

Bumpkin 811

Chapter 811 Don't You Have Hands?

Mateo's face fell. Just as he was about to turn her down, he looked up and saw Crayson staring sternly at him. Left with no choice, he rose and sat down on the chair beside it.

Just then, Matthew took off his apron and shuffled toward them from the kitchen. "Come on, Master Iron. I've reserved a seat for you." Eleanor patted the seat beside her with a bright smile. "Don't you think I treat you well?"

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who was seated across from her. "Thanks, Your Highness." Matthew didn't mind it as he sat down beside

start having lunch." Hayley never came down to join them. Those who knew what had happened

Since Eleanor was a talkative person, everyone was proactive during the conversation, and there didn't seem to be any hostility going

perfectly hide all her emotions from her face, and no one could read her mind. People like

Eleanor picked up a piece of the meat with a fork and put it into her mouth. As she devoured it, she gave Matthew a thumbs-up. "You certainly live up to your name as my master. The fish is palatable as it's fragrant, tender, and slightly sweet. I can't praise

piece of the fish and placed it in his mouth. His eyes brightened with surprise as he had never expected it to be so good, but he still pretended to be calm. "Is

and they expected the food served to them to

spring onions and carrots. After that, he added a handful of coriander and let

then said to Matthew, "Your cooking skills are

Chapter 812 Loggerhead

“Come on, Master Iron. The pork you’ve prepared is delicious too. Here’s a piece for you.” Eleanor hospitably placed some food on Matthew’s plate, ignoring the others’ awkward stares.

Matthew looked at the piece of pork on his plate and frowned slightly. Without saying anything, he continued having lunch. However, he never touched the piece of pork given to him by Eleanor.

He had prepared several dishes and soups for lunch that included steamed chicken, fried cod fish, braised pork, fried broccoli, pickled cucumbers, baked beans, chicken soup, and mushroom soup.

As the dishes were aromatic and palatable, everyone around the table quickly gobbled them up. Veronica never expected that the Ledgers would love these simple dishes, but they were so eager to wolf down the food.

After lunch, they left the dining hall and the servants came over to clean up the mess. The Ledgers were then ready to leave.

“Thanks for treating us to lunch, Master Waylen, Miss Murphy, Mateo.” Dominik expressed his gratitude gently.

and replied humbly, “It’s

who prepared the dishes in

was in favor of Matthew. It was as though she was worried that they

“Please restrain yourself, Eleanor. Do not

her hand at Matthew. “Thanks for your treat, Master Iron. Please drop by

you, Master Waylen,

calm. After the three of them

on earth are

he turned around and glanced at Matthew,

Matthew whirled around and followed him into

to Veronica and whispered, “Roni, do you think Princess Eleanor is into that

are you calling a loggerhead?” How dare he

talking about

you think

Chapter 813 Buttering Her Up

“Oh, you’re talking about him?” Eleanor placed her hand on the armrest and looked languidly at Dominik. “It seems that there’s no tacit understanding between us, Dominik. Think about it; Iron Pillar is Veronica’s cook. If I can make him side with us, won’t he become our pawn? Also, the Ledgers will never trust him. When they see that we’re close, they’ll try to make use of it. Depending on how we use him, that guy will be a good pawn.”

Her words made Dominik fall into his thoughts. After pondering for a moment, he squinted his eyes and asked doubtfully, "Is that really what's on your mind?"

"Of course." Eleanor flicked the crumbs off the tips of her fingers. "Do you think I'm into an ordinary cook?" Certainly, her insincere words were meant to fool him.

A glint flashed across Dominik's eyes as he fell for her words. After giving it some thought, a smile played on his initially pressed lips. "You're indeed intelligent, Eleanor. Why don't you tell me more about your plan?"

listened attentively as it was apparent that he had

thumbs-up. "In fact, that's the best idea I've ever heard in a long time. It's decided, then. I'll get some rest

hand, placed both hands behind her back, and elegantly left the side hall. The instant she turned away from Dominik, the smile disappeared from

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for Wade's mother

a call and invited him to visit

to take a stroll around the company an hour later, Jayden and Shawn were shocked. Now,

it's a rising industry. If you work with our company, you'll earn a handsome profit." As Shirley led me a lot about it. She was very supportive when she learned that I was going to work with your company." Garrick no longer appeared

to Shirley, "The sponsorship is decided, then. I have to go back now. As for the contract, I'll inform you to come to my company and sign it when

Chapter 814 Skyler's Surprise Visit

"We're just friends," Shirley replied perfunctorily. She didn't want to fall out with them. She was swamped with work the entire morning. It wasn't until 11.00AM that her phone on the table vibrated momentarily. When she took a look, she realized it was a message from Wade. 'When are you getting off? I'll pick you up.'

Then, her phone buzzed again as another message appeared on the screen. 'Thanks for taking care of my mother in the past two days. I'd like to treat you to a meal. I hope you won't turn me down.'

As Shirley went through the messages, a smile played on her lips. Her fingers flew over the keyboard on the screen as she replied, 'Why would I turn you down? It's a free meal, after all. I'm getting off at 11.30AM. See you later.'

She was more than willing to take care of Wade's mother, and it was the least she could do. All the same, she knew that he had been in a terrible mood, so she thought she could cheer him up by having a meal and a conversation with him.

‘Alright. See you soon,’ Wade replied to her a moment later. ‘Alright.’ Shirley then put down her phone and continued working.

Soon, it was time for her to leave the office. Jayden and Shawn came over and asked, to have lunch together. Do you

where they had started fawning over her. They were worried that if they upset Shirley, she turned them down politely.

white jacket. Then, she picked up her bag and left the building. Following that, she waited for Wade outside the

she was greeted by Skyler before

through her phone when she heard someone speak to her. She looked up and saw Skyler standing in front of

on Skyler’s face disappeared when he heard the dispassion in her voice. “There’s something I need to Skyler could finish his sentence, he

the source of the voice and saw a dapper-looking Wade getting out of his car. There was a bouquet of red roses sprinkled with baby’s-breaths in his hands. The flowers were

Chapter 815 A Surprised Monica

The smile on Wade’s face froze as he subconsciously took a glance at Shirley. It wasn’t like he could reject Skyler then, so he said, “Alright. Let’s get into the car, then.” He pointed at the Audi A8 parked beside the road. “I’m using my boss’ car.”

“Alright. Let’s go.” Without saying anything else, Shirley shuffled toward the car. As soon as he arrived at the vehicle, Wade opened the door to the passenger’s seat. “Shir—”

“She might obstruct your vision with such a big bouquet, so I’d better get into the passenger’s seat instead,” Skyler said, then bent his back and got into the passenger’s seat before buckling up. He did everything in one smooth motion. Wade’s jaw dropped as he stared fixedly at Skyler, who didn’t seem embarrassed at all.

Skyler had never been concerned about how others might think of his actions, so he didn’t feel embarrassed at all. Despite being gaped at Wade, he pretended to know nothing as he said, “Thanks. You’re quite a gentleman, Mr. Yoder.” Then, he directly closed the car door.

“Well...” Wade was stunned while looking at Skyler, who was now in the passenger’s seat. He mechanically turned around and gazed at Shirley. “I’m sorry. He...” Wade faltered as he had no idea what to say.

That’s what he’s like. He’s a young master, so he’s used to having mind it at all.” Wade shook his head. Then, he moved

into the vehicle with the flowers. Wade closed the door and sat down in the driver's seat. Then, he started the engine and set off. The traffic was bad as it was noon, so the car

he looked at her through the rear-view mirror. "Thanks for taking care of my mother. When I returned today, she kept urging me to treat you to a meal. She also praised you for being kind-hearted and beautiful. She even said

Skyler and Shirley

for her compliment. It was the least I could do," Shirley replied. As she recalled

he would treat her to a meal, so she told him to invite

arrived." The traffic light turned green, so Wade stepped on the gas pedal and continued

restaurant and entered the private room. As expected, Monica was already waiting for them

Chapter 816 I Have Something to Tell You

All of a sudden, Skyler's phone started ringing. He fished it out and took a look. "I'll answer this call outside." Then, he turned around and left the private room.

Shirley clicked her tongue. "Where are your manners, Monica? You only greeted Young Master Skyler. Don't you see us standing here as well?"

When he heard Shirley's teasing remarks, Wade started laughing. Monica extended her hand and pinched Shirley's arm. "You're getting nastier. You're brave enough to make fun of me now, aren't you?"

"Ouch! It hurts! Go easy on me, Monica. I'm just pulling your leg." Shirley chuckled. The atmosphere was lively in the private room.

However, in the corridor outside the private room, Skyler looked at the number from a foreign country and frowned. His expression turned solemn in an instant. He clenched his phone and answered the call before putting the device beside his ear. "Thomas?"

off now, Young Master Skyler." Thomas didn't go into details as

knew Matthew

plan. Before Matthew left Castron for the hidden clan's headquarters, they had met for

chief operating officer of Matthew's company in Bloomstead. On the other hand, even though Caleb was a taciturn man,

the company to them with peace of mind. In the end, he decided to let Skyler go to the hidden clan's headquarters. Another reason was that Skyler was a skillful medical practitioner. As such, Matthew could set his mind at ease with

to set off now?" Skyler's grip on the phone tightened. He turned to look in the

you being held up right now?" Thomas asked

I just want to bring

as long as the person can be

then.” Skyler hung up the call and returned to the private

around the table, they had their lunch in a joyful atmosphere. When they were done with the meal, Skyler picked up his phone and sent a

look at the phone and saw the message. After shooting Skyler a glance, she ignored him and continued having her

Chapter 817 He Still Cares About Her

They left the private room and went downstairs. After Wade paid the bill, they stepped out of the restaurant together. Wade took out the flowers from the car and passed them to Shirley. With a bright smile, he offered, “Do you want me to pick you up later?”

“I... have to work overtime. There’s a lot of work to do lately.” Shirley turned him down tactfully. Although Wade never said anything, she could see the fervent affection behind his gaze. She felt that she had to tell Wade eventually that she didn’t love him.

“Alright. Keep in touch.” Wade smiled, then said to Monica, “Let’s get into the car, Monica.” He then waved his hand at Skyler. “See you, Young Master Skyler.”

Monica waved her hand at them and entered the vehicle. Only then did they leave the place.

Shirley watched as the car pulled onto the main road and disappeared into the distance. Then, she turned to Skyler and asked, “Did Roni tell you to look for me? What does she want to tell me?”

her hands. After shooting her a dispassionate glance, he pointed at the sun. “Are you sure you as well, so she held the

to your place,” he

Shirley instinctively took a step back and shook her head.

into your company with a bouquet in your hands?” Skyler cut her off. When he noticed the subconscious vigilance on her face,

her. “Am I a wolf or something? Are

for a bit, she replied, “No.” Despite what

had been suppressing his fury, but it burst out of him as he grabbed the woman’s arm. “Get this straight, Shirley. You were the one who climbed onto my bed. If I’m a wolf, what does

the man’s hostility, Shirley trembled and

happened to pass by. Skyler stopped the vehicle and pushed her into it before heading to their

Chapter 818 Come with Me

Even though the layout was simple, it was clean and tidy. Everything was neatly organized, and it gave off the warm feeling of a cozy, little home.

He hadn't stayed in Shirley's house for long, but after he left, he would often think back on the warmth of that place while he lived in the huge empty villa. He even grew to like the atmosphere of a lived-in place despite its small size.

"What did Veronica ask you to tell me?" Shirley walked up to the entrance and changed into a pair of slippers, then shuffled back to the couch and sat down.

"She—" Skyler paused, then lowered his gaze. His dark pupils darted a little as he said, "Actually, there are many things that you don't know. When Veronica contacted me this time, she wanted you to come with me to see her. As for the company's matters, I'll arrange for someone to take care of it for you—"

As he spoke, Skyler hastily explained, "This is what Veronica wants." Skyler hadn't wanted to take Shirley away from Bloomstead, but that jerk named Garrick kept bothering her. That old fox was cunning and devious, so Shirley couldn't possibly win against him.

Skyler was worried about Shirley and even more so about Wade. After some consideration, he decided to bring Shirley with him and leave Bloomstead.

to see her, why didn't she contact me directly instead of talking to you?" Shirley barely trusted Skyler. She knew that no matter how much of a jerk Skyler was, he wouldn't betray her, but

Matt is 'dead', so they're all keeping an eye on Veronica. If she contacted you,

times to Matthew in

at his wits' end, or

President... President Kings, he...

Shirley couldn't believe it. Subconsciously, she got up and sat down next to Skyler, grabbing his sleeve could finish speaking, Skyler held her mouth shut. "Are you

being reprimanded, Shirley collected her thoughts and instantly fell silent. She nodded,

that, the two realized how close they

flushed bright red as though she was experiencing her first love. She immediately let go of Skyler's hand and lowered her head, not daring to look

was wearing her hair in a ponytail,

it was exactly this accidental shyness of hers that

can't tell you right now, but Veronica wants you

Chapter 819 Matthew's Ability

Fast forward to half a month later in the hidden clan, Veronica and Matthew were having their lessons in the study one morning. After lunch, Veronica told Crayson that she was rather full, so she wanted to take a walk down the mountain.

As usual, Matthew followed closely behind. As they walked on the steps, Veronica lowered her voice and asked, "What's going on? Why did you ask me to come out so mysteriously?"

According to the schedule Crayson gave her, she had martial arts practice at 3.00PM. "You'll know later." Matthew gave Veronica a mysterious smile, then descended the mountain with her.

They weaved through the bustling market and passed by three streets before they arrived at a restaurant called One Piece Restaurant. Standing at the entrance of the restaurant, Veronica looked at the shop's sign hanging above their heads. She mumbled, "One Piece Restaurant?"

She gave Matthew a meaningful look. In Bloomstead, Matthew also owned a top-class restaurant called One Piece Restaurant and now, he was bringing her to One Piece Restaurant again. Could it be that this guy opened up a branch in the hidden clan without her knowing?

The man pursed his lips into a smile. "You're smart." Even though Veronica didn't ask too much about it, the two only had to exchange looks to know what the other was thinking.

you wanted me to go down the mountain for this." Veronica nodded as she walked into the restaurant, amused. She examined the interior and

teahouse and a restaurant rolled into one, and private rooms are provided. The restaurant's design is a combination of modernity and the unique motifs of the hidden clan." As Matthew led Veronica

looked brand new, but customers were already

the sight, and she gave Matthew

had truly underestimated Matthew's ability to

within such a short time, and the people running it were probably capable

this seven-story building,"

Veronica was surprised once

the buildings was severely limited, and buildings could only go up to

building right from the get-go. He would need dozens of employees to run the place, and those employees had

Matthew do all of

floor to discover that there was half a floor

to arrive at the half floor. As they stood there, they gazed down at the huge

Chapter 820 Unfortunate

"Does he have a thing for Shirley?" Veronica keenly caught some key information. "Perhaps..." Matthew didn't provide an exact answer, for he couldn't figure out what Skyler thought of Shirley either. "Let's go. We'll wait for them in a room." Matthew reached out and took Veronica's hand. He executed the action with such ease that it looked like he had repeated the same action countless times.

However, ever since they arrived in the hidden clan, the two had kept their distance on purpose, fearing that they would be discovered. However, they were in One Piece Restaurant right now. This was Matthew's turf, so he could do as he pleased.

Feeling the warmth from his palm, Veronica felt her heart warming up, and the smile in her eyes was almost overflowing. They went to the first private room on the fifth floor. After stepping in, Veronica realized that it was designed like a suite.

The outside was a living room, whereas a bedroom lay within. The opposite of the bedroom was a study for work, and the desk was right next to the window.

"This room isn't open to the public, is it?" Veronica stood in the room and glanced around her, then looked at Matthew in confusion. The man curved his lips as he took her hand and pulled her into his embrace. He held her lightly and asked, "How are you so smart?"

His fingers caressed her face, then he leaned in and pressed his forehead against hers. His actions were intimate and filled with love.

eyes at a close distance. Their breaths grew heavier at this point, and Matthew said hoarsely, "If Skyler and Shirley weren't coming so suddenly, I'd be

she gave his back a gentle pinch. "Haven't you had enough of me last

impressed. She wondered how he could have such strong

shook his head. "It's

sense?" She

wry smile on Matthew's face. The latter leaned in close to her and said in a low voice, "There were outsiders back there, and you couldn't relax. I

flushed red, and she looked like a

lip, Matthew reached up and held her chin. "In this suite, even if you shout with all

nonsense!" Veronica was blushing fiercely at his words. Unable to defy his passionate gaze, she reached out and

had pushed him away, Matthew still held her

his embrace. Veronica's body twirled against her will before

left. He then leaned in, tilted his head, and

and his heavy breaths. Her heart thumped along with the excitement, and her breaths began to lose

Knock, knock—

What unfortunate timing.