

Fat Wife 1211

Chapter 1211 Discover A Scam

"Xiao Hu, are you lying to me? Is this stuff really so valuable? Are you just playing a trick on me!" Jiang Yi asked suspiciously.

"Of course it's true, why would I lie to you! Tan Bao also knows about this!" Tan Hu said.

Tan Bao quickly echoed, "That's right, people are offering 2,000 dollars for a small bottle now! Second Brother and I discussed it previously but we were too embarrassed to talk to the Xia family, so we didn't mention this matter."

Although everyone had heard of the Xia family's "divine medicine", they only knew that He Ning was in possession of it and no one knew whether anyone else had obtained the Xia family's "divine medicine". It was really something that was priceless!

Since no one could find out anything from the Xia family, everyone set their sights on these two ignorant and incompetent brothers from the Tan family. However, no one had expected that these two men were cowards who did not even dare to approach the Xia family at all. They did not even dare to think about this matter.

The two of them were just tyrants at home. Once they went out of the house, they became wusses and did not even dare to retort when others shouted at them. As Qiao Mei had described, the two of them combined were not even half as good as Su Yang!

Jiang Yi turned to look at Tan Jing. That woman who came to the house earlier said that everyone in the Xia family had a share, so Tan Jing must have a share too.

"Where's your share of the 'divine medicine'?" Jiang Yi asked.

Tan Hu and Tan Bao looked at Tan Jing expectantly. It appeared that their source of wealth was Tan Jing.

"I drank it," Tan Jing said honestly.

Tan Hu went forward angrily and slapped Tan Jing. Just one slap was not enough for him to vent his anger and he wanted to continue hitting her. Jiang Yi did not stop him and just let him bully Tan Jing. Tan Bao pretended not to see anything and lowered his head silently.

Tan Jing was weak to begin with and was no match for Tan Hu at all. After he slapped her a few times, she was already bleeding from the corner of her mouth and had swollen cheeks. She was not angry, nor did she cry or feel aggrieved. After returning to the Tan family, she had long known that such a day would come. It was her destiny and it was just a matter of time.

"What a piece of trash! Why do you drink medicine when you're not sick! Do you know how precious this medicine is! Is it something that a cheap life like yours deserves?" Tan Hu said angrily.

"In any case, I have nothing to do with the Xia family now. Even if you beat me to death, you won't be able to get the 'divine medicine'. Moreover, whatever you have in that bottle is fake. You've all been deceived by Qiao Mei and you still don't know it!" Tan Jing said as she looked at them mockingly.

"Fake? How can it be? Your father feels quite well after drinking it! What evidence do you have to prove that this is fake?" Jiang Yi asked.

"At the very least, I've drunk it before. This 'divine medicine' is actually a type of medicinal wine and it's light green in color. The darker the color, the better the medicinal effect. Back then, Xia Mao was able to be revived after drinking the light green type, so you can imagine how powerful the dark green type can be," Tan Jing said.

Tan Jing only knew all this from hearsay. Although the medicinal wine which Qiao Mei gave Xia Mao was indeed light-colored, it was not light green but pale golden. No outsider got close enough to see it clearly, so these were all rumors.

Even if Qiao Mei filled glass bottles with liquor and put them out for sale, there would definitely be an overwhelming number of people coming to the Xia family house to buy them. The key information they had was that the liquid was supposed to be a light color, but they did not know what color it was or even if it was supposed to be colored.

"You wretched girl! Why didn't you say so earlier! You only tell us when we have almost finished it! What if it's poison!" Jiang Yi said furiously.

"This is just a bottle of water. It won't harm the two of you. What's there to be afraid of," Tan Jing said.

Now that the "divine medicine" was fake and it was no longer possible for Tan Jing to return to the Xia family, it appeared that Jiang Yi would have to be the one to go and look for Qiao Mei. Previously, Qiao Mei did not want to help them with their request for a house because it was really too expensive. Now, it was only a matter of a bottle of "divine medicine". It should be no skin off her back, so why would she be unwilling to give it to them?

Based on Jiang Yi's calculations, it should be time for Qiao Mei to hold the one-month-old celebration for her children. The next few days would be the perfect timing to pay them a visit! The men in the Tan family were all burly and brash and they would only cause trouble if they went. Jiang Yi was afraid to go alone, so she asked her youngest child, Tan Yue, to accompany her.

"Then... I'm not going to go there for nothing! You have to give me some benefits," Tan Yue said.

"Have I brought you up for nothing! How dare you ask me for benefits? You're really too shameless!" Jiang Yi said angrily.

Chapter 1212 Paying A Visit With Generous Gifts

In the past, Tan Yue would always be able to get money from Jiang Yi, sometimes less and sometimes more. Otherwise, she would just go steal some money from the cabinet. As long as Jiang Yi did not find out, it was not a big deal.

However, after the Xia family stopped helping them, there was not much money left at home as Tan Hu had gambled away most of it. She had not been able to get anything from Jiang Yi for a few months already. Her mother-in-law beat and scolded her every day. In addition, Zhou Nan was a coward. He did not dare to say anything to his mother and would only stand by and watch Tan Yue suffer.

Tan Yue was always getting scolded about the same few issues. She was labeled a money-losing good-for-nothing and a useless b*tch, and she was also mocked for only giving birth to girls. She already had three daughters. If she continued to have children, she was quite sure that it would still be a daughter. However, if she did not manage to have a son this year, then she would end up like Tan Jing and be sent back to the Tan family.

If they could sell the "divine medicine" and earn enough money, it would not be a problem for her to buy a small house in the countryside. This way, even if she got a divorce, she could still live a good life with her children.

"I don't care. If you don't give me anything, I won't go! Get Eldest Sister to go with you," Tan Yue said stubbornly.

"Fine, fine, fine. I'll give you a little," Jiang Yi said vaguely.

"A little? Why should I only get a little? I want the same share as Eldest Brother and the rest. I'm also a child of the Tan family. I must have what they have. I don't want more, but I definitely can't have less!" Tan Yue said.

Jiang Yi did not have much choice. She only had two daughters. One had already been abandoned and the other was very calculative.

Early the next morning, the two women left the house with a bag of rice, an old hen which they raised at home, a fish and a pot of soybean oil. These things had cost Jiang Yi a lot of money! All these items could be considered generous gifts.

However, as the saying went, if one could not bear to part with a child, one would not be able to catch a wolf. Since she had already decided to do this, she must gain something big! If they went empty-handed, they might not even be able to walk through the main door.

Jiang Yi was stopped at the neighborhood entrance. She was still a person on the blacklist! Without Xu Lan's instructions, the patrol team did not dare to let her go so easily.

παΠdasNovel.com "Please let me in. I'm the Xia family's in-law! I'm really here to celebrate the children turning one month old! Please be kind and let me off," Jiang Yi begged.

"No! We can't let you in without the Xia family's instructions! Please understand that this is our job!" the patrol team member said. I think you should take a look at παΠdasnovel.com

"Then make a phone call! You should at least call and ask them!" Jiang Yi said.

The patrol team member dialed Luo Yu's number doubtfully and said, "Big brother, that woman is here again today. Should we let her in or just chase her away? It's not up to us to decide."

"Why is she here again... I'll go and ask the family. You guys hold her back first," Luo Yu said helplessly.

Xu Lan and the others were chatting happily in the living room. They did not expect the Tan family to come to their house during this hour. In fact, they thought that those people would be sensible enough not to come again!

"Xiao Luo, is she here to cause trouble or does she have other motives?" Xu Lan asked.

"I hear from the guys at the door that she has brought a lot of things like rice, flour and oil. She seems to be here to celebrate something," Luo Yu said.

The Xia family did not lack any of the items she brought. Xu Lan was about to instruct Luo Yu to send Jiang Yi away when Qiao Mei became curious about what Jiang Yi would do if she came in.

She could not help the fact that she was a very curious person by nature. Perhaps Jiang Yi was here to take advantage of her, but she still wanted to see the pleading expression on Jiang Yi's face.

"Mother~ Let them come in and let's see what they want," Qiao Mei said sweetly.

"But what if she's here to harm you? Have you forgotten how she treated you previously?" Xu Lan asked worriedly.

"That won't happen. We still have Brother Luo here! Besides, Xia Zhe will be back soon. What else can she do to me?" Qiao Mei held Xu Lan's hand and continued, "Mother, don't worry. I know my limits. I'm very strong, so they definitely won't be able to bully me."

Xu Lan could not dissuade Qiao Mei, so she had no choice but to agree. Luo Yu went to the door to fetch them personally. During this short period of time, Qiao Mei went upstairs to change into a beautiful dress. She wanted the Tan family members to know that even after giving birth, she still maintained her good looks! She was not some dowdy woman from the countryside.

Chapter 1213 Drinking Powdered Milk

As soon as Jiang Yi entered the house, she noticed that the interior had changed. It was completely different from how it looked the last time she came. Since it was such a cozy setup, it must have been remodeled for those two brats! It was such a pity. If Tan Jing was able to have children... then this little b*tch would not have a chance at all!

pandasNovel.com "Ah, my heartiest congratulations to my in-law. You have two additions to the family at one go. This is such a joyous occasion," Jiang Yi said politely.

Xu Lan smiled and said, "Yes, I'm definitely happy. I'm unlike you, your eldest grandson is already a few years old and you have more grandchildren running around you! I'm not as lucky as you. It's been a long wait for these two babies. I'm so excited so I hope you can understand."

In the past, when Tan Jing was around, Xu Lan never mentioned anything about children because she was afraid of hurting Tan Jing's fragile ego. However, now that Tan Jing was not around, there was nothing wrong with making Jiang Yi annoyed. After all, Jiang Yi was the biggest culprit who made Tan Jing the person she was!

One seldom heard of a mother being so heartless to her daughter. Tan Jing had previously mentioned that she had irregular periods since she was young and it remained the same even after she grew up. Sometimes, she would not have her period for a few months. At that time, she was still young and did not have money to go to the hospital. By the time she grew up, it was already too late!

Tan Jing had asked Jiang Yi for help many times but to no avail. Xu Lan did not believe that Jiang Yi did not know anything. As a woman, how could she not have such basic knowledge? After all, Jiang Yi had given birth to so many children. How could she not know how to take care of her daughter?

Jiang Yi actually knew very well what was going on, but what could she do? Therefore, when Tan Jing asked her, she only replied that she did not know anything.

She felt that women should just bear with everything. Back in the past, she also had to work in the farmland and wash the dishes using cold water in winter. Even then, she still gave birth to so many children. If Tan Jing could not have children, it was Tan Jing who had a problem and it had nothing to do with her! It was Tan Jing who turned out to be a disappointment!

"Haha, I understand... I understand..." Jiang Yi said with an awkward smile.

Tan Yue just simply down all the things on the floor. She had carried the heavy rice and oil all the way here. After they entered the house, the Xia family members did not even say anything and just let the two of them stand there with the things like two fools. People who did not know better would think that they were people delivering things from the countryside! They were not treated like relatives at all!

"Oh my, I'm so focused on chatting that I don't remember that you have all those things with you. You can put them there. They look quite heavy," Xu Lan said.

"These are all from our house. I hope you don't mind! That old hen is very plump! You can use it to make soup for Qiao Mei! This will ensure that she will have enough milk for the children! There are two children to feed! I wonder if Qiao Mei is able to produce enough milk," Jiang Yi said. I think you should take a look at paπdasnovel.com

"We don't need Qiao Mei to breastfeed the children. We feed the children using powdered milk. It's no big deal," Xu Lan said.

"Drink powdered milk? That won't do! How can children drink something that has no nutrition! Is it because... Qiao Mei doesn't produce enough milk to feed the children?" Jiang Yi asked.

"Of course not. We're just worried that it will be too tough on Qiao Mei, so we decide to let the children drink powdered milk. After all, we must take care of the mother first," Xu Lan said.

Jiang Yi was so full of hatred that she gritted her teeth. Everything that the b*tch Qiao Mei was enjoying now should belong to Tan Jing! It was all Tan Jing's fault for being so disappointing! Otherwise, she could have helped her family become rich long ago! Also, she and her husband would not have reached the point of divorce!

At the end of the day, the fact that Xia Wen and Tan Jing did not have any children made the divorce process too quick and easy, since there was no glue to hold them together.

"Can we go and see Qiao Mei and the children?" Jiang Yi asked tentatively.

"Yes, but you need to disinfect first. The children are still fragile," Xu Lan said.

Feng Hua sprayed some alcohol on Jiang Yi and Tan Yue using a watering spray bottle. However, she did not spray Xu Lan. Jiang Yi immediately understood that Xu Lan looked down on her and her daughter and felt that they were carrying viruses on their bodies! Xu Lan could not wait for the two of them to leave quickly and not harm her precious eldest grandson!

How pretentious of her. It was as if only her family had young children.

"Alright, you can go in." Xu Lan walked in slowly with the two of them. Qiao Mei was still in bed! When she saw Jiang Yi, she did not get out of bed to greet them. She just sat up and nodded slightly with a smile.

Chapter 1214 Give Us Two Bottles

Jiang Yi rolled her eyes angrily. How rude! Previously, when she saw Qiao Mei at Qiao Mei's house, she did not think that Qiao Mei was very good-looking. However, with a closer look now, Qiao Mei was really quite good-looking. She did not look like an unruly girl from the countryside at all, but like a young lady from a rich family.

Qiao Mei also looked very elegant. This was the first time Tan Yue met Qiao Mei and it was completely different from what she remembered hearing. She thought people said that Qiao Mei was a fatty weighing more than 200 pounds? At that time, she had wondered if Xia Zhe had taken a fancy to some kind of monster.

In the end... she turned out to be such a beautiful woman... No wonder Xia Zhe got married so quickly...

Qiao Mei immediately noticed the look in Tan Yue's eyes. A woman's sixth sense was always spot on. She vaguely felt that Tan Yue was a little hostile towards her. She could not explain it, but there was just something wrong.

However, it was no surprise at all. Xia Zhe had so much romance luck, perhaps this person was also another one of his admirers?

Qiao Mei felt a little unhappy. She would settle the score with Xia Zhe when he returned later. For now, she must deal with these two people first.

"Oh my!" Before Jiang Yi could say anything, Xu Lan stopped her.

"Speak softly. The children are still sleeping and Qiao Mei also can't stand loud noises," Xu Lan said with a frown.

pandasNovel.com "Fine, fine, fine. I understand. I'll speak softly," Jiang Yi whispered.

However, she did not think the same in her heart. All her grandchildren slept soundly all the time. Even if she kicked up a fuss at home, they would not wake up.

The Xia family's children were really too pampered! They were so overly protected!

"How do you feel? Do you still feel uncomfortable?" Jiang Yi was about to sit down at the edge of Qiao Mei's bed for a chat when Xu Lan pulled her up. Her butt had not even touched the bed yet!

"In-law, not everyone can sit on my daughter-in-law's bed. Not even me! I seek your understanding. There are a few stools over there. Let's sit there," Xu Lan said. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Jiang Yi's expression darkened, but she did not dare to say anything. After all, she had a more important matter to do today. It was not good to ruin the harmony over such trivial matters.

"I'm fine now. I just need to take care of the two children. Mother will usually help me out, so it's not taxing on me," Qiao Mei said in a gentle manner.

As the two of them continued chatting, Xu Lan went downstairs to bring up some fruits for Qiao Mei. Xia Zhe had eaten up all the fruits in the room and he did not think of bringing more upstairs.

Once Jiang Yi saw Xu Lan leave, she quickly put on a pitiful expression. The speed at which she changed her expression was comparable to that of an actress in a television drama! One second, she was chatting and laughing! The next second, her expression became gloomy.

"Sigh... You look so well and healthy, so I don't have to worry about you anymore. It's just that my husband's health is still not too good. He's been drinking the 'divine medicine' you gave but there is still not much improvement. I hear from Tan Jing that the 'divine medicine' comes in different colors. I wonder if I have taken the wrong kind?" Jiang Yi probed.

If she questioned Qiao Mei directly, she definitely would not get her way. By asking in this manner, she made it sound like it was nobody's fault and hopefully led to Qiao Mei giving them the real thing.

"Is that so? Maybe Xia Zhe did not see clearly, but I only had a few bottles anyway. It's not like there's a lot of it. We can't even produce one bottle within a few months. How can there be any more of such good stuff nowadays?" Qiao Mei said with a straight face.

"Don't you have a few bottles set aside for your grandfather? Bring those out and pass them to our family first. You can always make more for your grandfather!" Jiang Yi said.

That self-entitled attitude undoubtedly crossed Qiao Mei's line. She was actually open to negotiating terms and conditions with Jiang Yi. If Jiang Yi knew how to say things which made her happy, she could even reward Jiang Yi with a few bottles. However, from the looks of it, that family did not even deserve a few drops!

"No means no. Those are not available. You should bring your husband to a proper hospital for a checkup," Qiao Mei said as she held back her temper.

Jiang Yi immediately flared up and shouted, "Why not! What's wrong with giving us one or two bottles! Your grandfather is in such good health! But my husband is not going to make it! What's wrong with giving them to our family!"

Her loud shouting woke Xia Fan and Xia Xing up. The two children were so frightened that they started crying. Qiao Mei's good temper was gone by now and she looked at the Tan mother-and-daughter duo coldly.

Chapter 1215 - 1215 You Still Know How to Come Back

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"I've never met someone so shameless! If I don't give it to you, are you going to snatch it by force! It's not as if you're still related to our family now! Get lost!" Qiao Mei said furiously.

As Qiao Mei was worried about scaring the children again, she spoke very softly. In fact, her childish voice was not intimidating at all. When Xu Lan heard the cries coming from upstairs, she quickly ran up to take a look. Upon seeing Jiang Yi bullying Qiao Mei, she quickly stood in front of Qiao Mei.

"What are you doing! Get out now!" Xu Lan said angrily.

"But we haven't done anything. What has it got to do with us if these two children cry? Isn't it normal for children to cry and look for the adults when they wake up? You can't blame everything on us," Jiang Yi said without any shame.

Qiao Mei gritted her teeth in anger, but her priority was to coax the children first. The most important thing now was to settle the children down. Xu Lan grabbed Jiang Yi and Tan Yue and pulled them out of the door, leaving Feng Hua and Qiao Mei in the room to comfort the children.

Xu Lan chased Jiang Yi and Tan Yue out of the main door. She even called Luo Yu to come over and asked him to throw out all the things that the Tan family members had brought with them. Who would dare to use the Tan family's things!

"Just leave! Don't come again in the future! My son and your daughter are already divorced. If you don't want this matter to blow up and don't want your daughter to go to jail, then go home and stay there! Don't come to our house again!" After saying that, Xu Lan slammed the door shut.

While on his way back, Xia Zhe caught sight of the two dejected people who had just been chased out. He quickly found a corner to hide and only came out after Luo Yu sent the two women out of the neighborhood entrance. When he finally came out from the corner, he gave Luo Yu a shock.

“Why are you hiding there!” Luo Yu said wearily.

“I’m hiding from the ‘god of plague’. Otherwise, am I supposed to present myself to her?” Xia Zhe said resignedly.

“Say, bring me along on your next mission. All these household issues have really broadened my horizons. I don’t even want to get married anymore! It feels like a headache,” Luo Yu said uncomfortably.

“What are you afraid of! If you win my elder sister’s heart, do you think my family will treat you badly?” Xia Zhe said jokingly.

“You and your eldest brother just like to make fun of me, right? It’s impossible between Xia He and I. I don’t have any other intentions. As long as she’s happy, I don’t care about anything else,” Luo Yu said.

Xia Zhe did not say anything and patted Luo Yu’s shoulder. He could not really understand Luo Yu’s feelings, but yet he seemed to understand a little. If he had met Qiao Mei earlier, he might have to wait bitterly for her as well.

Perhaps... or perhaps not... After all, when he met Qiao Mei, she was still a fatty weighing more than 200 pounds and who looked like a reincarnated bear! Even if he really met Qiao Mei much earlier, he would only treat her like a sister and would not think of asking her to marry him.

This actually showed how much hard work and effort Qiao Mei had put in for him. He must treat Qiao Mei even better and give her all the good things so that she could live blissfully for the rest of her life!

“Mother, why do you have such an expression on your face?” Xia Zhe looked at Xu Lan curiously. If Xu Lan had not tied her hair up, her hair would probably be standing on end from how angry Jiang Yi and Tan Yue made her feel!

“You still have the cheek to say that! Where did you run off to have fun! You aren’t even home when your wife, children and mother are being bullied! You’re only back after everything is over!” Xu Lan said angrily.

Xia Zhe got a shock and quickly ran upstairs. Xu Lan did not stop him. After all, she was fine. Qiao Mei was not in a good mood now, so Xia Zhe should go and take care of her.

Feng Hua and Qiao Mei finally coaxed Xia Fan and Xia Xing to sleep. Xia Zhe slowly lightened his footsteps and came to Qiao Mei’s side. Feng Hua eyed the situation and decided to carry the two children out to sleep in Xu Lan’s room, giving the couple enough space to talk.

“I’m sorry to come back too late,” Xia Zhe said apologetically.

“So you still know how to come back! But it’s also my fault... I’m the one who’s too curious and insists on letting them in,” Qiao Mei said as she lowered her head aggrievedly.

She still felt uneasy up till now. Her heart ached whenever she thought of the two children crying. She finally realized that she was no longer the young woman from before who could do whatever she wanted. She must always put the children’s safety first and not put them in danger because of her own curiosity.

Chapter 1216 - 1216 Biased

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“You’re not at fault. It’s all my fault. If I was around, they wouldn’t dare to bully you. I’m sorry, it’s all my fault. Don’t blame yourself,” Xia Zhe said as he looked at Qiao Mei with heartache.

“It’s fortunate that you were not around! I can tell that Tan Yue has improper feelings for you. As soon as she entered the room, she kept looking around for you. She was so disappointed when she didn’t see you and she looked at me as if she wanted to eat me up,” Qiao Mei said as she pretended to be angry.

“Really? I don’t know anything about that...” Xia Zhe said, feeling perplexed.

Xia Zhe indeed did not know much about this matter, but Xu Lan knew it very well. In fact, she was the one who had dealt with it!

It happened during the time when Xia Wen and Tan Jing got married. Xia Zhe had taken leave and returned home from the army. At the wedding ceremony, Tan Yue had immediately noticed Xia Zhe, who was the groom's best man.

People liked to say that the best man and the bridesmaid at a wedding had a high probability of becoming the next couple. Due to that, Tan Yue had always believed that she would be able to marry Xia Zhe.

Not long after Tan Jing got married, Tan Yue would go to the Xia family residence every other day just to try and catch a glimpse of Xia Zhe. It did not take long for Xu Lan to see through Tan Yue's intentions. Xu Lan scolded Tan Jing fiercely and asked her to settle this matter. Although Xu Lan did not know what happened after that, it seemed that Tan Jing had handled the matter quite well.

"You have such excessive romance luck! Of course you don't know anything about this!" Qiao Mei said angrily.

Xia Zhe hurriedly went forward to hug Qiao Mei and said, "My dear wife~ Please forgive me. I'll wear a mask whenever I have to meet people in the future! I definitely won't let any woman fall for me!"

"Hmph," Qiao Mei said daintily. She did not sound intimidating at all.

Actually, Xia Zhe had done quite well in this aspect. It was always those women who pestered him. He had never given any mixed signals to any woman, so there was no issue.

She was just angry at the fact that so many women clamored after Xia Zhe. However, they could do whatever they want. This only proved that Xia Zhe was a charming man. The popular man whom everyone liked was her husband!

Let those women be as jealous as they wanted!

Jiang Yi definitely felt indignant to be chased away like this. Along the way, she kept cursing the Xia family and the two children. Tan Yue walked beside her, carrying all the things and did not say a word, afraid that Jiang Yi would turn abusive if she said something wrong.

Tan Hu and Tan Bao were currently at home discussing with Tan Bo on how to split the “divine medicine” among them!

Tan Hu had his own house which had enough space for his small family to live in. However, it was different for Tan Bao. He had three children! Moreover, two of them were boys. Life would only get tougher when it was time for them to get married, so he must get a bigger share of the money!

“Dad, you’re the head of this family. Once Mom comes back with the ‘divine medicine’ and we sell it, how do you think we should split the money among us?” Tan Bao probed.

“These are matters which you guys should discuss among yourselves. I don’t care about such things,” Tan Bo said vaguely. He was not a fool and knew very well what these children were up to.

“Dad, you have to help me! Your two eldest grandsons are in my family! You can’t just look on if they can’t afford to get married! I can’t keep staying in the storeroom at home. You have to help me out!” Tan Bao cried out.

Tan Hu was unhappy when he heard this. They were both sons of the Tan family, so why should Tan Bao ask for more? If so, then he would behave like Tan Bao!

“Younger brother, what you just said is not right. It’s not our parents’ fault that you don’t have a house. Back when you got married, our parents also bought you a house. Didn’t you use it to fund your extramarital affair? Why are you lamenting here now?” Tan Hu said mockingly.

No matter how much Tan Hu liked to gamble, he knew very well that he could not use his house as collateral to pay off his debts. Even when the debt collectors came knocking on his door, he did not hand over the house. This was his home. Even if he ran out of options, he would at least have a place to provide shelter for his wife and children.

At least Tan Hu was a man who took care of his family, but Tan Bao was different. Back then, Tan Bao sold his house so that he could be with his mistress. In the end, that woman took all his money and he ended up with nothing!

Tan Bao was lucky enough to have married that silly girl, Wang Meng. Any other woman would have left him long ago!

Chapter 1217 - 1217 Fake

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“What nonsense are you talking about!” Tan Bao said with a flushed face.

“What do you mean by I am talking nonsense? If you have done something, how can you disallow others from talking about it? Will I want to slander you if you haven’t done anything? We’re both sons of the Tan family and we must get the same amount! Otherwise, no one can get any money!” Tan Hu said angrily.

Tan Bao was not as muscular as Tan Hu. If Tan Hu lost his temper, a casual punch from him would be enough to make Tan Bao fall flat on the ground. Tan Bao would rather hide than offend Tan Hu. Anyway, there were only three sons in their family. Tan Shi was in school and out of town, so they would just leave him out. The two older brothers decide that they would split the money only between the two of them.

“Don’t kick up a fuss here. If you continue to make a fuss, I’ll drink that ‘divine medicine’ once we get it! There’ll be nothing for either of you!” Tan Bo said angrily.

The two brothers stopped talking. There was nothing more important than money. Furthermore, it was not good to make Tan Bo angry. If anything should happen to him, they would lose his substantial retirement pension and they would run out of money to pay for all the family expenses.

As soon as there was a sound outside the door, everyone in the house raised their heads and looked out eagerly. When they saw Jiang Yi coming back with all the things intact, they knew that the matter was not a done deal.

“Mom, didn’t you go to the Xia family’s house?” Tan Bao asked anxiously.

“I did! And almost got my head bitten off!” Jiang Yi put down her things and looked at Tan Jing, who was sitting quietly on the brick bed. She pointed at Tan Jing and scolded, “Why did I give birth to a useless thing like you! Why can’t you have children!”

At that moment, everyone understood why Jiang Yi had failed. Tan Yue also did not look too happy. She also felt uncomfortable seeing Qiao Mei being so blissful. She should be the one sitting there...

“Then what should we do! I’ve already spoken to my clients! That I’ll definitely be able to get the ‘divine medicine’. People are all waiting for it!” Tan Bao said.

“Who asks you to go around telling everyone!” Jiang Yi said angrily.

“Then... how about we produce a few bottles of fake medicine? Doesn’t everyone say that the Xia family has not given the medicine to anyone else? They have not sold the medicine as well, so no one knows what this ‘divine medicine’ tastes like. We just need to make it green in color!” Tan Hu said.

This was a very good idea. Moreover, Tan Jing had seen the actual thing before. They could just keep trying. Even if they could only manage to produce just one bottle of fake medicine, it would be good enough for them!

“You! Do you still remember what that ‘divine medicine’ looks like?” Tan Hu asked as he pointed at Tan Jing.

“I do, but you won’t be able to reproduce it. That green color is different from the normal shades,” Tan Jing said calmly.

They did not believe it! The family juiced all the green vegetables they could find and tried mixing the juices with water one by one, but they still failed in the end.

“This one won’t do! That one won’t do either! What else do we have to do!” Tan Bao said angrily.

“How about... let’s go and steal it,” Tan Hu said in a low voice.

“Steal? How? Do you know where Qiao Mei keeps the medicinal wine? Even if we want to steal it, we must have a way!” Tan Yue said dejectedly.

“Idiot! Qiao Mei isn’t at her own home now and she’s the only one who knows how to make this thing. It must be kept at her own house! Tan Jing has gone to her house before! She can draw us a map and we can search for it room by room. Surely we’ll be able to find it,” Tan Hu said confidently.

Tan Yue still felt that this plan was not workable. Qiao Mei occupied the front yard, but there was still Qiao Qiang and the others living in the backyard! How could they not be able to spot a thief?

This was a very stupid plan. It was no different from tempting fate.

“It’s not like there’s no one at her house. How do we go in to steal it?” Tan Bao said.

“You coward! I’m asking you if you dare to come with me! If you aren’t! Then none of you can even dream about getting a share of the money!” Tan Hu said angrily.

If he managed to steal it, he would be able to enjoy endless wealth! If he failed, he would at most be jailed for five to six years. It was that not big a deal.

“I’ll do it! Brother, I’ll go with you!” Tan Bao said agitatedly.

Tan Yue remained quiet. She was a woman and did not know how to steal things. She could still help out if they wanted to replicate something, but she had her children to take care of and could not take any further risk.

She was only short of money now and it was not a big deal. However, if she was arrested, her mother-in-law might find a new wife for Zhou Nan! She could not accept her children acknowledging someone else as their mother.

She would rather be with her children than get a share of the money.

Chapter 1218 - 1218 Making a Plan

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Tan Hu and Tan Bao came up with a plan and decided to go to Qiao Mei's house tonight. Tan Jing obediently drew a layout of Qiao Mei's house with the locations of all the doors. She only had a vague memory of the place and could not even remember where the study was located.

When the house was being renovated, Qiao Mei had asked the builder to construct many secret rooms. This was something which Qiao Mei enjoyed doing. One might enter a room which looked like a small bedroom, but if one gently pushed the bookcase aside, one might be able to find a wine cellar containing Qiao Mei's collection of good wines.

Qiao Mei definitely would not put the ginseng medicinal wine out in the open. She had extracted a small bottle of concentrated juice, ready to be diluted whenever she needed. In particular, the 1,000-year-old ginseng juice continued to glow in the dark even with all the lights turned off.

Qiao Mei bought a small wooden box to contain it and wrapped the box up tightly. The most dangerous place was usually the safest place. Qiao Mei simply placed the box on a shelf in the kitchen. After all, no one would imagine that such a precious item would be kept in the kitchen.

"Do you really intend to go now? There are people living in the backyard house behind Qiao Mei's house! Her grandfather is there," Tan Jing reminded them out of kindness.

Tan Hu could not be bothered with Qiao Qiang. So what even if there were 100 Qiao Qiangs? He was just an old man, was he not?

"How dangerous can an old man be? He's already on his deathbed. I thought that Qiao girl brought her grandfather to the capital to get treatment for his illness? As if a sick man can do anything. You're really ignorant and inexperienced, so much so that you're even afraid of an old man," Tan Hu said disdainfully.

Since Tan Hu put it across this way, there was nothing Tan Jing could say to dissuade him. She would let them do whatever they wanted. If anything happened, it would have nothing to do with her. She also wanted to see the Tan family fall apart. It was all thanks to these scumbags that she had reached this point. Her life was already ruined, so these people could forget about living well!

The two men quietly set off in the middle of the night.

“Eldest Brother, which door are we using?” Tan Bao asked innocently.

Tan Hu said confidently, “Idiot! How can we enter through the door? We’re going there to steal something! We’re not guests! Of course we have to climb over the wall!”

The two of them chatted happily along the way and even fantasized about their wonderful lives in the future. They were only completely dumbfounded when they saw the towering limestone wall surrounding Qiao Mei’s house.

“Eldest Brother... this... can we make our way up there? Are we at the wrong place?” Tan Bao asked with a trembling voice.

However, when they reached the main door, they realized that they were at the right place. This high-walled compound was really Qiao Mei’s house. Tan Hu would have to stand on Tan Bao’s shoulders to climb over the wall and it was going to be a very strenuous thing to do. Only one person could go in as the other person had to keep watch outside.

However, it was going to be easy to go in but difficult to come out. After he was done, it was not as if he could walk out through the door. Then what was the point of climbing over the wall?

The two of them walked around Qiao Mei’s house again and again, but they still could not figure out where to make their move. However, Qiao Qiang and Xia Jun, who were in the house, had long noticed their footsteps. Qiao Qiang’s room was close to the street and even if he was not trying to be vigilant, why would someone keep wandering around near the house in the middle of the night?

The two of them were army veterans who had been through numerous battles, so they had an awareness of such things.

“Say, which two unlucky fellows are hanging around here in the middle of the night instead of sleeping?” Xia Jun whispered with a smile.

"Hmph, no matter what, it definitely has nothing to do with me or my Mei Mei. It's all related to your eldest grandson!" Qiao Qiang said moodily.

"I don't believe it! Our Xia Wen hasn't done anything bad. How can it be because of him? Furthermore, Cheng Gu's remaining accomplices have all been captured in one fell swoop. Whatever happened would not happen again," Xia Jun said sternly.

"You're still talking about Cheng Gu! Don't tell me that there can't be some other Nan Gu or Bei Gu appearing in the future? Besides, do you think these clumsy people are real criminals? If they continue to loiter around for a while longer, it will be dawn before they get anything done!" Qiao Qiang said.

Although there were not many secret guards stationed around Qiao Mei's house, there were still a few elite soldiers assigned here to protect Xia Jun and Qiao Qiang. The guards had long discovered these two people who were behaving weirdly, but this was the first time they had seen such stupid thieves and they saw it as a joke. The guard team members also wanted to know what these two men were after.

Chapter 1219 Make A Bet

The guard team members knew what they were doing and definitely would not let Tan Hu and Tan Bao get close to Qiao Qiang and Xia Jun. The night was long and they were bored. It was rare to have two stupid thieves coming round, so they naturally wanted to have some fun.

Tan Hu and Tan Bao finally chose a spot and prepared to climb over the wall to enter the courtyard. Tan Bao squatted on the ground to provide support for Tan Hu. It took a lot of effort before Tan Hu reached the top of the wall and he even almost knocked off the tiles on top.

pandasNovel.com "Eldest Brother! Be careful! I'll wait for you here! Come back quickly!" Tan Bao whispered.

"Alright! Wait for my good news!" Tan Hu said happily. After saying that, he slowly climbed down the wall. It would be more accurate to say that he tumbled down instead of climbed down. There was a flower bed right behind the wall and since it was going to be spring soon, the soil was soft so he did not make much noise when he fell. He gritted his teeth and did not dare to make any sound.

He had heard from Tan Jing that Qiao Mei did not raise dogs or other animals. It seemed that she only raised many chickens and ducks at Li Gui's place, so it did not matter even if his footsteps were heavy. There was no one there to sense his presence.

"This house is really big... It's really unfair that the little girl, Qiao Mei, lives in such a big house alone. She should live in our small house while we come and live in this luxurious mansion," Tan Hu said indignantly.

The guard team members watched from the roof as Tan Hu clumsily made his way to the center of Qiao Mei's courtyard. He behaved like he was the owner of this house and did not seem to remember that he was a thief.

"Brother Xiao An, when are we taking action?" a guard team member asked softly.

Xiao An happened to be on duty today. It was rare to get such an opportunity to make a great contribution.

"Let's wait a little longer. Keep an eye on the one outside and don't let him escape. Leave the one in the courtyard to me. Remember, as soon as I blow the whistle, take action immediately. There's no need to worry too much, just make sure he's alive," Xiao An said.

"Noted." The other guard team members went on their way in accordance with Xiao An's instructions.

Tan Hu looked in through the windows one by one and finally stopped outside the study. People always said that rare treasures could be found in the study. Qiao Mei's house was so big. Even if he did not manage to steal the medicinal wine, it was not a bad idea to steal something else that was valuable.

Just as he was about to enter the room, Xiao An descended from above and pressed Tan Hu to the ground. He took out a rope and tied Tan Hu up, not giving Tan Hu any chance to resist. After subduing Tan Hu, Xiao An immediately blew the whistle and the other guard team members successfully captured Tan Bao outside. I think you should take a look at

Before the Tan brothers' plan could even begin, it was already nipped in the bud.

"It seems that Xiao An has subdued these two people." Xia Jun smiled.

"Come, let's go and watch the fun. I want to know who's so bold to come to my house in the middle of the night to steal things." Qiao Qiang snorted coldly and put on his padded cotton jacket before going out to the front yard to take a look.

"Old brother, make a guess whether these people are related to you or me?" Xia Jun asked.

"Why? Don't tell me you want to make a bet with me?" Qiao Qiang said.

Xia Jun's interest was immediately piqued and he said excitedly to Qiao Qiang, "Sure! I've long taken a fancy to the incense burner Qiao Mei bought for you. I've asked so many people for help but none of them can manage to buy me the same one. If these intruders have nothing to do with me, then give me that incense burner."

There was no way Xia Jun would be able to buy that incense burner! Qiao Mei had made it herself and hammered it out bit by bit for Qiao Qiang. He did not know how Qiao Mei made it, but whenever he burned incense inside, it would emit a faint fragrance of plants. The smell always made him feel very comfortable.

This feeling was the same as when he was at his house in Foshan Village. It felt as if he was in a forest.

"Then if these people are related to you, give me your jade chess set," Qiao Qiang said.

Xia Jun suddenly stopped in his tracks. That was his favorite treasured item. If he really had to give it to Qiao Qiang, he would be reluctant to part with it. However, if he did not give it to Qiao Qiang, the old man would definitely nag at him for a long time.

"Why? You want my treasure, but I can't take yours? My granddaughter made it for me herself. For yours, at most you'll just need to put in some effort and find someone to buy a similar set for you. It's such a huge difference! Comparatively, you're the one who gets the better deal!" Qiao Qiang said stubbornly.

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Thinking about it this way, it seemed to make sense. Xia Jun's earlier heartache instantly disappeared. There was nothing more precious than what Qiao Mei had made with her own hands.

Xiao An restrained Tan Hu and Tan Bao in the middle of the courtyard. Just as he was about to go to the backyard to report to the two elders, he saw the two of them coming over.

"Uncle Xia, Uncle Qiao, these two are the ones sneaking around outside tonight," Xiao An said.

The Xia family treated the guard team members like their own family members. Xia Jun disallowed them to address him by his official title unless it was during an official event. Usually, they behaved like elders and juniors, especially since the children in the family were buddies with the guard team members.

"Xia Jun, do you know these two people? I don't seem to have... seen them before?" Qiao Qiang asked curiously.

At this moment, Xia Jun was already black in the face and did not feel like speaking. He never dreamed that these audacious people were actually the Tan brothers! It was really a slap to his face!

The good thing was that Qiao Mei was not at home tonight. If Qiao Mei was in the front yard, who knew what could have happened! If the children got a fright, the consequences could be unimaginable!

Just thinking about these things caused a chill to run down Xia Jun's back. Of course, he knew how capable Xiao An and the rest were. They must have discovered these suspicious characters as soon as they appeared. Obviously, they were only trying to catch the perpetrators red-handed, but they must be told not to do this again. Next time, they must immediately capture anyone who looked suspicious.

"Old brother, leave this matter to me. Go back to your room and rest," Xia Jun said in a deep voice.

Qiao Qiang did not dwell on it at all. He put his hands behind his back and walked back happily. As he walked, he said, "I'm off~ I'm going back to get my jade chess set~"

After hearing this, Xia Jun looked at the Tan brothers even more fiercely. The Tan brothers had never been in such a situation before, nor had they ever seen such an imposing person. Before Xia Jun could say anything, Tan Bao was so frightened that he peed his pants and Tan Hu fainted on the spot.

“Get two people to come and clean this area up. Don’t dirty Qiao Mei’s courtyard. I’m so annoyed to see this. Bring these two people back and let the guard team deal with them. I don’t want to care about this matter anymore. Ask Xia Mao to deal with it personally!” Xia Jun instructed.

It was not that he did not trust Xia Wen, but Xia Wen had kept failing at any matter related to the Tan family. Xia Jun was also unwilling to let Xia Wen come into contact with the Tan family again. After all, Xia Wen still had feelings for Tan Jing. What if that woman wept and threatened to commit suicide and then Xia Wen had no choice but to remarry her?

Anything was possible, so he must be on guard. He could not let this family harm his grandchildren anymore. It was time to put an end to all this.

News of the incident was relayed to Xu Lan’s place early in the morning. After Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe heard about it, they laughed loudly. They knew how capable their two grandfathers were, so they were not worried at all. They just felt that the Tan brothers were really funny. How could anyone be stupid enough to steal from the Xia family’s territory?

Even though He Ning was so desperate for Qiao Mei’s ginseng and also wanted the so-called “divine medicine”, he did not dare to steal from the Xia family’s territory. He had always delivered the money to Qiao Mei securely and did not do any scheming.

The Tan family was really incurable stupid. After Xia Wen sent Tan Jing back, the Tan family did not come to kick up a fuss so the Xia family had thought that the Tan family had changed for the better!

Who would have thought that they were actually plotting this!

“I’ll leave the rest to your father. Qiao Mei, do you have any other ideas you want to add?” Xu Lan asked softly.

After all, given that this happened at Qiao Mei's house, she had the right to handle it. However, since it had already been handed over to Xia Mao, she had nothing more to add. Xia Mao definitely would not let the Tan family off easily.

"I have no worries if Father is the one handling it! I'll let Father make the decision!" Qiao Mei said sweetly.

If Xia Mao was present, he would probably smile so widely that the corners of his mouth would stretch to his ears! Xia Mao had always felt that Xia He was too aggressive for her own good.

The good thing was that Xia He could protect herself even if she ran into danger and nothing major would ever happen to her. The bad thing was that she was so combative that she could even go to the battlefield with Xia Mao anytime! If Xu Lan had not summoned Xia He home back then, Xia He would have become the second Xia Xiu!