

Bumpkin 511

Chapter 511 He Deserves to Die

"I-I really don't know." Through the walkie-talkie, Veronica could hear Troy's trembling voice from all the torture. Although she frowned with mixed feelings, she propped her chin in the palm of her left hand on the table. Acting all relaxed, she placed a card at the center of the table.

"He's still not telling? Troy is such a bullhead." Veronica smiled. "Perhaps, he really doesn't know. You are quite peculiar though, Antheena. Why are you asking an outsider instead of the person involved?"

In spite of the worries she had for Troy, she could not let it show on her face. Or else, the others would catch onto something. As soon as she finished her words, Antheena raised her eyebrow. "I can't trust your words."

She then turned to look at Xavier. "Sebastian, which punishment is the most painful one?"

Xavier lit a cigarette and pondered. "I reckon rubbing salt into the wound hurts the most." When he said that, he was referring to the actual act, not the phrase.

a laughter before she spoke over the walkie-talkie, "Did

Young Mistress," the person on the other end replied. Staying quiet, Veronica took a glimpse at Xavier indifferently. Looking at the slight

having a hard time reading her mind as well. To them, she was merely a country bumpkin. Even if she came from a distinguished family, she had not seen the

the walkie-talkie. "It hurts. It hurts... I-I don't know.

walkie-talkie on the chair next to her before smiling at Veronica. "I'm feeling

to play mind games to see how long Veronica could put up

booster. Skills come before

while Troy's incessant screaming resounded, making one

clearly see how he was tortured in the interrogation room. Hence, whenever she looked up, she would only look at Antheena. She would not let her eyes stray toward the gruesome scene behind Antheena even for a

then, an

Matthew and my relationship? The moment they caught Troy, they should probably figure out that I was the one who sent out the message. Yet, Antheena keeps asking for the reason why we broke up. And it's unlikely to be out of pure curiosity as the three of them wouldn't just spend

seemed. She had a

the card game continued,

he fainted.”

‘Seven of Hearts’ on the table before talking over the

not pry anything out of Troy, she threw away her cards as frustration bubbled in

scowl on her darkened face, she turned around and marched into the interrogation room. Meanwhile, Xavier took

Old friend?

a while to figure out who he meant. He was referring to

really count as friends if we’ve only met for a few times now, does it? If it does, what about you and Hendrey then?” She retorted coldly, and she bypassed him to enter

two men followed suit. As soon as they stepped into the room, Veronica could detect a strong metallic smell mixed with a repulsive

all battered and bruised. Although he was

his body was covered in injuries. His face was full of cuts and bloodstains, and his eyes

her first time seeing such a tragic scene, and she had no words to describe how she

Chapter 512 Hendrey’s Plot

At that moment, the bodyguard who left earlier returned and brought a syringe in his hand. He walked toward the unconscious Troy, who had his head lolled back, and jabbed him viciously.

No one queried about the injection, but each of them clearly knew what was going on. “For how long have you known Hendrey?” Veronica finally asked the question she had always been curious about. Antheena responded, “I’ve known him for nearly seven years now.”

Nearly seven years? That’s exactly how long Hendrey had left Bloomstead and came to Castron for, so he’d got to know Antheena as soon as he arrived in Castron. Larry had also mentioned previously that Hendrey was on good terms with the royalty and his family background remained a mystery. Evidently, he was a fairly complex person.

If Veronica was not mistaken, Hendrey must be aware of the fact that Tiffany was alive.

“Miss Antheena, three minutes are up and you can start the interrogation process,” the bodyguard reminded Antheena by the side as he threw cold water onto Troy.

Splash! The water went all over the place before the bright-red mix trickled onto the ground.

Antheena retreated with a look of disgust. “Hey. Why did President Kings and Veronica break up?”

“Uhm... I-I’m not too sure about that. I know that Sasha was hired by President Kings to stage a scene with him so that Miss Murphy would jump to the wrong conclusion and break up with him.”

a dazed state, Troy spoke slowly and he was evidently not his logical

surprise to Veronica though as she
three of them shot meaningful looks at her and
saying that Matthew staged
and took control of the situation as she gave out an oblivious air to
think he still does." Troy's words undeniably gave Veronica a glimmer of hope, but she was also forced
into a tough
longer had any connection with Matthew, but at this point, it was
then, President Kings has no plans to marry you because he said that... you were
clearly stunned Veronica into oblivion. Can Troy's words be
Veronica put on an angry act. "That b*stard should rot in hell! He wasted my time and toyed with my
feelings! How dare he say that I'm not a good
Hendrey exchanged looks with each other and they seemed to
that, Xavier walked toward Troy and asked, "So, are you guys the only ones assigned to rescue Matthew
after he was abducted? How
us, so I came over first to scout the area. Tonight, Thomas will bring more
effective and
assigned to spy on my parents secretly? If Matthew ends up dead, will Thomas kill my parents?"
Veronica put on an anxious expression as she moved
quite weak from the torment he suffered and he tilted his head while expressing weakly, "Dead...
Everyone will end up dead and go down with President Kings if
the ones who abducted Matthew, so what has that got to do
used to be in a relationship with Hendrey, so you're one of
brief exchange of words with Troy, she had obtained a definite answer and she realized that he had not
completely lost his mind under the influence of the
this as she had found it strange for someone as intelligent and cunning as Matthew to be abducted so
easily. Perhaps he had walked into the trap purposely because he had something else plotted. She could
not confirm
suddenly tilted her head and glared furiously at Hendrey. "Did you plot with Xavier and
elegant and composed
instantly strode forward and stood in front of Hendrey. Suddenly, she reached out to shove him. "You're
a f*cking idiot! I have never crossed your path and yet you did this to force me
state with me by your side." Hendrey had an exceptionally calm look

is that?" Veronica glared

Matthew took you from me and yet didn't appreciate you, so he deserves to die. Coincidentally, Xavier hates him to the core, so we decided to join forces to bring him down.

indeed a ruthless man! But what did I do wrong? My parents are innocent, so

stand in front of her. "Do you think that you could survive last night's situation if there was someone here who intended to take your

They're so annoying. How dare they display their affections for each other in front of us." Antheena pouted and walked over to Xavier to hug him

Xavier dragged Antheena and headed out of

pointed at Troy. "What about

Chapter 513 Released by Antheena

Inside the castle, Veronica lay in bed and tried to take a rest, but her mind was occupied by the events that unfolded recently. At the same time, she was trying to figure out Matthew's abduction. She had a nagging sense that there was something wrong, but she could not figure out the exact issue.

What was it that was so important to Matthew to the point that he was willing to sacrifice one of his closest aides just to continue carrying out the matter? Veronica thought hard, but she could not seem to get to the bottom. Finally, she decided to approach Hendrey.

That was also why she did not shrug off his hand when he took her to the cellar. Perhaps the only way to figure out what was going on was to get to know Hendrey better.

In the afternoon, the servants served her meal into her room. For the rest of the afternoon, Veronica did not leave her room at all and she spent the entire time daydreaming. Suddenly, she could see from the balcony that Hendrey, Xavier, and Antheena were at the grassy patch of the backyard.

in great spirits. As for her, she was a caged bird as she remained in her room. At night, dinner was similarly served by the

again, Xavier slipped into her bedroom at midnight like a

a single word, but stood by her

party was Xavier, she would have thought that it was a spirit standing

and concentrated on the surroundings. She turned to the other side and conveniently pulled her

finally sure that Veronica was fully unconscious, he moved closer and furtively lay right next to her as the soft

Xavier was going to do, but she did not dare to maintain

her sideways. He did not do anything else other than holding her

trunk underneath a tree downstairs. She had one hand in the pocket of her camo suit while holding a cigarette in between her fingers with the other hand. She puffed on the cigarette quite frustratedly and there was a downcast look in her

a move. She was oblivious to what was on his mind, but she could sense that he had no

as she stretched her shins in bed. She felt her body aching all over after maintaining the same position for a prolonged period. However, she had just sat up in bed for a moment when she perceptively caught the sound of footsteps outside her door. With a frown, she instantly hid into the

before approaching her. Subsequently, the person leaned

up!" a

tell that it was

and looked at Antheena

was suddenly confused by

Antheena showed up subsequently. Though

she felt that he continued to

two choices here. Leave or

all, it was wiser of her to adapt her actions to the current circumstance. She did not care whatever reason Antheena had to let her go,

all of Matthew's plans, considering that he might have something planned. As such, she swiftly put on her shoes and followed

must

there, remove your outfit." Antheena walked over to the bodyguard by the left side of the stairs

was slightly stunned. "Miss Antheena, what are you trying to

Chapter 514 The Truth Is Revealed

Veronica opened the door and alighted from the car before standing by the roadside. She saw Antheena maneuver the steering wheel and perform a perfect drift before speeding off into the night.

Pulling the attention back to herself, Veronica found her phone ringing continuously in her pocket. There was no phone signal inside the castle, so she had kept it switched off the entire time.

Only after she got out of the car did she finally switch on her phone, which prompted it to receive all the notifications and phone calls all at once. She took out her phone and saw that it was a call from Thomas.

"Miss Murphy, how's your phone active? Where are you?"

It was likely that he had set up a program on her phone that once the text message he sent was received by her, he would get a notification about that.

That was why Thomas called her almost instantly. "Antheena escorted me out of the castle safely," Veronica reported frankly. "Is she by herself?"

capture her. We will definitely be able to rescue Young Master Matthew with her

same idea too. Although she was not a person with high ethics, she did not want to be an ungrateful one either. Antheena had just risked herself to send Veronica out and she was very grateful

in captivity

out of control. After being reminded by him, Veronica instantly

instantly sent the location to Thomas and gave

car. With the location provided by Veronica, Thomas merely had to lie in wait at the route

leaving the street, she gave Skyler a

in Bloomstead at the

quite perplexed to receive Veronica's call. "Gosh, Roni,

"I want Sasha's number."

Why would you need

me. One more thing, top-up five hundred to my number," Veronica

after that, Skyler sent Sasha's phone number to Veronica. At the same time, she received a text message from her phone provider that her number had been credited with five hundred. With

rang three times before Sasha

"It's me, Veronica."

phone

force me into breaking up

that point, Sasha's head buzzed and she did not expect Veronica to

it vehemently and shook her head. "I don't know what you're

with Troy. I've just received news of Troy's death and they kidnapped Matthew because of me. The reason for that is to investigate the mystery behind my identity. If you don't tell me what's going

in love with Matthew, so she was extremely worried about him. She had just gotten wind of Matthew's troubles in Castron and was about to head over to Castron when she unexpectedly

Sasha stammered and was quite

Alright then, I'll hang up if you refuse to talk. As for Matthew, I can't be bothered about him.

don't know your identity, but Matt wanted me to come back from Castron to put on an act in front of you so that you'd misunderstand and break up with

have to be a

phone tightly. "Veronica, Matt's done a lot

Chapter 515 Veronica's Discovery of Her True Identity

As soon as Veronica's words hit, the caller on the other end descended into a prolonged silence. Crayson was hesitant and he went through an inner turmoil for quite some time. Ultimately, he realized that he could not keep the matter a secret forever.

"Your life is way more precious than anyone else. If Matthew ends up dead, then I can only say that he's a foolhardy person but lacks the influence." Veronica was stunned in place by Crayson's words.

My life is much more precious than anyone else's?!

"Is that so?" She snorted derisively and asked, "I'm quite keen to find out what sort of family background I hail from to actually be worth Matthew sacrificing his life for?" Although Veronica's tone of voice was calm, her heart pounded frantically.

All this while, she had a nagging sense that there was something wrong with Crayson, but she had never thought to link things to herself. Right now, the truth was right in front of her, but she somehow felt uneasy.

"You're not Tony's daughter, but neither are you Floch's daughter." Crayson heaved a sigh and planned to reveal the truth to Veronica while still hesitant.

Finally, he exhaled a deep sigh and revealed the truth, "Have you heard of the hidden clan? You're a descendant of them and because of various reasons, you were sent to live in Bloomstead after you were born. Matthew broke up with you in order to build up an influence for you in secret; the reason for that was so that once you rejoined the hidden clan in the future, he would be able to secretly help you."

Veronica reeled

in her mind, but never would she have expected

then Tiffany should be the same too. Why am I the only one under your protection and why didn't you protect her?" She was practically identical to

that Crayson seemed to despise Tiffany

a descendant of the hidden clan!

be possible? We're

your DNA sample was taken and she

as well. Veronica leaned against the tree trunk and felt weak all over that she nearly

spot in between her brows as she tried

got to be mindful of this and stay away from Floch and Rachel. Where are

at how influential he is. Even if Crayson's currently back home in a rural area, he's able to allocate people

rest know everything?" Veronica tried hard to maintain

"Yes."

What sort of role does

running investigations secretly. Hendrey came because he wanted to probe about your true identity. However, he didn't betray you back then, so I spared his life.

can't explain in just a few sentences. Hurry up and send me your location. I'll send someone over for you and take the

been worried that she would encounter those people. However, he ended up convincing himself that nothing had happened back then when she visited

contact them myself." Veronica recollected herself and continued

her as well, "Remember my words and make

bother to ask further and hung

a word to head to Castron upon her supposed 'death'; that was proof enough that the Larsons had the intention to double-cross. The worst thing that could happen would be that they intended to support the decoy they created in the past and snatch the leader's position with

she could not help but mock herself, Everyone knows the truth except me. I'm

that, Crayson sent a

at the numbers and dialed them immediately. Ring— Ring—

it was the middle of the night, the phone

speaking to?" a woman asked from the other end of

she

the person on the other end was momentarily stunned before

Chapter 516 Rescuing Matthew

"I'll have to consult Master Crayson about this." Destiny was worried about Veronica's action and she was even more worried to make any decisions on her own accord. Otherwise, she would not be able to take responsibility if the major plot was ruined.

Veronica maintained her silence while Destiny had one hand on the steering wheel and the other on her phone as she dialed Crayson's number.

The other party answered the phone and Destiny immediately reiterated Veronica's words to Crayson. As soon as he heard that, he was not too surprised but descended into silence once again. It was likely that he was considering the situation and trying to figure things out.

After some moments of thought, he heaved a sigh before replying, "She's a grown woman and there are some things that she's got to decide for herself ultimately. All you've got to do is to ensure her safety."

more than anyone else. No one would

known him for such a long time, but she hardly ever heard him express such dejected sighs. For a moment there, she somehow felt that he had aged significantly. Her identity had come as a huge shock to her; though she was able to maintain her composure on

her," Crayson

on loudspeaker, so you can

Crayson. She's not frantic even when faced with an

just go ahead with whatever you wish to do, and don't be afraid because we'll be

was about to come up with some touching words for her. Unexpectedly

powerful enough to make her feel much at ease after hearing it. After all, there was nothing more settling than having a strong support

to say goodbye to each other

and sentimental atmosphere, so she replied impatiently and hung up the

tilted her head and looked out of

very much. All of us know how strict he can be, so are you the only one he treats so

is that possible? He could never be associated with the word

to stay with him and I was subjected to hardcore training

into laughter at

as the two of them bantered back and

was assigned the guest room to take a short

Thomas a call while she rested

hostages. They mentioned that they would only agree to release one of them."

naturally did not dare to reveal the truth to Thomas as she

Matthew and your brother, but it won't be easy to achieve

so he won't let you guys get away with this so easily. When will you be meeting him?

Miss Murphy,”

“Miss Murphy, did you

She hesitated. “They’re not in a great condition, so you must bring more men with you to the meeting point later on.” With that, she hung up the phone on

Chapter 517 Say Goodbye, Xavier

Compared to Xavier, Thomas was on edge as he had never experienced this pain. “Good. I like how straightforward you are.” Xavier slid a hand into his pocket as he raised another to snap his fingers.

His subordinates, who were standing close by, understood his signal and walked to a sedan. They opened the car door and lugged two people out. Yes, they were being dragged out of the car.

As the car was not parked far away, Thomas could see the bodyguards carrying two limp bodies with black hoods over their heads.

It was obvious the people being carried on the bodyguards’ shoulders had fainted. Their legs were hanging limp on the ground as they were dragged forward. His eyebrows furrowed as he burned with anger. “What the hell did you do to them, Xavier?”

more could you ask for?” Xavier held a cigarette between

to argue, but Xavier did not have much patience. “If you dilly-dally anymore, I can’t promise you what will

first.” “Fine.” Thomas relented. He signaled to the people behind him, and they immediately opened the car door and walked Antheena out of the car

square was dim, with only the soft yellow light from the faraway street lights illuminating their silhouette. They stood still with the hostages a few meters apart and removed the hoods and

covered in scary bloody welts. That was his brother! Thomas clenched his fists and wanted to punch Xavier in the face, but he controlled

Thomas’ quick-witted bodyguards immediately went up to support Troy

a scratch on her, but her hands were tied up. “Sebastian, I knew you

was carefree and relaxed despite the tense situation. Xavier’s well-defined eyebrows furrowed slightly walked toward the sedan. Suddenly, a voice rose from

turned and looked at the source of the voice to see Veronica, dressed in a black casual

you do this to me, Miss Murphy?” Antheena’s blue

kidnapped her as a hostage in return.

kidnapped Matthew, and I have to save him. But it’s alright

pocket and took something out. It was
she spoke as she stood before Thomas and faced Xavier, who
it?"

the

box is the

Later, he bid for the teardrop sapphire blue necklace during
tried returning the necklace to him, but
who was deeply in love with Xavier, frowned as jealousy
her a necklace since they

Chapter 518 Matthew Is Going Down With Me

Xavier was caught off guard by Veronica's kick. However, he managed to block it with his arm and counterattack due to his quick response.

Alas, the petite woman did a neat somersault and landed behind him. Before he could react, he felt something cold against the back of his head. "Don't move!" Veronica warned in a low voice, "Hand Matthew over now."

Thomas, who was standing by the side, was dumbfounded. "Wasn't Young Master Matthew..." As the words came out of his mouth, Thomas' eyes glinted with realization. "So, it was... a hoax?"

He frightfully dashed toward the sedan and opened the door. He scrutinized the person inside wearing Matthew's clothes and had a similar figure to Matthew, only to realize he wasn't Matthew.

that person's figure and hairstyle were similar to Matthew's. Besides, his face was so swollen and bloody that it was hard to determine what he initially looked like. Plus, to make matters

he was sure Thomas would not realize it, but he did not expect Veronica to

immediately jumped to her feet and angrily questioned Veronica, "Veronica, you're such a vicious woman. I've let you and

held the gun against Xavier's head with one hand and used the other to grip his shoulders.

commented, "It seems like I've looked down on you. You've improved greatly in the six months

grab the box from her. But, no matter how he

was a few feet away. "If you want him alive, it's easy. Just give me

obvious. They did not need to question if she had really broken up

find out?" Xavier wracked his brain but still could not

I can only say that your plan had

deceived by them. Nevertheless, when she was sitting in the bedroom of Destiny's villa pondering the whole incident, something felt off. The 'Matthew' that

good fighter. So, he was a difficult target to kidnap.

how badly the people in the basement were beaten up. They all had their heads hung low as they sank into unconsciousness. Veronica knew very well that Matthew was very alert all the time and would never allow himself to faint when his life was

her to go to the castle because they were not sure if she was secretly working

being, mainly because of his sister Melissa's death. If he could take his revenge and torture Matthew, he wouldn't have gone mad and beat Veronica up in

him. Xavier was furious at that and took it out on her. So

arrived ten minutes before Thomas and Xavier's meeting and found a good hiding spot. As she held a pair of binoculars, she observed from afar until she saw the swollen-faced Matthew. Right then, she was confident that her deductions

Matthew. Even if Antheena's father asked you to let him

gotten his hands on Matthew, he wouldn't let go of this golden opportunity to kill him,

he might have someone to snipe Matthew after his release. Thus, she asked

else attacked Matthew, then

Chapter 519 Matthew Is Dead

"I'll say it one last time. I'll kill you if you don't let Matthew go!" Veronica said that in Chinese loud and clear to send the message across to Antheena. As expected, Antheena was unnerved when she heard that. "What are you trying to do, Veronica?"

Veronica's red lips curved up into a smirk, and she whispered to Xavier, "It's your choice if you want to die, but I don't want Matthew to be hurt."

Afterward, she looked at Antheena, who wasn't far and ordered loudly, "Xavier has Matthew hidden somewhere. I'll give you 30 minutes, Antheena. If you can't give Matthew back, then be prepared to collect his dead body!"

As they were both women, Veronica could feel how deeply Antheena loved Xavier. So, Antheena would never allow Xavier to die on her watch.

Xavier was taken aback by Veronica's tactics. He did not expect her to become so bright and calculative in just half a year that he had not seen her. However, she only had Matthew in her heart. There was no place for him there.

“Move!” she instructed as she grabbed his shoulders, pressed the cold muzzle against the back of his head, and took him with her. Thomas and the other bodyguards stood around, prepared to take action if anything went wrong.

Veronica taking Xavier away. She could only order her subordinates, “Go. I want everyone looking for

They answered, got in the car,

car door for Xavier to get in, Xavier looked meaningfully at the northwest

action caught Veronica’s attention, and she

was entering the car,

she grabbed his left wrist and pushed up the sleeve

her heart leaped to her throat.

it was now 5

snarled through gritted teeth as her other hand holding

a malicious sneer. “Kill me. I’m happy enough to know that he’ll be with

snake,” Veronica cursed and swung the gun’s handle at the back of his head with great

hit, Xavier was out like a light and fell to the

is around there,” she said and sprinted toward the northwest corner while setting up

was beside them, knew what had transpired and immediately understood the situation. “Tie him up.”

He pointed at Xavier and ordered his subordinates,

time, Antheena had already ordered her people to leave and look for Matthew. As everyone left, she sat alone in the car and stared at the

the square with all her

her ear and blew on her face, but her heart sank to her stomach,

You can’t die! She chanted in her mind

her that he

and saw many containers lined up. She whizzed between them in the narrow pathway and kept yelling for Matthew desperately, “Where are you, Matthew? Answer me if

eventually, her voice even showed

never been so anxious about a person

looked around in a frenzy with the beam of light as her guide. She kept glancing at the phone’s timer as

her were Thomas’ men, who were also calling out

locate him. Veronica was at her wit's ends despite expending a large amount of energy running around trying to

was stunned as she saw the last row of containers after looking for so long to

stumbled dazedly. "How could

she was

Chapter 520 I Must See Him Even if I Die

When Veronica clicked on the timer, 30 seconds had already passed. This meant that she only had 17 seconds left. She knew right then that there was nothing left she could do.

As she raised her gaze to the crane, she stared at it as tears blurred her vision. Finally, she sobbed as she murmured, "Matt, I owe you this life."

At her last syllable, a bright light emitted from within the tower crane, and a loud explosion followed. The fire lit up the night sky, and she watched helplessly as the front end of the tower crane fell and plummeted into the sea.

Even though it was a port, the crane was set up a few hundred meters away for some construction. So, the water was deep enough to absorb the impact.

"Matthew. Matthew. Matthew." She chanted his name under her breath and didn't even realize it when her phone dropped to the floor.

All of a sudden, she rushed to the edge like a madwoman and jumped over the railing with a hand on it for support. Then, she didn't miss a beat as she dived into the sea.

The sea was utterly freezing this late at night. Despite this, she plunged into the water as the waves swallowed and brought her under.

level. Once she managed to fight against the current pulling her under, she swam toward

wasn't something that existed in her dictionary. She only wanted to reach the spot the tower crane had

Matthew died, she needed to see it to

deter her from swimming forward and pushing

to see Matthew, even if it was to find his scattered belongings. Suffice to

had

heard the explosion and came to

a person suddenly popped up from under

Go check it out," a person ordered as the rest quickly ran over. It

Matthew. Quick,

“Pull him up!”

Matthew, are

reached out with their hands to pull Matthew up to

stood outside the railing and jumped over it. Then, he took another deep breath as he swept his short black

in the car, Young Master Matthew,” a bodyguard

Matthew as he strode toward the direction the bodyguard pointed at. It was about 200 meters from where he stood to the

were heard, and they

Xavier jumped into Antheena’s

away,” the bodyguard beside

dark brows furrowed and his oppressive aura emerged

few shots at the sedan, but

he ordered as his men rushed

moment, Thomas came running in from the left.

the square, for he feared he missed a spot until he received his subordinate’s call that Matthew had returned safely. So,

as he glanced coldly at Thomas. “Good for nothing! You can’t even watch

Thomas didn’t understand

beside him told him. “Xavier got

toward the car. But after a few steps, he stopped and looked back

here?” Matthew heard Thomas and forgot