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“Then I’ll come back tomorrow. I would like to ask about your daily schedule. I can come in the afternoon so that I don’t affect your rest time,” Shen Gui said politely.

“You can come whenever you want. There’s no need to look for me. You can go and look for Sister Feng directly. She knows exactly where you need to go and what you need to do. Just come over for half a day tomorrow and finish cleaning up this place. Sister Feng will give you your salary every day. With effect from the day after tomorrow, I’d need to trouble you to come every day. There are a few other places where I need cleaning up,” Qiao Mei said.

Shen Gui noted everything down. The untrimmed asparagus fern was still on his mind. He must trim it and make it look beautiful tomorrow.

Not long after Shen Gui left, there was suddenly the sound of sirens outside the door. Qiao Mei initially thought that the vehicles were passing by their house, but she did not expect the sound to get closer and closer until it stopped at their door.

The person who came in turned out to be an old acquaintance. Zou Ming stepped into Qiao Mei’s house with a troubled expression. Qiao Mei and Xia He went to the courtyard in a state of confusion. They wondered what was going on and why he had brought so many people with him.

Qiao Mei asked, “Officer Zou, why are you here? Come in and have a cup of tea.”

“There’s no need. I’m here on official business. Xia He, you have to come with us,” Zou Ming said sternly.

Qiao Mei quickly blocked Xia He and said nervously, “What crime has my elder sister committed and why does she need to go back with you to be investigated? You have to make this clear to us. You can’t arrest someone for no reason, and that’s not your way of doing things too.”

“A man surnamed Bian came to our police station to file a report that you hurt his wife and didn’t apologize. His wife is a dancer and because of you, she won’t be able to perform on stage anymore. He wants to hold you accountable, so I’m here to bring you back to assist with the investigation,” Zou Ming explained.

By right, Zou Ming should not have provided such details to Qiao Mei, but they all knew one another and Zou Ming was also Xia Wen’s good friend. He thought that it did not matter if he told them a bit more. Initially, he had tried to help Xia He, but this matter had blown up because Bian Zhuo refused to back down. Therefore, he had no choice but to come and take Xia He away.

“What nonsense! That was self defense! Besides, she sprained her ankle herself!” Xia He said agitatedly.

Qiao Mei patted Xia He’s shoulder to calm her down. There was nothing else they could do at the moment. The police cars were already at their house and Xia He had indeed fought with Yang Xin. If she wanted to save Xia He, she would have to find a witness.

“Elder Sister, you should cooperate with Officer Zou. After all, these officers have to do their jobs. Don’t worry, I’ll help you.” Qiao Mei looked at Xia He earnestly.

Even if Xia He had not done anything, she must still cooperate with Zou Ming and go with them to the police station to give her statement. It would not do her any good to resist their order.

Xia He was sure that Qiao Mei would be able to help her, but she did not want Qiao Mei to get involved in this matter. It was now very close to Qiao Mei’s due date, which was likely to be within the next two days. Qiao Mei should not tire herself out at this point.

“Sister Feng! Call my eldest brother!” Xia He yelled out towards Feng Hua who was in the kitchen.

Feng Hua hurriedly went to give Xia Wen a call. At the same time, Xia He got into Zou Ming’s police car and they all left the alley. Qiao Mei asked Wei Hao to call Xu Lan and ask her to find Deng Fan’s home address from the military art troupe’s database. Qiao Mei then asked Wei Hao to make a trip to Deng Fan’s house and ask him to come over to her house.

It was already late at night and it was inappropriate to ask a bachelor to come over to the house alone, but Qiao Mei had no choice if she wanted to save Xia He. At this moment, Deng Fan was the only person who could help Xia He.

The moment Deng Fan received the news, he rushed over on his motorcycle without another word. When he took off his helmet, his hair was totally drenched in sweat, an indication of how anxious he was.

“Xia He! Where’s Xia He?” Deng Fan asked as he stood anxiously at the door of the main hall.

He was a person who had a sense of propriety. No matter how urgent the matter was, he felt he could not step into Qiao Mei’s house. It was also important to protect Qiao Mei’s reputation.

“Xia He has been brought to the police station for questioning. My eldest brother will be here soon. Sister Feng is in the house so you can come in,” Qiao Mei said.

Deng Fan put his helmet aside and sat at the seat furthest away from Qiao Mei without saying a word.

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Deng Fan’s eyes were fixed on the main door. All he wanted to do was to rush to the police station to save Xia He. Even if all he could do was to accompany her, he was willing to do anything as long as he could be with her.

Xia Wen walked in with a pile of documents and a gloomy expression on his face. At this point, Qiao Mei started feeling more nervous. This was enough to prove how serious this matter was.

“Eldest Brother, how is it? Will this matter be easy to resolve?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Not that easy. Bian Zhuo has accused Xia He of many things and even involved Mother. I reckon that the police will ask Mother to go to the police station for questioning tomorrow. What exactly did all of you do to offend the Bian family? Tell me about what happened that day,” Xia Wen asked with a frown.

Qiao Mei glanced at Deng Fan and he immediately understood what she meant. He told Xia Wen about everything that happened that day. Qiao Mei also told Xia Wen about the conversation between Xu Lan and the Bian family when they went to the hospital, but she only knew roughly what happened. Only Xu Lan had all the details.

“Mother probably stepped on Bian Zhuo’s toes, so Bian Zhuo is doing this to take revenge on us,” Qiao Mei said calmly.

“Our mother has even disclosed the number of lovers and illegitimate children he has outside. Yang Xin and Bian Zhuo have been fighting fiercely, I hear that Bian Zhuo even has a big bruise on his head! His face has also been scratched and wounded by Yang Xin. How can he not want to take revenge on us?” Xia Wen said sulkily.

Xia Wen was not blaming Xu Lan. He also felt that Bian Zhuo had really gone too far. Bian Zhou wanted to stop people from talking about his wrongful behavior even though it was true. What a shameless person.

“I can testify for Xia He that she had acted in self defense and did not hurt Yang Xin,” Deng Fan said.

“You’re close to Xia He. Even if you testify for her, it won’t be taken seriously. After all, there were so many people there that day and they all said that Xia He beat up Yang Xin. It’s useless if you’re the only one to testify otherwise.” Xia Wen was a little vexed. This matter was not as simple as it looked.

Bian Zhuo was just a small fry, so why did he dare to openly go against them? Furthermore, Bian Zhuo was the kind of person who had a lot of wrongdoings which people could use against him. As long as Xia Wen investigated a little more, he would be able to directly send Bian Zhuo to jail for a few years. It did not make sense for Bian Zhuo to target Xia He so harshly.

The Bian family was not in collusion with the He family and also not in contact with the other families. It was too strange that they would suddenly attack the Xia family.

“Yang Xin and Xia He have a longstanding grudge. It’s normal for Yang Xin to want to frame Xia He! Furthermore, there’s nothing a person like Yang Xin won’t do!” Deng Fan said agitatedly.

“That’s the exact reason why Xia He also has a motive to attack Yang Xin!” Xia Wen said irritably.

Xia Wen had encountered too many issues recently, leading to him having a bad temper so he spoke a little too loudly when he replied to Deng Fan. The trivial matters at home had been troubling him for a long time and there were also difficult issues at work. If Tan Jing was willing to listen to him, he would not be so vexed now.

“My brother is not criticizing you. Don’t take it to heart,” Qiao Mei explained as she looked at Deng Fan. After that, she asked Feng Hua to clean up two rooms in the backyard so that the two men could stay over tonight. They could then go and handle Xia He’s matter together the next day. It was too inconvenient to go back and forth so late at night.

Xia He had been a constant presence around Qiao Mei for a while so she was not used to Xia He’s sudden absence. Her heart felt empty. She lay on the bed for more than an hour before she was able to fall asleep.

Early the next morning, Xia Wen set off for the police station to find out more about Xia He’s case. Deng Fan did not stay idle either. When he heard Xia Wen waking up, he followed suit. By the time Qiao Mei woke up, the two men had already been gone for a long time.

Feng Hua brought some refreshing side dishes and freshly made porridge to Qiao Mei’s room and watched her eat slowly.

“You have to eat more. How can you have strength if you don’t eat?” Feng Hua said earnestly.

“I... I just... I don’t know why I’m feeling so flustered. I want to go and see Xia He,” Qiao Mei said as she held her chest.

Feng Hua advised her patiently, “Don’t worry, Miss Xia He has Young Master Xia Wen to take care of her. They’ll be fine. You don’t have to worry. The most important thing now is for you to take good care of yourself. If anything happens to you as well, Miss Xia He and the others will be even more anxious. Come, eat more. Eat more so that you have strength.”

Chapter 1143 - 1143 Accidental Fall

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Qiao Mei obediently finished the porridge but she did not eat much of the side dishes. She really did not have much of an appetite.

“Where’s Shen Gui? Isn’t he supposed to come and clean up the courtyard today? Why aren’t you checking on him?” Qiao Mei asked.

Wei Hao was the one supervising Shen Gui as he cleaned up the backyard. Feng Hua’s current task was to take care of Qiao Mei wholeheartedly. This was what Xia Wen had instructed her to do. Feng Hua did not have to care about any other matters at home now and her only focus was to take care of Qiao Mei. She had to stay by Qiao Mei’s side 24 hours a day. If there were any abnormalities, she had to inform Xu Lan immediately. She must not allow anything to go wrong.

Although Qiao Mei could understand why everyone wanted Feng Hua to take care of her, she was already an adult and could take good care of herself. There was no need for them to go to such an extent.

There was still no news from Xia Wen by the afternoon. Qiao Mei walked up and down the long corridor out of frustration. As she walked, she kept looking in the direction of the main door. She would stop and stare whenever there were passersby. When it became clear that it was not Xia Wen and the others, she continued to pace the long corridor disappointedly.

Qiao Mei had sent Feng Hua to the kitchen to get some pastries. She felt very uncomfortable having Feng Hua follow so closely behind her.

“Miss Qiao,” Shen Gui suddenly appeared beside Qiao Mei and spoke to her.

“Huh? Oh, you’re back? That should mean the courtyard is already tidied up,” Qiao Mei said in a gentle manner.

“Yes, I’m all done. I have also trimmed the asparagus fern in the study and it looks very nice now. Let’s go and take a look at it together.” Shen Gui’s eyes looked shiny as he spoke.

Qiao Mei thought that Shen Gui had such a look in his eyes when he talked about plants because he really liked them, so she agreed to his request.

Just as Qiao Mei turned around, Shen Gui suddenly rushed forward and slammed into her.

“Ah!!!”

She fell towards the pillar at the side and her stomach hit the railing forcefully. She was in so much pain that she could not make a sound and could only sit on the ground while holding her stomach.

When Shen Gui saw that he had succeeded, he quickly ran towards the main door. Feng Hua did not even try to stop him. It was more important to check on Qiao Mei first. She had run over when she heard the sound and the sight of Qiao Mei shocked her so much that she dropped the plate in her hand and quickly rushed towards Qiao Mei.

“Qiao Mei! Qiao Mei, wake up! Qiao Mei, hang in there! Somebody, help!” Feng Hua hurriedly went to the backyard to get help. When Qiao Qiang and Li Gui heard that something had happened, they quickly ran to the front yard. Li Gui instructed Zhang Wei to take care of his younger siblings and told them not to run around.

Given the urgency of the matter, Feng Hua asked Li Gui and Qiao Qiang to stay by Qiao Mei’s side while she went out to call the hospital to send an ambulance. At the same time, she also informed Xu Lan to go to the hospital immediately to prepare them for Qiao Mei’s delivery.

The whole house was in a mess and there was no time to find out the reason for Qiao Mei’s fall. Everyone surrounded Qiao Mei and did not even dare to breathe too loudly.

Feng Hua quickly brought over a blanket and wrapped it around Qiao Mei. She said to Li Gui, “Sister Li! Wrap the blanket tightly around Qiao Mei. I’m going to the door to direct the ambulance when it’s here. Come and get me immediately if there’s anything unusual!”

Li Gui hugged Qiao Mei according to Feng Hua’s instructions. Feng Hua ran all the way to the entrance of the alley and waited anxiously for the ambulance to arrive. As soon as she caught sight of it, she immediately waved her hands and asked them to hurry.

Two male doctors carried a stretcher and rushed to Qiao Mei's side, transporting her into the ambulance safely. Li Gui and Qiao Qiang followed them to the hospital while Feng Hua stayed at home to settle the outstanding matters. After she was done, she would meet them at the hospital.

Along the way, Li Gui held Qiao Mei's hand tightly, very scared that something bad would happen. She had thought that there were still a few more days to go, but she did not expect this sudden accident to happen.

"Mom... Mom... Grandfather..." Qiao Mei called out groggily.

"Aye! Grandfather is here! Mei Mei, don't be afraid! Grandfather will always be here! Mei Mei, do you hear me! Grandfather is here!" Qiao Qiang looked at Qiao Mei with tears in his eyes. His hands were trembling and he did not dare to use too much strength as he held her hand, worried that he would hurt her.

Li Gui could not stop crying as she called out Qiao Mei's name over and over again.

The ambulance sped all the way to the hospital. Xia Fang was already waiting at the door. Fortunately, she did not have any surgery today which meant that she could deliver Qiao Mei's babies herself.

The moment Qiao Mei was pushed into the operating theater, Qiao Qiang lost his composure. He slumped to the floor weakly and stared at the bright red operating theater sign without moving.

Chapter 1144 - 1144 Hang White Lanterns

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Even after Li Gui helped Qiao Qiang into a chair, he still stared straight at the light as if the light represented Qiao Mei. As long as it remained lit, it meant Qiao Mei was still there.

"Where's Qiao Mei! How's Qiao Mei!" Xu Lan stumbled towards the operating theater with Xia Mao and Liu Fen behind her. Xia Jun had also received the news but he would reach later because he was still some distance away. However, he was already on his way and would probably reach the hospital soon.

“She’s still inside, not out yet...” Li Gui looked down and said in a low voice.

“How can this happen...” Xu Lan did not manage to catch her breath and fell to the floor. Fortunately, Xia Mao caught her in time and they all sat on the benches on both sides of the operating theater door as they waited.

“Don’t be anxious. Xia Fang is personally doing the surgery for Qiao Mei. She’ll be fine,” Li Gui comforted her.

Many doctors and nurses kept walking in and out of the operating theater. Every time someone walked in or out, the Xia family members, Qiao Qiang and Li Gui would stand up and look at the doctors and nurses expectantly before sitting down dejectedly again.

This went on until Xia Fang walked out.

“Xiao Fang! Xiao Fang! How’s Qiao Mei!” Xu Lan rushed forward and held Xia Fang’s hand tightly as she asked.

“Don’t worry. Although Qiao Mei suffered from an impact, it’s a good thing that she was sent here in time. There’s no danger now. She has given birth to a boy and a girl,” Xia Fang said with a smile.

Xu Lan was still worried. Xia Fang’s words were ambiguous and Xu Lan only wanted to hear the phrase “Qiao Mei is fine”. She asked repeatedly, “Really? Is Qiao Mei really fine? Are you lying to me? Is she really fine? Are her... vital signs good? Is she well?”

“All fine, all fine. You’ll be able to see her in a while. Don’t worry, Qiao Mei is fine!” Xia Fang held Xu Lan’s hand and comforted her.

As soon as Xia Fang finished speaking, Qiao Qiang fainted. As he had been very highly strung earlier, the moment he relaxed, his body could not take it.

“Father! Father, wake up!” Li Gui held onto Qiao Qiang as she said anxiously.

This was the first time she addressed Qiao Qiang as “Father” after her divorce. She had been feeling too ashamed all this while and felt that she had no right to address Qiao Qiang in that manner again. However, it was an emergency situation now and she could not care less.

Qiao Mei had only just gotten better but Qiao Qiang had collapsed from exhaustion. Xia Mao made arrangements for two adjacent VIP wards so that it would be easier for them to take care of both of them.

No one thought about carrying the two babies after they were born. They were all more concerned about Qiao Mei’s safety. Xia Fang called for a nurse to send the babies to the nursery and also arranged for the best hospital nurse to look after Qiao Mei.

When Xia Jun arrived, Qiao Mei was already lying on the hospital bed. He had gone out of town today to attend the wedding banquet of an old comrade-in-arms’ son. His original plan was to return tomorrow, but no one would have expected things to turn out like this today.

The Xia family was one of the sponsors for the construction of the VIP wards in the hospital. Otherwise, based on the rules, each family could only occupy one VIP ward. In the VIP ward, the moment one entered, one would see a small living room first and the actual ward was further in. This way, it was easier for the patient’s visitors to take a rest.

Li Gui stayed next door to take care of Qiao Qiang. It was not that appropriate for the Xia family to take care of Qiao Qiang. Li Gui knew that Xu Lan would treat Qiao Mei well. Even if she really wanted to be by Qiao Mei’s side, she could not simply ignore everything else.

“What’s going on? I’ve only been away for a day and this happened!” Xia Jun stood in the small living room and asked with a dark expression.

Xia Mao stood up in fear and said, “We also only just arrived. We don’t know what exactly happened to cause Qiao Mei to go into premature labor, but Xiao Fang said that it was due to an impact on Qiao Mei’s abdomen.”

“Have we ensured that there is an information blackout?” Xia Jun asked calmly.

“Yes, it’s done. Other than the few of us here, no one else will know if Qiao Mei is dead or alive. However, the news of Qiao Mei’s accident is already spreading like wildfire. I reckon there will be many people asking about this matter tomorrow,” Xia Mao said.

“We’ll make an announcement that Qiao Mei has died. Arrange for someone to go back and hang white lanterns at the house now. As for the two babies, just say that they are very weak because they are born prematurely and it looks like they might not make it,” Xia Jun said as he slowly sat on the sofa at the side.

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Xu Lan was not very willing to do that. Qiao Mei was clearly fine and it was so inauspicious to hang white lanterns. What if something really happened to Qiao Mei because of the lanterns?

However, she also understood that Xia Jun was trying to find the perpetrator behind the scenes. Given her status in the family, she could not refute Xia Jun’s instruction.

“Alright, I’ll arrange for someone to do it now,” Xia Mao said.

“Come back, I’m not done yet. Do Xia Wen and the rest know about this?” Xia Jun asked as he stared straight into Xia Mao’s eyes.

“Xiao He ran into some trouble over the past two days and Xia Wen has been busy dealing with Xiao He’s issue. Qiao Mei got into trouble right after that,” Xia Mao said.

Xia Jun laughed in a mocking manner. It was too coincidental that on this day, all the key people were not around. Xia He was arrested and held at the police station while Xia Wen had to go and deal with Xiao He’s matter. He happened to be out of town for an event and Xia Mao was also not feeling well today.

Xia Mao was stunned for a moment before he understood what Xia Jun meant. He nodded and left.

“Call my helper, Sister Zhang, to come over tomorrow to wait upon Qiao Mei. She was the one who took care of Wu Min in the past, so she’d have no problem taking care of Qiao Mei. We can let the hospital nurses take care of her tonight first,” Xia Jun instructed.

“Father, can I stay here with Qiao Mei?” Xu Lan asked tentatively.

“No. You have to go home and oversee everything. If Qiao Mei has really suffered an attack but, as her mother-in-law, you are not sad at all and still stay here in the ward, it will inevitably make people feel suspicious,” Xia Jun said.

Xu Lan nodded to indicate that she understood. In this situation, the key thing to do now was to capture the person who hurt Qiao Mei. Otherwise, there would be endless trouble in the future. Since this person could manipulate everyone around Qiao Mei to create an opportunity to hurt her, it was hard to say that this person would not scheme against Qiao Mei’s two children in the future and put them in danger.

They must bring down this enemy in one move without giving the game away .

“Ask the two helpers from Qiao Mei’s house to come over. I have a few questions to ask them,” Xia Jun said.

Xia Mao sent a chauffeur to pick up Feng Hua. She did not enter the hospital through the main door but used the back door and came through the staircase meant for the exclusive use of VIPs. She reached the ward door without being seen by anyone.

“Are you Qiao Mei’s helper?” Xia Jun asked as he sized up her carefully.

“Yes, my name is Feng Hua. I just started working for Qiao Mei not long ago. I used to work as a nanny for many families in the past.” Feng Hua was not afraid of Xia Jun at all. She was a person of integrity and was not afraid of being investigated.

“Is there anyone else? Didn’t I hear that there are two people? Why is there only one here now?” Xia Jun asked curiously.

Feng Hua did not know what Wei Hao had gone off to do. She had waited in the house for so long but still did not see Wei Hao returning. However, she already had a rough guess in her mind.

"I heard from the chauffeur that she's the only one at home," Xu Lan explained.

"Did you see anything suspicious at home?" Xia Jun asked.

"At that time, Qiao Mei said she wanted to eat pastries, so I went to the kitchen to get food for her. When I came out of the kitchen door, I saw the gardener rushing out of the courtyard. At that time, I was so concerned about Qiao Mei that I did not try to stop him. I suspect that this matter might be related to him." Feng Hua told Xia Jun everything in detail.

Xu Lan fell into deep thought. Qiao Mei's helpers were all recommended by Sister Fan. By right, these should be people who were close to her family, so how could such a thing happen?

"I'll get someone to investigate that. Qiao Mei's siblings are still at her house, right? You should go back and take care of those children," Xia Jun said sternly.

"Then what about Qiao Mei? Doesn't Qiao Mei need me to take care of her? Is there anyone here to wait upon Qiao Mei?" Although Feng Hua had only been at Qiao Mei's house for a few days, she really liked Qiao Mei very much. She had been waiting for her beloved all her life so she remained unmarried and had no children. When she met Qiao Mei, she felt a sense of closeness, so she took care of Qiao Mei wholeheartedly.

"Qiao Mei... is gone," Xia Jun said in a choked voice.

"Gone... what do you mean by gone? Is... is it what I think?" Feng Hua asked with a trembling voice.

Feng Hua could not accept this fact. Qiao Mei was so young and at an age where she was like a flower in bloom, so how could such a thing happen? This afternoon, Qiao Mei was still smiling and asking for Feng Hua's handmade pastries. How could she be gone now...

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"Yes, we have to make preparations for her funeral, but you don't have to worry. We'll still continue to hire you. Qiao Mei has given birth to two babies, but they're both still not out of danger. If the two children survive, we'll still need you to take care of them. If... if they don't, Qiao Mei's grandfather and mother also need someone to take care of them, so you can rest assured and continue working at Qiao Mei's house," Xia Jun said.

pandasnovel.com He knew that this person had a good character. Judging from the concern in her eyes and the fact that she was the one who protected Qiao Mei when Qiao Mei faced trouble, it was enough to see her loyalty. Furthermore, she had worked for various families for so many years. If she was not an honest person, she would not have been able to continue working until now. When the truth was revealed, they would definitely give her a bonus, but now... now was not the time.

"Alright, I know what to do," Feng Hua said. After that, the chauffeur sent her back to Qiao Mei's house.

Xu Lan had brought a lot of things from her own house to the hospital. If she took maternity items from Qiao Mei's house, it would make people suspicious. It was safer to bring the things from her place. If she bought anything from the hospital now, it would also attract the wrong kind of attention.

She decided to leave Xia He's issue to Xia Wen. As for Qiao Mei's matter, she would listen to Xia Jun. As long as the family worked together, they would definitely be able to overcome any difficulties.

"Don't mention this matter to Xia Wen and Xia He for the time being. I know how to handle Xia Xiu and the rest. Before the truth is revealed, no one is allowed to enter this room except Sister Zhang and Xia Fang," Xia Jun said.

"Yes, I understand. Father, let's go and visit Uncle Qiao. He's just next door," Xu Lan said.

Xia Jun felt at a loss. He did not know how to face Qiao Qiang. Qiao Qiang had handed Qiao Mei over to his family, but after coming to the capital, she had encountered so many issues which threatened her life.

If he put himself in Qiao Qiang's shoes and it was Xia He who encountered all these things, he would have brought her home long ago. He would not allow anyone to threaten Xia He's life.

He really... was too embarrassed to face Qiao Qiang.

"Uncle Qiao... Uncle Qiao won't take it to heart," Xu Lan said.

"I hope so..." Xia Jun said with a deep sigh.

Xia Jun slowly made his way to the ward next door with Xu Lan's help. At this moment, Qiao Qiang was still unconscious and Li Gui was taking care of him. I think you should take a look at

"What does the doctor say? Is Brother Qiao awake yet?" Xia Jun asked anxiously.

"The doctor says he fainted because he was too tense. He still has a low grade fever now. They will be giving him an injection and he should feel better tomorrow. Qiao Mei's father-in-law brought some medicinal wine just now. He seemed better after drinking it," Li Gui said.

Xia Jun suddenly bowed deeply to Li Gui and Xu Lan quickly followed suit. They bowed to Li Gui to express their family's apology with regard to Qiao Mei.

Li Gui quickly helped Xia Jun and Xu Lan straighten up and said, "What are you doing! Get up quickly! Get up quickly!"

"Our Xia family has let you down. We didn't take good care of Qiao Mei and let her get into such trouble at home. There's truly nothing we can do to make it up to you," Xia Jun said apologetically.

"You can't be blamed for this, nor is it your fault. I was also at home at that time. If I had paid more attention to Qiao Mei, such a thing wouldn't have happened to her. It's a good thing that she's fine and that's the most important thing," Li Gui said sadly.

She had also been too careless the past two days as she thought that with so many people in the house taking care of Qiao Mei, nothing would happen. She also bore an undeniable responsibility for Qiao Mei's current situation.

"I hope to keep this matter a secret for now. We want to catch the culprit who's behind the scenes, so we have to release news that Qiao Mei is no longer with us. Those of us who know the truth must strictly keep this matter a secret," Xia Jun instructed.

Li Gui nodded and asked seriously, "So do I have to act crazy and make a big show of crying?"

That was how it was usually portrayed in television dramas. There was always a character who would cause a scene in the hospital and then she would cry until she fainted. Only then would the perpetrator, who must be hiding and observing in secret, really believe that the news of Qiao Mei's death was real.

"I don't think... there's a need for it. I don't want to cause you any health problems from crying too much," Xia Jun said.

After briefing all the relevant parties, they did not stay in the hospital any longer. They were all looking forward to seeing what would happen the next day and whether the wily fox would come out from hiding.

Chapter 1147 Good News

Tan Jing was sunbathing in the courtyard. Cheng Gu had recently built a canopy for her and she rested under it every day while looking forward to his visit. This canopy faced the path which he must take whenever he came to her place. As soon as he appeared, she would be able to run out and greet him immediately.

She used to feel sorry for herself and felt that Xia Wen did not love her as much as before, that there would not be any more romantic and sweet couple moments between them and that she would just be living here alone for the rest of her life.

However, after meeting Cheng Gu, new hope had ignited in her heart.

Cheng Gu was like a ray of light in her barren existence, bringing some color into her life and making a withered flower like her bloom again. However, ever since she told him about Qiao Mei's daily habits the other day, he had not come back again. She did not know what had happened.

It was possible that Cheng Gu was busy carrying out their plan. Ever since that day when they decided to hire someone to attack Qiao Mei, her heart had been in turmoil. She kept feeling that something big was about to happen and she felt both excited and afraid.

What if Cheng Gu failed and all the clues led the investigators to her in the end? Also, what would happen to Cheng Gu?

Just as Tan Jing was thinking about all these things, she suddenly heard someone calling her from outside the door.

"Elder sister! I'm here to see you!" Cheng Gu walked in happily, carrying many new gifts for Tan Jing.

"You're here! Why haven't you come over for so many days! I thought something had happened to you! You must give me your phone number, otherwise I don't even know how to find you," Tan Jing said coquettishly to Cheng Gu.

"Sure, sure, sure. My good sister, it's my fault. Haven't I been busy recently? But I'm here to bring you good news! Do you want to know what it is!" Cheng Gu looked at Tan Jing excitedly.

Tan Jing swallowed nervously and quickly pulled Cheng Gu into the house. She closed the door and windows tightly and looked at him expectantly.

"Qiao Mei is dead! Elder sister, are you happy! Oh my, I also didn't expect the plan to succeed so fast. I thought it would fail, but it actually succeeded! I don't think that woman is that smart after all," Cheng Gu said happily.

Tan Jing fell to the floor out of shock and looked at Cheng Gu in a daze. I think you should take a look at

Qiao Mei was dead... Qiao Mei was actually dead! That most hateful Qiao Mei. That woman was really dead!

"Are you really sure she's dead? Is she really dead?" Tan Jing asked nervously.

"The person who attacked her was sent by me and I even asked someone to go to the hospital to take a look. The person waited for one day and one night! She has already died in the hospital and my subordinate has seen her corpse. It can't be false. That face belongs to Qiao Mei!" Cheng Gu said proudly.

Tan Jing suddenly burst out laughing so hard that she almost could not breathe. Qiao Mei was really dead! Qiao Mei no longer existed in the Xia family! Everyone in the Xia family would like her again! She could do whatever she wanted and Xia Wen would come back to her. Everyone in the Xia family would have to worship her!

There were also the children... Oh right! The children! Were the children still alive? She was still counting on using Qiao Mei's children to turn her life around!

"Cheng Gu! Did the babies die with Qiao Mei? Where are the children?" Tan Jing struggled to get up from the floor and asked as she held Cheng Gu's shoulders with both hands.

pandasnovel.com "I hear that the children are not in a very good state, but they're still alive. As long as they are well taken care of, there should not be any problem in the future," Cheng Gu said with a smile.

Tan Jing danced around happily, only short of setting off firecrackers in the courtyard to celebrate. She must have a drink with Cheng Gu on such a good day!

She took out the wine which Qiao Mei had given to Xia Wen back then. Xia Wen had hidden this wine away like it was a treasure and did not even want to show it to her. She would drink it all up today! She wanted to destroy everything that was related to Qiao Mei!

"Come! I'll personally cook something delicious for you today! Let's drink this bottle of wine today!" Tan Jing said excitedly.

Tan Jing made a total of eight dishes! Even when she and Xia Wen celebrated at home previously, it had never been as grand as this.

After a few glasses of wine, Tan Jing was already drunk. Cheng Gu was still fine, but he had never tasted anything like this wine before. He thought that he had already tried all kinds of liquor, but this was the first time he had seen something so strange.

Chapter 1148 True Colors

"Elder sister, what kind of wine is this?" Cheng Gu asked.

"This? They say that it's... medicinal wine! My husband treasures it a lot! He hides it away and doesn't let me drink it! But I will drink it! I want to drink every single drop of it! Also, it's a gift from that little b*tch! Come, come, come, let's drink it all! Drink it all! Don't leave a single drop left!" Tan Jing said as she held onto Cheng Gu's wine glass, unable to even sit up straight anymore.

Not long after, Tan Jing crouched over the table and fell asleep. No matter how hard Cheng Gu tried, he could not wake her up. He put down his glass and looked at Tan Jing coldly, the usual gentle look disappearing from his face.

Not long after, many people entered the courtyard, all of them wearing black suits. One of them knocked lightly on the door and walked in.

The man first took a glance at Tan Jing to confirm that she was sleeping soundly. He thought that it looked like she would not wake up even if there was a thunderstorm or an earthquake. Only then did he dare to speak to Cheng Gu.

"Boss, the matter has been settled. That nanny is still in the warehouse and she demands to see you. As long as she's awake, she will start shouting so we have knocked her out for now," Lu Miao said respectfully.

Cheng Gu took out a handkerchief and wiped his hands in disdain. "See me? Why does she want to see me? Can't you even handle such a small matter well? I've really taught you for nothing! Can't you just kill her?"

"Isn't she a hostage? We don't know how we should handle it so we're waiting for your instructions," Lu Miao said.

"Then just drug her. It's too annoying if she makes a lot of noise every day. Make sure to stuff her mouth and if it doesn't work, then cut off her tongue," Cheng Gu said irritably.

Lu Miao looked at the drunk Tan Jing and wondered what to do about her. For a moment, Cheng Gu also did not know how to deal with her. Based on her own description, she was just an insignificant member of the Xia family. However, Cheng Gu had known the Xia family for many years and he did not believe that Xia Wen was someone who would abandon his wife.

"Take this woman with us and get our brothers to scare her a little. If anyone dares to touch her, you can just chop him up," Cheng Gu said.

"Alright, I understand." With that, Lu Miao found someone to carry Tan Jing and he left the room as well. I think you should take a look at

Cheng Gu looked at the remaining bit of wine in front of him and thought about the plan he executed during this period of time. He smiled mockingly and drank it all in one gulp. He would settle both their old and new grudges together!

Since the Xia family did not give him an easy time, he would not let the Xia family live a good life either. He must make them pay the price in blood.

A woman valued her reputation the most. If Tan Jing knew that her reputation was ruined, that would be quite a show to watch. After spending such a long period of time with her, Cheng Gu would not go to the extent of killing a woman like her. After all, Tan Jing played a part in the success of his current plan. Without Tan Jing, his plan would not have progressed so smoothly. Letting his brothers play with her but not really touching her was already the greatest concession which Cheng Gu could give to her.

The next morning, Tan Jing slowly opened her eyes. The surroundings looked completely different from what she was familiar with. She did not know where she was, but she was surrounded by metal sheets in a place that looked like a warehouse.

"Let go of me! Where am I! Who are you!" Tan Jing shouted hoarsely.

Lu Miao opened his eyes groggily. This woman was really annoying. They already could not touch her, yet she still made so much noise so early in the morning. Their band of brothers were still sleeping!

However, given that she belonged to Cheng Gu, they did not dare to lay a finger on her.

"Why the hell are you shouting! Stupid whore, shut your mouth! This is my territory! If you want to stay alive, you'd better shut your mouth and stop making noise. Otherwise, if you disturb our boss, you won't have many days to live," Lu Miao threatened.

"Who's your boss? What grudges are there between us? Let me go and I'll give you money! My husband's family is very rich! You should go and look for them, not me!" Tan Jing said fearfully.

"Don't you understand what I'm saying! I told you to shut up! Shut up! If you make any more noise, I'll cut off your tongue and feed it to the dogs!" Lu Miao said as he looked at Tan Jing impatiently.

Tan Jing lowered her head and closed her mouth in fear. Her clothes were disheveled and her hair was in a mess. She could roughly guess what had happened, but even under such circumstances, she wanted to keep herself safe and stay alive.

Chapter 1149 Making Grudges

After a few more hours, Cheng Gu was almost fully rested. He looked different from his usual gentle and elegant self as he slowly made his way to the warehouse. When Tan Jing saw Cheng Gu, she behaved as if she had seen her savior and thought that he was here to save her.

"Cheng Gu! Cheng Gu, save me! Are you here to save me! I know that you will definitely come and save me!" Tan Jing shouted at Cheng Gu expectantly.

Lu Miao stood at the side and kept quiet. The corners of his lips curled up into an ambiguous smile. Cheng Gu was the best at playing dumb to take advantage of someone and he had never met anyone who could do it better. Cheng Gu was also the person he admired the most in his life. If Cheng Gu was not their boss, he might be able to become an actor in the entertainment industry and garner a Best Actor award!

Cheng Gu slowly came round to stand in front of Tan Jing. The cold expression on his face made him look completely different from the Cheng Gu whom Tan Jing remembered. Tan Jing was about to say something when he slapped her mercilessly. She almost fell over along with the stool.

"You're so noisy. How can you have so much nonsense to say... Do I make you feel shocked? That I'm actually someone like this," Cheng Gu said with a mocking smile.

pandasnovel.com Tan Jing looked at Cheng Gu in disbelief and said in a trembling voice, "You... you lied to me? You lied to me? Is it a fake front? Have you been preying on my trust for you?"

"When did I lie to you? Don't I mean everything I say to you? Don't tell me everything I do for you is fake? You're the one who read too much into it. Stupid woman, you even betray your husband's family for another man. It's really a pity that Xia Wen has a stupid pig like you as his wife," Cheng Gu said regretfully.

"You know Xia Wen? Then everything you did was to get at the Xia family!" Tan Jing said with her eyes wide open.

"What else? Do you think it's for you? Isn't that thinking too highly of yourself? Look at yourself, how can you still think any man will be attracted to you! Dream on! You're even jealous of Qiao Mei. If Xia Wen had married someone like Qiao Mei, then the Xia family would have achieved meteoric success five years ago and no one would be able to catch up with them. They won't be in this state now," Cheng Gu said.

The light in Tan Jing's eyes gradually extinguished. No matter how stupid she was, she knew by now that Cheng Gu was only making use of her feelings to get information about the Xia family from her.

However, there was at least one good thing that came out of it. Qiao Mei was dead and as long as she could return to the Xia family alive, then the Xia family would still treat her well and might even compensate her for what she went through! At that time, her good days would be back! I think you should take a look at

The prerequisite was... she had to return alive.

"What exactly do you want? I can tell you anything. I can do anything," Tan Jing asked.

"Not bad, not bad. You're not too stupid if you know how to ask me this question." Cheng Gu clapped his hands in admiration. It seemed that Tan Jing was not hopelessly stupid yet.

"I wonder what exactly it is that you want. You know that Xia Wen doesn't care about me at all. I'm just an abandoned pawn to the Xia family. They won't give up anything for an abandoned pawn," Tan Jing said as calmly as she could.

Cheng Gu had no intention of using Tan Jing to get anything at all. He just wanted to see the Xia family destroyed.

He did not have any grudges with the three children of the Xia family, but he had a deep grudge with Xia Mao.

Xia He did not have anyone she cared about after her divorce. He had heard about a young man called Deng Fan, but they had not confirmed their relationship. Even if Deng Fan died, Xia He would not feel much. At most, she would feel guilty for a while.

If Xia He were to go to jail and lose the use of one or both of her legs there, it would probably be even worse than killing her! He had already arranged for people to take action the moment she went in. Even an immortal would not be able to save her!

As for Xia Zhe, Cheng Gu definitely felt that he deserved to die. However, there was no point in killing Xia Zhe. He wanted to kill Qiao Mei and her babies so that Xia Zhe would lose the loves of his life. Only a situation like that would allow him to vent the resentment in his heart.

Even at this point, Cheng Gu was still not satisfied yet. Xia Zhe should have received the news of Qiao Mei's death by now and would probably be back soon. He wanted to make Xia Zhe, this unusually lucky man, paralyzed from waist down. His plan was to have his band of brothers beat Xia Zhe up so badly that Xia Zhe would have to live out the rest of his life in loneliness and misery!

Chapter 1150 A Life Worse Than Death

Cheng Gu wanted the same for Xia Wen. Once Xia Wen lost the love of his life, he would definitely feel as much pain as Xia Zhe. Cheng Gu also wanted to take away Xia Wen's ears and eyes. He had heard that Xia Wen had extremely sharp eyesight and was said to have been very smart since he was young, even possessing a photographic memory. Cheng Gu wanted to destroy Xia Wen's eyes and ears so that he would have to live in silence and darkness for the rest of his life.

Cheng Gu was the one who shot Xia Mao in the heart a month ago. He did not expect Xia Mao to be so unafraid of dying and take the bullet for someone else. However, Xia Mao doing that was as good as helping him to fulfill his wish. He definitely did not expect Qiao Mei to be able to save Xia Mao despite the serious injuries. What an eyesore she was.

Therefore, Qiao Mei deserved to die! She deserved it! If not for her, Xia Mao would already have gone to hell to accompany Cheng Gu's brothers! However, it was not a bad thing for Qiao Mei to be the one to go to hell. It did not matter who died as long as it was a member of the Xia family.

Cheng Gu was actually a major drug lord in the country. Most of the drugs circulating within and coming from outside the country had to go through him. Although he was not the most famous drug lord, he attracted a lot of attention because he was decisive and was the youngest of the lot.

During the past few years, he was getting tired and had planned to hand over the overseas business to some of his brothers. He was about to go traveling and relax when something went wrong.

He found out that his most trusted aide was actually an undercover agent sent by the military. The man had worked undercover for many years in order to gain his full trust. Cheng Gu did not blame the military for doing what they did. He was the one who did not see through the man's true colors. However, when he found out that the man was Xia Mao's subordinate, he decided to show no mercy.

He drove long nails into each and every joint of that man's body and then cut off his flesh bit by bit while avoiding the vital parts. He slowly tortured the man until the man's blood ran dry. Only then did he feel vindicated and after that, he fed the corpse to the dogs, not even leaving any bones behind.

No, that was not it. Cheng Gu kept the man's skull and used it as a footrest. Every time he sat on the sofa, he would step on the skull. As time passed, the skull eventually shattered and he found another person's skull to step on.

Just as he was about to forget about this matter, Xia Mao led a team of soldiers to attack more than 30 of his dens in the country, resulting in a bloodbath. His brothers either died or suffered injuries, but none of them gave up his location. In the end, they all chose to commit suicide to protect him.

From then on, Cheng Gu held a grudge against Xia Mao. Last month, when Xia Mao was on the mission, he shot and killed Cheng Gu's best friend who grew up together with him. Cheng Gu then swore that he would make Xia Mao suffer a fate worse than death.

Death was too simple. One bullet would kill a person quickly, but living was more painful than dying. He wanted Xia Mao to experience such excruciating pain.

"Keep an eye on her and don't let her die." With that, Cheng Gu left the warehouse and Lu Miao followed closely behind him. I think you should take a look at

"Boss, is there anything else you need me to do?" Lu Miao asked.

Cheng Gu pondered for a long time and then said, "There's not much fun now. Ask Xia Wen to come to the warehouse with 500,000 dollars to redeem his wife. Let him see with his own eyes how his wife gets defiled by our brothers."

Lu Miao smiled smugly and followed Cheng Gu's instructions. He quickly made a call to Xia Wen's office. It was easy to get Xia Wen's contact information.

When Xia Wen found out about Qiao Mei's death, he felt as if the sky was about to collapse. However, he told himself to get a grip on his emotions and be steadfast. He still needed to settle Xia He's matter and could not leave her behind in detention without a care just because of what happened to Qiao Mei.

At this moment, it felt as if everyone in the art troupe had made a pact. Everyone's statement was exactly the same, down to the intervals between the sentences. It was obvious that someone was secretly manipulating the situation, but he really could not think of anyone else who had such means apart from He Ning.

However, there was no reason for He Ning to kill Qiao Mei. Her ginsengs were the medicine to keep him alive. If he killed Qiao Mei, it would be equivalent to killing himself as well. He Ning would never do such a thankless task.

"Ring, ring, ring~"

Xia Wen picked up the phone impatiently and said, "Hello? Who is this?"

"Do you still remember that you have a wife?" Lu Miao asked in a jovial manner.

"What have you done with her?" Xia Wen immediately knew that this was the person who had been targeting them recently. He had been so busy that he had completely forgotten about Tan Jing.