

Fat Wife 1011

Chapter 1011 - 1011 Selling the House

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“Of course! I’m here to convey the Su family’s intention to pay compensation. They’re willing to compensate 5,000 dollars to Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang for the losses. As for how the two of you want to split the money, it doesn’t matter to the Su family. They are only offering a total of 5,000 dollars,” Zou Ming said slowly.

Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang turned to look at Qiao Mei at the same time. The amount of 5,000 dollars was not a small sum. It was enough for them to live in the capital for five years without having to worry about their daily expenses! In fact, Zhou Shuang did not even need to rent a house anymore. She could even buy over her current house!

Qiao Mei looked at the expressions on the faces of Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang, and then at Zou Ming’s sincere attitude. However, she was still not satisfied. This offer of 5,000 dollars definitely did not originate from Old Madam Fan. With Old Madam Fan’s stingy character, how could she be willing to give them money? It was already good enough that she did not come to their houses to beat them up or scold them.

It seemed that someone else had made the decision for Old Madam Fan. During this period of time, she had also asked around about Old Madam Fan’s family and had heard a little about them.

“It’s not impossible to settle at 5,000 dollars, but the medical fees have to be calculated separately. It cannot be within the scope of compensation. Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang have the receipts for their hospitalization fees. The total amount is 643 dollars and 59 cents and we will not accept a single cent less. If that is alright, then we will accept what is being proposed at this mediation session. At the same time, Su Yang has to personally come and hand over the money to my two elder sisters. He will also have to apologize sincerely,” Qiao Mei said sternly.

Zou Ming was not sure if the Su family still had any more money, but Qiao Mei’s request was very reasonable and there was nothing wrong with it.

“I’ll discuss this matter with the Su family again and I’ll call you when there’s a conclusion,” Zou Ming said.

At this moment, Sun Juan said, "Officer Zou, let's do as Qiao Mei says. We'll go along with whatever Qiao Mei says. If there's anything you need us to do, just let us know. It's not so convenient for Qiao Mei to move around."

Qiao Mei smiled and looked at Sun Juan. Her efforts had not been not in vain. These two elder sisters now knew how to think for her well-being. In the future, they would become Li Gui's good helpers in the business.

"Alright, I'll contact you if I need anything." After Zou Ming finished taking notes, he left Qiao Mei's house and returned to the police station.

Qiao Mei looked at the two women and asked, "Are your houses owned or rented?"

"My ex-husband left my current place to me after the divorce. It can be considered my own house, but it's actually a room that's part of a bigger courtyard house. It's much smaller than yours, but it's enough for me to live alone," Sun Juan said factually.

For Zhou Shuang, they all knew that her house was rented. Besides, she still had two sons. She did not even know how her two sons would be able to get married in the future!

"There are still a few empty rooms in the courtyard house where you prepare the corn. The kitchen there has already been renovated and installed with floor heating. If you want to buy your own place, I can sell two rooms there to you," Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei had bought the house for 9,500 dollars and the renovation had cost more than 2,000 dollars. Altogether, it had cost her about 13,000 dollars. If she sold them a room each for 2,500 dollars, she would still make a profit. Most importantly, she would not have to hire anyone to keep an eye on the corn in that courtyard. It was equivalent to getting two security guards for free!

Furthermore, there would be no need for her to find a cleaner for the courtyard house. Whenever the women had nothing to do, they could go and pluck the corn kernels. If they did that, they would definitely be able to earn more than they did now.

"That house of yours is worth a lot of money! We can't afford it!" Zhou Shuang said awkwardly.

"It's not that much. If I do a quick calculation, it's about 2,500 dollars per room. You can use the kitchen and bathroom as you please. Of course, those areas are not part of the transaction as it's considered the common area. All the furniture inside the room is included in the price. I'll sell it to you as a package. If you are interested, I'll sell each of you a room. Don't tell anyone about this. I'll only sell to the two of you. I won't sell to anyone else. You also know that houses are something that I don't lack," Qiao Mei said.

It was not something that they could decide on their own right away. Zhou Shuang had to go back and discuss it with her husband, while Sun Juan had to go home to see how much savings she had left. After all, she still had to save some money for her retirement! She was not young anymore and would have to make sure that she had enough for her funeral expenses in the future.

"There's no hurry. It's not as if my house will run away. Come and talk to me when you've made a decision. As long as the two of you are the buyers, the price will always be 2,500 dollars," Qiao Mei said earnestly.

Chapter 1012 You Are My Biological Brother

Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan were very grateful to Qiao Mei for being so forthright. The rooms in Qiao Mei's corn courtyard house were much bigger than the ones they were living in now. Each room was around 25 square meters! The kitchen and bathroom were also installed with the latest equipment on the market. Moreover, a house with floor heating was definitely much warmer and safer than one using stoves or boilers.

They never dreamed that they would have a place of their own.

"Alright, let us go back and think about it. We'll definitely give you an answer as soon as possible!" Zhou Shuang said.

Xia He looked at the sky and saw that it was getting late. She smiled and asked, "Do you want to ask Sister Feng and your two children over for a meal? Let's get everyone to gather together."

"Oh no! There's still a lot of food at home! It would go bad if we don't finish it! We're going home now. We'll come and look for you another day," Zhou Shuang said.

"You guys should rest well for the next two days. You can go back to work again at the beginning of next month," Qiao Mei said.

"Alright, we'll do what you say." Thereafter, Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang headed home together.

Qiao Mei leaned back on the rocking chair again. The entire day had passed by in a daze, as if she had only blinked once and the whole day was over.

Now that she had settled the matter with the two women, it was time to have a good discussion with Qiao Yu. There was actually not much of a hurry when it came to this matter. Qiao Yu had always dreamed of taking over Li Gui's small house, so she would let Qiao Yu stay there for a few more days until she had enough of it.

Qiao Mei returned to the bedroom to take a rest. She felt that she did not have enough rest in the afternoon and still needed to replenish her energy. Xia He paced around the courtyard nervously. It was almost time for Xia Wen to get off work and she was still not ready to explain to Xia Wen what had happened during the day.

Even if she did not explain herself, Xia Wen would still be able to find out everything for himself. Nothing could escape Xia Wen's eyes.

"Is there something wrong with you? Why are you loitering in the courtyard on such a cold day?" Xia Wen stood at the door and looked at Xia He with some interest.

In his eyes, Xia He was like a free-range chick that kept circling the courtyard. Even the donkeys in the production team were not as diligent as her. It was such a pity that she did not engage in manual labor.

"You don't make any sound when you walk! Don't you know how to say something as you come in!" Xia He said as she held her chest in fear.

Xia Wen walked into the courtyard and waved his hand with a smile. "If you don't do anything wrong, you shouldn't be afraid that there'll be ghosts knocking on your door. If you're feeling so afraid of me, you must find the reason within yourself."

"You! Are you my biological brother! Why do you always lecture me!" Xia He complained.

Xia Wen did not say anything else. He suddenly took out a package from behind him. It had the name of the most famous roast duck shop in the capital pasted on it. One could not buy a roast duck from this shop without an appointment and they only sold 50 ducks per day. Xia Wen had bought five in one go! Who knew how long he had to queue to make the purchase.

"Look at this. Aren't I your biological brother?" Xia Wen asked with a smile.

Xia He's eyes lit up as she excitedly took the roast duck from Xia Wen. She was so happy that she skipped on the spot. She had not eaten authentic roast duck from the capital since she got married. It was still Xia Wen who knew her taste well.

"Yes! Definitely my biological brother! I love you so much! How do you know that I want to eat roast duck!" Xia He said.

"I don't know who it was but someone shouted at my car previously and told me not to come over unless I brought something along. Who was the one who said all this? Was it a dog? But I don't think we have a dog at home." After saying that, Xia Wen still put on a show of looking around.

"Alright, it's my fault! It's just that I was angry back then... My eldest brother is definitely the nicest person!" Xia He said ingratiatingly.

"Hurry up and go cut it up. Otherwise it'll get cold soon," Xia Wen said.

The two of them walked straight to the backyard. As it was already mealtime, naturally they would have their dinner first. Whatever they wanted to discuss could wait until after dinner.

Qiao Mei only got up from the bed in a daze when she smelled the fragrance of food. After dressing up, she also went to the backyard. The entire family gathered together happily for a meal. Under Zheng Peng's guidance, the four children had gradually become more sensible. It was actually very subtle and it was hard to put a finger on what had changed.

After dinner, Qiao Mei brought Li Gui and the Xia siblings to the main hall and asked Xiao An from the guard team to bring Qiao Yu over to settle the matter between them.

Chapter 1013 Send To A Mental Hospital

As everyone was drinking tea and chatting, Qiao Yu was carried into the house trussed up like a pig going to be cooked over boiling oil.

"This..." Qiao Mei looked at Xiao An in shock. She had no intention of putting Qiao Yu in such a sorry state. No matter how much of a scoundrel Qiao Yu was, they should not insult her like that.

"I'm really sorry. We are also forced to do this. The wounds on our bodies are all caused by this woman. If we don't do this, she won't have come over obediently. This is entirely my idea and has nothing to do with anyone else!" Xiao An said as he looked at Qiao Mei nervously.

Qiao Yu did not hold back in her attacks at all! Xiao An's face, neck and arms were covered in scratches. Some of the wounds were bleeding profusely and had not scabbed over yet. It was obvious that he had just been scratched not long ago. Xiao An had made such a decision to protect himself and also to ensure Qiao Mei's safety. Anyone who faced such a crazy woman would make the same decision as Xiao An.

"You can untie her. There are so many people in the house, she won't have a chance to do anything," Qiao Mei said calmly.

As soon as Qiao Yu was untied, she wanted to run towards Qiao Mei. Xiao An had to use all his strength to press Qiao Yu to the ground. This crazy woman was no longer thinking straight and he did not know what else she could do.

"Qiao Mei! You stupid whore! Do you think I'll give up just because you treat me like this! Let me tell you! No way! You'll pay back double for how you bully me! If I die, you'll have to be buried with me! Even if I die, I'll drag you down with me!" Qiao Yu shouted as she stared at Qiao Mei.

Xia He often followed Xia Fang around and had learnt some basic medical treatments. Liu Yang had also taught her a little bit about traditional Chinese medicine. She was not able to treat illnesses or save lives, but she did have some basic knowledge.

She went forward and pressed down on Qiao Yu's wrist. After a simple check, she did not find anything unusual. There was nothing wrong with Qiao Yu's body, but she did not know if there was anything wrong with the mind.

"There's nothing wrong with her health. If she has gone crazy, let's send her to the mental hospital," Xia He said.

"I feel that she's not in a normal state of mind. Let's not talk to her anymore and just send her to the mental hospital. I know a few doctors there. We can make an appointment in advance and admit her directly," Xia Wen said calmly.

These simple sentences seemed to be mapping out a death sentence for Qiao Yu. If she was really sent to a mental hospital, even if she managed to be discharged, she would be criticized and gossiped about. If that was the case, she might as well die.

Even if one was normal, one would go crazy sooner or later if one was gossiped about every day.

Qiao Mei pondered for a moment and also felt that what Xia Wen and Xia He said made sense. She did not want to cause Qiao Yu's health to become worse.

"You're all assholes! I'm not sick! You want me to die in the hospital? No way! I'll definitely report the Xia family's evil deeds! I'll let the world know that there's no good person in the Xia family!" Qiao Yu struggled and shouted.

Xia He sneered and said, "If you continue to scold us, you may really die in the hospital. Besides... after you go in, who will believe what you say?"

Qiao Yu quickly shut her mouth. Compared to a temporary victory, she wanted to save her own life more.

"Come with us to the hospital for a checkup later," Qiao Mei suddenly said to Qiao Yu.

Qiao Yu looked at Qiao Mei in confusion. She did not know what Qiao Mei had up her sleeve. Why would Qiao Mei suddenly be so kind as to bring her to the hospital? She was not sick at all. Could it be that Qiao Mei really wanted to send her to a mental hospital!

"I'm not going! I'm not going! If you send me in! I won't let you off even if I become a ghost!" Qiao Yu struggled violently.

"What are you thinking about? I'm talking about going to the obstetrics and gynecology department. Didn't you say that Su Liang defiled you? Then we have to go to the hospital quickly. If you get pregnant with Su Liang's child, what will happen to you for the rest of your life," Qiao Mei said, pretending to be worried.

She was giving Qiao Yu a chance now. Everyone present knew what the truth was. If Qiao Yu confessed now, Qiao Mei would still be able to give her a chance of survival and give her back her job at the textile factory. It could be considered a thank-you gift to Qiao Yu for helping Qiao Mei to get rid of Su Liang. However, if Qiao Yu was stubborn and refused to come to her senses, then she could not blame Qiao Mei for being heartless.

Chapter 1014 Give Me A Lifeline

"I... I can't be pregnant, right? How can I get pregnant so easily?" Qiao Yu said guiltily.

Qiao Yu's understanding of this was solely based on her observations of her relatives. She had seen her elder brothers and sisters-in-law doing these things before, but she had never heard of anyone getting pregnant after just once. How could there be such a coincidence? This must be Qiao Mei's scheme. She would not fall for it.

"Xia Zhe and I manage to hit the jackpot after just once and I even become pregnant with twins. So, nothing is impossible in this world. I'm doing this for your own good. Mom, don't you think what I'm doing is right?" Qiao Mei said.

"That's right! This will allow us to be able to answer to your father and we can be considered to have done our duty. Xiao Yu, listen to Mei Mei and go to the hospital to get checked out," Li Gui said gently.

The entire family looked at Qiao Yu as if they were looking at a monkey. There was no look of concern on their faces at all. Everyone was just curious to see Qiao Yu's reaction. If something had really happened between Qiao Yu and Su Liang, how could she have spent the night so steadily in Li Gui's courtyard? How could she not be afraid of getting pregnant? How could she not be afraid of having to marry a scumbag like Su Liang because she was expecting his child?

At first, Qiao Yu was still thinking about how to explain herself, but when she saw the mocking expression on Xia He's face, she finally understood that all of this was just an act put on for her.

"All of you! You already know, don't you! Qiao Mei, tell me, do you already know something!" Qiao Yu widened her eyes and looked at Qiao Mei.

"At this point, you should tell us the truth. Su Liang has already confessed. What else do you have to hide? Or can it be that something really happened between the two of you? My mother is still a family elder after all. If you've really been defiled, we can also hold a wedding for you and be your witnesses," Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Yu sat on the ground weakly. It looked like there was no way out for her and it was all thanks to Qiao Mei. Originally, she had a good job and there were even people who wooed her. At some point, even the people in the factory were a little wary of her. If not for Qiao Mei causing her to lose her job, she would not have ended up in this situation.

"Qiao Mei! Why are you the only one benefiting from everything! Why am I always suffering? You're just lucky enough to live in Qiao Qiang's house! If I could also be born in Qiao Qiang's house, I wouldn't be like this!" Qiao Yu said aggrievedly.

Qiao Mei did not say anything. She was not the original owner of the body and did not go through the miserable experiences which the original owner of the body did when she was young. However, the

memories still existed. Even though the physical pain did not matter anymore, the feeling of despair which the original owner of the body felt as she lay inside the pigsty in the snow was something that Qiao Mei did not want to experience ever again in her life.

Everyone had their own hardships. Qiao Yu was indeed pitiful as well, but she had used Qiao Zhuang's reputation as a "village tyrant" and done all kinds of nasty things and bullied many people. She deserved what she was getting today.

"Even if you become Qiao Mei, you won't be Qiao Mei," Xia Wen said.

Qiao Mei looked at Xia Wen for a long time. Xia Wen's eyes were as clear as spring water, but underneath the spring water was a bottomless pit. This statement gave her great courage. It was as if she had gained the family's approval.

"You want to become Qiao Mei? As if you're worthy! You're not even worthy to be Qiao Mei's toes! Have you forgotten how you came to the capital? Have you forgotten how you lied to us? Do you feel at ease taking on the job at the textile factory? All of this doesn't belong to you at all. Stop daydreaming," Xia He said mockingly.

Qiao Yu suddenly broke free from Xiao An's grip and knelt on the ground as she looked at Qiao Mei and begged, "Since all of you already know what happened, then you can't send me back! I won't go back to Qiao Zhuang's side even if I have to die! He will marry me off to that disgusting old man! As long as you give me a way to survive, I definitely won't disturb you again!"

At this point, nothing was important anymore. The most important thing was to have a chance of survival. The worst thing that could happen to her if she stayed in the capital was to marry Su Liang. However, if she returned to Foshan Village, that would be the real hell for her. Qiao Zhuang would skin her alive and then sell her for a good price. Her entire life would be over!

Even if she had to die, she wanted to die in the capital!

"It's also because of you that we are able to successfully put Su Liang in jail. You still don't know about this, do you?" Qiao Mei said happily.

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Qiao Mei took a sip of tea and said, "Su Liang is sentenced to jail for 20 years for rape. He already has a criminal record, so he received a heavier sentence. It can be said that you have gotten rid of evil for the common people. You can't stay in the capital anymore, but I can find you another job elsewhere."

Xia Wen immediately understood what Qiao Mei meant. The two of them looked at each other and smiled, reaching a consensus.

"We have some connections in Guang City. You can work there. Your salary will be the same as what you had received here. You'll work in the supply and marketing cooperative and have to go along with your leader's arrangements," Xia Wen said.

Working at the supply and marketing cooperative was a lucrative job! Many people could not get in even if they wanted to. If one worked there, not only could one buy fruits and vegetables at staff price, but one could also get the latest news first. The employees always took the freshest stuff.

Qiao Yu was not a fool, so of course she would choose to go to Guang City! In the capital, she would still be restrained by the Su family. If Su Yang and Old Madam Fan came looking for her one day, she would not be able to handle them at all. It was better for her to slip away.

"But I..." Qiao Yu still wanted to bargain, but Xia He glared fiercely at her. This woman was simply insatiable. They had already given in so much and she was still not satisfied.

"If you say another word, we'll send you back to the village! Otherwise, we'll send you to the police station! Make a choice!" Xia He said impatiently.

"I'll go! When can I go?" Qiao Yu asked.

"Someone will pick you up in three days. You can stay at home and pack your things first," Xia Wen said.

Qiao Yu agreed hurriedly. As long as she did not have to suffer anymore, she was willing to do anything! The earlier she could leave the capital, the better it would be for her.

Qiao Mei asked Xiao An to bring Qiao Yu back to Li Gui's house and told him that he could knock off after that. By now, Qiao Yu should know what was the best choice for herself and there was no longer any need to arrange for someone to guard the door.

"Eldest brother! Don't tell me you are really going to get that woman a job at the supply and marketing cooperative!" Xia He said angrily.

Li Gui was also feeling puzzled. Even though she did not know anything, she knew that Qiao Mei and Xia Wen had undoubtedly given Qiao Yu the best choice. This would not be beneficial to them at all. Instead, it would be like nurturing a tiger and inviting calamity for themselves!

Qiao Mei and Xia Wen looked at each other and smiled. Qiao Mei raised her eyebrows and said, "Eldest brother, you should explain yourself."

"Guang City is very near to Foshan Village. It only takes only about four to five hours to travel between the two places by car. Not all the jobs in the supply and marketing cooperative are cushy ones. Every day, they have to carry a lot of bags to replenish the stock. With Qiao Yu's size, she won't be able to handle it," Xia Wen said.

Qiao Mei then added, "We can leak news about Qiao Yu to Qiao Zhuang through the neighbors in the village. This way, Qiao Yu will be able to return to her family very soon. As for the Su family, I have other plans for them. Eldest brother, you must have already thought about it too."

Xia Wen nodded. Since these people had bullied the Xia family members, none of them deserved to have an easy time. They must pay a bloody price for it and they could forget having an easy life.

"Wow... When did the two of you discuss this? Qiao Mei, I thought you hadn't left the house at all? How did you get in touch with eldest brother?" Xia He said in surprise.

“We did not get in touch. We just made eye contact. I originally thought that it would be enough for eldest brother to send Qiao Yu out of town. I didn’t expect eldest brother to be even more ruthless,” Qiao Mei said.

“Oh heavens, can I still stay in this family? My IQ doesn’t seem to be high enough,” Xia He said dejectedly.

“Goodness! You’re beating around the bush and calling me stupid! How can you be an older brother like this!” Xia He said as she pouted.

“When you were eating roast duck just now, you kept saying that I’m your biological brother. I see you have changed your mind now,” Xia Wen said resignedly.

Li Gui sat at the side and did not say anything. She still felt that it was not a good thing to force Qiao Yu into a corner. The way that Qiao Yu wanted to pounce on Qiao Mei just now really gave her a fright. If not for Xiao An, Qiao Yu would have probably smashed into Qiao Mei’s stomach. It was such a nerve-wrecking moment.

However, if they did not punish Qiao Yu, they would not have any peace in the future. It was a good thing to send her away. At least they need not be worried for the time being.

Chapter 1016 - 1016 No Longer Dominating

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“Eldest brother, is there still no news of Xia Zhe recently?” Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

Xia Wen shook his head. He was not the only person who did not have any information at all. Many people also did not know where Xia Zhe had gone. It was probably something that was only made known to the top ranking officials. In addition, Xia Mao had also gone on a secret mission recently. It was said that the mission was very dangerous and that Xia Mao needed to be there to ensure that it was successfully completed.

No one in the family knew where Xia Mao had gone or when exactly he set off. Xu Lan was so anxious that she made a phone call to Xia Xiu, and Xia Xiu had to make use of her connections to ask around before she found out that Xia Mao had gone on a mission.

“Let’s wait for a while. No news is always good news. Don’t be too anxious. Xia Zhe is a very capable soldier and he will definitely be fine,” Xia Wen consoled.

As it was getting late, Li Gui did not allow Xia Wen to go home on his own. On a snowy day, the roads were slippery and it also became very difficult to walk around at night. Li Gui also asked Xia Wen’s driver to rest in the house for the night. The two men slept in the rooms which belonged to Zhang Wei and Zhang Chao while the two boys went to bunk with Qiao Qiang.

The next morning, Qiao Yu made her way out of Li Gui’s house. She wanted to return to the room that was rented from the salvager and to move all her things out from there. Actually, nothing there belonged to her, but she had hidden a portion of the money and coupons which Su Liang had given her during this period of time. She had kept them as a backup plan in case of emergencies in the future, but she did not expect the situation to have turned out like this.

Old Madam Fan and Su Yang sat at the door of their house to have breakfast. Things were different for them at the moment. For some reason, the factory management had heard about Su Yang being sent to prison for a few days. In the past, they did not see it as a big deal even when Su Yang got into fights, but this time, he had violated a taboo and he ended up being fired from the factory.

Currently, the family’s only source of income was Old Madam Fan’s retirement pension. It was only about 20 dollars a month and was barely enough for the two of them to buy food. It was impossible for them to repay Su Li her money.

“Hey! You probably haven’t heard! The Su family’s fourth son is in jail! He’s been sentenced to 20 years and he will be an old man when he’s released! He’s not married yet and doesn’t have any children. There’s probably no hope for him in the future.” An elderly female neighbor walked in through the neighborhood’s main door with a basket of vegetables.

The neighbors were so happy that the two brothers from the Su family had gotten into trouble. From now on, Old Madam Fan no longer had any say in this area.

Old Madam Fan could no longer be so dominating.

“What’s the reason?” another neighbor asked curiously.

“What else can it be! He harmed a girl from another family again. This time, Su Liang bullied Su Yang’s girlfriend. Everyone is talking about this! During the night, the girl was disheveled and crying as she ran towards the northern area. She said that she has a relative living there. Do you know who her relative is?” the elderly female neighbor asked curiously.

“The northern area is where all the courtyard houses with four sections are located. Some of the houses are even occupied by only one family! There’s a young married woman who’s quite a nice person. Her name is... Qiao Mei! That’s right! She lives alone in a big courtyard house! I heard that she was from the countryside and married into a family in the capital. She’s really lucky,” the other neighbor said enviously.

“They both have the surname Qiao... Can it be that the young girl’s relative is Qiao Mei! Oh my! Then Su Liang is in big trouble. That’s a prominent family in the capital. No wonder he is given such a heavy sentence,” the elderly female neighbor lamented.

Before Old Madam Fan could say anything, Su Yang could not hold back his anger anymore. He rushed to the door and shouted across the street, “All you gossipy people will die a horrible death one day! Why do you keep harping on about other people’s family matters! As if there’s nothing lousy happening in your own family!”

“You can’t even take care of your own wife, yet you still have the cheek to shout at us! You’re already a grown man and yet you can’t do anything well! Your family dares to do shameful things and yet you don’t allow people to talk about it!” The elderly neighbor straightened herself up angrily with her hands on her hips and jabbed at Su Yang’s face as she scolded him.

The other neighbor hurriedly stopped her, worried that Su Yang would beat the two of them up and caused them to get sent to the hospital, like what he did to the other women. His family did not have any money left after paying the bail money. If they got into a clash with the Su family now, they would not be able to get any compensation from the Su family at all.

Old Madam Fan also called out to Su Yang to get back into the house. If one was not capable, one should not go around causing trouble. He could barely afford to survive at the moment, so what right did he have to quarrel with others?

Chapter 1017 - 1017 Let Bygones Be Bygones

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“Su Yang, if you already know that Qiao Yu had such formidable relatives, why haven’t you said anything earlier?” Old Madam Fan reprimanded him.

“She kept telling me that she was trying to contact them, but she didn’t say when. Every time I mentioned this issue, she would get angry and fight with me. Mom, is what they say true? Did my brother really do those things?” Su Yang asked with a troubled expression.

He did not expect Qiao Yu to become someone else’s woman in those few days that he was locked up! He was even made a “cuckold” by his own older brother. This was something that no one could accept.

However, Qiao Yu’s relative was very capable and lived nearby. Since she could manage to get Su Liang to be sentenced to 20 years in prison, she must be a very capable person. Su Yang thought that if he could latch onto this relationship, he would not have to worry about his future.

So what if he was “cuckolded”? Even if Qiao Yu became pregnant with Su Liang’s child, at least the child was still part of the Su family. By the time Su Liang was released from prison, he would be an old man and no one would care about him.

“It’s probably true. Didn’t you hear what they said outside?” Old Madam Fan said.

“Mom, I want to go and look for Qiao Yu. After all, she’s now the Su family’s daughter-in-law. It doesn’t matter whose wife she is. As long as I marry her, we’ll become related to her relatives. Perhaps we can even get back the house we used to live in! This Qiao Mei is the woman who bought that house,” Su Yang said agitatedly.

Old Madam Fan looked up and asked, “Are you serious about it? Are you sure that the girl is willing to be with you?”

“She’s already part of our Su family! She’s no longer a virgin! How can she still be picky! It shouldn’t matter who she marries as long as she marries one of us. It’s not any different being my wife,” Su Yang said disdainfully.

After pondering for a while, Old Madam Fan also felt that what Su Yang said made sense. If this relative could find a good job for Su Yang, it would turn out to be a wonderful thing for them. Then, they would be able to repay the money they owed Su Li.

Qiao Yu rushed back to the room which was rented from the salvager and packed everything that she could carry. She took everything that had some value.

As for the rest of the things... they could be considered trash that could be salvaged. She decided to sell them to the landlord.

"Is anyone there! Is anyone home!" Qiao Yu came to the landlord's door and knocked hard on it.

"What is it! What is it! I'm not deaf, there's no need to shout so loudly." When the landlord saw that it was Qiao Yu, he could not be bothered with her. His attitude was completely different from when he dealt with the Su brothers.

"I'm not staying here anymore. See if you want anything that's left in the room. I'll sell them to you," Qiao Yu said.

The landlord looked at Qiao Yu in shock. This woman was really shameless. Everything in the room belonged to him, even the clothes that she was wearing. Now that she was leaving, she still wanted to sell his things back to him. He really did not know if he should say that Qiao Yu was smart or that she was utterly shameless.

"No! If you want to move away, then get lost quickly! Don't come here to bother me," the landlord said impatiently.

"Why not! You haven't even looked at the things and you already say you don't want them! You must take over the things today! Otherwise, I won't leave!" Qiao Yu said.

"Are you threatening me? You're the one begging me to take all the junk now, not the other way round! I won't give you a single cent. Just get lost. Don't bother me here!" The landlord was about to close the door when Qiao Yu hurriedly grabbed it to stop him from going back into his room.

After thinking hard about it, Qiao Yu had no choice but to threaten the landlord. "Let me tell you! If you don't take over these things today! I'll ask Su Yang to come and talk to you!"

Even if Su Liang had gone to jail and Su Yang had lost his job, if one was in a desperate situation, one would be willing to do anything. Moreover, Qiao Yu could be considered Su Liang's woman now. If Su Yang wanted to stand up for her or if Qiao Yu's relative decided to help her, it would not be difficult for them to get rid of the small recycling center the salvager worked at.

"Fine, fine, fine. I'll give you five dollars. Just leave those things here!" the landlord said to Qiao Yu without even looking at what was left in the room.

"Five dollars! Do you think you're dismissing a beggar! Those things are worth at least 10 dollars!" Qiao Yu said.

He would only pay three dollars to buy a solid wooden cabinet nowadays, so how could those things in the room be worth 10 dollars? Qiao Yu might as well just rob him!

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"No! Absolutely not! I'll give you five dollars at most. Take it or leave! If you don't want it, then get lost! Even if you get Su Yang to come here, I can't give you 10 dollars! I only earn very little money every month working as a salvager. You might as well become a robber! At most, I won't do this business anymore!" the landlord said furiously.

Seeing that the landlord was so determined, Qiao Yu did not ask for anything else. Since she could not get what she wanted, she would try it another way!

"Fine! Then you should give me a refund of the rent! I've only lived here for about a week, so you have to give me a refund! Refund me three dollars!" Qiao Yu said self-righteously as she stuck out three fingers.

"Little girl! Can you be reasonable! When I rented the room to Su Yang, I already told him that there's no refund. You're being shamelessly unreasonable now! This is what we have already agreed on in the beginning. I'm not giving you any refund," the landlord said firmly.

He was already doing a good deed by accepting the trash in Qiao Yu's room. He did not expect this little girl to push her luck. She was really the daughter-in-law of the Su family. Could it be that Su Yang's taste in women was based on Old Madam Fan? This girl was exactly the same as Old Madam Fan! She was another scourge!

Since both threats and bribes were useless against the landlord, Qiao Yu could only use her last resort.

"Oh heavens! Open your eyes and take a look! This person is bullying me! I'm really at my wits' end! If it's not for that bastard, I won't have to beg you so humbly! Please take pity on me and give me a way out!" Qiao Yu fell on the ground and started wailing. Her voice was even louder than the volume of the public loudspeaker in the district.

The landlord was most afraid of people who made a scene. Such people were always full of lies and totally not trustworthy. She was ruining his reputation by saying that. The Su family's reputation was already completely ruined, but he could not allow Qiao Yu to drag him down with them! His salvaging business depended on the support of his neighbors!

These neighbors were not good at most things, but they were all adept at spreading gossip. If your family bought a watermelon, by the time they spread the news around for you, what others heard might be that your family bought a truckload of watermelons! This was not something to joke about!

"Alright, alright! Just shut up! I'll give it to you! Take the money and get lost! Don't let me see you again in the future!" The landlord threw eight dollars to the ground angrily. While Qiao Yu was picking up the money, he quickly closed his room door and put a stick against the door handle, propping the other end up on the ground.

Even if Qiao Yu kicked up a fuss again, he would not care anymore. Giving her eight dollars was already the best he could do.

Qiao Yu picked up the loose change on the ground smugly and counted it many times to confirm that the total amount was eight dollars before she was willing to leave. She did not care about her reputation at all. Money was the most important thing. She had lost all concern for her dignity a long time ago.

She hopped and skipped as she made her way back. Now, she had about 15 dollars in cash. After deducting the cost of the bus ticket, it would only be enough for her to stay in Guang City for about half a month. There was no way she would be able to survive until the day she received her salary. She needed to ask Qiao Mei for more money! She also had to get Qiao Mei to pay for the bus ticket! Anyway, Qiao Mei had so much money, so what was it to her?

Just as Qiao Yu turned a corner, she saw Su Yang from afar, rushing towards her direction with Old Madam Fan in tow. The two of them were talking to each other as they walked. Could it be that Su Yang was here to interrogate her?

Qiao Yu hurriedly ran back the way she came and turned aside to hide in a small alley beside her. She held her breath and hid from the Su family's mother and son duo.

"Are you sure that the b*tch has come this way? Why do I feel that the news is inaccurate?" Old Madam Fan asked in puzzlement.

"It's true! That woman living opposite us just told us about it. Why don't you remember all of a sudden? Later, let's make sure we talk nicely to Qiao Yu and make her believe us. Then I still have a chance to marry her! I don't mind what happened between her and my elder brother. As long as she's willing to stay with me, we're a family," Su Yang said with a smile.

The two of them chatted happily as they walked past. Qiao Yu only dared to make her way out when there was no one on the entire street. She jogged all the way back to Qiao Mei's house. She could not stay in the capital anymore and she must ask them to arrange for her to go to Guang City immediately.

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As Qiao Yu made her way back, many people pointed fingers at her behind her back, saying that she was the plaything of the Su brothers, and that after being toyed with by Su Yang, she shamelessly seduced Su Liang. They said that she was a shameless slut and a whore which the Su brothers bought.

Those people said all kinds of nasty things. There were even people who deliberately splashed dirty water at her when she passed by their doors and insulted her.

A few men even looked at Qiao Yu strangely. If it was not daytime at the moment, she might already have been abducted by those men with ill intentions.

Qiao Yu did not dare to rest for a moment on the way back. She ran all the way to Qiao Mei's house, and she moved so fast that sparks almost flew from her feet.

"Qiao Mei! Come out!" Qiao Yu shouted as she barged into the courtyard arrogantly.

It was rare for Qiao Mei to have a free day, so she was scrutinizing the bottle of golden ginseng wine in the study. Her good mood had now been ruined by Qiao Yu.

Qiao Mei frowned and walked out of the study as she asked, "What's the matter?"

"I want to go to Guang City tomorrow! No! I want to go now! Quickly make arrangements for me. I want to leave immediately!" Qiao Yu said agitatedly.

"Don't you want to stay in my mother's house for a few more days? You were so reluctant to part with it earlier. Why are you doing the exact opposite now?" Qiao Mei said mockingly.

"I don't care! Give me some money and make the arrangements in Guang City. I want to go there tonight!" Qiao Yu said.

Qiao Mei shrugged her shoulders indifferently. She told Qiao Yu to go home and pack her things first and that she would get Xia Wen's men to send her off in a while.

Xia He hurriedly ran to Qiao Mei's side and asked, "Are you really going to send her away today? Can eldest brother make the necessary arrangements in time?"

"If there's not enough time, just send her to a guest house in Guang City. It's actually a good thing for her to leave now." Qiao Mei smiled with a meaningful look.

Xia He felt confused for a moment and did not know what Qiao Mei wanted to do. However, she was worried that rashly asking Qiao Mei for the details would ruin the plan, so she decided to just wait and see.

She did not know when Xia Wen and Qiao Mei had discussed these things. Could it be that she really had the lowest IQ in the entire family?

Even though Xia He was filled with doubts and had a bad temper, she still played the part of the “junior secretary” who went to inform Xia Wen about what happened. If not for the fact that she had to help Qiao Mei, she would not have taken the initiative to contact Xia Wen! She found it annoying to talk to him for another minute!

At night, it was Chen Mu who came to pick Qiao Yu up and send her off. Chen Mu was tasked to accompany Qiao Yu during this entire period of time. His mission would only be completed when Qiao Yu found a place to stay in Guang City and he personally saw her enter Guang City’s supply and marketing cooperative.

Old Madam Fan and Su Yang waited until nighttime but did not see any sign of Qiao Yu. The landlord also did not want to go out and provoke these two people who would behave like his “living ancestors”. He had only just sent Qiao Yu off and now these two people had come by. This was turning out to be a very unlucky year for him!

If he was only a tenant here, he would definitely move away and have nothing to do with these people anymore!

The two of them slept in the room which they rented previously and did not go home. They only woke up very late the next day. Old Madam Fan was very angry that they did not manage to see Qiao Yu after waiting an entire night.

Su Yang looked at Old Madam Fan impatiently and said, “Why are you shouting at me! If you are free enough to scold me, then go home and cook for me! Let’s go home now!”

Old Madam Fan got up reluctantly to pack her things. Before she left, she even took a teapot from the table. In her mind, everything in this house was paid for by her sons. Even if they could not find Qiao Yu, she could not let others take advantage of them!

On the way home, they passed by Sun Juan's house. Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang were sitting at the door and munching on seeds, as if they were deliberately waiting for Old Madam Fan.

"Oh my, where did you go for a stroll so early in the morning?" Sun Juan asked.

"It has nothing to do with you! Just take care of your own family!" Old Madam Fan said as she looked at Sun Juan fiercely.

"Are you still living in that dilapidated house? Su Yang's girlfriend! Oh, no, I should call her Su Liang's wife now. She's living in Li Gui's big house at the moment. Didn't she bring you along to enjoy life?" Zhou Shuang asked Old Madam Fan, pretending to be puzzled.

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Old Madam Fan was stunned for a moment and asked hesitantly, "What... what nonsense are you talking about? How did she get involved with Li Gui? Other people have already lied to me once! You still want to continue lying to me!"

"Oh! You still don't know! Li Gui is your daughter-in-law's elder sister-in-law! I assume you know that beautiful young married woman who just moved in, the one who lives alone in that luxurious courtyard house. That person even has to address your daughter-in-law as her aunt! Didn't she tell you about all this?" Sun Juan stared at Old Madam Fan as if she was watching a show.

This time round, Old Madam Fan and Su Yang finally believed that this matter was true. Even if they regretted it, it was too late. They could only quickly think of a way to get her back.

Old Madam Fan smiled so widely that the corners of her mouth almost reached her ears. She asked with a grin, "Then do you know where Qiao Yu is now?"

"If nothing goes wrong, she should still be living at Li Gui's house! However, I heard from Qiao Mei yesterday that she is going to find a good job for Qiao Yu. I don't know if it's true or not," Sun Juan said.

“Oh my, you’re really lucky to have found such a daughter-in-law. It would be great if my sons can marry the two daughters of the Li family in the future. Then we won’t have to worry about the rest of our lives!” Zhou Shuang said with a smile.

While Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang continued to chat happily, Old Madam Fan and Su Yang had already rushed to Li Gui’s house, worried that they would be too late. However, when they arrived, they were shocked to see a big crowd of people at the door. It was so packed that there was no place to walk. These were all the neighbors who used to live in the same compound as them. The moment they saw Old Madam Fan, they behaved like hungry tigers pouncing on their prey.

“Sister Fan!”

“Sister Fan! You’re finally here!”

“We’ve waited for a long time! You’re finally here!”

Everyone grabbed the hands of the mother and son and chatted enthusiastically. Su Yang was stunned on the spot. These neighbors were usually very sarcastic when they spoke to him and it would be good enough if they did not scold him. What was going on today? Did the sun rise from the west?

“Why are you waiting for me?” Old Madam Fan asked in confusion.

“What are you saying! Your son is so capable! He married such a good wife. Is it your daughter-in-law’s niece who bought the house where we used to live? Can you see if you can make peace with her and let us go back to live there?” Sister Xu said.

When Old Madam Fan heard them asking her for help, she immediately straightened her back. This was the first time in so many years that someone had come to talk to her politely!

“Um... So you are all here to talk to me about this?” Old Madam Fan asked smugly.

“That’s right, that’s right! We’re all here to ask you for help! Everyone trusts you the most! You have to help us!” Sister Xu said.

Without another word, Old Madam Fan pushed open Li Gui's house door and walked into the courtyard arrogantly to sit at the stone table. She crossed her legs and said leisurely, "My daughter-in-law is very capable. She's working in a very good place now! It's somewhere we can't even imagine going in our dreams and she's very busy every day! I'm just worried that she won't listen to me."

"How can that be! You're her mother-in-law, how can she not take instructions from you!" Sister Xu hurriedly went forward to massage Old Madam Fan's shoulders and back. She was only short of taking off Old Madam Fan's shoes and massaging her feet.

"I'm her mother-in-law, not her niece's mother-in-law. How can I interfere in someone else's business! I don't think I can do it," Old Madam Fan said.

She knew very well in her heart that even if she managed to get close to Qiao Mei, there was nothing she could get at all. Back then, she had offended both Qiao Mei and Li Gui and caused such a big commotion that everyone knew about it. That girl, Qiao Mei, would definitely not be nice to her. It was already good enough that the girl did not come to beat her up!

"Then what can we do? I hear that your daughter-in-law's relative had arranged for her to work at Guang City's supply and marketing cooperative! Her relative said so herself! I even saw your daughter-in-law when she left last night! They're so good to Qiao Yu, so they will definitely consider whatever you say!" said Sister Xu.

At this moment, two people wearing uniforms walked in. Only people who worked in the district office wore such clothes. They pushed their way into the crowd and shouted, "Who's Su Yang?"