

## Bumpkin 731

### Chapter 731

"Since you'll be cooking for her, just stay here. We have an empty room on the east end of the third floor, don't we? Clean it up, and let him live there. A nanny will report to duty tomorrow to clean and cook for us," Crayson asserted.

Veronica, who was lowering her head to eat, froze slightly as she sliced the fish chop, and a faint gleam flashed across her eyes. She placed the fish into her mouth and slowly chewed it. Her silence perfectly concealed her emotional turmoil.

How wonderful would it be if Matthew lived by her side here? If the person she missed all day long was by her side, it could bring her endless peace of mind.

"Oh, okay."

Mateo pouted and whined, "Why didn't she come today? It would save me trouble."

Crayson glared at him. "You're so lazy. Is it really so exhausting to clean a room?"

"Hehe. Just kidding." Mateo chuckled sheepishly under Crayson's indignant glare.

him the room. She was so concentrated on her studies that she simply ate a few bites of

down on the bed to rest after

room. The familiar

wrapped her arms around his waist as soon as he lay

not like my food?" he asked while he lay

"You learned howto cook

she thought of the remarks she didn't say out loud. You've done so much forme. I'll let you down if I don't work hard. You're perfect. You'll

the

study efforts were terrible. Instead, he encouraged her to

emotion flickered within his eyes. "I heard someone say that she didn't have enough meat to

and looked at him in confusion. It didn't matter, even though she couldn't see his face

was in a daze, he leaned over and kissed her passionately. Both of them indulged

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"Mr. Robins? Do you mean the president of Pinnaclestone Corp?"

Jayden looked at Shawn in surprise. "Is he here to see you?"

Shawn shook his head with a confused expression. "I know of Skyler, but I have never met him in person."

Skyler was a legendary figure in Bloomstead. He was brilliant and gifted with medical knowledge, but later, he abandoned his career in medicine for business, which was a source of confusion for many.

"I don't know him either. Why is he here?" Jayden was baffled.

"Whatever. Let's go." Shawn closed the file on the table, got up, and walked out with Jayden. Both of them had never thought that Shirley would be acquainted with Skyler.

Shirley, who couldn't be bothered to leave, leaned back in her seat.

This company was Veronica's. Skyler's sponsorship would bring the company to the next level, but Shirley wanted to avoid owing Skyler such a big favor because of Veronica. It would be more straightforward if she owed him a monetary debt, but how could she return such a favor?

into the reception room and saw Skyler dressed in a yellow suit, a punk hairstyle, and black piercings on his ears. He was sitting on the sofa with his legs crossed and his hands on the couch. He

a medical prodigy just by

and extended his hand with a polite smile

not shake his hand. Instead, he looked at the two men in front of him and asked,

"S-Shirley?"

saw complicated emotions in each other's eyes. Their minds were running amok

here to

the distinguished Skyler would come to the company today. Shirley had

current situation with their logic. They deduced that a big company like Pinnaclestone Corp would not be here to talk about collaboration with a small gaming company, so Skyler must be here to make things difficult

because she is lazy, incompetent, and unfit for our company. Mr. Robins,

job, but she was offered a job here because of some

to them. "Is that so? I wonder what kind of personal connection you

friend of

shareholder? Who is he?" Skyler inquired

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Skyler looked down slightly. He bet that Veronica did not want anyone to know about her owning Vincere Games, which explained why she did not bring this up to anyone.

In fact, now was a critical time since Matthew and Veronica were not in the country. If the vengeful Conrad found out about it, he would not spare a small e-sports company even though he found the company too weak to be his opponent.

"No, I don't know her," Skyler said. "Call Shirley over. I want to see her."

Jayden and Shawn wore confused yet agitated expressions as they glanced toward the secretary at the side. "Bring Shirley over."

"Yes." The secretary nodded, turned around, and went to the conference room.

Shirley reluctantly entered the reception room and saw Skyler sitting on the sofa with his legs crossed. He wore a yellow suit with a short punk hairstyle and a pair of simple black studs. He looked charismatic, with a certain wildness to his charm.

they said that "Chicks dig bad

she felt her heart a beat when she laid

is going on?! Why did you

is? Hurry up and apologize

Shawn ordered indignantly as they

was baffled and speechless by

other hand, Skyler, the party concerned, sat on the sofa leisurely and looked at the three of them quietly with the aura of a big boss. A hint of gloominess flashed in his eyes,

You've offended Mr. Robins. That's your own

was established by him, Veronica, and Shawn, and they had spent a tremendous amount of effort to accomplish what they had achieved

lips slightly and was about to say something when Skyler interrupted her deeply,

explained respectfully while casting a fierce glare at Shirley. It was as if he wished his eyes could

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When the time came, it would be a piece of cake for Jayden and Shawn to kick Veronica out of the company.

Skyler watched on as Jayden and Shawn were blatantly berating Shirley, and he couldn't help but feel annoyance surging within him. He glared at Shirley and snapped, "Don't you want to say something?"

D\*mn it! Why do you become a dumb pushover when you are facing other people, but you are so hot-tempered when you are with me?! You only dare to be cocky and arrogant when you 're with me, don't you?!

Shirley pouted slightly at his tone. Then, she turned to glare at Shawn and Jayden. "I'm here because of Miss Murphy's order. It's not up to you to decide whether I should stay or leave!"

Jayden and Shawn froze in disbelief. Apparently, they didn't expect Shirley to disregard Skyler.

"Hey, do you know who you offended? He is the son of the Robins Family, one of The Four Big Families of Bloomstead! So if you want to ruin your reputation, be my guest, but don't drag us into your mess!"

Shawn trembled in fear. "You're fired! Do you hear me?! You're fired! No one can help you this time."

"Yes!" Jayden echoed.

was about to retort when Skyler suddenly spoke, "Oops, that's too bad. I wanted to sponsor your company for Shirley's sake, but since you want to fire her, I think I

her neck, and pulled her into his embrace. "Shir, let's go. It's

batting an eye, but it

she saw Skyler winking at her discreetly. He was emboldening her and consolidating her position in the company right now.

love it," Shirley echoed, playing

had no choice. It was apparent that Jayden and Shawn would love to kick her

jaws almost

is going on?!" The astonished Jayden pushed his

Robins really here to see

Shirley his

isn't Sofia-something

or Tahlia?! Hurry up and chase her,

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The shrewd Jayden and Shawn made up all sorts of excuses to shut Shirley up.

Shirley frowned as she was disgusted by their hypocritical remarks. Skyler, who observed Shirley's expression keenly, raised his eyebrow and sneered, "Is this how you treat her? Hmph, she's my girlfriend, and I adore her like my precious diamond. You, on the other hand, raise your voice at her!"

Adore me like his precious diamond? His remarks caught Shirley by surprise, and it made her heart a beat. She did not realize that her cheeks had crimsoned due to his comment.

"What—" Jayden was dumbstruck before turning to Shirley and apologizing, "Shir, I'm sorry! I'm so sorry for my earlier attitude. Please forgive me. You know how important the company is to us \_ I»

"Shir? You have the nerve to call her Shir?!" For some reason, Skyler became even more annoyed when he heard another man address Shirley as 'Shir'.

Wilson, haha, Miss Wilson, we're so sorry. Jayden and I weren't thinking things through when we spoke just now. So please

was stunned by the turn of

and acquire Vincere Games. If that happened, she didn't know how to face Veronica. She pursed her lips while

to fire you already?" Skyler's voice became sharp and shrill, and his glare toward them became more fearsome. "I'm surprised. Why didn't you tell

he spoke, he took out his phone and called his assistant. "Check Vincere Games' background right now and evaluate its price.

Jayden and Shawn, and the

Mr. Robins!" The terrified Jayden wanted to stop Skyler, but he didn't dare to touch him, so he turned to Shirley and pleaded, "Miss Wilson, Shawn and I

slapped himself on the face several times. "We're sorry!

the seriousness of the matter

Mr. Robins, please! Please don't let him acquire the company! We're so sorry! We shouldn't have handled things so

#### Chapter 736 The Frustrated Skyler

Jayden didn't even feel confident when he muttered those words, but he was left with no other choice.

The elevator slowly descended. Shirley didn't even realize that she was still clutching Skyler's hand in a death grip because her mind was an utter mess.

Ding! The crisp sound echoed across the elevator as it arrived at the first floor.

After the elevator door slowly slid open, the two walked out, with Shirley taking the lead and Skyler following behind her obediently.

She eventually sensed a slight stickiness in her hand when they walked out of the building lobby. She looked down and shrieked in surprise when she realized that she was still holding his hand. Her face flushed crimson in record time, and she quickly released him.

"Uh... Can you please call your secretary and stop the acquisition of the company?" she asked a little timidly. However, she became slightly frustrated when she saw him ignoring her and scrolling through his phone without saying anything.

She had no idea that he was actually sending a message to his secretary. 'Cancel the acquisition of Vincere Games.'

phone, regarded Shirley indifferently,

was rendered speechless and rather frustrated by his antics, but she owed him a favor since he had helped her out just now. So, she should still show

and found that it was 10.30AM. Finally, she looked at Skyler and suggested, "How about lunch? My treat." She wanted to invite him to

spare

Then, before he could finish his sentence, her phone rang.

was only natural that he could see the caller ID on the screen when he looked down. As a result, his good

around and answered the call with her

resonated from the

“Yes. What’s the matter?”

business trip out of the blue, and my mom is in the hospital now, so... Can you please take care of making such a request, so he frantically blubbered, “I’m so sorry. I know that it’s

not a big deal. I can help. Where are you now? I’ll go and

was standing behind Shirley, looked grumpy and exasperated after hearing

Chapter 737 Threatening Shirley

Shirley froze on the spot due to the sheer anger Skyler was projecting. Her mind went blank like a broken computer. She was so shocked that it took a few embarrassing moments to finally understand Skyler’s comment.

“What the hell are you talking about? He’s just a friend.” Shirley couldn’t understand why Skyler disliked Wade so much.

She could hear on the phone that Wade was becoming anxious, so she quickly reassured him, “That’s it. I have to go now. Bye!”

“Wait a minute!” Skyler stepped forward and stood in Shirley’s way. “You’re pretty good at kicking down the ladder.” He looked slightly austere, and his eyes gleamed with a cold aura.

“Mr. Robins, as I said, I have something urgent to take care of now. I’m very grateful for your help today, and I’ll definitely repay the favor in a couple of days.”

Their relationship, which had just eased slightly, became estranged again because of Wade’s phone call.

Skyler could feel her coldness judging from her flat tone, and he was slightly annoyed. Yet, he was even more irritated when Shirley left as soon as she finished speaking.

He shoved his hands in his pocket, tilted his head slightly, and rubbed his chin. He looked like the typical bad boy, but his aura was captivating and charming. The girls who walked past him couldn’t help but look at him shyly, and a few braver ones even wanted to ask for his number.

“Wow, he’s so handsome.”

looks like my

you help me ask for

that he

young girls talked, they soon

his girlfriend? She

looks so pure and innocent! I bet

her! She looks

they chatted, they walked further

words "his angel" lingered in his

after her, he took out

when she heard the ringtone. She stopped in her tracks when she saw Skyler's name popping on her screen and turned to look at

and motioned for her to answer the

as she answered

#### Chapter 738 Meet Your Mother

Veronica chewed the dumplings in her mouth. She could vaguely sense that there must be something important today, judging from Crayson's solemn expression and tone.

After breakfast, the new maid came over to clean up the table. Veronica went upstairs for a brief wash-up. When she returned downstairs, she happened to see Matthew, who was leaving for the market.

"Iron Pillar, are you going to the market?" She walked forward and talked to him. He looked quite humble with the brown shirt and baggy pants. It was absolutely impossible to associate him with the dignified Matthew back in Bloomstead.

"Yes, miss." He looked back at her, who was walking down the stairs and stood on the spot to wait for her. She walked down the stairs, stood before him, and smiled. "Do you know how to make fish stew and braised pork?"

"Yes, I do." "Can you please prepare those for lunch? I'm craving them." She beamed.

Actually, she did not have high demands on food, and she was pleased since he personally prepared her meals these days. She simply wanted to talk to him for a while, hence the lunch suggestion.

Before Matthew focused his attention on her, he quickly scanned around them. Only after noticing no one around them did he lower his voice and whisper, "Be careful."

back at noon, so don't think about it," Crayson suddenly walked in from the

and sighed. "Alright then. I can only wait til dinner. Iron Pillar,

winked at Matthew, signaling that she would

you're already done? Okay, I'm ready too. Let's go!" Mateo said as he rushed

did not dare to talk to him for a while longer for fear

Veronica was mesmerized by the breathtaking scenery as she looked at the dream-like hidden clan and the mansions of different shapes and sizes. "The scenery here is out of this world. It's a pity that we can't turn this place into a

of income if they developed the hidden clan into a tourist

come in here," Mateo

throat and swiftly changed the subject. "Roni, do you know

"No. Where?"

to the hidden clan from the outside world was very reclusive, or Crayson wouldn't have

taking you to meet your

## Chapter 739 The Reunion

Crayson, Veronica, and Mateo walked to the massive gate. Then, Crayson took the initiative as he pressed the doorbell to announce their arrival. The gate of the villa slowly opened, and a maid appeared before them. "Do you have an appointment?"

The maid was speaking the language of the hidden clan dialect, but Veronica could understand her well because she was wearing a miniature earphone that automatically translated her words. Even now, Veronica couldn't help but feel touched that Matthew had given her such a practical and useful gift.

"Oh, it's you, Mr. Elrod. Do come in. Madam has been expecting you." The maid was very excited when she got a good look at Crayson. She hurriedly opened the gate and invited the three in, but she kept staring at Veronica when the latter entered. It was difficult to ignore such a piercing stare, and she felt somewhat uneasy by the attention.

Hayley was her mother. Since the maid was under Hayley's employment, it was only natural that she had guessed Veronica's identity when she saw the heavy resemblance between them.

Sure enough, the maid walked up to Crayson and whispered, "She must be Madam's daughter, right? She looked exactly like Madam when she was young."

"Of course," Crayson answered.

the blink of an eye. I'm sure Madam will be very happy to see her later. No wonder she ordered

friendly chat, she quickly deduced that the maid was well acquainted

villa's hall, the maid trotted over to the sofa in the living room and spoke respectfully, "Madam, Mr. Waylen, and Mateo are here." The maid

sofa jerked and looked back at them.

a black, form-fitting dress. She wore her long hair in a neat bun at the back of her head, only accessorized with a glazed hairpin. Her complexion was fair. It also



The personalities of the mother-daughter duo were as different as day  
in her hand and slowly walked toward Veronica.

an uneasy step back. She merely regarded Hayley

it would be challenging for most people to

she's your

the unfamiliar Hayley, so he stood beside her and coaxed, "I know you may feel a little awkward and  
distant since you two are meeting for

gestured for them to take a seat. "Come, Veronica, have a

Chapter 740 She Is Your Sister

"These are the coffee beans from Castron. It tastes good, but I don't know if it's to your liking." Hayley  
pointed to the cup of coffee the maid brought over and said to Veronica.

Veronica raised her eyes to look at Hayley. Her gaze was indifferent; her eyes reflected no emotions.  
However, at this moment, Veronica suddenly realized one thing—she might have met Hayley before.

Hayley's appearance looked too familiar. She definitely had seen Hayley before, but she couldn't  
remember where.

The maid placed the coffee in front of Veronica. The exquisite white porcelain coffee cup had gold edges  
and carved patterns on the cup. It looked expensive even at first glance. In fact, the golden spoon on the  
saucer screamed wealth.

Veronica picked up the cup, blew it slightly, took in the rich coffee aroma, and took a sip. Then, she  
nodded slightly, "Wow, it really tasted good." It was a classic answer.

was highly complicated because she was meeting her mother, whom she had never met for more than  
two decades, so she was not in the mood to actually taste the aromatic coffee

echoed from the

and blue lapel, short-sleeved blouse, and blue and red pleated skirt entering the doorway. She was  
wearing a unique silver cap made by the hidden clan and a circle of

Behind her was Randy!

'goomi' referred to the aunt while 'oriya' referred to the younger

understand a word, but she was not entirely clueless, thanks to the earphone. Moreover, there was a  
real-life translator beside her—Mateo.

come here." Hayley waved toward them. "Let me introduce

looked at them and then

anyone could say anything, Randy glared fiercely at Veronica and  
and always regarded Tiffany as his only elder  
looked alike, they weren't entirely  
but much taller than her. At this moment, he was wearing the hidden clan's costume as if he had already