

Fat Wife 1551

Chapter 1551 Reveal the Truth

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"She's not my mother, she's my friend's mother. If you've been Doctor Qian's patient for so many years, shouldn't you know his wife's name?" Qiao Mei said sarcastically.

Qian Wang said stiffly, "Leave her to me. I'll treat her."

"Don't touch her! I don't believe that you can make her well again! How do all these injuries come about? Don't say that it's the result of an accident or that she had been in a fight. Any doctor can tell that these are wounds that can only be caused by getting hit with a stick or a whip," Qiao Mei pointed at Zhao Ni's back and questioned him angrily.

She grabbed a random nurse and asked, "Take a look and tell me what kind of wound you think this is."

"It's unlikely to be caused by a rod or stick. It's probably something long and thin, more likely a whip or bamboo cane," the nurse said as she analyzed the situation objectively.

Qiao Mei pointed at Qian Wang and said, "This woman is the wife of this 'good doctor' you're all talking about! She has been married to him for almost 30 years!"

The other doctors and nurses in the ward looked at Qian Wang with complicated expressions. Everyone saw Qian Wang as a gentleman who was very responsible and had the mildest temper in their department. Many young ladies even said that they wanted to marry a man like Qian Wang.

One could never judge a book by its cover. No one would have thought that Qian Wang was actually a wolf in sheep's clothing. He was a completely different person from the person they knew!

"Don't kick up a fuss here. If you want her to get treatment, then talk about other issues later." Qian Wang still wanted to take Zhao Ni with him.

Qiao Mei immediately said, "Your mother came to cause trouble at my factory this morning. In fact, there have been rumors spreading in the factory recently. I'm guessing that all these have something to do with you. You should take leave and go home to the police station to fetch your mother. Then come back to the hospital with money to pay for the medical treatment for your daughter and wife. After all, both of them were injured by your mother."

"You're talking nonsense!" Qian Wang shouted agitatedly.

After Qian Wang's department chief heard what Qiao Mei said, he said, "Qian Wang, you'd better go home. I'll let you take a break during this period of time. You should stay at home and take good care of your aged mother."

Since Qian Wang was involved in the criminal act of hurting a woman, Qiao Mei decided to go the extra mile and nail him down. She made a call to the director of women's affairs for the neighborhood and told her everything. The community group quickly set about to do their own investigation on the matter.

Zhao Ni had offended many neighbors all this while, but she mainly quarreled with her neighbors and had never done anything nasty to them. These neighbors were also always bad-mouthing Zhao Ni and Qian'e behind the two women's backs. Since the neighbors were also in the wrong, they naturally would not criticize Zhao Ni too much.

However, it was a different situation for Old Madam Qian. She had already chased away all her neighbors in the vicinity and was also very unfriendly to the other residents in the neighborhood. Every time she walked around, she would scold everyone she saw and acted authoritatively just because she was an elder.

"Director Qiao, don't worry. We will definitely take good care of this lady. I'll take care of her treatment myself," the department chief said.

"Then I'll have to trouble you. Just go ahead and use the best medicine. We can afford it," Qiao Mei said.

The department chief followed Qiao Mei's instructions closely. Currently, all the talk in the ward was about Qian Wang's family and how disgusting a person he was. Qiao Mei was overjoyed and wished she could bring Qian'e outside to set off a couple of firecrackers to celebrate.

Qiao Mei went to the office block to look for Liu Yang. It had been a long time since she last saw him.

"Uncle Liu, it's me!" Qiao Mei said as she walked into the office with a smile.

"Oh my! Mei Mei! Why didn't you call to tell me that you're coming!" After a moment of excitement, Liu Yang immediately turned serious and said, "Are you feeling unwell? Is there something wrong with the baby? I'll call Xia Fang now and ask her to arrange for a checkup immediately. Don't be scared!"

Qiao Mei quickly stopped him and said, "Uncle Liu, I'm fine! I'm just here to have a chat with you. Why are you so agitated?"

"How can I not be agitated? Don't you know what this place is!" Liu Yang said disdainfully.

Why would anyone come to the hospital for no reason?

"Do you need something from me?" Liu Yang asked.

Chapter 1552 Investigation

"Actually, yes I do. I want to take a look at Qian Wang's records over the years and find out which family members he gave the checkup slots to," Qiao Mei said.

This request was a little difficult to fulfill. All the files were kept in the archive room and it was crammed and messy inside. There was no proper filing system and no one had ever bothered to clean it up. It would probably be hard to search for information inside.

"How long do you need?" Liu Yang asked.

Qiao Mei thought for a moment and said, "I'll get someone to come and search for the files. I just don't know if Uncle Liu trusts me."

There was a shortage of staff in the hospital and there were many patients to take care of. There was no one who could spare the time to help Qiao Mei search through the files. Furthermore, if too many

people knew about her request, Qian Wang would also hear about it and he might just decide to set fire to the archive room. This matter had to be carried out in secret.

"No problem! You invested the most money in this hospital. You're now the biggest shareholder, so you can do whatever you want!" Liu Yang said.

Qiao Mei asked the guard team to send a few men to stand guard at the ward doors to protect Zhao Ni and Qian'e. Not even a fly could be allowed to enter. It was enough to leave Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang to guard the courtyard house.

How could there be so many bad guys coming to that small courtyard all the time? The two of them had nothing to do every day and their peers mocked them for being nothing more like security officers now. However, they did not care about such things at all. It was a well-paid and easy job, so why not? Moreover, Qiao Mei had even prepared two rooms nearby for the two of them to stay in. This was a treatment that most people would never get!

Nowadays, Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang's daily mission was to catch rats. The two of them did not use rat poison or traps, only their bare hands.

Before they started, Qiao Mei was also curious about whether they would be able to catch any rats. The next day, Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang came to Qiao Mei with three rats to show off. Only then did Qiao Mei confirm that the two of them were not bragging.

"Little pigeon~ Coo-coo, it's time for you to make yourself useful~" Qiao Mei came to the study with a grin and spoke in a gentle tone.

The pigeon hid in the corner of the birdcage out of fear. Qiao Mei wrote down her request on a small piece of paper and stuffed it into the holder on the pigeon's leg. Then, she placed the pigeon on the windowsill.

"Go back and tell Yao Nian to come to the hospital to look for me tonight," Qiao Mei said.

The moment the pigeon took off, it fell straight down from the window like a... grenade?

Xu Kang had fed it too well. Sometimes, Xu Kang would even hold the pigeon in her palm and feed it by hand. Even when it stopped eating, Xu Kang would still force them to eat more.

The pigeon's current weight was double what it was when it first arrived. It could still fly but with some difficulty. Qiao Mei believed that the pigeon would be able to send the message to Yao Nian so she left it to do its job.

It seemed that any pet raised by an older person would definitely put on weight. She could consider having cats to accompany Qiao Qiang in the backyard in the future. A dog was also a good choice as it could also guard the house.

As she was lost in her thoughts, a person suddenly appeared at the main door. This person was dressed all in white and wept while standing in front of the door. Fortunately, it was broad daylight now. If it was nighttime, all the passers-by would definitely get a shock.

"What are you doing here?" Qiao Mei asked disdainfully.

"I... I'm really at my wits' end. Can you give me some more 'divine medicine'? One bottle is enough! A small bottle is enough! Please!" Liang Lan said aggrievedly.

"I've given you so many chances and I've also given you a lot of 'divine medicine'. You have received many more doses than others. It's already good enough that I didn't go to the police station to report you for cheating, yet you still have the cheek to come here looking for me," Qiao Mei said.

"I had no choice! Liang Guo forced me to do it! I didn't want to do this! It's all his fault! If you want to hate someone, then hate him! Don't hate me! I'm innocent! Take pity on me. I'm your aunt!" Liang Lan said hysterically.

The Song family had helped Liang Guo to hold on to his position in government services, but they did not care about Liang Lan because they did not receive any benefits from her. Xiao Yu whined for her mother every day and Xiao Jing even had a mistress now. Liang Lan heard that the woman was the daughter of one of the higher-ups. If Xiao Jing could marry this woman, he would be able to maintain his status, so he was looking to divorce Liang Lan!

Chapter 1553 The End of the Liang Family

"Aunt? I don't have an aunt nor any relatives. I only have my grandfather and mother. You should go. I can't help you with what you need. I'm not a deity who saves people from hardship and I don't need you to pray to me. I can only manage my own family affairs so don't come back in the future." After saying that, Qiao Mei returned to the courtyard, leaving Liang Lan wailing alone at the door.

Liang Lan walked to the Song family's house dejectedly. She could only beg the Song family for help now. If the Song family refused to help her, then no one could save her.

As soon as she entered and saw Song Dan, she knelt on the ground and said, "Bureau Chief Song! Please save me... I really don't have any other options... Please help us on account that I stole so much 'divine medicine' for you."

"I'm not the one who asked you to steal the medicine. You chose to do it. What has it got to do with me? As long as I get the medicine, it's not my business how the medicine came about. Besides, I've already helped your family which means I already honored our agreement," Song Dan said plainly.

"You! You can't treat me like this! Both my brother and I stole medicine for you! Why did you only help him but not me! I'm the one who put in all the hard work!" Liang Lan said furiously.

"I can only help the person who delivers the medicine to me. If there are 100 people involved in the process, do I have to help all 100 people? The person you should look for is not me, but your elder brother. He told me that he worked hard on his own to get this medicine and that it has nothing to do with you," Song Dan said.

When Liang Lan heard this, she instantly fell into despair. She did not expect that the person who forced her into a corner was actually Liang Guo! It was her biological brother! In fact, the person who instigated Xiao Jing to be with the other woman was also Song Dan... It was all part of the scheme!

Even though Liang Guo had the support of the Song family now, it was useless. The Liang family was smaller than an ant in the eyes of the Song family. When Old Master Song finished all the medicine, Liang Guo would no longer have any value. By then, Liang Guo's luck would also come to an end.

Liang Lan left Song Dan's place with a dejected look on her face. Following that, the good days of the Liang family came to an end. It was payback time for the Liang family in return for all the hardships that Qiao Qiang had to suffer back then.

Qiao Mei did not know if Qiao Qiang would be happy to hear the news, but she knew that he no longer cared about the Liang family. He had long left the past behind.

In Yao Nian's house, he made a cup of coffee and settled down to read. Life was beautiful and comfortable and he felt free. He was now no longer the penniless person who was always mocked by his peers.

He was very happy that Xia Zhe had married a wife who loved gossip. He had a lot of information in his hands, all explosive news. Although none of this news had anything to do with the Xia family, Qiao Mei liked to hear about it, which meant that he was able to earn a lot of money very quickly.

A small and white furball slowly walked towards him. Yao Nian looked curiously at the bird struggling to walk on the ground. It was only when he took a closer look that he realized it was the pigeon he left at Qiao Mei's place.

"How... how... how did you become this size?" Yao Nian said as he looked at the pigeon in disbelief.

The pigeon did not know where to start its tale of woe!

Yao Nian opened the holder. There was only an address and a figure written on the piece of paper. It looked like Qiao Mei was asking him to do manual labor again. It must be something really difficult! However, he had to do it for the money.

When Yao Nian arrived at the hospital at the stated time, Liu Yang was already prepared for his arrival. Qiao Mei had already made it clear to Liu Yang that Yao Nian's identity was quite special and that he had never allowed anyone to discover his real identity.

Liu Yang had prepared a white coat and asked Yao Nian to put it on before going to the archive room. Yao Nian could only have access to the archives room for one day. If he was allowed to stay inside for too long, it would arouse suspicion.

One day was enough time for Yao Nian.

Qiao Mei asked Xu Kang to prepare two portions of nutritious chicken soup and brought the soup to the hospital for the two women.

"You even help me take care of my mother. I'm really sorry to have to trouble you. It seems that ever since I met you, I've only been causing trouble for you," Qian'e said embarrassedly.

"You have helped me earn so much money but I haven't even thanked you for that yet. There's no need to stand on ceremony with me," Qiao Mei said.

"How's my mother? Who's her main physician?" Qian'e asked.

Chapter 1554 They Should Get a Divorce

"It's not the best situation. Your father has already been called up for an investigation. The department chief is your mother's main physician. My aunt says that there's nothing wrong with this doctor so you don't have to worry. It's just that your mother's health is not very good to begin with, so her recovery is very slow. There are also large wounds on her body that have never been treated. In such hot weather, some of the wounds have already started to fester and develop sores. The doctor says that it's not so easy to treat such wounds," Qiao Mei said solemnly.

Qian'e felt a little anxious and wanted to go and visit Zhao Ni, but in her heart, she still could not completely forgive Zhao Ni. The events from the past still pained her deeply.

Qiao Mei knew how Qian'e was feeling, so she told Qian'e about what happened between her and Li Gui in the past. Back then, Qiao Mei was abandoned by Li Gui due to pressure from her family. Zhao Ni probably had the same experience and did not have a choice in many instances.

"I never expected you and Auntie to have gone through so much. I thought that your relationship has always been so good. I also want the two of them to get a divorce so that she can live her own life," Qian'e said solemnly.

"Your father probably won't agree to a divorce. I hear that he has always maintained a good reputation in the hospital and everyone thinks he's a real gentleman. After I exposed his true colors today, he'll probably choose to be at odds with you to the end," Qiao Mei said with a sigh.

She had been too impulsive and should have planned her moves more appropriately. However, she did not expect Qian Wang to be such a sanctimonious person and so did not manage to hold back her emotions.

The matter of the divorce could be set aside for the time being. The most important thing now was to take good care of Zhao Ni's health. The rest of the problems were easy to solve. When Qian Cai and Qian Sheng heard that there was trouble, they hurriedly packed their luggage and left the capital with their wives. They did not want to be implicated. The amount of 2,000 dollars was nothing compared to their lives.

Before the two of them left, they even stole all the money in Qian Wang's house.

Qian Wang went to the police station to bring Old Madam Qian home. She was already so old and could not withstand the stress of the ordeal. In her current condition, she would need someone to take care of her full-time. Qian Wang was not going to wait on anyone! For so many years, it was Zhao Ni who had waited on his mother and him.

"Son... son, pour me some water..." Old Madam Qian said weakly.

"I don't know where to get water. Just bear with it. Remember how you like Qian Cai the most? He left early in the morning with all his luggage. He and his wife should be reaching home soon," Qian Wang said.

"You... you beastly thing..." Old Madam Qian scolded.

"You still have the energy to scold me? Looks like you're not sick then. You can stay here by yourself. I'm leaving." After saying that, Qian Wang left the house and went to the games room downstairs to play mahjong.

In the past, everyone liked to have Qian Wang as a player at their table. Now that Qian Wang had become somewhat of a public enemy, many people simply ignored him.

"Brother Li, are you playing mahjong? Do you need another player?"

"No, no!"

"Brother Wang, let me help you strategize!"

"It's fine. I don't need your help. You can go over there!"

"Hey, Brother Zhang!"

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After walking one round, it was obvious to Qian Wang that everyone detested him. He was not going to stay around and embarrass himself. After that, he realized that he had not received this month's salary yet. If he did not get paid soon, he would not even be able to afford to eat. When he went to the hospital's finance office to check on the matter, he found out that he had been suspended pending investigation. This was what the higher-ups had instructed.

He marched straight to Zhao Ni's ward. After putting on his white coat, he blended into the group of doctors walking around the hospital. The guard team members at the ward door did not suspect anything and allowed him to walk in.

"Do you feel very comfortable now? Do you think you're amazing now that the wretched girl has your back? Let me tell you! You won't be able to leave me for the rest of your life! You won't be able to hide from me either!" Qian Wang said as he sat by Zhao Ni's bed.

"If you let Qian'e go, I'll go back with you. As long as you let her go, you can kill me if you want," Zhao Ni said.

"Why should I kill you? What's the point of killing you? I still need you to wait on me. There's so much chores waiting for you at home. Recently, the director of women's affairs in our neighborhood has been pestering me every day. If she comes to look for you and asks you those questions, do you know how to answer her? After giving the same answers for so many years, have you suddenly forgotten everything?" Qian Wang questioned.

Chapter 1555 The Best Friend Is the Mistress

Zhao Ni said indignantly, "Then I won't go back! Even if I have to become a beggar, I won't return to your house! You can give up that thought!"

Qian Wang grabbed Zhao Ni by the hair and slammed her onto the floor. The wounds, which had just healed, split open again and Zhao Ni yelled so loudly from the pain that she almost lost her voice. When the guards at the door heard the noise, they immediately rushed into the room to stop Qian Wang.

When Qiao Mei and Qian'e heard the commotion, they immediately rushed over. Even though they took all precautions, they still did not manage to cover all the scenarios. It was nobody's fault though. Qian Wang was more familiar with this hospital than any of them.

"You bunch of animals! You all framed me and set me up! I won't let you off! Just you wait!" Qian Wang kept cursing even as he was dragged away by two guard team members.

Zhao Ni fell unconscious and her wounds bled profusely. The department chief hurriedly sent Zhao Ni to the operating theater for emergency treatment. All the wounds on her body needed to be stitched up again. It took more than an hour before she was pushed out of the operating theater safely.

"Xiao'e, you're here too," the chief said.

"Uncle Sun, how's my mother?" Qian'e asked agitatedly.

"Xiao'e, calm down first. Your mother is out of danger for now, but her injuries are really quite serious. The prolonged fever has caused some inflammation in her lungs, but these are minor issues. As long as she is well taken care of, she will definitely be able to recover," Chief Sun said.

"Thank you! Thank you! Uncle Sun, can you please save my mother? Please..." Qian'e said helplessly.

Chief Sun sighed. He had watched Qian'e grow up and always thought that Qian'e had a tough life, but he did not expect Zhao Ni to be in such dire straits all this while. Both mother and daughter had such tough lives!

"Don't worry, I'll do my best to treat her. You have to take good care of yourself too." With that, Chief Sun went to do his rounds in the other wards.

Yao Nian's investigation had also yielded results. For many years, Qian Wang's two checkup slots for family members were given to Huang Meng and another woman. They always turned up to do the checkups every year, with all the forms filled up and filed away. It was Qian Wang's signature on all the forms.

"Are you sure you didn't miss out on anything? Is that all?" Qiao Mei asked cautiously.

"You're questioning my capability? Why would I lie to you? What's the point of lying to you? If I do that, I won't get paid! If there's even one document missing, you can sack me, how about that?" Yao Nian said resignedly.

Qiao Mei handed the documents over to Qian'e. There were also photos of Huang Meng and that woman in the stack. Qian'e took a closer look at the person in the photos and thought that she looked very familiar.

"This... this is my mother's best friend!" Qian'e said in shock.

"What? Best friend?" Qiao Mei found it hard to believe. She did not expect to witness a television drama plot come to life. So it was true that art was inspired by real life.

The name of the woman in the photos was Ke Chu. She had been Zhao Ni's good friend since elementary school. Ke Chu was very outstanding and had studied in university overseas. She remained single ever since she returned after graduation. When she came back, Zhao Ni had just gotten pregnant with Qian'e.

Zhao Ni went to university in the capital and married Qian Wang once she graduated. She never had a job and did not know anything about the dangers of society. The only thing she cared about was to take

good care of the small family she had with Qian Wang. However, it was very likely that Qian Wang had already started lying to Zhao Ni from her university days.

Zhao Ni had even advised Ke Chu to marry a man like Qian Wang and even listed out his strengths and merits in detail. She could never have imagined that the affair started right after Qian'e was born.

Qian'e always thought that because Ke Chu had returned from overseas, she was more avant-garde and so she did not find anyone suitable after returning home. Looking at the situation now, perhaps Ke Chu had planned this all along.

Qian'e and Zhao Ni had not seen Ke Chu for so many years. They only knew that Ke Chu had a house in the capital, but they did not know if she actually lived in the capital.

"Let's go and confront her!" Qian'e said angrily.

"These are just a few forms and medical reports. You can't prove anything with these. Isn't it a very common practice for hospital staff to give up their slots to other people? This doesn't prove that Qian Wang had an affair. You need to have stronger evidence," Qiao Mei said as she looked at Qian'e seriously.

Chapter 1556 Educating the Children

Yao Nian looked at Qiao Mei in surprise. He did not expect this woman to be so knowledgeable and that she was not just a pretty thing for show. Xia Zhe was a really lucky man.

Qiao Mei had enough experience with these things after dealing with many such cases in her other life. There was no one who understood the thoughts of those evil people better than her.

She needed Yao Nian to go and search for more evidence. Yao Nian tapped his palm and spread his hands out in front of Qiao Mei. She said impatiently, "Just name your price."

"Deal!" Yao Nian disappeared from the door with a whoosh.

Qian Wang was already locked up in the detention center but was not convicted yet. If he was solely found guilty of hurting Zhao Ni, he would be imprisoned for one year at most. In that case, Qian'e and Zhao Ni would still be at Qian Wang's mercy.

They must gather more evidence to prove the adultery so that Zhao Ni could divorce Qian Wang.

First, Qiao Mei asked Zou Ming to detain Qian Wang for a period of time. Then, she asked the director of women's affairs to mandate that Old Madam Qian must live with either of her two other sons. She wanted to make sure that Old Madam Qian stayed alive.

Qiao Mei had given Qian'e some ginseng juice previously and Qian'e gave it to Zhao Ni. After Zhao Ni drank it, she recovered very quickly and looked much better.

"Chief Sun says that you can already go home. The new house is still under renovation. I can arrange for both of you to stay at the corn courtyard house for now," Qiao Mei said.

"It's better for me to go home..." Zhao Ni said dejectedly.

During this period of time, they did not tell Zhao Ni about the Qian family's issues so that she could recuperate in peace. They decided that now was the right time to tell her about their plans.

"Do you want to divorce him?" Qian'e asked.

"Where will I live if I get a divorce? I don't have the means to support myself," Zhao Ni said fearfully.

"I'm still short of a dormitory helper at my factory. You can work there and you'll get a room in the dormitory," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

She needed to hire someone to do this job anyway, so she might as well hand it to someone she knew. It would be easier for her to manage this way. Furthermore, it would also make it easier to investigate any issues that should arise.

"Won't I cause trouble for you?" Zhao Ni asked.

"Of course not. Everyone has to learn on the job. You just need to take it slow," Qiao Mei said by way of comfort.

Zhao Ni agreed to Qiao Mei's suggestion. After settling the hospital discharge procedures, Qiao Mei brought them to the house and let them settle down. She had been busy for so many days and had not gone home to see Xia Fan and Xia Xing. The two children had grown up a lot in just a few days.

"Ah... Ah..." When Xia Fan saw Qiao Mei, he reached out with his two little arms to ask for a hug. Qiao Mei quickly picked Xia Fan up.

Other than saying "Ah" every day, the children were also able to hum some tunes. Feng Hua kept talking to them recently, trying to stimulate them to start talking.

However, it was indeed a little too early since the children were not even one year old. The two children only knew how to crawl around now and did not know how to stand yet!

"It's been so exhausting during the few days you were away. The two children keep moving around the room. I plan to put soft mats all over so that it's easier for them to climb around. This room is really too small for the two children to get enough exercise," Feng Hua said.

"The living room is big enough. I'll ask Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang to empty out the living room and we can make it the children's playroom. This way, we won't have to worry about the children falling or tripping. You can put all their toys there," Qiao Mei said.

"That seems to be the best solution, but don't spoil them too much. Children need to face some difficulties in order to grow up quickly. If we deliberately remove all the difficult tasks for them, it's not beneficial to their growth," Feng Hua explained seriously.

Qiao Mei suddenly realized that she had indulged the children a little too much and did not curb their behavior. The two children could already crawl and sit up now. When they played with toys, they would always throw their things everywhere. She had not been too concerned about this since Feng Hua was always there to tidy up. Now that she thought about it, this behavior was quite problematic.

"Thank you, Sister Feng. There are many things that I don't even notice. I'm a newbie mother and I don't really know how to educate the children. If you notice anything wrong, just tell me and I'll definitely correct my mistakes!" Qiao Mei said.

"Sure, sure!" Feng Hua said happily.

Chapter 1557 Take Good Care During the Pregnancy

The next few days passed slowly. It was soon the day for the interview with the reporters from the television stations. Qian'e put on a beautiful outfit and faced the reporters together with Zhao Ni. She told them about all those grudges over the years, including Qian Wang being irresponsible towards his family and Old Madam Qian bullying her mother and her.

The most important story was about how He Mei instructed Ma San and Shen Na to break up her family and cause her to lose her baby.

There was generally a sense of pity for Qian'e and Zhao Ni. Although there were still people who passed insulting remarks about Qian'e being a promiscuous and disgraced woman, most people felt sorry for her.

After the interview ended, the reporters flocked to He Ning's house and waited outside his front door. They waited to see if He Ning would come out and give a statement together with a reasonable explanation. If what Qian'e said was true, they also wanted to see if He Mei would explain her actions and also apologize to Qian'e and her family.

He Ning hid inside the house and refused to go out. The people outside were in such a tizzy and made so much noise that it gave him a headache.

"Ask the Song and Du families to send people here! To chase away all the people outside!" He Ning said in annoyance.

"They might not take orders from us. Although we have a mutually beneficial relationship with the Du family, they have always been lukewarm to us. I'm worried that they will betray us this time," Huo Gao said.

"Betray us? They still want to get ginseng from me! If they betray me, that old man from the Song family can forget about staying alive! No one in the Song family nor the Du family can stay alive!" He Ning said furiously.

It was not until dark that the crowd outside dispersed. He Ning had a splitting headache by now. If not for that idiot in the backyard, he would not have to face so much trouble today.

"How has He Mei been recently?" He Ning asked.

"The baby is good and there are no issues with the growth and development. We just need to keep a close watch. However, He Mei is not very well-behaved. I hear from Jia Zhong that she's still trying to contact Zhou Dun in private," Huo Gao said.

"Tell Jia Zhong to find an opportunity to get rid of Zhou Dun. How can I let a traitor mess up all my plans? Tell him to remember to do a clean job. If anything goes wrong at this time, people can use it against me," He Ning said impatiently.

"Got it," Huo Gao said.

After He Ning drank his evening medicine, he slowly made his way to He Mei's accommodation. The place was not big but it was still livable. He Mei had been through worse and this was nothing to her.

"Little Uncle, you're here," He Mei said with a smile.

"How's everything? Is there anything else you need here? If you need anything, just tell the helper. She'll let me know and I'll arrange for Jia Zhong to buy it for you," He Ning said amiably.

"Really? I would like a television set. It's really boring here every day." He Mei wanted to say something else, but when she saw He Ning's mocking gaze, she shut her mouth obediently .

"Your pregnancy is starting to show. Huo Gao told me that you've been very proactive about taking care of yourself during this period of time and that the baby is well. This is very good," He Ning said as he sat down.

"Thank you, Little Uncle. This is what I should do. I will definitely take good care of this child!" He Mei said.

He Ning raised his eyes to look at He Mei and said slowly, "You have to know that if I can get you pregnant with Xia Zhe's child, I can also make you lose the child. I can send you into the Xia family but I can also send you somewhere else. I hear that you've been chatting with a dog recently, so I killed that disobedient dog. Now, you can stay here in peace."

It was no wonder that she had not been able to contact Zhou Dun after that incident. He was the last of He Guo's trusted confidants and now He Ning had taken his life. She was never ever going to be able to defeat He Ning.

He Mei sat limply on the bed and looked at He Ning with fear. She did not know when He Ning would kill her.

"Why are you so afraid of me? I'm your uncle and I won't hurt you. But look at how much trouble you've caused me recently. Don't think that I don't know what you're trying to do. If you come and tell me, I can help you achieve what you want. However, you choose to act without permission behind my back, so I have to discipline you," He Ning said.

"I know that it's my fault... Little Uncle, please spare me..." He Mei said as she tried to control her trembling voice.

Chapter 1558 Fake Medicine

"Stay here obediently and don't cause any more trouble." After He Ning said that, he returned to his house in the front yard. Jia Zhong came in to inform him that there were people from the Du and Song families at the door.

Before He Ning went looking for them, they had already come to settle scores with him. He found that to be quite interesting. It was rare for everyone to be gathered together, so he decided to meet them.

Song Dan and Du Miao waited anxiously outside the door, Song Dan being the more anxious of the two. Old Master Song's treatment could not be delayed any longer. Some time ago, Old Master Song's condition had improved a lot after taking the medicine sent by the Liang family. However, after they ran out of the "divine medicine", Old Master Song's condition began to deteriorate again.

If they had a choice, they would not come to beg He Ning.

"Such rare guests. Why will Bureau Chief Song and Young Master Du ever come looking for me?" He Ning asked with a smile.

"Let's just speak freely. It's too tiring to beat around the bush. I want to buy all the 'divine medicine' in your possession. Name your price," Song Dan said.

He Ning looked at Song Dan and laughed loudly. Young people simply had no patience. This young man had already revealed his trump card to him. How interesting.

"What you're trying to buy is my life. I also need the medicine to stay alive!" He Ning said.

"Don't you still have the ginsengs which Qiao Mei sold you? Those are enough for you to improve your health. I only want the other 'divine medicine' in your hands. Let's each have what we need," Song Dan said.

When Du Miao saw Song Dan's unyielding attitude, he quickly stopped Song Dan and said, "Uncle He, our families can be considered to be old friends. Can you just treat it as a gift to me? We've also done you a huge favor recently."

Du Jun was a member of one of the families which branched out of the Du family in the capital and he had always maintained a close relationship with the capital Du family. To put it bluntly, he was like a dog which the capital Du family raised in the outskirts. He was also the one who helped with the matter of getting He Mei pregnant.

He Ning would never let anyone threaten him, but this time round, he would take it as returning the favor to the Du family. After that, he would have nothing more to do with the Du family.

He asked Huo Gao to bring out two big bottles of medicinal wine from his medicine room. The liquid was clear green, but the color seemed a little lighter than normal.

"I previously bought this from the Zhong family and spent a lot of money on it. If you want it, I'll give it to you. However, let's make it clear that you will owe me a big favor from now on," He Ning said.

"Hang on! It should be that we don't owe each other anything anymore. We gave you a life earlier and now you're giving us a life back. It's a fair deal," Du Miao said with a smile.

He was really a child from the Du family, so shrewd and sly. However, he was just a small fry and still far inferior when compared with his father. Each generation seemed to be worse than the last.

"Bureau Chief Song, please ensure the security of our house during the day," He Ning said.

"Definitely," Song Dan said firmly.

Huo Gao packed up the two bottles of medicinal wine and handed it to Du Miao and Song Dan. The two of them said their thanks insincerely and headed for the private hospital after they left the He family residence. Huo Gao felt so sorry to lose the medicinal wine!

He had wanted to study how Qiao Mei concocted it, but he did not expect someone to take it all before he could even start.

"You don't have to feel sorry. Those are fake," He Ning said with a smile.

"Fake? Fake medicine!" Huo Gao said as he looked at He Ning in shock. A person could die from eating fake medicine!

He Ning shrugged and said, "It came from the Zhong family and I haven't even opened it yet. How can the fake medicine be from me?"

The Zhong family could not bear to give away the two bottles of "divine medicine" to others as they wanted to keep it for themselves! However, they also did not want to offend He Ning, so they only gave one bottle of real medicine to He Ning. The other bottle contained vegetable juice which resembled the "divine medicine".

The liquid would not kill anyone. He Ning did not care about the divine medicine that was light green in color. Those things were not even as nutritious as his 100-year-old ginseng!

The only reason why he could tell the difference between the two bottles of medicine was that there was some tiny residue at the bottom of one bottle. Although it was very inconspicuous, there was still a difference. He Ning was very meticulous in such aspects.

Song Dan brought the medicinal wine back and fed it to Old Master Song. At first, it was very effective, but his condition gradually became the same as before. The doctor had even listed him as critically ill twice.

Chapter 1559 Coming to Seek Medicine

"This is the Xia family's 'divine medicine'! Isn't it supposed to cure him? Why does it turn out this way! Did you swap out the medicine! Or did you lie to me!" Song Dan roared at the doctor agitatedly.

"We've never seen the Xia family's medicine before. We've only heard rumors about it and we don't know the exact effect. Perhaps that medicine has different effects on different people," the doctor said cautiously.

"What do you mean? Do you mean that although this medicine works on Xia Mao, it won't work on my grandfather?" Song Dan looked at the doctor in disbelief.

"Perhaps it's because everyone's physical condition is different. We've all studied Xia Mao's case back then. It's a miracle and we can't generalize it. Miracles don't happen often," the doctor said.

Song Dan smashed everything in the surroundings out of exasperation. The doctors did not panic. They could understand how the family members of such patients felt.

For a moment, Song Dan did not know where he could go to find the "divine medicine" to save his grandfather. The Xia family definitely would not give him the medicine. He had already bought all the medicine available on the market. The only way out was to look for Qiao Mei, but he would not be able to gain entry to Qiao Mei's house.

"What's the use of being scared of embarrassment at a time like this!" Song Dan left the hospital without looking back and headed towards Xia He's house. He had only been able to find Xia He's address. Qiao Mei owned too many properties and he was not even sure which one Qiao Mei lived in.

It was the middle of the night and Deng Fan and Xia He were both already asleep. Song Dan knocked on the door desperately, as if he wanted to smash it in. Deng Fan got up in a daze to take a look and immediately became alert when he saw that it was Song Dan outside.

"What are you doing at our house tonight?" Deng Fan asked warily.

"I'm not looking for you. I'm looking for Xia He," Song Dan said solemnly.

"If you're looking for either of us, then come back tomorrow during the day. It's so late now and we don't receive guests at this hour." Deng Fan wanted to close the door after saying that but Song Dan immediately stuck his foot in and said, "I already said I want to see Xia He! I want to see Xia He! If I can't see Xia He, I'll just wait here!"

Xia He put on a coat and walked out of the house. She gently patted Deng Fan's shoulder and asked him to let Song Dan in. It was already so late at night and they would disturb the neighbors if they made so much noise.

Deng Fan brought Song Dan to their study, the place where they discussed business with visitors.

"Tell me, why is Bureau Chief Song at my house so late at night?" Xia He said impatiently.

"I want your 'divine medicine'. I'm willing to pay any amount of money. Name your price," Song Dan said.

"Do you think my house is a treasure chest? You think you can have whatever you want as long as you have money. When it comes to money, my family is not inferior to you now. We don't care about money at all. Do you think you can buy anything with money?" Xia He said mockingly.

Song Dan also knew that this method would not work, but he still wanted to give it a try. At the moment, he did not have anything other than money. He did not know how else he could save Old Master Song.

"I... How about I owe you a big favor?" Song Dan said in a gentle tone of voice.

"I can't make the decision on this matter. After all, the owner of this 'divine medicine' is my sister-in-law. Moreover, you've offended everyone in our family. The only reason why I'm talking to you nicely here is because we used to be classmates. I can't guarantee the others will react the same way," Xia He said.

"My grandfather is seriously ill and really needs this medicine. I won't have come here to beg you if I'm not at my wits' end," Song Dan said aggrievedly.

Xia He was a little puzzled. Did Qiao Mei have to save everyone on the verge of death in this world? Did the Xia family have to find a way out for these people who were at their wits' end?

Their family was just an ordinary family, not a Buddha who was here to save all mankind! They were not so noble yet!

"You should go. This medicine is not something that's always available. We've given all the medicine in our family to my father and there's only one bottle left now. We have to keep some for ourselves too. You can't ask that our family give up a life for you. We're not that magnanimous," Xia He said.

Seeing how stubborn Xia He was, Song Dan had no choice but to leave and think of another way. He had indeed been too rash to make his way here today.

Chapter 1560 Come Home Immediately

Du Miao had been staying at the Song family residence recently and had not returned to the Du family residence in a long time. He had no idea about the earth-shattering changes that had happened to the Du family.

"Ring, ring, ring!!!" The phone rang incessantly.

Du Miao got up from the bed with some difficulty. Song Dan was busy going around to look for medicine every day. He tried to help but could not make any progress no matter how hard he tried. He decided to just stay at home and wait for a miracle to happen on Song Dan's end.

"Hello?" Du Miao asked.

"You still know how to answer the phone! I would have thought that you'd already died!" Du Miao's father, Du Bo, roared down the line.

His voice was so loud that it almost made Du Miao deaf. Du Bo would only call Du Miao for one reason and that was if something had happened to the Du family. However, Du Miao was very sure that it had nothing to do with Du Bo's health. How could a person with such a sonorous voice be sick?

"What's wrong?" Du Miao said impatiently.

"Your mother hasn't been feeling well recently and wants to see you. Come back quickly," Du Bo said.

"Are you lying to me again? You used the same reason to trick me into going home the last time. Do you think I'll fall for it again?" Du Miao said disdainfully.

"Whether I'm joking or not, I've said all I need to say," Du Bo said and hung up.

After hanging up the phone, Du Miao squatted down helplessly. He really hated communicating with Du Bo. At work, their relationship was one between superior and subordinate. However, even when they returned home, Du Miao felt like he was still at work.

His mother was the one who brought him up and she was very important to him. In the past, whenever Du Miao did not go home, Du Bo would use the excuse that his mother was not feeling well to trick him into going home. He did not know if she did it on purpose or if she was really feeling unwell.

Du Miao packed his luggage quickly and left a note for Song Dan before returning to the Du family residence. The Du family had worked in the police force for generations. Du Bo was the chief of the police department in the capital. Since Du Miao's younger days, everyone thought that he had joined the police department through the back door. He was not as capable as Xia Wen and Xia Zhe, so he simply accepted the gossip calmly.

Therefore, Du Bo always mentioned Du Miao's various shortcomings to other people. Once, when Du Bo was drunk, he even said that Du Miao was an asshole and a worthless piece of trash. After that, Du Miao decided to behave in the way that Du Bo described.

Du Miao's marriage was also arranged by Du Bo. He did not have any choice at all. However, he was still considered quite lucky. Du Miao's wife was very nice to him and the two of them eventually fell in love with each other after getting married.

"Did you ask me to come back just to watch you play games?" Du Miao stood at the door with his bag and looked at all the women seated around four tables in the house.

"Oh my~ Du Miao is back! You look more handsome than we last saw you. Come, come. Come quickly and let your aunties take a look at you," one of the women said.

Du Miao's mother was called Feng Niao. Her main pastime was to invite a group of her friends to her house to play mahjong. Du Bo did not allow her to go out as and when she liked, so she could only invite everyone to her house.

"Your father tricked you into coming back again? Don't blame him. It's just that I've been coughing recently, so he probably wants to get you to come back and accompany me," Feng Niao explained.

Du Miao did not believe what she said. Feng Niao loved Du Bo very much. Everyone thought of them as a match made in heaven, but being their child was worse than being a stray dog.

"Xiao Du, come and play a round with us later. We haven't played with you for so long!" another auntie said.

"I'm going back to my room," Du Miao said helplessly.

"Head for the study. Your father is waiting for you there," Feng Nian said.

Du Miao dragged his feet as he made his way to the study upstairs. Du Bo was standing by the window and looking at the scenery outside. He did not even turn his head when he heard Du Miao enter the room.

"So you know how to come back," Du Bo said unhappily.

"If you sell this house, then I won't need to come back again," Du Miao said as he sat on the chair.

"Do you know how grave a mistake you have made? How dare you provoke the He family?" Du Bo turned around and questioned angrily.

Du Miao said nonchalantly, "Oh, so he came to look for you. I thought he was just joking. It seems that he's a vengeful person."