

Bumpkin 821

Chapter 821 A Million Questions

Skyler walked forward and frowned. "You said that Matt is here, right? Where is he?" "He's closer than you think." Veronica raised an eyebrow, gesturing for Skyler to look at the man behind him.

Skyler and Shirley turned around, catching sight of the normal-looking tanned man with a mole on his face. They couldn't notice anything odd about him.

"What's wrong? Can't recognize me anymore?" Matthew stuck his hands into the pockets of his loose pants, raising his eyebrows with a half-smile. "Matt?"

"President... President Kings?" After getting into the hidden clan, Matthew had always used a fake voice to talk so that he could disguise himself. His appearance was also altered, so the two didn't even suspect that it was him.

Now that he was speaking in his original voice, the two immediately recognized him. "Oh, my goodness, President Kings, are you really alive? I couldn't believe it when Skyler told me." Shirley was bewildered as she opened her mouth in shock.

moment, she walked up to Matthew and reached out to pinch his arm. "You're alive. Are you

front of her in the flesh, it felt surreal. It might even be too fantastical

look ugly, but this is too much. You're a real daredevil sometimes. If I were Veronica

party exchanged glances and laughed,

from the moment I walked into the hidden clan, I felt as if I had traveled through time. Everything here makes me feel like I'm in a dream. I was so used to seeing skyscrapers, so the old-fashioned buildings make it seem like we're in ancient times. Also, when did you find out that you're the young lord of the hidden clan? Have you always known that President Kings

filled

private room, she had been holding Veronica's hand and asking all

and it was

traditional attire,

and took a sip as

Chapter 822 Call Her Veronica

"I used to think that Mr. Crayson was a nice person. I didn't know he was such a bad guy." Pouting, Shirley pitied Veronica. "Never mind. Let's stop talking about this."

Veronica switched the subject and asked, "Matt, where will they be staying for now?" "One Piece Restaurant. Since we have three rooms, you two can just pick any of the rooms to sleep in." Matthew had planned it all in advance. Knock, knock, knock...

Just then, someone knocked on the door. "Boss, someone's looking for you," the person announced. Matthew stood up in response and said, "Carry on with your conversation. I'll excuse myself for now." He walked out of the living room before closing the door.

With only three people left in the living room, Veronica wanted to ask Shirley about Vincere Games without Skyler overhearing them.

Yet, she heard Skyler say, "Since I brought Shirley over, I've already arranged for someone trustworthy to help you manage Vincere Games. The company will certainly rise to new heights."

smugly. "Don't worry, Roni. I won't tell

Skyler first knew about Veronica managing a business in secret, he found it hard to believe the news.

Yet, after thinking of her independent nature, he thought that she would not want to rely on Matthew

seemingly blaming her for it. Knowing that she had made a mistake, Shirley looked down at her feet and stuttered, "I-I'm

I only got someone to look into this because I saw her going

now? "Why are you in such a panic? It's not as if I'm going to punch her." Veronica couldn't help teasing Skyler

meaning in her words? Blushing, Shirley looked very shy. "Don't spout nonsense, Roni." "Nonsense? What do you

looked at Shirley with a confused expression. "I

Shirley found out that her response

sitting by the side quietly, looked at the two women with a smile. Not long after, Matthew returned to them and they spent the whole afternoon chatting

kitchen to prepare a few dishes,

Chapter 823 Scaredy Cat

He had disappeared on the day of the wedding, so nobody had the chance to remind Skyler about it. In the end, he still addressed her as 'Roni'.

"I've been calling her Roni for more than two years. It's sort of become a habit by now, hahaha..." While laughing about it, Skyler still corrected himself on account of Matthew. "Goodbye, Veronica."

Holding her laughter in, Veronica waved her hand. "Alright, go and rest up. We'll get going now." "Goodbye, Miss Veronica."

"Goodbye, Roni, Matt." In the end, Skyler still did not change how he addressed Veronica. Matthew held Veronica's hand and went downstairs, not bothering to correct Skyler this time.

clan, and every shop had to close by 9.30PM and shut the lights off at

a stark contrast between

the man beside him and pointed to her room. "Uh... I-I'm going to sleep now." "Okay. Goodnight. Call me if anything

went back to their respective rooms. Inside the room were all the daily necessities and washed clothes that Matthew had ordered his people to prepare

washing up, Shirley used the new phone Matthew had given them. Besides being able to call someone, all other

could only lie down on the bed and stare at the ceiling. Slowly, her brain started to recall urban legends such as

it, the more afraid she became. Suddenly, a bright light illuminated the room, and

window again as she thought she was hallucinating. Not being able to take it anymore, she stood up in an instant and ran out of her room to Skyler's, banging

later, and the door quickly swung open. Skyler looked at the pale-faced Shirley, but thunder interrupted him

her wits, Shirley hugged Skyler tightly without a second thought, and she trembled in his embrace. It was so sudden that it shocked

Chapter 824 Eleanor Came Again

As such, Skyler only said, "Okay." He then closed the door behind Shirley and walked to his bedroom with her following slowly.

The bedroom was huge, and it had a six-foot-long bed with white sheets on it, making it look clean and neat. Shirley pointed at the sofa and asked timidly, "C-Can I sleep on the sofa?"

Skyler sat on the bed before taking off his t-shirt, which shocked Shirley. "W-What are you doing? Skyler, don't cross the line!" As she said that, he had already taken his shirt off, revealing his striated muscles.

Given Skyler's build, his muscles were only visible after he took his clothes off. With a charming look and a playful smile, he could charm anyone he wanted to with ease.

Skyler announced, "I'm going to sleep. Why are you still wearing your shirt?" He then looked at her suggested, "The couch isn't comfortable to sleep on. Why don't you sleep on the bed instead? I promise I won't do anything.

for he did not have any ulterior motives. Looking at the sofa, Shirley thought that although it was not as big as

here." She then walked to the door. "I'll bring my blanket over." Seeing how helpless she was caused Skyler to smile as

spinning in the palm of his

was thinking about this, he heard the door shut. It was Shirley coming back with her blanket in hand. Not wanting her to be so cautious, Skyler lay down with his back facing the

the room, so she assumed that he had fallen asleep. As such, she tiptoed to the sofa and covered it with the blanket before shutting the lights off

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Mountainside Gardens. Inside the building, the lights were still on, and the

their tracks upon hearing this and exchanged glances before walking inside. "Oh my, Roni, you're finally back. If you had returned any later, Grandpa was

Chapter 825 Meanie

Crayson did not answer Veronica's question. Instead, he continued smoking his pipe while his gaze remained on Matthew as the latter walked upstairs. His gaze made Veronica's heart skip a beat. He can't have suspected Matthew's identity, can he?

"You've been working with Iron Pillar for quite some time now. How do you find him?" Crayson avoided her question and diverted his attention onto Matthew. Feeling that something was amiss, Veronica replied, "Well, he's honest and kind. He's alright. Why do you ask?"

"Eleanor has been trying to get close to him lately. I don't know what she's playing at, so you'd better be on guard."

"Haha." While letting out a snort, Veronica grabbed a teacup on the table and stood up. She then took a sip of tea before saying, "Based on your deduction, I think that you've underestimated Eleanor. If she wanted to start with Iron Pillar, she would have been too obvious—anyone can tell from her actions and words."

Although she wanted to say that Eleanor simply fancied Matthew, she could not bring herself to say so.

this too. In that case, why did she approach Iron Pillar? I don't think she wants to learn cooking

of Iron Pillar from now on. Don't leak any important information to him. That way, he won't be worth much to Eleanor," Veronica suggested. She then continued, "Let's observe things for now. Then, we'll handle any problems when they arise. We can't

pipe. As smoke came out from his nose and covered his wrinkled face, it made

He said, "Oh, I almost forgot. Eleanor has invited you and Iron Pillar to a banquet at the palace tomorrow."

unsure of this. "Using Iron Pillar as a guise, they invited you along. I don't think this is

to go." Veronica nodded instantly. "Aren't you afraid of them playing

as if I'm attending it alone, so I don't have to worry about anything. Besides, with you guys around, Eleanor wouldn't

was very sure of

pipe, so Crayson emptied the ashes into the ashtray before he stood up and left. "Rest early. I'm going to bed

on the sofa, recalling the events that happened recently. Veronica thought

Chapter 826 A Married Man

"You..." Mateo intended to say something else but noticed that Veronica had already gone up the stairs. He lifted a hand and scratched his head before heading directly into Crayson's bedroom to seek Crayson's approval.

Meanwhile, upstairs, Veronica went back into her room and entered the bathroom to freshen herself. However, Matthew was still nowhere to be seen in her bedroom after coming out of the bathroom. She couldn't help muttering, "Is he not coming over today? Whatever. I'll read before bed."

She walked past the screen separating the bedroom from the study room and was about to head to her desk when suddenly, she felt a tug on her elbow. Subsequently, she was taken into a pair of waiting arms.

At that moment, she was hit by a waft of the refreshing scent of body wash. She leaned against the man's well-built chest and wrapped her arms around his waist quite naturally. "I thought that you..."

to speak, she saw an aloof but handsome face in front of her

the hidden clan, Matthew had been in full disguise with makeup on. However, he had removed his makeup right now and revealed his actual looks. It was also the

over his cheeks before gently caressing his supple face with the tip of her fingers. She couldn't contain her sympathy as she said, "Your skin is fairer than

he applied makeup daily, the pores on his face were not enlarged. On the contrary, his face appeared fairer than ever, but that was exactly

damage their skin. Perhaps there might not be any

and lifted her head to look at the man right in front of her. Her eyes looked misty, and the pain in them "Silly girl."

on his handsome face and wrapped his arms around her waist. Subsequently, he said affectionately, "I'm a married man, so

the warm, fuzzy feeling that welled up within her, she felt

on her tiptoes and shut her eyes gradually before making a move to

felt cool to the touch because she was born with a naturally cooler body temperature. As for Matthew, he felt something raging inside him, and his skin

one hand tightly around her waist while lifting her bottom with his other hand to carry her. Next, he turned around and put

Chapter 827 Mateo

“Roni?” The man leaned on his side against the headboard and tucked her under the blanket. Subsequently, he lifted his head and twirled a wisp of hair by her ears as he toyed with her hair. “Let’s go to One Piece Restaurant next time, alright?”

One Piece Restaurant was his base right now, and he could do whatever he wanted over there. “Hmm?” In a dazed state, Veronica likely didn’t understand the meaning behind Matthew’s words, so she affirmed with a grunt.

At that point, Matthew pulled his sexy lips into a smile and leaned forward to blow gently in her ears. Her smooth hair bobbed slightly against her skin, and it felt ticklish.

He lowered his voice, “The soundproofing there is much better, and I prefer seeing your unbridled passion.” He didn’t enjoy it here, where she was afraid that the others would realize something was going on if she was noisier than usual.

“I’m tired. Let’s go to bed.” Just then, Veronica reached out and wrapped her arms around Matthew’s waist as she snuggled against his chest, finding a comfortable position to go to sleep.

her in this exhausted state, and he

she needed to get drunk to sleep well. Ever since they got together, her symptoms had improved significantly, and now, sleep

got up early in the morning and went to buy

Matthew to join them at the dining table, he naturally joined

to be interacting with you quite frequently as of late. You should be on your guard, for she’s not someone you should take lightly.” Crayson subtly probed for information

with a lowered

preferential treatment for you is quite strange. Could it be that she really enjoys your cooking?” Mateo chewed on some meat ravioli as he muttered, “Although

was amiss. “I don’t care about her reasons for doing that, but you must be on your guard. The members of the Ledger Family aren’t to be taken lightly, so you should watch out

glaring at Iron Pillar. “I’m just worried that you’ll be taken advantage of by the bad guys and end

in front of them, so he didn’t generally speak much. He portrayed Iron Pillar perfectly, and his

the dinner party at the palace. With me around, the chances of us encountering danger would decrease, don’t you think

night, but Crayson rejected Mateo’s request,

Chapter 828 Teasing Shirley

“I can’t believe that you can’t even stop talking while you’re eating.” Crayson appeared to be quite firm in his decision, and perhaps it was because he had an important event to bring Mateo along.

The group stopped talking and finished their meal in silence. After breakfast, Veronica gathered some of her belongings and freshened up before leaving with Matthew.

Almost a month had passed since Matthew started his job at Mountainside Gardens. Matthew was now on good terms with Crayson, so Crayson had arranged for an SUV for Matthew to use.

It was easier for Matthew to get around to buy groceries, and it would also be much more convenient for Veronica to get around.

The geographical location of the hidden clan was mainly in the mountain regions. Hence, the roads were mainly mountainous terrain, so the members of the hidden clan preferred SUVs over any other cars, and it was the best-seller in this region.

After starting their journey, they sat inside the car and made a detour to One Piece Restaurant. Inside One Piece Restaurant, Shirley and Skyler enjoyed breakfast together inside their room.

The incident last night made Shirley feel quite awkward, so she silently went back to her room before dawn broke.

afraid of the dark, and she was quite a coward. This hit her even harder while she was at the hidden clan,

of pudding and lowered her head to eat. However, she suddenly thought of something and put down the spoon before lifting her head to look at Skyler. "Y-You... Could you not let Roni

was caught by surprise. "What do you mean?" "I mean... Well... When I was with you yesterday... Don't that I was useless if she knew

who had been quite confused before this, suddenly realized what was going on, and a cunning look flashed across his brown eyes. "Yesterday? What happened yesterday? Do you mean the incident where you suddenly hugged me in

an innocent young girl, so she couldn't quite take Skyler's teasing words. At that moment, her face flushed bright red, and she hurriedly lowered her head. She held a spoon in her hand

slept in your room." She stammered, and as she spoke, she wanted to stick her

way she could reverse time, but if only she knew that this would happen, she would never have joined Skyler in coming to the hidden clan. "Sure, I'll try

she had blushed out of mortification and couldn't take his teasing words. As such,

It'd be quite hard to imagine what would happen if she ends up in

suddenly, his expression darkened somehow. "You're so dumb. I don't even know how you
"I..."

just about to rebuke his words when she suddenly heard knocks on the door from the living
as she saw the duo at the

Chapter 829 Making Fun of Matthew

"Pfft... Matt, your outfit is so over the top." He just felt that Matthew's outfit was an unbearable sight to behold. Perhaps because Skyler was laughing without a care in the world, Veronica and Shirley began to chuckle as well.

On the other hand, Matthew circled behind Skyler and delivered a slap to the latter's head. "I suspect that even Shirley is smarter than you. At least she knows what to say and what to keep quiet about."

"Ouch, that hurt. I think I'm getting a concussion." Skyler reached out and patted the back of his head. "You guys in One Piece Restaurant are all family, so what are you scared of, anyway?"

"The walls might have ears." With that, Matthew took a seat next to him. "Yes, that's right. Iron is right." Shirley nodded enthusiastically, expressing her agreement.

Skyler reached up to cover his mouth with his hand, his shoulders shaking as he laughed. "Oh, man. You could've picked so many names, but you went with Iron Pillar, hahaha... I have to tell everyone this story for ages when I get back to Bloomstead, hahaha..."

subordinates, only a certain person called Iron Pillar has exceptional cooking skills. I

Mountainside Gardens without a hitch. Even if Crayson found a chef, he could get Veronica to fire the chef with excuses like the taste was subpar or the food didn't suit

he didn't expect Crayson to let Destiny look for a chef, and neither did he expect Destiny to

with Destiny, so that was why Matthew chose to impersonate him. "To be honest... I also feel it's a far cry

to tease you now." Veronica reached out and prodded Shirley on the head.

mind it at all. Instead, he pointed

and Shirley immediately stopped smiling as

his wrist and glanced at his watch. "I don't have much time, so I'll keep it brief. You and Shirley aren't familiar with the hidden clan, so don't expose yourselves for

cannot protect yourself, so always remember not to let anyone notice your existence. Skyler might have to sneak out during the night with me, so don't

at Matthew, half-understanding. She then looked at

Chapter 830 Something Happened to the Children

The hidden clan's palace was situated on a higher mountain. The top of the mountain was flat, and a palace was built there. If one stood on top of the palace and gazed below the mountain, one could see the entirety of the hidden clan's bustling city center, giving one a sense of authoritative superiority.

However, as soon as Veronica and Matthew got out of the parking lot, a flashy red SUV drove up to them and honked. As the SUV pulled up, the person in the passenger seat poked their head out and waved at the two. "Hey, we meet again."

The one speaking was Zac. He opened the car door and thanked the driver, then closed the door and walked right up to Veronica. "Are you here to attend the banquet too?"

Zac was in his usual silver-gray suit. It enhanced the prominent features on his face and made him more handsome, but it highlighted the spots on his face as well.

He reached up and smoothed back his short blond hair, smiling in self-proclaimed suave. When she saw Zac, Veronica decided not to humor him. She simply gave him a half-hearted response before continuing her way forward.

was standing beside Veronica. Instead, he jogged up next to the woman

You can't kill me." He shrugged, then said cockily, "However, I can allow you to make use of me. Let's work together

said, "Allow me to make use of you? Hah, what

come to the hidden clan, and I know you're not interested in becoming its leader. If you're willing to

Veronica would rather believe that ghosts existed instead of believing Zac. "Nice. Are you sure you'll agree to anything I ask?" she

his hands in the pockets of his pants. He had the aloof stance

back a strand of stray hair picked out by the wind. She stared coolly at Zac, then parted her red lips as she

intent in her voice so strong that it

you're indeed as bold as

now, he was trying to get on her good side

to tell you about it, I trust that you'd be willing to