

Fat Wife 1371

Chapter 1371 More Exciting Than A Crosstalk Performance

Xia Xing's salary was enough to feed the entire family if they kept their meals simple. There was no money for extravagant things. However, Shao Yin felt that the Xia family should be dining like royalty every day since they lived in the capital. She was very sure that she had to live such a life because someone from the Xia family was causing trouble for her.

"But... but we're not doing that well yet..." Shao Yin said tentatively.

"You're all so rich and powerful and it should be easy for you to help my sister out. I wonder why you are so petty," Bian Jiu said disdainfully.

Even if they had money, that was their hard-earned money. Did they need to help out any random person they saw on the street? Then did that mean that everyone who could not afford a meal should come and look for Qiao Mei?

"Our family is not omnipotent. You should help Shao Yin out. After all, you're related by blood. You will help her, right?" Xia He looked at Bian Jiu and said earnestly.

Bian Jiu smiled awkwardly and said, "That... that goes without saying."

"It's getting late, so Qiao Mei and I will take our leave first. If you need help with anything, ask Brother Xing to go and look for my eldest brother. Take your time to chat." After saying that, Xia He grabbed Qiao Mei and left Xia Xing's house. She did not want to stay in that godforsaken place for another minute!

Xia He felt angry, but she could not scold Shao Yin in front of the Shao family. She represented the Xia family, so she must take care of the Xia family's reputation when she was out.

She could only control her temper until she reached Xu Lan's house. She wanted to tell Xu Lan and Liu Fen about all these things and let the two elders decide on what to do next.

Fortunately, Shao Yin was the daughter-in-law of the third son's family. In the future, if Xia Wen found a woman who was even more outrageous than Tan Jing and Shao Yin, it would be better to ask Xia Wen to cut ties with the Xia family. Xia He definitely did not want to live such a life filled with infighting!

Once Xia He got home, she told the two elders everything that had happened today in detail. Qiao Mei sat at the side and helped to fill in the gaps. The two of them echoed each other and it was even more exciting than a crosstalk performance, making Xu Lan so amused that she laughed loudly.

"Mother, you can still laugh! I'm about to die of anger from the encounter with Brother Xing's new wife! Is no one going to discipline her! I'm going to tell Grandfather about this!" Xia He said angrily. I think you should take a look at

"Why are you going to tell the Old Master about the family affairs of the third son's family? Don't you think your grandfather is already busy enough? Besides, how can a girl like you behave like one of those women who gossip at the village entrance? You don't have to take these things so seriously. Just listen casually to what they say and there is no need to get so worked up," Xu Lan said calmly.

Xia He pouted and said loudly, "That Shao Yin still says she wants Qiao Mei's big house! She wants the whole house! She wants to move everyone in the Shao family to the capital! She specifically says she wants Qiao Mei's biggest house! That woman also wants to go to the courtyard house that Grandmother left behind! She wants to be by your grandchildren's side every day! Who knows what she's up to!"

Although Xia He spoke a little exaggeratedly, it was not very far from the truth.

"What! How dare she! I want to see who dares to have designs on my grandchildren!" Xu Lan smacked the coffee table angrily and stood up as she berated loudly.

Seeing that Xu Lan was getting a little angry, Xia He continued to fan the flames and said, "She's shameless! She's already married to Xia Xing, yet she's still thinking about my eldest brother! Mother! You haven't heard this but she specifically asks to work at Eldest Brother's workplace unit and that she must be in the same department as him. If she's not eyeing my eldest brother, then what else is she doing! Mother, are you going to ignore this!"

Qiao Mei quickly got up to comfort Xia He and Xu Lan. If it continued like this, these two women might even decide to rush into Shao Yin's house and hack her into pieces.

"It's not that serious. You make it sound like it's the end of the world," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Why aren't you worried at all? She's eyeing your children!" Xia He said anxiously as she looked at Qiao Mei.

"She won't dare even if she gets the chance. Don't worry. If she's smart enough, she won't cause trouble for the Xia family at this juncture," Qiao Mei said.

Liu Fen quickly echoed, "Qiao Mei is right! However, we still must remind Xiao Wen to be on guard, so that this woman won't get what she wants. Who knows what tricks she has up her sleeves. Qiao Mei, you too. Ask Luo Yu to arrange for two guardseach at both the front and back doors of your house. Tell him he must not let any suspicious people in."

Chapter 1372 Everyone Is In The Capital

"Alright, Second Aunt-in-law. I'll remember what you say," Qiao Mei said with a faint smile.

Xia He and Xu Lan still felt very indignant. Their family had contributed both money and effort to help out with Xia Xing's wedding, but they did not even get a word of thanks. At the end of the day, they had only gotten the Shao family's greed in return.

It seemed that there was no need for them to be nice to Shao Yin in the future. In the future, if Xia Xing chose not to side with the Xia family and the couple started to covet things belonging to the eldest son's family, then there was no need for the eldest son's family to get along peacefully with the third son's family.

Liu Fen just watched them fussing about the whole situation but she did not get involved. Liu Fen looked like a simple-minded person, but she was actually the smartest one among them.

In this life, she had both sons and daughters and her husband also doted on her and loved her. Furthermore, her in-laws' glorious achievements made her look good as well and her children were also thriving at their jobs. Although her family was not rich, they were happy and blissful.

Ever since Qiao Mei was in possession of the carrier pigeon, she would ask Yao Nian about everything. Of course, it was not for free, but Qiao Mei was not concerned about the money at all. Even if she investigated the background of every single person in the capital, Qiao Mei would still have money left over.

The Shao family was just an ordinary farming family. If there was anything special about them, it was that the Shao family had a lot of relatives. Almost all the villagers were their relatives.

It was already too late for Qiao Mei and Xia He to go back, so they slept over at Xu Lan's place.

Very early the next day, Xia Wen received a strange call at the office.

"Hello, who are you looking for?" Xia Wen's secretary picked up the phone and asked.

"Hello, comrade. We're the staff of the police post at the train station. There are about 30 people here who say they have lost their way. They all say that they're looking for comrade Xia Wen. I wonder if you know this person," the police officer said politely.

The secretary quickly routed the phone call to Xia Wen. Xia Wen picked up the phone and quickly sought to understand what had transpired, looking a little frustrated.

"Alright, I'll send someone to pick them up now. Thank you for your hard work." Xia Wen hung up the phone after saying that. I think you should take a look at

He immediately gave Xia Xing a phone call but he had to redial many times before the phone was answered. He immediately shouted down the line, "You finally know how to answer the phone!"

Xia Xing had never seen Xia Wen lose his temper to this extent. He quickly asked, "What's wrong, Elder Brother? What happened? I was in a meeting just now and didn't hear the phone ringing."

"You're still asking me what's wrong. Do you know that all your wife's relatives are here! There are more than 30 of them! They are clogging up the entire train station lobby! They are all at the police post at the train station now! Her parents are also in the group. Go and pick them up now, and get Third Uncle to go with you! Now!" Xia Wen roared.

"I... I don't know anything about this... I'll go now!" Xia Xing ran out without even hanging up the phone.

Xia Wen suppressed the anger inside him. He had already endured enough during this period of time. Ever since Xia Xing asked him for help to look for a house, he had not had a day of rest.

If it was not that the house he found was too small, then it was too expensive. Otherwise, the location was too remote or it was too far from the Xia family residence and too inconvenient for them to go back for a visit. As long as it was not Qiao Mei's big house, they would pick on every aspect. In the end, Xia Wen could not take it anymore and just took the liberty to confirm on a house for Xia Xing.

It was only when they realized that Xia Wen did not care about their opinions anymore that they reluctantly moved in. Otherwise, they would still continue to torture Xia Wen!

This time, Xia Wen was not angry about the fact that so many people from the Shao family had come by. Even if the Shao family invited their entire village to the capital, it had nothing to do with him. He was just angry that Shao Yin did not inform them in advance about this matter and that the visitors had to contact the Xia family when they were already in the capital. This made the Xia family look very rude.

Even when Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei hastily held their wedding in the past and the Xia family members were not in attendance, Xia Zhe gave Qiao Mei an astronomical amount of betrothal gifts, a complete set of dowry and replaced all the furniture in the house according to Qiao Mei's wishes. This showed Xia Zhe's sincerity and in turn reflected well upon the Xia family.

Even up until now, the people in Foshan Village were probably still talking about Qiao Mei's wedding like it was a legend!

"They're really too much..." Xia Wen slumped back in his chair and said weakly. Fortunately, Xia Xing was not his younger brother. Otherwise, he would have given him a good beating!

The police post was bustling with activity and the entire lobby was filled with people. The sound of chattering was so loud that it made one dizzy.

Chapter 1373 Accommodate A Thousand People

"Elder Brother! Your family has really struck the lottery! If you ask me, it's useless to raise sons. My three disappointing sons can't even marry as well as your daughter! I wish I had a daughter too!" Shao Yin's aunt, Shao Chun, said.

"Even if you have a daughter, she might not be as promising as Shao Yin! In our Shao family, Shao Yin is the only one who married into such a good family! Elder Brother, you have educated her well! My daughter grew up together with your Shao Yin. In the future, I'll still need your Shao Yin to help me introduce her to a good husband!" Shao Yin's youngest uncle, Shao Tu, said.

Shao Chun rolled her eyes in disdain. Although her three sons did not do very well, they still relied on their own hands to make a living. It was definitely not a problem for them to support their own families, unlike Shao Tu's son, Shao Xian, who only knew how to fool around.

Two days ago, there were even rumors that Shao Xian had taken a fancy to the young widow living near the village entrance and was spending all his time with her. Those who did not know better would think that Shao Xian was the young widow's husband!

Speaking of which, the young widow was also quite pitiful. She was still so young and her husband had died in an accident while working in the factory. This man's parents had passed away when he was young, so the young widow was his only relative in this world. The factory had given her a compensation sum that was enough for her to live on for three to four years!

Everyone said that Shao Xian had taken a fancy to the young widow because of her money and did not really want to be with her. Shao Xian did not care about those rumors at all. As long as he could be with the young widow, he was willing to do anything.

However, the Shao family would never allow such a thing to happen. No matter how lacking the Shao family was, they would not allow a widow to marry into the family!

Shao Tu was so angry that he told Shao Xian to return home immediately. Even when Shao Xian was made to kneel in the Shao family's ancestral hall, he still refused to repent. Shao Tu had no choice but to lock Shao Xian up in the woodshed. He thought that as time passed, Shao Xian would forget that woman. He then considered this matter temporarily settled.

Not long ago, Shao Chun even helped Shao Xian to cover up this matter. Now that the worst was over, he even dared to pick a quarrel with her here. She would not forget what he did today. When she had a chance in the future, she would definitely settle scores with Shao Tu.

Shao Yin's father, Shao Zhuang, straightened his back and said, "My daughter and Xia Xing had fallen in love on their own. When he came to my house to propose to marry Shao Yin, he even said a lot of nice things! In the beginning, it was also Xia Xing who proactively wooed my Shao Yin. Xia Xing is so good to my Shao Yin and has even invited us to come and live in a big house in the capital!"

"I hear that Shao Yin is living in a siheyuan courtyard house in the capital now! One courtyard house can accommodate more than 100 people!" Shao Tu said. I think you should take a look at

"How uncultured! That house is big enough to accommodate more than 1,000 people!" Shao Chun said proudly, as if she was very cultured. In fact, even Qiao Mei's entire courtyard house could only accommodate about 40 people.

"Heavens! Doesn't that mean that we can invite everyone in our village to stay here?" Shao Tu said in surprise.

Everyone tried to curry favor with Shao Zhuang. Perhaps if they made Shao Zhuang happy, he would bring them along to get rich too? Shao Xian stood at one side with a sullen expression. He did not want to be associated with these people.

He had come today only out of respect for Shao Yin. He and Shao Yin had grown up together and Shao Yin was the only person in the family who agreed with and understood his decision to be with the young widow. Therefore, he must attend Shao Yin's wedding.

"If the Xia family is so good in everything, then why haven't the Xia family members come to pick us up yet? Why are we at the police post now?" Shao Xian asked mockingly.

Everyone looked a little awkward and even Shao Zhuang felt a little embarrassed for a moment. The truth was that he had made an impromptu decision to ask everyone to come to the capital today and he did not inform anyone in advance about it. Even Shao Yin was not aware that Shao Zhuang and the rest of them had come to the capital.

He had to continue to keep up appearances on his own now. Since he had boasted that he would be able to let all his relatives come to the capital to enjoy life, he could not go back on his word. Otherwise, how could he show his face in the village in the future?

"What are you talking about! Would your eldest uncle lie to you? This is all the Xia family's fault. They are not well prepared at all!" Shao Chun pointed at Shao Xian and reprimanded him.

"That's right! The Xia family is looking down on us! When they come later, we can't just let them off. We have to teach them a lesson," Shao Tu echoed.

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Chapter 1374 Go And Look For Your Father

Xia Xing did not know what else he could do. He knew that the Shao family liked to appear important, but he was a nobody in the capital now. If he went to pick up the Shao family on his own, they would definitely mock him.

Xia Wen definitely would not help him out. He had no choice but to go and beg Xia Jun for help.

At this moment, Xia Jun was drinking tea and playing chess at home. It was so rare for him to have some free time to relax. The last time when he played chess with Qiao Qiang at Qiao Mei's house, he had lost to Qiao Qiang for three to four days in a row. He was determined to brush up on his chess skills and strive to defeat Qiao Qiang the next time. He was not going to lose to Qiao Qiang for the rest of his life.

"Grandfather..." Xia Xing said as he walked up to Xia Jun in a cautious manner.

"Xiao Xing, you're here! Quick! It's so rare for you to come to my place. Sit down and play a game of chess with me!" Xia Jun said happily. He quickly picked up all the chess pieces on the chessboard and rearranged them one by one, preparing to start a new game with Xia Xing.

Xia Xing did not even notice the joy on Xia Jun's face. He was only focused on his own trivial matters. Xia Xing lowered his head and whispered to Xia Jun, "Grandfather... I'm here today because I need help with an urgent matter. I hope you can help me. I don't think I have time to play chess."

Xia Jun's hands paused for a moment as he stopped picking up the chess pieces and the curl of his lips slowly disappeared. It seemed that he was overthinking it when he thought that Xia Xing had specially come to visit him... Forget it, he did not need it anyway.

"Tell me," Xia Jun asked calmly.

"Shao Yin's maternal family is here, but I don't know where they can stay. I want to ask Grandfather if you have any suggestions..." Xia Xing said tactfully.

"Since they're in town, then ask your father to go and pick them up. Host them well. The house which Xiao Wen rented for you should be big enough to house them," Xia Jun said.

"There are more people than expected... There's not enough room at my place..." Xia Xing scratched the tip of his nose and said embarrassedly.

"Then some of them can stay here. I still have so many empty rooms here," Xia Jun said as he pointed at the guest rooms upstairs.

Xia Xing looked troubled and said, "I'm afraid... I'm afraid it's still not enough..."

When Xia Jun heard what Xia Xing said, he frowned and looked at Xia Xing. If his big villa was not big enough to house them, then exactly how many people were here? Could there be more people than his second son's entire family? I think you should take a look at

"Hurry up and tell me how many people there are! Stop dilly-dallying!" Xia Jun said angrily.

"Brother Wen called me just now. There are about 30 people, but we still don't know the exact number. Anyway... it can only be more and not less. They're all waiting at the police post now," Xia Xing replied truthfully.

Xia Jun looked at Xia Xing and laughed coldly. He thought that Xia Xing had suddenly come to visit him out of filial piety, but it turned out that he was here only because he was eyeing Qiao Mei's house.

If there were so many people, there would not be enough rooms even if they booked up two entire guest houses. The only viable option would be one of Qiao Mei's new houses.

Since Xia Xing only came to inform him after these people had already arrived, that meant Xia Xing was practically forcing him to ask Qiao Mei for help. So long as he was the one asking, Qiao Mei would agree to anything. She would not even hesitate to give him that house as a gift.

However, this kind of trickery did not work on him and threats did not scare him either. He had seen all kinds of things in his long life, yet this young kid dared to scheme against him.

No way!

"Since this is an issue related to your wedding, you should go and look for your father. Why do you come and look for me? Since those people are already here, you should host them well. There are so many guest houses in the capital. Call them up one by one and see which one has space to house all of them," Xia Jun said calmly.

"If we ask them to stay in the guest houses, then what about our Xia family's reputation?" Xia Xing asked.

"When you chose Shao Yin back then, the Xia family had no say in it. When they made things difficult for the Xia family, you never spoke up and asked them to stop. Now that you have problems, you're suddenly concerned about the Xia family's reputation?" Xia Jun questioned.

"Grandfather..." Before Xia Xing could speak further, Xia Jun continued, "Do you still have time to talk to me about this? Weren't you very anxious just now? Go and ask the butler to arrange for a bus to pick up

the Shao family members. Xia Wen and the others have been very busy recently. If you have any problems, go and look for your father. Is your father just a piece of decoration?"

Seeing that Xia Jun was unwilling to help, Xia Xing turned around and left without even saying anything. Xia Jun looked at the chessboard in front of him and shook his head as he said, "I've lost... I've completely lost..."

Chapter 1375 Receiving The Shao Family

The butler had quickly arranged for someone to inform Xia Guang. At this moment, the father-and-son duo was on a private bus headed for the police post. Along the way, the two of them did not speak at all, as if they were total strangers. The two of them did not even bother to fake a closeness like what the Shao family did.

When they arrived at the police post, Xia Xing quickly got out of the car and said to the police officer standing guard at the door, "Hello, comrade. My name is Xia Xing. I'm here to pick up the people from the Shao family. They're my family members."

"You're finally here! The people inside have been waiting for a long time. Quickly come in with me. I'll bring you to see them," the police officer said.

The police officer brought Xia Xing and Xia Guang to the meeting area. He really wanted the Xia family members to quickly take all the Shao family members away from here. Otherwise, the ceiling of the police post might collapse from the noise made by all these people. It had been so noisy over the past few hours that he felt dizzy.

"Here they are. Remember to pick them up at the train station next time. Don't leave them stranded at the train station. Among them, there are elderly people and also young children! Can you bear the responsibility if they get lost?" the police officer said sternly.

"Yes, I'll remember that. There definitely won't be a next time. We've really caused you trouble this time," Xia Xing said apologetically to the police officer.

Shao Zhuang immediately caught sight of Xia Xing. Although the two of them had only met once, he remembered Xia Xing very well.

"Look! This is my son-in-law, Xia Xing!" Shao Zhuang walked forward enthusiastically and put his arm around Xia Xing's shoulder, as if the two of them were as close as father and son.

"Oh my! You're really as good-looking as what Elder Brother said! The two of you look like father and son! Perhaps it's fate that brings you together!" Shao Chun said excitedly.

Xia Guang frowned slightly. Xia Xing's real father was standing here, but she said that Xia Xing looked like Shao Zhuang. Was she trying to humiliate him?

These people from the Shao family were indeed a real piece of work.

"Why are you here so late and make us wait at the police post for so long? We even think that we need to spend the night at the police post!" Shao Xian complained.

Xia Guang coughed lightly and said, "I'm Xia Xing's father. It's indeed the Xia family's fault for not taking better care of you. We did not get any news that you were coming and did not make any preparations. We seek your understanding in this." I think you should take a look at

Shao Tu looked at Shao Zhuang in confusion and asked, "Elder Brother... didn't you say that you had already informed the Xia family?"

"That's right! I had informed you. Didn't you receive my message?" Shao Zhuang asked forcefully.

Xia Xing could tell at a glance that the situation today was caused by the Shao family acting on their own accord again. Shao Yin was exactly like Shao Zhuang and they behaved in almost the same way.

"Let's not talk about this anymore. I'll find a place for you to stay first. Shao Yin doesn't know that you're here. After we settle your accommodation, I'll bring her to see you. If she hears about this, she'll definitely be overjoyed," Xia Xing said.

Shao Tu immediately said to Xia Xing, "There's no need to go through so much trouble! There's no need to look for a place to stay! Elder Brother says that we can stay at your house and that it's a very big house! We've never seen a big house before. You must show us around today!"

"That's right, that's right!" Shao Chun echoed.

From the moment Xia Guang entered the police post, he had a displeased expression on his face. Although he was not as capable as Xia Yao and Xia Mao, he was still a pampered young master brought up in the Xia family. When he was born, the Xia family was already rising to prominence. He did not have to go through any tough times as they were already considered a rich family in the capital by then.

He had expected the Zhou family to find Xia Xing a wife from a good family and he certainly did not expect the family to be like this. He wondered how Zhou Hua had educated their children throughout all these years.

Xia Xing had no choice but to bring the entire group to a few different guest houses first and find a random reason for them to stay there. He was kept very busy and it was not until midnight before he could drag his exhausted body home.

Shao Yin had an unhappy expression on her face as she said, "Why are you back so late? Where did you go?"

"I was held up by something. I'm going to wash up and go to bed," Xia Xing said moodily.

"What exactly do you mean by this! You don't even want to tell me anything now! We're about to get married and you're treating me like this! Aren't you afraid that I'll tell Auntie Zhou about this?" Shao Yin threatened.

Chapter 1376 Intelligence Network

Xia Xing was already filled with a lot of resentment today. Not only did he have to sit through Xia Jun's lecture, endure Xia Guang's disdainful looks, but even tolerate the mocking words from the Shao family, especially from that person called Shao Xian. That person was very sarcastic whenever he spoke, so much so that Xia Xing wished he could obliterate that person!

Even when he was working in the small county city back then, he had never been treated this way. After all, Xia Xing was the eldest son of the Xia family's third son. People were nice to him out of respect for the Xia family and his colleagues in the workplace unit were very protective of him. They would always give him the cushiest assignments first. They felt that if Xia Xing became successful one day, he might be able to help them too.

However, after coming to the capital, it was nothing like he imagined. He was looked down upon everywhere. Yesterday, he made one mistake in the data report, but his superior actually wanted him to redo everything. If he could not finish it, he was not allowed to go home. Everyone laughed at him and felt that he was an inept person who got his position by getting in through the back door.

Even the security officers in his workplace unit looked down on him. Everyone else in the Xia family had started from the bottom rung and worked their way up step by step. Xia Wen had also gotten his current position with his own capability by passing the requisite examinations. Xia Xing was the only one who started in a senior position as soon as he arrived in the capital, so the people who reported to him were naturally unhappy about it.

Xia Jun already knew that this would happen, but Zhou Luo had begged him bitterly and came to vent her grievances to him before dawn every day. She was even more hardworking than a mourner at a funeral! Xia Jun was so annoyed that he agreed to her request. He still wanted to live a few more years. If he did not give her what she wanted, he would definitely fall sick from anger.

"You still have the cheek to ask me! If not for the stupid thing you did! Will I have to come back so late! Don't block my way and just get lost!" Xia Xing pointed at Shao Yin and yelled at her angrily.

Shao Yin was not a good-tempered person either. When Xia Xing lost his temper, she also became angry. She grabbed Xia Xing's arm and asked, "Why are you shouting at me! I wait upon the entire family at home every day! Tell me what I did! How did I provoke you for no reason!"

"Since you want to pick a fight, then let me tell you everything! Do you know that your father has brought so many people to the capital without informing me in advance, and he still had the gall to call up Brother Xia Wen! Do you know how embarrassing it is for me! The people at the police post even laugh at me! It's all your fault!" Xia Xing said angrily.

Shao Yin was slightly stunned. She seemed to know about this matter. Not long ago, Shao Yin's mother, Bian Duo, had called her and told her about it. However, she had been so troubled with the matters of work and the house recently that she had forgotten about it.

When Shao Yin did not speak, Xia Xing frowned and looked at her as he asked, "You... Do you already know about this?" "I think you should take a look at

"I don't know! Who says that I know! If I knew, would I have left my own father at the train station?" Shao Yin argued.

It no longer mattered whether Shao Yin knew about this matter in advance or not. The Shao family had already filled up all the guest houses in the capital. Tomorrow, he had to think of a way to find another place for them to stay. He could not maintain the current situation of having two to three people in one guest house and four to five people in another guest house, meaning the Shao family members were all scattered around the capital.

It was not as if he was trying to map out an intelligence network.

"Whatever. I'm going to wash up. You may not need to go to work but I still have to go to work tomorrow! Get lost!" Xia Xing said sulkily.

"No! You haven't told me how you resolved this matter! Where is my father now?" Shao Yin questioned.

"Do you think I have sold your father? Of course he's in a sheltered place. Can you just stay at home obediently and not cause trouble for me?" Xia Xing said impatiently.

"What do you mean by my father? Isn't he your father too? You have to give me all the details. You have to tell me where my family members are or I won't let you sleep tonight," Shao Yin said stubbornly.

Shao Zhuang did not dote on Shao Yin for nothing. Even at this point in time, Shao Yin was still worried about his well-being. Shao Yin was the youngest child in the family and Shao Zhuang would always give her all the nice food first. Even Shao Le had never enjoyed this privilege. In fact, Shao Zhuang and Bian Duo were not that nice to Shao Le.

"Are you done yet? I already said that their accommodation is settled. Do you need to go and take a look now with your own eyes?" Xia Xing said impatiently.

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Chapter 1377 Fake Feelings

"There are more than 40 people from your family here. That's almost one train carriage full of people. There's not enough rooms for them in one guest house. My father has arranged for them to split up into groups and stay in separate guest houses. The guest houses are all run by people we know and nothing will happen to them. They'll be well taken care of," Xia Xing said, feeling exhausted.

"That won't do! Why didn't you let them stay at Grandfather's place! That place is so big and there's definitely room for them!" Shao Yin said anxiously.

Shao Zhuang and Bian Duo valued their reputation the most. Although they were born and bred in a small county city, they considered themselves to be part of a big clan. They had done quite well for themselves in the county city and the rest of the Shao family looked up to them.

The Shao family liked to trumpet the fact about Shao Yin marrying into the Xia family. The rest of the people in the county city surely had some complaints about the Shao family at one point or another after living in the same place for such a long time. However, even if they ever had any gripes, they would not voice it now. What if they needed help from the Xia family in the future? It was better not to offend anyone.

"Grandfather's place can only accommodate 20 people at most. There's still not enough room to house everyone, so why trouble Grandfather?" Xia Xing said.

Shao Yin immediately said, "How can there not be enough room! Surely they can squeeze into all the rooms? You should have asked Grandfather to move in with Qiao Mei's grandfather. Anyway, the two of them are good friends, so they won't mind living together! The Xia family's old house belongs to Qiao Mei now, so it's her job to wait on the Old Master! I think they just purposely don't want us to let us stay there! They're just making things difficult for us!"

Xia Xing walked forward and raised his hand to slap Shao Yin. No matter how difficult the situation was at home, he would never have any designs on Xia Jun, nor would he allow anyone to do that. He had not been filial to Xia Jun for even one day, so how could he have the cheek to ask Xia Jun for anything?

Shao Yin was a woman after all. In the Xia family, the men did not have a habit of hitting the womenfolk. Xia Xing retracted his hand sheepishly.

Xia Xing was not Xia Jun's favorite grandson. If he really went to raise this issue with Xia Jun, it would be a slap to his own face! He was not that stupid.

"Xia Xing! You actually want to hit me because of this!" Shao Yin looked at Xia Xing's hand in disbelief.

Shao Yin, who had been eavesdropping outside the door, hurriedly pushed the door open and entered the room. She originally thought that it was normal for the young couple to bicker and that an argument could even bring them closer after that, but she would not allow someone to get beaten up!

"Don't touch my younger sister!" Shao Yin rushed in and said. I think you should take a look at

Xia Xing took two steps back and stood far away, watching the two sisters pretend to get along harmoniously. It was the Shao family who had insisted on marrying one of their daughters into the Xia family, so how could everything be his fault now.

The Zhou family and the Shao family got along well. Bian Duo was also Zhou Luo's classmate, so how could Zhou Luo not know what the Shao family members were like? If Shao Yin had wanted to marry Xia Lu or Xia Yan, Zhou Luo would definitely disagree vehemently. As for Xia Xing, she did not bring him up personally, so it did not matter to her who he married.

Shao Yin was actually quite an obedient child. She behaved like a tyrant in her own home, but when she went out and met other people, she was like a mouse which had seen a cat and did not dare to speak loudly at all. It was easy to control such a person. The worst thing she could do was to cause some minor trouble in the Xia family. Zhou Luo did not mind that at all.

However, Zhou Luo had never imagined that Shao Yin was so stupid.

"Elder Sister, why are you here?" Shao Yin cared very much about her reputation. Over the past few days, she had not wanted Shao Le to see any weakness in her. If Shao Le found out that she was not doing well in the Xia family and told other people at home, she would become a laughing stock. She would put up a pretense forever if she had to.

"I was already going to bed, but I heard the two of you arguing. I was worried that something might happen to you, so I came to take a look," Shao Le said nervously.

"I'm fine. I was just fooling around with Xia Xing. It's getting late. Elder Sister, go back and rest," Shao Yin said politely, as if the person in front of her was just a guest and not her elder sister.

Shao Le looked at Xia Xing and then at Shao Yin. She sighed and returned to her room. Xia Xing did not have the strength to argue with Shao Yin. He simply washed his face and lay down to sleep.

While Xia Xing fell asleep fitfully in his room, it was not at all peaceful at the Shao family's end. Shao Zhuang and the others were currently sitting in the guest house, discussing what happened today!

"Elder Brother, in my opinion, the Xia family simply looks down on us! They don't respect us at all!" Shao Tu said unhappily.

Chapter 1378 Already Married

"It's fine if they have forgotten that we are coming to the capital, but what kind of accommodation is this! They split us up and we have to stay at different locations! Look at our surroundings! Is it a place fit for people to live?" Shao Chun gestured around the room in disdain.

They were in an ordinary guest house. There were two beds and a big closet in each room. Some of the rooms even had ensuite bathrooms! It was already considered quite a nice place. Xia Guang was concerned about how it would look on Xia Xing and had found guest houses which were considered above average. Otherwise, the Shao family members could have found themselves in even worse places!

It was puzzling why the Shao family despised these guest houses. Their own houses back in their hometown were not even as nicely fitted out as the guest houses! Among all of them, only Shao Xian settled down quietly without any complaints.

"Shao Xian! You should speak up for your eldest uncle! You were still mocking Xia Xing just now, yet you don't have anything to say now," Shao Tu said.

"Don't you feel tired after traveling for the whole day? Since we already have a place to stay, then let's go to bed. It's not like we're only staying in the capital for only one day. If you're not satisfied with this guest house, then ask the Xia family to let you stay in another place!" Shao Xian said resignedly.

Even though he did not like Xia Xing, he disliked Shao Zhuang's family even more. He just could not stand the way Shao Zhuang's family members behaved. They were just poor people who behaved like they were rich. The main reason though, was that he was really tired and needed a good rest.

Shao Zhuang and Bian Duo sat next to the bed with solemn expressions. This whole situation was too different from what Shao Yin had described to them, and also very different from what they had imagined.

Shao Yin had said that the Xia family lived in a grand house and even had two to three helpers in just one house. Furthermore, their house was so big that a person would not be able to explore the whole place within a day. There were even many rare treasures at home, all of which were rare items that most people had never seen before.

The women from the Xia family were also far from ordinary. All of them wore stacks of either gold or silver jewelry. Xia He wore a thick gold necklace! Xu Lan and Liu Fen also wore two very thick gold bangles on their wrists. In comparison, Qiao Mei did not seem to have much money, but she lived in the Xia family's biggest house.

Shao Yin was unaware of the real value of these jewelry items at all. The jade bangle on Qiao Mei's hand was worth eight of Xia He's gold necklace. In fact, it was more valuable than all the gold jewelry which the other three women wore combined.

"Maybe they didn't manage to make the arrangements in time and will move us to another location tomorrow," Shao Zhuang said awkwardly. I think you should take a look at

"Another location? Where? Don't tell me they want us to move to the village? Have we come all the way here just to take a look at the difference between a village in a small county city and a village in the capital?" Shao Chun said sarcastically.

Bian Duo hurriedly calmed her down. "I don't think so. The Xia family is so well-to-do. Why will they make us stay in that kind of place? Everyone, have a good rest! It's been a tiring day of traveling."

Shao Chun and Shao Tu did not say anything else and returned to their own rooms, leaving Shao Zhuang and Bian Duo sitting on the bed and arguing with each other.

"Look at you, all you know is to brag. Look at what's happening now. Your lies have been exposed. If Shao Chun finds out that you have been lying all this while, she might say something nasty! How did I marry someone like you!" Bian Duo said regretfully.

When Bian Duo was young, she had gotten married because she was piqued with her father. Shao Zhuang and her discussed marriage after only knowing each other for one week. In the end, the reality turned out to be similar to what her father had predicted. Shao Zhuang was not a man whom she could entrust her future to.

From the day Bian Duo married into the family, Shao Chun had constantly targeted her behind her back. Shao Chun mostly spoke very sarcastically and also made up lies about Bian Duo. It was very difficult for Bian Duo to explain herself clearly, so it caused many misunderstandings and she had suffered a lot since then.

In any case, she had already married him. Even if she got a divorce, she would not be able to find a better man. She had forced herself to endure through the hardships in the first half of her life, and it looked like she was going to have to continue wasting the rest of her life away.

"Hmph, if you don't like me, then you can get lost! Who cares about you! Now that you're in the capital, you can find a nice man and remarry. Our family can't afford to provide for someone who needs to be put on a pedestal!" Shao Zhuang said disdainfully.

"What's the point of telling me all this now! Quickly think of a solution! Are we really going to let Shao Chun and Shao Tu laugh at us? That will be too embarrassing!" Bian Duo said.

The two of them argued noisily until dawn and did not sleep the entire night.

Chapter 1379 Look For Help

The next day, Xia Xing had to return to work. He wrote down the names and phone numbers of all the guest houses where the Shao family members were staying and handed them to Shao Yin.

This matter was out of his hands now and he also did not want to care about it anymore. He would let Shao Yin deal with it however she wanted. He did not think that she could cause any big trouble.

After Shao Yin woke up, she hurriedly looked for Shao Le and said, "Elder Sister, our parents have brought more than 40 people to the capital but they didn't tell us beforehand. What do you think we should do now!"

"Then what does Xia Xing say? Does Xia Xing have any suggestions?" Shao Le asked.

At the mention of Xia Xing, Shao Yin was full of anger and wished that she could drag Xia Xing back and give him a good scolding. However, the most important thing now was to resolve the matter of the accommodation for the Shao family members.

"Let's not talk about him for now. We have to settle the issue for our parents first!" Shao Yin said anxiously.

"Then let's bring them here first. After that, we can go to ask the Xia family what we should do next. After all, this is their territory. Why should we be the ones busying ourselves?" Shao Le said.

"No! Absolutely not!" Shao Yin said.

It would have been fine if only Shao Zhuang and Bian Duo had come to the capital, but now that they had so many relatives and friends of the Shao family with them, this issue needed more than such a crude solution.

When she returned to the village previously, she told everyone she met about how happy she was to live in the capital. She even said that she was living in a very grand courtyard house now! If her relatives and friends saw her living in such a shabby house, they might gossip about her.

"Then... shall we go and ask Qiao Mei? Perhaps she can help you?" Shao Le asked tentatively.

"Yes! Let's go and ask her!" Shao Yin immediately set off with Shao Le and Bian Jiu.

Shao Yin was actually very reluctant to tell Bian Jiu about her private matters. After all, Bian Jiu was not her own sister. It would be difficult for her to refute anything if Bian Jiu went around telling other people about her issues. I think you should take a look at

However, Bian Jiu was also useful in her own way. She was very good at arguing with people and she was always ready to help her family members. If she saw Shao Yin getting bullied, she would definitely stand up for Shao Yin. With her around, Shao Yin felt much more at ease and quite confident that Qiao Mei would agree to her request.

When they reached the main entrance of Qiao Mei's house, they could not help but lament the fact that Qiao Mei was actually living in such a big house alone. No wonder Shao Yin wanted to marry Xia Xing no matter what.

"Shao Yin, is your house similar to this one?" Bian Jiu asked curiously. When Bian Jiu and Shao Le first arrived at the capital and saw how shabby Shao Yin's house was, Shao Yin had told them that she was only staying there temporarily and that the courtyard house she had been given was still under renovation!

"Of... of course! It's not easy to repair a big courtyard house. It will probably take some time," Shao Yin said awkwardly.

Shao Le knew the truth of the matter but did not expose Shao Yin. While the two of them were talking, Shao Le walked forward and knocked lightly on the door. It was Xu Kang who came to open the door. Feng Hua was only in charge of taking care of the children nowadays. Xu Kang took care of all the household matters in this house.

"Hello. Forgive me for asking but you are..." Xu Kang said politely.

"I'm Xia Xing's fiancée and these are my two older sisters. We're here today to look for Qiao Mei... to look for Third Cousin-in-law," Shao Yin quickly walked forward and said arrogantly.

"Please wait for a moment, I'll go in and ask the lady of the house first." Xu Kang closed the door and returned to the house to look for Qiao Mei. She was not told that someone from Qiao Mei's family would come for a visit today, so she could not make any decision on the spot.

After Qiao Mei gave birth, many people came to look for her. Most of them used the excuse that they wanted to see the babies, but they were just looking for an opportunity to ask Qiao Mei for some "divine medicine". If they caught Qiao Mei in a good mood, she might be willing to give them some in return for them coming to visit the babies.

As the number of people who came by to try their luck increased, Qiao Mei became a little annoyed. She had instructed Xu Kang that as long as the visitors were not family members of the Xia family's eldest and second sons, Xu Kang had to come and ask her if she wanted to grant access to the visitors.

Qiao Qiang did not have many friends in the capital. Many of his old comrades also knew that he liked peace and quiet and rarely came to disturb him. Most of them would go to Xia Jun's place and ask Xia Jun to invite Qiao Qiang to meet them there.

"Why is she so smug! Aren't you from the Xia family? You're all daughters-in-law of the Xia family. Why is it so difficult to meet her! We've been standing outside for so long," Bian Jiu said unhappily.

Chapter 1380 Selecting Schools

"Sis, please bear with it. After all, she has given birth to a son and a daughter for the family. She's currently the person the Xia family is most fond of! We can't afford to offend her," Shao Yin persuaded.

"Hmph! I'll let them off for now!" Bian Jiu said.

Qiao Mei and Xia He were in the room choosing suitable schools and classes for Zhang Wei and the other three children. School was about to start soon and this was an important matter related to the children's future. They could not afford to be careless about it at all.

"Qiao Mei, what do you think of this school? It's not far from the house and they have good teachers there. Eldest Brother also knows a few of the teachers there! We'll feel at ease if the children go to this school," Xia He said.

Zhang Wei had already decided to go to the same military school which Xia Zhe attended. Zhang Chao and Zhang Miao wanted to study in a normal school and to enroll in the same school. Zhang Qin had chosen to go to a dance school which Xia He recommended.

Qiao Mei originally wanted to just choose a random school for Zhang Chao and Zhang Miao. She felt that all the schools taught similar curriculum and there was not much difference between them.

However, Xia He rejected the idea. Although the curriculum was similar, the ways in which the children were educated were very different. Education was the most important thing when the children were young. Once they developed good habits, the adults did not have to worry too much about them when they grew up.

"I'll take Elder Sister's advice. I don't know much about these things in the capital, so what you say is definitely reliable. When you have your own children in the future, they will definitely be educated well," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"What a glib tongue. We still need Eldest Brother to make these arrangements! I'm just helping out with the planning. How's the factory design coming along? Is it going smoothly?" Xia He asked.

"You ask me this question three or four times a day. It's as if you're worried that Deng Fan will mess up," Qiao Mei said.

"This is also the first time I've seen him at work and I don't know what he will produce. I'm just worried about you and scared that you'll suffer a loss! You're making fun of me instead! Aren't you afraid that I'll get angry and make Deng Fan cut corners!" Xia He pouted and pretended to be angry.

"It's my fault! It's my fault, alright? Look at you. After you get engaged, your temper is so much worse. I should ask Deng Fan to scold you. He can't spoil you like this," Qiao Mei said. I think you should take a look at

Just as the two of them were bickering, Xu Kang walked in and said, "Qiao Mei, Xia Xing's fiancée is here with two other people. She said that they're her older sisters and that she has something to discuss with you today."

"What can she want to discuss! It must be the issue about the house. No, no, I'll get annoyed if I see her. Just say that Qiao Mei is feeling unwell and I'm here with her! Say that it's not convenient for us to have guests today and just send them away," Xia He said moodily.

"Why are you so angry? Don't you want to know what's going on in Xia Xing's family? Now that she's here, let's meet her and see what she's up to," Qiao Mei said as she looked at Xia He.

Since Qiao Mei had already said so, Xia He had no other reason to send the women away. She waved her hands and asked Xu Kang to let them in. She felt so unlucky. No matter where she went, there would be people looking for trouble. She should really hang a protective peachwood sword at the door so that those despicable people with ill intentions would not be able to step into Qiao Mei's house.

This was the first time that the three women had come to Qiao Mei's house. Bian Jiu kept looking around. She had never seen so many nice things before! She could not believe that a swing could look like this.

Most of the swings in the village were made by tying two thick hemp ropes to a big tree branch and using tires or wooden planks with holes in them as the seats. That was how a simple swing was made. Qiao Mei's swing was exquisite and had been custom-made by a master craftsman. There was no way to make comparisons between the two types of swings,

"Look at them! They might take a fancy to something and ask you for it! I told you to leave them outside the door, but you just didn't want to listen. I should ask Eldest Brother to come and talk to you and give you a proper lecture," Xia He said angrily as she pointed at Bian Jiu in the courtyard.

When Xia Wen told Qiao Mei not to buy any more houses the last time, she had taken his advice. At the very least, she had not gone around to look at any houses for sale recently.

"Don't be angry! Elder Sister, if you really can't stand it, then just listen in from your room. Don't make yourself sick from anger," Qiao Mei said worriedly.

"I'm not leaving! I want to know why they're here today. I can't let them off so easily," Xia He said through gritted teeth.