

Fat Wife 1261

Chapter 1261 Like A Silkworm Cocoon

He originally thought that Qian'e would be nicer to him after suffering a little, but he did not expect her temper to be no different from before. She was still so bad-tempered and stubborn.

Even though Qian'e was now very pretty and looked much better than before, Ma San did not dare to risk it. What if this crazy woman ended up attacking him? Besides, who knew if Qian'e had already slept with that idiot from the Zheng family? He also did not know how many men she had slept with during this period of time. She might even pass on some disease to him!

How disgusting would that be!

"Stupid whore, you can just stay here! No one will come and save you! How dare you be so rude to me! If you admit to me that you're in the wrong, I might still forgive you," Ma San said.

"Pfft! You bastard! You're not worthy! Stop daydreaming! Let me tell you! Even if I have to die, I won't let you get what you want!" Qian'e scolded him angrily.

Without another word, Ma San went straight to the storage room and took out long pieces of twine and cloth strips. He tied up Qian'e by her hands and feet again and secured the knots even tighter this time. He then threw Qian'e onto the bed and used the thick cloth strips to tie her tightly to the bed, making it impossible for her to move.

Qian'e now looked like a silkworm cocoon which was wrapped tightly and left on the bed.

"Ma San! You'll die a horrible death! Let me tell you, I won't let you off! When I escape, I'll definitely put you in jail!" Qian'e glared at Ma San with bloodshot eyes.

Ma San did not care at all. Instead, he stood at the door and admired his masterpiece. He looked at Qian'e mockingly and said, "You want to go out? Let's talk about it when you're able to do that! You can stay here for the rest of your life. You'll never get a chance to leave!"

With that, Ma San left the room and locked the door with the key. No matter how she scolded him from the other side of the door, he pretended not to hear anything. Chu Ju sat in the living room and watched on with no intention of stopping him.

"Son, do you want to eat? How about I make you your favorite pork ribs today?" Chu Ju asked with a smile.

"I don't want to eat. Later on, prepare some food for Qian'e and go in to feed her. Don't let her starve to death. I'm going out for a while," Ma San said.

In front of Ma San, Chu Ju agreed to his request. Once he left, her kindly expression immediately disappeared. I think you should take a look at

Prepare food for Qian'e? Dream on! She did not care if that woman starved to death! Back when Qian'e married into the Ma family, she did not want to do any chores at all and even ordered Chu Ju around while behaving like a pampered young lady! If not for the fact that Qian'e was pregnant at that time, Chu Ju would definitely ask Qian'e to wait upon her!

Even when Shen Na married into their family later, she was always very polite to Chu Ju. She was not as arrogant and domineering as Qian'e, who really saw herself as a pampered young lady!

Ma San did not go out to have fun. Instead, he went to look for Shen Na at the Shen family residence as he still wanted to salvage his relationship with her. When Shen Na heard that Ma San was at the door, she immediately told the security officers to kick him out!

Even taking one look at him would make her eyes sore! How could she allow such an indecent thing to enter their house?

"Tell him to get lost! What kind of security guard are you! Do you still need to come up and ask me what to do about such a person! Just chase him away!" Shen Na roared.

"But... he was begging so hard at the door. I already tried to chase him away but he still stayed around," the security officer said with a troubled expression.

"Does he have anything dangerous with him? Or carrying any backpack?" Shen Na asked vigilantly.

"No, he doesn't have anything with him," the security officer said.

Shen Na suddenly had the urge to take a look at Ma San. She wanted to see how this useless thing was doing now. Without the big villa provided by their family, his family must not be doing well now.

The He family and the Shen family had worked together to suppress the Ma family's business in the capital. The Ma family was probably not far from collapse by now. Right from the start, the Ma family only owned a small shop and could not be considered a rich family at all. They just had a bit more money compared with the ordinary people. Later on, it was all thanks to the He family and the Shen family that they became more prosperous.

Ma San was like a dog she kept by her side. She never expected this dog to bite her and was already being kind by not getting rid of him.

Chapter 1262 Beat To Death

"Come with me to the door to take a look. You have to stay close to me and protect me later. Don't let anyone get close to me, do you understand?" Shen Na looked at the security officer and instructed him.

"Yes," the security officer said.

Shen Na's family was not doing so well now, but as the saying went, a starving camel is still bigger than a horse. Compared to Ma San, she was still more well-to-do. She draped a fox fur shawl over herself, looking very graceful and regal. After dressing up nicely, Shen Na walked towards the door arrogantly.

pandasnovel.com When Ma San saw Shen Na, he pretended to look sorry and immediately leaned against the door railing. "Na Na! Na Na, you're finally willing to see me! You don't know how much I miss you!"

"It's not that I'm willing to see you. It's just that there's a crazy dog at my door, so I have to come out and take a look," Shen Na said rudely.

Ma San did not care about how harsh Shen Na's words were. He was only here to confirm one thing. He wanted to know whether the Shen family was as down and out as He Mei had described.

Seeing how Shen Na was still dressed so nicely and the fact that the helpers and bodyguards were still around, the Shen family's life seemed no different from before. They were probably in an even better state than before!

"Na Na, listen to me! Can we have a good chat!" Ma San looked at Shen Na expectantly.

"I won't listen to anything you say. You'd better leave or I'll ask the police to come and arrest you. We're already divorced, so what you're doing now is harassment," Shen Na said heartlessly.

"He Mei lied to me back then! It's all He Mei's fault! It has nothing to do with me! Na Na, let me explain. This is all part of He Mei's scheme! And that bitch Qian'e set me up too! We're both the victims, Na Na!" Ma San said with a look of agony, as if all of this had nothing to do with him.

Shen Na was not a fool. She would not forgive Ma San so easily. Her unborn child was killed by both Ma San and He Mei. She would never forget this for the rest of her life. As long as she was alive, she would avenge her child at all costs and make both He Mei and Ma San pay the price.

However, the Shen family was in an awkward situation now. They had to become stronger first before they had the ability to strike down others. I think you should take a look at

"Chase him away. Beat him up every time you see him in the future. Don't let this person come to our door again," Shen Na said angrily.

The security officer immediately followed Shen Na's instructions and raised his stick to hit Ma San. Unexpectedly, Ma San knelt on the ground with a plop and shouted, "Even if you beat me to death today! I want to explain it to you clearly! I also want you to forgive me!"

People always said that a man should behave like there was gold under his knee. He could only kneel to heaven and earth and his parents, but no one else. Shen Na was shocked by Ma San's actions. The security officer did not dare to swing down the stick that he had already raised high, afraid that he would really kill someone.

"Why are you hesitating! Hit him! You won't get into trouble even if he dies! Just hit him!" Shen Na said as she gnashed her teeth.

The security officer closed his eyes and kept swinging towards Ma San's back with all his might. He only stopped when Ma San crouched on the ground and could not even stand up. Even then, Ma San was still muttering to Shen Na to forgive him.

Shen Na's steadfastness had wavered a little just now. Could it be that this matter really had nothing to do with Ma San? However, Ma San was the one who started the whole thing and she was clearly the victim!

When she thought of her unborn child, she felt very sad. If her child was still alive, he would definitely be even more good-looking than Qiao Mei's child! He would definitely be an obedient and adorable baby.

Ma San just had no money and only suffered some injuries now, but her child was gone! Her child was dead! Ma San was not worth her pity at all! Even when the child died, Ma San was not by her side and did not ask about the child at all.

"Ignore him! Just let him lie there!" Shen Na left the courtyard without looking back. Her child was more pitiful. Ma San was not worth any pity at all.

Seeing that his plan had failed, Ma San decided to faint at the Shen family's main door. The security officer could not bear to see him like this, so he made a call to the hospital to send someone to bring Ma San for treatment. When Chu Ju received the news, she hurriedly ran to the hospital to wait upon Ma San.

Chapter 1263 Abuse

The security officer had listened to Shen Na and hit Ma San with all his strength. Ma San was found to have two broken ribs, one on each side, and he needed to recuperate in the hospital for a period of time. This was simply a disaster for the Ma family who was not doing well at the moment. Moreover, they did not dare to go to the police as the Shen family still had evidence against them!

After Chu Ju left the house, she did not return home and just stayed in the hospital to take care of Ma San diligently. After three days, it was the weekend and Ma Meng had to go home to get a change of clothes.

Ma Meng picked the time when Chu Ju would usually go out to play mahjong. She did not want to bump into Chu Ju and get scolded again. The moment she entered the house, she could smell a foul stench.

"What's this smell... Is there an issue with the sewage pipes?" Ma Meng used her sleeve to cover her mouth and nose and said disdainfully.

She went to the kitchen to check the drainage pipe first, then to the bathroom, but she did not find any signs of blockage. In the end, she traced the smell to her room. When she opened the door, she was shocked to find a person lying on her bed!

"Oh my goodness!" Ma Meng's legs went weak with fear and she fell to the ground. Her stomach churned and she almost threw up.

No matter how simple-minded a person Ma Meng was, she could tell that the person on the bed was her ex-sister-in-law. Qian'e had always been very nice to Ma Meng. Qian'e felt that Ma Meng went through very similar experiences as her in her younger days, so when Chu Ju bullied Ma Meng in the past, Qian'e would always protect her secretly.

Qian'e had not eaten or drunk anything during the few days she had been left at the Ma family's house. She even had to do her toileting on the bed. At the current moment, Qian'e lay on the bed, unmoving and with a pale face, as if she was already dead. It did not sound like she was still breathing.

αΠδsNovel.com Qian'e had always been very skinny. Now, her cheeks were sunken in and she looked like she was all skin and bones. This was the first time Ma Meng had seen someone looking like this.

She mustered her courage and got up from the floor, approaching Qian'e slowly.

"Elder sister... are you alright? Elder sister, are you still awake?" Ma Meng asked in a trembling voice.

When Qian'e did not respond to her, she reached out a finger fearfully to check if Qian'e was still breathing. When she realized that Qian'e was still breathing weakly, she immediately called the police. After the police arrived, they immediately set about saving Qian'e and also made a call to the hospital to come and send her for treatment. I think you should take a look at readasnovel.com

After Qian'e was taken away, Ma Meng was also brought to the police station to have her statement taken. She told the police everything she knew and the police immediately set out to restrict the movements of Chu Ju and Ma San.

Ma Meng had never dreamed that Chu Ju and Ma San would actually kill someone! No, perhaps they just wanted to kidnap Qian'e. However, Qian'e clearly looked like she had been abused.

Luo Yu happened to be at the police station to attend to some matter. As soon as he entered, he bumped into Zou Ming, who had a worried expression on his face. He went forward and patted Zou Ming's shoulder as he asked, "What are you doing? Why do you look so bitter and resentful? Who had provoked our Officer Zou again?"

"Stop it! Don't act like you're very familiar with me! What are you doing at this police station?" Zou Ming asked impatiently.

"I'm here to submit some documents for my guys. We've been collaborating with this police station on a mission recently. Do you think I'm willing to come and see you? Tell me what's making you so worried. Come, entertain me," Luo Yu asked with a laugh.

Zou Ming rolled his eyes and said, "There's this ongoing case and I can't seem to contact the victim's family members. I have no idea what to do next."

This case was regarding Qian'e. He had tried calling her parents, but no one ever picked up the phone. He had also gone to her house, but he could not seem to find any contact details for anyone close to

her. It seemed that she was a loner and did not have any friends at all. When he asked the neighbors, they all said the same thing too.

Her medical expenses at the hospital were currently still being paid for by the police station! However, they had a rule that they could only cover a portion of the medical expenses. Once the amount hit the limit, the hospital would have to stop giving treatment. Therefore, Zou Ming was feeling very anxious and afraid that her condition would worsen if that happened. None of them could bear the responsibility of making a decision like this.

"Xia Zhe is at home. Give me that person's information and I'll get Xia Zhe to check for you. He knows many people. It's better than you being anxious and helpless here," Luo Yu said.

Xia Wen and Xia Zhe both knew Zou Ming. Zou Ming and Xia Zhe were classmates and had served in the same army unit in the past. They were very familiar with each other. If Zou Ming was still in the army, they would currently be close team members going through thick and thin together.

Chapter 1264 Divide Up The Tasks

There was a time when Zou Ming and Xia Zhe went on a mission together. That particular mission was very dangerous and they lost three of their comrades at the end of it. Zou Ming's family was so scared that they recalled him back.

Zou Ming was his family's only son. They did not need Zou Ming to do very well in life and just wanted him to be safe and sound. In the end, Zou Ming was transferred back to his hometown to work as a police officer.

In the beginning, Zou Ming kept feeling indignant and thought that he should not be stuck in such a small role. It was a waste of his time. He had grand ambitions and great ideals, so how could he let them go to waste in such a place! It got to a point when Zou Ming often drank alone. During that period of time, he was often drunk and was always criticized by his superiors.

Later on, when he found out that there was nothing he could do to change the situation, he adapted to living such a life. It was not a bad choice to be close to his parents and be filial to them.

"Oh right. If you haven't asked, I won't have thought of it. Look at this photo. Isn't this a friend of Xia Zhe's wife?" Zou Ming asked as he took out a photo of Qian'e.

Luo Yu did not dare to confirm her identity. He knew who she was and had even met her at Qiao Mei's place before. Moreover, she was also Zheng Peng's girlfriend.

How could Zheng Peng not know that something had happened to Qian'e? The Zheng family was still infighting and Qiao Mei had just completed her confinement period and was still quite weak. If she overexerted herself over this matter, Luo Yu felt that Xia Zhe would probably kill him!

He decided to go back and discuss the issue with them before making a decision.

"Oh, I'm not sure. How about you give me a copy of the photo and I'll go back and ask them," Luo Yu said vaguely.

παΠdasNovel.com Zou Ming handed Luo Yu a backup copy of the photo. Before that, he affixed the stamp of the police station on the front of the photo. Luo Yu pursed his lips. He simply could not stand the way Zou Ming was being so prim and proper.

Then again, being a local police officer, it was right for Zou Ming to take everything seriously. Only a person like this could serve the common people well!

Luo Yu went back and reported whatever he heard in detail. Xia He said in shock, "Ma San is inhuman! How is Qian'e blind enough to marry this man back then! Ma San even dares to kidnap her! He's really lawless!"

Even though Xia He did not really like Qian'e, Xia He still felt very sorry for her. She had already paid the price for the mistakes she made in the past. Why was it still not enough? How could Ma San continue to harm her?

"So where is Qian'e now?" Qiao Mei asked Luo Yu sternly.

"I didn't ask about these things, but I know that the police station where Zou Ming is posted works very closely with Auntie Fang's hospital. The police will send out all the injured parties they encounter to that hospital for treatment. The problem now is that they can't find her parents. If no one comes forward to pay for her medical expenses, there's not much that the police station can do," Luo Yu said.

Qiao Mei quickly looked towards Xia He. At the same time, Xia He also looked at Qiao Mei and said, "I'll go to the hospital to settle this issue, but shouldn't we tell Zheng Peng about this?"

"Zheng Peng is still on a hunger strike at home!" Qiao Mei said angrily. Even if she told Zheng Peng, he probably would not be of much use. However, she still wanted him to know about this matter. After all, Zheng Peng and Qian'e were still in a relationship.

As for how Zheng Peng could rebel against the Zheng family, it was none of her business. How could an adult not be able to solve his own issues?

Zheng Yuan and Zhuang Hua had been staying at the small house which Xia Mao's workplace unit had allocated to him. Xia Zhe had brought them there to stay temporarily. They could return to the Zheng family's house after the current issue was settled.

"I'll get Xia Zhe to inform Zhuang Hua and Zheng Yuan about this. Luo Yu, I'd have to trouble you to accompany my elder sister to the hospital. I'll go to the police station to see how I can settle this matter," Qiao Mei said.

They divided up the tasks and went their separate ways. Luo Yu sent two members of the guard team to the hospital to protect Qian'e. Xia He had already upgraded Qian'e to a VIP ward. Even if the He, Shen or Ma families wanted to take revenge, it would be impossible for them to do so. The Zheng family probably could not get to see her as well...

At the police station, Qiao Mei found out about all the details of the incident and also repaid the money which Qian'e owed so far. After she was done, she immediately went to the hospital to visit Qian'e. Qian'e was currently as fragile as a glass doll that might shatter with a gentle touch.

When Qiao Mei saw the sorry state Qian'e was in, she could not help but feel sad. Qian'e had already found the person she wanted to marry, but she still had to encounter so many problems. Why was her fate so twisted!

"The doctor says Qian'e is malnourished. Coupled with the fact that she has ongoing gastrointestinal problems, it has made her condition worse and she needs to stay in the hospital to recuperate properly.

They don't know if she has any other infections stemming from that period of time so she still needs to be put under observation," Xia He said with a frown.

Chapter 1265 Leave A Light On

"Elder Sister, you don't dislike Qian'e anymore?" Qiao Mei asked with a smile.

Xia He looked intently at Qian'e, who was lying on the hospital bed, and sighed. Qian'e was already so ill, so what was there to dislike? Xia He only despised Qian'e for insisting on marrying Xia Zhe in the past and even wanting to hurt Qiao Mei.

Now that Qian'e no longer harbored those unrealistic thoughts, Xia He did not hate Qian'e anymore. She felt that Qian'e was actually a very unfortunate person.

"I have never said that! Based on her current condition, she will still have to stay in the hospital for a period of time. Let's hire a caregiver for her," Xia He said.

They did not expect the Qian family to arrange for anyone to come and take care of Qian'e. They heard that her father, Qian Wang, had recently found a young and beautiful girlfriend and that Zhao Ni was currently locked in a tussle with Qian Wang! Zhao Ni did not dare to get a divorce, but Qian Wang was already living with his mistress now and refused to give Zhao Ni a single cent.

In their eyes, Qian'e was nothing. It made no difference to them whether she was alive or dead.

There were many caregivers for short-term hire in the hospital. Qiao Mei's helpers were so busy that it was impossible for any of them to come and take care of Qian'e. Qiao Mei interviewed a few and found a pleasant-looking caregiver to wait on Qian'e.

Qiao Mei even secretly fed Qian'e some of the 100-year-old ginseng juice and she immediately looked much better. The two women did not go home immediately after that and just stayed there quietly to watch over Qian'e. They decided to put everything aside until Qian'e regained consciousness.

The VIP ward was spacious enough to accommodate everyone and they could take short naps in the living room outside. Qian'e finally woke up in the later half of the night.

"Where... where am I..." Qian'e said hoarsely.

She had not drunk water for a long time and she found it very difficult to speak. Every word she said made her feel like her throat was being cut by a knife.

Qiao Mei and Xia He immediately went over to Qian'e. Qiao Mei held her hand tightly and said, "This is the hospital and you're safe here. Don't say anything for now. Take care of your health first and we'll think about the rest at length later."

"Ma... Ma San... deserves a horrible death..." Qian'e said as she turned to look at Qiao Mei with all her might. She held Qiao Mei's hand tightly and the determination in her eyes made Qiao Mei feel moved.

paπdasNovel.com Everything else could be put on hold, but when it came to Ma San, they must take swift and ruthless action. She did not want to wait another second. This time, she must send Ma San to jail!! think you should take a look at paπdasnovel.com

"Alright, I promise you. I'll make Ma San pay the price for what he did," Qiao Mei said.

Only then could Qian'e feel at ease. Xia He called the doctor to come and check on Qian'e. After discussing with the doctor about the follow-up treatment for Qian'e, the two women returned to Xu Lan's house. Xu Lan had been worried about them and had left a light on for them. There was also dinner waiting for them on the dining table.

Xia Zhe took it one step further and simply slept on the sofa in the living room so that he would know immediately when Qiao Mei returned.

"Tsk, tsk, tsk. This younger brother of mine is really infatuated with you. Why is it that I have never seen him like this! The two of you can go ahead and be all lovey dovey. I can't bear to see such scenes. I'm going back to my room to rest," Xia He said resignedly.

"If you date Big Brother Deng, you will behave like this too~" Qiao Mei said as she leaned over to Xia He.

At that moment, Xia He felt quite tempted. Deng Fan would indeed treat her like this too. No, no! She must not be too impetuous! Marriage was not child's play. She could not date Deng Fan on a whim. She still had to continue to observe Deng Fan!

"Shoo, shoo, shoo! Stop trying to influence me! Go and whisper sweet nothings to Xia Zhe!" Xia He said.

Xia Zhe looked at Qiao Mei sleepily. The moment he heard the news, he called Zhuang Hua and then rushed to finish his work so that he could head home. It was not that appropriate for him to go to the hospital. Anyway, he felt at ease with Xia He and Luo Yu accompanying Qiao Mei.

"You're back. Have you eaten? I'll go make you something to eat," Xia Zhe said.

"Elder Sister and I have already eaten. Why aren't you sleeping in the room? It's too cold to sleep here, especially when you don't cover yourself with a blanket." Qiao Mei looked at Xia Zhe's face and felt exceptionally blessed at this moment. She did not know that it felt so good to have someone waiting for her at home.

"I'm worried about you. Mother wanted to wait up as well but I asked her to go back and sleep," Xia Zhe said.

Qiao Mei snuggled into Xia Zhe's arms and suddenly felt that it was not a bad feeling to be protected by someone. The two of them chatted about everything that had happened during the day before returning to the room to sleep.

Chapter 1266 Writing A Statement

The next day, Qiao Mei woke up at dawn. Recently, Qiao Mei had discovered a new way to use the jade pendant. After she made a simple exchange of energy with the jade pendant, she would become in sync with it. For a brief period, she could communicate with the jade pendant and request it to vibrate at a fixed time, like a mini alarm clock.

Qiao Mei had tested it many times, but the jade pendant did not always vibrate at the correct time. Sometimes, the timing could be off by up to an hour. The energy was still not very stable. Qiao Mei had only discovered this function by chance and had not reached the point where she could make it work every time. She still needed to play around with it for a while.

She decided to study it more closely when she had free time in the future. There were still too many secrets about this jade pendant that she had not discovered. For now, Qiao Mei still had to go to the hospital to take care of Qian'e. She did not know if Zheng Peng would be able to break free from Zheng Su's "imprisonment" and come to the hospital to take care of Qian'e.

Rather than waste time wondering if she could count on Zheng Peng, she might as well go to the hospital to take care of Qian'e herself! Qian'e was mainly feeling unwell because her gastrointestinal problems had worsened. It was not a big issue and she would recover after drinking ginseng juice for two to three days.

Xia Zhe held Qiao Mei's hand and said, "Why are you being so diligent? In the past, you wouldn't even get up before noon."

"Qian'e is still in the hospital and there's no one to take care of her. I have to go and help out. What if there's still an outstanding payment or something? Someone needs to be there," Qiao Mei said patiently.

"Ask Luo Yu to go. There's no need for you to do these things yourself," Xia Zhe complained.

Qiao Mei looked at Xia Zhe and how he was behaving like the wife in the relationship. He acted like Qiao Mei was the heartless man who was abandoning him, the "delicate wife", for another woman.

"Are you jealous?" Qiao Mei asked Xia Zhe curiously.

"How is this jealousy! I'm just... feeling sorry for you!" Xia Zhe sat up abruptly and explained.

The more he tried to explain, the more Qiao Mei felt that he might as well not say anything! Qiao Mei went up to Xia Zhe and gave him a kiss before running out the door. Xia Zhe sat on the bed in frustration

and looked at the empty room. When Qiao Mei returned, there was going to be payback! He would note down all these debts one by one! He would make Qiao Mei pay them back slowly in the future!

Qian'e could already sit up to eat her food today. Although she still looked very weak, it was good that she had the motivation to go on.

"How do you feel today? Do you miss me?" Qiao Mei asked happily. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Qian'e just smiled faintly at Qiao Mei and did not say anything. Qiao Mei looked at the caregiver in puzzlement and the caregiver pulled Qiao Mei into the living room.

"Miss Qiao, I think Miss Qian might have some psychological problems. The doctor already came to check her vocal cords this morning and there's no problem, but no matter who poses questions to her, she just won't answer. The police also came around to visit her this morning, but she didn't say a word. She indicated that she won't believe anyone until she sees you," the caregiver said worriedly.

"I'll think of a way. Thank you," Qiao Mei said gently.

"Sigh... This child has a really tough life. When I look at her, it's as if I'm looking at my own daughter," the caregiver said melancholically.

"Yes, her life is indeed tough," Qiao Mei said.

pandasnovel.com Qiao Mei handed the soup she brought to the caregiver. She had specially added two drops of the 1,000-year-old ginseng juice into the soup! After drinking this soup, Qian'e would definitely recover faster. However, when it came to psychological problems, Qian'e still had to figure it out herself in order to get better.

She walked back into the room slowly and sat down beside Qian'e, saying softly, "Qian'e, can you tell me what happened that day? The police need you to tell them what exactly happened. Otherwise, it might affect Ma San's sentencing."

Qiao Mei knew that Qian'e would be willing to do anything if it was related to Ma San.

Qian'e reached out and traced the word "paper" on Qiao Mei's palm. Qiao Mei quickly found a pen and a notebook for her. Qian'e wrote down everything she experienced in the past few days, making sure she did not leave out any details.

Qiao Mei stood at one side and read as Qian'e wrote. She wished that she could cut Ma San into pieces and pull out all his tendons and bones. Even then, it still would not get rid of the hatred in her heart!

When Qian'e finished, she signed her name at the bottom of the letter. Qiao Mei did not bring an inkpad with her, so Qian'e bit her finger and then pressed it against the letter. That bright red mark was like a symbol of her determination. Then, she handed the statement to Qiao Mei. The look of anticipation and pleading in her eyes left an indescribable feeling in Qiao Mei's heart.

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"I'll help you get this thing done, but... but you have to be prepared. He's unlikely to get the death penalty. I'll get Xia Zhe to check on their family's business and see if there's anything we can use to make sure he gets a heavier sentence. Other than that, there's nothing much we can do," Qiao Mei said regretfully.

Based on the current situation, Ma San would at most be sentenced to 15 years in jail. If Xia Zhe could manage to find evidence of more crimes, Ma San might be sentenced to a few more years in jail. However, there was not enough evidence to send Ma San to his grave.

Qian'e put her palms together and shook her head at Qiao Mei. She did not want to speak at all. Instead of saying that she did not want to speak, it would be more accurate to say that she had lost the ability to speak and could not make any sound at all.

During this era, there were still very few well-trained psychiatrists. Even if a person had a psychological problem, there was no way to get treatment. Most people would think that it was because the person was melodramatic or had weird thoughts and was mentally ill. They would not think that such issues were treatable.

In everyone's eyes, this was a shameful thing and a disgrace to the family! If anybody had a mentally ill family member, everyone would laugh at their family!

Qiao Mei handed the statement to Luo Yu and told him to deliver it to Xia Zhe personally. She told him that he must witness Xia Zhe keeping it away safely before he could come back and that he must protect it with his life. He could not let this statement fall into the hands of the He, Shen or Ma families.

Luo Yu immediately realized the severity of the matter and swore that he would not disappoint Qiao Mei and would complete the task well. Qiao Mei still needed to stay at the hospital to keep an eye on Qian'e and monitor her state of mind. In addition, Qiao Mei herself had not fully recovered yet and it was really not suitable for her to keep traveling back and forth.

Qian'e felt a lot better when she saw Qiao Mei staying behind to accompany her. Qiao Mei asked tentatively, "Do you... want to know anything about Zheng Peng?"

At the mention of Zheng Peng, Qian'e had sadness and resentment in her eyes. She knew that she should not blame Zheng Peng for not helping her and being with her at this time, but she still could not help herself.

During this most difficult time of her life, it was Qiao Mei and Xia He who helped her. She often used the landline at her house to make phone calls to Zheng Peng's house. The police had previously checked the items in her house, so they must have found out about this. In that case, the police must have already contacted the Zheng family.

She had tried to attack Qiao Mei so many times and even wanted to snatch Xia Zhe away from her and harm her babies. However, Qiao Mei still lent her a helping hand when she was in danger. Xia He also did her best to help her get through these difficult times, but the Zheng family ignored her situation completely even after receiving the phone call from the police. They did not even bother to send someone to take a cursory look. I think you should take a look at paπdαsnovel.com

Qian'e was completely disappointed in Zheng Peng. He had indeed tried his best to resist the Zheng family, but he still could not escape the restraints they put on him. In that case, she would only cause more trouble for Zheng Peng in the future as the Zheng family would never allow her to marry Zheng Peng.

Whatever happened to Xia Wen and Tan Jing was the perfect example. People like her should not cause trouble for others. Zheng Peng should find a nice and innocent girl, not someone like her.

There was no longer any light in her eyes, which looked like pools of stagnant water. They had lost their original shine.

"Qiao Mei... I want to... go home..." Qian'e said with great effort. Her voice was so soft that it was difficult to hear her clearly. Qiao Mei had to keep leaning closer to make out what she was saying.

However, it was not suitable for Qian'e to go back and recuperate at home in her current condition. It was not possible for Qiao Mei to bring Qian'e to Xu Lan's place either. She wondered... perhaps she could bring Qian'e to her own house and ask Li Gui and Xu Kang to help take care of her.

"Based on your current state, you still need to recuperate in the hospital for a period of time. We'll go back when you've almost recovered, alright?" Qiao Mei said patiently.

Qian'e nodded obediently, but then she turned around and shed a single tear. She had no one to rely on now. Even if it was a matter of life and death, she had to face it alone. She felt really lucky to have met Qiao Mei.

In the afternoon, Zhuang Hua and Zheng Yuan brought Zheng Peng to the hospital. He sat in a wheelchair and looked very tired. It would not be hard to convince people that he was a vagrant. After half a month of resistance, Zheng Su finally compromised. However, Zheng Su only agreed to let Zheng Peng go to the hospital to see Qian'e and did not agree to anything else.

"Qiao Mei! Can I go in and see her?" Zheng Peng asked anxiously.

Qiao Mei greeted Zhuang Hua and Zheng Yuan first before looking at Zheng Peng sternly and saying, "You should... go back..."

Chapter 1268 What To Do In The Future

"Go back? Why should I go back? I'm already here, why can't you let me see Qian'e! Is it your idea or hers!" Zheng Peng asked agitatedly.

"Qian'e is in a very bad state now. She finds it hard to talk to anyone except me. Even then, she only said one sentence to me today. I've also asked her about you. It... it was not a positive reaction," Qiao Mei said patiently.

Zheng Peng felt as if all his strength had been suddenly sucked out of him and he slumped into the wheelchair. He had tried so hard for so long, but in the end, he still missed out on the one he loved.

It was not her fault. Everything was his fault. If he had resolved these matters with the Zheng family earlier and come to stay by her side earlier, Ma San would not have been able to kidnap her.

Qiao Mei did not feel sorry for Zheng Peng at all. She even felt that he had brought this upon himself. Before Zheng Peng and Qian'e started dating, Qiao Mei had already asked him about the Zheng family's objection to this matter. At that time, he had promised Qiao Mei that he would handle the matter perfectly and that he would not let anything happen to Qian'e.

Even though he knew that he would face many problems if he stayed with Qian'e, he still wanted to be with her. However, he ended up not being able to deal with the aftermath.

Zheng Peng had been living in his own illusion all this while. In reality, he could not solve any part of the problem. He only gave Qian'e one empty promise after another. In that case, what was the difference between Zheng Peng and Ma San? Ma San hurt her body, but Zheng Peng hurt her heart. These two people had already exhausted all her energy.

"Qiao Mei, just let my elder brother meet Sister Qian'e once," Zheng Yuan said as she looked at Zheng Peng with heartache.

"Not now," Qiao Mei said firmly.

Qian'e was not in a state where she could face Zheng Peng. Moreover, Zheng Peng's emotions were also extremely unstable. If the two of them met, it would only cause more problems and that would be completely meaningless.

"Then I'll wait here until Qian'e is willing to see me," Zheng Peng said stubbornly.

Qiao Mei took a deep breath and sighed. She did not know why these two people were both so stubborn. However, it did make sense in a way. If the two of them did not have anything in common, they would not be together.

It was inappropriate for Zhuang Hua to speak up about this matter, but when he saw the dark circles under Qiao Mei's eyes, he knew that Qiao Mei had done her fair share of worrying about Qian'e recently. I think you should take a look at panDasnovel.com

Xia Zhe was busy handling this issue at the police station while Qiao Mei stayed around to take care of Qian'e. The Zheng family, or rather Zheng Peng, had not done anything at all. If Zhuang Hua was Qian'e, he probably also would not forgive Zheng Peng.

"Then you can just wait here," Qiao Mei said helplessly and returned to the room.

She instructed Luo Yu to send another two more guard team members to secure this place. Not only did they have to guard the main door, but they also had to guard the door to the living room and ward. They must not allow any member of the Zheng family to get in.

Qiao Mei did not go home at night and stayed behind to accompany Qian'e. She estimated that it would at most take up one week of her time. Xia Zhe could come to the hospital to look for her if he needed to see her! Xia Fang had a bed in her office that Xia Zhe could use.

Zheng Yuan and Zhuang Hua could not dissuade Zheng Peng, so they could only stay and accompany him until he ran out of steam.

After two or three days, Zheng Peng could not take it anymore and fainted. As Zheng Yuan wheeled him away from the ward door, Qian'e stood and watched.

"Do you want me to go and take a look at him?" Qiao Mei asked.

Qian'e shook her head. She was glad to see Zheng Peng leave. It did not matter how he left this place.

"The matter with Ma San is done. Ma San's family had evaded tax and also been involved in some import and export issues. Ma San has been sentenced to 25 years in prison, his father to 6 years, and his mother to 3 years for being an accomplice. Ma Meng had always had a bad relationship with the Ma family and did not participate in all these matters. Moreover, she saved you, so she's fine," Qiao Mei said.

Qian'e processed the details in her mind for a long time before revealing a smile. The Ma family had finally faced their retribution and the hardships she had suffered had not been in vain.

"Then what about you? What do you want to do in the future? Do you want to go into business with my mother? My mother needs help at the moment," Qiao Mei asked.

Qian'e had not thought about what she wanted to do in the future. In her current physical condition, she was unable to teach children how to play the piano. However, she did not know if she could go into business with Li Gui. She did not have the aptitude for business and did not know how to do anything. What if she ended up causing trouble for Li Gui? Then she would just end up being a burden, would she not?

Chapter 1269 Expanding The Business

Qian'e did not want to return to that small house anymore. For her, it was a place filled with nightmarish memories. By now, the story of what happened to her would probably have spread among the neighbors, including her past.

She had bought the place at a low price. It did not matter if she had to sell it off and rent another place. As long as she could live a stable life, it did not matter how much money she had to spend.

"It's alright, take your time to think about it," Qiao Mei said.

Speaking of which, it was time to grow her family's business and create their own brand so that more people could get to know them. However, Li Gui would not be able to execute all these plans on her own. Li Gui had already said many times that she did not have enough manpower at her end.

Back then, Qiao Qiang had talked about working with a neighbor to invent an automatic popcorn machine, but they had not managed to succeed yet! There were still many safety hazards to resolve and it would still take some time before they could even see progress in the research and development.

Xia Wen had already told her about how the economy was going to open up soon. The official approval to allow the common people to go into small business had already come through, all that was left was for the legislation to be signed and stamped. Qiao Mei could start doing whatever she wanted.

However, where would they be able to find help? If they hired random people, their family's secret recipe would probably be leaked. As the saying went, the winds would always howl around the highest peaks. There were definitely many people who were jealous of them. Furthermore, they could not just be selling popcorn.

As time passed, people would get tired of eating it. Also, someone might eventually manage to figure out the recipe. They could not underestimate people's determination to earn money. Their popcorn recipe was not something complicated. If one tried every possible combination tirelessly, one would eventually find the right combination.

At night, Qiao Mei asked Luo Yu to come over and help her keep an eye on Qian'e. She decided to go home and rest. Xia Zhe sat on the bed with a book and pretended to read it. An hour had passed and he had not even flipped a single page!

"What are you reading? It's been so long and you haven't even touched it. Is it an e-book or does it have an automatic page-turning function?" Qiao Mei said as she walked over with a smile.

Xia Zhe looked at Qiao Mei in confusion and asked, "What's an e-book? What's an automatic page-turning function?"

Qiao Mei quickly covered her mouth. Oh no! How could she have let it slip! E-books would only be available after a few decades! I think you should take a look at panlasnovel.com

"It's... it's an electronic thing that can help you turn the pages. I've seen our elderly neighbor look into something like this before. Don't you know that he always likes to come up with these strange things?" Qiao Mei said, trying hard to make sense.

Xia Zhe did not know much about the neighbors. If Qiao Mei said so, then it must be true.

"Then when the children grow up, we should let them interact more with this neighbor. It's not a bad thing for boys to learn such things. It's also not bad to be like Zhang Chao and aspire to be an engineer," Xia Zhe said happily.

"I thought you wanted Xia Fan to join the army?" Qiao Mei asked.

She always thought that these soldiers all wanted their children to join the army and serve the country. However, Xia Zhe seemed to have different ideas from others.

"It's alright. After all, it's Xia Fan's own life. He can do whatever he likes. I hope he won't follow my path. I know how difficult this path is," Xia Zhe said.

Qiao Mei snuggled into Xia Zhe's arms. The two of them had not shared their thoughts and feelings like this for a long time. Ever since Xia Zhe returned, they had been busy with family matters and their friends' issues. They finally had some time to talk about their own future.

"Have you gone to take a look at Zhang Wei? Do you think Xiao Wei is cut out to be a soldier?" Qiao Mei asked Xia Zhe curiously.

"He's not that bad. It all depends on whether he's willing to work hard or not. He has fallen behind on his classes. Since Zheng Peng can't give them lessons recently, I have found another teacher for them. It seems to be working out well. It's the same thing for the other children. They're all quite talented and know they have to work hard. If this continues, they won't be too bad," Xia Zhe said seriously.

Qiao Mei had not noticed any of this. She had been so focused on the issues related to the Xia family and Qian'e that she had indeed neglected Qiao Qiang, Li Gui and the four children recently. If not for Xia Zhe, the children might have had to stay at home for another year before they could go to school.

Qiao Mei looked at Xia Zhe. Previously, when Xia Zhe was not at home, she felt that she must be omnipotent and do everything herself. However, after Xia Zhe came back, she felt much more relaxed. Xia Zhe had actually helped her solve many problems without any fanfare.

Chapter 1270 Where Will The Raw Materials Come From

Xia Zhe had never mentioned anything to her about taking care of the two babies at home, dealing with the disputes between the families of the second and third sons of the Xia family, comforting Xu Lan on a daily basis, or about what happened with her maternal family and Qian'e. He had never complained to her and just quietly get things done.

"Why are you such a nice person~" Qiao Mei said sweetly.

"Do you mean you only know that now. Haven't I always been like this?" Xia Zhe looked down and said to Qiao Mei.

"Of course I know that you're very nice to me! By the way, do you know any reliable people? I'm thinking about our family's business. It's too tiring for my mother to do everything herself. She needs to hire more people to help her. Do you have any ideas?" Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Zhe knew a group of retired soldiers who went back to farm in their hometowns. They would definitely be willing to come to the city to work. However, they all resided in different places at the moment. If they had to come to work in the capital, their accommodation must be provided for.

"What do you want these people to do? Or rather, do you have any concrete plans?" Xia Zhe asked.

"Selling popcorn alone doesn't make much money nowadays, plus it also takes up a lot of manpower and raw materials. I intend to change to selling buns!" Qiao Mei said excitedly.

When the economy opened up, there would definitely be more people coming to the capital to do business as well as more businessmen traveling to the capital. At the current moment, Li Gui could not manage a big business so she could only start small.

Once there was an increase in the number of people at the train station, it would definitely be a profitable business to sell buns there. People were always in such a hurry to catch the train that they did not have time to eat. Buns would definitely be popular with the travelers as they were both delicious and filling.

When the time came, Qiao Mei intended to buy a shop nearby. Li Gui could make buns at the back and Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan could help to do sales. Then she would find someone else to take charge of the popcorn business. This way, she would be able to earn more money in a month.

"How do you plan to buy the ingredients for the bun filling?" Xia Zhe asked.

Qiao Mei had not thought about this yet. She had only just come up with the idea of selling buns!

Currently, the price of meat on the market was 30 cents a pound if one paid with coupons. Sometimes, when there was less pork, the price would increase to 40 cents a pound. This was still based on paying with coupons. If one did not have coupons and had to go to the black market, the price was much higher. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Even if Qiao Mei had enough meat coupons for 1,000 catties of meat, no one would sell 1,000 catties of meat to her. Firstly, there was a fixed amount of meat released by the supply and marketing cooperative every day. Secondly, there was also a limit on how much meat each person could buy. This was a safeguard against someone buying all the meat and then selling it off at a high price in private.

pandasnovel.com "I'm so focused on the product that I haven't thought about the ingredients. How about I make steamed buns with vegetarian filling?" Qiao Mei said vexedly.

If they only used vegetarian filling, they could not set the price too high and would not be able to make much money. The profits would definitely not be as much as selling meat buns. Every family knew how to make vegetarian buns! This was not something rare.

"Do you want me to help you think of a way? It's not difficult for our family to get meat," Xia Zhe said as he patted Qiao Mei's head gently.

"No! I definitely don't want to depend on the family for help! I have to settle this issue myself. I can't let the family help me for the rest of my life," Qiao Mei said stubbornly.

"Fine, fine, fine. Then let my friends help you. Do you still remember those old comrades I told you before?" Xia Zhe asked.

"Yes I do. At that time, our family did not have much money and we had enough help, so we did not ask them to come," Qiao Mei said honestly.

Some of those people were now selling pigs in their villages, just like Uncle Wang Wu in Foshan Village. They raised pigs at home and would sell them to the supply and marketing cooperative.

However, the supply and marketing cooperative only wanted the good cuts of meat. They did not want the pigs' heads, tails or offal. The villagers would buy these parts to eat.

Who cared as long as it was meat? As long as there was meat to eat, it did not matter which part of the pig it came from!

If Qiao Mei was able to get her hands on such meat, then she would have nothing to worry about. If she wanted the usual type of meat, she needed to buy them with coupons. Actually, the supply and marketing cooperative also raised pigs themselves, but they did not have enough to sell. Most of the pig offal would have been distributed internally among themselves. Otherwise, people would find out the timing when the pigs were slaughtered and wait at the supply and marketing cooperative early in the morning.

Such pig offal was sold for 20 cents a pound. There was no need to use coupons. It was on a first come first served basis.