

## **Fat Wife 1511**

### Chapter 1511 Disco Ball From the Dance Floor

"Pfft! He's an asshole! He's such a nasty person! He makes fun of me every day! I have already broken three pairs of high heels! Those are my favorite high heels!" Qian'e cursed angrily.

Qiao Mei was so amused by Qian'e that she laughed out loud. She hugged the wine bottle and said, "It's fine, I'll reimburse you! Let's go to the mall tomorrow to buy shoes, the most expensive ones! The most beautiful ones! The most fashionable ones! The most dazzling high heels!"

"I already did! Do I look like someone who lacks money! I went to buy it on the same day! Do you know what that asshole said when he saw me?" Qian'e said angrily.

"What did he say? Rare words of praise?" Qiao Mei said as she laughed.

"Rubbish! He said that I was wearing the disco ball from the dance floor on my feet! At that time, I was so angry that I wanted to take off my shoes and smash them on his head!" Qian'e said angrily.

"Who does he think he is! That day, I couldn't help but say something bad about him in the stairwell and those women actually said that I was blind! What a joke! I, Qian'e, only like outstanding and peerless men! Both Xia Zhe or Zheng Peng are handsome and capable men! I only have eyes for the best!" Qian'e said arrogantly.

It then dawned on Qian'e that Qiao Mei was now Xia Zhe's wife and she whispered, "You won't mind, right? I really don't have any feelings for Xia Zhe anymore! I swear! I'm just talking about what happened in the past!"

"I'm not that petty. Besides, have you forgotten how the two of us met? I don't mind these things. Besides, there are many men who are better than Xia Zhe. You deserve someone better," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Qiao Mei had also given Qian'e the 100-year-old ginseng juice. With Qiao Mei's current capability, she could produce as many 100-year-old ginsengs as she liked. Basically, the entire Xia family's drinking water and other beverages were mixed with 100-year-old ginseng juice.

The current Qian'e was completely different from how she looked when they first met. If He Mei returned to the capital, she would definitely get a shock. She would never have dreamed that the ugly duckling from back then had now turned into a white swan.

"Why don't I get someone else to liaise with the Han Corporation? If you continue like this, you'll eventually end up in the hospital. You have to know that anger can also cause a lot of illnesses," Qiao Mei said earnestly.

Qian'e thought for a moment and then shouted, "No! I have to crack this tough nut from the Han Corporation! How can I lower my head and admit defeat to that asshole! I have to make him talk to me with respect! I want him to say that the packaging I design is very beautiful! I want him to kneel down and beg for mercy! I want him to beg me to go to the Han Corporation to be a designer!"

"Alright, alright, alright. My respected lady, it's getting late. You should go to bed. You still have to crack that tough nut from the Han Corporation tomorrow!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Qian'e staggered to Qiao Mei's office door. Before she left, she hugged the wine bottle and turned around to look at Qiao Mei. "Give me a raise! Only money can heal the trauma caused to my heart! I don't believe that I can't deal with that man! When the time comes, I'll definitely make him put the disco ball from the dance floor on his head and apologize to me!"

Qiao Mei quickly took out 1,000 dollars from the drawer and gave it to Qian'e by stuffing the money in her clothes. She quickly sent this drunkard out of her office so that she could finally have some peace and quiet.

She did not expect Qian'e to be such a bad drinker. They had only drunk a few bottles and she was already spouting nonsense. However, it was still quite interesting. If Han Chen heard what she said today, he might come up with even more nonsense.

Qiao Mei went to bed groggily. As the night turned into day, Lu Huai and his team rushed back on time with all the seeds. The moment they reached the factory, they started unloading and taking stock. All this while, Chi Ze was the one in charge of the warehouse.

"Brothers, you've worked hard. You can head to the canteen for breakfast. Director Qiao specially instructed me to prepare a few dishes for all of you. She's just waiting for all of you to be back!" Chi Ze said warmly as he put his arm around Lu Huai's shoulder.

"There's no hurry. We'll help you unload the things first. There's really a lot of seeds! I feel as if the few of us have moved the entire village back!" Lu Huai lamented.

"Our Director Qiao always does things on a big scale. She only wants the best. The bulk for these seeds will not be sold to the public in the end and those that don't meet the standard will be thrown out," Chi Ze said.

#### Chapter 1512 Payday

Lu Huai frowned slightly and asked, "Throw out? Where do you throw them? Don't tell me you really throw everything away? It would be a pity to throw away such nice stuff."

"No, no, no, that's not what I mean. Director Qiao will sell some of the substandard seeds to the factory staff at 20 cents a pound. Each of us can buy five pounds a year! Even the defective goods in the factory are a hundred times better than those lousy goods sold outside!" Chi Ze explained.

Lu Huai smiled and nodded. Qiao Mei was almost exactly like how Xia Wen described. She was really a money-grubber! She was born to be a businesswoman.

After they unloaded all the goods, they went to the canteen together for their meal. Chi Ze also asked his subordinates to come over and all of them chatted and laughed together. They even wanted to become sworn brothers!

After they had eaten and drunk their fill, Lu Huai brought everyone to the large meeting room on the first floor of the administrative building to wait for Qiao Mei to pay their salary. By now, all the workshops and buildings had their own official names. Qiao Mei decided to do it this way in order to make it easier for everyone. Otherwise, if everyone came up with their own name for each building and workshop, no one would know where the other party was referring to.

"Brother, how long do we have to wait? We haven't slept well for a few days. We want to go home!" Old Man Huang complained.

"Wait a little longer. It's only 6 a.m. and they haven't even started work yet. Why don't you sleep here for a while and I'll wake you up when Director Qiao comes," Lu Huai said.

Qiao Mei prepared all the money and went downstairs with the finance staff. When she pushed the door open and entered, she saw a group of men sleeping together like a human pyramid. It was very amusing to her.

They were on the move all year round and would sleep in the truck when they needed to rest. They would not bear to spend money on a hotel room. Even if they slept under the bridge and out in the open, they would still be able to sleep well.

"Ahem. Everyone, wake up," the accountant said, coughing twice.

Lu Huai was the first to wake up. He quickly woke the others and they all sat obediently in their seats, waiting for Qiao Mei to speak.

"I won't waste your time with small talk. I'll give you your salary now. Everyone gets 210 dollars as I'm giving everyone an additional bonus of 10 dollars as my thanks to you. I'll pass the money for petrol and travel expenses to Lu Huai later. You can just look for him at a later time." After saying that, Qiao Mei quickly distributed the money.

Qiao Mei was even considerate enough to ask Chi Ze to make arrangements for the factory's private minibus to come and pick up the drivers and send them home. They had all had a tiring journey and it would be too tough for them to still have to drive home now. They could leave their trucks at the factory for now and come back to get the vehicles when they were less tired.

Along the way, everyone praised Qiao Mei for being efficient and that she was a nice person and a good client. They all looked forward to working with her again. Through this collaboration, Lu Huai also realized that Qiao Mei was a good business partner.

He decided to go home and discuss it with Xia You, so that he could finalize the matter that Qiao Mei mentioned.

Somehow, Zhao Kai heard the news about the seeds and immediately returned to the village to tell Zhao Liu about it. Along the way, he kicked up a fuss and everyone in the village soon knew that Qiao Mei had just bought 10 tons of seeds.

"Oh my goodness! This is a disaster! Dad! Hurry up and think of a way. We won't be able to sell our seeds now!" Zhao Kai said in a panic.

"What's there to be afraid of? Can't we set up our own stall? All of you are cowards! Useless things!" Zhao Liu looked at his two sons in disdain.

Zhao Fei lay on the brick bed and looked at Zhao Liu mockingly. In his eyes, Zhao Liu was like a clown.

"You little asshole, what are you laughing at!" Zhao Liu asked as he pointed at Zhao Fei.

"I'm laughing at how ignorant you are! What else can I laugh at? Why do you think Li Gui was able to set up a stall at the entrance of the movie theater without getting bullied and even get protection from the higher-ups? That's because her relatives have connections! You want to go out and set up a stall to sell seeds? You must be dreaming. As long as you're still in the capital, they will come and find you!" Zhao Fei said.

"Who are you trying to scare! It's legal to set up a stall now! No one will arrest me!" Zhao Liu said in disbelief.

"Yes, it's legal now. Everyone can come out and start a small business, but you also need to have the approval documents. It's still against the law if you don't have the documents. You'll still get arrested or fined. Besides, your seed harvest is so big. Who knows when you'll be able to sell everything," Zhao Fei said.

#### Chapter 1513 Give Us an Explanation

Zhao Liu had not even considered these things. Who would have thought that Qiao Mei would decide to reject the seeds from their village? This woman was so ruthless! She really had a way with things, being able to buy 10 tons from somewhere else without anyone's knowledge!

"Why didn't you say so earlier!" Zhao Liu wanted to blame all of this on Zhao Fei but Zhao Fei would not stand for it. He had long expected such a day to come.

"I've already said it a long time ago. You're the one who doesn't believe me, so how can you blame me? Besides, I don't have any land in the village and I didn't grow even one seed. Why should I get involved? I haven't even blamed you for making me lose my job!" Zhao Fei said eloquently.

Zhao Liu knew that he was in the wrong and had nothing to say to defend himself. He could only pick up the big stick and try to hit Zhao Fei, chasing Zhao Fei all the way to the courtyard door. At this moment, everyone was rushing towards Zhao Liu's house, wanting to demand an explanation from him.

"Zhao Liu! You deserve a thousand cuts! Why are you hitting the kid!" Auntie Zhuang roared as she stood at Zhao Liu's door with her hands on her hips.

Auntie Zhuang was the most righteous person in this village. She was a person who valued fairness and justice. Many people would ask Auntie Zhuang for help when they signed contracts or needed a witness present. They would then give Auntie Zhuang some gifts or money to express their gratitude.

In addition, Auntie Zhuang was tall and well built. In her own words, if she got into a fight, she could kill someone just by sitting on them! Who would dare to bully her!

"It's none of your business! Just mind your own business!" Zhao Liu said indignantly.

"I must get involved today! You didn't allow us to sell the seeds earlier, but now they don't want even half a pound anymore! You have to give us an explanation!" Auntie Zhuang questioned.

"Why should I be responsible? I only gave all of you a suggestion. It's up to you whether you want to take it or not. Since you're the ones who decide what you want to do, why are you blaming me?" Zhao Liu said.

Auntie Zhuang was an impatient person who was not eloquent so she could not win against Zhao Liu in an argument. She was so upset that she stomped her feet and wished that she could go up and tear Zhao Liu apart. She could not fall for his trick. The last time she quarreled with Zhao Liu, she accidentally hit him. Zhao Liu fell on the ground and insisted that it was her fault for hurting him, refusing to let her go.

She had no choice but to bring Zhao Liu to the clinic for a full-body checkup. She had to spend more than 50 dollars on him before he let her off. The seeds were not sold yet, so she could not act rashly.

"Auntie Zhuang, it's useless for us to talk to him here! Let's go and look for the village chief! He will definitely uphold justice for us!" someone in the crowd said.

All of them made their way to the village office to look for Zhao Kuo. They realized that they were considered the latecomers! There were already many people waiting at the entrance of the village office.

After the seeds were harvested, they were all put away for safekeeping. Qiao Mei had rented a warehouse space in the village to keep all the seeds. In order to prevent the Zhao family from falsifying the quantity, Qiao Mei even arranged for her own people to guard the warehouse. She had spent a lot of money on all this!

Even if they wanted to steal the seeds and find another way to sell them, it would be a difficult task. If they were discovered by the people guarding the warehouse, they would have to go to jail!

"Village Chief! You have to find a solution for us! If this continues, we won't be able to survive! Back then, you were the one who asked us to grow seeds and not to plant anything else. Now that we can't sell the seeds, what should we do!" Auntie Zhuang sat on the steps at the door and cried loudly.

Many people followed her example and wept loudly. Zhao Kuo did not dare to go out at all. He did not expect to have to go through such a thing at his age. It was all Zhao Liu's fault for being so incompetent!

Zhao Kuo walked out of the house shakily and said, "I have heard what everyone said. Can one of you go to Zhao Liu's house and ask Zhao Fei to come over. He knows the factory director and might be able to find a way!"

Auntie Zhuang immediately asked her son to go and look for Zhao Fei. At the moment, Zhao Fei was still getting beaten up at home! Zhao Fei had long made a decision. He now had enough money to buy a small house in the capital. After this matter was over, he would split from the family! He would never work in this village again!

Even if he did not go into business again, did he not hear that people could make a lot of money by working at Qiao Mei's factory? There was always a way to survive!

#### Chapter 1514 I Want to Split From the Family

As soon as Zhao Fei appeared, everyone stared at him. Only Zhao Fei could help them now. This kid was knowledgeable and was the most promising child in the village. If he could not find a solution, then they were doomed.

"Fei, quickly think of a way. What should we do?" Zhao Kuo asked.

"There's nothing I can do now. I heard that they received 10 tons of seeds from elsewhere.

"However, these seeds can only last the factory for a while. She will still need to buy our seeds eventually," Zhao Fei said.

"That's great! As long as she will need the seeds! Then we just need to wait a little longer!" Auntie Zhuang jumped up from the ground and said excitedly.

Zhao Fei shook his head helplessly and said, "If she can get so many seeds from elsewhere, she can continue to get them from other places. She can easily decide to stop selling seeds since she still has other businesses. They don't care about this bit of money at all. They can do without it, but we can't!"

When Auntie Zhuang heard this, she could not stop her tears from flowing. Her husband had died early and she still had to take care of her two sons. Her sons were not married yet! She had thought that she could use the money from selling the seeds to find a good wife for her eldest son, but it was all over now!

They had already missed the best timing to grow vegetables. If they sow the seeds, the vegetables would not be able to mature in time at all. When winter arrived, they would not even have any food to eat!

"There's still a way out, but everyone will make a loss," Zhao Fei said.

"Make a loss? We won't do anything that will cause us to suffer a loss!" one of the villagers said angrily.

It was already tough enough that they could not sell the seeds and now they needed to make a loss. This was not a case of a natural disaster, so how could they suffer a loss for no reason!

"Shut your mouth! Let's hear what Zhao Fei has to say first! Kid, tell us more about the solution!" Zhao Kuo asked anxiously.

"We definitely won't be able to sell it at the price that was fixed back then, but we can tell them that we'll accept a lower price. We just have to make sure that we don't lose money, right? We can't be too greedy. Let's just get enough for every family to eat their fill. In this case, they won't force our village to a dead end. What do you think?" Zhao Fei asked.

There was no better way now, so they could only do as Zhao Fei said. Those who were willing to sell their stock at a reduced price were told to sign off on the letter. This was voluntary and no one was forced to do it. There was a total of 30 tons in the warehouse in their village!

This warehouse was built at the last minute to cheat Qiao Mei of a sum of rental fees. If they could not sell these seeds, then when the rainy season came, the seeds would get moldy and they would not be able to sell them at all.

Zhao Liu came last to sign the letter. After everyone in the village had signed, Zhao Fei did not set off immediately. Instead, he stood there motionlessly.

"Fei, why are you still hesitating? Is there anything wrong? Tell us. We can all help and we'll listen to you!" Auntie Zhuang said anxiously.

"I don't have a share of the land in our village. Previously, when I still sold seeds, everyone had also earned money together with me. I have a request. As long as everyone helps me, I'll go to the factory and talk to them about the seeds in our village," Zhao Fei said.

"Tell me about it," Zhao Kuo said.

"I want to split from the family. I want to leave this village with all the things that belong to my father and me. I won't come back here again. Whatever happens in this village will have nothing to do with me. Even if the village becomes rich in the future, I won't care about it," Zhao Fei said firmly.

"You little brat, in your dreams! No way! Our Zhao family has never ever split up before! Unless I die! Otherwise, don't even think about splitting from the family!" Zhao Liu shouted angrily.

The house which Zhao Liu was living in now was left behind by Zhao Fei's father. If they really split up, then his family would not even have a place to live. He was not concerned about his reputation as that was not worth any money! The most important thing was the house and the money! They could not let Zhao Fei take everything away.

"Then there's nothing I can do. You can think of a way to look for Director Qiao yourself." Zhao Fei put down the letter and was about to head home when Auntie Zhuang hurriedly blocked his way.

Chapter 1515 Selling at a Lower Price

"Village Chief! Just agree to this kid's request! Otherwise, what about the survival of so many people in our village!" Auntie Zhuang cried bitterly.

Zhao Fei used to work closely with Auntie Zhuang to sell seeds. Auntie Zhuang was in charge of growing the seeds and Zhao Fei was in charge of selling them. At the end of the day, the two of them would split the profits. Auntie Zhuang's two sons grew up alongside Zhao Fei and their entire family was very nice to Zhao Fei. Whenever Zhao Fei was in trouble, they would help him.

They all knew the kind of life Zhao Fei led at Zhao Liu's house. If Zhao Fei could leave Zhao Liu's house and strike it out on his own, he would definitely lead a good life.

"Alright, but not now. The matter of splitting up is too complicated. The village doesn't have time to be the judge for your family matters now. Let's talk about splitting up after we're done with the matter of the seeds," Zhao Kuo said vaguely.

Zhao Fei was not a fool. He had experienced all this trickery when he was young. Otherwise, he would not have been deceived by Zhao Liu and the others for so long!

"Then draw up an agreement! After I've handled the matter of the seeds, I'll split from the family! Split up fairly and justly! I want Auntie Zhuang to be my witness!" Zhao Fei said.

"No problem! I can be your witness!" Auntie Zhuang said.

Seeing that so many people were forcing him to agree, Zhao Kuo had no choice but to go into the house and do up a written agreement for Zhao Fei. With the agreement in hand, Zhao Fei took the letter and hurriedly drove to Qiao Mei's factory.

At this moment, it was already time for the workers to get off work. Qian'e was doing a spot check on the goods in the warehouse using the method which Qiao Mei taught her. In order to ensure the Qian'e was doing a spot check on the goods in the warehouse using the method which Qiao Mei taught her. In order to ensure the quality of the goods, she had to do a spot check on five items out of every 100 items. If three out of the five items passed the test, then this batch of goods was good to go. Furthermore, she had to do the spot check without anyone knowing.

The factory was huge and there were team leaders and deputy team leaders in every department. If word got out about the spot check and they deliberately placed good products for Qian'e to sample, then the entire process would be meaningless.

"Sister Qian'e, do you have time now?" Zhao Fei asked cautiously.

"What a rare guest. Isn't this Zhao Fei? Why are you here?" Qian'e said impatiently.

"I... I'm here to look for Sister Qiao Mei. I want to talk to her about the seeds. Sister Qian'e, can you bring me to her?" Zhao Fei said.

Qian'e sized up Zhao Fei. Qiao Mei was really good at predicting things. The timing of Zhao Fei's arrival was almost exactly as Qiao Mei had estimated.

"Let's go." Qian'e led the way. Zhao Fei followed behind Qian'e and took small steps, not even daring to breathe loudly.

After Qian'e brought Zhao Fei to the big meeting room on the first floor, she went upstairs to inform Qiao Mei. Shortly after, Qiao Mei brought the documents downstairs and pushed open the door to find a pale-looking Zhao Fei.

"Is there something urgent that you want to discuss with me?" Qiao Mei said nonchalantly.

"Sister Qiao Mei, I'm here to talk to you about the seeds from our village. I hope you can be magnanimous and let us off," Zhao Fei said softly.

Qiao Mei was so amused by what Zhao Fei said that she laughed so hard that she almost teared up. Qiao Mei smiled and said, "You're asking me to be magnanimous? I should ask all of you to be magnanimous. The price of two dollars a pound is even higher than my selling price in the market! If you want to sell the seeds to me at this price, then it would cost me 120,000 dollars! Who exactly should be the magnanimous one?"

A business deal of 40,000 dollars was now three times the original price. Qiao Mei was not a fool and naturally would not do such a loss-making business.

"Sister Qiao Mei, then how much do you want to pay per pound?" Zhao Fei probed.

Qiao Mei thought for a moment and said, "We've worked together for so long, so I won't shortchange you. To be honest, whatever I pay will just go to the village. You won't get a single cent, so why do you have to work so hard? How about this, I'll give you my best price, 30 cents a pound. How about that?"

Zhao Fei had thought that the worst outcome would be to sell the seeds for 20 cents a pound. It seemed that Qiao Mei was willing to give them a way out.

"Yes, yes! This is the letter of consent from all the villagers. If there's no problem, I can sign the agreement on their behalf!" Zhao Fei said excitedly.

Qiao Mei took out the agreement that she had prepared long ago. Zhao Fei did not even take a look at it and just signed off without another word.

Chapter 1516 Not Giving a Single Cent

"Do you trust me that much? Shouldn't you at least read the contents?" Qiao Mei asked.

"I know that Sister Qiao Mei is a good person and you won't cheat me. Besides, you won't be interested in the little bit that I have. We have worked together for so long and I trust you. If not for those people in my family always coming to disturb you, perhaps we'll still be working together..." Zhao Fei said dejectedly.

"Sure, we can work together again. Help me deal with the matter of the seeds first. If you do it well this time round, I can consider continuing our collaboration. This is really your last chance. You have to grab it tightly with both hands," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Qiao Mei was still interested in using the land in the Zhao Family Village for one more round of planting. After all, she could not find any place with better soil quality at the moment. Qiao Mei had the ability to change the quality of the soil, but she did not want to do it for the Zhao Family Village.

Once the soil quality was improved, the effect would last for a few years. If those people from the Zhao family had ulterior motives and decided to scam Qiao Mei after that, then she would have wasted all her efforts. She would rather discard her energy than allow those dishonest people from the Zhao Family Village to reap benefits from it.

Zhao Fei said excitedly, "Yes, yes! Don't worry! I'll definitely complete this task very well! You'll definitely be satisfied with the results!"

As Qiao Mei watched Zhao Fei skip away from the factory, she felt that he was feeling too happy too soon. Given Zhao Liu's character, he would not give up until he caused some trouble for Zhao Fei. This matter definitely could not be resolved easily.

After Zhao Fei went out, Zhao Liu invited Zhao Kuo to his house. Instead of calling it an invitation, it would be more accurate to say that Zhao Liu forced Zhao Kuo to do it without asking him if he was willing to go.

"Second Uncle, you have to help us. If Zhao Fei splits from the family, then where are we going to live!" Zhao Liu complained.

"Won't you have money after selling the seeds? Give him some money as payment for the house. This shabby house can't be worth much," Zhao Kuo said.

"Why should I give that little brat money! I have taken care of him and fed him for so many years. In the end, he wants to split from the family and I still have to give him money! Why should I!" Zhao Liu said indignantly.

"We can't give him any money! I need money to get married! Xiao Cui and I have already talked about getting married after we sell the seeds. If we give the money to Zhao Fei, then how am I supposed to get married!" Zhao Kai said aggrievedly.

Zhao Liu had a headache as Zhao Kai kept whining. He picked up a glass beside him and threw it at Zhao Kai as he said, "Useless thing! You only know how to make so much noise every day! There are so many women out there, just find another one. What's so good about Xiao Cui!"

"Then tell me, what other solutions do you have now? All you know is to keep forcing me to make a decision. If you're so capable, then go solve these problems yourself. If you only want to make use of Zhao Fei and don't want to give him any benefits, why will he be willing to stay by your side? You don't handle things properly and now you're making things difficult for me," Zhao Kuo muttered.

Zhao Liu knew that this was all his own fault, but he just did not want to admit it. His family's portion of the seeds added up to about 2,500 pounds, so he was going to make a lot of money from the transaction. Since Zhao Kai wanted money, he would just give it to him. He could not lose sight of the bigger picture for small gains.

Zhao Fei returned to Zhao Liu's house in high spirits. As soon as he entered, he saw everyone frowning and looking upset. He did not need to guess to know that they were worried about the matter of him wanting to split from the family!

"Xiao Fei, you're back. Tell me, how did it go?" Zhao Kuo asked.

"30 cents a pound and she'll come and collect the goods the day after tomorrow," Zhao Fei said calmly.

"So little! Does she think that we're beggars! She sells one pound for so much money but she's only giving us 30 cents! This woman is really too evil!" Zhao Kai said angrily.

Based on the price they wanted, their family could make at least 5,000 dollars! He had been bragging to other people about it for a long time, so the current situation was going to make him look bad.

"That's the price now. If you don't agree, then don't sell your share. I've already informed everyone else and they're all very satisfied with the price," Zhao Fei said.

"Alright, stop arguing. It's already good enough that we can sell the seeds. Zhao Fei, you've worked hard. Go and take a rest in the room next door," Zhao Kuo said.

"I'm not tired. Now that the matter of the seeds is settled, have you already discussed the matter of splitting up?" Zhao Fei asked as he looked at everyone in the room coldly.

Chapter 1517 Accurate Weight

"It's fine if you want to split from the family, but you can't take anything with you and we won't give you any money. If you want to leave, you can leave," Zhao Liu said.

Zhao Fei took a look around the house and then at the people in front of him and smiled mockingly. He knew Zhao Liu well and had never harbored any hope of being able to get back the house. However, he still wanted to take back a part of what used to belong to his father.

"My father had left behind the house, a bicycle and 200 dollars back then. I don't want the money or the bicycle, but I want the house. Since I won't come back here anymore, there's no point for me to keep the house. Give me 130 dollars and I'll take it that I've sold the house to you," Zhao Fei said.

"Don't you think we needed to spend money to bring you up! Didn't we feed you! How dare you ask for the house!" Zhao Liu said furiously.

"That's why I only ask you for 130 dollars. This is already a discounted price given that you're my relative. If you hadn't fed me all these years, it won't be this price," Zhao Fei said fiercely.

"Impossible! Not a single cent!" Zhao Liu said.

Zhao Fei nodded in satisfaction and said, "Alright, then I'll go and look for Qiao Mei now and tell her that we're not selling our seeds. You people can keep those seeds and leave them to rot in the warehouse. Even if I leave here with nothing, my life will still be a hundred times better than yours."

"Dad! That's 750 dollars! Don't be silly. You should know what's more important!" Zhao Kai said agitatedly.

Zhao Liu never dreamed that he would ever have to bow down to Zhao Fei's threat. In the end, he could only reluctantly agree to Zhao Fei's request. He took out 130 dollars from his money box and said, "The village will prepare a written agreement later. Get that Zhuang woman to come over and bear witness now! After that, it's all over! Get it done before I regret it!"

Zhao Fei hurriedly ran out to look for Auntie Zhuang. With Auntie Zhuang and Zhao Kuo as witnesses, Zhao Fei successfully split from the family. He took the photos of his father, his own luggage and the 130 dollars and promptly left.

"Xiao Fei, where are you going to stay after you leave this place?" Auntie Zhuang looked at Zhao Fei worriedly.

"Auntie, don't worry. The capital is so big. How can there be no place for me? I'll find a guest house to stay for a while. Once I buy my own place, I'll invite you and my two younger brothers to come over for a visit," Zhao Fei said with a smile.

"It's so expensive to stay at the guest house! You can stay at my house for the time being," Auntie Zhuang said.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fei felt that this idea was also quite feasible. After all, the matter of the seeds was still not completely settled. It would not be too late for him to leave only after the sales of the seeds were completed. He had to stay and ensure that nothing went wrong.

"Alright then. Thank you, Auntie," Zhao Fei said obediently.

"There's no need to thank me! I like having you around in my house! Come in! I'll slaughter a chicken for dinner tonight! Let's take it as a celebration meal for you leaving that wolf den!" Auntie Zhuang pulled Zhao Fei towards her house.

Zhao Fei only ever felt the warmth of family at Auntie Zhuang's house and he always thought that it was really ironic.

It was soon the day to collect the goods. Qiao Mei could finally take a few days off and go home to have a good rest, so it was Qian'e who went to the Zhao Family Village to inspect the goods. She brought Chi Ze and a few other burly men with her to make sure that she was well protected.

"Sister Qian'e, come and take a look at these goods. The weights are all accurate and the quality is up to standard too," Zhao Fei said.

Chi Ze moved their own weighing scales down from the truck and placed it on the ground to show everyone. Qian'e said, "This is a brand new weighing scale As everyone can see, we have just taken it out of the box. Whatever we weigh, the figure is definitely accurate. I trust you are all agreeable!"

"Yes! We all agree! I've checked it, it's accurate!" Auntie Zhuang shouted.

"Alright! Everyone, retrieve your own bags and then write the weight on top. We'll do a check one by one. If it's heavier than stated, we'll still pay you for it! It's alright if it's lighter than stated! As long as it's within two pounds! If so, we'll pretend not to see it! However, if it's lighter by more than two pounds, we can only pay you for the seeds at a price of 10 cents a pound. Are you agreeable with this arrangement?" Qian'e asked.

This was Qiao Mei's idea. Her goal was to punish Zhao Liu and his family. Back when the family packed their bags of seeds, Zhao Kai had mixed in small stones in order to add a few more pounds.

Chapter 1518 All Stones

Given the volume of seeds, most people would not check too thoroughly since it was a waste of time. However, Qiao Mei was not like most people!

"Look at the amount of seeds. It'll be a cold day in hell when you finish!" Zhao Kai said unhappily.

"No worries, we have plenty of time. Moreover, we've brought many people with us and 10 weighing scales. If we operate all the scales at the same time, we'll probably be able to finish before dark. We also have people to record all the weights. Once it's done, we'll be able to match them with the amounts you have. Everyone, you can go home for now. We'll send someone to inform you once all the weighing is done," Qian'e said with a smile.

The people who had nothing to hide all went home. They still had a lot of things to do at home! Those people with a guilty conscience stood around to watch Qian'e and the others do the weighing. They wanted to see if Qian'e would cheat and falsify the numbers.

Qian'e did not care about them. There were more than 20 young men in her team and she asked them to start work. They split into pairs with one person weighing the seeds and the other person checking if there was anything else mixed in with the seeds. They could work very fast this way.

Even before the sun set, all the seeds had been weighed. There was not much difference in the reported and actual weights for the entire village, except Zhao Liu's family. They had stated the weight of their seeds to be 4,000 pounds, but the actual weight was only 2,300 pounds. The difference was huge. This was not just about mixing small stones in with the seeds, but using stones to commit fraud!

"Village Chief, you have supervised our work the entire time. We did not play any tricks. How do you think we should calculate the payment?" Qian'e asked with a smile.

Zhao Kuo did not know how to resolve the matter since it was obviously Zhao Liu's fault. She had already placed the evidence in front of him. If he still refused to acknowledge it, it would look like they were in cahoots.

"Just do it your way! Do whatever you need to do. We'll go along with it," Zhao Kuo said.

"Alright. In that case, this marks the end of our business deal. We'll load up the goods and leave. Here's the payment. I know that there's a very fair and just woman in your village called Auntie Zhuang and I want to ask her to be the witness. Otherwise, what will happen if anyone claims that there's lesser money than expected? If that happens, the two of us won't be able to explain ourselves," Qian'e said.

Qiao Mei had taught her to say all these and she did not expect them to really have to put it across this way. It seemed that she still had more to learn from Qiao Mei in the future!

Zhao Kuo looked at Qian'e in shock. He did not expect them to have so much information and know everything about their village like the back of their hands. It must be Zhao Fei who told Qiao Mei and the rest! Otherwise, how could these people know about such trivialities!

He had no choice but to ask Auntie Zhuang to come over and act as a witness. The two of them formalized the process of the exchange of goods for payment and declared the deal done.

Qian'e went back to the factory with all the factory workers and the goods. Zhao Fei also left the village overnight. The atmosphere in the entire village was as festive as the new year. Every family started to slaughter chickens or geese to celebrate the fact that they had made a lot of money. Only Zhao Liu's family members were feeling down.

"I already say that we can't do this! Look at what has happened now! We were caught!" Zhao Kai said unhappily.

"You little brat, now you suddenly feel bad. Weren't you very happy when you put the stones in! We only have 230 dollars now. I want to see how you can afford to get married!" Zhao Liu said.

The more Zhao Liu thought about it, the angrier he felt. His family had so much seeds and only received so little money in return. However, if he went to argue with Qiao Mei right now, it would mean the end of any civility between them. He still wanted to marry Li Gui!

Their family had actually kept aside a big pile of seeds to use as planting seeds for the next season. They would not need to deal with Qiao Mei's factory next season. They could make a lot of money on their own by planting and selling the seeds.

He did not care about the popcorn business. Even if they sold a lot of popcorn, they could only earn a little bit of money. How could it be more profitable than selling seeds?

Xia Zhe went to pick up the children and then headed back to the courtyard house with them. The two children already knew how to flip themselves over now and could even babble some incomprehensible sounds, especially Xia Fan. In the past, this child was always in a daze and did not like to talk. In front of Xia Zhe though, he had become quite a chatterbox.

Whenever he saw Xia Zhe, he would smile and babble away and even reached out to Xia Zhe all the time. This was exactly how Xia Xing behaved whenever she saw Xia Wen.

Chapter 1519 Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

"Look at how much your son adores you! He has never responded to me this way!" Qiao Mei said with a twinge of jealousy.

"Why? Are you even jealous of your own son? What a green-eyed monster," Xia Zhe asked with a smile as he hugged Xia Fan.

"Who says that I'm jealous! I'm just telling the truth!" Qiao Mei said as she turned her head to the other side.

As the two of them bickered, Xia You and Lu Huai arrived at Qiao Mei's house with a pile of things. The moment they entered, they were greeted with a heartwarming family scene.

"Don't the two of you get sick of each other if you hang out together all day every day? You even hug each other in the middle of the day while the main door is open. If those people in the community see this, they'll make a mountain out of a molehill again!" Xia You said disdainfully.

"No! Haven't you heard that absence makes the heart grow fonder! We're just so loving! If they like to look at us, let them! I'm behaving lovingly in my own house. What has it got to do with them!" Qiao Mei yelled out loudly.

Absence made the heart grow fonder? This phrase seemed to make sense. Every time she waited at home for Lu Huai to return, she would be filled with anticipation. After he returned from his business trip, the two of them would become even more loving and sweet to each other. So this could be described as absence making the heart grow fonder! It was so interesting.

Xia You liked how upfront Qiao Mei was. She was fearless in everything she did, as if nothing was ever a problem for her.

"Why do you have so many bags with you? Are you moving house?" Xia Zhe teased.

"Sigh, didn't Director Qiao just promote my Lu Huai? I have to bring a gift to say thanks! Otherwise, won't that make me look like I don't know the ways of the world!" Xia You joked as she stood beside Qiao Mei.

"Xiao You, you're so sensible. Don't worry, leave this matter to me!" Qiao Mei went along with what Xia You said.

Everyone in the courtyard laughed out loudly. When they stopped laughing, Xia Fan started to giggle and chuckle for some reason. A child's laughter sounded different from an adult's laughter. It was extremely cute.

"Oh my, look! This little baby even knows how to laugh! This is the first time I've heard such a small child laugh so loudly!" Xia You said in surprise.

"Since you like babies so much, then have one quickly!" Qiao Mei said.

"I will! After I give birth, I won't buy anything and I'll just come to your house and take whatever I need. Anyway, your family has both a boy and a girl. You will have whatever I need. Just give my child everything that Xia Fan and Xia Xing are sick of playing with. I can also take the clothes that they can't wear anymore," Xia You said.

In this era, when any family had a newborn child, they would not go out and buy anything. They would just go around collecting the things which the children of their neighbors or relatives could no longer wear or had no use for anymore. Most children wore secondhand clothing. The families would just give the neighbors or relatives other things as thank-you gifts.

The fact was that children grew up very quickly. Clothes that could still fit this month would not fit the next month. Children's clothes were also very expensive and it was not worth buying new pieces.

Children would usually only get their first set of new clothes when they were about 15 years old! Xia Zhe had also grown up wearing Xia Wen's clothes. Until now, he did not really buy new clothes. Their family had a rule that they should reuse their clothes as much as possible.

Only someone as rich as Qiao Mei would be willing to buy so many new things for her children. In addition, she had many relatives and these two babies were the first kids of their generation, so everyone naturally paid more attention to them.

"It's best if you and Xia He have a boy and a girl between the two of you. Then, you can both come and take everything from my house. Otherwise, I'll have to make another set for one of you!" Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei left the children to Xia Zhe and led Xia You and Lu Huai to the study to discuss work matters.

"Coo, coo, coo..." For some reason, the pigeon kept cooing when it saw Xia You, as if it was very afraid.

"When did you start raising pigeons? How can it still fly when it's so fat?" Xia You said disdainfully.

Ever since this pigeon came to Qiao Mei's place, it had only gone out once to send a letter. Ever since then, it stayed in the cage and did not go out. Xu Kang fed it a lot of delicious food every day and as time passed, the pigeon gained weight. From afar, it looked like a big white ball.

"It can probably still fly. If it really can't, then I'll just treat it like a chicken. If it can't fly, it can still walk, can't it?" Qiao Mei said as she looked at the pigeon in disdain.

Chapter 1520 Osmanthus Vehicle Fleet

"Coo, coo, coo!!!" The pigeon looked at Qiao Mei and called out fiercely.

Whose fault was it that it could not fly! How could it be the fault of this weak little pigeon? When would Yao Nian come and save it...

Why did she have to capture it? It had so many other colleagues! They should take turns, right?

"Alright, alright, let's get down to business." Qiao Mei looked at Lu Huai and Xia You seriously and continued, "I plan to start a small company called... let's call it 'Osmanthus Vehicle Fleet'. The main business is to deliver and pick up goods."

"A company? Why not a department?" Lu Huai asked.

"Because I want to expand this business in the future. I don't just want to transport our own goods, but I also want to deliver and pick up goods for other factories or companies," Qiao Mei explained.

"This is really too difficult for me. I'm worried that I can't do it... It's already very complicated to send our own goods to and from our factory, yet I also have to do this for other parties," Lu Huai said worriedly.

"It's fine, I have never run a factory before either. We have plenty of money and we're not afraid of failure. I'll invest the money and you'll put in the skills and manage the business. I plan to invest 100,000 dollars into this vehicle fleet, of which 60,000 dollars will be considered a loan from me to you. You don't have to return me the money of course. You can just give me the dividends from the first few years as repayment for the debt," Qiao Mei said.

Such an agreement was clearly unfair to Qiao Mei. If it was a company, then the money which Qiao Mei gave Lu Huai every month would be the fees for the services and not his salary. The amount should be completely different.

"Do you want to reconsider it? I think this entire matter is decided too hastily," Lu Huai asked.

"Then what are your worries? Tell me and we can solve it together," Qiao Mei said.

"How do we calculate the fees for each trip? How much should we pay the drivers and also how should we allocate the maintenance fees and miscellaneous expenses? I haven't seen any company in the capital that specializes in transport and logistics. Is it possible to make money from this? The cost of even one truck is not a small sum. Furthermore, it is definitely more cost-effective to use a train when there are a lot of goods to transport," Lu Huai explained in detail.

Qiao Mei had never come into contact with all these things before, but she knew that this industry would be very profitable in the future! No matter what, even if it meant losing money in the early stages, she must get this "Osmanthus Vehicle Fleet" started!

Xia You patted Lu Huai's hand and said, "It's alright, you still have me."

Lu Huai definitely would not be able to handle everything on his own. Xia You wanted to also work at Qiao Mei's factory so as to help Lu Huai, but she did not know how to raise this issue, especially since they were relatives.

Deng Fan was already working at Qiao Mei's factory and Lu Huai was going to join soon. She was a housewife who had never worked before. If she was hired as well, the third son's family would probably flip!

She was here today to discuss this matter with Qiao Mei.

"Qiao Mei, can I manage this company together with Lu Huai?" Xia You asked cautiously.

"Of course you can. I'm just lending you the money to put into the company. At the end of the day, I'll get back the money. Besides, it's not as if I won't get involved at all. In the early stages, I'll help you to get on the right track. I'll only completely hand it over to you at a later stage. Of course, I'm not doing it for nothing. In the event that my factory has difficulties with cash flow, then you'll be able to help, won't you?" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Then isn't it the same if you also manage this company as well?" Xia You asked in confusion.

"Of course it's different! If my factory goes bankrupt and there's not enough money to pay all the debts, I'll have to sell everything I own. In such a case, this company won't be able to continue operating as well. However, if I lend you money, then this company will completely belong to you and it won't be part of my assets," Qiao Mei explained.

This time, Xia You completely understood Qiao Mei's intentions and agreed to the idea. She was a top student who graduated from Capital University with a degree in finance. How could she not be able to manage a company?

As long as she was given some time to revise all the things she learned, it would definitely be a piece of cake for her! She just did not like working, but it did not mean that she did not know how to do work!

"Then... how are we going to explain it to Third Uncle's family? How's the arrangement going with regard to Auntie Zhou's request to let Xia Lu and Xia Yan work at your factory? Did they cause any trouble for you?" Xia You asked.