

Bumpkin 781

Chapter 781 They Fight

Liam tossed away his wine glass and smiled lecherously. “Miss Veronica, I-I like you. C-Can you be my girlfriend? Hehe, I’m the prince of the Hidden Clan. I’ll pamper you with all the money in the world if you become my girlfriend. What do you think?”

The delirious Liam pounced on Veronica and dragged her into his embrace while mumbling incoherently.

Unfortunately, Veronica was currently plagued with an intense headache, as if a sledgehammer was pounding her brain. Hence, she felt dizzy, disoriented, and utterly miserable. Still, when Liam suddenly lunged at her, she suddenly regained her senses.

“Liam, what are you doing?! Let go of me!” She desperately tried to shove him away, but he wouldn’t budge.

“Darling, just be with me. Your husband is dead, and I like you. So, just be my woman, okay?”

“Are you out of your mind? Get lost!” She struggled and tried her best to resist the crazy man. But for some unknown reason, she felt strangely weak.

no longer where she was, and as soon as he turned around, he was immediately greeted by the scene happening by the bonfire. His face turned sullen and gloomy in a blink of an

confusion and shock, only to see Iron Pillar holding Liam down on the ground and beating him violently while Liam was screaming at the top

“What’s going on?”

over and have a

to the bonfire. Hendrey and Eleanor also stopped their spar and followed suit. The soldiers who were guarding nearby rushed over and surrounded them as they

dare you

“Take him down!”

your bodyguard gone

to stop!

still possessed a degree of rationality despite her current condition. When she saw that Matthew had beaten Liam so severely that the latter’s mouth was bleeding, she scrambled

was filled with rage. He brushed Veronica off, grabbed Liam’s collar, and served him with a brutal right hook. Liam was tossed back about four to five meters and fell to the ground, spitting

in the Hidden

was bewildered, but Xavier keenly spotted Veronica’s slightly disheveled state and questioned with a quickly caught everyone’s attention, and they soon came to a

Chapter 782 Eleanor Ledger

Considering Liam's silence, it was clear that he was unconscious. At that moment, everyone in attendance was shocked upon witnessing the scene.

Even Matthew, who had always been composed and levelheaded in the face of danger, looked at Xavier with shock and bewilderment. Although one could be selfish and easily jealous when in love with someone, he was still dismayed when he saw how Xavier cared for Veronica.

In the past, when Antheena hunted down Veronica in Primrose Residence, it was Xavier who protected Veronica and saved her life. Matthew would forever remember this and deeply knew that he owed Skyler a huge favor.

"You, send Liam to the doctor. You, guard the scene!"

Dominik was keen and sensible, so he knew that Liam had reacted so abnormally because he had been drugged. Therefore, he turned around and swept an austere glare over everyone. "Ladies and gentlemen, this is a scheme gone wrong. I'm sorry, but no one is allowed to leave until we get to the bottom of it."

Eleanor bellowed sternly and then pointed at Matthew. "And you! How dare you hurt the Prince it. It was probably because

that the royal family of the Hidden Clan can do whatever they please?" She pointed at Liam, whom the soldiers were supporting.

but to force herself to maintain her sobriety that was barely there, she clenched her fists tightly and made sure that her nails bit into her palms. The stinging

you first, that is no reason for a

can he take action? After Liam r*ped me? You should feel lucky on Liam's behalf, though. If it weren't for my bodyguard,

a halt. "Maids, bring the guests to rest in the palace, and send our men out to

escorted the people into the palace, and each had a room of their own to rest. Perhaps to avoid the masterminds contacting each other, Dominik personally arranged

promised to

her, signaling her not to worry, so she couldn't say anything

Clan's royal family was magnificent. Even

into the side palace, he stood in the

Chapter 783 Get-Out-Of-Jail-Free Card

"Is that so?" Matthew raised his well-defined eyebrows slightly, and his lips curled upward into a small smirk.

Eleanor lifted her elbow and propped it on his shoulder boldly. "I sensed an abnormality in your face from the first time I saw you. You are extremely well-disguised, and I applaud you for it. But even if you can hide it from everyone, you can't hide it from me."

Disguises were what Eleanor excelled at, which was also her favorite hobby.

When she was young, she couldn't leave the palace because of her status as the Young Lord, so she had to dress up to sneak out of the castle. As a result, after some time, she managed to fool the soldiers and leave the palace successfully. Since then, she would disguise herself from time to time. As the adage would say, 'practice makes perfect'. Therefore, over time, she became a master of disguise. She wouldn't have thought that her hobby would inadvertently help her one day.

and intelligent. You certainly managed to fool everyone with your naive and

were constantly making a nuisance of themselves around Veronica. Still, he didn't expect Eleanor to expose his identity first, so he didn't bother to hide it from

not my fault, though. That's because

to the desk by the window on the right, and retrieved something from it. Then, she sauntered to Matthew, slowly raised her hand, and presented the

person

couldn't help but be slightly astonished when

silence as

her hand with a piercing gaze. "Sharp eyes, well-defined brows, and a straight nose. You're handsome and manly, and your appearance is exactly my type. Fortunately, you're also cold and domineering, not as sissy as those young brats.

chest. Finally, she tilted her head and stared at his face.

as he stared at her icily, his expression stone cold. Then, Eleanor added, quickly assuming that he would refuse, "In exchange, I'll help you conceal your

demand. Her unusual tactic confused him, and he

Chapter 784 Marry Her

"You're the Young Lord of the Hidden Clan. You should be happy to see her die. Why—"

Matthew was skeptical of Eleanor's promise because it didn't make any sense.

"Haha! That's because you don't know me." She turned around, placed the photo back on the table, and sat on the table's edge. "I appreciate talent and competence. However, even if I become the head of the clan, I will not simply kill someone capable."

For some reason, Matthew instinctively felt that Eleanor was a woman of her word. Human intuition was truly amazing yet mystifying.

"Come with me." Eleanor waved at him. She led him to the bathroom, stood by the sink, and handed him a potion bottle. "Use this to remove your makeup. It's very convenient."

began to remove his makeup. Eleanor stood beside him during the whole process and complexion was slightly tanned, but because he had recently applied thick makeup on wiped the water from his face. Then, he turned sideways to face Eleanor.

stared at him curiously. A soft light enshrouded him

After he removed his contact lenses, his eyes were like a pair of obsidians. He had an aquiline nose, and his

cold demeanor and heightened his gentleness. All in all, his features exuded

Thump! Thump!

her heart beating wildly. She stared at Matthew in absolute awe and astonishment, and it felt as if of her status as the Young Lord of the Hidden Clan, she had seen several handsome men over the years. These men would constantly fawn

he was so charismatic and had a distinguished face. His appearance superimposed the image of Prince Charming in her imagination,

Young Lord. Please behave yourself," Matthew reminded her firmly and walked out

Chapter 785 Confession

Matthew sat leisurely on the chair beside the desk when a servant brought in a cup of tea. He picked up the cup elegantly, gently blew the tea, and took a sip. "You're very confident, Princess Eleanor."

"I've sent my people to investigate you and Veronica before you came here, and I know what you're capable of." Eleanor rose to her feet, strolled to him with her hands behind her back, and sat directly on the armrest of his chair. Then, she leaned in close. "A woman needs to have enough power and capability to stand side by side with you. Obviously, Veronica is lacking in many ways."

"I want a wife, not a right-hand man." He brushed her off with a smile. "As a husband, I should protect my wife. So, why do I need my wife to be all-knowing and powerful?"

He took a small sip of the fragrant tea leisurely and swept his gaze across her. "Princess Eleanor, I'm afraid you're looking for the wrong man. A domesticated toy boy is more of your cup of tea, pun intended."

rendered her speechless. She rested her elbow on his shoulder and looked at him. "I've seen too many soft-spoken and weak men, and a dominant and burly man like you

"No, thanks."

of being frustrated after Matthew's swift rejection. She slightly leaned over, came close to his filled

the guests one by one at the side palace, and it just

saw Dominik inside the palace, she bowed and confided, "Prince Dominik, I know who did it, but... I can only tell

words clearly implied that she would

on the main seat with a cold

Thud!

Chapter 786 False Evidence

"How dare you? You committed a crime in our palace and poisoned my brother." Dominik held the coffee cup with his slender fingers, and his tone was so calm and light that Tiffany couldn't figure out his emotions. However, the domineering aura exuding from his body made her fear him.

"Please forgive me, Prince Dominik! I'm innocent. Please forgive me. As long as you pardon me, I-I'll tell you all of Prince Zac's plans."

During the evening bonfire feast, she happened to see a servant sending wine over after she had tidied herself up, so she asked to whom

the wine was sent, and the servant answered it was to Liam.

So, she walked to the venue with the servant. Then, she saw Liam and Veronica standing side by side, so she deliberately tripped the servant, and as the servant was about to fall, she grabbed the wine bottle steadily and poured the drug she was carrying into the wine bottle.

to become hers using the drug, but she never thought that Veronica would ruin her

too slow and clumsy to even rip Veronica's clothes apart. Tiffany was frustrated that her plan to humiliate Veronica failed, and she secretly harbored frustrations at Liam for being so

dangerous light as he was

his plan, h-he

actress. She knelt on the ground and sobbed pitifully. Plus, it helped that she was a gorgeous woman. Therefore, hardly any man

If you tell me Zac's plan, I'll forgive you and keep this conversation a secret." As far as he was concerned, Tiffany was a nobody, but she had some value if she

didn't show it outwardly. She knew that he wanted to know all about Zac's plan. She also knew Dominik would come to her later to extract more information once she told him helpful information.

man of

Prince Dominik." She bowed as a teardrop rolled down her cheek. "Zac came

Chapter 787 The Truth Comes Out

The people sitting on either side of the hall were silent, each bearing different thoughts in their minds.

“Since you’ve found out the cause, how do you plan to solve this matter, Prince Dominik?” Matthew, who was sitting beside Veronica, demanded sternly.

He removed his makeup in the side hall, but he re-applied the makeup before going to the main hall. Therefore, no one knew his true identity except for Eleanor and Veronica.

“Uh, I...” Dominik stammered. “Miss Veronica, although it was an accident, we would take responsibility for my brother’s reckless actions. May I know what compensation you want, Miss Veronica?”

Veronica felt the exchange was highly ironic. Could they truly compensate her in any way she wanted?

“Give me money. I’m an ordinary person, and I love money.”

After she arrived at the Hidden Clan, Crayson and the others were in charge of her finances. She could only spend when they deigned to give her some. If they didn’t give her any, it sucked.

snicker and secretly mocked her, but she didn’t

she went to Crayson and asked for her items to be returned, he merely told her

Miss Veronica. We’re all ordinary people.” Dominik chuckled in amusement and turned to ask Eleanor, “Five million.

as she kept staring

her. “Miss Veronica, please accept this as a token of our apology, and we thank you for your magnanimousness. When Liam wakes up, I’ll bring him to you to apologize in person. Please rest

not required, and she could withdraw money from specific banks. This kind of black card was equivalent more concerned about their reputation. Since it would

of this matter, so the best

hid it on her person, rose to her feet, and waved

Fortunately, Liam didn’t

the two left, the rest began to dismiss

a sip before asking lightly, “Dominik, is that really why Liam did what he did?

asked flatly

came off the top of

Chapter 788 The Ledgers’ Conspiracy

Today’s events would have become even more complicated if Veronica hadn’t been fine.

Meanwhile, Veronica and Matthew sat in the car and drove down the mountain. She handed a wet handkerchief to him and said, “Matt, find a way to do a drug test on this.”

“What’s wrong?” Matthew’s expression turned cold, as if he realized something but still needed further clarification.

She slumped against the passenger seat and closed her eyes to rest, but she could feel her heart in her throat as she recalled the incident earlier. "Someone tried to make a move on Liam and me. There's something wrong with the wine."

Screech!

Just as she finished speaking, he harshly stepped on the brake and stopped the car abruptly.

in displeasure as

most of the wine. The drug's effect was strong, which explained why he was so out of control. I only had a small glass, so I was slightly better off. Regardless, I felt very uncomfortable when I was in the room assigned to me in the palace. I was hot and parched. Then, a servant brought over a cup of tea. I was so thirsty that I finished it all in a gulp. I felt better right after. After a short while, the effects of the drug had

palace. He quickly understood her underlying message. He pondered for a moment before

Therefore, the royal family would have to take full responsibility if anything happened. So, Liam is certainly innocent,

"Tiffany?"

"Yes."

with his thumb and focused his eyes on the road. "Everyone was locked in their respective rooms after being brought into the palace.

she could send a message to someone outside the room and

antidote, it would mean that they had figured out the truth. So, why would they lie in public and bail Tiffany

blurted, which just

Chapter 789 She Has No Choice

"I don't know what she is up to, but she's sly. You'd better be careful and watch out." Matthew didn't want to go into detail about what happened in the royal palace, lest she should worry. "I'll send you back, so you can get some rest."

"Okay." The exhausted Veronica nodded and leaned against the car seat as she fell silent. The spiked wine drained her of her strength and was tortuous to her as well. Although she had taken the antidote, her body had consumed the drug, so she felt fatigued.

As soon as they returned to their current home and walked into the courtyard, a person suddenly scurried towards them.

"Roni, what's going on? What took you so long? What did you do?" Mateo was worried sick as he had waited for them all night. Then, he pointed to the living room and whispered, "Grandpa is worried about you guys too, and he has been waiting for you."

It was already 11.30PM, according to the Hidden Clan's time, which was very late.

a lot of fun, so I forgot the time," Veronica blurted an excuse off the

Mateo's youthful face was tinged with a sense of disappointment when he heard this. Regardless, he quickly turned his head and glared at

Matthew feigned

promised to let me go today, but I couldn't make it. So, the agreement is null and void, so you have to give me back my money!" Actually, it had nothing to do with money. Mateo just refused to allow

insisted that I go. If

before walking to the living room. She stood in place and discretely bit

need to go to bed now. We'll talk about this

tugged at Veronica's sleeve piteously. "I'll buy you a drink. Tell

brat!" Suddenly, Crayson yelled as Veronica still hadn't entered the

him. I have to get going." She shrugged her shoulders helplessly and entered the living room, utterly disregarding Mateo's

her surprise, Crayson and Destiny were not the only ones in the living room

Chapter 790 Hayley Is Here Again

The Hidden Clan is a land of crisis. Nonetheless, they are full of benevolence and morality. They seemed to be magnanimous and wanted to save those in the living hell, which is why they asked me to return and compete for the position of head of the clan, but they didn't even bother asking my opinion about this matter. Veronica narrowed her eyes indifferently.

"I..." Hayley maintained the poise of a noblewoman as she sat on the sofa, looking as graceful and elegant as ever. Still, there was a look of unconcealed sorrow in her eyes when she gazed at Veronica. "Master Crayson told me that you went to the palace. I was worried, so I came to check on you."

"I'm good." Veronica spread her arms wide in response, and she almost did a little spin before them. Then, she grumbled, "You can go home now. It's getting late, and I'm sleepy."

Others might hint to their guests that they overstayed their welcome, but she didn't even bother with pleasantries.

"Watch your tongue, little brat!" Crayson's face sank at her rudeness, and he angrily smacked the sofa's armrest. "She's your mother! How can you treat her like that?!"

have too many mothers. I might have forgotten them if you didn't bring it up." Veronica curled her red lips

deliberately corrected her posture, bowed slightly at Hayley, and said respectfully, "Madam Hayley, thank you for your concern, but I am fine and have returned unharmed. But I'm a little exhausted because I overindulged earlier. If you have

she ditched her aloof demeanor and talked pleasantly and gently. Yet, her feigned

Therefore, she reprimanded Veronica harshly, “Hey, behave yourself! Do you know how the sacrifices Master Crayson and Madam Hayley have

reminder. She raised her head slightly, shot a sharp glare at Destiny, and tilted her chin defiantly. “In

best not to get into an argument with them, especially when it was

for her to show Hayley the filial piety she deserved. Frankly, the term ‘tall order’ didn’t even

“She’s your mother! You—”

was dignified and gracious as always when she remarked, “It’s okay. Veronica has a hard time accepting me for now. I can understand that. She’s right. It’s getting late, so I’ll be