

Fat Wife 1291

Chapter 1291 Hold A Meeting

Zhao Fei liked women who looked like Qian'e. Everyone liked beautiful women! If he could marry a beautiful woman as his wife, he would feel so proud!

Previously, Zhao Fei thought that Qiao Mei was the most beautiful person in the world. Now that he met Qian'e, he thought that she was as beautiful as Qiao Mei. Both of them were beautiful in their own ways.

They did not talk much before Zhao Fei drove away from the corn courtyard house. He still had to hurry up and sell the goods! His guys were all waiting anxiously for him.

"Auntie, let's go and sell braised meat! We have to continue working today! We must earn more money! More and more every day! It's best if we can earn 10,000 dollars a day!" Qian'e said happily.

"That thought is too scary!" Li Gui said.

They would never expect that in the future, an income of 10,000 dollars a day would just be a drop in the ocean.

Now that Qian'e could make more and more money, she had more and more things to look forward to in life. As long as there was still hope, she could do anything and work hard to overcome any difficulty.

After everyone worked for Qiao Mei for a while, they had all made a fair bit of money. Li Gui had revamped the salary structure. In the past, their pay was calculated on a daily basis. Now, people who handled the corn, like Zhou Shuang, were paid on a weekly basis while the rest were paid on a monthly basis.

When Chi Ze and the others first arrived, they were penniless and had also brought their wives along. Qiao Mei said that she would leave it to Li Gui to handle the manpower and other business issues. She

would help Li Gui out if she faced any difficulties, otherwise she would concentrate on the development of new products.

In the beginning, Li Gui gave each family 50 dollars, plus five pounds worth of food stamps and five pounds worth of meat coupons as an advance salary. These people were all from the countryside, so they received very few food stamps and meat coupons from the government every month. Therefore, Li Gui intended to make up for what they lacked every month so that they were on par with people who had a city household register.

Food stamps were not that rare. When some families needed money urgently, they would exchange these coupons for money. People did this in secret and with an unspoken mutual understanding between them.

After selling the braised meat at noon, Li Gui asked everyone to stop what they were doing. She said she had an announcement to make.

She came in with a huge backpack and a ledger book and then gathered everyone for a meeting at the corn courtyard house in a very formal manner. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Everyone brought along small stools and sat in the courtyard to listen to what Li Gui had to say. There were a total of eight people in the courtyard, but Li Gui felt as if she had the entire world at her feet. It was as if she owned a big company and was the big boss.

"Well... there's no need for everyone to look so serious. I'm here today to pay everyone's salary!" Li Gui said.

"Elder sister! We can't wait!" Chi Ze said excitedly as he rubbed his hands.

Chi Ze's wife, Wang Fang, quickly secretly pinched him at the waist and whispered in his ear, "We should just take whatever she gives us. Why are you rushing her! How do you expect her to continue after that? What if she wants to say something else!"

Chi Ze suddenly realized how rude he sounded when he spoke up just now. He quickly shut his mouth and sat down obediently to listen to Li Gui.

"There are more and more people on board by now. We know that everyone needs money, so we will pay you your salary on the first of every month to make sure that you have enough for the month! However, Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan have a different arrangement from the others. They work freelance hours, so they get paid once a week," Li Gui explained.

The three men's wives helped out with many things every day and Li Gui kept tabs of that. For processing pig offal, each of them would be paid 50 cents a day. If they helped with the corn, they would be paid the same amount as Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan.

Li Gui did not announce the amount which each person received. Instead, she first explained to them how their salary was calculated before handing individual envelopes to everyone.

Actually, Chi Ze and the other men also did not know their real scope of work all day. As long as they saw there was work to be done, they would simply do it and help out as much as they could.

Everyone went back after that. When they reached their rooms, they all drew the curtains, looking forward to seeing how much money was in the envelope.

"Honey, make a guess at how much I have!" Chi Ze said excitedly.

Wang Fang quickly covered Chi Ze's mouth and whispered, "You idiot! Why can't you just keep quiet! Just keep your mouth shut! What if others hear you! Don't you remember what happened just now!"

Chapter 1292 Prosperous For Three Generations

It was very difficult to correct Chi Ze's habit of saying whatever popped into his mind. He did not open the envelope but handed it to Wang Fang.

"Honey, take it. Help me see how much there is. I'll hand over my salary to you from now on," Chi Ze said obsequiously.

Wang Fang was also curious about how much money they had made. The two of them had only worked here for a week and they would be satisfied if they could earn 10 dollars in total!

"Oh my goodness! I actually earned 10 dollars by myself! Am I dreaming!" Wang Fang said as she covered her mouth.

"Honey, you're amazing! How much corn did you pluck? How did you make so much money? You must be exhausted," Chi Ze said with heartache.

"That job isn't tiring. Isn't it the same as doing farm work at home?" Wang Fang comforted Chi Ze. She knew that he was worried about her.

"You do less work! I'll do more work! I want you to come to the capital to enjoy life! You shouldn't have to work so hard!" Chi Ze said.

"Don't be so glib. Let me open your envelope," Wang Fang said.

Wang Fang opened it and took a look. The 20 dollars inside made their jaws drop in shock. There were also two pounds worth of food stamps and two pounds worth of meat coupons! These were even more valuable than money!

"The two of us have made 30 dollars in one week! Doesn't that mean we can earn almost 100 dollars a month!" Chi Ze said excitedly.

"The best part is we still have a lot of free time nowadays. Once it gets busier in the future, that means we'll earn even more money. It seems that Xia Zhe didn't lie to us!" Wang Fang said happily.

Chi Ze said smugly, "Hmph! That's my brother! Why would he lie to me!"

"Oh please! You've let your so-called brothers cheat you of too much! Don't you know that you have to be wary of others?" Wang Fang said helplessly.

Chi Ze was a very loyal friend. As long as a friend came to ask him for help, he would agree. He never rejected anyone. Wang Fang had felt vexed about this matter for a long time, but then again, it was Chi Ze's sense of loyalty which attracted her to him in the first place. I think you should take a look at pandanusnovel.com

The two of them were childhood sweethearts who grew up in the same village. Back then, Chi Ze's family was not very well-to-do while Wang Fang's siblings were all doing very well. Even though Wang Fang was a village girl, she had many marriage proposals! There was even a businessman from the city who wanted to marry her!

All the men took a fancy to Wang Fang as she knew how to manage a household well and had a positive attitude towards life. However, Wang Fang did not agree to anyone's proposal and kept waiting for Chi Ze to come back and marry her. Chi Ze had passed that remark jokingly when they were young and Wang Fang had taken it very much to heart.

Wang Fang's maternal family refused to let a poor boy like Chi Ze come to their house to propose marriage. Wang Fang abandoned everything she had and eloped with Chi Ze. She only liked Chi Ze and she could do without everything else.

Chi Ze also did not let her down and had now brought Wang Fang to the capital to live.

"I know! But Xia Zhe is really nice to me! We got on really well in the army back then," Chi Ze said.

"Yes, yes, yes. I've already heard these kinds of stories 800 times. You're simply bending my ears. But tomorrow, when Mao Hang and Huang Xu ask you how much your salary is, how are you going to reply?" Wang Fang asked sternly.

Without any hesitation, Chi Ze blurted out, "Of course I'll tell them the truth!"

"How can you tell them the truth! You're so stupid! What if you have more money and they have less? What if they feel that it's unfair? For us, it's not a big deal if we have less money than them. We can just put in more effort next week, right? But what if they mind?" Wang Fang said.

"Honey, what you say makes sense! Then what should I do?" Chi Ze said with a troubled expression.

"Just say that you didn't get to take a look at all and the money is all with me. Their wives won't come and ask me about such things," Wang Fang instructed him clearly.

As the saying went, if one married a good wife, one would be prosperous for three generations. Wang Fang was the kind of good wife who could help him prosper for three generations! After Chi Ze married Wang Fang, his life became better and better. The two of them were also very happy together.

However, Huang Xu did not have it so good. The couple only earned 14 dollars in total, of which only three-fifty was contributed by Huang Xu's wife.

"Why did you earn so little?" Huang Xu asked as he looked at his wife, Pu Tao.

Chapter 1293 Cannot Be Bullied

Pu Tao was abandoned not long after she was born and she grew up in an orphanage without a name. Later on, the hospital director realized that she liked to eat grapes, so he simply called her Pu Tao, meaning grape.

"How would I know! Li Gui is the one who calculated my salary, not me. You even told me that we can make a lot of money here! How is this a lot! They're just stingy!" Pu Tao complained.

Based on what Huang Xu knew about Xia Zhe's family, Li Gui did not seem like a biased person and Qiao Mei was even more fair and just. It was simply impossible that they would shortchange their workers when it came to the salary, so what exactly went wrong?

"Is it because you did not go to the corn courtyard house to help pluck corn?" Huang Xu asked.

Pu Tao was stunned for a moment before she shouted guiltily at Huang Xu, "I didn't go! So what! Who wants to do such hard work! Back then, you told me that I don't have to do anything when I come to the capital, that all I need to do is to cook for you every day. Look at the kind of work I'm doing now!"

"It's still better than doing farm work at home! You are the one who insists on coming to the capital with me. You'll be enjoying life now if you have stayed at home to take care of the children!" Huang Xu said angrily.

He was worried about causing trouble for Xia Zhe. Xia Zhe had asked them to come here to work because he trusted them. It would be easy for him to hire people with the salary that he was paying, so why would he want to hire people who only wanted to slack off?

Since Xia Zhe trusted them, they must work hard. However, Pu Tao was slacking off now and did not behave like a hardworking person at all. Was she trying to embarrass him? He did not know how to explain it to Xia Zhe.

When Huang Xu received Xia Zhe's letter, he was overjoyed. He had already been thinking about leaving the village for a long time. He and Pu Tao had fallen for each other on their own and were not matchmade. At first, he felt that Pu Tao was good in every way. She was gentle and virtuous and seemed like the type of woman who would be a good wife!

Hence, after knowing Pu Tao for three months, he fell deeply in love and decided to marry her. Unexpectedly, after getting married, there was a drastic change in her personality and she seemed like a completely different person from when they first fell in love. Not only was she greedy and lazy at home, she was also very rude to Huang Xu's parents.

Huang Xu's parents had taken care of the couple's children since birth and even after they grew up. Pu Tao only gave birth to the children but did not take care of them at all. All she did was go out to play mahjong every day. The children even had to be fed goat milk when they were young! I think you should take a look at panDasnovel.com

Their family was so poor that they could not afford powdered milk, so Huang Xu had no choice but to ask the goat farmers in the village for help. Every day, he would give them something in exchange for goat milk. Sometimes, it was the vegetables they grew at home or the eggs laid by the chickens they raised. Other times, he would buy the milk using money. If he really did not have anything to give in exchange for the milk, he would ask to take it on credit at first.

After a while, he owed many people in the village a lot of money. The neighbors in the village were all kind-hearted people. They all felt sorry for his children, who had to endure such a tough life after being born into such a family, so they did not urge Huang Xu to repay his debt.

The reason why Huang Xu had come to the capital was to earn money to repay the debts he had incurred in his hometown.

"I want to follow you around! Who knows why you want to come to the capital! I have to keep an eye on you every day! Don't think I don't know what you've been doing for the past two days! I know everything!" Pu Tao roared angrily. Her voice could be heard through the walls of the house and everyone in the courtyard knew that they were fighting.

Chi Ze stood at the door and looked at Huang Xu's room curiously. He whispered, "Huang Xu has already quarreled with his wife three times in the past two weeks. I wonder why he can't talk to her nicely."

"You'd better not get involved! You don't know anything about Pu Tao, so how do you know who's the cause of the fight!" Wang Fang said immediately.

Chi Ze quickly closed the door and squatted down beside Wang Fang. "Honey, from what you're saying, do you know something? Tell me. I need to help my brother!"

"Do you think Pu Tao is a nice person! In the past two weeks alone, she had taken four apples from our family. Furthermore, she came to steal them sneakily. I simply turned a blind eye and pretended not to see. She also took many things from Mao Hang's wife, Yang Mei!" Wang Fang said helplessly.

"Then why didn't you tell me earlier! She bullied you! I have to seek an explanation from her family!" Chi Ze said angrily.

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Chapter 1294 Keep It A Secret

"It's just a few apples. If your brother finds out, won't he feel embarrassed? Don't tell me you want him to go around and return all the things to all of us? At most we'll lock our door in the future. As long as we lock the door when we're not in the room, she won't get a chance to steal anything," Wang Fang said.

"It's just going to be hard on you. I have to get up early every morning to pick up the goods and can't help you with these things," Chi Ze said guiltily.

"It's fine. Then Hubby, you should earn more money for me to spend. I can take care of such household matters. You can stand up for me if it happens again!" Wang Fang said with a smile.

"No problem! Whoever dares to bully my wife, I'll kill that person!" Chi Ze said, pretending to be fierce. Wang Fang was so tickled that she laughed out loud. Their interaction was a stark contrast to what was going on in Huang Xu's family.

Huang Xu looked at Pu Tao in silence. He tried to recall what he had done last week. Every day, he went to learn how to stir-fry seeds in the backyard of the corn courtyard house. Li Gui had bought some raw seeds for them to try. Occasionally, he would go out with Chi Ze to buy pig offal. He spent the rest of his time with Pu Tao. Could it be that he had done something wrong?

"Hmph, you dare not admit it!" Pu Tao said mockingly.

"I'm by your side 24 hours a day. What have I done?" Huang Xu asked.

"You keep flirting with that little vixen called Qian'e! I already heard that she's not a decent woman! Do you really think I won't find out!" Pu Tao said.

Huang Xu took it very seriously. Qian'e was Qiao Mei's good friend and he could not let her reputation be ruined for no reason.

"When did I flirt with her? Don't spout nonsense if you don't have evidence! I've never even met Qian'e!" Huang Xu said.

"How dare you deny it! That slut lives in this backyard! How can it be that you've never met her before! I think you must have hooked up with her long ago!" Pu Tao said angrily.

Huang Xu could not hold himself back from rushing over to Pu Tao to give her a slap, yet he could not bear to do it when he was right in front of her. After all, she was still his wife and the mother of his children. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Pu Tao was always taking advantage of the fact that Huang Xu was soft-hearted. Many people had tried to persuade Huang Xu to get a divorce, but he refused to listen. Pu Tao also always tried to guilt-trip Huang Xu by mentioning the children.

"Huang Xu! How dare you hit me! You're bullying me because I don't have parents! I gave birth to a fat boy for your Huang family! How can you treat me like this! You're too much!" Pu Tao roared.

Everyone in the courtyard could hear her screaming about how Huang Xu wanted to hit her. Mao Hang and Chi Ze were worried about Huang Xu and stood at their respective room doors, looking in the direction of his room.

This was actually the first time the two of them had seen Huang Xu in such an awkward situation. The two of them did not know how to help with such family matters. Furthermore, they also had a lot going on in their own families, so they did not have time to stick their noses in someone else's issues.

It was common for a couple to bicker and quarrel. However, if Huang Xu hit her, then he would be in the wrong. As the heads of their family, they should give in to their womenfolk. They could not always be too harsh with their demands.

As the saying went, if a man doted on his wife, he would be rewarded with money and treasures. Having a virtuous wife at home was the best that any man could hope for.

"Should we go and take a look?" Mao Hang asked as he came to Chi Ze's room.

"Huang Xu is not one to use his fists. He's probably just too angry and is posturing. Don't you know him well enough? When we were still in the army, even if the veterans bullied him, he would not retaliate. He would only keep quiet," Chi Ze said darkly.

"Sigh... Fate makes fools of us. How did a nice guy like Huang Xu meet such a woman?" Mao Hang said resignedly.

"It's fate that decides which two people become a couple. It's not something that can be resolved with just a few words from us. Huang Xu is not a child, so let's not worry about it for now. If he really needs anything, we can talk about it later. Don't let Xia Zhe and the rest know about this, otherwise they will definitely be worried," Chi Ze said.

However, even if they managed to keep it a secret, there was still Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan living under the same roof! The two of them had already been very unhappy with Pu Tao for a while. Even though Pu Tao had stolen things from Wang Fang and Yang Mei, at the very least, their husbands were good buddies and they might be willing to let the matter rest.

Chapter 1295 Caught In The Act

However, Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan had no such relationship with Pu Tao, and did not even know her at all. Yet, Pu Tao had also stolen from them and the things she took were all valuable items.

Zhou Shuang realized that the silk clothes she had bought for her children had gone missing. For Sun Juan, it was a pair of gold earrings. They were not short of money, but they were unwilling to be bullied like this.

"Sister Sun, what do you think we should do? Should we tell Qiao Mei about this?" Zhou Shuang asked with a frown.

"How can we! She has only just completed her confinement period not long ago. Let's not disturb her and let her rest well. She's taking care of two children alone and must be more tired than us. We should settle this issue ourselves," Sun Juan said.

"Then should we go and look for that woman directly? Let's report it to the police! Let the police handle this matter! This way, we'll have a reason to tell someone about this matter. We don't have any evidence that it's Pu Tao who has stolen our stuff. Won't it be better to let the police investigate the matter?"

This was a good idea, but then Qiao Mei would know about it. Sun Juan still wanted to keep this matter within this house and not let the news spread.

The neighbors here spread news around very quickly. If they found out that there was such a thief among them, what would they think of the occupants of this house in the future!

Qiao Mei said that this was something... something known as corporate image!

"Then are we supposed to suffer in silence!" Zhou Shuang said aggrievedly.

"Let's think of a way. It's not like the two of us lack money, so let's just treat it as giving those things to a beggar. But if she comes to steal again, we'll catch hold of her!" Sun Juan said.

The two of them got to work immediately. Other than when they were sleeping, the two of them put all their attention on Pu Tao. One week later, the two of them discovered that Pu Tao was about to take action again.

"You're true experts. You can pluck corn faster than us," Sun Juan said enviously.

Wang Fang and Yang Mei plucked corn speedily and flawlessly. In slightly more than half a day, the two of them could pluck the amount which Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan used to complete in one day. In a month, it would be as if they had worked a week longer than Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan!

"Hmph, people in the city are so ignorant," Pu Tao muttered to herself as she sat in the corner.

The place was not big and they could all hear what Pu Tao said. No one paid her any attention. For people like Pu Tao, the more one cared about her opinion, the more she would try to push her luck. I think you should take a look at [alpha-novel.com](http://www.alpha-novel.com)

"Sister Sun, you flatter us. This is all we know how to do," Wang Fang said politely.

"Come on, we're all the same. If the two of you continue like this, you'll definitely earn more than the two of us even though we worked here earlier!" Zhou Shuang said agitatedly.

"Really! Then I have to work harder!" Yang Mei said happily.

Zhou Shuang raised her voice and said loudly, "If you do a good job, Qiao Mei will even reward you! When Zhou Shuang and I were hospitalized, Qiao Mei gave us a lot of money. She even gave us jewelry during the festive seasons."

"Speaking of which, it's really strange. My pair of gold earrings have disappeared recently. I'm not just saddened by losing the earrings, but this pair of earrings is actually part of a set with a necklace! It's such a pity that it's no longer a nice set," Sun Juan said as she pretended to feel very regretful.

"Don't be anxious, Sister Sun. Out with the old, in with the new. Don't let this affect your mood," Wang Fang advised.

Just as everyone lowered their heads and got busy with their work, Pu Tao sneaked out through the back door. The four women exchanged glances and immediately took action.

Pu Tao ran very fast. After entering through the main door of the house, she rushed into Sun Juan's room immediately in a very familiar manner, as if it was her room.

"Where is it... Where did this b*tch put the gold necklace... I don't see it. Where else can she put it in such a small room..." Pu Tao crouched on the floor and searched under the bed carefully.

Suddenly, a familiar voice came from behind her. "What are you doing!"

The furious look on Huang Xu's face gave the other four women a fright. They had never seen Huang Xu so irritable before. Perhaps it was possible for them to teach Pu Tao a lesson this time.

"I... I saw a rat running in. I wanted to help Sister Sun by catching the rat!" Pu Tao got up from the ground awkwardly and explained.

"Will you believe such an explanation yourself?" Sun Juan said mockingly.

Chapter 1296 Get Someone To Uphold Justice

"Why not! I saw a big rat and came in to help you chase it out!" Pu Tao said stubbornly.

Sun Juan looked at all four corners of the room to make sure that she did not miss out on anything before asking, "Where is the rat? Where exactly is the rat?"

"It ran out just now! Just now! " Pu Tao pointed to the outside in a panic.

"I think you're that big rat! Stop playing the trick of a thief accusing someone else of being a thief!" Zhou Shuang said furiously.

Seeing that the truth was about to be exposed, Pu Tao wanted to run off and hide from them as long as she could.

"Where do you think you're going! Don't even think about it!" Sun Juan shouted as she grabbed Pu Tao by the hair.

"Enough!" Huang Xu shouted into the room. He strode forward to separate Sun Juan from Pu Tao and even stood in front of Pu Tao in a show of support for her.

Everyone had thought that Huang Xu was a fair person. They did not expect him to choose to protect Pu Tao.

"Brother, you have to give me an explanation for this. It's not the first time that things have gone missing from my room. I'm also not the only one living in this compound who has lost personal belongings. Today, we have caught the culprit red-handed. How do you intend to prove that your wife is innocent?" Sun Juan said calmly.

Huang Xu knew that it was Pu Tao's fault, but he still wanted to take a chance. Pu Tao did not have anything in her hands at the moment. Perhaps Pu Tao had been telling the truth and she just came in to help?

Perhaps a thief had come in from outside to steal things, or it could be anyone else living in the house who was the thief. How could they just be suspicious of Pu Tao?

"Sister Sun, there must be some misunderstanding. My wife might have really come in to help. She didn't take anything, right?" Huang Xu said.

"Maybe it's because she doesn't have time to take anything?" Yang Mei muttered softly. I think you should take a look at panovel.com

"Rubbish! Why don't you suspect that slut in the backyard! Why do you only suspect me!" Pu Tao said angrily to Sun Juan.

Sun Juan was so angry that she wanted to slap Pu Tao, but she held back. She clenched her fists and said, "Are you stupid? Qian'e has a piano in her room that costs 2,000 dollars. Why would she need to steal anything? Do you think she lacks money? When you want to suspect others, please use your brain. Don't frame just anyone."

"Even if you're trying to help, it's not right for you to enter my house so casually. Besides, I recently lost a pair of gold earrings. I still have the receipt and Qiao Mei and the neighbors nearby have all seen me wearing the earrings in the past. Show all of us what you have in your room. If there's none of our lost belongings in your room, then we're the ones who are wrongly accusing Sister Pu Tao and we'll apologize," Sun Juan said openly.

Since the matter had already reached this point, she might as well see it through to the end and speak frankly. Then they would not need to be suspicious of one another in the future. If they really wronged Pu Tao, Sun Juan would definitely bring a big gift to apologize to her!

She had always kept her word. If she lied, she would be struck by lightning! She would die a horrible death!

Pu Tao immediately panicked when she heard that they wanted to search her room. Those things were just hidden under the bed! Any of them would be able to find the stolen items easily. There was no need for them to even search carefully.

"Absolutely not! Why can you search my room! Do you have more authority than the police? You want to search my room! No way!" Pu Tao said.

"If you ask me, we should all go and look for Qiao Mei and get her to uphold justice. Let her tell us how this matter should be resolved. After all, this house belongs to her and you're all renting rooms from her. I must get a resolution no matter what," Zhou Shuang said.

"How dare you! You're also renting a room! Who are you to look down on us!" Pu Tao roared.

"Who told you that we're renting? I bought my room from Qiao Mei! We have documents to prove it! Zhou Shuang, go get Qiao Mei!" Sun Juan said as she patted Zhou Shuang's shoulder.

Zhou Shuang ran out with a whoosh, so fast that no one could stop her. Seeing that the matter had blown up, Huang Xu had no choice but to compromise. He had never imagined that things would end up like this after coming to the capital.

At this moment, Qiao Mei was listening to music at home. Recently, she had been getting headaches, so Xia Zhe stayed at home with her and gave her massages every day. In another two months, his massage techniques would be almost the same as that of a professional masseuse.

Chapter 1297 Multifunctional Wheelchair

"Qiao Mei! Qiao Mei! Something's wrong! Something bad has happened!" Zhou Shuang said as she ran panting into the courtyard.

"What's the matter? Why are you in such a hurry? Did something big happen?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"Oh, Xia Zhe is at home too! Both of you should hurry over to our place to take a look. We caught Huang Xu's wife stealing, but she won't admit to it no matter what! I want to talk to you first and see if we can resolve it in private. If not, then we'll have to call the police," Zhou Shuang said.

Qiao Mei knew what Zhou Shuang meant by saying that. She was trying to protect the couple's reputation. She patted Xia Zhe's hand and he understood what she meant. He put away the stool under Qiao Mei's feet and moved the two small side tables to one side. After everything was cleared away, Zhou Shuang realized that the rocking chair that Qiao Mei was lying against had become a wheelchair. Qiao Mei was actually sitting in a wheelchair!

"Mei Mei, what... what happened to you?" Zhou Shuang asked fearfully.

She had not heard of anything happening to Qiao Mei. Moreover, Li Gui was someone who could not keep any secrets. If something really happened to Qiao Mei, they would have been able to get hints from Li Gui's every word and action. Could it be that even Li Gui did not know about this?

She did not even know that Qiao Mei was sick and was even causing trouble for Qiao Mei at this time. She now felt that she was really too much!

"I'm fine, Auntie Zhou. It's just that I'm too lazy to walk, so I ask Xia Zhe to push me around. I'm in good health!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

This chair was a gift from the grandfatherly neighbor next door. The old couple were both senior technicians and had spent all their money on buying all kinds of materials. They did not have the money to buy gifts for Qiao Mei's two children, so they made some toys for the children, as well as this multifunctional wheelchair for Qiao Mei to rest in.

Qiao Mei liked this gift very much and even gave them a bottle of 100-year-old medicinal wine in return.

On the way to the courtyard, Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei chatted happily. It was as if they were not at all concerned with what was happening to Sun Juan and the rest. Zhou Shuang had no idea how Qiao Mei felt about the whole issue.

When she came over to look for Qiao Mei, her thought was that since Qiao Mei had supported them previously, she would definitely help them again now. However, she did not consider the fact that Huang Xu and Pu Tao were Xia Zhe's friends! Comparatively, how deep was their friendship with Qiao Mei? It was at best superficial!! think you should take a look at panDasnovel.com

Qiao Mei definitely had to respect her husband. After all, Zhou Shuang and Sun Juan were just Qiao Mei's employees and were dispensable. They were the ones who needed Qiao Mei, not the other way round. Thinking of this, Zhou Shuang now felt completely uncertain.

Before they entered the small courtyard house, they could all already hear Pu Tao yelling and shouting. The words coming out of her mouth were unimaginably vulgar and the main door was packed with people who had come to watch the commotion.

"Hey everyone, make way for me. Let me go in and take a look," Qiao Mei shouted.

The moment Sun Juan heard Qiao Mei's voice, she immediately stood up arrogantly like a rooster which was ready to fight. However, when she saw Qiao Mei in a wheelchair, her mind was only filled with thoughts about Qiao Mei's health. The current argument suddenly became not important at all.

"Qiao Mei, what's wrong with you?" Sun Juan asked worriedly.

"I'm fine, I'm fine! I just have nothing better to do and want to try out with this wheelchair," Qiao Mei said.

"Qiao Mei! You have to uphold justice for me! I can't let her accuse me so unjustly for no reason!" When Pu Tao saw Qiao Mei, it was as if she had seen her family member. She quickly rushed over and hugged Qiao Mei's leg as she complained.

Qiao Mei did not speak immediately. Instead, she looked around and stared at the grass patch in the corner of the house. She activated her energy and looked through the grass patch's memories, going through everything that had happened in this house during the past week.

She then secretly injected her energy into the roots of the grass. The roots kept growing underground and very quickly, she came into contact with the box that Pu Tao had hidden in the room. It was filled with all the things that she had stolen in the past week and there were also many other things that Zhou Shuang and the rest had not discovered yet. It was quite a fruitful harvest.

This way, Qiao Mei already knew roughly what had happened and would not wrongly accuse either party.

"Since you want me to uphold justice for you, are you willing to let me have full authority to handle this matter?" Qiao Mei looked at Pu Tao and asked gently.

Chapter 1298 Silver Lock

"Of course! I trust you the most! And Elder Brother Xia! You have gone through life and death situations with my husband! You were the best brothers in the past! You can't just watch us suffer from such injustice!" Pu Tao said.

Xia Zhe only smiled and nodded. He did not express any opinion as he left everything at home to Qiao Mei. He would only speak up if there was anything that Qiao Mei had missed out on.

Huang Xu looked a little awkward, but he still chose to keep quiet. Chi Ze and Mao Hang, who were standing at the side, were barely able to stand it anymore. Pu Tao's actions would end up shattering their friendship.

They always thought that Huang Xu had his own reason for enduring Pu Tao's bad behavior for so many years. In fact, Huang Xu was leading such an unhappy life only because he let her get away with such behavior. Pu Tao only behaved so arrogantly because she knew that Huang Xu would not hold it against her no matter what she did.

"Alright, since all of you trust me, I'll investigate this matter properly and definitely give everyone a satisfactory answer." Qiao Mei whispered into Xia Zhe's ear and told him the location where Pu Tao had hidden the things. Xia Zhe immediately understood what she meant and rushed into the room to search for them. Soon, he found the box.

"Oh, it's quite heavy," Xia Zhe could not help but sigh as he walked out.

When Pu Tao saw what Xia Zhe was holding, her expression changed drastically. She quickly ran towards Xia Zhe and wanted to snatch the box from him. Xia Zhe dodged her easily and handed the box to Qiao Mei before standing in front of Qiao Mei to protect her.

When Qiao Mei opened the box, everyone was shocked. Aside from things which belonged to Sun Juan and Zhou Shuang, there were also things that belonged to Yang Mei and Wang Fang!

Among all the items, the most eye-catching one was an old silver lock . Chi Ze recognized it at one glance. It was something which Wang Fang had inherited when her mother passed away. Wang Fang had always kept it in the cabinet and did not open it easily. He did not expect it to have been stolen by Pu Tao.

Wang Fang hurriedly went to her room to take a look and realized that it was really missing. Only then could she confirm that the item in Pu Tao's box was really the inheritance from her mother.

Yang Mei's necklace was also in the box. This was actually the token of love between Mao Hang and Yang Mei. It seemed that Pu Tao was very good at rummaging through things and could find anything.

"This ring... isn't it mine?" Qiao Mei took out a gold and jade ring from the box. She had bought it recently because she had too much time on hand. I think you should take a look at paπdasnovel.com

Ever since she bought a lot of high-priced goods from the antique market, the owners of the various antique shops always kept Qiao Mei in mind. As long as they received new goods or treasures, they would immediately bring the items to Qiao Mei to take a look. If Qiao Mei liked them, they would immediately sell them to her.

This ring was not worth much to her. She initially thought that the jade stone looked more transparent than other stones and wanted to see if she could store energy inside. She had wanted to use it like those interspatial rings she had read about in her other life, the kind which could be used to store items inside.

After many failed attempts, Qiao Mei threw it aside and did not look at it anymore. She did not expect Pu Tao to steal it.

"It's not mine! This box is not mine! You must have secretly brought it in to frame me!" Pu Tao roared.

"What an idiot..." Qiao Mei muttered softly.

"You still refuse to admit it even now! In that case, let's call the police! There's nothing left for us to talk about!" Sun Juan said.

At this moment, Huang Xu stepped out and said, "Pu Tao was just muddle-headed for a moment! Please forgive her!"

"Brother, we all know that you care about your wife, but you can't be so indiscriminate, right? If your wife is precious to you, then aren't our wives important to us? The things which Pu Tao stole are all items which are important to our families. For my family, the silver lock is a family heirloom! Even at our poorest, we have never even thought about selling it. Shouldn't you give us an explanation?" Chi Ze said to Huang Xu sternly.

Huang Xu lowered his head in shame. He no longer knew how to face his former brothers, especially Xia Zhe. It was out of kindness that Xia Zhe had asked him to come to the capital to earn money and live a better life, but he had let down Xia Zhe's good intentions.

"We'll take out all the money we have and compensate all of you. Then, we'll go back to our hometown and won't work here anymore," Huang Xu said.

No one said anything though Chi Ze seemed a little dissatisfied with the proposed solution. Qiao Mei looked at everyone and said, "Since all of you have agreed to leave this matter to me, I'll make a decision on your behalf now."

Chapter 1299 Fooling Around In The Daytime

"Sure, we'll listen to Qiao Mei," Sun Juan said.

Qiao Mei thought about it and then said, "Pu Tao will go back to her hometown while Huang Xu remains here to work. Give everyone compensation based on the market value of the items and also return the items to everyone."

"Why! If I return everything, then why should I give you money!" Pu Tao looked at Qiao Mei in disbelief.

"Then we can always send you to jail. My ring alone is already worth 1,000 dollars. Based on that, you have to be in jail for at least five years," Qiao Mei threatened Pu Tao.

Pu Tao had never had to face such a serious situation before. She was so frightened that she slumped to the ground. Five years! In the past, she had heard people in the village said that jail was not a place fit for humans! She would go crazy after five years inside!

"Huang Xu! Huang Xu, you stay here! I'll go back! I'll go back to our hometown! You stay and earn money here!" Pu Tao said nervously as she held Huang Xu's hand.

Huang Xu remained expressionless. There were no longer any feelings between the two of them. It had always been Huang Xu's so-called "responsibility" that was still holding their marriage together. Unless Huang Xu thought things through himself, he would be the only one suffering.

When no one raised any objections, Xia Zhe asked Luo Yu to arrange for someone to keep an eye on Huang Xu and Pu Tao. The guard team members could only return to the capital after making sure that Pu Tao had reached her hometown.

After the matter was settled, Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe slowly made their way home. Along the way, Qiao Mei was very curious about what Xia Zhe thought about her actions just now. She had been so focused on dealing with the matter that she did not pay attention to Xia Zhe's expression.

"Do you find me too... too domineering?" Qiao Mei asked softly.

"Why do you say that?" Xia Zhe said with a smile.

"I was so fierce just now, and I even dealt with this matter related to your brother without asking for your opinion. Don't you think I'm a willful woman?" Qiao Mei turned around and asked Xia Zhe.

Xia Zhe came in front of Qiao Mei and squatted down to look at her. "In my eyes, no matter what kind of person you are, I will still love you. Therefore, you just need to go ahead and do whatever you want. I will always be by your side to protect you."

These moving words made Qiao Mei blush. After being married for so long, Xia Zhe had never said anything so sweet to her. This was the first time. I think you should take a look at

She always thought that Xia Zhe was a blockhead who only knew how to do things for her and not how to say sweet nothings. She did not know that she would feel this way when she heard sweet nothings. Her heart had started to beat wildly.

"What... what are you saying in the courtyard! What if Grandfather hears you!" Qiao Mei said shyly.

"Does our female hooligan still know how to blush? What happened to the mighty Qiao Mei from back then?" Xia Zhe teased. Qiao Mei immediately thought of the first night they met.

"I see! You're making fun of me! See if I don't take off your clothes!" Qiao Mei said with a laugh. The two of them ran back to the room playfully. After that, moaning sounds could be heard from the room at times.

It was so fun to fool around in the daytime.

By nighttime, Qiao Mei started to have a low grade fever, scaring Xia Zhe so much that he squatted beside her and did not dare to move. Xia Fang had previously instructed him not to have any intimate behavior with Qiao Mei at this stage, but he did not manage to control himself. It was all his fault that Qiao Mei was running a fever now.

"I'd better go and get Aunt to come and take a look. Aunt will surely know what's going on," Xia Zhe said with heartache.

"I'm fine. Aren't you afraid that Auntie will come and reprimand you? If she finds out why I have fallen sick, both Grandfather and Auntie will skin you alive!" Qiao Mei said.

"It's fine even if they kill me. As long as you get better, I'll do anything!" Xia Zhe said earnestly.

Qiao Mei held Xia Zhe's hand and said, "I probably just caught a cold during the day. It's not a big deal. I'll be fine after drinking some medicinal wine. Don't make such a big fuss."

Xia Zhe did not sleep the entire night and just stared at Qiao Mei. He only felt at ease when Qiao Mei's fever subsided. The two of them hugged each other and slept until noon the next day.

For the next week, Xia Zhe stuck close to Qiao Mei and took care of her meticulously. The two of them were like conjoined twins and Xia Zhe was just short of personally feeding Qiao Mei.

"It'll be the Spring Festival in three days. Mother and I were talking about whether we should celebrate the lunar new year here in this house?" Xia Zhe asked.

Chapter 1300 I Am Getting Married

In Qiao Mei's heart, she would like to celebrate the lunar new year in the courtyard house. However, she was the Xia family's daughter-in-law after all. Xu Lan had already made an exception for her during the new year celebrations. If the family made another exception for her during the lunar new year, people would gossip and it would not be good for the Xia family's reputation. She could not selfishly cause trouble for the Xia family.

Furthermore, even if she received the go-ahead to hold the lunar new year celebrations at the courtyard house, Qiao Qiang also would not agree to it.

"Let's go back to Mother's place for the lunar new year. Grandfather has my four younger siblings and my mother to accompany him here. Besides, it's so nearby. We can come back the next day, right?" Qiao Mei said.

"Alright, let's do it your way," Xia Zhe said.

Going by tradition, Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe should return to Xu Lan's place seven days before the lunar new year. However, since Qiao Mei still had to take care of business matters, she asked Feng Hua to bring Xia Fan and Xia Xing back first.

She had completely become a hands-off mother now. She only visited the children occasionally to play with them as well as to coax them to sleep at night. Feng Hua was the one taking care of them most of the time.

She was not affected by postpartum depression at all, not even the slightest bit. This was also something that made Qiao Mei very happy. She had previously discussed this matter with Xia Zhe when they were corresponding via letters.

She had thought that Xia Zhe would not remember what she told him, so she was surprised when he did everything she had said before. Xia Zhe was basically the one who took care of all the tasks related to the children, like changing the diapers and coaxing the children. The two Xia brothers had taken full responsibility for all these chores.

The first thing Qiao Mei did when she returned to Xu Lan's place was to look for Xia He to have a chat. She had not seen Xia He for a long time and did not know what Xia He had been busy with recently.

"Elder Sister, you haven't stayed over at my place for a long time. Have you abandoned me?" Qiao Mei said unhappily as she pouted.

"You've already given birth, so of course I have to move out. Otherwise, Auntie Zhou will definitely make an issue out of it when she finds out! It was so difficult to get rid of her. Don't tell me you want to provoke her again?" Xia He said.

"I can let whoever I want live in my house! Why is it her business! Elder Sister, don't worry about her! If there's really no other way, why don't you go to the other backyard and be neighbors with Qian'e?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Don't you know that the two of us can't stand each other?" Xia He said helplessly.

"But you say that you don't despise her anymore? Don't tell me you're going back on your word! Have you changed your mind?" Qiao Mei looked at Xia He curiously. I think you should take a look at

Xia He did not loathe Qian'e that much anymore, but she still found Qian'e to be an eyesore. The two of them just did not get along well and would quarrel whenever they met.

"I'll stay at Mother's place for now. Besides... I might get married soon. When that time comes, I'll be living with my husband's family," Xia He said with a sweet smile.

Getting married! When did this happen! Xia He and Deng Fan were actually at the stage of discussing marriage! What exactly happened in the past few days for them to make such rapid progress!

Qiao Mei widened her eyes and looked at Xia He in disbelief. The couple had only been dating for less than a month. It seemed too hasty to discuss marriage so soon.

However, Qiao Mei was in no position to criticize Xia He. After all, she got married after knowing Xia Zhe for one day...

"Have you really thought it through?" Qiao Mei asked.

This time, it was Xia He's turn to be a little surprised. Even Xia Fang felt that it was improper and asked her to test out Deng Fan again. However, Qiao Mei did not seem to be so opposed or surprised. Instead, she seemed supportive of them getting married soon.

"Yes, I've thought about it. We've known each other for more than 20 years and he has been my mother's disciple for the longest time. His parents have brought him up well and Mother likes him very much. Actually, she has long wanted me to be with Deng Fan, but I'm the one who can't get past myself," Xia He said.

"Do you intend to get married very soon? I haven't finished the embroidery on your wedding dress yet!" Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

Back when Xia He told Qiao Mei that she would never get married in this lifetime, Qiao Mei had already started making the wedding dress for Xia He. She sewed every stitch by hand and each button was made of jade. The entire dress could be said to be priceless and she had not even shown it to Xia He before.

Xia He had always thought that this was just a joke between the two of them, but it turned out that Qiao Mei was very serious about it.

"Really? Then I'll get married on the day you finish the embroidery!" Xia He said happily.