

## Bumpkin 751

### Chapter 751 Matt Became Veronica's Bodyguard

"It's not his fault." Veronica stepped forward. "I'm responsible as well."

She got a headache when she heard Mateo and Liam quarrel in the private room. Without giving it much thought, she left the two to work it out amongst themselves.

Now that she thought about it, it did seem like her method of handling it was inadequate.

"It's got nothing to do with you. You didn't even understand what we were talking about."

Mateo was the type of person who owned up to his actions. He would never push all the responsibility on Veronica.

Now that he had said that, she couldn't explain even if she wanted to.

As he said, she 'didn't understand' what they were saying. And if she argued about how she had a translator and could understand their conversation, she would only be in trouble.

silent at that. You're on your own

reckless." Destiny also

it'll be inappropriate for Mateo to show up these days. Veronica also needs someone to protect and translate for her.

about Tanya approaching Veronica, but they

Veronica would never take the initiative to talk

hand to touch the short white hair on his head and his

Pillar follow me. I can protect myself and I don't need anyone to

dragged her last sentence.

turned her head to look in the direction of the kitchen and happened to see Iron Pillar walking over with the

and exchanged a glance with Crayson as if asking

person to stand up and object. "Iron Pillar is an ordinary person who doesn't understand anything. He doesn't know the rest of the hidden clan. How can we

are capable of doing it? Just look at your handiwork!" Crayson angrily huffed, his hand heavily hitting

look, his obedient and honest appearance making him look silly. He was putting

this, Veronica quietly sighed to herself. What a good actor. I'm surprised

### Chapter 752 A Different Matthew

“Do I have a choice?” Veronica scoffed, a cold sneer tugging on the corner of her lips. Unlike the reluctant look she had on, she was cheering and jumping on the inside.

During the meal, Veronica kept praising ‘Iron Pillar’ for his excellent cooking skills. She ‘couldn’t help’ eating two extra servings.

“Goodness, I can’t go on. I’m going to explode from all that food. I’ll be taking a stroll outside.” She then stood up and rubbed her tummy with a pained look on her face.

The servants proceeded to remove the food from the dining table. Clutching her abdomen, Veronica paced back and forth in the living room.

Crayson let out a rare smile when he saw her. “What is an adult like you doing stuffing yourself silly like that?”

Veronica rolled her eyes at his words. Instead of replying, she walked outside. Crayson happened to see ‘Iron Pillar’ come out of the kitchen at this time, and he waved him over.

“Iron Pillar, Mateo won’t be available to keep Veronica company these days. You’ll take his place,” he stated.

with how Veronica was against the hidden clan, he knew that she would be upset if he got someone to guard her at his discretion. Because of that,

meals...” Matthew stopped before he finished

responsible for cooking when she is home,

to take care of Veronica. Naturally, ‘Iron

slumped in front of Crayson. He seemed hesitant as he held back the words he wanted

voice sounded displeased when

“I can, but...”

let that sentence trail off, seemingly

on, tell us.” The short-tempered Destiny hated it when ‘Iron Pillar’ beat around the

applied to be a chef, but now I’m being asked to

but he stretched

words were needed to

eyes at him in disappointment. “Hmph! You’re what the people in Bloomstead call a near-sighted person. You

have a wife and children at home. I wouldn’t have wanted to come here if it

Chapter 753 Short Conversation with Iron Pillar

“Hey, where are you going?” Seeing him run away, Destiny was red with anger as she pointed at his back while yelling, “And I thought you were reliable! Turns out you’re just a money-grubber.”

“Who doesn’t need money in this economy? There’s nothing wrong with loving money either. It’s precisely people like him who know exactly what they want. In other words, as long as they’re paid well, they can even give their life away for Veronica.”

Problems that can be solved by money aren’t problems, Crayson believed. “You’re right. What you say makes sense.” After thinking about it, it does seem reasonable. Therefore, Destiny nodded in agreement.

Meanwhile, Matthew sprinted after Veronica below the mountain while waving the five thousand in cash in his hand, explaining everything that had just happened.

When she heard everything, she burst out laughing while holding her stomach. “Hahahahaha... Oh, my, Iron Pillar. Are you trying to make me laugh to death? I can almost imagine how angry Destiny must’ve looked.”

She wanted to address him by the familiar nickname, Matt, but when the word lingered at the tip of her tongue, she forced it back. Caution is the parent of safety. No matter the circumstances, I must be careful to avoid anyone eavesdropping on us.

Matthew also curved his lips into a smile. Only the heavens know how much I want to hold her hand at this

indeed quite pissed.” That was

raising her hand to cover her lips, Veronica was still in a fit of laughter as she turned to look at Matthew and asked, “Why have I never discovered that you were so talented in acting and disguise? How many secrets are

want to

“Yes, very much.”

tell you everything once we leave the

leave here very

stopped in her tracks and turned to face Matthew while looking at him with worry in her watery eyes.

“It’s...

was created to be long-lasting, and taking it off would be a hassle, which was why the makeup on his it extremely breathable for me, so it

products Matthew used, they only helped in reducing the harm on his skin and did not decrease the level of damage to zero percent. That was something Veronica knew very

the other hand, Matthew only said that in

“Let’s go...”

## Chapter 754 Bluffing

It would have been fine if Matthew did not enunciate that, but when he did, Veronica was so scared out of her skin that she reflexively observed their surroundings. She released a sigh of relief after seeing that no one was around them.

“Be careful of eavesdropping,” she reminded. “I know.” While tilting his head to look at her, he raised an eyebrow and smiled. “If it wasn’t because our situation disallows it, do you think I’d keep such a huge distance from you?”

Veronica did not notice it earlier and only just discovered that. Ever since they descended the mountain, Matthew had been keeping a constant distance of twenty inches from her so that no one would suspect anything.

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Back in Bloomstead, Shirley accompanied Skyler for lunch, which lessened his anger a little. Subsequently, she shared a coffee break with him before he was finally satisfied.

matter of ‘acquiring’ Vincere Games, he told her that he would head inside her, but she could not do

the hospital ward, Monica was taking care of Wade’s mom when she saw Shirley, who she then reminded of

folding bed and helped Wade’s mom wash up the following day. After that, she went out to buy to cause any breakfast? I

some extra food this morning.

they began flattering her after she came out of

like eating with people I dislike. It ruins

those two were overly pragmatic as she witnessed everything that happened yesterday. Therefore, she did not

faces; they were frustrated but afraid to say anything. After

a walk while you’re free? Shawn and I will be here, so there’s nothing to worry about.” Jayden chuckled

## Chapter 755 It’s All a Trick

While standing outside the office, Jayden and Shawn were frustrated and angry, but they could only force themselves to endure the feeling because of Skyler and Shirley’s relationship.

Shawn raised his fist, wanting to knock on the door, but he was stopped by Jayden. “Let’s not bother her anymore. What if we make her mad? She might get President Robins to acquire our company. We won’t have anything left by then.”

“Fine. We’ll go with your idea.” Shawn’s face was as dark as storm clouds. However, he could not voice his anger, so he left with Jayden.

The next morning, Shirley dialed Garrick’s number at 9.30AM sharp. Tut— Tut— Tut—

After a few rings, he answered the call. “President Brennan, good morning.” “Morning,” he calmly responded to her greeting. “Did I bother you by calling so early in the morning?”

Back when she invited Garrick to have a tour of the company, both of them agreed that the date would be today, which was why Shirley had prepared to call him at 9.30AM.

finished all

“Really? That’s great.”

voice. She continued, “Do you have any spare time to visit

not be able to make it today.”

it off as his guilt for standing her up. As much as she felt resigned, she had already mentally prepared herself for this answer and could only smile. “Since you’re not available today,

he interrupted her. “There’s something wrong with my car, so it’s been sent in for repair, and the company car is

a moment, she finally regained her composure. “How about I drive over to pick you up? I

he blew me off deliberately. Turns out he can’t come over because he doesn’t have any

“Would it be inappropriate?”

about it. You must be at the company, right? I’ll head over now to get you.” Once Shirley was

arrived at Cyberten Holdings and saw Garrick walking out of the

Brennan.” She went up

I’m sorry for

out his phone and excused himself. “Excuse me while I take this call.” Then, he turned to the side and answered

#### Chapter 756 Garrick’s Girlfriend

When Shirley arrived at Garrick’s home, it was already an hour after their conversation at Cyberten Holdings.

Looking at the many luxury cars outside the manor and the crowd that spanned everywhere, she concluded that his home must have some sort of ongoing gathering, so she did not think or ask about it.

After she stopped the car by the entrance, she urged Garrick, “President Brennan, we’ve arrived. Go on quickly. You wouldn’t want your family to wait.”

The man seated in the backseat looked out the window and a faint light flashed across his eyes before he looked at his watch and offered, "It's already 11.00AM. You should stay for lunch."

"What? No, no, no. I shouldn't." Since Shirley was sitting in the driver's seat, she turned around and smiled at him. "It'll be just in time for lunch when I head back."

"You just said we were friends. If you reject my appreciation offer to my home for lunch, wouldn't that mean you don't see me as a friend?" He sincerely invited her and threw out a great opportunity.

"That..."

let's go." Without giving her any chance to hesitate, Garrick alighted from the car and

was, after all, the president of Cyberten Holdings, so Shirley could not offend him or dare to disrespect him. As a result, she could only muster the courage to

with fresh flowers and balloons that were wrapped in bright and beautiful ribbons. Beside them was a huge poster with a picture of Sofia and the text, 'Happy Birthday, Little

her steps stopped abruptly. Then, she finally remembered the day at the restaurant where Garrick had told Skyler that Sofia would be having a birthday party couple of days later and

of days later', they usually meant a few

home. Oh, my. Is this your girlfriend? She looks

go to work when you know it's your sister's birthday?

finally found

going to the company. It's to find a reason to bring his girlfriend to Sofia's birthday

so beautiful. I'm sure your father

was even more

Garrick came in, a few women with heavy makeup and lots of jewelry came and surrounded the two. The women observed both of them while

what they were

dear aunts, please stop joking around. This is my friend. Just call

clearing their names, the nickname 'Shir' was proof

Chapter 757 Skyler Went Crazy

The few women enthusiastically held Shirley's hand and brought her inside. "Adam, your family just struck gold! Gary finally found a girlfriend."

"Quick. Come over and have a look. Gary's girlfriend is a beautiful young lady." "You can finally rest assured. Gary has a girlfriend, so all of you can finally stop worrying about him."

No matter how many times Shirley explained that she was not Garrick's girlfriend, the others all turned a deaf ear to that. Just as she was feeling defeated, she finally saw a familiar figure sitting among the group on the couch...

It was Skyler! Since she had noticed him, he had naturally noticed her as well.

Old Mr. Brennan, Old Mrs. Brennan, Adam, Sofia, and Skyler all rose to their feet and looked over to see Shirley being pushed over by a bunch of ladies.

"Adam, she's Shir, Gary's girlfriend." "Have a look. What do you think?"

pretty? At a glance, she looks like a clean child."

was Skyler.

attract men. I just dealt with Wade and now she has Garrick hooked as well. Why didn't I

wildly as she nervously pursed her lips. "There must be a

she's my guest. You'll scare her by

He grabbed

Shirley and Garrick's relationship shifted to the next level. If she was to keep trying to explain, it would seem as though she was being pretentious. Of course, her explanations were unnecessary to the

did you guys

that hugged her waist; her slightly curly hair was let down and the silver crown was decorated with diamonds. She looked incredibly

Shirley. "So, you're actually Gary's girlfriend. Gosh. I'm so sorry for

create a fake scene and make Skyler misunderstand that Garrick and I are a couple. That way, Garrick can make Skyler stop liking me. However,

Sofia's hostility must be because she misunderstood that I like Skyler, so I can use today's chance to play pretend with Garrick, which counts as an

past." Shirley smiled, tacitly admitting her

also made Skyler's face fall and turn as dark as ink. His sharp gaze was looking at her like he was trying to pierce a hole through her,

Chapter 758 Inside the Bathroom

"Why are you so flustered?" While trapping Shirley against the wall, Skyler braced his hand beside her head and used the other to hook her chin to make her look into his eyes. "Huh?"

The sound of him dragging his question resembled a hammer hitting her heart with a bang, making her even more terrified.

"I..." Not knowing where to look, she dodged his gaze and bit her lip while lowering her head to mutter, "I'm not... flustered."

Not flustered? Just look at how she's biting her lips until they're almost bleeding, yet she says she's not flustered.

"I seem to have underestimated you. You've made yourself Garrick's girlfriend so quickly. Are you trying to get back at Sofia by becoming her sister-in-law?" While gnashing his teeth, Skyler wanted to crack Shirley's head open and see what she was thinking inside.

went blank as she stared confusedly

while later, she finally figured it out. Skyler has

don't you think you're sticking your nose into other people's business?"

At that, his face fell as he stared at her with

future, alright, Young Master Skyler?" Shirley never wanted to have anything to do with Skyler, but that guy always seemed to stick to her like glue. Also, he even made Sofia misunderstand her several times and enticed Sofia to pick on her. Such events were deeply inked

use me to attack and take revenge on her. I've let you do

thousands he promised that made Shirley agree to become his fake girlfriend. It was also during then that she was

and take revenge on Sofia, who had betrayed him. As

you to say that again." With both fists tightly clenched together, rage gradually appeared in

said

squinted into slits while the depths of his

"Yes, everything I saw with my eyes is the

## Chapter 759 The Dangerous Skyler

Shirley would have forgotten about it had it not been an exceptionally memorable event. Now that the matter was mentioned, it was safe to say it was all Skyler's fault back then.

Last year, at the entrance of the First Meeting, Shirley was beaten up by Sofia and felt humiliated, so she called Veronica, who then told her that she had arranged a blind date for her. At that time, Shirley did not take it to heart and thought Veronica was only trying to comfort her.

That night, she was in such a bad mood that she went to a bar to get drunk and then hailed a cab back to her apartment in her drunken state.

The drunk Shirley saw Skyler and lunged at him while hitting and chastising him, but she soon felt like doing that was not enough. As a result, she slept with him under the influence of alcohol.

When she woke up the following day and saw him sleeping beside her, she was so shocked that she fell from her bed and repeatedly apologized to him while begging him to forget about what happened that night.



Seeing that Sofia had beaten up Shirley, Skyler felt guilty, so he agreed.

incident, and no one else knew anything about it besides them. However, she

I did. I have already forgotten about it for ten months and just

kept her voice extremely low, afraid someone

know what I

“W-What?”

hand that was pinching her jaw, he turned to forcefully pinch her cheeks to relieve the

the counter and leaned toward her. He was quick to skillfully locate the meeting

wronged, she wanted to cry for help but did not dare to make a

“Skye? Skye?”

were heard from the

ears, she was so nervous that she felt her heart inside her throat. She turned her head and looked at Skyler pitifully, begging him with

the process even more and leaned in to whisper in her ear, “Do

you gone mad?” Shirley’s reddened eyes

some strange reason, Shirley felt nervous but also excited. Her body began to

Chapter 760 An Enraged Matthew

After that, the sibling gradually walked away. Inside the bathroom, Shirley finally could not bear the load as tears flowed down her eyes and she began sobbing while feeling aggrieved. However, Skyler had no intentions of letting her go and mercilessly went at it for half an hour before setting her free.

While they sat on the counter, he embraced her while using his thumb to wipe away the traces of tears around her eyes. He suppressed the displeasure in his heart while grimly warning her, “Remember. Garrick Brennan will never have anything to do with the woman that I, Skyler Robins, had slept with, even if she is a woman I discarded.

After saying that, he leaned in and pecked her red lips. “Shir, you’ve crossed the line. In the future... be more obedient.” He gently patted her cheeks and ignored her red eyes and fearful sobs.

That day, Shirley did not know how she left Brennan Manor. Also, she had discovered something new about Skyler and felt even more terrified of him.

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a few clothing stores to pick out some clothes

“Hello, Miss Murphy.”

heard Hendrey say that you don’t have

saw Mateo's injured face, she thought Liam would be in the same situation, but it was then she discovered that Liam only had a small bruise at the end of his eye while the rest of him was intact. In comparison to Mateo's situation,

felt a cold aura enveloping her, making her shiver. Turning to her side, she

wanted to kill another. At the very least, Matthew's gaze looked very

red lips. Why have I not

to buy a phone." Matthew took a large step forward and used his body to shield Veronica and obstruct the greedy gaze Liam was throwing at her.

tilted his head, but Matthew moved his body along with him and securely blocked Veronica from

withdrew his gaze while scrunching his eyebrows together and eyeing Matthew up