

Fat Wife 1411

Chapter 1411 Self-Directed Show

If Xia He and Qiao Mei knew what Shao Chun was thinking, they would definitely feel nauseated there and then. It was so true that birds of a feather always flocked together. These people were all cut from the same cloth.

The Shao family already held Xia Xing within their grasp, but the other women still set their sights on the other men from the Xia family's third son's family. No one knew why the third son's family was so unlucky to have encountered these insatiable gluttons from the Shao family.

"Qiao Mei, your house is so beautiful! I've never seen such a beautiful house! I'm guessing that Shao Yin's house probably looks similar to yours," Bian Duo said enviously.

"It must be! When the repairs on our Shao Yin's siheyuan courtyard house are done, it will definitely look even nicer than this place! This is such an old courtyard house," Shao Chun said smugly.

Qiao Mei did not reply and just smiled faintly at the Shao family members. Even now, they were still thinking about getting a siheyuan courtyard house. In a moment, there might not even be a wedding anymore!

At first, Qiao Mei brought Bian Duo and the others to a room that was very close to Qiao Qiang's quarters. This room was dark and damp and there were even spider webs in the corners. Qiao Mei had instructed Xu Kang to make it look like this so as to incite the Shao family to go through with their "plan".

"Oh no, this room is not suitable for use. It'll take a long time to clear out other rooms for you. What can we do!" Qiao Mei said embarrassedly.

"It's fine! In that case, we'll just go and stay with Shao Yin. You don't have to do anything!" Shao Chun said quickly.

This was exactly what they wanted! Otherwise, if they had to find a reason to go to Shao Yin's room to catch the couple in the act, it would look very fishy. Given the current situation, it was as if the heavens were also helping them!

"That's a good idea. I'm really sorry for not being a good host. Aunties, please accept my apologies," Qiao Mei said.

"We're already going to be a family. There's no need to stand on ceremony between us! You should go back to your own room too. It's so cold at night. I remember you just gave birth not long ago? You should avoid the cold wind," Bian Duo instructed.

If Qiao Mei did not know about the tricks which the Shao family had up their sleeves, she might have been touched by what Bian Duo said. If only the Shao family had behaved themselves, they might have been able to enjoy endless wealth and status, but now, they probably would not be able to get anything.

Qiao Mei took the opportunity to lead Xia He into Qiao Qiang's room. As soon as they entered, she quickly closed the door. Qiao Mei went to get a stool while Xia He went to switch off the lights. The two of them worked together like they had a tacit agreement. I think you should take a look at

Qiao Qiang's room was directly opposite Shao Yin's room. From his room, Qiao Mei and Xia He could see everything that was happening there.

"Why are the two of you leaning against the window sill? Why do you need to switch off the lights?" Qiao Qiang asked confusedly as he sat on the brick bed with his book. Xia He had switched off the lights so quickly that he did not have time to react. Qiao Mei did not inform him in advance about what they were doing.

"Grandpa Qiao! Come and take a look! The show is about to start!" Xia He said excitedly as she pointed out of the window. This was the first time she had seen such an exciting thing happening with her own eyes!

Qiao Qiang leaned against the window sill with the two women. Even though three heads had suddenly appeared at the window in unison, the Shao family members did not notice them at all.

Shao Chun held the door handle nervously. She had often heard stories of the older women in the village catching adulterous couples in the act, but it felt totally different when it was her turn to do such a thing today.

"Go in, quick... If you hesitate any longer, it'll be too late!" Huang Ning said anxiously.

"Second Sister-in-law, it's easy for you to talk! Then you go in and do it! I'm really scared," Shao Chun said.

Actually, Huang Ning did not dare to do it either. However, before they all came to attend this banquet, Shao Zhuang had promised her that if their family succeeded in this matter, Shao Yin would look for a girl among the Xia family's rich relatives to become Shao Xian's wife. When that happened, her family would be able to live a good life too.

She must do it for Shao Xian's future happiness! No matter how nervous or afraid she was, she must overcome the feelings. Huang Ning pushed open the door forcefully. With the light shining in from outside the room, everyone could see that there were two people lying on the bed. When they could make out clearly that it was a man and a woman, Huang Ning yelled out loudly.

"Ah!!!" Huang Ning screamed as she pointed at the people on the bed.

"What's wrong! What happened!" Shao Chun pretended not to know anything and hurriedly ran into the room. She took the cue from Huang Ning and pointed at the man on the bed, saying, "What a beast! You deserve to be slashed a thousand times! The two of you are not married yet! You... Why are you so impatient! You have ruined the innocence of our Shao family's girl!"

Chapter 1412 Caught In Bed

Qiao Mei nudged Xia He and asked curiously, "Can you make out what they're doing? Why does it seem to me that they don't look agitated at all? They're just screaming."

"Then how do you want them to act? Do you think they're acting in a stage play now? Aren't these considered very normal reactions? I actually think that they're acting very well! Don't tell me you know how people should react in such a situation?" Xia He said laughingly.

These words immediately reminded Qiao Mei of the morning after her passionate night with Xia Zhe. After that, Xia Zhe had bade farewell to Qiao Qiang in a hurry and did not even look at Qiao Mei with a nice expression.

Qiao Qiang also felt very uncomfortable as he listened in. At that time, he had almost acted in the same way to catch the couple in the act.

"What do I know? You're spouting nonsense..." Qiao Mei said awkwardly.

"I'm just joking... But what are these people from the Shao family doing?" Xia He asked curiously. When the courtyard house was rebuilt, Qiao Mei had made sure that there was thorough soundproofing done to all the rooms. At the moment, the three people in the room could only guess what the Shao family was doing based on their expressions, but they could not hear anything at all.

"What exactly did Eldest Brother tell you? What kind of plan did he have in mind?" Xia He asked as she looked at Qiao Mei.

"Eldest Brother didn't tell me anything! He just asked me to wait for his cue and be on standby to help him," Qiao Mei said. What Qiao Mei said was indeed the truth, but she was not like Xia He who did not know anything. She had even "seen" the entire process.

"Then let's wait and see. If anything happens, the Shao family will definitely come and get us," Xia He said.

The man's back was facing the door, so no one could see his face. They could only see his bare back. Shao Chun and Huang Ning did not dare to turn the man around to see if it was Xia Wen. Between the two of them, one was Shao Yin's aunt and the other was her aunt-in-law. They should not be the ones to take charge of this matter since Shao Yin's mother was here as well.

However, the man's build bore some resemblance to Xia Wen. It was likely to be him! Now, they just needed to get Bian Duo to come in and confirm it. After that, the deal was done!

Shao Chun hurriedly looked at Bian Duo, who was still standing outside, and said, "Sister-in-law! Quick, come and take a look! Oh my goodness!"

Only then did Bian Duo realize that it was her turn to perform. She rushed into the room and almost tripped over the door threshold! Luckily, Shao Chun was there to catch hold of her. I think you should take a look at

"This... this... what exactly is going on! Where are the Xia family members! Is there anyone around! Someone!" Bian Duo shouted in a panic as she went around the house looking for the other people.

"It's time!" Qiao Mei said.

The two of them hurriedly ran out of Qiao Qiang's room. Qiao Mei looked at Bian Duo with a panicked expression and asked, "What's wrong? What happened?"

"Look at what your family has done! You're just a junior and we don't want to talk to you! Ask your mother-in-law to come over! You have to give us an explanation for this!" Shao Chun said domineeringly. As she became more agitated, she even pushed Qiao Mei's shoulder, almost causing Qiao Mei to fall over.

"What are you doing! Why are you getting physical! My mother is already asleep at this time. If you have something to say, you can say it to me," Xia He said furiously.

"As if you can make decisions on behalf of the Xia family! I want to talk to your mother!" After saying that, Shao Chun pointed at Xia He and continued, "If you don't want to get her! Then I'll look for her myself!"

By now, Xu Lan and Liu Fen had already put on their cloaks and rushed to the backyard. The two of them had gone to bed early, but when they heard the commotion in the backyard, they had to come and see what was going on.

"What happened? Why are you so angry?" Xu Lan asked.

"Come and see what your Xia family has done! They're already getting married soon! Yet Xia Xing is so impatient! Is this the kind of good upbringing the Xia family has!" Shao Chun pointed at Xu Lan and roared.

Xu Lan frowned unhappily. She had never been pointed at and scolded in this manner in her entire life. How could Shao Chun have the guts to dare to speak to her like this!

"Speak clearly. Tell me, what exactly has our Xia family done and what has Xia Xing done?" Xu Lan said.

"Hmph! Do you still need me to spell it out! Go and take a look for yourself!" Shao Chun made way for Xu Lan and Liu Fen. The two women took two steps forward and saw a man and a woman lying on the bed.

Chapter 1413 They Are Siblings

The two of them were so shocked by the sight that they quickly took a few steps back. However, both Xu Lan and Liu Fen knew very well that the man lying on the bed was neither Xia Xing nor Xia Wen.

This was because Xia Wen was born with a birthmark on his neck. In the past, they had also heard from Wu Min that Xia Xing had many moles on his back. There was nothing on that man's back, so it was obvious that he was not one of these two kids from the Xia family.

The thing that made Xu Lan so shocked was the actions taken by Qiao Mei and Xia Wen. She had thought that they were just going to spoil the Shao family's scheme and make their efforts go to waste. She did not expect these children to be so cutthroat as to find another man to take part in the dirty deed with Shao Yin.

"See! You have to give us an explanation!" Shao Chun said.

"How do you know who's the person lying on the bed! His back is facing us. What right do you have to blame this on our Xia family!" Liu Fen said.

"If it's not Xia Xing, then it must be Xia Wen!" Huang Ning said immediately.

These few women kept arguing non-stop, making Qiao Mei's head hurt. She picked up a big stick from the side and smashed it on the ground as she said, "Stop arguing! Just go in and see who that man is! What's the point of arguing here!"

The entire yard fell silent. Fortunately, they had not quarreled too loudly just now and the surrounding neighbors probably did not hear them. Otherwise, this alley would be very lively with gossip for a while again.

Xu Lan was the first person to enter the room. She reached out to flip the man onto his back and present his face to everyone. When the Shao family members saw that it was Shao Xian lying on the bed, they gasped in shock.

"How can this be!" Bian Duo said in shock.

"Open your bloody eyes and take a good look! Is this man from our Xia family or your Shao family! Don't wrongly accuse our Xia family!" Xu Lan stood in front of the bed haughtily and pointed at Shao Xian.

Qiao Mei immediately covered her mouth and exclaimed, "Oh my goodness! How can such a thing happen!"

Xia He was still rooted to the spot. She never dreamed that Xia Wen would come up with such a plan. Shao Xian and Shao Yin were cousins. The two of them could not be in a relationship. This was going against society's morals and values!

Qiao Mei quickly stepped on Xia He's foot to make her come back to her senses. Xia He immediately yelled out, "Huh! Then how can she still get married! How can your Shao family do such a thing!"

Shao Yin had been pretending to be asleep the entire time. She was waiting for the moment when they would be caught in the act. However, from the contents of the conversation happening around her, things did not seem to have gone as planned.

She quietly opened her eyes and realized that it was not Xia Wen lying beside her, but Shao Xian. She was so shocked that she jumped up and wrapped herself tightly with the blanket.

"Ah!!!"

It would have been better if she had not tugged at the blanket because when she did that, she basically caused Shao Xian to be exposed to everyone. Shao Xian was completely naked, but Shao Yin was not wearing a stitch as well. Everyone could see that Shao Yin's undergarments were on the floor!

Huang Ning quickly took off her coat and covered Shao Xian's body. Qiao Mei instructed Xu Kang to bring over another blanket to cover Shao Xian. It was not because she was kind-hearted, but more like she was worried that everyone would get an eye stye from looking at such an indecent image!

"This is all a misunderstanding! A misunderstanding!" Shao Chun said.

"Misunderstanding? What kind of misunderstanding is this? There's a man and a woman lying naked on the same bed. What kind of misunderstanding is this?" Qiao Mei questioned.

"How can you interrupt when the elders are talking!" Shao Chun shouted.

Xu Lan looked at Shao Chun unhappily and said, "My daughter-in-law can speak for me! Do you have a problem with that?"

"No... no..." Shao Chun said softly.

She did not know that Qiao Mei had such a high status in the Xia family, and that a village girl from the countryside could actually be so highly regarded by the Xia family. What had Shao Yin been doing during this period of time while staying with the Xia family! She did not seem to have found out any of such important information.

The information that Shao Yin sent home did not give any indication of the status of each person in the Xia family. She only said that the Xia family was very particular about family hierarchy and etiquette, which was why they thought that Qiao Mei was not favored in the family.

"Now it's your family's turn to give us an explanation," Xu Lan said.

"This... Shao Xian and Shao Yin are like siblings. Even if they sleep in the same bed, nothing will ever happen between them!" Huang Ning explained.

Chapter 1414 Nothing Happened

"Then why was Shao Yin so shocked just now?" Qiao Mei immediately asked.

Shao Chun gnashed her teeth and stared at Qiao Mei. Why was this wretched girl so talkative! She should have sent this girl away earlier and not let her have a chance to speak in the room!

"That... that's because of us! There were so many of us in the room staring at her. Of course she would feel afraid, especially since she just woke up!" Shao Chun explained.

Qiao Mei secretly sized up Bian Duo. Given that something like this had happened to her own daughter, she did not say or do anything but only just stood at the side and kept quiet. It was Shao Chun, who was only Shao Yin's aunt, speaking up for Shao Yin. These people from the Shao family were really a strange bunch.

However, it did not matter which one of them stepped forward to speak. The most important thing was to make use of all the facts to nail down these people so that none of them would be able to escape!

"Is that so? Auntie, didn't you say earlier that Shao Yin always falls asleep if she drinks alcohol and won't be able to get up until past noon the next day? Why is she awake so early this time round?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"Maybe... maybe Shao Yin woke up in fright! When we quarreled outside just now, it was so loud that it might have frightened Shao Yin!" Bian Duo said.

It did not matter whether Shao Yin woke up or not. The most important thing now was not to find out if Shao Yin was actually drunk earlier, but to find out if Shao Xian and Shao Yin had done something wrong together!

"The two of them had done such a shameful thing in my house! I don't think the wedding can still proceed!" Qiao Mei said angrily.

"Why not! Whether it can proceed or not is up to the elders in the family to decide! What you say doesn't count!" Bian Duo said as she pointed at Qiao Mei.

Xu Lan stepped forward and said, "I'm sure I can be considered an elder in the family! I can decide on this matter! Our Xia family will not allow Xia Xing to become related to the Shao family!"

"You're not Xia Xing's mother. You're just his aunt-in-law. You don't have any right!" Shao Chun said.

"My husband is the eldest son of the Xia family! He takes care of all the important matters in the Xia family. Xia Xing's mother has already left the family, so I can make the decision for him! Even if my husband is here, he will also feel the same way!" Xu Lan said firmly.

Bian Duo was so taken aback that she almost fainted. Fortunately, Huang Ning caught her in time. Shao Chun had to step forward and say, "It might not be our family's fault in this matter. The two of them did not look like they did anything!"

"There's a man and a woman lying naked on the same bed, and yet it's fine just because you say so? Besides, the two of them are born from different parents. In our village, many men marry their cousins when they can't find a wife! You don't seem to care that you don't make sense!" Qiao Mei said.

Xia He quickly added, "That's right! You were the ones who came to ask us to catch them in the act just now. Now, you're the ones saying that the two of them did not do anything. You simply twist the facts to suit your story! You can't do that!"

"They're related by blood! What you say doesn't apply! Can Shao Yin be blamed for this? Perhaps the men had too much to drink and brought him to the wrong room?" Shao Chun argued.

Xia He laughed loudly as if she had heard the biggest joke in the world. She looked at Shao Chun and asked, "If you're saying that my eldest brother and Uncle Shao carried Shao Xian into the wrong room, then why did the two of them go to the room next door themselves? Or was it Uncle Shao who had designs on Shao Yin?"

"You're spouting nonsense! How can you slander my husband! Don't talk rubbish if you don't have any evidence! My husband is already so old, what can he do!" Huang Ning said agitatedly.

Xia He shrugged and said, "Who knows..."

"It's still too early to tell if it's really slander! The story that your Shao family is telling is full of loopholes! You say that your Shao family members have a habit of sleeping naked! Then Shao Tu should be naked in the room next door too!" Xu Lan said as she glared at the women.

Shao Chun and the others broke out in cold sweat. Even if they wanted to refute, they could not find any explanation. There was no way for them to cover up the lie they told just now.

Qiao Mei immediately told Xu Kang to go to the room next door to see if Shao Tu was properly dressed or not. When Xu Kang entered the room, she saw him lying spread-eagle on the brick bed and sleeping soundly! He did not bother to cover himself with a blanket and did not even take off his shoes before falling asleep.

"Both men have their clothes on," Xu Kang reported when she returned.

Chapter 1415 Getting Bitten By A Dog

"Did you check properly? Don't get the facts wrong!" Huang Ning asked suspiciously.

"Hmph, even if I'm blind, I can still tell who's from the Xia family and who's from the Shao family!" Xu Kang said angrily.

Even if she did not come and work as a helper in the Xia family, she was still Xu Lan's relative. How could she not be able to recognize Xu Lan's child? What a joke!

"It seems that your Shao family members don't have the kind of sleeping habits that you mentioned. In that case, who took off Shao Xian's clothes? Shao Xian was already drunk at that time. Could it be that he took off his clothes himself? Then that would mean he knew what he was doing at that time!" Xia He said in surprise.

If she made it sound like Shao Xian was still conscious when he went into the room, then it would seem like a sure bet that Shao Xian had designs on Shao Yin. If Shao Xian was drunk and unconscious at that time, then it would be someone else's fault and could not have anything to do with Shao Xian.

"Nonsense! My son was so drunk that he was already in a blur! How could he be conscious enough to do such things!" Huang Ning said.

"Then... it would be Shao Yin who took off his clothes," Xia He said immediately.

The women from the Shao family all started talking at once. Shao Chun spoke up for Shao Yin of course. After all, it would only be beneficial for her if Shao Yin married into the Xia family. As for Huang Ning, she definitely wanted to protect her own son, Shao Xian. Even if their family could not get any benefits in the future, she must at least protect Shao Xian's reputation!

He still had to get married at some point in the future! If it became known that something like this had happened between him and his cousin, no nice girl would want to marry him!

Bian Duo, on the other hand, behaved strangely. She did not speak up to defend Shao Yin at all. Instead, she looked very nervous. It was as if she was worried that she might say the wrong thing if posed with a difficult question.

Did they not say that Bian Duo doted on her daughter the most? Then why was it that she did not seem to care about Shao Yin when Shao Yin was in trouble?

"Shut up, all of you!" Shao Zhuang suddenly barged into the room and pointed at the Xia family members as he shouted, "This is your Xia family's scheme! All of this is part of your plan! We're the ones who fell into your trap!"

Xu Lan frowned and looked at Shao Zhuang who was standing at the door. This was a room full of women arguing with each other and there was no reason for a man to barge in here. Moreover, the men from her family were all drunk. Xia Wen and Xia Xing were in a drunken slumber at the moment and could not be awoken at all. I think you should take a look at

How could they, being the womenfolk, be the ones to talk to Shao Zhuang about this? If things got physical, they would be at a disadvantage. This matter was no longer something that they could handle. They had to ask the other men of the Xia family to come back and discuss this matter together.

Qiao Mei gave Xia He a gentle pat and asked her to secretly go out to get reinforcements. She would take care of the matters in the house until the actual head of the Xia family got here.

Xia He immediately went to the entrance of the alley to make phone calls to Xia Jun, Xia Mao and Xia Guang. Xia Yao was not in the capital now and his children were all busy with their own matters, so she did not disturb them. This whole issue had nothing to do with the second son's family anyway.

"Alright, let's not argue here. If you want to talk, then let's talk in the front hall," Qiao Mei said.

Everyone arrived at the front hall one after another. Shao Xian was still sleeping and could not be awoken at all, so they let him be. Even if he was awake, what he said might not be the truth. Qiao Mei gave Shao Yin some time to get dressed and look presentable before coming to the front hall. It was inappropriate for her to be so scantily dressed.

The women of the Shao family seemed less desperate than before. The moment Shao Zhuang appeared, all of them suddenly seemed remotivated. It was as if Shao Zhuang could change the fate of their family. That was simply a pipe dream!

"Since you say that the Xia family is responsible for all this, then where is your evidence?" Qiao Mei asked.

Shao Zhuang looked at Qiao Mei mockingly and said, "Does the Xia family even have family rules in place? How dare a small-fry like you talk to me? I'll wait for Old Master Xia to arrive. Otherwise, I won't speak."

Xia He was so angry that she almost went forward to beat him up. Qiao Mei quickly held on to Xia He and said, "Calm down. Why are you so angry?"

"Didn't you hear what he said about you? I really can't take this lying down!" Xia He said.

"I heard him and I can't be bothered to refute him. Do I have to lower my head and bite a dog back when it bites me? Isn't that the behavior of a fool? Just let it be. There's no need to fuss about it," Qiao Mei said calmly.

Chapter 1416 Spot On

Shao Zhuang smacked the table angrily and said, "Who are you calling a dog!"

"Oh my! Your ears are quite sharp if you can hear my elder sister gossiping. Didn't you say that you won't speak until my grandfather comes? Then hold it in and don't say anything," Qiao Mei said.

"Didn't you say you want to discuss this issue with us? Then let's talk about it!" Shao Zhuang looked at Qiao Mei and continued, "Today's banquet was clearly a setup by your Xia family to frame us! You deliberately buy so much liquor to get my younger brother and my nephew drunk so that you can fabricate stories about our family!"

"Uncle Shao, listen to what you're saying. The amount of liquor we prepared was based on an estimate of half a bottle per person. Moreover, we even prepared less than what we estimated since there are more women here today! It was your younger brother who insisted on drinking even after we ran out of liquor and asked my helper to go out and buy some more. Everyone who was present at that time knew about this," Qiao Mei said.

"You're talking nonsense! What proof do you have that it was my younger brother who asked you to buy more!" Shao Zhuang questioned.

"The liquor that we served today is Moutai and all specially bought for today. Every bottle of Moutai is numbered. If you go to the shop to do a check, it's not difficult to find out the exact timing when we bought all the liquor. The liquor that you drank later on is just normal liquor sold at the shop at the entrance of the alley. The taste is surely different. Those liquor bottles are still under the windowsill! We can go and bring them in later," Qiao Mei said.

"Even if we were the ones who wanted to drink more, you bought way too much. Besides, you kept forcing them to drink! Otherwise, why would the two of them keep drinking!" Shao Zhuang said accusingly.

Qiao Mei picked up the tea bowl beside her and took a slow sip of tea before saying, "You know very well who drank more, my eldest brother or your younger brother and nephew. My eldest brother drank so much that he became giddy and only managed to recover after resting in the backyard for a while. During this period of time, he kept saying that he wanted to leave the banquet but all of you held on to him and asked him to continue drinking. Is this what you mean by us forcing you to drink?"

"It's so obvious that it was the three of you who forced my brother to drink! Don't lie about it!" Xia He said.

"If you still want to say that we're the ones who force you to drink, we can all go to one of those professional organizations to take blood samples and do a check on who has more alcohol in their body. This way, none of us will be able to shirk responsibility. However, your Shao family will have to pay for this service," Qiao Mei said seriously. I think you should take a look at

Xia He had never heard of such an organization in her life. Qiao Mei was just trying to scare the Shao family. Such technology was not widely available yet and it would be a long time before everyone would be able to afford it. It was still in the research stage during this era and families like them could only hear snippets about the progress. It would be impossible for them to get the help of those researchers.

The costs of running each round of tests was not a small sum!

In any case, the Shao family was illiterate and probably did not know anything about professional tests. They did not have much money anyway. All their current expenses were being paid for by the Xia family!

"That fellow Xia Wen is a really good drinker! In the end, he was the only one sober while all of us got drunk. He tricked my younger brother and nephew into going to the backyard and then knocked my nephew out. My younger brother already drank too much and could not see clearly who was beside him, so he fell for the trick!" Shao Zhuang said.

He was actually spot on. Other than the first sentence about how Xia Wen was a good drinker, everything else he said was almost exactly the same as what actually happened. However, Shao Zhuang did not have any evidence! There was no use in making wild guesses!

"I only know that my eldest brother is drunk right now and resting in the backyard! He already vomited a few times during the day! How can he have the strength to harm others! My eldest brother drank twice the amount of what each of you drank!" Xia He said angrily.

If not for Qiao Mei being around to help, Xia Wen would probably be in the hospital by now. How could anyone drink baijiu, such a strong distilled spirit, like water? In the past, when Xia Wen was in the army, he did not touch any alcohol at all. Later on, when he became a university professor, he started to drink a little. His current capacity for alcohol was honed only after working in the government sector.

He had to attend many functions as part of his job given that there were always people who wanted to treat him to meals and drinks. He could not turn down any of these invitations and used to get drunk after each function. At that time, Tan Jing was still busy thinking about how to have children! She did not care about Xia Wen's condition at all. Xia Wen had such a tougher life then compared to now!

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Chapter 1417 Finding Out More Information

"You're just bullying the Shao family because we're weak and defenseless and have no form of support in the capital. You actually do such a despicable thing just to prevent my daughter from marrying into your family! Yet you find excuses for your behavior! Who knows if you're colluding with those organizations! I don't believe in anything you say! Anyway, it's just all part of your scheme!" Shao Zhuang refused to listen to anything and just kept insisting that it was the Xia family's fault. He felt that so long as he remained so unreasonable, they would not be able to do anything to him.

Qiao Mei smiled. She had encountered so many ruffians and scoundrels in the village in the past. There were so many people who were even worse than Shao Zhuang. Why would she be afraid of Shao Zhuang's threats? What a joke he was.

At most, she would just borrow a page from those shameless old women and kick up a big fuss to give the Shao family a huge headache!

"Since you say that it's all a ploy by the Xia family, then let me ask you. Is it the Xia family who has ulterior motives towards the Shao family or is it your Shao family who has ulterior motives towards the Xia family? Is your daughter as beautiful as a fairy or is she very talented, very virtuous, very gentle or very filial to her parents? Is your family so rich that our family needs to eye your money?" Qiao Mei asked.

Speaking of Shao Yin's looks, she was just ordinary looking and not very outstanding. In a small county city, perhaps she could be considered good-looking. However, for her to claim to be "as beautiful as a fairy" in front of Qiao Mei and Xia He, then that would be too shameless!

Even if one searched the entire capital, one would not be able to find many women who were prettier than Qiao Mei and Xia He.

Shao Yin was illiterate and had never gone to school or learned any musical instruments. Xia He was a trained dancer after all! As for Qiao Mei, she was a very rich woman. What could the Xia family see in Shao Yin, given that she was just a lazy and inept woman?

"Oh right! Your family members say that Shao Yin does not have much capacity for alcohol and that she gets drunk easily and will then sleep until the next day. We all heard it with our own ears. I was the one who asked someone to carry Shao Yin to the back. I should think that your Shao family is considered a 'prominent' family in the county city. If I get someone to go and ask around, I'm sure they'll be able to get back to me very quickly on whether Shao Yin gets drunk easily or not," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Seeing that all the Shao family members were such good drinkers and eloquent speakers, Qiao Mei could roughly guess that the Shao family members liked to go around socializing with others. Some of them probably even relied on their sweet tongues to freeload on food and drinks! To put it nicely, if they went from house to house to freeload during mealtimes, they could save a lot of money.

If the Shao family members usually behaved like this, then there must be many people who secretly hated them! Now that times were hard and everyone found it hard to put food on the table, why would anyone be happy to see freeloaders at their house? Some people were probably too abashed to outrightly reject these people from the Shao family and must have suffered a lot at their hands!

Shao Zhuang immediately looked awkward. He had forgotten all about this! During the day, his attention was all on Xia Wen and he did not notice what was going on with the women at all.

The county city where the Shao family lived was not far from the capital. The Xia family also had a few trusted aides there. It would only take a phone call to check on whether the Shao family members were telling the truth just now.

"That's right! There's even no need for us to ask around in the county city! Isn't there still a bunch of people from your family in the guest houses! I'll arrange for someone to go and ask them right away! Let's see if what you said is true!" Xia He ran out and looked for Luo Yu, who was standing guard in the backyard. She asked him to make the arrangements and get it checked out as soon as possible.

While they waited for the news, Xia Jun and Xia Mao arrived in their cars. They did not enter immediately but had stopped outside the door for a while to listen in as Qiao Mei was speaking. Her voice was sonorous and impactful, just as what they expected of the Xia family's daughter-in-law. They both felt very proud of her.

Xia He also spoke more logically nowadays. She was no longer as hot-tempered as before, when she preferred to let her fists do the talking. It seemed that when it came to her, spending a few months with Qiao Mei was much more useful than going to school!

Previously, whenever there were such situations, it was usually the men from the Xia family holding down the fort. Now, the Xia family had a daughter-in-law who was equally as capable! With a daughter-in-law like Qiao Mei in the Xia family, Xia Jun felt very much at ease. At the very least, Xia Mao's family would never be in a mess and they would always live together harmoniously.

"Oh, it's so bustling here. I can already hear the commotion in this room even before entering the house. What's the issue that's making the kids in my family so angry?" Xia Jun asked as he walked in.

At that moment, Xia He just came in from outside. When she saw Xia Jun and Xia Mao coming to give them support, she almost felt like crying aggrievedly. Just now, she and Qiao Mei had to struggle to hold the fort as Shao Zhuang pressured them constantly and refused to give in.

Chapter 1418 Look Down On You

Unexpectedly, Shao Zhuang became much more polite the moment he saw Xia Jun. His attitude was no longer as domineering as when he spoke to Qiao Mei just now. He said respectfully, "I'm just asking for an explanation. I don't mean anything else. As long as Xia Xing marries my daughter as planned, we can pretend that nothing happened."

"Huh? Is there such a thing?" Xia Jun looked at Shao Zhuang and asked nonchalantly, as if he did not even take this matter seriously.

"Pfft! Dream on! She behaves like a loose woman in my house and yet she still wants to join our family! Dream on!" Xu Lan scolded angrily. Even though Xia Jun and Xia Mao were present, she did not care about decorum. The Shao family had really gone too far.

"I originally wanted to save your family from the embarrassment, but if that's the case, then I'll relate all the facts!" Qiao Mei looked at Shao Zhuang and continued, "It was Shao Yin who came to me and begged me so pitifully to lend her my place to hold this banquet. She even asked me to be the one to invite all the elders in the family to come over so that it would make your Shao family look good. Just now, you said that we did everything on purpose, but there is really no reason for us to do so."

"That's right! It's you! You're the instigator who frames my daughter! You hate my daughter and that's why you set her up to be with another man!" Shao Zhuang stood up and pointed at Qiao Mei angrily as he roared at her.

Qiao Mei wondered if there was something wrong with Shao Zhuang's brain. What could she gain from plotting against Shao Yin? She was already married to the Xia family's most outstanding grandson and had a bright future ahead of her. There was no reason for her to be jealous of Shao Yin at all.

Should she be jealous of the fact that Shao Yin did not take baths often?

"Then what's the reason for me doing that? You have to make sense when you speak. Don't be like a mad dog biting at everything. Don't you think you've been kicking a fuss in my house long enough? In that case, let's go to the police station and lodge reports separately. Even though it will be embarrassing for the Xia family, we will just be laughed at for trusting people too blindly, nothing worse than that," Qiao Mei said with a faint smile.

Shao Zhuang panicked. That b*tch, Zhou Luo, had previously sworn to him that the Xia family was easily embarrassed and particularly easy to manipulate. They would always err on the side of caution as long as it was something related to their reputation.

Now that they wanted to settle this matter in the police station, his daughter would be utterly embarrassed if word got out! Even if she could not marry into the Xia family, she could still marry into another family. There were so many men in the capital, so surely one of them would fall for Shao Yin?! think you should take a look at

"Don't tell me you can make decisions for your grandfather! So this is how your Xia family treats us! You even only rent the venue for the wedding! Look at where you're living! The Xia family gives you a big house when you marry into the family. Yet they only rent a lousy house for my daughter even though she's also marrying into the family. Is this what your family means when you say you'll take care of my daughter?" Shao Zhuang said.

"Since Uncle Shao wants to talk about this, then I want to ask how much dowry your daughter is bringing with her when she gets married?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Dowry? What dowry? Don't tell me that our family still has to fork out a sum of the money when my daughter has to wait on Xia Xing after she gets married?" Shao Zhuang looked at Qiao Mei in disbelief. He had never heard of the need for a dowry.

"This courtyard house doesn't belong to the Xia family entirely. Look at the backyard part of the house and the small house opposite it. Those are all mine. Even if I don't marry into the Xia family, my own family can be considered well-off in the capital. If the Shao family cares so much about the issue of the house, then why don't you just fork out the money to buy one for your daughter?" Qiao Mei looked at Shao Zhuang and said with a smile.

Shao Zhuang had never heard Zhou Luo mention this matter before. He thought Qiao Mei was just a village woman? How could she have so much money!

"How can a girl from the countryside have so much money! You must be lying to me!" Shao Zhuang said.

"The title deed is in my hands and it's my name written on it. How can this be fake? Do you think everyone from the countryside is like you, as poor as a church mouse?" Qiao Mei rolled her eyes and said disdainfully.

Qiao Mei had never intended to flaunt her wealth. It was Shao Zhuang's fault for being so snobbish and always mocking her for being a woman from the countryside. Everyone should take a good look at their own ancestry and trace back three generations! She would like to know which family did not come from a farming background!

People who lived in the city for a few years would start to look down on people from the countryside. It did not seem to strike them that the food they ate was all grown and farmed by villagers! If there were no villagers, these so-called city dwellers would have starved to death long ago!

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Chapter 1419 I Cannot Wait to Kill You

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The Shao family's financial situation had only improved in recent years. In the past, they used to be the poorest family in the village and even had a leaky roof! Every springtime, during the rainy season, it was a very uncomfortable time for the entire family and the children would fall sick often. Under such circumstances, only a few of them managed to survive through the years.

The good thing about Shao Zhuang was that he was hardworking and he managed to improve the living situation for his own family. His family was small and he only had two daughters, one biological and one adopted.

If not for the fact that Xia Xing was kind enough to buy them a house in the county city, they would not be enjoying such a comfortable life now. However, they took him for granted after taking advantage of him. In fact, Xia Xing would have been better off feeding a group of dogs! The dogs would be more loyal than this bunch of leeches from the Shao family.

"There's no need to say so much. Our Xia family will never be related to a family like yours. If you keep your mouth shut and return to your hometown, we can pretend that nothing has happened between the two families. If you don't agree, then a few of you will have to stay behind in the police station in the capital," Xia Jun said.

"Oh right! I'm sure you have already conveniently forgotten what you've done. When you go to the police station, I'll bring my eldest brother's liquor glass there as well and ask the professionals to run tests and see what kind of substances they can find. Even though he had used the same glass to hold several drinks, I'm sure they can still find traces of the drug on the side of the glass. They can also check the fingerprints on the glass to find out who the real culprit is," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Qiao Mei did not say all this just to scare the Shao family. She really intended to go and get the glass examined for evidence. Earlier, she had already arranged for someone to retrieve the aphrodisiac packaging from the toilet and put it into a sealed bag, and had even asked the person to use tongs to pick it up! She was worried that the Shao family members would deny everything and refuse to admit that they were the ones who did it.

When Xia Jun and Xia Mao were on the way, they were not informed about the incident of the Shao family drugging Xia Wen. Xia Mao hurriedly stood up and wanted to go to the backyard to take a look at Xia Wen. He turned to take a look at Qiao Mei and she shook her head gently. Xia Mao knew that since Qiao Mei could pull him back from the gates of hell, she would also be able to give Xia Wen an antidote.

"Beasts! You even want to harm my grandson! Are you tired of living! Xia Mao! Arrange for someone to send them to the police station now!" Xia Jun smacked the table and said angrily.

Xia Wen was the grandson he doted on the most. He might not have been this angry if Xia Xing was the one who was drugged. After all, Xia Xing had never spent much time with him all these years. He had not even seen Xia Xing more than 20 times in his life and did not have much feelings for Xia Xing at all. It did not really matter to him whether this grandson existed or not.

Shao Zhuang hurriedly knelt in front of Xia Jun and said, "Uncle Xia, please let my family and my daughter off. We were just muddle-headed for a moment! Please forgive us. We won't dare to do it again!"

Xia Jun shook his head resignedly. If the Shao family had readily admitted their mistake earlier, Xia Jun might have been willing to give them a way out. The Xia family would just forget about everything they had given to the Shao family in the past. However, these people made it such that there was no need for him to feel sorry for them!

"Stop it. There's no point begging me here while trying to put on an act. I won't malign your family for no reason. I won't take to heart anything that has nothing to do with this issue. But I won't let go of anyone who harms my grandson, Xia Wen! Not one!" Xia Jun said.

Shao Zhuang still struggled to find something to say, but he no longer had anything that he could use against the Xia family. At this moment, it was only the Xia family who had control over them. The women from the Shao family could not withstand such a scary situation anymore and they all collapsed to the ground while covering their mouths tightly, afraid that Xia Jun would arrange for someone to kill them all!

This thought had indeed crossed Xia Jun's mind. However, the current era was different from a few decades ago. If it was 50 years earlier, Xia Jun would definitely slaughter this room full of black-hearted bastards with his own hands!

Qiao Mei looked towards the door. When she told everyone to come to the main hall to talk, she had also asked Shao Yin to come along. Why was she not here after so long? Could it be that she was creating more trouble in the backyard?

"I must get married today! None of you can stop me!" Shao Yin walked in smugly through the door. She did not even bother to wear her clothes properly. Xia Jun and Xia Mao lowered their heads to avoid looking at such a slutty woman.

"Your Shao family can even do such a thing! Our Xia family can't accept you! If you know what's good for you, then you should just get lost! Don't stay around and be an eyesore!" Xu Lan said angrily.

"You won't be able to chase me away! Besides, I still have to marry Xia Xing! He must be responsible for me given that he has already touched me!" Shao Yin said.

Chapter 1420 Harming The Children

"Nonsense! When did Xia Xing touch you!" Xu Lan said.

The Xia family had a set of family traditions and house rules. Before the wedding banquet was held, even if the couple was engaged, they were not allowed to sleep together. Otherwise, they would be beaten to death with a big stick!

It was fortunate that the Xia family did not know about the matter between Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei back then. Even the people in the village did not know about it. Otherwise, Xia Zhe would have died long ago!

At this moment, Xu Lan was also feeling a little afraid. Although Xia Wen was the one who had rented the house for the couple back then, no one knew whether Xia Xing and Shao Yin slept in the same room or separately. It was really hard to say.

"Hmph, of course it's not today! It was something ago when Xia Xing was drunk and he forced me to do it!" Shao Yin said.

Xu Lan immediately ran to the backyard to wake Xia Xing up. If she could not wake him up, she would pour a basin of cold water over his head! No matter what, she must get him up!

Xia Wen had already woken up a while back. He just sat in the room and listened quietly to everything that was happening in the front yard. He had been very worried that no one in the Xia family would be able to handle the situation. When he heard what Qiao Mei said, he felt incomparably proud. It was the Xia family's blessing that he had such a sister-in-law. Xia Zhe was really blessed.

Xu Lan rushed into the room and gave Shao Tu two tight slaps. Her action shocked Xia Wen so much that he quickly grabbed Xu Lan and said, "Mother! What are you doing!"

Fortunately, Shao Tu had drunk too much and was unconscious at the moment. He would not be able to get up even if he was hit another 10 times. Otherwise, the Shao family would definitely kick up a huge fuss about it.

"I just hate them! I can't wait to kill this group of assholes!" Xu Lan gnashed her teeth and pointed at Shao Tu.

Ever since she married Xia Mao, she had gone through so many issues caused by the third son's family. Xia Mao was highly regarded in the family and he saw it as his duty to care for his younger siblings, but when had Xia Yao and Xia Fang ever caused trouble for his family? They would never come and trouble him unless it was absolutely necessary.

Even Liu Fen had a sense of empathy for Xu Lan. Whenever Liu Fen was free, she would come to Xu Lan's house to chat with her. Their two families enjoyed a very good relationship. Sometimes, Xu Lan felt really glad to have a sister-in-law like Liu Fen. The two of them got along like they were real sisters.

Unexpectedly, Zhou Hua managed to find fault with Xu Lan all the time. Every time Zhou Hua came to Xu Lan's house, she would take some items with her when she left. Xu Lan did not care about this, but Zhou Hua could not harm her children like this! I think you should take a look at

"Mother! Calm down. If we kill them, all our efforts will be in vain! What are you doing in the backyard? Is there something that Father and Grandfather need me to do?" Xia Wen asked.

"Oh right! I'm here to get Xia Xing to go to the front yard for a confrontation! Help me to wake this disappointing younger cousin of yours!" Xu Lan was so angry that she felt dizzy and had to sit at one side to take a breather.

It was only after Xia Wen poured a basin of cold water on Xia Xing's head that Xia Xing started stirring. As soon as he woke up, he scolded, "Who is it! Who dares to do this to me!"

Xu Lan stood up and gave him a slap, saying, "It's me!"

"Eldest... Eldest Aunt-in-law... Why are you here? What time is it now? Has the banquet ended?" Xia Xing asked as he held his face.

"All you can think about is the banquet! Do you know that your cousin was almost murdered by those assholes from the Shao family! Do you know what that fiancée of yours has done!" Xu Lan pointed at Xia Xing and continued, "Xia Xing, you used to be such a good kid. Why are you so muddle-headed now! What's so good about that Shao family's girl? To the extent that you must marry her!"

Xia Xing lowered his head dejectedly. He did not want things to end up like this, but Zhou Hua and Zhou Luo had never intended to let him off. He was their tool to seize the Xia family's assets. He was at their beck and call and he could not make any decision for himself.

Xu Lan detailed everything that had happened today to Xia Xing. She asked calmly, "Tell me the truth. Have you already done those things with Shao Yin?"

"Yes... yes..." Xia Xing whispered.

At that time, he did not think too much about it. They were about to get married and it should not matter if they did those intimate acts. Who knew that things would end up like this!

"You! You're such a disappointment! Go to the front yard and explain yourself to your grandfather! I don't want to care about this anymore!" Xu Lan said in exasperation.