

Bumpkin 771

Chapter 771 The Prince Got Mad

"Don't you get to meet her now? Hahaha..." While Liam stared fixedly at Veronica, his eyes were shooting out a passionate light. It was a gaze that made Matthew feel especially displeased.

Ignoring Tiffany, Veronica smiled at Liam before approaching Xavier. "It has been a while since we last met. I wasn't able to attend you and Antheena's wedding last time. Is it too late to wish you guys a happy marriage?"

As she was talking to Xavier, she tilted her head to look at Antheena, who was approaching them from behind, and a smile appeared on her red lips.

Antheena did not reject her sincere gaze and wishes, nor did she think Veronica was fake. That was because she was clear that Veronica only had eyes for Matthew. Even if Xavier could not forget his feelings for Veronica, his feelings were only one-sided. However, her jealousy was deeply rooted inside her, which made it difficult to ignore.

Approaching her husband's side, Antheena held his arm while affectionately saying, "Thank you."

mentioned the matter of

Have a seat. Since we're all acquaintances, let's not be too modest with each other," Liam urged while instinctively wanting to pull Veronica's arm and lead her to

he was,

so quickly that Liam, who was looking in front, did not notice that she was gone.

wrist, according to her

he even used the pad of his fingers to gently caress 'her' skin. He thought that since Veronica looked as beautiful as a flower and had skin as fair as snow, her skin must feel delicate and smooth like a peeled egg. Yet, who would have thought that not only was

was feeling confused, he discovered that the others were looking at

head to look over and found himself holding a big, burly man, whose face was dirty with a big mole...

Liam, your interests are indeed quite

hold back her laughter, she felt she was about to injure herself

could address him as 'Young Master Liam' outside the palace,

Chapter 772 Killing Tiffany

"Prince Liam is right. Please sit, Veronica." Hendrey treated Veronica as gently as ever.

Xavier looked at her, his dark brows furrowed. Then, he glanced at Antheena beside him but kept his mouth shut. On the other hand, Tiffany glared at Veronica and Hendrey resentfully and then casually took a seat next to Liam.

A bonfire was lit on the lawn, and seven to eight low rectangular tables were placed around it with two futon cushions beside each table. The table had a full spread of delicious food with a few bottles of fine wines.

"She's my honored guest, so it's only proper that she sits next to me." Liam rebuffed Hendrey and politely said to Veronica, "Miss Veronica, this way, please."

"I—" Veronica wanted to refuse Hendrey's and Liam's offers because she knew that the moment she accepted, someone would learn about this and immediately turn into a raging and jealous little monster. you." Liam didn't allow her to decline as he tugged her hand over to sit on the

a chill down her spine and instinctively shook off his hand, fearing Matthew would by myself."

and a band started playing a tune. When the merry song began, a group of beautiful women dressed in Hidden Clan costumes came forward to dance along. The atmosphere turned harmonious and peaceful as the music and song resonated across the venue, and the dancers

clinked glasses with the others in mid-air. With that done, he turned to Veronica with a bright grin and urged, "This is the best wine from our clan. It's amazing. You

"Thanks," Veronica answered politely.

such a good mood. Your

the glass and polished off her drink

the wine glass down firmly, picked up a fork on the table, and suddenly threw it like it was a dagger without even looking away from her glass. In a blink

Splash!

Chapter 773 So Scared She Peed Her Pants

After all, Tiffany only existed because of Veronica's genes. Of course, she could be considered a clone. Still, if there were studies on whether clones would like the original copy, Veronica was confident that people would pay good money to confirm that there wasn't an instant bond and that clones are entirely different individuals. Nevertheless, Tiffany didn't appreciate Veronica's involvement in giving her a chance to live; it was quite the opposite, in fact.

"Veronica! H-How dare you! You have the cheek to kill me in the royal palace of the Hidden Clan! This is blatant contempt to the head of the clan!" Tiffany held her left hand, which was trembling in pain as the fork was still stabbed clean through her palm. Crimson blood flowed down the fork, and her pale face twisted into a painful grimace.

Resentment surged in her heart, and she raised her head to glare daggers at Veronica. She desperately wanted to lunge at Veronica, cut her open, and drain her blood to dispel the hatred festering within her. Unfortunately, they were at the Hidden Clan, and she had to be on her best behavior.

“You’re about to die, yet you still care about the location of your death.” Veronica grinned sinisterly. “But... at least you will die knowing where you’ll be buried.”

With that, Veronica advanced on Tiffany...

Troy, and the rest watched their fight from the ramparts. Although Zac had a secret alliance

in front of Tiffany and guarded

and elegant as usual, and this face overlapped with the one she remembered from several years

a mirthless smile and defiantly said,

fork on the low table while she attacked him with

protect Tiffany even though he felt that she deserved it for offending Veronica. So, he nimbly sidestepped Veronica’s attack and

in terror. Although she had practiced martial arts when she disappeared, her skills were nothing compared to Veronica’s. They weren’t even close in terms of skills. It

surprises. He had always had a preference for women who were outstanding regardless of their physical appearance. So, his attraction

over and whispered to Xavier while enjoying the fight. She wanted to hammer in the fact that Veronica loved Matthew from the moon and back. That way, Xavier would know that he would never have a chance to win Veronica’s heart, even if Matthew

Chapter 774 Disgrace

“Za—Argh!” A desperate Tiffany ran toward Zac, but she had only made two steps before Veronica hurled the fork with deadly accuracy and pierced her calf with it. It was so painful that Tiffany crashed on the floor in a mess of tangled limbs, gripped her calf, and wailed miserably.

The hostile Veronica slowly walked up to Tiffany, stepped on her calf mercilessly, leaned down, and pulled out the fork brutally. Her action was swift and ruthless, and the cutlery’s removal succeeded in tugging Tiffany’s flesh, which resulted in another round of piercing screeches from Tiffany. Her agonized cries echoed across the sky.

The guards not far away didn’t dare to step forward despite the horrifying scene because they did not receive any orders from Liam to interfere.

Finally, Veronica moved away and stepped forcefully on Tiffany’s abdomen. She leaned down, propped her left elbow on her knee, and played with the blood-stained fork with her right hand. Then, she gently brushed the fork on Tiffany’s fair face, leaving a bright red smear across her cheek.

Finally, she rested the fork on Tiffany’s neck, and her face gradually turned sullen. “Tiffany, you brought this on yourself. Remember to be a good person in your next life!”

With that, Veronica raised her hand and decisively stabbed the fork down. At that moment, Tiffany’s eyes widened with horror. It was as if she saw the Grim Reaper approaching and felt Death itself brushing against her skin with its hands.

“Stop!”

nick of time. The power behind that throw made her hand

and saw a man and a woman storming over. They were dressed in the Hidden Clan’s traditional costume. They raised their chins proudly and strode

How dare you attempt to commit murder outside our palace! How dare you disrespect our

man spoke in

the man who spoke turned his gaze at Liam and spoke in the language of the Hidden Clan, “Liam, you’re a prince, yet you did

could you allow this to go so far?” the woman

I can stop them? They are so powerful and highly skilled. My hands are

was given a new lease on life, hastily crawled to Zac’s side and hid behind him, trembling like a

the people who had arrived. Then, he instinctively sniffed when he smelled something out of place and immediately identified it as a stench of urine. His face

Chapter 775 Matthew Is Madly Jealous

“Yes, Prince Dominik.” The servant walked up to Tiffany. “Miss Larson, please come with me.”

The disheveled Tiffany was worried that others would discover that she peed her pants, so she hastily left with the servant.

“You’re Veronica?” Eleanor Ledger walked up to Veronica and gave her a curious once over.

The Haians had prominent and distinctive facial features with thick eyebrows and big sparkly eyes. Eleanor’s facial features were especially eye-catching. She had the stunning beauty of an exotic woman.

Eleanor asked the question in English, but Veronica heard Eleanor and Dominik talking fluently with Zac in Chinese, and she couldn’t help admiring Tanya, who had raised her children well.

Her three children were each proficient in at least three languages, and even the most untalented child, Liam, was proficient in eight languages. Veronica deduced that she should never underestimate their family’s capability. In fact, Tanya’s children were so outstanding that she quickly assumed that Tanya’s subordinates were competent. Considering all these factors, could Hayley and Waylen even win in a fight against Tanya?

“Yes.” Veronica nodded and donned a diplomatic smile.

you want to steal the position of the clan’s leader from me, don’t you?” Eleanor tilted her head slightly and quipped with a smile, but her eyes never left Victoria.

was not easily shocked, was flabbergasted

she was Hayley’s daughter, but no one would bring it up. Moreover, she couldn’t tell

wanted to intimidate

though they were cued, everyone swiftly turned their gazes at Veronica with complicated expressions on their faces. Some were observing the scene

able to give you an accurate answer,” Veronica replied

My mother has been the leader of the clan for years. If you guys can steal it away from her easily, it will only mean that she is incapable of being a leader.” She chuckled airily, and there was

actions made Veronica blink

We don’t stand on ceremony here. Do enjoy yourself.” Eleanor sat

and stood up. “It’s my pleasure to know you all. Let me give you a toast. Please tell me more

too humble, Princess

bubbly personality. I have always loved to be friends with girls

when you’re free. I’ll show

Chapter 776 Confession, Busted

Matthew was not worried about Liam since the man only coveted Veronica for her beauty, but Mateo, Xavier, and Hendrey were different. They sincerely adored Veronica, which had placed him under tremendous pressure. Therefore, he truly wanted to expose his identity so he could be with her openly.

Veronica knew the implication behind his words, although he didn’t finish his sentence. She shook her head with a weak smile.

Zac sat right next to Eleanor as he vividly illustrated Castron’s beauty and prosperity while Eleanor listened with gusto.

“I need to use the restroom,” Veronica said to Liam, who was staring at her and promptly left.

That was a rather flimsy excuse. She actually wanted to take a breather at the hillside. As she stood alone on the hillside, she felt the evening breeze blowing on her skin and looked up at the starry night sky. The fireflies embellished the breathtaking night view, which made for an extraordinarily beautiful yet serene picture.

“Are you thinking of him?” A male voice suddenly sounded behind her. She turned around and found that it was Xavier.

She relaxed her tense shoulders and shook her head in denial. Xavier was obviously referring to the “deceased” Matthew. Veronica felt a little suffocated inside as she stood on the hillside and gazed at the bustling city.

was in dire straits

of his light gray jeans, stood beside her, and looked into the distance. Then, he sighed. “He’s

but his words were filled with endless warmth wrapped around her. She couldn’t deny that she felt touched

sorry for Xavier. He despised Matthew. So, would he also hate her for

I have been lying to you all along?" She couldn't resist the need to know and finally asked him the question that had been plaguing her

I won't," Xavier

me what the lie

You wouldn't lie to me unless you were forced to do so. Also, you wouldn't have trusting. Aren't you worried that I would betray you one

arms around his chest, raised his eyebrows, and smirked. "No, you're not that kind sorrow surged within her, and she

Antheena is a nice girl. She

kill you! Since you can call your killer a nice

"You're already married."

"I can divorce her."

Chapter 777 Expose

"The bodyguard Crayson assigned to you is quite skilled. The people around you are all talented and powerful," Xavier said with a sigh. Initially, he was unaware of Veronica's identity, but he was not surprised at all after learning about it because her temperament and aura had always been so distinctive. That was what caught his eye in the first place.

"It's not like I asked for it." Veronica withdrew her gaze and sighed faintly. She wanted an ordinary and simple life, but it seemed that fate had other plans.

She looked up at the sky and gazed at the shining stars. The frogs were croaking gently as though they were singing under the moonlight. For a moment, it seemed as if she had gone back to the summer of her childhood, where she would rest her head on Daniella's knees, and Daniella would fan her with a bushel fan. Back then, she would lie on her back as she looked up at the sky and count the stars.

"I can help you if you want to leave," Xavier inched closer to her, lowered his voice, and whispered.

He was a man of his word, and she never doubted him. The problem was that the nicer he was to her, the more regretful she felt.

from them. What would happen if Xavier knew the truth? She couldn't even imagine how furious he would

"Let's go. We've left for

to Matthew. Although it was dark, she could sense his intense

and took their seats. The crowd drank and chatted about everything, but no

atmosphere remained cordial and harmonious. It also helped that everyone gradually relaxed the more they

of wine, and waved his hand

of the

and looked at Matthew.

she met his cold and profound eyes. Still, he frowned slightly

to your bodyguard.” Liam chuckled and made himself comfortable in Matthew’s original seat. “I heard that you could

compliment, Prince Liam, but you’ve misheard. I can’t

Chapter 778 Love Eating Lamb

Antheena asked a critical question. Dominik burst out in jovial laughter and explained, “Liam is the youngest, of course. But when we were kids, Liam and Eleanor made a bet during a race. The bet was that if Liam won, Eleanor would have to call him big brother. Well, he won in the end. So, from then on, she would talk to him like he was her elder brother. Eventually, they got used to it.”

“You guys are quite close,” Zac lamented with a sigh and continued to drink his wine. The disappointment and sadness in his eyes were undeniable under the bright firelight of the bonfire. Perhaps, they reminded him of his siblings and that he envied the easy harmony and affection of the Ledger Family.

“Prince Liam, the wine is here.” The servant brought a jar of wine, knelt before the two, and poured the wine.

Right then, Tiffany made an appearance and glanced slyly at the bottle of wine the servant was holding.

“Come on! Let’s enjoy the wine. The roasted lamb will be ready soon. You can try Hidden Clan’s special roasted lamb.” Liam was cheerful, hospitable, and easygoing. He was a natural social butterfly.

“Thank you, Prince Liam, for your hospitality.”

“Cheers!”

this wine

heard about the delicious roasted lamb when I arrived here. I’m truly

“I love eating lamb.”

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cordial and lively. Still, there were two exceptions—Iron Pillar, whose expression was as gloomy as a storm cloud throughout the banquet, but he was ignored due to his status as a mere

put down their glasses of wine, Liam turned back to the servant and instructed, “Ask if

Prince Liam.” The servant turned around and

several people carried two whole roasted lambs over, and two other servants propped up the folding rack, set up the

this

the outside and tender on the inside. I can't wait to

to roast

that was what

a lot of roasted lambs, but none of them smell this great. I have always loved lamb chops. Can

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Chapter 779 Let's Spar

"He's so reserved. I would have thought he was mute if I hadn't heard him speak earlier," Antheena remarked.

Eleanor glanced at Matthew with intrigue. "He looks quite homely, but when he fought with Hendrey just now, I could see that he was quite strong." Then, she turned to Dominik and asked, "Can I spar with him?"

"I heard that Princess Eleanor is highly skilled in terms of martial arts too. I'm interested." "Yes, you guys can spar."

"Eleanor, don't be ridiculous." "Yeah, he irritates me. Eleanor, teach him a lesson for me."

than me. I'm worried he will hurt you by mistake," Hendrey blurted. It didn't sound anything out of the norm, yet it was clear that he

She swept an unfathomable glance at him and happened to meet his eyes. He dodged away

the provocation worked on Eleanor. So, she raised her eyebrows and confidently walked up to Matthew.

"Hey, what's

replied indifferently, "No." His tone

resented Iron Pillar for his involvement in the incident earlier. Veronica would not have had the chance to make a move on her had he not stepped in to fight with Hendrey. When she saw this, she immediately said imperiously, "You're just a bodyguard. How dare

Veronica

right, Tiffany. Veronica, people would even say that you are defying the Young Lord if word gets out."

Zac added fuel to the

Matthew's defense and said, "One should

one who would take Veronica's side. Unfortunately, he was also a married man. As a result, his remarks drove Antheena up the wall as she retorted, "He should be grateful that the honorable Princess Eleanor

is willing to compete with him, yet he rejected her. That's so rude! He's lucky that Princess Eleanor is a nice person. Otherwise, he would have been dragged out

hoping to drive a deeper wedge between Veronica

please don't push him, Princess Eleanor." Veronica did not want to force Matthew into a difficult position. Besides, she also wanted to protect her beloved man. Then, she pursed her red lips slightly and

Chapter 780 Their Drinks Were Spiked

"Let's go over there. It's spacious," Eleanor said as she pointed to the wide lot not far away. She didn't ask Hendrey's opinion, and the usually passive Hendrey could only accept her suggestion.

The crowd eventually got up and walked toward the said location, but Matthew remained seated.

Veronica waited patiently for everyone to walk past them before going to Matthew and patting his shoulder. "Let's go and have a look. We can't give ourselves away."

He placed the wine glass on the table and glanced at Veronica with displeasure. "Have you thought about how you should be punished tonight?"

She bit the bottom of her lips uneasily. Then, she licked her lips and smiled. "I didn't do anything wrong. Why should I be punished?"

"You didn't? Alright, it's my fault then." With that, he got up, turned around, and walked away from her.

"Uh... Hey!" Veronica found his jealousy amusing, but she couldn't cheer him up in front of so many people, so she had no choice but to let him sulk for now.

went over, yet Zac and Liam suddenly

bet on Hendrey to win." Zac

"I have

Xavier answered, "Eleanor."

beamed. "I think Hendrey will

Tiffany quipped, "Hendrey."

sided with his sister

followed suit by saying, "I

Veronica hesitated. "I... Eleanor."

everyone turned to

ahead indifferently. "I do not have money." I'm just a servant, so, of course,

in askance at him. He gets in character quite

It's quite fair. Alright, you guys can start now." Liam giggled. "Come on, give me your money and

in front of Hendrey and bowed deeply.

“Likewise,” Hendrey replied.