

Fat Wife 1401

Chapter 1401 Forced To Drink

"Xia Xing's capacity for alcohol is not good at all! You need to practice more! Once you join the Shao family, he must be able to drink! Otherwise, you'll embarrass our Shao family!" Shao Tu said as he patted Xia Xing's shoulder.

As Xia Wen frowned slightly, Shao Tu immediately realized that he had said something wrong. He quickly filled his own glass with liquor and said, "We're in-laws from now on! Our Shao Yin has joined your family and your Xia Xing is also our family's son-in-law. We're one big family!"

"That's right. One big family," Xia Wen said as he drank from his glass and smiled coldly.

"Oh, Brother Xing is drunk! I'll get someone to bring him to the backyard so that he can rest. He can't be comfortable lying here. Everyone, please continue drinking!" Qiao Mei asked Chi Ze and Mao Hang to help carry Xia Xing to a room in the backyard.

Xia Xing was so drunk that he could not exert any strength and his body was floppy like he had no bones at all. Chi Ze and Mao Hang had to use a lot of effort to carry Xia Xing onto the bed. Drunk people always seemed much heavier than usual.

Seeing that there were no outsiders around, Chi Ze said to Qiao Mei, "Sister-in-law, you have to be careful. I just feel that those people don't look like decent people!"

"That's right. Even though we're from the countryside and haven't seen much of the world, we also know that this is not the way to drink. If they continue like this, it may even lead to someone's death," Mao Hang said with a frown.

Even Chi Ze and Mao Hang, who were meeting the Shao family for the first time, could tell that something was wrong. The Shao family had given themselves away quite quickly. Even if they were good drinkers, it was still inappropriate for them to drink so much during such an occasion today.

If the Shao family members were not hiding some ulterior motives behind this behavior, then it only meant that this was their true colors and inherent behavior.

During the short time when Qiao Mei and Chi Ze were talking, these people had drunk a lot more liquor. They even asked Xu Kang to go out and buy more, telling her not to be so petty.

Xu Kang usually only took instructions from Qiao Mei, but on this occasion, she also knew that she must go and buy more liquor for the Shao family. Otherwise, it would make the Xia family look very petty, as if they could not even afford to pay for a few more glasses of liquor.

When it came to Xia Mao's capacity for alcohol, even if he had to face both Shao Tu and Shao Xian, it was only considered child's play to him. When he was younger, he traveled extensively with Xia Jun and had experienced all kinds of hardships and done all sorts of things. Even though he could drink those Shao family members under the table, he could not be bothered with them. These people did not deserve any chance to drink with him. I think you should take a look at

Shao Tu was a person who knew his limits. He definitely did not dare to force Xia Mao to drink, so he turned his attention to Xia Wen. Poor Xia Wen was bombarded by the Shao family members one after another. The amount he drank was almost double the amount of any person from the Shao family.

Xia Mao said a brief goodbye to everyone and left Qiao Mei's house. He still had a meeting later and could not be late for it. Xia Wen was his son and the future head of the Xia family, and would definitely come across more situations like this in the future. He believed that Xia Wen could handle these matters well. Even if Xia Wen could not handle it, he still had to bite the bullet and deal with it.

Xu Lan and the other women held on to one another as they returned to Xia He's room. There was only Qiao Mei and Xia He left in the courtyard to accompany the women from the Shao family. Xia He's eyes were filled with worry. She had never seen Xia Wen drink so much before. What if something happened to him?

"You must be Xia He. Shao Yin talks about you all the time. Please take good care of Shao Yin in the future. If she does anything wrong, you can lecture her!" Shao Chun said laughingly.

"Don't say that. Shao Yin is all good and hasn't done anything wrong. Don't worry," Xia He said politely.

After a few rounds of drinking, Shao Chun knew that with her capacity for alcohol, she would not be able to outdrink Xia He. Bian Jiu and Shao Yin also helped out and kept trying to toast Xia He.

Xia He looked around and realized that there seemed to be one person missing. She asked curiously, "Shao Yin's elder sister isn't here? I remember that Shao Yin only has one sister, yet she's not present at such a happy occasion today."

The Shao family members suddenly had awkward expressions on their faces, as if they did not know how to explain it. Bian Duo quickly raised her glass and said, "She has always been in poor health since she was young and she falls sick quite easily! She was still all fine yesterday, but then she suddenly fell sick this morning. If she came along, she would only bring bad luck, so we left her in the guest house."

"Then should we arrange for a doctor to take a look at her? Is she seriously ill?" Qiao Mei had quite a good impression of Shao Le. She felt that Shao Le was the only sensible person in the Shao family.

"It's not serious! It's just a relapse. It's not a big deal. She just needs to rest more! Let's continue drinking! Let's not spoil the good mood today because of other things!" Bian Duo said.

Chapter 1402 Let's Get Hammered

"That's good. She must take good care of herself. Our health is our most precious asset!" Xia He said.

Xu Lan stood worriedly at the room door and looked towards the courtyard. Even though Xia Wen and Xia He were her children, she could not do anything about them being forced to drink by the Shao family members. She was so worried that the two children would drink so much that they ended up with gastric perforation.

Xia Wen had already drunk one and a half bottles of Moutai by himself. This was already beyond the amount of what an ordinary person should drink. As for Xia He, she was going to get married soon! If she hurt herself from drinking too much at this time, the wedding would have to be postponed.

Gradually, Shao Chun and Bian Duo became a little tipsy. Shao Yin did not drink much but she was the one who fell to the ground in a drunken state. No matter how hard everyone tried, they could not wake her up. The other Shao family members seemed to be used to it and none of them looked worried or anxious.

"Perhaps... perhaps we should find a place for Shao Yin to rest? Look at her, she's too drunk and won't wake up soon," Shao Chun said as she pointed at Shao Yin who was on the ground.

"Since she was young, this kid always gets knocked out after drinking too much. She will only wake up past noon tomorrow!" Bian Duo said with a sigh.

Xia He had a look of displeasure on her face. Zhou Luo had gone wandering around their house earlier and now, the Shao family seemed to want to stay over at Qiao Mei's house. Could it be that Qiao Mei had something that they liked and they wanted to steal it while the Xia family members were drunk?

Shao Yin had drunk too much at Qiao Mei's house. If anything happened to her after she left this place, Qiao Mei would still have to take responsibility for it. Qiao Mei asked Wang Fang and Yang Mei, the wives of Xia Zhe's friends, to carry Shao Yin into one of the rooms in the backyard.

It was really strange. Usually, when people got drunk, they would be in a daze for a while before they eventually fell asleep. Shao Yin did not seem to have gone through the transitional period. After drinking a few mouthfuls, she fell to the ground straightaway.

If the Shao family had not explained the reason behind it, people who did not know better might have thought that the Xia family had poisoned Shao Yin!

Qiao Mei arranged for Shao Yin to rest in the room next to Xia Xing. Although the two of them were already living together, albeit unbeknown to outsiders, they should not have done anything they were not supposed to. The arrangement was that Shao Yin slept on the brick bed while Xia Xing slept on the other side of the room. There was always a wide distance kept between the two of them. Shao Yin was still an innocent maiden, so Qiao Mei must also protect... Xia Xing's reputation.

It would still be better to give Xia Xing the option not to marry Shao Yin. If not for Xia Xing's insistence, the Xia family would have already rejected Shao Yin.

"Sisters-in-law, both of you can go home with your husbands first. It'll probably be a long time before the banquet ends. Thanks for all your hard work today," Qiao Mei said apologetically.

"There's no need to stand on ceremony with us. Xia Zhe and my husband are brothers who have gone through thick and thin together. I have long considered you both as part of the family. Xia Zhe is like my younger brother and you're like my younger sister-in-law. Don't stand on ceremony with us," Wang Fang said in a forthright manner.

"You're only just out of your confinement period. You can't be too careless about your health. If you fall ill, it'll be too late even if you regret it in the future!" Yang Mei said worriedly.

Qiao Mei was very busy for the past two days and she already felt unbearable pain in her waist and shoulders. If not for Yang Mei's reminder, Qiao Mei would not have taken it to heart yet! She had been so busy that she did not have time to care about the soreness in her body.

"I've noted everything you say. I'll get Sister Feng to give me a massage later," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"When they're about to leave, you can ask Sister Xu to come and get us. We'll clean up the mess. Don't do it yourself," Wang Fang said.

"Then I won't stand on ceremony with both of you." Qiao Mei sent Chi Ze and the rest off through the back door and then went to the kitchen to get some fresh fruits. By now, the food had already turned cold. She decided to serve the men some side dishes to go with their drinks and some fruits to the women.

The Shao family's attitude towards Qiao Mei had improved a lot. They had not stopped praising her since earlier and Zhou Luo could not even get a word in. Even when she spoke, both the Shao and Xia families ignored her.

Even though Bian Duo and Zhou Luo were good friends, it was not difficult for her to see that the Xia family despised Zhou Luo. In order to protect Shao Yin's future glory and wealth, she must give up her friendship with Zhou Luo. She would not let anyone become a stumbling block on her daughter's path to success.

Zhou Luo drank alone out of boredom and got so drunk that she started to walk out of the house. Qiao Mei asked the Xia family's chauffeur to send Zhou Luo back. She was not being indiscriminately nice, but

just worried something would happen to Zhou Luo on her way back. If that happened, the Xia family would have to clean up someone's mess again.

"Let's drink! Open a few more bottles! Let's get hammered today!" Shao Tu said excitedly as he put his arm around Xia Wen's shoulder.

Chapter 1403 Professional Actor

Qiao Mei stood at a spot not far away and watched Xia Wen downing one glass after another. Next to him, Shao Chun and Bian Jiu were like two cheerleaders who kept encouraging him to drink more. They even went forward to toast Xia Wen again and again. It looked like his vision was becoming a little blurry very quickly.

She immediately ran to Li Gui's house and then came out carrying Xia Xing. As she walked, she whispered to Xia Xing, "Baby, your eldest uncle dotes on you a lot! It's up to you to save him now, do you understand?"

Xia Xing kept babbling in Qiao Mei's arms, as if she could understand what Qiao Mei was saying. As soon as they went near Xia Wen, she immediately started crying and throwing a tantrum. She performed even better than those professional actors. Qiao Mei was taken aback in surprise. In the future, she must send this child to acting classes. It would be a pity to waste such a talent.

"Eldest Brother! Come and take a look at Xia Xing. She keeps fussing and crying. You know she only listens to you," Qiao Mei said anxiously.

Xia Wen did not immediately get what she meant. He waved his hands and said, "I... smell of alcohol. It's better not to let the baby get close to me!"

"Then go to the back and change your clothes. I really can't pacify her. If she continues to cry like this, she'll get sick," Qiao Mei said.

Even though Xia Wen was already a little drunk, he understood what Qiao Mei meant after she pushed the point across a few times. The two of them looked at each other and he immediately understood what she was doing.

"I'm sorry, I'll go and coax the baby first. You guys continue eating! I'll be back soon!" Xia Wen tried his best to steady himself and to act like he was fine. He carried the baby and hurried out of the front yard with Qiao Mei.

"Hey! Where are you going!"

Shao Tu and Shao Xian still wanted to stop Xia Wen from leaving! Xia He quickly blocked the way to the backyard and said, "My eldest brother will be back in a while. Enjoy your food first. The baby is still young and prefers to see familiar faces around her. It's so hard to take care of this child."

"That's true! Back then, my Shao Xian was also like this! He's so difficult to coax!" said Shao Tu's wife, Huang Ning. Unexpectedly, before she could finish speaking, Shao Tu gave her a hard push, almost causing her to fall to the ground.

"You b*tch, what nonsense are you talking about! Just shut up!" Shao Tu pointed at her and said angrily.

Huang Ning was always getting beaten up at home, so she was already used to it. However, this was the first time Xia He had seen a man hit a woman. She almost lost her temper and had to control herself from going forward to beat Shao Tu up so that she could punish him on behalf of the heavens. I think you should take a look at

Qiao Mei quickly handed the baby to Xu Lan and the other women. They had already washed up and did not reek of alcohol anymore. Qiao Mei had also given them some tea made from 100-year-old ginseng earlier and they immediately felt less groggy.

"Eldest Brother, are you alright?" Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

"I'm a little drunk... I never expect the Shao family to be such good drinkers. If I continue drinking for a while more, I'll be the next one to collapse to the ground," Xia Wen said with a sigh.

Xu Lan looked at Xia Wen and felt so sorry for him. Those people from the Shao family were beasts! How could they drink alcohol in such a manner! They could cause someone to get sent to the hospital! It was

all that b*tch, Zhou Luo's fault. If she had not introduced such a family to Xia Xing, these kids would not have to suffer like this.

"How about I go and tell them to wrap things up for the day," Qiao Mei said with a frown.

"No... They won't let this matter rest today. Do you have any hangover medicine for me at home? I'll be fine in a while if I take some," Xia Wen said with a smile.

Qiao Mei looked at Xia Wen angrily, like she wanted to kill him. She could not believe that he could still smile. Those people from the Shao family clearly had ulterior motives, yet he still wanted to go back like a lamb to the slaughter. Was he stupid or something?

She knew that Xia Wen was doing this for the sake of the Xia family's reputation, but she did not understand why he felt compelled to do it. Was reputation more important than anything, even a person's life?

"Here, drink this," Qiao Mei said resignedly.

She took out the small bottle she carried around with her and poured one drop of the liquid into some water. Then she gave the diluted drink to Xia Wen. Since Xia Wen had made a decision, as the Xia family's daughter-in-law, she should stand on the same side as the Xia family and not criticize his actions.

Xia Wen could tell at a glance that this liquid was gold in color. It was different from the green liquid from before. This was the same medicine that had brought Xia Mao back to life.

"I can't drink this. That's really too wasteful!" Xia Wen blurted out.

Chapter 1404 Leaving Here On Their Backs

"I've already poured the medicine into the water. It would really be wasteful if you don't drink it. Besides, I have a lot of this at home and we won't run out. Just drink it," Qiao Mei persuaded him.

When Xia Wen heard what Qiao Mei said, he felt less apprehensive. The moment he drank the liquid, he felt a sense of warmth all over his body and his mind instantly cleared up, as if he had not even touched a drop of alcohol at all.

No wonder this medicine could save Xia Mao's life back then. The medicinal effect was indeed powerful!

This "divine medicine", which was a rarity in the eyes of outsiders, was no different from drinking water in the Xia family. As long as Qiao Mei was willing to supply it, the Xia family could drink ginseng juice every day in the future. Each member of the family could probably live to be more than 100 years old!

Although Xia Wen was curious about where Qiao Mei got all these ginsengs, he did not want to take the initiative to raise the issue with her. If Qiao Mei wanted to tell them, she would naturally find an opportunity to do so. If Qiao Mei did not want to tell them, he did not want to interfere in this matter.

He was very clear about one thing now. Qiao Mei was wholeheartedly devoted to the Xia family. She loved Xia Zhe deeply and even gave the Xia family two cute children. No matter what the Xia family did, Qiao Mei would always stand by their side. That was enough for him. Everything else was not important at all.

"Hmph, I'll go back and drink to the end with them now! Let's see what tricks they have up their sleeves!" Xia Wen said furiously.

"Eldest Brother, don't you think that all of them are behaving strangely today?" Qiao Mei lowered her head as she thought about it.

It was indeed a little weird. Drinks were served at engagement banquets as a way to liven things up, but this was the first time she had seen people drink like the Shao family. Even at a banquet in the countryside, there was no such custom.

It was indeed embarrassing for the Xia family members to drink so much at an event and lose their composure, but the way the Shao family tried to get all the Xia family members drunk was way too shameless. If word got out, people would gossip behind their backs!

Based on how Shao Yin described the Shao family, this was a family which valued their reputation very much and would not do such a nasty thing. No matter how idiotic they were, they should know that they should not do such a thing.

"You're right, but I just can't figure out what exactly they want," Xia Wen said with a frown.

"Can it be our family's money?" Xu Lan suddenly said.

"It's possible. I walked around the house just now. There are so many valuable things on display in this house. Anyone would be tempted by these things, and it's no surprise if they covet them. However, these things are not really that valuable," Xia Fang analyzed.

Just as everyone was thinking about which valuable items the Shao family could want to take from Qiao Mei's house, Liu Fen suddenly said, "Hey! Do you think they want Qiao Mei's 'divine medicine'?"

This dawned on everyone as a possibility. Otherwise, given that only Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe knew the exact location of the most valuable things in this house, how could the Shao family know so much?

However, the "divine medicine" was a separate matter. Everyone in the capital wanted it. It was not impossible for someone to have offered a high price to the Shao family to steal a bottle from this house. The Tan family had done the same thing back then.

"Don't worry. Those things are kept away very carefully. They definitely won't be able to find the location," Qiao Mei said confidently.

"So what if they find out? I'll make sure that although they walk in today, they'll leave this place on their backs later!" Xia Wen said with a cold smile. When Xia Wen said that, Qiao Mei seemed to catch a glimpse of an image of the Lord of Hell in charge of life and death. It was as if whoever Xia Wen wanted dead would have to die and would not be allowed to stay alive for even another 15 minutes.

Qiao Mei put a few more drops of the 10,000-year-old ginseng juice into the porcelain tea jar and also asked Xia Wen to apply some 100-year-old ginseng juice to his philtrum right under his nose. Every time Xia Wen took a breath, he felt refreshed and no longer uncomfortable.

Xia Wen returned to the banquet first to continue dealing with the Shao family members. Qiao Mei secretly went to the doors of the rooms where Shao Yin and Xia Xing were. The two of them were still sleeping soundly and showed no signs of waking up.

Could she have guessed wrongly this time? Shao Yin seemed really drunk.

"I'm back! Come! Let's continue drinking!" Xia Wen said as he walked back unsteadily, like he was feeling disoriented! It was all just an act that he put on for them.

When Shao Tu and Shao Xian saw that Xia Wen looked even worse than before, they became very happy. Shao Tu immediately said, "I'm going to the toilet! My son will drink with you first!"

"Sure, sure, sure! Hurry up and come back quickly!" Xia Wen was even starting to slur when he spoke.

Chapter 1405 Get Lost Quickly

When Qiao Mei was walking back, she happened to bump into Shao Tu, who was heading to the toilet. The way that Shao Tu was behaving sneakily made Qiao Mei suspicious. She quickly went forward and asked, "Uncle Shao, where are you going? Do you need me to bring you there?"

"No need, no need! I'm just going to the toilet. It'll just take me a moment! I remember the way. You can go and join them in the front yard," Shao Tu said nervously.

Qiao Mei nodded slightly and turned her body sideways to make way for Shao Tu. He quickly rushed towards the toilet. After watching him close the door, she tiptoed to the kitchen.

A long time ago, she had grown plants all around and spread out their roots beneath the entire courtyard house. She could easily observe her surroundings with the help of the plants' vision.

After Shao Tu entered the toilet, he stuck his fingers forcefully into his throat and tried his best to throw up all the liquor he had just drunk. After vomiting out most of it, he slowly leaned against the wall.

"What a beast! He already drank so much and yet he's still fine! Is he made of alcohol? He's not a human!" Shao Tu complained.

He and Shao Xian were the ones who had been drinking with Xia Wen the entire time. Shao Zhuang did not drink much at all. If not for the fact that the two of them took turns to go to the toilet and throw up, he would have collapsed on the ground long ago!

Just as Qiao Mei thought that Shao Tu had just gone to the toilet to vent his frustrations in private, she suddenly saw him taking something out of his pocket. It looked familiar... She seemed to have seen this packaging before...

An aphrodisiac! What was the Shao family doing with this? Could it be...

Qiao Mei was shocked. She did not expect the Shao family to have planned to do such a thing in her house. No wonder they kept forcing Xia Wen to drink. However, who was the main character they were targeting? Could it be that they had designs on one of the Xia family members? Could it be Xia He...

Shao Yin was already going to marry Xia Xing. She had heard that Shao Xian was still not married. Although Xia He and Deng Fan were going to get married, their parents had not met up officially and the two of them had not gone to register their marriage yet. Technically, Xia He was still single.

She did not expect the Shao family to be so insatiable even with their daughter marrying into the family of the Xia family's third son. They had now even set their sights on the only daughter of the Xia family's eldest son! What wishful thinking! The Shao family wanted to get their hands on both of them! Indeed, one really could not underestimate the greed in human hearts. I think you should take a look at

Qiao Mei took control of the vines and manipulated them to climb up the wall of the guest room where Shao Yin was staying. Then, she quietly extended a thin branch through the window. With Qiao Mei's original ability, she could only use the vines like they were her own eyes to observe the movements in the room. However, with the butterfly mark, she had gained a new ability.

The two abilities could be used together. Using the vine branch, Qiao Mei could see Shao Yin even if she was under the blanket. Shao Yin had taken off all her clothes, including her underwear. She was totally naked and staring intently at the door! She was not drunk at all!

How disgusting! Qiao Mei had just bought the set of bedding and blanket and it was still brand new! She would have to burn everything after Shao Yin left. What a jinx!

However, why was Shao Yin doing this? Could it be that the female lead in the Shao family's plan was not Xia He, but Shao Yin? Then that would mean the male lead was Xia Wen!

When Qiao Mei finally came back to her senses, Shao Tu had already come out of the toilet. By the time Qiao Mei chased after him, he had already sat down at the table and picked up his glass to continue drinking with Xia Wen.

Qiao Mei ran back to the backyard again and carried Xia Xing out. She muttered softly, "Baby, don't blame Mom. You're saving your eldest uncle's life! Don't blame me!"

Xia Xing's acting skills were as good as before. As soon as she was in front of Xia Wen, she burst into tears. Her loud cries even managed to make Qiao Mei flustered. If she did not know that this little baby was just acting, she would have rushed her to the hospital.

"Eldest Brother, come and take a look at her. She's crying again!" Qiao Mei said anxiously.

Just as Shao Tu was about to put the drugs into Xia Wen's glass, he was interrupted by Qiao Mei again. He was so angry that he stood up, pointed at Qiao Mei and scolded, "Do you know how to coax a child or not! How can a grown man be the one taking care of a child! If you can't take care of the baby, then get lost! Don't disturb us while we're having a meal here!"

Xia Wen's face instantly fell. At the next table, Xia He also slammed down the glass in her hand and stood up with a whoosh to glare at Shao Tu. Qiao Mei hugged Xia Xing and stared intently at Shao Tu without saying a word. The temperature in the surroundings seemed to have dropped to sub-zero in an instant.

"Oh no! My husband drank too much! He has said something wrong! He didn't mean it that way. Please don't take it to heart!" Huang Ning quickly ran over and said.

Chapter 1406 Using Aphrodisiacs

Shao Tu also realized he had gone overboard with his words and quickly said apologetically, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry! I had too much to drink! I thought that I was talking to my wife! I usually speak like this at home. I'm really sorry!"

After he said this, the expressions of everyone in the Xia family became even darker. Shao Tu actually thought that Qiao Mei was his wife. He should take a good look at himself in the mirror! Could he even say such things out loud!

"Please continue drinking. I'm going to coax the baby." Xia Wen did not even look at the Shao family members as he carried Xia Xing and walked towards the backyard. Xia He did not leave immediately. Instead, she clapped her hands and called for the guard team outside the door to come in and surround the Shao family members.

"Hey! Xia Wen!" Shao Tu wanted to grab Xia Wen and better explain himself. However, he was so drunk that he could not even stand properly on his feet. He could only watch as the Xia family members walked further and further away, leaving only the Shao family members in the courtyard.

Xu Kang went to hide in a corner of the courtyard to eavesdrop on the Shao family members' conversation. She wanted to help Qiao Mei keep an eye on these people who had no sense of propriety!

"Look at you! Why did you say those things! Look at what happened! You've offended the Xia family!" Shao Zhuang complained as he looked at Shao Tu.

"You still have the cheek to criticize me! If it's not because you begged me to help you with this matter, do you think I'll be willing to do it? Can't you see how much liquor my son and I have to drink?" Shao Tu said furiously.

"Did I beg you? Didn't I agree to give you benefits? Don't act innocent after taking advantage of me!" Shao Zhuang said.

Seeing that the two of them were about to get into a fight, Shao Chun immediately said, "We're still in the Xia family's house! Quickly think of a way to make up for it! Are we really going to have an internal strife right now? It's more important to get this matter done and dusted!"

Neither Shao Tu nor Shao Zhuang wanted to give in to each other and the two of them refused to look at each other. For a moment, everyone in the Shao family fell silent.

As soon as Xia Xing was put into Xia Wen's arms, she fell asleep. There was no need to expend any effort to coax her. People always said that daughters were their fathers' lovers in their past lives. Qiao Mei thought that Xia Xing must have been Xia Wen's lover in her past life!

Xia Wen handed the sleeping Xia Xing over to Xu Lan. Xia Xing had already cried twice and her face was no longer as smooth as before. Her voice was also a little hoarse by now. Qiao Mei hurriedly diluted two drops of 50-year-old ginseng juice in water and gave the drink to Xia Xing to moisten her throat. Children could not drink ginseng juice that was too aged as the effects might be too strong for them.

"What have you discovered this time?" Xia Wen asked as he looked at Qiao Mei. If it was not something important, Qiao Mei would not torment Xia Xing repeatedly. It must be related to the Xia family's honor and his personal safety.

"Well... the Shao family was about to put some drugs into your drink. When I passed by the toilet on my way back just now, I heard someone talking about drugging you," Qiao Mei said in a shy manner.

"Poison! They intend to murder my eldest brother!" Xia He said as she looked at Qiao Mei in shock.

Qiao Mei quickly explained, "No, no! It's not that kind of drug!"

"Huh? Then what kind of drug is that? Is it sedatives? Is the Shao family full of fools? What's the use of only knocking out Xia Wen?" Xu Lan guessed.

"Xia Wen is the only man in this house at the moment! If Xia Wen is knocked out and Xia Xing is already drunk, then the few of us women are no match for those men from the Shao family!" Liu Fen said fearfully.

"Second Aunt-in-law, what are you afraid of? I've taken lessons from Eldest Aunt for a period of time when I was young. Moreover, there are security guards protecting us nearby. Nothing will happen to us," Xia He said.

Everyone kept making guesses but Qiao Mei, the only one who knew the truth, remained silent. Her ears had even turned slightly red. Xia Fang asked tentatively, "Aphrodisiac?"

"Yes, the Shao family intends to give Eldest Brother... an aphrodisiac..." Qiao Mei said.

Everyone gasped. They did not expect the Shao family to have taken a fancy to Xia Wen! Then again, it was not surprising to them that the Shao family felt that Xia Xing was not even half as useful as Xia Wen.

Xia Wen was the eldest son of the Xia family's most valued eldest son and also Xia Jun's favorite grandson. He had tagged alongside Xia Jun and Xia Mao since he was young and they had long announced publicly that he was the future head of the Xia family. Moreover, Xia Wen's career was also thriving. Anyone would be attracted to Xia Wen.

"What about Shao Yin? What's Shao Yin doing now? No, I have to go and take a look at her!" Xia He said anxiously.

"Don't go! If we go now, we'll be alerting the enemy! We should think about it at length and find a way to get rid of the Shao family in one fell swoop!" Xia Fang said sternly.

Chapter 1407 Drink Using Bowls

Qiao Mei whispered, "I have secretly gone to take a look just now. Shao Yin isn't even wearing her underclothes. She's not drunk at all! She's very sober! I think this is what the Shao family is really scheming!"

Xia Wen felt like throwing up. How could a woman behave like this? Did she have no sense of shame? Where was her sense of propriety and honor?

"We definitely can't let such a woman enter the Xia family. Otherwise, there will be endless trouble in the future!" Xia Wen said with a frown.

No matter which Xia family's son married the Shao family's daughter, it would be a disaster for everyone in the Xia family. The Shao family was like the Tan family back then! Xia Wen and the rest had to be on guard.

"Why don't we just send them back home now? This way, Xia Wen won't be in danger and our family won't have to fight with the Shao family. Won't that be killing two birds with one stone!" Liu Fen whispered.

Liu Fen was most afraid of running into trouble without a solution. She was just a housewife. She did not have Xu Lan's talent and ability, nor did she have Zhou Hua's inherited unique skills. She was just an ordinary person who did not know much. She could not even cook well and her children used to complain about it in the past.

She did not go to work and Xia Yao was the only one supporting the family. It was tough on Xia Yao to have to work very hard. Her maternal family was not well-off, so she could not offer Xia Yao any help. It was Xia Yao who gave her a life where she did not have to worry about anything. She could not cause too much trouble for Xia Yao, and she also did not want to cause any trouble for her children.

"Even if we let them go now, they will still think of ways to get close to Xia Wen in the future. Even after Shao Yin and Xia Xing get married, it's still possible that they'll continue to use similar tricks against Xia Wen," Xia Fang said.

"Sister-in-law, your Xia Yuan might also become Shao Yin's target!" Xu Lan reminded her.

Liu Fen suddenly seemed to have some wisdom knocked into her. She had originally thought that she could stay out of it and just burrow her head under the sand. However, for the sake of her children, she had to do her best to fight back too.

"If she dares to touch my Xia Yuan! I'll fight to the death with her! At most, I'll die with her!" Liu Fen said through gritted teeth.

"Second Aunt-in-law, don't get so angry. Xia Yuan is still young. Just try your best not to let Xia Yuan meet anyone from the Shao family," Xia He comforted her.

"Even if he stays away from them, the Shao family can still ask around about him. If they don't succeed with Xia Wen, they might target Xia Yuan. After all, the family of the Xia family's second son is also a good option," Qiao Mei said. I think you should take a look at

"It will probably be even more difficult to deal with the matter after Shao Yin marries into the family. We might as well deal with Shao Yin now and let her know she can forget about marrying into the Xia family for the rest of her life," Xu Lan said firmly.

Xia Wen stood in the corner and watched the group of women discussing these things in an offhand manner. Even if he wanted to say something, he could not say it out loud. He did not expect the Shao family to be so despicable as to play such tricks.

"Eldest Brother, this is a slice of ginseng. I don't think the Shao family will give up trying today. When the time comes, you can eat this ginseng slice to neutralize the effect of the drug they put in the liquor," Qiao Mei said.

She could not be completely sure that the drug they were going to put in the liquor was not poisonous. What if the Shao family had other types of drugs with them?

"Don't worry, I definitely won't let them have an easy time." Xia Wen put the ginseng slice under his tongue and walked out of the room with a smile. Qiao Mei and Xia He did not quite understand what Xia Wen meant and followed behind him silently, ready to work with him at any time.

As soon as the three of them appeared, everyone in the Shao family stood up. They did not look too good, seemingly afraid that they would say something wrong next.

"Everyone, take a seat. Don't be so restrained. Today is a joyous day. Let's forget about those unhappy things and have a few drinks," Xia Wen said with a smile.

The Shao family thought that Xia Wen was magnanimous enough not to hold what they had done against them! Only Qiao Mei and Xia He could tell that this was the fake smile that Xia Wen used with outsiders and it was not a genuine smile at all.

"Xia Wen, you're so magnanimous! Come! I'll punish myself by drinking three glasses of liquor! With this, I apologize to all of you!" Just as Shao Tu was about to start drinking, Xia Wen stopped him and pointed at the bowls on the table. Xia He immediately understood what he meant and went to the kitchen to take out three to four big bowls and put them down.

"The glasses are really too small. Let's drink using these. It's more satisfying to drink with these!" Xia Wen said agitatedly.

"You... are you joking..." Shao Tu said as he looked at the three big bowls in front of him fearfully.

Chapter 1408 Stay Here Tonight

"Uncle Shao, why will I joke with you? Let's use these to drink!" Xia Wen said firmly.

They were in a different situation from Xia Wen. Xia Wen had the "divine medicine", but they did not. If they really drank liquor using bowls, they would probably end up at the hospital to get their stomachs pumped.

Seeing Shao Tu's hesitation, Xia He said regretfully, "Can it be that Uncle Shao isn't sincere about downing the drinks? Then forget it, we won't force you."

"No, no! That's not what I mean!" Shao Tu said in a panic.

"Then that means Uncle Shao has agreed to my suggestion. Come, let's drink!" Xia Wen said agitatedly.

Shao Tu's hands gripped the table tightly. Their plan had already been put in motion and had reached this stage, so there was no turning back now. He took a deep breath and picked up a bowl from the table with trembling hands. He closed his eyes and took a big gulp.

He almost spat out the liquor in his mouth, but Xia Wen did not even look at him and just continued eating the side dishes. Xia Wen did not care whether he drank the three bowls of liquor or spat everything out. He was doing this to send the Shao family a message.

The Xia family was not one whom they could bully at will.

After Shao Tu finished drinking, he ran to the toilet to throw up. Shao Xian looked at Xia Wen in fear. Given that Shao Tu was gone, he was next...

"Brother Shao! Let's continue drinking! All of you should stay here for dinner tonight. It's rare for everyone to feel so happy! We must get hammered!" Xia Wen said happily.

Qiao Mei glanced at Xia Wen and immediately understood what he meant. She quickly echoed, "That's right, there are still many spare rooms in the backyard! All of you should stay for dinner. Eat and drink as much as you want! We will have even nicer dishes tonight!"

"In that case, your wish is my command. Brother Xia, please accept a toast from me!" Shao Xian did not forget the most important thing they needed to do today. He raised the liquor glass which they had prepared in advance and handed it to Xia Wen.

Xia Wen had only used the bowls to scare Shao Tu. Since the Shao family wanted him to fall into their trap, he might as well beat them at their own game. Xia Wen took it and smelled it discreetly before drinking everything in one go. Shao Xian was relieved to see Xia Wen downing the entire glass.

While the men were drinking enthusiastically, Qiao Mei and Xia He did not stay idle. They chatted with the women from the Shao family and tried to get more information from them. However, Bian Duo was very guarded and they could not get her to reveal anything no matter how hard they tried.

"Have a chat first. I'll go get you some seeds and popcorn, as well as fruits that we grow ourselves!" Qiao Mei said warmly.

"No need! There's no need to go through so much trouble! We can just drink water!" Bian Duo said quickly.

"Auntie, we make all those ourselves. They're all very clean! They definitely taste different from the ones you buy outside! You can eat without any worries! I'll be back soon!" Qiao Mei quickly ran to the kitchen to slice up all kinds of fruits. She even prepared two plates of smashed cucumber salad and shelled peanuts for Xia Wen and the other men to eat while they drank.

Since Qiao Mei had said that, it was not good for the Shao family members to reject her. Bian Duo and the others kept a close eye on the movements at Shao Tu's end, worried that the men would forget about what they were supposed to do after drinking too much. They did not think any of the women would be able to carry Xia Wen to the backyard. Fortunately, Shao Zhuang was also sitting at that table, so there should not be too much of a problem.

"We should also drink some. I've long heard that all of you are very good drinkers. Let's have a good drinking session today!" Xia He said with a smile.

"No, no, no. I'm old and useless! Our current capacity for alcohol is incomparable to when we were young. My health is not good and I can't drink anymore," Bian Duo said as she repeatedly declined. Her current behavior was totally different from how she behaved earlier in the morning.

There must be one or two sober people among the Shao family members who came today. Otherwise, who would go and catch the couple in the act later?

Xia He naturally understood the reason behind this and did not force them to do anything. After all, the Xia family also needed someone from the Shao family to be their corroborative witness so that their plan could proceed smoothly.

Qiao Mei deliberated for a moment before saying to Bian Duo, "Auntie, I'll go and see if my grandfather has eaten anything. He's not in good health and I need to make sure that he takes his medicine."

"Please go ahead! The elderly's health is more important!" Bian Duo said.

Before she left, Qiao Mei gave Xia He a meaningful look. Xia He lowered her head slightly to indicate that she understood and Qiao Mei went to the backyard without any worry.

After all, the backyard part of the house belonged to Qiao Qiang. Given that something so disgusting was happening here, Qiao Mei wanted to inform Qiao Qiang in advance so that he would not get a shock later.

"Grandfather, are you there? Can I come in?" Qiao Mei asked as she stood outside and knocked on the room door.

"Yes, come in!" Qiao Qiang's voice came from inside the room. When she opened the door, she could hear the radio playing.

Chapter 1409 Pick Up Skills Everywhere

Qiao Qiang seemed to be living his life like an "old immortal" now. He spent his days at home, eating and sleeping. If he felt bored, he would go out to take a walk around and chat with the neighbors nearby.

The residents living in these two alleys were all quite well-off. Each family had at least about 500 dollars in savings, which meant they were considered to be middle-class households in the capital.

There were also many retirees who lived here. Most of them were senior technicians who were very skillful. Even after they retired, many people still came to visit them to ask for guidance! Qiao Qiang learned a lot from them during this period of time and even brought back many rare playthings which these retirees gave him as gifts.

"Look at this gourd. It's so beautifully carved! Zhang Chao really likes it and keeps asking me for it!" Qiao Qiang said to Qiao Mei as he held up the gourd sculpture which Grandpa Feng had given him.

"Since the kid likes it, why didn't you give it to him?" Qiao Mei asked with a laugh.

In the past, as long as Qiao Mei liked something, Qiao Qiang would give it to her. To him, no matter how precious the thing was, it was not as precious as Qiao Mei.

"No. I sent Zhang Chao directly to your Grandpa Feng's house to learn the skill," Qiao Qiang said with a relaxed expression.

Qiao Mei looked at Qiao Qiang in shock. This was not the first time Qiao Qiang had done such a thing. Some time ago, Qiao Qiang realized that Old Mister Sun, who lived at the entrance of the alley, was very good at calligraphy. Seeing that Zhang Chao liked the writings, he sent Zhang Chao over there to learn calligraphy for a period of time. Later on, he realized that his neighbor, Grandpa Liu, was quite knowledgeable about cars, so he also sent Zhang Chao over to study for a period of time.

Nowadays, everyone in the alley was very fond of Zhang Chao. There were even a few retirees who wanted to take Zhang Chao in as their disciple and teach him everything they knew.

"Is Zhang Chao happy about this? Does he like to learn all these skills?" Qiao Mei asked.

"That kid always goes out after dinner to take a walk around the neighborhood. Everyone wants to teach him something. That kid is obedient and smart and willing to learn. These old fellows all have their own set of skills and they all want to pass down their skills down to someone. They all treat Zhang Chao like a piece of treasure!" Qiao Qiang said proudly.

"Grandfather, no matter what happens outside today, can you refrain from going out to take a look?" Qiao Mei said.

"Huh? Isn't it Xia Xing's engagement party today? The Shao family isn't willing to let their daughter marry Xia Xing?" Qiao Qiang asked curiously.

Qiao Mei did not know how to explain the situation. She blushed and said, "It's... it's just like back then, when Xia Zhe and I..."

Qiao Qiang immediately understood what she meant and even felt a little embarrassed. He was even the one who orchestrated the whole thing between Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe back then! Whenever he thought about that day, he still felt apologetic towards Xia Zhe. I think you should take a look at

"I get what you mean... Is the Shao family really so bold? I thought Xia Xing had already agreed to marry her? It's so unnecessary to do such a thing," Qiao Qiang said.

"That's because it's not Xia Xing, but Xia Wen," Qiao Mei explained.

Qiao Qiang was a little surprised to hear this, but that feeling passed quickly. Xia Wen was definitely an eligible bachelor. Most single women would fall for Xia Wen after knowing him for a while. He was good-looking, had a good family background, a nice character, a great job, and most importantly, he was trustworthy and responsible. Such a man was hard to come by.

"I get it. You have to protect yourself too. Are the two children alright? Why don't you leave them in my room? It's safe here," Qiao Qiang asked in detail.

"The children are with my mother now. The Shao family won't go over there. My mother-in-law even asked Luo Yu to guard the main door there. It's definitely much safer than our side," Qiao Mei said.

"That's good. You have to be careful and don't be rash," Qiao Qiang reminded her.

"I know." After saying that, Qiao Mei left Qiao Qiang's room. It was starting to get dark and Shao Tu and Shao Xian were about to throw up from all the drinking they did with Xia Wen. Feeling that the timing was right, Xia Wen pretended to be drunk and "fainted" over the table.

"Xia Wen? Wake up?" Shao Tu gave Xia Wen a push to test his reaction.

Seeing that there was no reaction from Xia Wen, Shao Xian and Shao Tu discussed for a bit and decided to bring Xia Wen to the backyard to rest.

"We'll bring Xia Wen inside to rest! You guys continue chatting!" Shao Xian said.

Shao Chun wanted to go forward to help, but Xia He stopped her.

"Auntie, where are you going?" Xia He asked.

"All of them had a lot to drink, so I want to go and help out. It would be bad if they fall and damage something," Shao Chun explained.

Chapter 1410 Success

Shao Chun was worried that they would make a mistake after drinking so much. If they went to the wrong room, all their efforts would be in vain. All the hard work they had put in for the entire day would be wasted.

"My eldest brother knows the way. Besides, Uncle Shao knows which room Xia Xing is in. Let them go on their own. Let's continue chatting. I haven't heard enough of those stories you were telling just now!" Xia He said with a faint smile.

Shao Chun could not find any other suitable reason to go and help out. Although Shao Tu and Shao Xian were both members of the Shao family, she was not Shao Tu's wife. It was not appropriate for her to tag along like this and it would only make it seem as if she just wanted to snoop around. She still cared about her own reputation!

"Alright, then let's continue," Shao Chun said awkwardly.

Qiao Mei quietly left the banquet and went to the study to manipulate the vines so that she could observe everything that was happening in the backyard. That Shao Tu weighed almost 200 pounds and was very big and strong. In the event he took the opportunity to knock Xia Wen out, then at least they would discover it in time and be able to save Xia Wen from danger.

Shao Tu and Shao Xian slowly carried Xia Wen to the backyard. The three of them stumbled as they walked and almost fell over one another. Xia Wen had specially instructed Qiao Mei not to switch on the lights. It was not easy to walk in the dark and no one could see anyone's face clearly, so it would be more convenient for him to do what he needed to do.

They finally managed to find Shao Yin's room. When Shao Yin heard the noise outside, she quickly leaned to one side and remained motionless. Her heart was beating extremely fast. She had waited for the entire day and could finally see the light at the end of the tunnel!

"You go into the room first. I can't carry him anymore!" Shao Tu said impatiently.

"He's really too heavy. I also can't hold on much longer!" Shao Xian said groggily. Just as Shao Tu and Shao Xian were thinking about how to move Xia Wen in, Xia Wen suddenly had an idea and got up abruptly to attack Shao Xian.

Shao Xian hit his head hard on the wall and fainted. Xia Wen took the opportunity to roll his body on the ground twice to the other side. It was very dark and Shao Tu could not tell which of the two people on the floor was Xia Wen. The amount of liquor he drank had made his vision a little blurry.

Xia Wen hurriedly stood up and pulled up the unconscious Shao Xian. Seeing this, Shao Tu went to give him a hand and said, "You just can't do anything well! You can even make it so difficult to carry him into the room! Go in quickly! I really don't have any strength left!"

Xia Wen grabbed Shao Xian and dragged him into the room without saying a word. He looked silently at Shao Yin, who was lying on the bed. At this moment, Shao Yin had wrapped herself in a blanket and was waiting for the Shao family to deliver the person she had been thinking about day and night!

He simply threw Shao Xian onto the bed and then turned to leave. After that, Shao Tu and Xia Wen both sauntered into the neighboring room to sleep. The two of them were so intoxicated that they fell asleep the moment their heads touched the pillows. Even if there was thunder booming outside, Shao Tu would not wake up.

Seeing that their plan had succeeded, Qiao Mei secretly extended the vines through the window gap to observe the movements in the room.

When Shao Yin heard that the people outside had left, she quietly took off all the clothes that "Xia Wen" was wearing and left him totally naked. She even felt a little shy when she reached his underwear, but she gritted her teeth and pulled it off. At this point, if she could not go all out, she would be letting down the entire Shao family.

After she was done, she lay back down and did not move. After some consideration, she placed "Xia Wen's" hand on her stomach. It would give the Shao family something to bear witness to when they came in later. The evidence would be irrefutable and the Xia family would not be able to deny anything.

Qiao Mei watched for a long time but Shao Yin did not make any next move. It seemed that she was not as decisive as Qiao Mei back then. Now that Qiao Mei thought back about it carefully, she felt that the original owner of the body was very bold to force Xia Zhe to do those things. When she recalled the details of that day, her face would still flush bright red!

It was not as if Shao Yin did not want to sleep with Xia Wen, but she did not know if she could get away with doing this. What if Xia Wen refused to be with her no matter what? She wanted to maintain her status as an innocent maiden so that she could still marry Xia Xing and live a comfortable life!

Qiao Mei retracted the vines and went to the front yard. It was time to bring these women from the Shao family to the backyard to take a look at what was going on. They probably could not sit still any longer too.

"Aunties! It's getting late. Let's get some rest early. I've prepared a room for all of you in the backyard. Let's talk in the room." Qiao Mei purposely switched on all the lights and the previously dark house was instantly brightly lit up.

Shao Chun had never seen such a beautiful place! It was like a fairyland! She had heard that Xia Guang was also divorced... Perhaps she should get a divorce and then think of a way to marry Xia Guang?