

## **Bumpkin 601**

### Chapter 601 A Mysterious Crayson

“You’re such an annoying geezer!” As someone who was born with a silver spoon, Sofia felt her pride being tampered by Crayson in front of the public. Thus, why would she be worried if he was hurt?

She raised her leg to kick him. “Step aside, you old thing.”

As she attempted to deliver the kick, he grabbed her ankle and pushed her away while holding the electric baton with one hand. Exasperated, Sofia released Shirley’s hair before performing a flying kick midair at his head.

Remaining firm on his spot steadily, he parried her advance with the baton. “Tsk... Ugh...”

Although Crayson made use of it as his defense, anyone could tell that that was one strong kick from Sofia. However, the baton did not budge an inch as it was unbothered like a riveted steel.

When she exclaimed in pain, he released his grip and she almost fell. She barely gained a purchase after taking a few steps back. It was not until then did she realize that he was not an ordinary old man.

Screech—

sound of a car jarred into everyone’s ears, drawing their attention. They saw someone running over from the car and his expression darkened the moment he

here for Shirley once he caught

him, roared, “Hey, young man! Look at what you’ve

aware that he was at fault. “Master Crayson, leave

that Crayson—the security guard—was her

well. Hence, Skyler should never offend

Shirley as her eyes reddened. “Get outta my house. I’m not playing with your games anymore.

felt so wronged that she made herself scarce from the scene without the

“What? What game?”

she mean

Shirley is not the mistress, but she was paid to put on a show

“Who knows?”

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### Chapter 602 Taking Her to a Blind Date

Skyler followed Shirley hard on heels by car. After parking it at the roadside, he alighted from it and approached her to pull her hand. “I’m sorry!”

Shirley shrugged off his hand while sobbing. "Stop apologizing. I agreed on it because of money anyway, but I don't want the money anymore. Since we have no business, let's not meet each other ever again."

At that moment, a garish red Ferrari stopped by the road and Sofia got out of the car. "Shirley!" she shouted and hurried toward Shirley. "I'm so sorry. I misunderstood you. I'm really sorry."

Tears were pooling in Shirley's eyes as she alternated her gaze between Sophia and Skyler. In the end, she shoved him away and walked away. This time, Skyler did not go after her.

"Skye, could you give me one more chance? We can return to how we used to be." Sofia pulled his arm and helplessness was written across her face. "I know that I was being reckless before this. I was childish and I didn't appreciate it, but I'm regretting it. I—"

tinged his countenance. "Is that why you married another person and filed

think that I

guess you're willing to marry me even if I'm

him to put it that way. She was aware that the pain

from your expression. Sofia, don't

You can get married, but I'll wait for you. Once

sense as it took Skyler aback as well. He was stunned for a moment before

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go, wandered around aimlessly until she arrived at the hospital to meet

was using her laptop in bed when she saw the crying woman.

the laptop aside and got out of bed

Chapter 603 Skyler Is Jealous

"Thank you, Roni," thanked Shirley. They continued the conversation and her mood brightened. "Look. What about this guy?" Veronica found a picture in her phone. "He's Wade Yoder, a magazine model. I knew him in Starshine. He's not bad."

When Mia bullied her at the beginning of her career with Starshine, Wade and Rania stood up for her. Since then, Veronica got along with them and became good friends, especially Wade. He was a reliable man.

"Woah. He's really handsome, but... he's a model. Why doesn't he have a girlfriend? Besides, he's out of my league." Shirley knew her place.

Wade was handsome and he dressed neatly, but Skyler could totally beat him out in terms of looks. Yet, there was already a huge gap between her and Skyler, rendering him a man she could not covet.

“That’s not all. His performance is decent, but not to the extent of shining his name in the company. The female models in the company have super high standards and they’re quite realistic. They will only hunt for someone better, so it’s natural for him to be left out.”

opinion. Now that Shirley was up for it, she decided to

update you

training to Shirley, she was still worried. She made an arrangement for Wade and Shirley’s blind date on the next day whereas

her morning at home. At the thought of the afternoon date, she was not as

looked for Wade based on the position sent by

outside at which she could see him as soon as she walked over

Yoder?” Shirley approached the man, who was wearing a gray shirt matched with dark blue jeans. He appeared

through a magazine, Wade rose from his seat with a smile. “You

cheeks, which softened his disposition to a

light blue ripped jeans.

I am. Sorry for

a seat. Here, would you like to have something to

“Cappuccino, please.”

Chapter 604 She’s Silly and Stupid

When Shirley looked at Skyler, he happened to be watching her too. Her heart ped a beat and nervousness grew. She raised her left hand and propped her elbow on the table to cover half of her face.

“You two know each other?” Wade sensed something wrong. “No, no, no. We don’t—”

“Shirley?” Just as she was going to say that they did not know each other, Skyler suddenly came up to them. Unbeknownst to her, Veronica warned Skyler to distance himself with her through a text after she left. Veronica even mentioned about introducing someone new to her and told him not to invade her life anymore.

Hence, he had been feeling cranky since morning, which prompted him to ask someone to look into Shirley’s whereabouts.

After he caught wind of her location, he arranged a meeting with his client for a business affair here.

“Huh?” She turned her head in surprise. When she saw Skyler standing right next to her, she sprang to her feet immediately. “Sky—What a coincidence. I didn’t know you and your friend are here.”

she gulped down her saliva nervously. Her cheeks were flushed red when she thought, Bloomstead is such a small city. I even bumped into him on my blind

as he glanced at

Shirley was clueless of how to introduce

Wade stood up with a polite smile. "I'm her

words, Skyler interrupted,

was on purpose; he interrupted Wade intentionally so that Wade could not finish his

for she did not know how Skyler found out about

did, she wouldn't tell him where we are. Did he

and she figured that she was out of her mind for having such a scary

sit before looking at Wade. "I'm Shir's friend. She's kinda dense and she's not that smart, so I

confused she was, he nodded

"Skyler."

he saw him. He had seen Skyler before, but Skyler might not be able

smart one. How did you

Chapter 605 He's Back

"I think Miss Wilson is adorable and smart. Do you have an opinion of her, Young Master Skyler?" Wade took a glimpse at Shirley.

Without looking at her, Skyler raised his gaze languidly. "She's lazy and doesn't do the house chores."

Shirley was utterly speechless and his behavior was confusing her.

What is he doing? He's ruining my blind date! Does he have feelings for me? Even if that's true, the difference in our status is too huge for us to stay together until the end.

Then, she thought of Veronica and Matthew, who were not of the same world.

No, no, no. How can I compare myself with Roni? She's good at fighting, owns a company, has a double degree, and she's Old Mrs. Kings' god-granddaughter! We're different.

After a moment of hesitation, she protested, "Skyler Robins, what are you talking about? I'm not that bad. Wade, don't listen to him."

a frown

her heart was beating profusely, she nodded firmly. "Yes. I think Wade is not bad. If he feels the same, I at Wade bravely.

gaze between the two before nodding. "Yeah. I think... it

exchange

"Sure."

taking the initiative to approach Wade as her potential partner. Finally, the two of them exchanged their contact

second, the smile on his face disappeared and a channel of rage shot up

He was livid.

He was exasperated.

him a glance, but Wade saw Skyler talking to the foreigner for

saving her contact number, Wade said, "I know that you were trying to make him angry. He's gone

give it a

a relationship at a teen age, which jeopardized her studies in the end. She was given a lecture too when her family found out about it. After that one

rationality was telling her that he would never be her life partner. Thus, it would be better

sure about this?" Wade was

She nodded with pursed lips before giving it a thought. "How about a movie date right now? It's on me.

We can call Roni over later to have

Chapter 606 The Best Present

She lifted the blanket and tipped her feet into the sandals after which she sauntered to the door to open it. Since it was a VIP patient room, there was a mini parlor outside.

Once she opened the door between the patient room and parlor, a big bouquet of delicate red roses appeared right before her eyes. There were not only red roses wrapped in the black craft paper, the white baby's breath also tinged its color amongst the red flowers, adding clusters to the red petals.

The pleasant fragrance flushed over her face, elevating her mood.

"Here's your parcel. Please kindly receive it," said the person behind the bouquet.

Since the huge bouquet of flowers covered that person, she could not see his face clearly.

"What is he doing? Why the flowers?" murmured Veronica as she could not smother the delightful smile on her face.

flowers. Check it out," said

a red rectangular box

necklace and the shining pink

that came with a pink multiflora rose; now, he gifted her  
into a smile as she shut the

However, when she uplifted them, the flowers fell sideways

a big box in which a dazzling wedding dress was placed in it. When Veronica paid

This voice...

She lifted her head only to see Matthew standing in

not help grinning as she grumbled, "I see you've got a new job as

not be discovered by her. Otherwise,

do you like

course, I do.

a lid and its edges were surrounded by flowers wrapped in black craft paper. That was why she did not  
notice

me a surprise, but I didn't give you

Chapter 607 A Sweet Moment

"That's great, then." Veronica did not bother to ask any more questions as she straightened herself to  
lift her head to look at Matthew, who was right in front of her. He was as handsome and charming as  
before.

She tiptoed and planted a kiss on his cheek. "Is this considered an effort to grant me and our child a  
blissful life?"

He furrowed his dark brows slightly before nodding solemnly. "Yes, of course. If I don't work hard right  
now, how will I be able to provide for my wife and kid in the future?"

"Well, things aren't that bad. We don't require much and you can just provide us with the most basic  
things."

"No, that's unacceptable. I would definitely want my woman to lead a blissful life."

"I feel the happiest as long as I am with you."

"Is that so? Can I take this as your confession of love for me?"

Veronica smiled shyly. "I guess so."

rest

swept her into his arms before walking into the hospital room and putting her on the bed. "The doctor  
put you on bed rest, so you should

from lying in bed for too

give you

excuse as she could not bear

Clearly, he had been staying up till the wee hours of dawn and had not

and tugged his hand. "Hey, lie down next to me.

actuality, she felt for Matthew and wanted him to take a rest

haven't changed out of my dirty

alright." She

to pinch her chin lightly. Soon after that, he removed his shoes and lay sideways in bed with

so you

wrapped her arms around his waist and snuggled against his chest before heaving a sigh, "You didn't let me know in advance that you've already commissioned a wedding gown, so

three wedding gowns and was not exhausted from that, she came up with this excuse to let him take

He agreed and lay next

and maintained the same position. In no time at all, she heard

finally opened her eyes which had been shut for some time

Chapter 608 A Walk Down Memory Lane

Veronica mentioned how Shirley was beaten up at First Meeting before Crayson helped Shirley settle everything. As soon as Matthew got to the end of the story, his chiseled face instantly turned thunderous. "That's stupid."

"It's alright. Shirley has agreed to try and see how things work out with Wade. Everything should be fine."

Veronica noticed that he was slightly unhappy, so she comforted him by saying, "Skyler doesn't have ill intentions."

"Well, an honest mistake could sometimes be irrevocable."

"Right now, he has already attempted to fix the mistake, so you should just pretend that you're unaware of things," Veronica coaxed him.

Then, she got out of bed and headed over to the desk. Subsequently, she took out a dainty little wrapped box and turned around to head over to Matthew's side. "I wanted to give you this present during your birthday, but unfortunately, you were abroad that day, so I couldn't give it to you then. The elders used to say that one shouldn't celebrate their birthdays after the actual day has gone by, so this can't be your birthday gift. Instead, you can take this as a little surprise from me."

"Roni, that's so thoughtful of you."

Matthew took the dainty little wrapped box from Veronica and revealed a slight smile. "Can I open this right now?"

"Sure."

"Okie."

patterned bow on the box before opening the square box, which revealed a

as his dark eyes

box on the table before flipping to the first page. Instantly, the first photo that came to his eyes was

and he lay in the upturned

this photo?" Matthew was

seat. She pointed to the photo and said, "You should get used to it because

she also had a habit

you show me the photo back then and reveal that you were the one who

was a question that had troubled Matthew for some time

last year and she could not contain her laughter. "Look at this photo here. It was taken at Kings Residence and you're

mention the reason to Matthew because she was caught in too many difficult situations back then.

through the photos. Each one of them was new to Matthew as he had never seen

flipped the page and saw a photo taken on Mount Chillad and he could not

private album to pull out the photo. "Back then, this was taken at the school in

a large mountainous region, so the school was

Chapter 609 The Upcoming Wedding

All along, Crayson had not been supportive of Matthew and Veronica's marriage. "Master Crayson, I would never regret any decision that I've made."

Veronica had a solemn expression as she spoke, "You should realize that even if we don't get married, what's coming for us will still come at us."

"Do you realize the massive danger that you would face during the wedding day?" Crayson was much more worried about Veronica's safety than anything else.

"In reference to the safety issue, Matthew is much more aware of it than me. Besides, I've contacted Destiny a week ago. With her and Matthew protecting me at the same time, though I can't guarantee that I'll be perfectly safe, I reckon I wouldn't be subjected to too much danger."

Naturally, she had also considered the issues that Crayson was concerned about. It was something that had to be inevitably faced, so running away from the problem would not resolve things.

“Have you made up your mind?” Crayson repeated his question once again.

Veronica lowered her head and considered his words for some time before finally nodding firmly. “Yes, I’ve made up my mind. This time, I won’t look back.”

done for her. He had sacrificed silently all this while. If she could not tie the knot with him and walk down the

his goatee had been sheared. In the end, he stroked the

one could

some time before he finally heaved a sigh. “Since you’ve made up your mind,

belonged to Matthew and even if Crayson did not turn up to work, no one would comment about that. He merely came up with an

we’re heading back home together tomorrow.” Veronica did

look at her before leaving. There was a complicated look in

of things to share with her, but in the end, he kept all the words to himself. He left and his retreating figure looked exceptionally wizened and there was an inexplicable

Veronica sort out the hospital

Skyler, Caleb, Miguel, and Rania went along with Matthew to head to Veronica’s hometown. Naturally, put up a feast on the

house was merrier than ever with the visit of their

brought along plenty of stuff and they were all betrothal gifts, so his subordinates drove a

the side of the road, it was an impressive sight with a range of luxurious cars. There was a Ferrari, a Porsche, a Maybach, a Lamborghini, and the most inferior vehicle out of the lot was

take a look and they were impressed by the scene in

snagged a rich man and she’s

wealthy. Gosh, I’m so

Chapter 610 Unwillingness to Part

However, Daniella tugged Veronica’s hand and led her into the house. They sat in the bedroom as the mother clung unwillingly to the daughter’s hand. “Roni, I can’t believe that you’re about to get married soon. After your marriage, you’ve got to learn to be a good wife and behave maturely. You can’t stay a childish one forever, got it?”

“Gosh, Mom! I know that I’ll always be a child in your eyes.”

Veronica hugged Daniella affectionately and said coyly, "I'm not marrying off to somewhere distant and I'll be able to come home anytime I want. Besides, if you can't bear to part with me, then move to the city with me."

"Your dad and I have lived in the countryside for our entire lives and we're used to it here. We definitely won't be moving into the city. We just wish for a life of happiness for the two of you."

eyes. At that point, Veronica could not help bursting into laughter. "Mom, I'm just getting married on the back of her head. "You little brat! You were such a tiny little thing when

we've finally raised you into a wonderful woman, we haven't even got to enjoy you for more than two years and you're about to marry into another family soon. I would of course be..." As she spoke, there was a

get it. I get it. I can't bear to part

live so close to each other, so I'd be able to come home regularly. During New Year's, we can alternate between celebrating with Matthew's family and you guys annually. I've spoken to Matthew about

got up to her desk before opening the drawer to obtain a red box

opened the box. "I've got

curious as she was unsure

and took out an item

antique, it looked as good as new. The emerald stones were translucent in the air and the clarity was perfect too. At

believe that you've kept such a precious object