

Fat Wife 1191

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Luo Yu had thought that Zheng Yuan would be like He Mei, unwilling to marry anyone other than Xia Zhe. In her younger days, Zheng Yuan used to follow Xia Zhe everywhere. In the past, Zhuang Hua kept his feelings for Zheng Yuan to himself. Everyone knew what he was thinking, but as these two people were both very prideful, they all decided to stay out of it.

It was good to see the two of them together now. Zheng Yuan and Zhuang Hua were definitely a great match.

“Then you’d better make your way back. I still have a lot of things to do here, so I won’t send you off,” Luo Yu said with a smile.

“We haven’t seen each other for such a long time. Come to my house when you have time and let’s have a chat,” Zheng Yuan said.

“Then you have to ask Zhuang Hua if he allows me to go!” Luo Yu smacked Zhuang Hua’s shoulder and teased him.

Zhuang Hua deliberately said with a cold expression, “You still owe me a match. You can only enter my house after we compete.”

“You brat! It’s still early days for you and Zheng Yuan! I’m the one who grew up together with her. She’s like my younger sister! You only knew her much later, yet you still dare to be so smug in front of me. Be careful that I get Zheng Peng to beat you up!” Luo Yu threatened.

At the mention of Zheng Peng, the couple did not look too comfortable. Zheng Su would call Zheng Yuan every day to talk about the fact that Zheng Peng had found a girlfriend whom he did not like. Zheng Peng did not even go home to visit Zheng Su nowadays and the relationship between father and son had become much worse.

After Zheng Yuan and Luo Yu agreed on a time to get together again, she brought Zhuang Hua back to the Zheng family residence. The pitiful Luo Yu was left behind to continue cleaning the streets.

After the police arrested Jiang Yi's group, they only chastised the group. Luo Yu had instructed them to just threaten her verbally. If Jiang Yi was really locked up, she would probably die in the detention center! At that time, they would not be able to explain themselves clearly!

Late at night, the police released them. However, on the way back, Tan Bo suddenly fell ill. It was probably because the visit to the police station had frightened him too much. He already had heart disease and high blood pressure, so it was possible that he fainted from the shock to his system.

"You good-for-nothing! Your parents were bullied so badly by others and you don't even know how to speak up for us! Your father is sick now! Your eldest sister is also missing! Hurry up and think of a way!" Jiang Yi said in exasperation.

Tan Bao originally did not want to go with them today. If not for the fact that Jiang Yi said she could cheat the Xia family of some money and give him 50 dollars, he would not have gone willingly!

He was very busy nowadays! The young widow living at the village entrance liked to chat with him recently, but every time he wanted to reach for her hand, she appeared to be very unwilling.

If he could get some money to buy a few jewelry pieces for the young widow, she would definitely feel happy! Then he would be able to have a good time with her. She was so much prettier than the old hag he had at home!

"What can I think of? Aren't you super capable, so why do you even need me? Just give me the money. I'm not going to have gone there for nothing today. I even accompanied you to the police station! Give me the money now!" Tan Bao said unreasonably.

Tan Bao was like their creditor. Other than asking for money, he had nothing to talk to them about.

"What money! Money from where! Doesn't your father need money to buy medicine! You still have the cheek to ask us for money. You're already an adult, but not only do you not know how to be filial to your parents, you even go around causing trouble for us!" Jiang Yi said.

"Yes, yes, yes. My eldest sister is the best. But how do you treat her? You make use of her and treat her like a piece of trash. Why are you pretending to be a good person in front of me? Are you going to give me the money or not! If you don't give it to me... I won't let my son come for visits in the future!" Tan Bao threatened.

As people got older, they would always want to get closer to their children. It was said that there was a closer bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Jiang Yi really liked her grandchildren. Every time the children came to the house, she would feel overjoyed. In the end, this also became something which the Tan brothers used to threaten her. As one got older, one seemed to become more afraid of being alone.

"There's no money! Just five dollars! Get lost!" Jiang Yi reluctantly took out five dollars from her pocket and threw it on the ground. Tan Bao did not mind and picked up the money before leaving quickly.

How much was pride worth? Could it be exchanged for money?

Chapter 1192 Even Dogs Would Not Drink It

Nowadays, if someone offered Tan Bao 10 dollars in return for a kowtow, he would immediately kneel down and kowtow to that person. He would not even mind kowtowing a few times! As long as the price was right, everything was negotiable. It would not be a problem even if they wanted to bash his head in tonight.

"Gosh... Why are you getting annoyed with your son? Go and look for Xia Wen... and ask him to give us money! Cough, cough, cough..." Tan Bo said weakly.

"Money, money, money, all you know is money! You're already in such a state, how can I go and ask for money? What if you die at home! Look at all your wonderful sons! I must have really done too many evil things in my past life to have to marry into the Tan family. I've suffered so much in this life!" Jiang Yi said angrily.

Jiang Yi said this not because she was concerned whether Tan Bo would die of illness. She only cared about her own interests. Tan Bo used to be one of the top senior master technicians in the factory. After his retirement, he received a retirement pension of 20 dollars a month, as well as food stamps and meat coupons. If Tan Bo died, she would lose all the money and subsidies. Then, how would she be able to support herself!

"I won't die! Go and find Tan Jing! Ask Tan Jing to go and beg the Xia family!" Tan Bo said intermittently.

They did not have any news of Tan Jing at the moment. Jiang Yi had already gone to the house Tan Jing and Xia Wen lived in, but it had already been sold. She did not know how much Xia Wen sold the house for and the sale had also been carried out secretly. Tan Jing should at least get a share of the money! How could the Xia family pocket all the money!

The Xia family must really look down on the Tan family. However, where could they find more information about Tan Jing?

He Ning had asked Jia Zhong to make an exact replica of Qiao Mei's rocking chair. There were many rocking chairs sold on the market, but the one which Qiao Mei had was not a common design, as if the Xia family had custom made it. Even after Jia Zhong drew the exact design for the carpenter, the carpenter still could not make a perfect copy.

However, the final product was already good enough. Jia Zhong even asked a tailor to make the exact same cushion to put on the rocking chair. Even the fabric used was exactly the same. This was also the reason why He Ning liked to ask Jia Zhong to do things for him. He was extremely meticulous, so He Ning need not worry so much.

"Bad news, Mr. He. Something has happened," Jia Zhong said with a serious expression as he came to He Ning's side.

"Speak slowly, what happened?" He Ning asked nonchalantly.

Jia Zhong related in detail about how He Mei had returned to the capital, how she went to the hospital to cause trouble, how she was gathering a gang of people to deal with the Xia family, and how she got into a conflict with Zheng Peng. He Ning did not react at all and seemed very happy instead.

"Noted. You should keep an eye on the Xia family for the time being. As long as there's any movement, send someone to report to me. The other matters are not important. You can deal with them as you deem fit," He Ning said.

Jia Zhong understood what He Ning meant and left the He residence with his subordinates. At this moment, Huo Gao brought over a bowl of warm tonic. The medicine which He Ning was drinking now was Huo Gao's latest concoction and it tasted even more bitter than before. It even smelt quite bad.

"What kind of poison is this? Why is it worse than the previous medicine?" He Ning asked unwillingly.

"Good medicine is bitter. If you want to recover quickly, you have to listen to me and drink the medicine! There's Qiao Mei's 100-year-old ginseng inside. It'll be a waste if you don't drink it," Huo Gao said.

"Who says I'm not drinking it!" He Ning snatched the bowl of medicine from Huo Gao and gulped it down. After drinking it, he quickly rinsed his mouth with some water. If he hesitated for even a while longer, he would throw up.

"Next time, can you prepare something that is fit for human consumption? Even if you give this to a dog, it will feel insulted," He Ning complained.

Huo Gao took back the medicine bowl unhappily. He had flipped through ancient books for more than half a year to study the prescriptions! He had finally found the prescription which was most suitable for He Ning, but He Ning did not appreciate it at all! He would give up the position of being He Ning's doctor to anyone who wanted it! He did not want to wait upon He Ning for even one more day.

He Ning did not notice Huo Gao getting annoyed, or rather, it would be more accurate to say that it never crossed his mind to notice such a thing at all.

"Do you know which hospital Tan Jing is at?" He Ning asked as he looked at Huo Gao.

Huo Gao remained silent. He was still angry about what happened just now. He did not care if He Ning criticized him, but he definitely could not accept detrimental comments about his medicine. He Ning even insulted him by saying that even dogs would not drink his concoction!

Chapter 1193 "L"

Huo Gao used to charge 10 dollars for a consultation, with additional fees for writing prescriptions. Even though his charges were very expensive, people were still willing to come to him for treatment. Huo Gao's status in the medical field was in a league of its own.

"Say something! Are you mute!" He Ning roared furiously.

The thing which He Ning hated the most was when people kept quiet and did not reply to him. He was already extremely patient with Huo Gao. If it was anyone else, he would have asked Jia Zhong to drag the person out to get a beating.

"I don't have any say. Just do whatever you want. What is there for me to say? Even if I speak up, you'll still complain and blame me. Why should I invite trouble for myself," Huo Gao muttered softly.

He Ning realized that he had spoken too harshly just now, but words were like spilled water and there was no reason for him to take them back. He also could not bring himself to apologize to Huo Gao.

"I'll give you the root from a 100-year-old ginseng. Help me find out which hospital Tan Jing is in," He Ning said awkwardly.

Huo Gao's eyes lit up and his resentment from before immediately disappeared. He had been eyeing the roots of He Ning's 100-year-old ginseng for a long time. Every time he made soup for He Ning, he almost could not resist the urge to pluck one root and bring it home. It was his professional ethics which stopped him from doing so.

"Tan Jing must be in a private hospital. Besides, it's a place which neither you nor I can find. It's in a covert location," Huo Gao said.

"Is it handled by the person surnamed Bao? Or is it that private hospital?" He Ning asked curiously.

"I'm not sure. Haven't you asked someone to investigate this for a long time? For something which you can't even manage to find out yourself, it's a little too much for you to ask me about it," Huo Gao said helplessly.

How could he, a mere doctor, find out what He Ning could not?

"Don't you know a lot about such matters? If I don't ask you, am I supposed to continue looking for a needle in a haystack?" He Ning said.

Huo Gao actually had a rough idea of what was going on, but he did not know if it was the truth or just fake news deliberately released by the Xia family. He was neither a spy nor an investigator, and he did not have the ability to deal with such information and differentiate whether it was the truth or not. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"The only thing we can confirm now is that Tan Jing is in a private hospital under 'L', but his hospitals are extremely difficult to locate. I'd advise you not to cause trouble in any territory under 'L'. No one can say for sure what he's capable of," Huo Gao said as he looked at He Ning sternly.

"L" was the owner of the private hospitals used by the various prominent families. No one knew his true identity, so they identified him by "L" to make it easier for everyone to address him.

He Ning had wanted to set up a trap for the Xia family, but he did not expect the process to end here. It seemed that he had to start with Tan Jing's family. He should not have to do it personally. Since that silly niece of his was back, she should help him out.

He Ning asked Jia Zhong to send someone to unintentionally tell He Mei about the Xia family's "divine medicine". A lot of the details were exaggerated and there was not much truth in what was said. The person even told He Mei that the Tan family and the Xia family had a long-standing grudge and also made it sound as if Tan Bo's death was imminent.

He Mei believed everything she heard and drove straight to the Tan family's house. As soon as she reached the village, He Mei's brows remained furrowed. She parked the car at the entrance of Tan Jing's house and slowly got out to walk into the Tan family's courtyard.

"This lousy place..." He Mei said disdainfully.

"Who are you? Why did you park your car at our house?" Jiang Yi said bluntly.

pandasnovel.com "I'm here to visit Tan Jing. Isn't she at home? I have a favor to ask her," He Mei said, pretending to sound gentle.

When Jiang Yi heard that He Mei was here to ask for Tan Jing's help, she immediately changed her attitude. Since He Mei was the one asking for help, she would definitely be willing to give some money or a gift. Seeing that He Mei did not dress like them, Jiang Yi immediately welcomed her into the house with a smile. As soon as He Mei entered, she could smell a stench.

However, those who wanted to achieve great things had to endure many things. Otherwise, her efforts in coming here would be in vain.

"Take a seat! I'll get you a glass of water!" Jiang Yi said excitedly, her eyes crinkling into crescent moons.

"I don't need a drink. I'm just here to visit Tan Jing. Is Tan Jing not at home today? Uncle, why are you wrapped up so tightly in broad daylight? Are you in poor health?" He Mei asked curiously.

Chapter 1194 Old Immortal

Jiang Yi deliberately raised her hand to wipe the corners of her eyes and pretended to be aggrieved and pitiful as she said, "Sigh... I don't know if my daughter is doing well in the Xia family. My husband is very sick and I'm just an uneducated woman who doesn't know anything. We also don't have any money to treat his illness. If we delay it for a few more days! The two of us probably won't be able to survive!"

He Mei said in surprise, "It sounds serious! But why don't you go and look for the Xia family? Their family has a 'divine medicine'. I heard that when Xia Mao was about to die sometime back, he was saved by that medicine. Now, he's like a person in his thirties and in even better health than Xia Wen! He seems younger and even looks like Xia Wen's elder brother now. Don't they know that Uncle is so sick?"

Jiang Yi stood rooted to the spot and looked at He Mei. She had never heard of such a wondrous thing, not in passing nor had she heard Tan Jing and Xia Wen discussing it before. None of the neighbors around her had ever mentioned such a thing. Was it true?

"This... Where did you hear this from? Why haven't we heard our daughter mention it before? Don't tell me you heard it from someone who heard it from someone else?" Jiang Yi asked doubtfully.

pandasnovel.com "Hasn't Tan Jing told you before! She's really... Everyone in the Xia family has some. That 'divine medicine' is already disseminated around the capital. That Qiao Mei is kind enough to give everyone a bottle! I hear that every month, she gives some to everyone related to the Xia family. I just don't know how much each person gets, but everyone gets a share for sure!" He Mei did not even think before she spoke and the lies just slipped off her tongue easily.

Jiang Yi did not really go to school and was illiterate, so she did not know anything about science. However, she had heard legends that mentioned elixirs which granted "immortality". She had even heard that there was an "Old Immortal" nearby! He was already more than 400 years old!

This person lived deep in the old forest in the mountains and never came out from there, but everyone knew the approximate location of his dwelling. As long as one kowtowed a few times at the intersection and articulated the difficult matter that one wanted to solve, it would not take long for the matter to be resolved. Everyone believed that this legend was true and no one dared to enter the mountains to disturb the "Old Immortal". They all silently followed this rule.

"You received a share too?" Jiang Yi asked. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"That's why I'm here to beg Tan Jing to help me think of a way. She already promised to help me! Since she already told me your address, how can any of this be fake?" He Mei said matter-of-factly.

Jiang Yi's expression immediately darkened. Their family did not even get a share of such a good thing, so how could they let outsiders take it first? This Tan Jing really liked to side with outsiders. Tan Bo was sick, but she did not think about bringing back some of the "divine medicine" to show filial piety to her parents. She actually even wanted to give it away!

"Um... Tan Jing won't be coming home today. A lot has happened at home recently! My husband is sick, so I won't invite you to stay. It's getting dark soon, so you should hurry home," Jiang Yi said.

He Mei had not planned to stay in the Tan family for long either. Her only intent was to convey the message and sow discord between the Tan family and the Xia family so that the Xia family would have their hands full. She had no interest in staying for a meal in such a remote village. It was much better for her to return to the He family residence as soon as possible. She had spent almost all her money, so if she did not return to the He family residence soon, she would really have to end up living on the streets.

He Ning still treated her quite well. As long as she spoke nicely, He Ning would definitely let her return to the He family. How could He Ning really not care about his own family? He Ning had already sent her father to prison. If she died, the He family's eldest son would have no descendants left! How could He Ning face his ancestors in the future!

"Alright, then I'll come and look for Tan Jing another day. Uncle and Auntie, take good care of yourselves!" After saying that, He Mei hurriedly ran out of the Tan residence and got into the car to leave the village. She was worried that if she was any slower, Jiang Yi would ask her for money! She did not want to bring such trouble onto herself.

After He Mei left, Jiang Yi and Tan Bo reminisced about what He Mei said. They definitely believed in miracles and that there were magical elixirs in this world. They also believed that the "Old Immortal" in the mountains protected the safety of the area they lived in, but they had only heard stories from others and never seen anything with their own eyes!

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Chapter 1195 Immortality

"Old woman, do you think this whole thing is true?" Tan Bo asked suspiciously.

"I think it's true! You haven't met Xu Lan recently. Her face is so youthful and bouncy! She definitely doesn't look her age! I'm the same age as her! The fact is that I have never seen her so radiant in the past. If you ask me, Tan Jing is hiding this information from us! She deliberately doesn't want us to know!" Jiang Yi said resentfully.

On the other hand, Tan Bo was willing to believe in Tan Jing. After all, they always went to Tan Jing's house to freeload and had never seen anything out of the ordinary in her house. The two of them knew very well what Tan Jing had in her house. Every time they went, Jiang Yi would rummage the entire place for a long time. If there was anything valuable or odd in the house, they would always manage to find it and take it away.

This was unless Tan Jing had not yet brought back the medicinal wine when they last went to her house! It was possible either way!

pandasnovel.com "Why don't you give Xiao Jiu a call and ask her? Isn't Xiao Jiu working in the city! You can ask her. Perhaps she knows what has happened to Tan Jing recently!" Tan Bo said.

Xiao Jiu was Tan Jing's childhood friend. From young, Xiao Jiu had been a diligent and hardworking girl. Unfortunately, her parents died early. When she was 14 years old, she went to the city alone to work and was doing quite well for herself now.

Jiang Yi shamelessly made a phone call to Xiao Jiu. The phone rang for a long time before Xiao Jiu picked it up impatiently.

"Hello? Who is it?" Xiao Jiu said.

"Xiao Jiu! I'm your Auntie Jiang! I have something to ask you. I wonder if you know what Xiao Jing has been doing recently?" Jiang Yi asked.

Tan Jing seemed to have become a different person in the past few years and basically did not call Xiao Jiu anymore. However, Xiao Jiu still knew a lot about all those messy things that happened at Tan Jing's house. After all, she used to be in the same workplace unit as Tan Jing and Xia Wen. Recently, many of her colleagues had been gossiping about the Xia family. It was difficult not to know anything.

"I guess I know a little. Auntie Jiang, is there something you need from Xiao Jing?" Xiao Jiu asked. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"Yes, yes! I just want to ask you, do you know about Xia Wen's father being injured and then revived?" Jiang Yi asked expectantly.

Xiao Jiu did not think too much about it and quickly said, "I know! Everyone knows about this, but no one knows why. He probably met a very capable doctor. He's considered a pillar of the nation and got injured when on duty. They must have used all kinds of good medicine on him. It's not surprising that he survived."

After receiving confirmation, Jiang Yi was totally convinced that the Xia family had a "divine medicine". Before Xiao Jiu even finished speaking, she hurriedly hung up the phone. She really could not hide the

excitement in her heart. If they also obtained the "divine medicine", they would be able to live as long as the "Old Immortal" in the mountains in the future! They might even be stronger than the Old Immortal!

No wonder the Xia family had not allowed them to visit recently. The Xia family must be guarding against the Tan family as if they were thieves! So this was the truth that was waiting for them! The Xia family was afraid that they would find out about the "divine medicine".

"Wait until I go to their house tomorrow! No! I'll go to their house now! They're so lawless! They actually dare to use Xiao Jing's issue to threaten us. It's obviously a lie! They're probably slandering Xiao Jing! I'll go and argue with them now!" Jiang Yi said angrily.

Tan Bo hurriedly stopped Jiang Yi and said, "Where do you think you're going in the middle of the night! Besides... cough cough cough... I'm sick. What am I supposed to do if you're not around? You should think about it again."

"What is there to think about! My life is ruined by your Tan family! I must have owed your family in my past life! You don't even allow me to grab such a good opportunity! You're just afraid that I'll live long enough to get something from your Tan family! You've been on guard against me for my whole life, yet in the end, don't you still depend on me to wait upon you?" Jiang Yi said sulkily.

Tan Bo ignored Jiang Yi. Every time he disagreed with Jiang Yi, she would come up with all kinds of nasty things and say many things that belittled him and the Tan family's ancestors. In the beginning, Tan Bo would still teach Jiang Yi a lesson, but now that he was old and sick, he was already unable to beat up Jiang Yi and could only aggrievedly listen to her say these things.

However, Jiang Yi had a sharp tongue but she was not that vicious. She still treated Tan Bo conscientiously.

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Chapter 1196 Pigs Dread Being Fat

Early the next morning, Jiang Yi set off into the city to look for Tan Jing. She was not a fool. After being rejected twice by Xu Lan, she would not go there again. As if she wanted to have to spend another night at the police station?

First, she went to Tan Jing and Xia Wen's previous address and tried her best to find out more about the Xia family's "divine medicine". In the end, she even managed to find out about where Xia Wen was currently working and that Qiao Mei had given birth to two babies.

Not only did she find out the names of Qiao Mei's two children, but she also knew their gender and roughly when they were born. There were even people who told her that they could list down the children's characteristics. However, most of them were just making wild guesses. They were just bragging to people who did not know anything, making it seem as if they were very close to the Xia family. In reality, what they said was all made up.

As for the "divine medicine", it was not like what He Mei had said about everyone having a bottle. It was one person who had bought everything, but the Xia family should still have some left! It was impossible for them to give away all of such precious medicine!

As the saying went, a man dreaded fame like a pig dreaded being fat! Once piglets grew up, the first one to be killed and eaten would definitely be the biggest and fattest pig. As for humans, once a person gained fame, then the person's family matters would very quickly be dug up by others and there would be no privacy left at all.

Since Jiang Yi could not find Tan Jing, and Xia Wen was not someone easy to talk to, she could only go and look for Qiao Mei. Qiao Mei was the true owner of that "divine medicine". It was unlikely that she would leave Jiang Yi in the lurch!

The Tan family was the Xia family's in-laws after all. If Qiao Mei could even save strangers, then why not Tan Bo?

Jiang Yi arrived at the hospital where Qiao Mei was warded. After searching around for a while, she finally arrived at the main door of the VIP ward. However, she faced the same problem as He Mei.

No one could enter without a confirmation note from the patient.

"Hey kids, please make an exception and let me in. I'm really the Xia family's in-law and I'm here to pay a visit. It's very difficult for me to come all the way here, so please let me in," Jiang Yi said pitifully to the security officers.

The security officers had heard such statements countless times in the past two days. People who wanted to curry favor with the Xia family had arranged for all sorts of people to send gifts and all kinds of delicacies. Xia Zhe refused to meet with any of them and rejected everyone. If anyone was unhappy, he would let Xia Wen deal with it. Anyway, Xia Wen was the one who handled all these matters related to the Xia family's reputation. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

The security officers were also scared that they would lose their jobs. The tips they had received could not be for nothing and they must protect the safety of the VIP patients. If they really let in one or two troublemakers, they could forget about making a living in the capital anymore. They could only move their entire family out of town and live with their heads down for the rest of their lives!

Although the matter with He Mei did not happen near the main door, the fact that she had a card had alarmed the Xia family. Fortunately, the Xia family was magnanimous and did not blame it on the security officers. If they really investigated carefully, the entire security team would probably be laid off!

"Just leave. You must be brought in by one of the family members of the patients in the VIP ward. Otherwise, we definitely can't let you in," the security officer said sternly.

Jiang Yi wanted to barge in when the two men were not paying attention, but they directly blocked her off. Before the security officers even touched Jiang Yi, she fell to the ground and started to wail and sprout nonsense.

"The security officers hit me! Ouch! It hurts so much! I have a fracture! I won't be able to live! Can anyone save me!" Jiang Yi howled.

When Qiao Mei heard the commotion outside, she felt a little vexed. She did not know why, but she was always in a bad mood recently. She might be feeling happy one second, but the next second, she would feel like crying or throwing a tantrum. Xia Fang said that this was normal and that she just needed proper counseling.

pandasnovel.com After a woman gave birth, the hormones in her body remained unstable and it was common for her emotions to fluctuate. Therefore, Xia Zhe had to bear with it and take good care of Qiao Mei and not get drawn into a conflict with her.

"What's going on outside?" Qiao Mei asked with a frown.

"I'll go take a look. Don't move," Xia Zhe said.

Xia Zhe put down what he was doing and hurriedly walked out. He recognized Jiang Yi immediately. Even though he had not returned to the capital for a long time, he still remembered the in-law who almost ruined the occasion when Xia Wen and Tan Jing got married.

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Xia Zhe knew quite a fair bit about the things that the Tan family had done over the years. He never cared about these complicated relationships related to the Xia family. He was a person who hated any sort of trouble. Also, he did not know how to do things in a roundabout manner and did not understand the intricacies within. Xia Mao also never told Xia Zhe about these trivial matters, worried that he would take action which would affect the family's plans.

In the ward next door, Qiao Qiang and Xia Jun also heard the commotion, but they chose to ignore it and continued to play chess. The two of them should not need to be concerned about such a small matter. If Xia Zhe still did not take action, the two of them would reprimand him and dish out a proper punishment by asking him to go downstairs to run rounds around the hospital for an entire day.

It would be outrageous if he could not even settle such a small matter!

"Stop making a fuss. What are you doing?" Xia Zhe asked impatiently.

Once Jiang Yi saw Xia Zhe, she immediately quietened down. She quickly stood up and ran to Xia Zhe, saying, "Oh my! You must be Xiao Zhe! We haven't seen each other for many years. It's hard to get a chance to see you since you're always in the army. I'm here to visit your wife! I heard that she has given birth to two babies. What a wonderful thing! Congratulations!"

Xia Zhe glanced at Jiang Yi. He maintained a level of basic politeness and said respectfully, "Thank you for your concern, Auntie. My wife is not in good health now and it's not convenient for her to see anyone. We appreciate your kindness. Auntie, you should go back first. We'll talk about it when my wife is feeling better."

Jiang Yi immediately became unhappy. How could a junior chase an elder away! Was this kind of behavior allowed in the Xia family!

First, Xia He had criticized her, and now Xia Zhe was chasing her out. How could they bully her like this! These people just had some authority and money and possessed the "divine medicine" that others were envious of! What was so great about them! Back then, their family members even came to beg the Tan family to let Tan Jing marry into the family.

"Isn't it more than half a month since she gave birth? How can she still be unwell? You're a man and probably don't know how to take care of a woman. I think it's better if I go and take a look at her," Jiang Yi said.

"There are doctors in the hospital, so you don't have to worry about this. Auntie, you should go home early. It's getting late, so don't waste your time here," Xia Zhe tried to persuade her tactfully again.

Jiang Yi still refused to give up and wanted to barge in, but it was not appropriate for Xia Zhe to have any physical contact with Jiang Yi. Just as the two of them were at a standoff, Feng Hua suddenly walked out of the ward.

"Young Master, Qiao Mei said to let the auntie in for a chat," Feng Hua said.

Xia Zhe was a little unwilling to do so, but he had to listen to Qiao Mei. After all, Qiao Mei must have her own reasons for doing this. Jiang Yi tugged at her collar and walked into Qiao Mei's ward arrogantly. As soon as she entered, she yelled out at Qiao Mei in her high-pitched voice.

"Oh my! This ward is really not bad! I've never seen such a nice hospital ward! The food also looks good! There's even chicken soup! Let me try some. I'm exhausted after the entire day!" Jiang Yi did not see herself as an outsider at all and was about to drink the chicken soup meant for Qiao Mei. Fortunately, Feng Hua was quick enough to snatch it back.

“This is chicken soup that Qiao Mei’s mother boiled for a long time. She specially instructed me to make sure that Qiao Mei drinks all of it. Sister, don’t make things difficult for an employee like me. Let me get you some water!” Feng Hua said.

Jiang Yi could not help but roll her eyes. It was just a mouthful of chicken soup and not as if it was some amazing treasure! What was so valuable about chicken soup? It was not as if it was made with gold!

She looked around but did not see any strange medicine. The furnishings in the room were very ordinary and nothing stood out at all. If Qiao Mei was really so weak after giving birth, how could she not require that “divine medicine”? This did not make sense!

“Auntie, what are you looking for?” Qiao Mei asked in a gentle manner.

“I’m just checking to see if your living environment is comfortable! I’m always thinking about you! Always worried that something will happen to you. How do you feel now?” Jiang Yi asked warmly.

“It’s just that the wound on my stomach hasn’t fully healed yet so I don’t feel very comfortable,” Qiao Mei said honestly.

“Sigh! Your generation! You’re so delicate! Back when I gave birth to my second son, I didn’t even rest for a day! I went straight to work in the fields and my chores did not even pile up! You just lack exercise, so you need to go out and walk around more. Why do you need to live in such comfort,” Jiang Yi said in a pompous manner.

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Xia Zhe immediately frowned to show his displeasure. If there was a way for him to go to the toilet on Qiao Mei's behalf, then he would make sure that Qiao Mei did not need to get down from the hospital bed for the rest of her life. At most, he would just wait on Qiao Mei forever. It was no big deal. Which side of Qiao Mei had he not seen yet?

What was this about how a woman should go to work in the fields right after giving birth! That was all nonsense! He did not care about what other people did and did not want to know. What was wrong with him wanting Qiao Mei to be comfortable and not have to worry about anything? It was not Jiang Yi's place to criticize him.

She should just take a look at her own life! Just because she was not doing well herself, she wanted others to suffer with her!

Seeing that Xia Zhe did not look too happy, Jiang Yi quickly said, "Oh my, I'm simply too anxious and muddle-headed. A lot of things have happened in my family and I am all over the place! Please don't mind me. After all, I'm just a boor and I don't know anything. I'm just passing a remark, so don't take me too seriously."

Qiao Mei smiled faintly and did not say anything. She knew what Jiang Yi meant. She spoke as if she was apologizing to them, but she was actually trying to remind them tactfully that something had happened to the Tan family recently. She wanted Qiao Mei to be the one to ask her about it!

Qiao Mei was not a fool! She must quickly send Jiang Yi away!

"It's fine, I won't blame you. Since something has happened in your family, then you should go back. There's nothing much for you to do here. Auntie, you should go back quickly," Qiao Mei said.

"Sigh... I want to go back too, but this matter is really too serious. I can't manage to contact Tan Jing and Xia Wen has been busy recently, so I don't know what to do," Jiang Yi said as she wiped the corners of her eyes with her sleeve, looking as if she was really sad.

"Oh, it sounds really serious. That's really a headache. My little family doesn't have the clout to do much for you. I just hope that you don't tire yourself out. I believe my eldest brother will find some time to deal with this matter," Qiao Mei said.

Seeing that Qiao Mei had no intention of helping her, Jiang Yi went forward and grabbed Qiao Mei's hands. She wept and said, "No, no! You're the only one who can help me with this matter! I'll tell you the truth! I'm really at my wits' end. My husband is so sick that he can't get up from bed. Our family doesn't have any money and the children refuse to come back. If you don't help me, I really don't know what to do!"

Qiao Mei pursed her lips. She was curious about why Jiang Yi wanted to look for her and what the big issue was. She did not expect to have gotten herself into big trouble. It was truly easier to raise the devil than to lay him.

Xia Zhe stood at the side and found it difficult to say anything. After all, this was a matter between women. It would definitely make things more troublesome if he said any words of criticism. However, he could not bear to see Qiao Mei continue to be harassed by Jiang Yi. He felt caught in a difficult position

"Auntie, this matter is easy to deal with! When my father-in-law fell sick some time back, I gave him some medicinal wine. He is in even better health than Xia Zhe now! Let me give you some too. Once Uncle drinks it, he'll definitely recover!" Qiao Mei said.

"Sure, sure, sure! I just know that you're a nice girl! You definitely won't leave me in the lurch! One look and I can tell that you're a blessed person! You'll always live a rich and comfortable life!" Jiang Yi smiled so widely that the corners of her mouth almost reached her ears.

Qiao Mei secretly gave Xia Zhe a look and he immediately understood what she meant. He quickly walked to the living room outside. Recently, Qiao Mei had a craving for canned food, so there were many bottles and jars that they had not thrown out yet. Xia Zhe randomly picked one and tore off the packaging on it. He then found a bottle of water and poured some into it. After sealing the lid, he brought it into the room.

"Auntie, this is the medicine that Qiao Mei mentioned. You must keep it well and not let anyone else know. No one outside knows about this! If word gets out, I'm afraid you won't be able to have any more medicine in the future," Xia Zhe said to Jiang Yi in a cautious manner.

Jiang Yi immediately hugged the glass bottle like it was a treasure! Worried that others would find out, she hurriedly thanked Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei and left. If Xia Zhe had not personally sent her out the door, the two security officers would have thought that she had stolen something!

Her posture was really too strange.

After Jiang Yi left, Qiao Mei could not help but laugh out loud. This woman was really easy to fool. Jiang Yi believed anything she said and she wondered how Tan Jing had gotten caught in an entanglement with Jiang Yi for so long.

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Chapter 1199 - 1199 Discharged from Hospital

1199 Discharged from Hospital

It was probably because Tan Jing was easy to bully and also equally as brainless as Jiang Yi. Otherwise, she would not have let Jiang Yi lead her by the nose for so many years and even allow Cheng Gu to have the opportunity to take advantage of her. In fact, Tan Jing was also a pitiful person, but those who were pitiful always had a cause for sinking to their lows.

Qiao Mei only felt a little emotional, but she would never be able to be a saintly person who could take pity on Tan Jing.

By now, the wound on her stomach had already scabbed over. She was someone who cared about her looks, so she persevered in applying the ginseng juice to her stomach every day! The effect would definitely be several times better than when Zhang Miao used it. She wanted to recover as soon as possible as there were still many things she wanted to do!

“Do you think it’s alright to fool them like this? What if Uncle Tan is really sick?” Qiao Mei suddenly asked.

“It’s alright. My eldest brother and I have investigated everything about their family. Uncle Tan is an experienced technician who has retired from the factory. Every year, he would go for two physical examinations. The results of his physical examination in the first half of the year are indeed not very good, but these are all normal illnesses related to old age. It’s not a big deal,” Xia Zhe said.

Tan Bo had high blood pressure, high blood lipids, high blood sugar, slight diabetes tendencies and mild heart disease. He also loved to drink and must drink liquor with every meal. As long as there was food, he must have the liquor glass by his side.

The Tan family did not have much money, so Jiang Yi would buy him the cheapest liquor. That kind of liquor was very harmful to the body and drinking too much would cause problems in the various organs of the body. However, to Tan Bo, it did not matter how long he lived as long as he was happy! If he was not allowed to drink, he would rather be dead!

Some people who had cancer could even live for a few more years if they maintained a good state of mind! Furthermore, Tan Bo was not afflicted with any major illnesses. What they did was to make him drink more water every day. What was so bad about that?

“When can I be discharged? I’m starting to get moldy soon!” Qiao Mei pouted and said unhappily.

“Probably the day after tomorrow. Aunt is coming to give you a full-body checkup tomorrow. If there are no major problems, you can be discharged. The two little fellows can also come home with us, but they have to come back for regular checkups,” Xia Zhe said.

“The children still need to have more checkups? Are there any issues?” Qiao Mei asked nervously.

In her memories, there was no need for them to come to the hospital so often. Zhang Wei and the others had only spent some time in the hospital when they were just born and then they were all brought up at home. They never needed to go to the hospital for any checkup. It was the same for the three siblings of the Xia family.

Why did Xia Fan and Xia Xing have to come to the hospital for checkups regularly? What could the reason be other than they had some issues?

“Don’t be anxious. It’s just that Aunt is worried about them. After all, these two kids were born prematurely. Although they were both born with sufficient weights, Aunt is still worried about abnormalities. After all, this is also her first time delivering twins,” Xia Zhe explained.

Only then did Qiao Mei heave a sigh of relief. Since it was Xia Fang who wanted them to come, then be it. She just did not want the two children to grow up too pampered. The more pampered the children were, the less they would be able to go through the storms in life. If anything unexpected happened, the children would not be able to take any blows.

She had endless hopes and dreams about the future of the two children, but in the end, she still hoped that the two children could live like ordinary people. It would be best if they could spend the rest of their lives with her in Foshan Village. There was no need for them to have advanced education, money or a powerful family background. She just wanted them to be happy.

At night, Tan Jing’s condition had improved a little. Her external and internal injuries had all fully recovered and her emotions had also slowly stabilized. As long as she took the sedatives on time every day, she would be able to live a normal life.

The only thing was that it was inevitable that her drug addiction would flare up from time to time. As long as Tan Jing could persevere, she would eventually be able to get rid of her drug addiction. It was just that the process was intolerable for most people.

After Xia Wen got off work, he went straight to the clinic where Tan Jing was. He quietly packed her things and put them into the bag one by one. Finally, he looked at Tan Jing and said, "Let's go."

Tan Jing looked at Xia Wen in a daze and followed him out of the clinic. She got into the car slowly.

Chapter 1200 - 1200 Do You Still Love Me

1200 Do You Still Love Me

They did not have a house in the city now and it was not a good idea for Xia Wen to bring Tan Jing to Xu Lan's place. If Xu Lan saw Tan Jing, they would definitely get into a fight. If they returned to the house in the suburbs, Tan Jing would probably be reminded of how Cheng Gu had lied to her, so it was not a good option either. Fortunately, Xia Fang had another house which they could use for a while.

This way, it would not affect Xia Wen's work, nor would it be too difficult for him to take care of Tan Jing.

Of course, he was not staying there for free. Xiang Chen was about to graduate from university soon. Xia Fang did not want Xiang Chen to follow the same career path as Xiang Jin. She knew how dangerous it was, having so many family members working in the military.

Initially, Xia Fang wanted Xiang Chen to study medicine in university. However, Xiang Chen was not cut out for it at all. He only excelled in mathematics and even said that he wanted to work in the laboratory in the future, as well as to further his studies. Xia Fang supported Xiang Chen, but Xiang Jin wanted their son to enter the army to protect the country. Xia Fang and Xiang Jin had quarreled many times over this matter and they parted on bad terms every time.

As a mother, her only wish was for her son to be safe. At the very least, working in government services meant that his life would not be in danger. Therefore, she wanted Xia Wen to think of a way to find a job for Xiang Chen.

As for whether Xiang Chen could continue to study under his teacher work in the university laboratory, that would depend on his own capability. In any case, Xia Fang wanted to make sure that there was a backup plan for Xiang Chen.

Tan Jing did not speak to Xia Wen along the way. She just looked out of the window in a daze and did not move at all. It was as if her soul had been sucked dry and she was like a zombie.

It was not until she reached Xia Fang's house and rested for a while on the sofa that she said to Xia Wen, "Do you... not love me anymore..."

Xia Wen was a little stunned. He had thought that Tan Jing would say that she was hungry, but he did not expect her to raise such an intense topic. He did not know whether he should answer her question, nor did he know what he was actually feeling inside.

Could there still be love between them?

In the beginning, Xia Wen cherished Tan Jing very much. However, when Xia Wen started to feel reluctant to go home and did not even want to hear anything about the Tan family, the passionate love in the beginning faded to leave only a sense of responsibility in the end.

It was Xia Wen's sense of responsibility that made him unable to abandon Tan Jing. He simply wanted to do his best to be a good husband, but it was no longer out of love for Tan Jing.

"I don't know either. Why do you suddenly ask this question?" Xia Wen sat opposite Tan Jing and asked gently. It had been a long time since they had a proper conversation.

"I just feel apologetic. If I hadn't tricked you into being with me back then, you might be having a blissful life now," Tan Jing said apologetically.

"I don't think you've done anything. I also loved you deeply back then, so I like everything you do," Xia Wen said.

“Nothing happened between Cheng Gu and me. Absolutely nothing. Do you believe me?” Tan Jing asked anxiously.

Xia Wen did not hesitate at all and nodded forcefully. “I know. Of course I believe you.”

Tan Jing smiled happily and asked expectantly, “Then you... won’t leave me, right? You won’t leave me, right?”

This time round, Xia Wen did not answer Tan Jing. Her initial anticipation turned to anxiety before she broke down. She could not accept his silence. She could accept that he did not love her anymore, but she could not bear to lose him. After so many years, she had long gotten used to relying on him. Without him, she did not know how she would be able to survive.

Furthermore, how could a divorced woman survive in this society! She did not have courage and capability like Xia He, nor the powerful family backing Xia He up. She would be drowned by all the gossip!

Tan Jing knew very well how much she had gone overboard this time, but how could there not be room for redemption no matter what she did? How could they not give her a way out? After all, she had been married to Xia Wen for so many years. Even if she had no achievements, she should still be rewarded for her efforts!

“Xia Wen, you can’t leave me! Just put me in that house in the suburbs! As long as you don’t leave me, I’m fine with anything!” Tan Jing said.

“I’m afraid you can’t have your way with this matter. You’ve really gone too far this time. The Xia family... can’t accommodate you anymore,” Xia Wen said sternly.