

Bumpkin 891

Chapter 891 Don't You Want to See Me?

"Are they Hayley's children?" "They've already grown so much!" "What is Queen Tanya thinking? What's the purpose of inviting the previous head to join the hunting ceremony?"

"I'm not sure. Who knows what goes on in the higher-ups' heads?"

"But when Queen Tanya rose to power, she had previously announced an amnesty for the Elrod Royal Family. There wouldn't be any trouble if the Elrods do not bear any intentions of rebelling, but if they do..."

"Sigh. Who's to say they wouldn't?"

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The crowd was in an uproar, criticizing the three figures that had appeared on the big screen. Since Veronica was Hayley's daughter, Hayley introduced her as 'Veronica Elrod'. It was the same for Randy as well. After introducing her children, Hayley returned to her seat.

hunting ceremony that

is Queen

is she doing? This

"I know, right?"

Hayley's children might not make

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remaining in her seat. She did have her miniature translating device with her, so she could understand what the

device, she could still engage with the others in a basic conversation. She had spent days and

up and spoke inspirational words to encourage and wish the contestants of the

began to dig in. While everybody was having their meal, the dancers

the hunting ceremony were to gather at the training grounds by 3.00PM to sign the

event starts at 3.00PM, so it'd be

agreement and lay down

set up quite densely, and they could

Chapter 892 A Gift from Eleanor

"Missing?" Veronica pretended not to know about it and frowned. "What happened? Wasn't she always with Hendrey?" After she asked that, Eleanor looked straight at her as though wanting to see through her thoughts by observing her expression. However, she could not see anything out of the ordinary after

staring at Veronica extensively. "Yesterday, I heard she's gone missing, and no one has located her ever since."

"This is the hidden clan and your territory. How can you guys not be able to find her?" Veronica asked. "Huh." While leaning against the folded covers, Eleanor propped her chin and smiled. "Tiffany had agreed to come to the hunting ceremony but suddenly disappeared. Do you think she has something planned or is she too afraid of death and ran away?" she asked, wanting to obtain information from Veronica.

Meanwhile, Veronica remained unfazed and pondered for a while, "I think both are possible." "I think so too." Eleanor discovered that it was impossible to get any useful information from Veronica, so she waved her hand instead. "Forget it. I'm not going to look for her anymore." Then, she stood up from the bed and circled the partition before arriving in front of Matthew. "Here, take this. There won't be any mobile services once you enter the mountain, and the participants aren't allowed to bring their phones either. If you encounter any dangerous situation, use this to signal for help. I'll come over to save you."

was a signal flare that looked like a lighter. While looking at the item in the palm of her fair hand, he hesitated for a few seconds, wanting to refuse, but then glanced at the woman behind the partition from the corner of his eye. In the

head inside the mountain. Maybe

could not possibly get cell service. Therefore, the signal flare could not have a tracking

pleated skirt. "Master Iron, I'll

death be more convenient for you?" Matthew asked with

How could that be?" She leaned toward him and stopped inches away before lowering her voice and whispering, "I want to make you mine and own everything here with you." She patted his shoulders. "Mark

her stunning face as she finished her words and got up to leave. Before she went

Chapter 893 Separating into Groups

Initially, Veronica intended to joke with Matthew, but he pulled her into his arms and argued, "Well, do you like having many husbands?" "W-What?" The sight of his gloomy expression stunned her for a moment, for she did not understand what he was talking about.

He raised his hand and pinched her soft cheek. "Are you asking questions you know the answer to?" "I..." A few seconds later, she finally understood him and burst out laughing. "Haha! Now that you've mentioned it, it does sound quite nice."

She knew what Matthew was implying. He was jealous since the head of the clan could have more than one husband, and she would replace Eleanor as head of the hidden clan soon. Hence, she could also follow the rules and be polygamous.

"I dare you." With a cold expression, he leaned in and sealed her lips with a kiss, wanting to punish her for what she said. However, a ray of light suddenly shone inside the tent, and the two immediately sat up and saw through the partition that someone was coming in.

On the other side of the partition was Xavier, who lowered his voice to a whisper. "I have something to tell the two of you."

bed gazed at each other before rising to their feet. When

over when the hunting ceremony was about to begin. Meanwhile, Xavier's gaze landed

a step forward, Matthew

and stopped in his tracks to glance at them from the

between them. Instead of calling her Roni, he called her by her full

finished his

a pang in her heart, Veronica was filled with immense guilt. I owe Xavier too much in this life

around and sat on the chair before half-heartedly picking up the Rules of

later, Crayson and Hayley came and nagged at them about several things

all the participants of the hunting ceremony gathered at the

One, everyone is not to bring along any personal belongings. Two, to be fair to everyone, all the equipment you'd be bringing with you will be prepared by the commissariat department. Three, since there are many of you heading into the mountain together, we will draw lots to divide you all into groups for fairness' sake. Four, we're changing the usual rule. Head into the mountain on foot, find the things displayed on the big screen, and then return here safely. Whoever returns

hunting ceremony today would be heavily rewarded or even promoted to a minister in

Chapter 894 Surrounded by Danger

Although Tanya emphasized that friendship came before the competition, the prize of getting promoted to ministry still fired the participants' urge to win.

One could not possibly return from the hunt uninjured at this point. "I give up. My dad has nothing but riches, so I have no interest in becoming a minister."

"Hey, how about you participate in my place? You'll get to be a minister if you win and make our family proud." "I'd rather drop out of this competition."

"Hahaha! It's better if you all drop out. I'll have a larger chance of winning then." "The rules are getting interesting."

"I'd better give it my all. I might catch Princess Eleanor's attention if I win. Then, I'll be promoted to a higher position. Just thinking about it makes me happy. Hahaha!"

"Such wishful thinking. Not bad."

The chatters continued.

the rules, over a hundred people dropped out of the competition. Later, all the participants had to collect their numbers before entering the arena, and the computer would randomly distribute

start sorting into groups. Whoever gets their number called out, please head to the stage to get your equipment

and commented, "This hunting ceremony is

"Don't worry. I'll meet up

have to be extra careful." As she looked at him affectionately, her

the thousands of participants, Zac, Troy,

to do now that they've changed

answered, "The new rules make it easier for us to do away with Matthew and

makes us

one can

left arm. "No matter what, Matthew Kings must die here." He came and participated with unhealed injuries

it was named a hunting ceremony, the participants seemed more

white bird that resembled a phoenix, representing the hidden clan's spirit

Chapter 895 Heading into the Mountains

Xavier's words were half true. Of course, he would be worried about her because she was his wife, and she treated him very well, but he was even more anxious that she would work with the others to hurt Veronica.

Hearing his words, Antheena was stunned for a moment as her bright eyes filled with hesitation. "Just listen to me once, okay?" he asked gently.

"No!" Ultimately, she rejected his suggestion. "Since it's so dangerous, I have more reasons to stay with you. If you choose to drop out, I'll do that too." "That's impossible!" His eyes filled with determination. "Matthew Kings must die!"

The feud between Matthew and I must have an end. Grabbing his hand with hers, she said firmly, "Then, let me do it with you." When her hand grabbed him, Xavier felt mixed emotions as he felt the chill from her hands.

Antheena looked affectionately at him with her occidental eyes. Her golden hair was tied up into a high bun while a strand of her curly hair beside her temple swayed in the wind, rendering her a picturesque view. Along with her tall and graceful figure was a strong temperament she was born with. She resembled the queen of all fairies coming out of the woods, and no one could withstand her charm.

she treated him, she could never win his heart. Everyone in Bloomstead knew he was a free

your dad repeatedly entrusted me to keep you safe. You should know that he wouldn't allow you to take such risks, and

Number 17, Number 583, Number

ordering the owners of those

in her hand and frowned before turning to look at Matthew. She showed him her number and said, “I need to head up to the

was Number 17. With cold eyes, he reminded her, “Number 5 might be Liam. You need

wanting to say something but then choosing not to say it. Following that, she

man were in her group. Her heart ped a

the hunt, but she did not expect them to arrange for her to be in the same group as Zac and

on the death waiver before removing all metal-made objects and passing a security check to ensure they did not

Chapter 896 Something’s Fishy About Him

As they continued walking, they could still hear the sound from the training ground’s loudspeaker. Mount Manos and Mount Gazette were two huge mountains, and there was even a massive natural lagoon at Mount Gazette.

The target of their hunt today happened to be active around Mount Gazette’s lagoon. That meant they had to pass through Mount Manos before hiking up Mount Gazette.

Lowering her head to look at the time, Veronica saw that it was already 3.30PM. Along the journey she shared with four other men, the only person she could trust was Xavier, so it would be a lie if she said she was not afraid.

Four hours later, the sky had turned dark, and rolls of thunder and booming lightning suddenly struck, followed by a thunderstorm.

“It seems like we can’t move forward anymore. Let’s set up a camp here.” Liam beckoned Xavier and the limping man over. “Guys, come assist me. Zac’s hurt, so he can’t help.”

“Sure.” Xavier agreed while the limping man nodded. “Sure, Prince Liam.”

Veronica was beside them, squatting down to rummage through her waterproof backpack. She was shocked when she suddenly heard the limping man’s voice.

this was the first time

it for a moment, but then a loud boom from the sky interrupted her thoughts,

it up, she placed her bag

you go with Nelson to get some firewood,” Liam ordered her while

name

about it, she called out to

deep in the woods with an abundance of pine needles on the ground, there were barely any branches that could

trees here were thriving, which made it hard

after the rain, so Veronica reminded Nelson when

He nodded

walked forward but

language?"

torchlight illuminated their surroundings,

could distinctly sense a change in his

That's great. I thought you couldn't understand the local language and was worried

Chapter 897 Xavier Is a Great Man

Since it had just rained, the firewood was damp, so it took a while to get the fire going. "Come over and sit beside the fire to dry your clothes. Otherwise, you might get sick," Xavier urged everyone.

They came over and sat on either a rock, a piece of firewood, or a stomp. Then, the atmosphere descended into complete silence.

Sensing the awkwardness, Liam took the initiative to start a conversation with Zac. Meanwhile, Veronica stared at the crackling firewood while lost in her thoughts.

To prevent the groups from trekking on the same path, there were seven to eight different entrances for the groups to head into the mountains.

She had been leaving markers for Matthew along the way, but she did not expect the rain, which could erase all her trails. Can Matthew still find me?

Liam yawned and stated, "I'm tired. Let's go to bed. We still have to make up for lost time tomorrow."

Then, Zac looked at Veronica meaningfully before getting up and entering his tent.

for the latter half of

Veronica was a

that, Nelson rose to his feet

before he piped up, "You should hurry up

was, I'll be looking over you, so nothing will happen

her lips together, she nodded before

that for dinner. Moreover, their vision was limited at night, so they could not go hunting for food. There were no

her eyes and forced herself to

pillow to grab a dagger, she did not budge and waited to see what would happen next.

nearer, she grabbed the intruder's shirt and pinned that person on the ground before putting the dagger near the person's

me!" the man

that she withdrew her dagger and suppressed her voice to ask, "Xavier,

His answer was

not need to ask for a reason, for

owe him too much. I cannot let

Chapter 898 Stabbed Twice

Xavier only finished half his sentence and stopped because he was sure Veronica was smart enough to guess what he was implying. She was caught off guard for a moment. Knowing that there was no other choice, she agreed. "Alright."

It's a matter of life and death. How can I have the time to be worried about so many things? The best option is to stay alive. "But..." She felt conflicted and voiced her doubts, "You established a partnership with Zac. If you help me now, won't he do something to you?"

"You just have to take care of yourself!" Without saying anything else, Xavier sat up and crawled out of the tiny tent. He and Zac had indeed established a partnership, but their target was only Matthew!

After he left, Veronica placed her backpack inside the sleeping bag before covering it with a thin blanket to disguise it. Then, she headed outside.

The hidden clan had a good environment, with the moon and stars shining brightly in the sky, making Xavier's figure beside the bonfire seem vaguely visible.

at each other under the dark of the night, and she headed into his tent. Meanwhile, Xavier was waiting for Nelson to change shifts with him,

and creating a moist environment that welcomed pests. The pests found in deep jungles were extremely dangerous, and a mere bite

ways to stay through the night when they arrived at their next campsite. Veronica went into Xavier's tent and had just lay down

heard that. Before she agreed to Xavier's plan, she was hesitant as she thought he might take advantage of her. Now that she

he and Nelson shared a long

not reject him again, so he returned to his

were low hums of bugs and birds, as well as the sound of the breeze rustling

side. He quickly pulled up the zipper after he entered the tent and lay beside her. Both

It's late." Her voice was

agreed and slowly closed his eyes without doing anything obscene, especially when he was beside her. While the two were sleeping together, he could feel his heart

Chapter 899 Taking Things Slowly

"What's the matter?" asked Xavier as he approached her, sensing her strange behavior. While her head was lowered as she observed her surroundings, Veronica answered, "It's nothing."

"Did someone try to kill you?" Despite her efforts to hide the truth, he had guessed the answer just from studying her expression.

Knowing she could not hide the truth from him anymore, she nodded without speaking as she observed the footsteps on the ground, wanting to find clues from the traces left behind.

Xavier went inside the tent and felt his heart when he saw the two stab marks. At that moment, his anger for Matthew surged, but he knew that no matter what the situation was, he did not want to see Veronica get hurt.

When he came out of her tent, he saw a few people coming toward them and whispered a reminder, "They're back. It's better if they didn't know what happened last night."

"Alright." She nodded and stood up straight before looking toward Nelson's tent. Narrowing her eyes, she fell into deep thought.

few wild bird eggs. Xavier, Miss Murphy, you guys get some water boiling so we

are we supposed to cook without a

"There's no pot of any sort in our mighty backpack." Then, she pointed at the eggs in his hand. "Let's eat them

limited resources, it was best to have

agree with her," Nelson

still quite early. We should slow down our pace. After all, isn't there a saying that those who covet gains ahead are unaware of the danger behind

target animal, so would it not be better if they let the other groups see the animal and fight amongst themselves for it? Then, they would

sounds nice."

with Zac

many competitors, we don't need to be in such

Liam is

Veronica did not say anything else. She turned around and looked toward the mountain's peak in the distance, feeling nervous. We've agreed that we would look for each other after entering the mountain, but now, Zac and the others want to slow down our pace and even stay in the same spot. That means Matthew

that, she glanced

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Chapter 900 Acting Coquettishly

"Don't try to act like we're close." Matthew eyed her coldly. "And you better not think about things you're not supposed to." His tone was cold as ice, and he did not even care about being courteous to her.

However, Eleanor seemed immune to his indifference and raised her leg to place the tip of her foot beside his pants before moving around, deliberately teasing him.

"What thoughts can I possibly have? I just want to build a good relationship with you so that you'll take better care of me." Her slender and fair finger pointed at the gigantic mountain. "Whether it's up that mountain or back below, many are looking to kill both you and me. I'm just sticking with you so that we can help each other out."

It would be even better if I can win your heart, she wished. "Your mom specially arranged three strong and powerful men to be in the same group with you. How can they not be able to protect you?" After that retort, Matthew turned around to pack up his tent, wanting to move forward.

However, Eleanor was still leaning against the tree trunk while raising her head to look at the emerald-green snake, seemingly lost in thought.

was not paying attention, she approached one of the men and whispered,

Eleanor, you..." The man wanted to say something, but she glared

five packed their baggage and were ready to continue

Kenneth, you take that route," the man who spoke beckoned Jonathan to the

told her, "You stay

great chance to get rid of Eleanor, so he naturally would not let such a chance

going to let him

dangerous." Without giving him a chance to get rid of her, she

route, it was more like

reckoned he might be thinking of losing them so

her head. "Hey, Master, slow down. I can't catch up." While tugging on the straps of her bag, she quickened her pace to chase after him before striking up a conversation with him. "Why are you walking so

The man stayed quiet.