

## Fat Wife 1311

### Chapter 1311 Go And Visit Her

After hearing what Qiao Mei said, Li Gui's mood did improve a little, but it continued to weigh on her conscience.

"Qiao Mei, do you still have any more of that medicinal wine at home? Why don't you send some to her so that she can feel better. Otherwise, I feel really bad," Li Gui said.

If it was up to Qiao Mei, she would never give Liang Shu the medicinal wine. Liang Shu deserved what she got and it was no one else's fault.

However, if Liang Shu continued to be ill, then Li Gui and Qiao Qiang would feel bad about it every day. Qiao Mei was a little hesitant about what to do next.

"I'll think about it again. Miao Miao, stay with Mom. I'll go and take a look at Grandfather first," Qiao Mei said calmly.

Qiao Qiang was sitting on a rocking chair in the backyard, basking in the sun. Ever since Liang Shu came to cause trouble, he had not left the house. He still felt a little uncomfortable. Everyone out there would be in a good mood since it was the Spring Festival, but he had only bad luck written all over his face. If others saw this, they would be unhappy with him!

"Grandfather, I'm back," Qiao Mei said gently as she came to Qiao Qiang's side.

"I have expected you to stay at your mother-in-law's place for a few more days. Why are you back so early? Xia Zhe must have come back with you too," Qiao Qiang asked curiously.

"There are too many people over there and the children are not used to it, so my mother-in-law asks us to come back first. Grandfather, are you feeling alright?" Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

Qiao Qiang laughed lightly and said, "Oh, so you already know everything. I'm already so old, there's nothing for me to worry about. It's just that Liang Shu seems to have fallen ill and I don't know what to do."

At the end of the day, Liang Shu was still his ex-wife. Even if there was an unresolvable conflict between them, it was not to the extent that he wished that she would die. It was true that Liang Shu already had an underlying medical condition, but if she had not gotten so agitated at their place, her illness would not have suddenly acted up.

No matter what, this entire episode still had something to do with them.

Novel.com The reason why the Liang family had not come to ask for money yet was because they wanted Qiao Qiang and the rest to feel guilty. Then again, they were also too afraid to pay another visit.

"Grandfather, I'll go to the hospital to send her some medicinal wine. Then at least we will have done our part," Qiao Mei said. I think you should take a look at [novel.com](http://novel.com)

"Are you willing to do so?" Qiao Qiang asked.

"As long as it makes you happy, I'm willing to do anything," Qiao Mei said.

"Then... then just give her a little bit. It doesn't need to be a lot. Just enough for her to be able to take care of herself," Qiao Qiang said with a sigh.

After Qiao Mei heard what Qiao Qiang said, she took out a small bottle of diluted 100-year-old ginseng juice and went to the hospital. Along the way, Qiao Mei kept imagining what Liang Shu would say to her, or how Liang Lan and the others would use this matter to threaten her. She had already thought of how to rebut Liang Shu, but when she saw Liang Shu in person, she could not bear to say anything.

Ever since Liang Shu fell ill, Liang Lan and Liang Guo had not come to visit her again. The nurses took care of her daily requirements, but the nurses also had to take care of other patients. Sometimes, it was a long wait before they were done at the other wards and they could find time to come to Liang Shu's ward to feed her or help her change her clothes.

Sometimes, even when Liang Shu soiled her pants, she could only bear with it for a long time until the nurses had time to come and help her wash up.

The amount of money which Liang Guo paid was only enough for Liang Shu's basic medical expenses. There was not enough to hire a caregiver at all.

Before Qiao Mei could speak, Liang Shu immediately made threatening gestures. No one could make out what she was saying, but she was very agitated. The nurse quickly brought Qiao Mei out of the ward and went in to comfort Liang Shu before coming out again to talk to Qiao Mei.

"Her mood is very unstable now and sometimes she beats and scolds us too, so it's best if you don't provoke her. If you need anything, you can just tell us. Are you her relative?" the nurse asked.

Relative? Perhaps in a sense, they were relatives not related by blood. However, Qiao Qiang had already cut ties with them, so technically there was no relationship between her and Liang Shu.

"No, I'm just here to visit her," Qiao Mei explained.

"Sigh... If you know how to contact her children, then try to get in touch with them. This old woman is quite pitiful. She's left alone in the hospital at such an old age. The money in her account is only enough to last for another 10 days. If her family members don't come and pay the fees after 10 days, then we can only contact the police and ask them to send Liang Shu home," the nurse said.

Chapter 1312 Discover The Problem

"In her current condition, can she hold on until she gets home?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

In Qiao Mei's opinion, Liang Shu seemed very seriously ill. It already looked as if a strong gust of wind could break all her bones. How could such a person still be able to travel around?

"No, not at this moment. It's too risky for her to leave the hospital now. It's best not to move an elderly patient unnecessarily, unless there's a private doctor who can take care of the patient 24 hours a day. Otherwise, we don't recommend that the patient be discharged," the nurse advised.

"Alright, I understand," Qiao Mei said.

After the nurse left, Qiao Mei stood outside the door and quietly looked at Liang Shu through the glass panel. She recalled that Qiao Qiang had mentioned Liang Shu before.

Liang Shu sounded like a person who wanted to win in everything. Moreover, she did not have any morals to speak of. Anyone who obstructed her path would be kicked away mercilessly. Nothing could faze her.

For such a person to end up in such a state, she must be in agony.

Qiao Mei did not give the medicine wine to Liang Shu. She still wanted Liang Shu to suffer for a while longer and did not want to give her a way out so easily. Qiao Mei knew that the Liang family would definitely come looking for her. She just had to wait quietly for that day to come.

The Spring Festival holiday period ended in a flash and life returned to normal. Qian'e filled up her schedule every day and she even made popcorn during the holiday break. When Zhao Fei came to the corn courtyard house on the first working day after the holidays, he thought that his eyes were playing tricks on him.

It looked as if there was a small mountain in front of him! There must be at least 500 pounds of popcorn here, filling up the entire house.

"Heavens... How long did it take you to make all these..." Zhao Fei lamented in shock.

"Not too long. I had nothing to do anyway, so I came over to make popcorn. As time passed, the amount of popcorn just kept accumulating. Can you move everything by yourself?" Qian'e asked.

"Yes, I can, but I can't fit everything in my car at one go. How about this, I'll take 150 pounds today and for the rest, I'll just take some every day. That should do," Zhao Fei said.

"Alright, then I'll leave you to it," Qian'e said. I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com)

After a few days, Qian'e discovered an inherent issue in their business dealings. When she saw that Qiao Mei had some free time, she quickly went to discuss countermeasures.

"Qiao Mei, did you sign any contract with Zhao Fei?" Qian'e asked.

"No. Did something happen?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

Qian'e brought over a stool and sat down as she said, "I've recently discovered something. It's not about Zhao Fei, but the two people he has with him. They don't look like decent people and are very sneaky. Moreover, they aren't very honest. They speak aggressively and can even be quite insulting sometimes."

[pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com) The two people whom Qian'e was talking about were Zhao Fei's younger brothers, but they were not his biological younger brothers. His parents had already passed away and these two men were the sons of the uncle who adopted him. Their names were Zhao Kun and Zhao Kai.

Kinship was not particularly important to Zhao Fei, but it was inevitable that he would fall sick sometimes. During such times, he needed his family to take care of him. This uncle of his took on the caregiving role at such moments. Although he and his family were simply after Zhao Fei's money, at least they were also willing to take care of him.

Recently, whenever Zhao Fei could not transport the goods by himself, he would ask these two younger brothers to come and help out. Zhao Fei did not let them enter the courtyard, so they would just stand at the door. She had once overheard Zhao Kai say something vulgar to Zhao Kun as he commented on her figure in detail. Those things he said were really unbearable for her to hear.

"I've never really noticed this matter. Let me talk to Zhao Fei about it," Qiao Mei said seriously.

"But haven't we given him the right to be an 'exclusive agent'? Will it be detrimental if we fall out with him?" Qian'e said worriedly.

"We have never signed any contract. Since we can give him the right, then we can naturally take it back. If he doesn't keep his word, then we won't do business with him anymore," Qiao Mei said casually.

Since she could grant him the right to be an "exclusive agent", then she could also revoke it. If Zhao Fei was unable to control his subordinates, there were still many other people who wanted to collaborate with Qiao Mei.

There was no contract in place, so it was all up to Qiao Mei. Furthermore, she still had Xia Wen's backing if it involved the authorities! She could be as willful as she wanted!

Chapter 1313 Partner

Even if Qiao Mei revoked Zhao Fei's right to be an "exclusive agent", he would not dare to cause trouble. If he still wanted to continue doing business in the capital, he could not avoid having to interact with Qiao Mei. He would still need Qiao Mei to take care of him in the future.

"That's good. I'm worried that he'll be completely lawless if this continues," Qian'e said with a sigh.

"By the way, my mother will pay you soon. Did my mother tell you about us sharing the profits from the popcorn business with you?" Qiao Mei asked.

Qian'e was not concerned about this at all and had not heard Li Gui mention it before. The main thing was that she had never asked about these details at all. As long as she had something to do to pass time, she did not really care about how much money she made.

"There's no need to give me a lot," Qian'e said.

"That won't do! You're different from Sister Zhou and the others. You're our partner so you get to share the profits! I have already left the popcorn business in your charge now. We'll split it 40-60. You get 40% and we get 60%," Qiao Mei said.

"That's too much. Just give me 20%," Qian'e said embarrassedly.

"Since we're partners, we have to show you our sincerity. Just accept it. As for the issue with Zhao Fei, I'll settle it. Don't worry and just carry on boldly. Actually, you can also restrain Zhao Fei's actions as you see fit. After all, you're his boss now," Qiao Mei said.

When Qian'e heard what Qiao Mei said, she felt much more at ease. In order to demonstrate her sincerity, Qiao Mei had also specially drafted a contract. She had prepared it a long time ago and was just waiting for such a day to come.

"I don't need to sign a contract with you. I trust you," Qian'e said.

"That won't do. Business is business and friendship is friendship. We can't mix these two things up. Who can guarantee that the business won't suffer losses? We must at least give each other the most basic guarantees. It's good for everyone if we sign a contract. In the future, even if something happens, we can still continue to be friends," Qiao Mei explained.

Qian'e did not even read the contract and simply wrote her name at the end and put her fingerprint on it. Qiao Mei had helped her so much. Even if Qiao Mei wanted to sell it to her off to some place in the wilderness, she would not hate Qiao Mei. I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com)

Qiao Mei kept staring at Qian'e. There was something that she wanted to ask Qian'e, but she was afraid that it would touch a raw nerve. Two days ago, Zhuang Hua had called Xia Zhe to give him a general update about Zheng Peng. He had lost so much weight that he was almost skin and bones left. He had even accidentally fallen down the stairs and fractured his arm.

The way Zhuang Hua described Zheng Peng's life, it sounded as miserable as it could get. He would probably die in front of Qian'e if he could. However, even though he was already in such a state, Zheng Su did not feel sorry for him at all. Zheng Su simply just asked the doctor to come to the house every day to provide Zheng Peng with nutritional supplements via a drip so that his body could continue to function.

Zhuang Hua also said that Zheng Su wanted to quickly find Zheng Peng a wife so that she could give the Zheng family a descendant as soon as possible. Zheng Su felt that since Zheng Peng was already half-dead, he might die anytime and leave the Zheng family without any descendants.

After Xia Zhe told Qiao Mei all this, she was not at all affected. Initially, she did not even intend to tell Qian'e about this. This was all a result of Zheng Peng's own decision and had nothing to do with Qian'e. No matter how miserable a state he was in, he only had himself to blame.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Qian'e touched her cheek in confusion. She thought that there was something on her face.

Qiao Mei asked with a faint smile as she looked Qian'e in the eyes, "I'm just wondering if you want to know about an issue,"

Qian'e immediately understood what Qiao Mei meant. Actually, she had been thinking about Zheng Peng for a long time and it had kept her awake for countless nights. She did not know how to make a decision or how to face Zheng Peng.

After considering it carefully, Qian'e spoke slowly, "I... I don't want to know anything anymore... I just want to live my own life now. I also don't plan to get married anymore. I think it's good to be on my own. I feel that if I marry someone, then it is a burden to that person. Instead of doing that, I might as well live a carefree life alone."

"Alright, then you have to earn more money to buy one of my houses and be my neighbor. I'll leave my two children's piano lessons in your hands!" Qiao Mei said happily.

"You just want to exploit me! However, I don't have that much money. I still have to continue to work hard to be able to buy a house. In the future, I will just buy a house that's about the same size as the one Auntie Li has," Qian'e said.

Chapter 1314 Visiting The Zheng Family

"Then do you plan to continue to run the business with me?" Qiao Mei asked. She still felt that it was a pity for Qian'e not to continue to be a piano teacher.



"Let me think about it again. I plan to take a break after I earn enough money. Then I can teach the children in the alley for free every day. When the time comes, they'll all have to call me Professor Qian!" As Qian'e imagined the beautiful life she could have in the future, Qiao Mei caught a glimpse of the light in her eyes again.

"No problem! Then I'll just buy a few more houses. When the time comes, I'll raise the price and earn a huge sum from you!" Qiao Mei said jokingly.

"I definitely won't give you this chance. I'll own one before you can buy it all!" Qian'e said domineeringly.

"Then I look forward to your performance!" Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei woke Xia Zhe up early the next morning. She told him she wanted to pay the Zheng family a visit.

"Xia Zhe, wake up!" Qiao Mei said as she pushed Xia Zhe forcefully.

Xia Zhe buried his head in the blanket and turned around to stick his face to the wall, like an ostrich burying its head into the ground and keeping quiet. No matter what Qiao Mei did, he refused to come out.

Qiao Mei had no choice but to use her killer move. She slowly leaned close to Xia Zhe's ear and said softly, "Hubby, come with me~ I don't know anyone from the Zheng family. It'll be so awkward for me to go alone. Can you accompany me~"

When Xia Zhe heard Qiao Mei's coquettish tone of voice, his whole body felt weak and his ears turned red.

"Fine, fine, fine! I really can't stand you being like this. You're really like my little ancestor," Xia Zhe got up and looked at Qiao Mei helplessly.

Qiao Mei jumped up and down on the floor excitedly. As she jumped, she shouted, "Oh yeah! Hubby says yes! That's great! Hubby is the best husband in the world! I love my hubby the most!"

Xia Zhe's face also started to turn red. He looked like a well-cooked shrimp dumpling that was about to emit steam. He had never heard of anyone's wife being as bold as Qiao Mei, always using the word love.

Xu Kang was doing the cleaning outside and happened to hear a few words of their conversation. She hurriedly ran elsewhere to do the cleaning. Only a young person dared to be so explicit!

The reason why Qiao Mei wanted to go to the Zheng family's house was to persuade Zheng Peng to let go of the relationship. Zheng Peng was her four siblings' benefactor. As the saying went, one's teacher for even a day was like one's father for a lifetime. Qiao Mei could not just watch Zheng Peng walk into a dead end. I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://www.pandasnovel.com)

They went out to buy many gifts and then headed to the Zheng family residence. Qiao Mei also had a bottle of diluted 100-year-old ginseng juice in her pocket. She did not know how serious Zheng Peng's condition was, but perhaps the ginseng juice could save his life? Everything was still unknown at the moment.

"When you go in later and meet Uncle Zheng, you must greet him properly. Just follow my lead and address him as Mentor," Xia Zhe instructed.

Actually, Xia Zhe was also feeling quite nervous. The last time he came back to visit Zheng Su, he was rejected at the door. He did not know if it would end the same way this time. He thought that since Qiao Mei was with him, the family might open the door for them.

It was Sun Dai who came out to greet them. When she saw Xia Zhe, she smiled and said, "Xiao Zhe, long time no see. Come in, your mentor is at home."

"Hello, Madam. This is my wife, Qiao Mei," Xia Zhe said formally.

Qiao Mei immediately said obediently, "Hello, Madam!"

pantheonovel.com Sun Dai had heard of Qiao Mei before. She did not have a very natural expression on her face, but she still spoke to Qiao Mei out of courtesy, "Hello, come in."

Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei entered the Zheng family's living room while holding hands, without a care that they were in the presence of other people. Zheng Su was sitting on the sofa and when he looked up and saw the two of them, he snorted coldly.

"It's improper to behave so intimately in broad daylight! How outrageous! How can I have a student like you!" Zheng Su said angrily.

"I'm sorry for making Mentor troubled," Xia Zhe said shamefully.

"Isn't it good for him to see his mentee have a happy family? Is your mentor allergic to other people's happiness? It's like this for Zheng Yuan and it's the same for Zheng Peng. It's also the same for you now. He's so weird," Qiao Mei muttered softly.

Zheng Su had very sharp hearing. When he was in the army, he was known as "sharp ears". He heard everything that Qiao Mei said but he did not want to argue with a little girl. Thus, he just silently stared at the television in front of him, completely ignoring Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei.

"Take a seat." Sun Dai brought over two chairs for them. After all, they were guests and she did not want to make things too awkward for them.

Chapter 1315 Not Effective

The four of them just sat quietly in the living room. Other than the sounds coming from the television, the only other sound came from the clock on the wall.

Sun Dai seemed to have experienced such scenarios very often. She appeared very calm and did not take the initiative to talk to Xia Zhe, nor did she show Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei any attitude. She just accompanied them quietly like an invisible person who did not exist.

Xia Zhe knew Zheng Su's temper very well. He was a typical stubborn person. As long as he felt that he was right, he would stick to his guns and go all the way. He did not care even if he turned out to be wrong and he would not listen to anyone's advice.

αΠdasNovel.com In the words of the people from Qiao Mei's village, this was a "stubborn donkey"!

This was also the reason why even though people like Xia Mao were still fighting at the frontline at such an advanced age, Zheng Su was holed up in his house even with his status as Xia Zhe's mentor. If not for Zheng Su's talent, he would have left the army even earlier.

"What have you been doing recently, Mentor?" Qiao Mei could not stand the silence and asked Zheng Su in a sweet voice.

Unexpectedly, her usual sweetness, which had never failed before with Xia Jun and Qiao Qiang, was not effective on Zheng Su!

"You don't have to address me as Mentor. I'm not your mentor. After Xia Zhe married you, Xia Zhe is no longer my mentee. Besides, I have never taught you anything so you don't have to address me like this. If you have something to say, just say it quickly. If there's nothing else you want to say, then get lost," Zheng Su said moodily.

In Zheng Su's eyes, Xia Zhe was ruining his own future. Even if he did not want to marry Zheng Yuan, he should at least find a girl who was beneficial to him, even if it was that girl from the Zhong family!

In the end, Xia Zhe found a village girl who could only bear children for him, but could not help the family with anything else! She had not even gone to school, so how was she going to educate her children in the future? It was simply nonsense.

When he decided to woo Sun Dai back in their days, it was because he was attracted to how educated and knowledgeable she was, given that she came from a scholarly family. As Zheng Su often had to carry out missions in the army and could not be home with his children often, he felt much more at ease having a wife like Sun Dai. This was the same set of principles he applied to Xia Zhe.

Ever since Xia Zhe married Qiao Mei, he had basically returned home every two months. This did not bode well for Xia Zhe's career! This woman would ruin Xia Zhe's future!

Among the few grandchildren of the Xia family, only Xia Mao's children were the most promising and were even comparable to Xia Jun back in his heydays. However, Xia Wen and Xia He did not have any children and both their marriages were a mess. Xia Zhe was the only child with a promising career in the military, but he had now ruined his own future. Was he trying to destroy the Xia family's future? I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com)

"Uncle Zheng, are you angry?" Qiao Mei asked on purpose.

Xia Zhe hurriedly grabbed Qiao Mei's hand and shook his head slightly. No matter what, the two men had been mentor and mentee in the past and she should not be so rude to his mentor. Qiao Mei patted Xia Zhe's hand to reassure him.

She had her way of dealing with this kind of stick-in-the-mud. In her other life as a lawyer who fought cases in court, she had encountered many old people like him. They would use their age and life experience as an excuse to start giving pointers to the younger generation. Qiao Mei hated this kind of people the most! She must teach Zheng Su a lesson!

"Can't you tell if I'm angry or not?" Zheng Su said with a frown.

"Uncle Zheng, what are you angry about? Are you angry because Xia Zhe has a happy life now, or angry because you feel that Xia Zhe does not deserve to be so happy, or angry because the person who's living happily with Xia Zhe is not Zheng Yuan?" Qiao Mei asked while acting innocently.

These questions immediately made Zheng Su agitated. As Xia Zhe's mentor, he naturally hoped that Xia Zhe would have a good life and a happy family. As for the last question...

Zheng Su admitted that he had his own selfish motives, but it was all for Xia Zhe's own good! If Xia Zhe and Zheng Yuan had ended up together, their future would be exceptionally bright!

"So it seems that Uncle Zheng is unhappy about the last thing," Qiao Mei said definitively.

"What does this have to do with you? Are you here to show off to me?" Zheng Su asked.

"It's indeed none of my business, but we're also here to inform Uncle Zheng that we're doing quite well. Thank you for your concern, Uncle Zheng. When the children are older, we'll bring them over for you to take a look. The two babies look a lot like Xia Zhe when he was young," Qiao Mei said.

Zheng Su muttered softly, "It has nothing to do with me. There's no need to show me..."

Chapter 1316 Game Of Chess

"Since Uncle Zheng is not angry anymore, then you should smile more. It's not good for your health to always keep such a long face!" Qiao Mei said with a big smile.

"Who says that I'm not angry anymore! How can you make sweeping statements on your own! It has nothing to do with you whether I'm angry or not. Just get out! I won't be angry as long as the two of you don't appear in front of me!" Zheng Su said.

Qiao Mei pursed her lips unhappily. What a difficult old man to deal with! How did Zheng Yuan endure it until now? It must be hard for Zheng Peng to grow up in such a family.

Xia Zhe felt that he had not lived up to Zheng Su's expectations of him and had let Zheng Su down. Although he felt that he made the right decision to marry Qiao Mei, he was still unable to face Zheng Su squarely. Zheng Su had such high expectations of him and he could understand how Zheng Su felt now.

"Qiao Mei, let's go back," Xia Zhe whispered.

"I'm not going back. Do you want to be locked in such a stalemate with your mentor? I must make him like me today! Otherwise, I won't leave!" Qiao Mei said in a fit of pique.

She suddenly realized that there was an international chess set placed in front of the window. The chess pieces and the chessboard looked a little worn out. It was obvious that someone often played chess there.

Qiao Mei pointed at the chessboard and said, "Uncle Zheng! Let's play one round! If I win, you can't be angry anymore! If I lose, we won't visit you again from now on! What do you think?"

"Heh, a girl from the countryside knows how to play international chess? I daresay you don't even understand how to set up all the pieces on the chessboard!" Zheng Su looked at Qiao Mei disdainfully.

When it came to this game, he could be considered invincible. All these years, there were very few players in the capital who could beat him, except for the professionals of course. The rest of the chess enthusiasts had all lost to Zheng Su.

For so many years, there was only Xia Zhe who could still last for a while when playing with him, but Xia Zhe still always lost in the end.

Back when Zheng Su was still in the army, he was very good when it came to deploying troops and he was famous for being "cunning". After he retired, he stayed at home and focused on studying chess skills. Zheng Su was quite sure that Qiao Mei was no match for him at all. I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com)

"So Uncle Zheng, do you dare to play with me! Don't tell me you can't even beat a village girl like me!" Qiao Mei said gleefully.

"Let's play! As if I'll be scared of you!" Zheng Su said angrily.

[pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com) Xia Zhe held his forehead helplessly. He already knew that something like this would happen, but he did not expect them to suddenly decide to spar in chess. Actually, Zheng Su was as stubborn as Qiao Mei was headstrong. Once Zheng Su discovered Qiao Mei's strengths, he would probably be very fond of her.

The two of them walked to the window with heavy steps. Zheng Su's face was filled with disdain and scorn. How could an uneducated little girl beat him? However, it was good for them to have a competition. He wanted to end it quickly so that Xia Zhe and her would not be able to come and disturb him again.

Xia Zhe and Sun Dai sat on the sofa and looked at the two people at the chess table in the distance. The difference was that Sun Dai was smiling while Xia Zhe's face was filled with worry.

"Xiao Zhe, you don't have to feel so worried for your wife. Your mentor is just concerned about his reputation. You know his temper," Sun Dai said softly.

"I know that my decision back then was too sudden and I did not discuss it with either Mentor or my family. This is indeed my fault, but I don't regret it," Xia Zhe said with a smile. He knew that Zheng Su could hear their conversation even though he was a distance away.

"Then what do you like about this girl? Actually, I have always hoped that you and Yuan Yuan can be together, but I also know that nothing can be forced," Sun Dai said resignedly.

"She's like the mini version of the sun. As long as I'm by her side, I don't seem to worry about anything. Actually, I also think that it's very magical. It's indeed as Mentor said and she has never gone to school. However, her grandfather has taught her very well. Moreover, she's very capable and is very kind to others..." Xia Zhe talked non-stop for a long time, as if he needed to describe all of Qiao Mei's strengths in one go.

Sun Dai had also heard a little about Qiao Mei. After all, everyone in the city knew that she was the person who saved Xia Mao. In addition, she was Qiao Qiang's granddaughter, so everyone was full of praise for her.

Qiao Qiang was a very sacred existence in the hearts of military people like them. He was a very outstanding senior and war hero. His achievements had already gone beyond the reach of many people.

Chapter 1317 Farewell

"Hearing what you say is starting to change my opinion of this girl. Your mentor has been overwrought because of family matters recently. Don't blame him for still being angry with you," Sun Dai said gently.

"Yes, I just hope that Mentor can bury the hatchet with me soon," Xia Zhe said with a sigh.



While they were talking, Qiao Mei beat Zheng Su in a jiffy. She proudly played her last move and said, "I win."

Zheng Su looked at the chessboard in disbelief and said in shock, "How is this possible! How can you beat me! This is definitely not real! No! Let's play another round!"

Qiao Mei quickly stood up and said, "That won't do. We have a bet in place. Since I beat you, you have to fulfill your promise. Don't go back on your word!"

Zheng Su really did not want to acknowledge what had just happened, but it was a fact that Qiao Mei had won. Moreover, there was nothing opportunistic or dishonest about the way she did it. Qiao Mei had won this game fair and square. He had played too carelessly.

"Alright, I promise you that I won't be angry anymore," Zheng Su said with a dark expression.

"Uncle Zheng, you look like I'm forcing you even though you have agreed to the conditions of this bet," Qiao Mei said.

"I'm really not angry anymore. You're quite capable, little girl! Let's play another round! I must win you today!" Zheng Su said stubbornly.

Qiao Mei could tell that Zheng Su was actually feeling happy inside, but she did not intend to fulfill his wish for now. An old man like Zheng Su had to be kept on tenterhooks, otherwise he would still show her a long face the next time.

"No, no. If Uncle Zheng wants to play, I'll come to visit you another day and play chess with you then," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Zheng Su looked to the side in a fit of pique and muttered softly, "As if I care..."

"Then I won't come!" Qiao Mei threatened.

"You little girl! How dare you threaten me! It's up to you whether you want to come or not! There's no food for you here!" Zheng Su returned to the study upstairs after saying that in a huffy manner.

It was rare for Zheng Su to meet a chess opponent who could get along with him. If Qiao Mei really did not come over again, he was the one who would lose out!

Qiao Mei walked to Xia Zhe's side smugly and said, "Done!" I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com)

Xia Zhe reached out dotingly and gently tapped the tip of Qiao Mei's nose as he said, "You clever girl, why is it that I don't know you know how to play chess."

"My grandfather taught me," Qiao Mei said after a moment of hesitation.

Qiao Qiang suddenly sneezed at home. There was no wind or dust, so it was really strange for him to suddenly sneeze.

Xia Zhe held back his laughter and did not expose Qiao Mei. It was not as if he had not played chess with Qiao Qiang at home before. His chess skills were simply a mess. If not for Xia Zhe often going easy on Qiao Qiang, he would not be able to win even one round!

"I don't think you're here just to visit us two elders," Sun Dai said with a smile.

"You're right, Auntie. I'm here today to pass a message on behalf of my good friend. Can you let me go up and visit Zheng Peng?" Qiao Mei looked at Sun Dai seriously.

Sun Dai thought for a moment and nodded. She smiled faintly and whispered, "Be quick. Don't let Zheng Su find out, or you'll make him angry again."

Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe quietly made their way to Zheng Peng's room. When they opened the door, there was an unpleasant smell inside. This was completely different from the Zheng Peng they were familiar with.

Zheng Peng lay quietly on the bed. His breathing was very weak, as if he would break his bones if he exerted too much strength. He was as fragile as a piece of paper.

"Zheng Peng, we're here to see you," Xia Zhe said softly.

Zheng Peng tried his best to open his eyelids. When he saw that it was Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe, he said agitatedly, "You're here... cough, cough, cough... you're here! Is she alright? How is she? Is she willing to see me? You... you're here to tell me that she's willing to see me, right?"

"No, we're here to bid farewell to you on her behalf," Qiao Mei said.

"Farewell? Why would she bid farewell... She won't bid farewell to me... We have made a promise to be together forever..." Zheng Peng said helplessly as he looked at the ceiling with a look of emptiness in his eyes.

"Qian'e says that she hopes you can pull yourself together. The current you is not the person she met back then. Even without her, you have to live well." Qiao Mei mechanically recited to Zheng Peng everything that Qian'e hoped for him.

Zheng Peng snorted coldly and said, "Without her, there's no point in me being the person I was back then."

Chapter 1318 Mrs. Xia Is Very Capable

"What I said just now is what Qian'e hopes for you. What I'm going to say next is my personal opinion." Qiao Mei took a deep breath and said, "Zheng Peng, who are you flaunting your half-dead state to? Don't tell me you want others to pity you? Do you think Uncle Zheng will let you go because of this?"

παΠδσNovel.com "Then what other choice do I have? I want to go out, but I can't. I should have died instead of my brother back then. If he's still alive now, perhaps my father will dote on him very much," Zheng Peng said mockingly.

"You say that you like Qian'e, but isn't what you're doing now hurting her even more? You're fighting so hard with your family because of her. Is this what she wants to see? She has no choice but to give up this relationship for your sake. If you continue to be so dispirited, you'll just drift further and further from her," Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei's words were like a hammer giving him a wakeup call. Qian'e was a good girl and she did not want to see the Zheng family in chaos because of her.

If he loved her, he would have to become stronger and protect her well. He should not be so dispirited that he ended up hurting her and the other people around him.

When two people have decided to be together, they must work together to have a better life. They should not be torturing each other.

"You're right... you're right..." Zheng Peng muttered to himself.

Qiao Mei smiled lightly and held Xia Zhe's hand as she said, "Let's go. It seems that he gets the point."

After the couple hurriedly bade farewell to Sun Dai, they walked towards Xu Lan's house. It was rare for them to be in this area, so how could they not make a trip home?

"I think it's a pity to keep you at home. You should come to our army unit and fight psychological battles with the enemy!" Xia Zhe said with a smile.

"How am I that capable? I can only deal with these old people," Qiao Mei said.

"You can even make a strange old man like my grandfather so fond of you, and you've even charmed my mentor. This means that you're very capable! How can you say that you're not? Mrs. Xia, you're too humble," Xia Wen said proudly.

Qiao Mei could immediately tell what Xia Zhe was implying. It was self praise, was it not? He was praising himself for being clever enough to marry such a capable wife.

"Mr. Xia, please keep a lower profile. After all, we can't show off too much. Otherwise, more people will end up liking me," Qiao Mei said. I think you should take a look at [panDasnovel.com](http://panDasnovel.com)

Xia Zhe immediately thought of that big sneaky fox from the suburbs. He Ning was still eyeing the ginseng in Qiao Mei's hands! Based on He Ning's usual behavior, if he helped Qiao Mei, it was definitely not out of the kindness of his heart. This cunning man must have other motives.

He must keep an eye on He Ning and not allow him to succeed!

The two of them chatted and laughed as they made their way back to Xu Lan's house. Before they entered, they could already hear the sounds of an argument inside. At this time, they did not expect any visiting relatives, so there was an 80% chance that it was a family quarrel.

"I don't care! You have to give me an explanation today! You can't just wash your hands off everything!" Zhou Luo stood in the room and scolded loudly.

"Why are you so noisy! Do you think this is your house!" Qiao Mei said unhappily as she pushed open the door and entered the house.

No wonder Zhou Luo was shouting. She had come by while Xia He was not at home and there was only Xu Lan and Liu Fen at home! After the holidays, Xia You and the others had already gone home and did not continue staying at Xu Lan's place.

On the other hand, Xia Xing continued to stay at Xia Jun's place and did not go back. He did not even go to work and he behaved abnormally.

"You ill-bred thing! How can you interrupt when the elders are talking! Didn't your family teach you manners!" Zhou Luo said angrily.

"My family did teach me how to interact with humans. As for interaction with other species... they really didn't teach me." As Qiao Mei spoke, she looked Zhou Luo up and down.

Liu Fen snickered at the side and almost stood up to clap for Qiao Mei. Xu Lan also did not stop Qiao Mei and just let her be.

"How dare you call me inhuman! You bastard! Don't think that I don't know about the dirty deeds you did in the past! Those children of yours might not even really be part of the Xia family!" Zhou Luo said as she pointed at Qiao Mei.

Xia Zhe went forward and grabbed Zhou Luo's wrist, saying fiercely, "Please respect my wife and apologize to her now. I don't hit women, but I will protect my family."

Chapter 1319 No Benefits

Zhou Luo was shocked by Xia Zhe's imposing manner. She had always used the fact that she had brought up a few children for the Xia family to strut around them. To put it nicely, the Xia family acknowledged her kindness in taking care of the children. To put it bluntly, Zhou Luo had brought up those children and turned them into useless people, so it did not matter if the Xia family still had these family members or not.

"You... is this how you talk to your elders! Can't an elder just teach a junior a lesson?" Zhou Luo said with a trembling voice.

"I'm not dead yet!" Xu Lan said suddenly.

"The people standing in front of us are my mother-in-law and aunt-in-law. But who... who are you? Don't tell me you want to be my aunt-in-law too?" Qiao Mei asked Zhou Luo innocently.

Xu Lan and Liu Fen could not help but laugh out audibly. What she was insinuating was that Zhou Luo was a loose woman, that a married woman was eyeing the position of being the wife of the Xia family's third son.

Xia Zhe could not help but turn around to look at Qiao Mei. This little girl was really very good at making people angry.

"You little b\*tch! You're talking nonsense! I'm going to tear your mouth apart!" Zhou Luo roared.

Xia Zhe did not make any move and just stood in front of his family members to block Zhou Luo from getting close. Even when Zhou Luo hit him a few times out of exasperation, he did not react nor retaliate.

Qiao Mei walked forward and flipped Zhou Luo to the floor. She pointed at her and said, "All this while, our Xia family is respectful and polite to you because we are people with good upbringing and we see you as the adoptive mother of Xia Lu and Xia Yan. We're grateful to you, but don't ever think that this is something you can use against the Xia family!"

"Who are you to talk to me like that! Ouch... my arm... ouch... my leg... I don't want to live anymore!" Zhou Luo crouched on the floor and yelled out.

"I hit you because you deserve it. My husband is magnanimous enough not to hit you, but I'm not that magnanimous. If you hit my family members, I'll make sure to return the gesture to you a thousand times over! Continue shouting and see if any of the neighbors can hear you. Even if they can hear you, no one will dare to do anything about my family," Qiao Mei said. I think you should take a look at [pandanusnovel.com](http://pandanusnovel.com)

Zhou Luo's shouting instantly became softer. Qiao Mei nodded in satisfaction as the noise level around her reduced by a lot.

Ever since she gave birth, she had become particularly sensitive to sounds. She would feel very uncomfortable the moment there was any noise around her, and even the children's cries would also make her feel unsettled. This was her first time giving birth, be it in her other life or her current life. She did not know if all women felt this way after giving birth, so she simply endured it.

Qiao Mei squatted down slowly and whispered to Zhou Luo, "You have to think carefully about who has the upper hand now. What's the big deal about the Xia family losing the third son's family? At most, we just won't be able to get together during the festive season. At least the eldest son's family is still doing well. Grandfather also has many children and grandchildren now. How does it benefit you if you continue to cause trouble?"

"That's none of your business!" Zhou Luo said.

"Can it be that you just want to see the Xia family fall apart? But if the Xia family really split up, how much do you think the third son will get? The old residence is mine and this house is under my mother-in-law's name. At most, the third son will get a share of Grandfather's house. I'd advise you not to mess around. It's not worth it," Qiao Mei said with a soft laugh.

παΠdasNovel.com "You've finally revealed your true colors! The eldest son's family simply wants to monopolize the old residence!" Zhou Luo pointed at Qiao Mei and looked at Liu Fen in the distance before continuing, "The second son's family won't be able to get anything as well! These people have already taken everything!"

"It's never ours to begin with. The old lady left the courtyard house for Xiao Zhe. Stop talking about this!" Liu Fen said as she rolled her eyes resignedly.

In the beginning, Liu Fen had also wanted to get a share of the old residence, but she knew very well her children's caliber. Although each one of her children was an honest person, their career paths had always only been mediocre. These four children were exactly the same as Xia Yao. They were all people who did not fight for the limelight.

Initially, Liu Fen wanted to work hard to gain something for her children by fighting it out with the eldest son's family. At that time, she was influenced by Zhou Hua and wanted to do something for herself. However, at this moment, she only wanted her children to be happy. All these things were just worldly possessions.

Each of her children now had a house allocated by their workplace unit and they would all be starting their own families soon. It was better for her to behave herself and not cause any trouble for her family.

Chapter 1320 Exceptional Acting Skills

Not long ago during the new year, Liu Fen could also see Qiao Mei's attitude towards her four children. In the future, Qiao Mei would definitely have a say in this family. Xia Wen and Xia He treated Qiao Mei well, so Qiao Mei was generous enough to want to give them a courtyard house each. What was the mere old residence worth? Only Zhou Luo was still muddle-headed enough to still be eyeing the family assets.



"Either you get out now and don't come and disturb our family again in the future, or we will pursue this issue and try our best to make you stay in jail for the rest of your life," Qiao Mei said threateningly to Zhou Luo.

"Do you think I'm not educated? What crime have I committed! No matter how powerful your Xia family is! You can't just get someone arrested so easily!" Zhou Luo said.

Qiao Mei quietly turned around and gave Xu Lan a look. Xu Lan immediately understood what she meant and quickly pretended to feel weak. She then fainted in the blink of an eye, scaring Liu Fen so much that she panicked and shouted, "Eldest Sister-in-law! Eldest Sister-in-law, what's wrong! Don't scare me! Xiao Zhe, come and take a look at your mother! What's wrong with Eldest Sister-in-law! What should we do!"

Xu Lan was usually in good health and did not suffer from any illnesses. There were no abnormalities detected during her annual physical examinations, so how could she suddenly fall ill?

"You've made my mother-in-law faint from anger! Don't even think about leaving this place! Luo Yu! Send your men here!" Qiao Mei looked towards the main door and shouted for Luo Yu. When Luo Yu heard her, he immediately ran towards the house.

Zhou Luo had never experienced such a serious situation before. She was just here to ask for some money for Xia Xing's wedding. How did it become a situation of someone getting hurt?

She quickly scrambled out of the Xia family residence. Worried that the Xia family would look for her again, she decided to pack her things and return to her hometown today! Money was a small matter, but if she had to spend the rest of her life in jail, they might as well just kill her!

"Mother! Mother, look at me!" Xia Zhe shouted in a panic as he held Xu Lan.

"Alright, she's gone," Qiao Mei said calmly.

Liu Fen thought that Qiao Mei meant Xu Lan was dead and she wept even harder. She pointed at Qiao Mei and shouted, "Why are you so calm! My sister-in-law has already died and there's no reaction from you at all! To think that my sister-in-law treats you so well! Where's your conscience!"

Xu Lan, who was lying in Xia Zhe's arms, quickly opened her eyes and said, "I'm not dead. I'm just putting on an act!"

Liu Fen and Xia Zhe were stunned on the spot. Only she and Qiao Mei were beaming with joy. She stood up and hugged Qiao Mei happily, as if the two of them were as close as sisters.

αΠδαςNovel.com "You... you two..." Liu Fen said in confusion. I think you should take a look at αΠδαςnovel.com

"I was pretending! Otherwise, that woman would still linger in our house and refuse to leave! This is a scheme that Qiao Mei and I came up with!" Xu Lan said smugly.

After all, she had even acted in musicals when she was young! Her acting skills were definitely top-notch! If there were any flaws in her acting just now, she would have to reflect on what she had done since she retired.

Xia Zhe patted the dust off his pants and smiled resignedly. When these two women first met, they were like fire and water. Now, they were so close that they were like two peas in a pod! He had almost been deceived by them as well.

However, he was so worried that he could not think straight just now. No matter who fainted in the room earlier, he would be equally as anxious. After all, these were his blood relatives. He was unable to think about the problem logically at all.

"You scare me to death! You have to give me a heads up next time! My heart can't take the shock!" Liu Fen said as she held her chest in fear. Even now, her heart was still beating wildly.

Xu Lan had felt a little touched when she heard what Liu Fen said just now. All the kindness she showed Liu Fen was not in vain. Liu Fen had proven herself to be reliable at critical moments.

"Second Aunt-in-law, if we tell you, our plan will be exposed!" Qiao Mei said aggrievedly.

"My acting skills are indeed not that good..." Liu Fen scratched her head in embarrassment.

The family chatted and laughed about how realistic Xu Lan's acting skills were just now and how Qiao Mei and Xu Lan had tacitly defeated Zhou Luo.

There was a sudden loud bang at the door.

"Mother!" Xia He shouted as she ran in anxiously. She almost broke the glass panel of the main door and Deng Fan was following closely behind her. The two of them were sweating profusely and panting.

"Did you... get chased by dogs?" Xu Lan asked curiously.

"What are you saying! Are you alright? I heard that something happened at home, so I quickly asked Deng Fan to come back on his motorcycle. We even ran all the way up from the entrance of the neighborhood!" Xia He said.