

Bumpkin 941

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Lazlo went down with her, while nearly a hundred people alighted from the cars opposite them and blocked the two. The person in the lead was Rory Finnegan, one of the men in the living room Veronica

met on the morning of the first day she was brought back to the hidden clan.

"Miss Murphy, we have received orders from Master Waylen to bring you back." Rory was nearly forty and wore a black hidden clan traditional robe. Along with his tanned skin and robust muscles, he looked like a tough and handsome man.

Looking coldly at him, she taunted, "You want to bring me back with you? Sure, unless I die here."

Since she had a translating device, she could understand Rory's words, but the others needed Lazlo to translate what she said. After he did, Rory placed both hands on his hips and scoffed lightly. "Do you think you can pass through me and my group of brothers?"

Chapter 942 Falling Into a Trap

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In actuality, the duo took the route on the mountain's south side because they wanted to buy some time for Skylar as he led the men from One Piece Restaurant through another route to the secret research center. Although that path was further, more rugged, and steeper, it was smoother without Crayson's men blocking their journey.

Looking up at the sun in the sky, she found the bright sunlight exceptionally blinding and narrowed her eyes. She tied her hair behind her ear and whispered, "Let's hope everything goes smoothly for them."

Since Skylar arrived at the hidden clan, Matthew told him about his personnel and their distribution. That was why they split up after receiving the map of the secret research center in the west zone. He went to mobilize the highly skilled masters Matthew had arranged to stay in the hidden clan and brought all of them to the secret research center.

With a sufficient troop, Veronica thought there would not be a problem, but her right eye kept twitching for some reason, eliciting her insecurity.

Ring— Ring— Ring—

Lazlo's phone suddenly rang, and he immediately answered after glancing at the caller. "Boss, something happened. We were ambushed and suffered heavy casualties." While the other end was reporting their situation, Lazlo could also hear the sounds of a battle in the background.

"What happened?" he asked.

Chapter 943 She Is Crazy

"I'm fine." Veronica waved her hand and leaned against the car hood. With a tight frown, her snowy-white face was filled with worry and despair. "I've done all I can, but why did things turn out like this?"

"I know you've done your best, and Boss will surely understand." Lazlo comforted her. "But sometimes, plans go astray. Who would've thought the people at the secret research center would know about our arrival in advance?"

The pupils in her blurred eyes instantly contracted. "They found out in advance?"

"That's right. If they hadn't, how would they have set up an ambush and waited for the others to head straight into it?" Lazlo sighed helplessly.

"Ha... Hahaha." Veronica chuckled and then laughed hysterically at the clear blue sky. Even though there was a gentle breeze and clear weather, her emotions were still gloomy, as if a storm was coming.

Her sudden laugh scared Lazlo so much that he looked at her dazedly. "M-Miss Murphy, are you alright?"

"What?" She turned her head, shaking it and revealing her red eyes. "Nothing. What could be wrong?" It was nothing more than being betrayed by the person she had trusted since she was young. The person she regarded as family and decided to take care of until the end of his life had taught her how merciless humans could be and how hard it was to fathom a person's thoughts.

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How did things come to this?

Veronica could not figure it out. "That's too much. Too vicious." She felt a sour feeling in her nose, and her eyes reddened as she smiled self-deprecatingly.

After coming up with such an intricate plan, she thought she could successfully save Matthew. Never

would she anticipate that Crayson would leak her plan to Tanya and make them fall into her ambush just to stop them from saving Matthew. In regard to schemes, she was nothing compared to Crayson.

Chapter 944 Skyler Gets Ambushed

"My God. Is she looking for death?"

"That's so dangerous!"

"Doesn't she want to live anymore?"

"She's the leader of the hidden clan. Wouldn't Madam Hayley's plans be forgone if she dies?"

While everyone was having their discussions, Rory roared, "What are you all looking at? Hurry up and drive down the mountain to check on her." Then, everyone immediately got inside the cars to go after Veronica.

In the meantime, she was maneuvering the wobbling car. The Jeep was so shaky that she clutched tightly onto the steering wheel, but no matter how hard she stepped on the brakes, the Jeep would not slow down.

moment as she sat inside. Just as she was thinking about that, the seemingly flat surface had a hole, causing the Jeep to ramp into it without prior knowledge

Bang! Clang! Clang!

truly felt as though the whole world was spinning. Even after reaching

completely lost control of the vehicle. In the last moments of her life, she gave up, thinking that it would be better this way because if she died, she

her death, the car stopped on the second-level asphalt road and luckily landed on its four wheels. Therefore, the car only shook fiercely

few cuts on her cheeks and arms from the broken windows, she was relatively fine. She was dizzy from the tumbling and shaking, so it took her a while to regain her

the airbag, she then continued driving. Fortunately, only the windows on both sides of the car were broken, and the back roof had collapsed. There was also a hole on the right side of the windshield and a car could still move after

center in the west zone, Skyler had separated from the others. They fell into Tanya's ambush and suffered a heavy loss, but he managed to use his abilities to escape from the

Chapter 945 Making It Out Alive

There were even fewer people inside the underground laboratory, and Skyler met some who greeted him. Although he was extremely nervous, he remained indifferent and nodded. He also had a translating device but could only understand what others were saying without speaking the language.

According to the map they had received, he estimated that Matthew might be held inside the room at the east end of the fourth-floor basement.

Veronica mentioned that Crayson revealed they were using advanced technology to copy Matthew's memories and alter them before inserting a microchip inside him. The room on the far end of the east wing was the Memory Retrieving Room.

"Hey, who are you?" Suddenly, a tall man with a dark complexion pointed at Skyler from behind him.

When Skyler heard him, he did not dare to turn around, so he could only move forward.

The interior of the research center was pure white, giving it a high-tech feel, almost identical to how research facilities in Destor were. Also, he knew that the top research facilities in Destor had the best security systems in the country, so would this place be the same?

He was worried and anxious, afraid the person behind him would activate the alarm system.

As he had feared, the person saw Skyler ignore him, so he pointed at him and barked, "Stop! I'll shoot you if you dare take another step forward."

bring guns, so Skyler had no choice but to stop walking. Otherwise, if the other party fired his pistol, it would only attract even

at the other person. However, that guy had quick reflexes and

Bang!

inside the building and startling everyone. Cursing inside, Skyler shot at the man a

Woo— Woo— Woo—

which sounded particularly annoying. The guards were chasing after Skyler, and their

"Quick. Get him!"

"Kill him!"

can't let him leave

"Come on."

coming from

as Skyler madly dashed forward. "F*ck! Why are there

Chapter 946 Why Are You Helping Me

Matthew was worried sick about Veronica, but now that the alarm had set off inside the research center and everyone was chasing after them, it would be challenging for them to leave. Rather than worrying about other matters, it would be better to think about how they could escape the research center alive as quickly as possible.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

As the sounds of shots firing became denser, the two ran even quicker. However, they met a few personnel in security uniforms with guns in their hands right after making a turn.

Matthew and Skyler were about to run to the left, but someone suddenly appeared to their right. "Over here. Quickly!"

The two turned their heads and saw Eleanor standing on the right exit, beckoning them over. Not knowing whether they could trust her, Skyler looked at Matthew and waited for him to decide.

"Come on!" Matthew told Skyler before they headed off with her into the room.

Once they went in, she immediately locked the door. "Over here. Follow me."

down the stairs and continued

asked, "Where are we going? Why are we still

Eleanor explained, "There's a secret passageway underground

different from how she usually was, for she was not in her bright red dress but a hospital gown. Also,

out from her abdomen and

worried about me?" Then, she gazed at the blood stain on her clothes and shook her head. "It's not a big still hear someone banging

worry about. All the equipment in this research center is at the top of its field. That door is impenetrable."

part of a warehouse. There was a door with the word 'Power Box' on it, after which she unlocked and pushed it open before telling the other two,

could not understand the language, he did not know what was written on the box,

them. She avoided the dangerous bits inside the power box and went to the end, where there was another door that was encrypted and required a

of streaming water. Then, she

hundred feet later, Skyler and Matthew could finally see their surroundings. It was an underground river with a black

Chapter 947 He's Still Alive!

"You saved me twice. How should I repay you?" It was rare for Matthew to owe someone a favor, but he had already owed Eleanor two, making him at a loss for how to repay her.

"Haha... Actually..." She giggled and used the hand holding the torchlight to scratch her head. "That time... on the mountain. That green snake didn't bite you. I did it on purpose to show you because... I wanted you to owe me a favor."

"Pfft— Miss Eleanor, you're ruthless to yourself." Skyler could not hold his laughter.

The truth rendered Matthew helpless, but he was not angry. "No matter what, thank you for your help. If there's anything I can do for you in the future, just tell me, and I'll do my best."

"If that's the case—" Eleanor's eyes lit up, and she was about to voice her condition but was interrupted by him.

"Except marrying you."

Pouting, she rolled her eyes. "I don't need anything besides that. You should leave now. Just looking at you makes me angry," she complained.

such, Matthew turned around and got onto the raft. He looked at her with obsidian eyes and smiled, feeling more appreciation for Eleanor. After releasing the rope, she

thank you! Be careful." Skyler flashed her a smile, whereas Matthew remained

could not see anything forward. Skyler reflexively felt around the raft and found another torchlight.

"Matt, there's

him. "There might be bats inside this cave, so

the torchlight down. The two sat on the raft, and he whispered to Matthew everything that had

the stream flowed quicker, and they could finally feel the breeze pick up. At that moment, a hole appeared in the distance, allowing light to

out," Skyler

steep slope. The two clutched the handles tightly and fell quickly with the rushing water before landing

Tut— Tut— Tut—

phone rang a few times before someone answered, "Who

Don't you save

Chapter 948 Veronica Faints

It was fortunate that the call came just in time. If Skyler had called half an hour later, Veronica would have arrived at the west zone research center. After an hour and thirty minutes, she arrived at the river bay at Roch River and drove the Jeep slowly along the river but did not see any signs of them.

She drove for another ten minutes before finally spotting the two men not far away. Parking the car by the road, she pushed the door open and alighted but lost her balance and fell to the ground.

When Matthew saw that, he dashed over and reflexively kneeled on one knee before picking up the woman on the ground. "Roni!"

Feeling his tight embrace, Veronica reciprocated while snuggling into his chest. She could feel his body warmth and sniffed his scent, making everything feel so real.

"Did you know... I-I thought I would never see you again and that you would forget about me." Her voice sounded choked and had a trace of determination.

He ran his fingers through her hair. "You're my wife. How could I possibly forget you—"

afraid... Afraid that I would never see you

back while looking at the wrecked Jeep and feeling his heart sink. He then pushed Veronica away and cupped her cheeks. Wounds shrouded her forehead, cheeks, chin, shoulders, and legs.

you get injured?" From the moment he

fine. They're minor injuries." She

with prickling pain everywhere. Looking at her body, she discovered that blood had stained her khaki attire, and the area at her knees had torn. She had no idea how her clothes got ripped and had just

the person he held dear

could not describe how much respect he harbored for

could not bring himself to break the affectionate atmosphere between the couple, so he could only stand by the side and watch. Suddenly, he began to miss Shirley. He had called her when they arrived ashore, but it did not go

while later, several cars arrived, and Matthew carried Veronica onto one of them while Skyler got in the passenger seat

rendering her a little shy. "Let me down." While speaking, she peeked

Chapter 949 Skyler Gets Furious

Once the car came to a stop, Matthew dashed toward the emergency room with Veronica in his arms. After several checkups, Skyler approached Matthew and patted his shoulder. "Don't worry. Roni is a lucky woman. She'll be fine."

Matthew did not reply and stood silently on the side, whereas Skyler sat on the bench and waited. Then, he suddenly thought of Shirley and called someone from One Piece Restaurant. When the call went through, he immediately inquired, "Dean, where's Shirley? Why isn't she picking up my calls?"

"Uhm... She..." The person on the other end stammered, his tone sounding off.

Shooting up from his seat, Skyler exclaimed, "What happened? Did something happen to her?" His heart raced, and his eyelids kept twitching as he felt a strong sense of uneasiness.

"She's injured."

"Injured? Is it serious? Where is she now? How did she get hurt?" At that point, it felt like his heart was in his throat, causing his panic to surge till his breathing became difficult.

at

was near One Piece

hospital was until he realized he was

"Block C, room 407."

After hanging up the call, he looked at Matthew, who nodded and immediately headed downstairs with anxiety. When he found Block C, he went to Dean Gesner from One Piece Restaurant and the others inside the single ward. All of them were people Matthew had arranged at the restaurant. Despite their prominent combat you're here." Dean greeted him before quietly looking at Shirley, who was lying on the her face bandaged from her left cheek to her right temple at an angle, covering her right eye. Feeling his heart sink, Skyler noticed her ashen face and lips, so he asked, "W-What happened to her? Why

Chapter 950 A Broken Rib

Deen quickly called for the doctor. Soon, the doctor came over with the diagnostics report and an X-ray scan report to explain the patient's condition to Skyler.

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"She needs a good rest to avoid wound infection. The wound will feel itchy during the recovery, so please make sure that she doesn't scratch the area," the doctor reminded Skyler, and Deen was busy tending between the two.

In the end, Skyler asked that everyone leave the room. He took a chair and sat by the bed, staring at the sleeping Shirley with an aching heart. He took her hand, his fingertips caressing the pale and smooth skin. Her fingers were cool to the touch, and he enjoyed holding them, but it also pained him.

He regretted bringing Shirley to the hidden clan. Had it not been for his selfishness, she would not have ended up in this situation. Knowing how much she cared about her looks, this outcome had to be difficult for her to stomach.

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the sight of the weak Shirley on the bed, and he frowned with pain in his eyes. "She..." He started choking

Who did that?"

he escaped." While speaking, Skyler could not hold back his rage and

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