

## Bumpkin 491

### Chapter 491 Running Into an Enemy

Mia's sugar daddy fell. He wouldn't allow a mere salesgirl to look down on Mia because that would mean she was looking down on him as well. He roared, "I want to see your manager! I will not stand for your attitude!"

Veronica wasn't even angry about his attitude. She said calmly, "Don't get me wrong, sir. Mia was my colleague up until just a few days ago. I know her well. The car she wants costs about 1.3 million. It's a bit out of her league. See this new car here? It costs about 440 grand. It suits her really well."

The dealership's guys didn't know Veronica very well. They had no idea she used to work with Mia, and the revelation came as a shock. Mia's sugar daddy looked a bit surprised as well. He whispered, "Does she really know you?"

Mia was leaning against the guy's chest, gnashing her teeth in fury. She glared at Veronica, and if looks could kill, Veronica would have died. She slandered Veronica just to humiliate her and egg her sugar daddy on into getting her the car, but after what Veronica said, the guy calmed down.

cheaper car instead of the pricier one. That red one costs more than twice as much as this cheaper model! "Yes. She's Veronica Murphy." Mia wouldn't let her go this easily. "Elizabeth of the Kings Family is her god-grandmother. She broke up with Matthew, and he blacklisted her in the

curled his lips. He roared, "Where's your manager? Get him

another enemy of Veronica. His name was Quest Lemilo. He had a wedding planning agency back in Bloomstead. Business was going well, but there was this one time where customers who had paid the deposit changed their minds and turned to Veronica's

### Chapter 492 Veronica's Masochism

"Please, please, have a seat." Patrick looked like a servant welcoming his master. Quest pulled a face and pointed at Veronica. He asked, "Is she an employee here? She insulted a client. She has no manners at all. I demand an explanation."

Patrick knew what had happened. Someone told him earlier. He glanced at Veronica and frowned deeply. Now he thought Veronica was nothing but trouble.

"No wonder she insulted the client. So, she used to be a model." "And Mrs. Kings' god-granddaughter too. Probably got kicked out or something."

"She's a scheming woman. She's probably trying to marry Matthew too. Just being a god-granddaughter isn't enough for her." "She's pretty. Has that mature woman feel. And she has that good vibe too. So, she's a good fit as a model."

looks like a succubus

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were whispering among themselves, though it was

he turned to Quest again, he was all smiles. "Sorry, Mr. Lemilo. She's a newbie. She doesn't know

Veronica's pants and just got some money from Kelly. It would be embarrassing for him if he had to fire her now, or he

but she needed this job. She had to apologize, even though she didn't want to. "Of course, Mr. Lemilo. It's my fault for insulting her. Sorry, Mia. I was being presumptuous. I thought you were going to pay for it yourself. But if it's your brother paying for it, then, of course, he'll buy the million-dollar car. After

corner. Veronica apologized to them and praised Quest for spoiling his sugar baby. If he ended up buying the cheaper car, that would only mean he didn't love her

do, but she played along. "Of course. Quest is nice to me. He doesn't care about cheap cars either. Only have a grudge against Veronica, but all she wanted now was to get something from Quest. After considering her options,

at her face. "You insulted my sister, and that means you insulted me! So, you either grovel before me, or you slap yourself. Or I'll make you pay, you

myself, are you? And you'll give all the commission to

Veronica would go so far just to sell a

No. I'll record a video while you slap yourself."

and watched the

Quest was getting back at her, and he promised he would buy the car if Veronica

many slaps? How far should I go before

your face is swollen whole."

turned the camera on. Finally, she handed it to Hanson and instructed,

it dumbly, and

phone out and started recording too. I'm going to post this to my wall. She stood

and I apologize for that. But you promised you'd buy the car if I apologize by slapping my face until its'

Chapter 493 Attack on Veronica

When she was done, she looked at Quest calmly. "Done, Mr. Lemilo. So are you going to sign the purchase contract now?"

Two slaps were nothing compared to the pain she endured throughout her training. She did this for a purpose and not only for the commission.

Everyone was shocked by what Veronica did, especially Mia. She never realized Veronica could go so far for something. She wanted to insult her, but the car was more important. A million-dollar car. I don't get this every day.

Patrick quickly stepped in to de-escalate things. "She apologized, Mr. Lemilo. Please forgive her." He looked at Veronica and realized her cheeks were really swollen. He could also see the mark on it, much to his shock. I've seen a lot of women in my life. Some of them are snakes, but this? This woman is in another league of her own.

#### Chapter 494 Matthew Is Extremely Concerned

Due to Matthew currently in between a rock and a hard place, Veronica was forced to break up with him. Moreover, she was aware of Zac and Conrad's highly paranoid nature. Hence, she knew very well they might not believe Matthew would genuinely break up with her.

She agreed to be humiliated by Quest today because she wanted to offend him and use his or Mia's help to post the video on the Internet.

By that time, she would definitely be mocked by others, while Matthew would undoubtedly hold his ground and ignore the news. So, when Zac and Conrad saw that, they would finally let their guard down and believe that there was no way that the breakup was a fluke.

On the other hand, she could pretty much secure her current job, too.

"Of course, I'm scared. Why wouldn't I be?" Veronica stared at Quest in resignation, who had left the place with Mia, and sighed with regret. "But who wouldn't seize a single chance to line our pockets?"

"You don't say! Throwing away your dignity just for the sake of earning that little amount of commission," the salesperson on the side, Lillian Daubney, ridiculed her with her backhanded 'compliment'. Then, she continued. "Look at your face. It's all swollen like risen dough. I feel disgusted just by looking at you."

Veronica gazed at her coldly before retorting, "You speak as if you're not here to earn a living. Well then, since you think so highly of yourself, you might as well be a volunteer. So, why should you stay around and work hard to hit your performance target?"

"You!" Lillian's face reddened with anger when Veronica refuted her. "No matter how desperate I am to earn a living, I won't ever slap myself as you have."

"Sounds logical."

all, your worth isn't on par with the price of the car sold even if you slap yourself so hard that you might

"I—"

immediately stood up and mediated the conflict. "Alright. Alright. Stop making such a fuss. Anyway, Veronica sold the most expensive car on her first day of work today. This

two slaps on the cheeks that Veronica gave herself earlier made Patrick witness her resolution: she would do anything

how to slap ourselves like her?

Hanson saw that Lillian had dragged him into the argument, he merely scratched the back of his head awkwardly as he

guys should help one another. Don't you think you're

His attitude toward Veronica changed drastically after she managed to sell a luxury car. "Look at how swollen your face is. Come, let's go. I'll take you to the hospital, and you can take the rest of the day off. Report to work again

"Thanks, Mr. Simon."

could feel her cheeks burn with pain, and what she really wanted now was to go

reason why she could still waste her time arguing with her co-workers was that she could tell that her cheeks weren't

into Patrick's car as he drove them to the nearest

at his desk working on

looking at his phone, he simply signed the document after he read it. Finally, he closed the file, put it aside, and pulled his phone toward him. He unlocked it and

it was a message

the executive chair, he clicked on

he played the video, he realized it was taken in a 4S

heard a brisk

his eyebrows and sat upright as though he could feel the rising tension

on his phone. Later, he contacted a number. "Help me find out

...

the hospital undergoing a comprehensive examination.

cream on her cheeks in the hospital

and were on their way toward Patrick's car, Veronica noticed a familiar-looking vehicle was parked in the parking space

at the license plate curiously and wonder why that car was there. It would be a lie to say that she wasn't shocked when she saw the car door open and a familiar figure

It's—Matthew!

Since she didn't want Matthew to come

the matter? You look like you've  
been sitting in the car and waiting for them for quite a while. He only got out of the car  
clear look at Veronica's swollen cheeks, he felt his heart ache like someone had tugged his  
Roni. Must you work so hard just

#### Chapter 495 Yvonne's Mutiny

Only through Yvonne's phone call did Veronica know about this matter. "Roni, where are you? Are you alright?"

Yvonne sounded anxious on the phone, like she had discovered something shocking. "What's wrong?"  
Veronica was spread out on her bed, applying a cold compress to her cheeks to reduce swelling.

"You're asking me what's wrong?! Didn't you watch the news?!" Yvonne was furious. "Why didn't you tell me about such a huge issue? You can always come and work in my company if you can't find a job. So, why bother selling cars and suffering such indignity?"

After Yvonne watched the video, she felt terrible for Veronica. Deep down, she thought that it was really a waste for Veronica to be a car salesperson with her capabilities.

don't

feel it was still swollen due to the stinging pain she felt when she applied pressure to her cheek, she grinned and replied lightheartedly. "It's okay. I'm doing quite well. You don't have to worry

"I—"

once, Yvonne understood and said, "Of course, I'm worried about you, but I'm more worried about my son. Look: you had an excellent relationship with Matthew before, yet he's now

concerned about

treated Veronica very kindly before because she had rescued Old Mrs. Kings and was

Matthew isn't directly related to Ian, so he has no reason to help

Matthew will use Ian to threaten Conrad one

of my child, but he also has a terminal illness now, so I must

to answer after she listened to Yvonne's

problematic

child. Think about it: how can you give birth to the child so smoothly if he wants to kill your

hoping that she wouldn't overthink the

called it off, and your relationship with him wasn't this terrible. But, now that you two are on terrible

the words Yvonne said to Veronica, he smiled and played with a strand of her hair in front of her chest, curling it

lot of time and effort to put up a show so

everything's going according to plan, victory is within my

of the phone, Veronica could understand Yvonne's anxious mood. "Yvonne, although Matthew indeed pushed me to a

couldn't be frank with Yvonne about, Veronica could only indirectly

thought that Yvonne would trust Matthew. But God knew what had happened to

those words, she looked up and glanced at Conrad, who was in front of

that Conrad was seriously ill, all that she wanted was for Ian to come

Chapter 496 Let's Find Matthew

After Veronica ended her conversation with Yvonne, she placed the phone on the bedside. Just as she was about to close her eyes and rest, her phone rang again.

The person who called her this time was Shirley. Then, she received a call from Monica. After that, several partners of Vincere Games also called her and asked her about her condition. Finally, she received a call from Miguel. "Mr. Lynch?"

At first, Veronica deliberately teased Miguel because Matthew broke up with her. It was an act she purposely put up for Matthew. However, she didn't feel the need to deliberately tease Miguel again now that she had discovered the truth.

"I saw all the news articles on the Internet. You—is your face okay?" Miguel was a little worried about Veronica. "Nothing major. I'll be fine once the swelling subsides." Veronica replied nonchalantly.

As Miguel listened to the relaxed and joyous tone in her voice through the phone, he wondered whether she was just pretending to be calm and relaxed to prevent anyone from knowing how much she was truly suffering.

"I did ask you to work hard, but I never said you can put down your dignity to grasp this job opportunity," Miguel said sternly, his serious nature that rarely appeared showed in his tone.

He was probably highly opposed to Veronica's way of seeking a job.

"Dignity?"

into a smile, then continued. "What is dignity when I have

dignity when her adoptive parents were hospitalized in a car accident

a long silence on the

quite well. Thank you for your concern, but

she said that, she directly

the phone started to ring again just after seconds she

this rate, she could feel her patience wearing

headlines, and the only thing she wanted to do now was to avoid coming across this matter. She tried her

seeing these people call her

“Hello?”

she was about to answer yet another phone call, she realized that she hadn’t checked who the caller was, so she brought the phone before her narrowed eyes and glanced at the caller ID. Hence, when she saw it was Larry, she answered the call with her eyes closed

Don’t tell me you haven’t seen the news

just let it be. I won’t lose anything anyway, and it doesn’t

was exceptionally calm, and such eerie calmness she was displaying was

nose as he carefully mulled over her words, then nodded firmly. “Your words

don’t have to abuse yourself for the sake of selling a car. You can always seek refuge with me as your last resort. Besides,

“That won’t be necessary.”

hesitation. “I’m not that

once in showbiz, she

recruits me in the entertainment industry will be his

chance to shine in Destor. Hence, He’ll definitely bring me abroad to

well and was sure that she didn’t have such skills to survive abroad, so she

I train and be of better help to

“You!!”

for a while. He had a headache because of Veronica’s stubbornness. “Why are you so strong-headed? Demoness, I never thought you would do such a thing in order to sell a car. You can tell me if you face any difficulties. I’ll support you

asking me to devote my life to you?” Veronica covered her lips and laughed, “Hahaha—if so, I hit

platonic. Naturally, none of them would have improper

between marrying you and staying single?” Larry teased snappishly. Despite his teasing, he breathed out a long sigh after saying

about to say something, Veronica heard a voice sound on the other end of the phone. "Larry! Quick! It's time to take the action scenes between you and Stephen. Hurry and get yourself

#### Chapter 497 Hendrey Has Been Kidnapped

Perhaps Veronica had exerted too much effort into her act and caused a big ruckus. Even Yvonne, who stood beside her, was startled, let alone the front desk beauty.

The pretty receptionist shuddered at Veronica's hostile reaction and immediately explained. "Miss Murphy, I'm really sorry. This is an order from President Kings. If you—"

As she spoke, she started glancing around for help. When her gaze landed behind Veronica, she felt so relieved that she immediately pointed her finger in that direction. "Miss Murphy, President Kings is here. You can just find him if you have any issues."

Veronica and Yvonne both turned their heads at where the receptionist had gestured. As expected, Matthew was dressed in a neatly pressed suit and had just entered the lobby with his special assistant, Thomas.

Yvonne felt anxiety overwhelming her as she grabbed Veronica and whispered, "Roni, c-can you help me talk to him? I-I'm scared."

At the same time, Yvonne's mind recalled how the receptionist refused to let them enter the building a while ago. The firm attitude shown by the front desk lady earlier proves that Matthew really hates Veronica.

When she realized that, she became even more anxious and worried. And if I don't take my child and leave at this point, I'm afraid I may not have a chance again in the future.

Most importantly, Conny is seriously ill right now; I don't know how much time he has left.

Sure enough, Veronica knew what Yvonne was worried about. Although Veronica wanted to press her to rethink her decision, she was well aware that Yvonne had made up her mind. Hence, she felt like it was pointless for her to say more.

"Okay."

stopped in front of him, rudely blocking his path. "Matthew, why are directly questioned Matthew before everyone

Veronica was taking advantage of Matthew's kindness after seeing her prideful clenched fists in his pants pockets, and his cold gaze

that the swelling on her cheeks had subsided. He also noticed the red marks caused by the slap had knows how worried I was about

"Thomas, take her away."



gave the order, the man withdrew

to his office to have a casual chat and spend time with her, their current

mind flashed back to last night in Twilight Condominium. Last night, Matthew stood before the French window with a glass of red wine in his hand.

Buzz—

his pocket

to him and grabbed his phone. When he glanced at the screen, he saw a string of numbers instead of a caller

didn't save the phone number in his contact list, he clearly

to answer

broke up with Veronica, Crayson had hardly contacted him. But, as it was already midnight, he knew there must

sure where Zac obtained the news, but he has begun to doubt Veronica's identity," he said

to ask in confusion, "But isn't Veronica's identity made known to a little group of people? How did

There's no such thing as an absolute secret in this world." Crayson sighed. Then, he added, "Right now, countless pairs of eyes are staring and watching her every movement. So, you must

looking down at the street under the building. As he

fact, there's indeed something I need your help with." After Crayson discovered something, he

Matthew had offered his help, he felt that Matthew might be able to help him with this problem that had been plaguing

missing, so I need you to

"Do tell, Master Crayson."

Castron. It's like he had disappeared into thin air. He knows too much, and I'm constantly on tenterhooks now that

Hendrey seemed to be helping Veronica secretly, Crayson decided that he would keep Hendrey alive, thinking that

became somewhat worried since he had heard no news from Hendrey after leaving Bloomstead

"Hendrey Johnson?"

more questions. Nonetheless, through Crayson's words, it wasn't difficult for him to guess that Hendrey must know about

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to work hard to eliminate all the obstacles before he could even think about having a life together

from Veronica, Matthew purposely

to Matthew's instructions. He stood before Veronica and gestured to her to take her leave. "Right

that, as Matthew's special assistant, he simply had to

Thomas as she took a step aside and blocked Matthew's way again. "You can ignore me, but

Chapter 498 Encountering Tiffany

"How can it be?" Veronica was in absolute shock. "When was this?"

"After Hendrey went to Castron, I looked for him for a long time and couldn't get in touch with him. So, I kept dispatching people to investigate. Finally, just a while ago, I received news that he was kidnapped, but I'm not sure who kidnapped him and where he is right now."

Perhaps because she was really worried about Hendrey's whereabouts, Ruka sounded anxious through the phone. "Okay, I got it. I'll get in touch with you later."

Veronica hung up the phone. Then, she looked up only to realize that Matthew had already made his way toward the elevator. She put away her phone and rushed over at once. Unfortunately, Thomas grabbed her as soon as she took a step. "Miss Murphy, Young Master Matthew has given orders that you're not allowed up."

"Hold it right there, Matthew!" Yvonne rushed toward Matthew frantically when she saw that Veronica was being held back. Ding!

Coincidentally, the door of the elevator opened. Matthew entered the elevator first, followed by Yvonne. He glanced at Yvonne and pressed the 'close' button.

At this rate, Yvonne couldn't care less about other things. She grabbed Matthew's suit and shouted, "Give me back my son! Give me back my son..."

Panic crept in, and the words in her sentence turned into wails as she burst into tears.

The man raised his eyebrows slightly as he looked at the scene unfolding before him. There was a hint of displeasure in his eyes. "Was Conrad the one who asked you to come?"

"Huh?"

Yvonne was stunned. She looked up at the man in front of her dazedly. "You—"

that Conrad and I are back together? Did

No, that can't be.

know I got back

nonsense with me. I want my child!" she roared in anger

illness rather than

finished speaking, the elevator dinged again as they reached his floor. Thus, when the  
a stupefied Yvonne was left in the elevator. Matthew's words from earlier echoed in her mind. Why  
don't you check the authenticity of his terminal illness rather than wasting your  
that Conrad was diagnosed  
the authenticity of Conrad's cancer? Could it  
When she snapped back to her  
opened, and she saw Thomas and Veronica standing by the elevator  
something wrong with Yvonne's facial expression. Hence, she  
"Huh? N-Nothing."  
feeling a little unwell. I want to go  
left a severe impact on Yvonne. At  
the authenticity of the matter because of the ill relationship between Matthew and Conrad. Hence, she  
behavior. So, she stood beside her and asked in a low voice, "What's  
"N-Nothing."  
he would return the child to me in a few days and asked me to  
could reply, Yvonne had already  
retreating figure. For some reason, she could feel that Yvonne was preoccupied with  
direction of the elevator.  
Buzz—  
in her thoughts, her phone  
fished out her phone from her pocket and glanced at the screen, and she  
answered the  
spare me some time and accompany me to  
her relationship with Hendrey, she wanted to take Veronica  
could feel safer with  
I—fine. When are we  
guess. I'm booking the flight tickets  
"Okay, sure!"  
about her invitation, she agreed to join Ruka

call, she walked out of the building quickly. Nevertheless, she saw no sign of Yvonne but she didn't answer her her car and headed straight to pause for a moment before using her connections with one of the over with the case file and handed it to Yvonne. "Oh, Yvie. Will you still be willing to come here and see me if nothing and her father being old acquaintances, Yvonne trusted Lucas very

#### Chapter 499 She's Still Alive

In the bustling Eksdale Street, a shop was having its grand opening. The store management team had invited a lion dance team to perform a lion dance, and a lot of customers gathered by the entrance.

Since the people in Castron still practiced this lion dance tradition for their store opening ceremony, Veronica stopped to watch. She admired the fantastic performance put up by the lion dance team and felt the happiness she once felt during her childhood.

It seems that I rarely got to see any lion dance performance as I grew up. After all, this tradition is no longer practiced in Destor.

She stood amongst the crowd and watched as a yellow lion stepped on the pillar, shook its head, blinked its big eyes, and then jumped to the high pillar in front of her. Later, it did a backflip and jumped back.

Drums and cymbals accompanied this whole performance, and it won countless applause.

Right at this moment, Veronica spotted a familiar figure in a goose-yellow cardigan appearing at the door of the store.

No! It's not a familiar figure, but a face that I can never forget!

looks exactly

It's—Tiffany!

Tiffany?!

But isn't she dead?

and she couldn't help shivering. Likewise, her mind went

like that, she looked at the person on the opposite side with the lion dance team

next moment, Veronica turned around, squeezed herself out

arrived at where she saw Tiffany, and

an unfamiliar face. The woman scolded her in displeasure, "Who are you? You must have

hand grabbing the woman's cardigan stiffened slightly. She instinctively scanned the person from head to

person in front of me doesn't resemble Tiffany even

not her

the crowd. Alas, those people were all standing there watching the wonderful lion dance and no one was walking amongst

seemed calm in the hustle and

looked like Tiffany had never appeared, Veronica was sure that she was

a quick run around the area. She kept chasing and searching, yet she found that those people on the street were either

end of it, Veronica stopped in her frantic search as she ruffled her hair in

someone tapped her on the

tap frightened her, and she

and Emilson instead

Ruka scolded. Then, she noticed that Veronica's expression

was searching for something. Yet, she didn't see anything

saw my classmate from elementary school just now. Too bad she walked too fast, and I couldn't catch up with her," Veronica

the shoulder. "You can just send your classmate a text if you can't catch up

from many years ago. How would I have her

to know. Communication these days is

through so much effort to find someone?" Veronica waved

Chapter 500 Matthew Has Been Kidnapped

"Yeah. He was on the same flight as us," Ruka said helplessly, "I only found out when they called me to tell me about it." Veronica frowned and murmured when she heard that information, "What's he doing in Castron?"

She didn't understand Matthew's purpose in coming to Castron at this time. Could it be that it has something to do with Hendrey too?

"I'm not sure." Ruka was indeed clueless about the purpose of Matthew's visit to Castron this time. Despite her confusion, she shook her head and said, "Never mind him. You two aren't in touch now anyway. It's better to stay away from a sc\*mbag like him. In fact, the farther, the better."

When she heard Ruka scolding Matthew, she felt a little bad for him in her heart, for she knew that everything Matthew endured today was for her sake.

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look for Hendrey tomorrow.” Veronica changed the subject and set off toward the hotel where they the hotel, Veronica spread herself comfortably on

she had nothing else to do, she held her phone and scrolled through her social media. Then, she came across a post uploaded by

‘It’s a wrap, Bloomstead!’

a photo of the filming crew packing

soon?” Veronica muttered. But on second thought, the sci-fi movie filmed by Larry’s crew was only shot in Bloomstead. So I guess half a month can still be considered

phone buzzed, and Larry’s phone number was

the

up and come out to have some fun! Otherwise, we can’t hang out anymore after I return to

was early morning

filming, he called Veronica and asked her to go for a karaoke

to Castron tomorrow, he knew he wouldn’t have time to accompany

you can just come straight to

are you doing in Castron?”

“I’m here to travel.”

didn’t tell Larry the truth, but she planned to ask him about Hendrey after

even tell me

chatted on the phone for a while before hanging

to the time difference, Veronica was suffering from jet lag and was a little sleepy at the moment. So, she

know how long she had slept when

with her eyes closed and grabbed the phone. She squinted her eyes,

“Miss Murphy, it’s me.”

opposite side, and Veronica felt the voice

she realized who could possibly be the owner of the

up as she glanced at the phone number, and a

number as Thomas frequently got in touch with her

there

Matthew,” said Thomas anxiously, who was on the other

“Are you saying... Matthew?”

The other party said Young Master Matthew won’t be

It’s only the first day you’ve been in

very dangerous to rescue Young Master Matthew. Are you sure you want to do this?”

I look like I fear death?” she inquired with a

However...

Young Master Matthew are no longer together. I won’t make you do anything that you

Her patience was nearly gone after listening to Thomas’ ramble. “Are you done talking? Just hurry up. Which

unsure which one to take

standing motionless as if he had suspicions of her. After all, the couple had just split up and her eagerness to help was questionable. “Are you a

she realize she had

quickly changed her words. “Despite my breakup with Matthew, he’s someone who has saved my life and Old Mrs. Kings

some reason, Thomas

went straight to the passenger seat while he

go there

sides of her

asked, “Did Matthew

business mogul, so there will

him and they wouldn’t be aware of my relationship

a thought, filtered through those who had previously met

assist me in

“What is it?”

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