his heart sinking. For some reason, he found