#### **Bumpkin 921**

### **Chapter 921 Stopped**

Noticing him moving around, Veronica barked, "Don't move! I'm bandaging you!"

Dominik stopped moving right away. When she finally finished bandaging him up, he had lost his chance to attack her. "No wonder you're the prince. You sure can take a hit." She moved backward and sat down to heal up, smirking at the prince.

He looked at her hands, and once again, he was impressed by her skill set. "You were born and raised in Bloomstead. Where did you learn how to shoot? Aside from the hidden clan and Castron, no nation would allow its citizens to have any firearms."

"There's something called a shooting range," said Veronica as she uncapped Dominik's water bottle. She poured some water out to wash her hands. The blood that drenched her hands was annoying her, so she wanted to wash them all away. "You can't move now that you're hurt, so just sit around. I'll fire a signal. Someone's bound to save you."

She would not go anywhere with Dominik, for he was a dangerous and badly injured man. If anything were to happen to him when she was with him, she could never wash the suspicion off.

gun and fired a shot into the sky. The shot bloomed into a green firework, hanging in the air for a

at her for a moment, then he

laughing at?" She wondered why

you for the first time again,"

"Get some rest. I'm leaving." She pointed at the gun on the ground. "You don't need this anymore, so I'm

stood before

was leaning against a tree, and he looked in the direction where Veronica left.

as she is now. I should preserve my

Skyler met up with Veronica. They ran into three more waves of enemies, but they managed to clear them

## **Chapter 922 A Tragic Life**

If he had known that was what Veronica thought of him, he would not have come all the way here and risked his life for her.

She glanced at Skyler and told Mateo, "I'm not part of your clan, so your clan's business has nothing to do with him and me."

Ha. I knew she wouldn't forget about me.

"I'm sorry, but Grandpa said I must keep you in the mountains until they present you with the prey, no matter what." Mateo stopped her until all six of his men showed up.

them, including Mateo, were defeated and tied to

want to wait, you can wait by yourself." Veronica heaved a sigh and looked at him. "Tell Crayson he will never control me. I

would never have existed. Crayson not only tried to control her life, but he also controlled Tiffany's life as well.

would have fallen in love with her, and Veronica might have been the one to die. Tiffany's existence and her whole life were a tragedy. Veronica despised her, but when she saw Tiffany hit the ground dead, she had nothing but pity for her.

had a break.

him about Tiffany's story. "Crayson might not have been directly involved in her death, but he indirectly was. He created her and pushed her to her death for his plan." A long sigh escaped her lips, and

### **Chapter 923 Not Found**

"Yes. Her Highness isn't back from the hunt yet," informed the guard rather genuinely.

Veronica paused for a moment, then she looked at Skyler nervously.

"Let's go." He gave her a look.

After they left, she became deep in thought. "Matt and Eleanor probably got into trouble, or he would've come to me by now." They're both missing, so where could they be? "To One Piece Restaurant," she said.

They drove to their destination, and Veronica leaned on the seat with her eyes closed, analyzing the problem at hand.

might still be in the mountains."

shook her head. "No

"Whv?"

big commotion. He must've heard it, and

and now, she's saved his

she likes him and has saved him, then he'll be fine. What's there to

She pursed her lips and heaved a sigh. "Because the hidden clan has a technique that can seal someone's memory. If Eleanor uses that to get her hands on Matt..." She

Skyler got the message. He drove on carefully and glanced at her, but it was night and dark outside, so he could not see the look on her face. "Well... Cheer up a little. Sure, he might be a charmer, but he's already married and

#### **Chapter 924 A Visit to the Residence**

Veronica forced a smile and went up to Shirley. "You're still up. It's late."

Shirley looked at Skyler and realized there was a dark look on his face as he stared at Lazlo with fury in his eyes. Did he take this the wrong way?

Ignoring that, she went up to Veronica and hugged her. "It's good to see you in one piece."

The hug touched Veronica's wound, prompting her to draw a sharp breath.

"What's wrong?" asked Skyler and Shirley in unison.

Veronica answered, "Got hurt earlier."

say anything?" He went ahead and dragged Shirley away. Then, he stood before Veronica and checked her out before realizing that her left sleeve had a different color than the other parts of her shirt, with a big hole in it. He frowned and shot her a look. She sure

get the medical kit,"

get some water for them." She went to the counter and rummaged through the

stop whatever you're doing and get your men to find out where Matt is." She wore

were, Lazlo responded, "A second. I'll summon them

with the medical kit. Skyler cut Veronica's

you're this badly wounded, he'll kill me." He

her wound. "If he can show up, that

him?" asked Shirley, who finally noticed something wrong. When Skyler shot her a look, she shut up and sat down,

it into Veronica's arm before extracting the bullet from her wound. He then sewed the wound shut, rubbed some salve

## **Chapter 925 A Couple Alone**

She sat in front of Skyler and asked, "Are you hurt?"

"Are you worried about me?" He wrapped his arm around her neck, openly flirting with her.

She turned red and pushed him away. "Stop messing around."

"You're my girlfriend. I can hug you. Honestly, even if I were to have sex with you right here right now, nobody can fault me," he said without holding back. The girl turned so red that she might as well be an apple at that point.

"Will you shut it? Roni is here. You're such a perv." She pouted and shot him a look.

cocked his eyebrow, then he smirked.

not what I

rest while we wait for Matt's news." She rose to

wrap his arm around Shirley's neck and pull her into his embrace. "You were bold. It's only been one night, and you

it kept me up, so I wanted to do some chores to divert my attention. Otherwise..." She hung her head low. "You've been out for nearly two days.

pressed his lips against hers. It was a quick peck. "I've missed you too." He picked her up in a princess hold and quickly went

An intense kiss was as blazing as a ball of flames. It made her so dizzy that she did not even realize they had emerged from the elevator. Subsequently, he took her into a room

was red and drowning in love, unable to get up. She heaved a sigh and bit her

Chapter 926 Her Plan

"What's wrong, Shir? Feeling unwell?" Skyler rested one arm beside her and played with her ear.

"Y-You're so bad!" She was angry and embarrassed, but she could not hold her lust in anymore, so she started crying.

"Oh, why are you crying?" He smirked and leaned down. "You want it?"

"Yes." She sobbed.

"What do you mean by yes?" He teased her again.

"I... I want it."

"Want what?"

"It."

"Well, I can't just give it to you. Why don't you do it yourself?" Shirley's tears excited Skyler, so he kept teasing her.

"I... I don't know how to do it."

"It's alright. I can teach you." He held her and switched positions, tutoring her on the right way to do it. They then resumed their deed happily.

On the other hand, Veronica was worried sick. After she took a shower, she sat on her bed, feeling so tense that she could not even sleep. She had no idea where Matthew was. Even when she wanted to

track him down through technology, she was clueless about how to use the hidden clan's tech because of her lack of proficiency in their language. Unfortunately, she was at a disadvantage.

She sat before her computer, and it was 3.00AM. She wanted to call Crayson, but he would tell her to stay in the mountains and keep up the hunt instead of searching for Matthew. She hated how powerless she felt at that moment, but she could not do anything about it. In the end, she still phoned Crayson up.

A few beeps later, he took the call. "Veronica? Where are you?" He was surprised that she called. If she was in the mountains, she could not have made any calls. The fact she was calling meant she was no longer there.

"I'm not in the mountains anymore. Matthew is badly hurt, and Eleanor saved him. I need you to find where he is." She came clean.

Crayson flew into a rage. "What are you doing? Do you know what this festival means? You left the mountains just to save him? Are you mad? Do you have any idea how much time, money, and effort your mother and I spent just to make you champion?" he roared, which was something he rarely did.

Veronica knew he would get angry, so she calmly replied, "I know. I know the only thing you care about is the position as head of the clan, but the only thing I care about is Matthew. Find him in twenty-four hours. Once I see him, I'll head back into the mountains and continue your plan. If you can't find him, then I'm afraid someone else will be the champion when I return."

Chapter 927 Sleepless Night

Crayson said, "That proves that Matthew is badly hurt."

Hayley asked, "Is it caused by your weapons?"

"If that's the case, then his survival chances are slim. Veronica said she wouldn't go into the mountains unless she sees Matthew, and this is going to put a wrench in our plans." He analyzed.

The elders nodded in agreement, whereas one of them said, "It's alright. Eleanor's out of the mountains, so even if Veronica doesn't get first place, it won't hurt us much."

"True."

"He's right."

"Matthew's the biggest obstacle in our plan. He needs to die for our plan to work."

Everyone started discussing.

Crayson's face fell, and he stroked his beard. "She'll hate us even more if we do that." He looked at Hayley, worried that this might put a strain on her relationship with Veronica.

Hayley stated, "If he dies, then no one would know we killed him—not even Veronica. She won't hate us. Without Matthew's protection, she will need to rely on us."

Someone nodded. "Madam Hayley is right. His death brings nothing but benefits for us."

"Yeah."

"Waylen, she said Eleanor took him away, didn't she? Send your men over to take him out and be done with it."

"If he is poisoned by your stuff, then he won't survive the night, but what if he's just injured and not poisoned?"

"You need to order your men to get a clearer picture. If he's just injured, we need to take him out, or it'd be bad."

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Back in One Piece Restaurant, Veronica waited momentarily before calling Lazlo. Once the call went through, she instructed, "Get your men to keep an eye on Crayson, especially if he sent his men out. Report back to me if he does anything." She added, "Send one-third of your men to search for Matthew, and the rest will keep an eye on Crayson and Hayley."

Chapter 928 Imminent Death

Her servant was delighted. "The leader will want to hear of this."

"A minute." Eleanor held the servant's arm. "Where's Matthew?"

"You mean the man you saved?" The servant was unsure who Matthew was.

"Yes." She nodded.

"He's poisoned and dying. He's now in the hospital, probably under treatment."

"Which hospital?"

"Lower Base Hospital," said the servant, after which Eleanor got out of bed and darted out of the bedroom.

"Where are you going, Princess? You're poisoned. The doctor said you have to rest." The servant trotted after her, but she had gone out of the lobby. Following that, the roar of an engine pierced the night, and Eleanor drove away.

She floored the gas pedal and sped to Lower Base Hospital, the closest hospital to Lakeside Residence. Though it was a small hospital, the hidden clan's royalty and their families were frequent guests, so they had the best facilities the clan had to offer. Half an hour later, she arrived at the hospital and asked around. Eventually, she discovered that Matthew was in the ICU, so she grabbed a doctor. "How is Matthew doing?"

The balding doctor shook his head and stated carefully, "He's beyond saving, Princess. We did our best. He won't last through the night."

"Nonsense! He was taken to the ICU just in time. Now, you tell me he's dying?" Eleanor's heart thumped as something squeezed it. Despite only knowing Matthew for a little while, she fell hopelessly in love with him. It was not every day she fell for someone, and now, the man she loved was meeting his demise. She would not let that happen!

"Princess, he's out of commission, but the venom is torturing him. Most people would've died at this point, but his will to live is incredible. Even so, the venom's already spread throughout his body. He can't last through the night," the doctor explained with a trembling voice.

Suddenly, Eleanor whipped out a dagger and held it against the doctor's throat. "If you can't save him, I will kill you."

#### Chapter 929 A Way Out

"I'll talk, I'll talk!" The shocked doctor quickly said, "Seek out Queen Tanya. She knows how to save him, but the process is complicated. I can't guarantee that she'll agree to it, though."

Eleanor mused over the option and frowned. "You mean... a spell?"

"Yes." The doctor nodded.

She let go of the doctor, who leaned on the wall, wiping sweat off his forehead as he gulped in the air. Slowly, she turned around and looked at Matthew through the window. Her heart sank, and she was struggling inside. Eventually, her heart won over her mind before she turned to the elevator. "If he dies before my men can take him, I will kill all of you." She stopped and turned around. "Tell everyone to keep his existence here a secret."

"Yes, of course. I'll tell the director right away." The doctor quickly bowed.

With that, Eleanor left the hospital and went to the palace. She headed straight to Tanya's chambers, but a servant stopped her. "Queen Tanya is busy, Your Highness. Please come later."

Refusing to listen, Eleanor kicked the servant away. "Out of my way. Stop me and I will kill you," she hissed coldly, glaring at everyone with murder in her eyes.

One look was sufficient to make the servants step back in fear as they got out of her way, while the servant who got kicked was taken back up. Without anyone stopping her, Eleanor went through the courtyard, ascended the stairs, and entered the great hall.

"Oh my, Nukkar... Mmm... You're so naughty... Ahh... Oh, I love how you're doing it, yes. Give it to me... Hm..."

The first thing Eleanor saw when she opened the door was her mother having sex with one of her harem members on the bed. The couple froze, and Tanya quickly covered herself with some clothes. "Get. Out."

Eleanor's face fell as she turned around and closed the door.

Caught in the act, Tanya lost all interest and darkened her visage. Nukkar respectfully said, "She's probably here for something, Tanya." He held her face and pressed his lips against hers. "I'll be waiting for you tonight."

#### Chapter 930 I Like Him

"Alright, what is it? Just tell me." She did not want to keep talking about that matter, for it was unpleasant; talking about sex with her daughter sounded weird.

Eleanor hesitated for a while, after which she stammered, "M-Mother, a friend of mine has been poisoned. He might not live through the night. C-Can you save him?"

"Take him to the hospital, then. Not like I can help."

"It's already spread throughout his body. The doctor said he can't survive much longer." There was sadness in Eleanor's voice. "I had no choice but to come here. I know you can reverse the poison's spread with a spell." At that point, she only wanted Matthew to live.

It was surprising to Tanya that her daughter would ask for help for a friend. "He's someone you like?"

"Yes," confessed Eleanor.

"And who's the lucky guy? You've never told me." Tanya leaned on her seat, looking at her daughter coolly.

"He..." She clenched her hands, sweat pouring forth. Nervously, she said, "He's not the son of a rich guy, nor is he a nobility. He's... Matthew Kings."

"Matthew?" Tanya tried to recall a face but failed. "Which Matthew?"

"Veronica's... husband."

"What? Isn't he dead?"

"No, that's fake news. He's not dead. He came to the hidden clan with Veronica."

"So, you fell in love with a married man?" Even though Tanya did not fly into a rage, Eleanor could detect her anger.

Yet, she could not care about that and nodded. "Yes, but that won't stop me from falling for him."

# Bang!

Tanya slammed the table. "Nonsense! He's Veronica's husband! And yet, you fell for him? Why? Do you have any idea how long she's been trying to usurp my place? You're practically inviting the enemy into our house."

If it had not been for this piece of information, Tanya would have no idea why Eleanor liked that random bodyguard of Veronica. So, she must've known he was Matthew, and she saw his true face. That's why she fell for him. That's why she keeps hanging around him and calling him her master.