

Fat Wife 1561

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The moment Du Miao left the He family residence, He Ning had asked Jia Zhong to send a big gift to Du Bo. How could one spend time dancing on hornets' nests and not expect to be stung?

Although Du Bo had been conscientious and diligent in his job all his life, it was still inevitable that he would play favorites at times. He Ning had investigated all those old incidents and wrote a letter to Du Bo, asking him to rein in his son.

There was nothing Du Bo could do. Du Miao was simply too lawless. It would have been fine if he had gone to see the He family for his own issues, but he had gone on behalf of the Song family.

"If Old Master Song is sick, just send him some tonics. Don't get involved in anything else," Du Bo said with a sigh.

"He is very sick. It's not something that can be cured with tonics," Du Miao said.

"What has that got to do with you! You're a child of the Du family! Let the Song family solve their own problems! Just stay at home obediently!" Du Bo said.

"Why not! When I was young, it was Grandpa Song who brought me up! As if you have taken care of me for even one day! Have you ever come back to visit my mother and me! You only care about your job. Now that I'm grown up and you think I can be of use to you, you start to order me around just because you're my father! Don't even think about it! If not for my mother, I won't ever return to this house!" Du Miao said furiously.

"Everything you have is from me!" Du Bo said.

"I don't want it! If you want, you can take it all! I can return everything to you! Who wants to be your son! Who wants that job! If you want, you can take everything back! I don't care! Even if I die, it has nothing to do with you!" Du Miao shouted as he pointed at Du Bo.

The commotion upstairs made the people playing mahjong downstairs feel so frightened that they did not dare to make any sound. A woman whispered, "Sister Feng, I think we'd better end here today."

Feng Niao nodded helplessly and said, "I'm sorry, everyone. Next time, I'll definitely prepare a good meal for all of you. I hope you'd do me the honor and come around then!"

"Of course, of course!" Everyone hurriedly ran out of the Du family residence, scared that they would get implicated in the fight between Du Bo and Du Miao.

"Did the two of you quarrel again?" Feng Nian said as she entered the study.

"Mom, it's nothing. I'm going back. Take good care of yourself," Du Miao said dejectedly.

"Stand here. I still have something to tell you," Feng Nian said sternly.

Du Miao always listened to Feng Miao, so he stood obediently beside her. Feng Miao looked up and stared into Du Miao's eyes. Her child had grown up in the blink of an eye. Time passed so fast.

"Apologize to your father. Don't talk to either of us so agitatedly in the future," Feng Niao said in a gentle manner.

"That's impossible," Du Miao said.

"Aren't you even going to listen to your mother now?" Feng Niao said in a slightly angry tone.

Du Miao remained silent. If he resisted, Feng Nian might get angry and her condition would worsen. If he relented and admitted that it was his mistake, he would be bullied by Du Bo forever.

"Mom, do you only love my father and not me? Is everything my fault? Do I have to be treated like this just because I'm your son? I respect and love you, but what do I get in return? You don't even distinguish

between right or wrong and write off everything I have done. Then you question me and ask me why I don't have any achievements. Don't you think it's ridiculous?" Du Miao said, looking heartbroken.

Feng Nian was stunned for a moment before she continued, "Apologize to your father first. We can talk about other things later, alright? We'll sit down and listen to you."

At this moment, Du Bo also looked towards them and said, "I can help you ask the Xia family for what you want, provided that your entire family moves back here to live with us."

Du Miao smiled self-deprecatingly. They would help him on condition that he moved back home. Did they really want to lock him up in this cage so badly?

He cared about Feng Nian so much because when he was young, the two of them only had each other. However, after Du Bo came back, Feng Nian only cared about her husband and did not show any concern for her son at all. Even so, Du Miao was still very grateful to Feng Nian.

Old Master Song did not have much time left. He must get the Xia family's "divine medicine" as soon as possible. For Old Master Song's sake, he was willing to make sacrifices.

"Alright, I agree," Du Miao said expressionlessly.

Chapter 1562 Sorry to Disturb You

The next day, Du Bo and Du Miao went to Qiao Mei's house with a pile of gifts. They wanted to look sincere enough to convince Qiao Mei to give them some "divine medicine".

"Be nice to her when you see her later. Don't pull a long face," Du Bo said to Du Miao with a slight frown.

Du Bo should say that to himself. He was the only one with a cold expression.

Du Miao nodded. His current expression was not directed at Qiao Mei, but purely because he was unhappy with Du Bo. Why did the two of them have to take the same car? He thought they were going to the Xia family residence? Why did they need to go to Qiao Mei's place first?

However, as long as they could get the "divine medicine" to save Old Master Song, he would put up with it.

Along the way, the two men remained silent. Even the chauffeur felt a little awkward and sped up so that he could reach Qiao Mei's house quickly.

After Du Bo and Du Miao tidied their appearances, they got out of the car and knocked on the door. When Xu Kang saw them, she was a little puzzled. She had never seen these two people before nor had she received any notification about any visit in advance.

"You are?" Xu Kang asked.

"We're from the Du family and we're here to see Qiao Mei. I wonder if she has time to meet us," Du Miao said with a smile.

"Do you have an appointment?" Xu Kang asked.

"Appointment?" Du Bo muttered unhappily.

Why would the Du family need to make an appointment to pay a visit to someone? Qiao Mei was too full of herself to have such a request of her visitors.

"Yes, we usually don't let outsiders in unless an appointment is fixed a few days in advance. Otherwise, we won't entertain any request," Xu Kang said.

"Please go and ask if you can make an exception for us. I'm Xia He's friend. You can check with her," Du Miao said.

Xu Kang closed the door and ran in to look for Xia He. Xia He had thought that it would be someone from the Song family, but she did not expect the Du family to come around first. It was so troublesome.

"You... What do you want?" Xia He asked curiously.

"We're here to visit Qiao Mei and to ask for a favor," Du Miao said honestly.

Xia He sized them up for a while and then said, "She's not up yet. You might have to wait in the living room for a while. Come in with me first."

This was the first time they had seen the house for themselves. Du Miao only felt that this woman was much more capable than the rumors made her out to be. She displayed all her antiques at home so openly. Other people would usually hide away their treasures.

Du Bo, on the other hand, felt that this was a woman who spent money recklessly. There was no need to buy all these things that were on display in the house. She must have secretly bought all these things while Xia Zhe was not at home.

Xia He did not seem as close to Song Dan as he claimed. Du Miao was Song Dan's best friend, but Xia He did not welcome him warmly. It seemed that Song Dan was just boasting.

"Hmph... It's really an eye-opener for me to see such an extravagant woman so valued by the Xia family. The Xia family's luck is about to come to an end," Du Bo said mockingly in a low voice.

Xia He frowned as she looked at Du Bo. He had the cheek to have such an attitude when he was here to ask for help. If not for the fact that Du Bo was an elder, Xia He would have chased them out with a stick earlier.

"Qiao Mei is our family's lucky star. The moment she married into the family, she gave my grandfather two grandchildren and made my parents very happy. She even used her family heirloom to save my father's life during a critical moment. She brings prosperity to our family and even runs a factory now. I guess your daughter-in-law must be much more capable than Qiao Mei. Otherwise, you won't look down on Qiao Mei, right?" Xia He questioned.

Du Bo was left speechless for a moment. Du Miao's wife, Zhu Zhen, had married into the Du family for more than 10 years and only gave birth to a daughter. She neither corrected Du Miao's unruly behavior

nor brought her children home to be filial to her in-laws. Compared to Qiao Mei, she had no merits at all.

"In that case, she's indeed not bad." Du Bo looked around and continued, "But look at the time now. Why is she still sleeping? As her elder sister, you have to teach her well. She's from the countryside and doesn't know how to behave, so she needs to learn the rules."

"Our family doesn't have so many rules. Moreover, she's pregnant now! It's a big deal to be able to add a new member to the Xia family, so it's fine for her to sleep more. It doesn't even matter if she sleeps the whole day. Her health is the most important thing now, don't you think so?" Xia He continued.

Chapter 1563 Return Empty-Handed

"She's pregnant again!" Du Miao said in shock.

"That's right! This is such a cause for celebration and we're all very happy! My parents don't even dare to come and disturb Qiao Mei and especially ask me to come and take care of her," Xia He said pointedly.

It was then that Qiao Mei entered the living room, already dressed nicely. She had heard whatever Xia He said just now. Nowadays, she could use any plant in the courtyard to be her eyes and ears. By now, it was as if she had paranormal vision and hearing.

The way Xia He protected her just now made her feel all warm and fuzzy inside. It felt really good to have family backing her up. Moreover, Xia He's sharp tongue seemed to have become even sharper recently.

Qiao Mei was not afraid of the Du family at all. In her eyes, the Du family was not even as interesting as the He family. Qiao Mei had heard that the chief of the police department was about to be replaced and Du Miao was a person who would not achieve much. The Du family was probably the one whose luck was coming to an end.

"Such rare guests. I wonder why Uncle Du is here?" Qiao Mei asked.

"We're here today to ask you for some 'divine medicine' to save a life," Du Miao said nicely.

Qiao Mei had always told people that the "divine medicine" belonged to the Xia family and that if anyone wanted the "divine medicine", they should go and look for Xia Mao. Gradually, no one remembered Qiao Mei's part in it. It was quite a feat for Du Bo to be able to find out that she was the real owner of the "divine medicine".

Du Bo... Du Jun... Could these two people be related?

How shameless of them. They had helped the He family get He Mei "pregnant with Xia Zhe's child", yet now they wanted to ask her for the "divine medicine"! No way!

"I'm sorry, I don't have any here. I've given all the medicine to the Xia family. You should go and ask my father-in-law for it," Qiao Mei said politely.

Du Bo was a little annoyed. This was definitely impossible. Would Qiao Mei hand over everything to the Xia family? She must have kept some for herself. It must be complete nonsense to say that everything was with the Xia family.

"I've already asked your father-in-law. He's the one who asks me to come to your place," Du Bo said coldly.

Qiao Mei did not believe it! Xia Mao was most unwilling to cause trouble for her, especially at this juncture. Everyone only wanted Qiao Mei to take good care during this pregnancy, so they would not allow the Du family to come and disturb Qiao Mei. Even the Xia family members themselves did not come to her house if there was no good reason.

"Is that so? Then let me make a call and ask him. But even then, I still don't have anything for you," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Little girl, we're all living in the capital. If you make things easy for us, we'll repay you for your help. But if you behave like this, how are we going to get along in the future?" Du Bo threatened.

"Oh? So does that mean Uncle Du knows someone else who has the 'divine medicine'? I'm just an ignorant woman and this is the first time I'm hearing of it. In that case, Uncle Du, you should go and look for that person. I really don't have any more medicine," Qiao Mei said.

"Then... Do you have any good quality ginseng? We'll buy it, no matter the price. Name your price. We can afford it no matter how much it is," Du Miao said seriously.

Qiao Mei did not care about money at all. Money was nothing to her and the current Xia family. Even if she had to take out 100,000 dollars and burn the money to ashes, Qiao Mei would not even bat an eyelid.

"I'm not short of money. Besides, I really don't have any 'divine medicine' anymore. Why don't you go and look for He Ning? He bought a lot of ginseng and 'divine medicine' from me for his own use!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Du Miao had already gone to look for He Ning and obtained He Ning's "divine medicine". If they wanted to take He Ning's ginsengs, they would need to kill him. It would be more difficult than ascending to the heavens.

"Think about it again. Perhaps you left some in a corner and forgot about it?" Du Miao asked.

"There's really no more. I'm tired after talking for so long. My elder sister will send you off." After saying that, Qiao Mei winked playfully at Xia He.

Xia He led Du Bo and Du Miao out of Qiao Mei's house. On their way back, Du Miao blamed Du Bo for being too aggressive just now. They clearly had a chance, but now they had failed.

After a while, Du Bo said, "Since the Xia family is unmoved by neither force nor persuasion, then they shouldn't blame us for being unkind..."

"What are you going to do?" Du Miao asked.

"We'll talk about it when we get home," Du Bo said, closing his eyes.

Xia He ran to Qiao Mei's bedroom and looked at her angrily, saying, "You make me chase them out! Quick, tell me! How are you going to make it up to me!"

Chapter 1564 Use Poison

"I'll cook you a nice meal! I'll make you whatever you want to eat and then I'll make you a beautiful dress. You're a big star now! You must wear nice clothes! You can't wear the same few pieces of clothing over and over again," Qiao Mei said with a faint smile.

Xia He could not bear to let Qiao Mei cook. Qiao Mei already had a poor appetite for many days. Whenever she heard the word "rice", Qiao Mei would throw up. It was almost a conditioned reflex by now.

As Qiao Mei had been lacking adequate nourishment from food for a long time, she was very weak. The ginseng juice could only keep her alive, but it could not make her feel comfortable.

Qiao Mei felt better for a few days but then she was unable to get out of bed again. At the moment, she did not even have the strength to walk. Qiao Qiang came over to the front yard part of the house every day to talk to Qiao Mei. As long as it was something Qiao Mei wanted, he would try his best to give it to her.

"Grandfather... It's not a big deal. You can go back and rest. You've been sitting here for an entire day," Qiao Mei said weakly.

"I'm fine. You're the one who needs to rest well. Maybe we should just stew those ginsengs for you," Qiao Qiang said.

Qiao Mei shook her head slightly. If this method was useful, she would have stewed the ginsengs long ago. She did not know what was going on with this baby. Some time ago, she could still calm the baby down for a while by absorbing energy from ginseng, but this trick was useless by now.

This child must be a "demon king incarnate". After the baby was born, she would ask Xia Zhe to give the baby a good spanking!

"Should we get Xia Mao to call Xia Zhe and ask him to come back? You'll feel more at ease with him around," Qiao Qiang said with a frown.

"It's better not to tell him," Qiao Mei said.

Xia Zhe coming back would not be of any help to her. He could only watch by the side and feel anxious, which would make her feel even less able to withstand the discomfort. She decided to endure it for now. It would probably get better after some time.

As night fell, Du Bo and Du Miao discussed their grand plan in the study. Since they could not get what they wanted using persuasion, they could only punish Qiao Mei and make her submit to them obediently.

"Have you rounded up your people?" Du Bo asked.

"Yes, but they can't get close to Qiao Mei's house at all. There are many guards on duty outside the alley and there are also six guard team members in her house. Our people can't even get close at all. Furthermore, they have added two guards outside the children's room recently," Du Miao said.

"Just wait. It's impossible for them not to come out at all. The children will need to come out and play. If there's really no other way... we'll target their food," Du Bo said darkly.

"You want to poison them? Aren't we just going to capture Qiao Mei's two children? Why do we need to poison them?" Du Miao asked in shock.

"I don't want to do it either. It's Qiao Mei's fault for protecting the children so well. I'm just going to make the two children suffer a bit for a few days. I won't kill them. If the children fall sick, they'll definitely go to the hospital. When that happens, we'll get our chance to take action," Du Bo said agitatedly.

"We... Let's wait a little longer. Children need vaccinations and her kids are already around that age. Let's give it a bit more time," Du Miao persuaded.

Du Miao also had a child of his own. His heart would ache whenever his daughter cried, let alone when she was sick. Being a parent, he could not bear to lay his hands on other people's children.

All this while, he had never participated in Du Bo's nasty affairs and just behaved like a prodigal son. He did not expect to have to get involved in Du Bo's shady businesses one day.

Qiao Mei had already arranged for Yao Nian to investigate the Du family and then she doubled the number of guards in the courtyard. Xia He even made a call to Xia Mao and asked him to send over a few of his elite soldiers.

As time passed, Old Master Song fell even more seriously ill. The Du family could not find the chance to make a move and Song Dan began to feel a little anxious.

Du Miao decided to look for another way. Since their people could not get close enough, there were naturally other people who could openly approach the children. Qiao Mei definitely would not replace her current helpers, so he decided to try and make use of Qiao Mei's relatives.

Back when Qiao Mei used a ginseng to exchange for the courtyard house, it had made news in the capital. Basically, anyone in their circle would take note of anything related to Qiao Mei.

Chapter 1565 Save Me

Every family had their own private investigator, so it was an easy task to check on Qiao Mei's background. In addition, the womenfolk from the various families always gathered together to chat, so the happenings in the capital would never escape the attention of these rich wives.

Everyone knew everything about Qiao Mei and all the things related to her.

Ever since Qiao Mei sent Qiao Yu away, Qiao Yu's life had not been easy. She had thought that if she arrived in a strange city where no one knew anything about her, she could easily find a man to rely on. She believed that if she casually bragged about being from the capital, there would be many men scrambling to woo her.

She did not expect Qiao Mei to send Su Yang and his mother to the area as well. Old Madam Fan had to go out to work to support Su Yang, while Su Yang did not do anything every day and just followed Qiao Yu around.

Su Yang went around telling everyone he met that Qiao Yu was his wife. As time passed, no respectable man was willing to get close to Qiao Yu. Even women did not want to be friends with her.

It was obvious to everyone that Su Yang was not a decent person. If Qiao Yu was involved with such a person, she was definitely not a nice person as well. No one wanted to get caught up in any trouble.

When Qiao Zhuang and the rest of the family knew that Qiao Yu was working in the city and earning a lot of money, they threatened Qiao Yu and asked her to send all the money home. They did not even care if she had any money to eat and only let her keep five dollars every month. The money was not enough even if Qiao Yu ate steamed plain buns every day.

At this moment, someone appeared and asked Qiao Yu if she was willing to carry out a task in exchange for a big reward and the chance to transfer her household register to the city. She agreed readily.

As long as she could hide from Su Yang and Qiao Zhuang, she was willing to do anything!

The Du family brought Qiao Yu into the capital overnight. After briefing Qiao Yu about what to do, they asked her to go and look for Qiao Mei.

Late at night, Qiao Mei washed up and prepared to go to bed. Her face was all pale from throwing up all the time. During this period of time, Li Gui and Xu Kang took turns to take care of her, worried that she might need a drink of water in the middle of the night or that she might get into an accident in the dark.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

"Sister-in-law! Sister-in-law, are you home! Qiao Mei! Open the door for me!" Qiao Yu shouted loudly.

Qiao Mei frowned unhappily. It was not easy for her to get to sleep, but she was woken up so quickly. It looked to be a restless night for her again.

"Just lie down. I'll go and see what's going on outside." Li Gui covered Qiao Mei with the blanket and went to open the door.

The moment Li Gui saw Qiao Yu, she thought that she was seeing things. How could this person be in the capital!

"Didn't we tell you not to come back here for the rest of your life? Why are you here again?" Li Gui said coldly.

"Sister-in-law! I really can't live there anymore! My family keeps forcing me to give them money, and that beastly man has... has done those things to me! I really can't live anymore!" Qiao Yu said as she wept.

"This is a path of your own doing. If that guy bullies you, you should go to the police. Why do you come all the way to the capital to look for us?" Li Gui questioned.

Qiao Yu was a little concerned. How did Li Gui become so much smarter after only a few months? Li Gui used to be the most soft-hearted person. As long as Qiao Yu pretended to be pitiful, it did not take long for Li Gui to give in. It seemed that many things had happened since she left.

"Sister-in-law! I'm actually... actually here in the capital to look for a job! I'm here to visit you guys. I'm really at my wits' end, so you have to uphold justice for me! Those people from the Su family are real bullies! You're the one who arranged for those people to go there! You have to take care of me," Qiao Yu said unreasonably.

Li Gui felt a little guilty. They had indeed played a part in Qiao Yu's current bleak life, but she did not expect the Su family to be so much worse than expected. She looked around for a while and then sighed, saying, "Come in with me."

As soon as Qiao Yu entered the courtyard, she exclaimed in surprise. There were many new things bought after she left the capital. It seemed that they had earned a lot of money during this period of time.

"Who is it..." Qiao Mei asked weakly from the room.

"It's Qiao Yu. She wants to talk to you," Li Gui said softly.

Qiao Yu stood at the door and did not dare to go in. She knew that Qiao Mei must be feeling very unhappy now and that Qiao Mei did not like people entering her territory without permission. Furthermore, she was indeed here with ulterior motives. She might be able to hide it from Li Gui, but she might not be able to hide it from Qiao Mei.

Chapter 1566 He Bullied Me

Qiao Yu's train ride took her one day and one night and then she spent a long time at the Du family's place. There was an indescribable smell on her body that was both fragrant and smelly. Qiao Mei's sense of smell and hearing were very sensitive now. She caught a whiff very quickly and had to scramble to throw up into the trash can.

After throwing up all the porridge she just ate, Qiao Mei lay down weakly. After that, she still threw up a few more times. Li Gui had her hands full taking care of Qiao Mei and completely ignored Qiao Yu, who was standing at the doorway.

Qiao Yu was smart enough not to go forward to ask Qiao Mei about her health or offer to take care of her. She just lowered her head and stayed where she was. This way, Qiao Mei would not be suspicious of her and would believe what she was going to say later.

In fact, Qiao Yu was overjoyed to see Qiao Mei feeling so uncomfortable. Perhaps Qiao Mei had some incurable illness! When she was in the village, she had seen other people's grandmothers becoming like this when they got really old. They became seriously ill and kept vomiting. An evil person would always be punished in the end. Qiao Mei finally got her retribution!

If Qiao Mei died, she might be able to marry Xia Zhe! In their village, if a new wife died not long after marrying into the family, one of her eligible relatives could take her place. It was a practice of keeping things within the family. Qiao Mei did not have any other unmarried relatives who were close to her age and only Qiao Yu met the requirements.

After Qiao Mei died, she would be able to marry Xia Zhe. At that time, everything in the Xia family would belong to her! Everything that Qiao Mei owned would belong to her!

When Qiao Mei felt better, she raised her eyes and looked at Qiao Yu, glad to see that she had actually behaved herself and did not go gallivanting around during this period of time. Qiao Mei asked Qiao Yu to go in and said, "Why are you looking for me?"

"You have to stand up for me! I don't want to go back and get married!" Qiao Yu said aggrievedly.

"Get married? What does your marriage have to do with me? If you don't want to get married, who can force you to do it?" Qiao Mei asked.

"It's Su Yang! He... he did those things to me!" Qiao Yu said as she pretended to shed a few tears.

"Those things? Which things? Is it what I think it is? Don't talk to me in riddles here. If you don't know how the process works, won't you be wrongly accusing him? You said the same thing the last time and caused a misunderstanding in the end," Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Yu's ears turned red. How could Qiao Mei say such things so casually without any shame! She was not married yet! How could she discuss such things with Qiao Mei?

"Since you find it hard to say, then let's go to the hospital again. It's safer this way. In case you're pregnant, we can also take measures in time. Otherwise, if you're too far into the pregnancy, it can't be done without affecting your health. At that time, you will have no choice but to marry Su Yang," Qiao Mei said.

"What? Pregnant? No way!" Qiao Yu said.

How could everyone be as lucky as Qiao Mei to hit the target in one try!

"That's right. Who knows if you're pregnant or not. We should go to the hospital to take a look. At the same time, we can get proof that he has indeed committed a crime. Then I'll bring you to the police station and ask the police to arrest him. He definitely won't be able to escape!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"No, no, no! Actually... actually, nothing happened between us. I stopped him in time!" Qiao Yu said nervously.

"Oh? Is that so? But he still bullied you. Since you're here, I'll avenge you. Let's go to the police station later," Qiao Mei said.

"There's no need! We really didn't do those things! The police still won't be able to lock him up. I have come to the capital this time to earn more money! When I'm there, my family is always spying on me and Su Yang keeps harassing me. I really don't have enough money to survive," Qiao Yu said as she looked at Qiao Mei aggrievedly.

It seemed that Qiao Yu had only just reached the capital and did not know that Qiao Mei owned a factory. Otherwise, she would already have asked Qiao Mei to give her a job.

This was good news. Otherwise, she might go to the factory to create trouble or cause problems by spouting nonsense about the past. There were too many things going on at the moment. The issue with the He family had yet to end, the Du family had come looking for trouble and the Song family was also eyeing them covetously. She did not have time to care about Qiao Yu now.

Chapter 1567 Sleep Under the Bridge

Qiao Mei had a headache just thinking about all these things and she started to throw up into the trash can again. Li Gui was so busy taking care of Qiao Mei that she did not have the energy to care about Qiao Yu.

Only then did Qiao Yu realize that Qiao Mei was actually pregnant! How lucky to be able to get pregnant again after giving birth to two children! Why was the heavens so good to Qiao Mei, but made her life so difficult!

When Li Gui saw that Qiao Mei was feeling sleepy, she immediately chased Qiao Yu out of the room.

"Sister-in-law! Just let me stay here! Look at how uncomfortable Qiao Mei is and how busy you are! I can do housework for you! I can also help you cook and take care of the children. I can also take care of Uncle Qiao! I can do anything you want me to do! I really have nowhere to stay!" Qiao Yu said pitifully.

If Qiao Qiang saw Qiao Yu, he would probably fall sick from anger. Li Gui did not dare to let Qiao Yu appear in front of Qiao Qiang.

"Go and find a guest house. There are plenty of places for you to stay," Li Gui said.

"I don't have a permit to be here... I sneaked into the capital... I can't go to a guest house! They won't allow me to stay there," Qiao Yu said.

Li Gui did not believe her. Even if she had no permit, she could still find a place to spend the night. It was summer now and not winter. She would not freeze to death even if she slept under the bridge for a night!

"There are hotels which don't need you to check your permit. Just go to any one of those. Go quickly before they close for the night," Li Gui said impatiently.

"I don't have any money... Those places are very expensive and I don't have that much money to stay there! My parents took all my money," Qiao Yu said as she grabbed the corner of Li Gui's clothes tightly.

Li Gui sighed resignedly and Qiao Yu thought that Li Gui was going to let her in. Unexpectedly, Li Gui only said, "How much money do you have? Show it to me."

She had more than 20 dollars stashed away. This was all the money she had painstakingly saved up. Before she completed this task, the Du family would not give her a single cent.

"I... I only have five dollars left..." Qiao Yu said as she took out the money from her pocket. She had sewn the rest of the money into her clothes.

Li Gui knew that Qiao Yu definitely had more than that and wanted to continue arguing with Qiao Yu, but Qiao Mei started to throw up again in the room. Li Gui really did not have any more time to haggle with Qiao Yu, so she took out 10 dollars from her pocket and stuffed it into Qiao Yu's hand.

"Take the money and leave. Head back there tomorrow. We don't need your help here!" With that, Li Gui closed the door and went back to take care of Qiao Mei.

Using the vines, Qiao Mei could see everything that happened at the door clearly. Li Gui was no longer the same person she used to be, one who felt sorry for any Tom, Dick or Harry by the roadside. In the past year, she had met all kinds of people while doing business and had become more wily.

All business people were profiteers. Everyone tested one another's limits in order to obtain the greatest benefits. From being deceived by others in the beginning until being able to deal with those people with ease now, Li Gui had paid a huge price for the lessons learnt.

"She has left?" Qiao Mei asked weakly.

"I don't know. I only chased her out of the door and didn't see where she went. It's such a warm night and she won't die even if she stays out for the entire night. Don't worry about her. Come, eat some porridge and then sleep for a while," Li Gui said worriedly.

"She can go wherever she wants," Qiao Mei said weakly as she closed her eyes.

"I think I'd better ask Xia Zhe to come back," Li Gui said worriedly.

This baby was really a handful. Even Xia Fang said that there was nothing she could do. If Qiao Mei continued to feel so sick, it might be detrimental to her health. Instead of letting Qiao Mei risk her life to give birth to this child, it might be better not to let the child come into this world. This unborn baby would probably understand why they would make such a difficult decision.

If Qiao Mei died, the rest of them would also lose their will to live. However, only Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe could make any decision regarding their child.

"It's fine, there's no need to alarm him. You should rest too." After saying that, Qiao Mei fell asleep groggily. Li Gui cleaned up the room before sleeping on the recliner in the living room. She did not want to be too far away from Qiao Mei, worried that Qiao Mei would not be able to find her if something happened. She did not want to sleep too soundly in case she did not hear Qiao Mei calling for her.

In the wee hours of the morning, Qiao Mei started to throw up again. It was a really tortuous night for her.

Chapter 1568 Take It as Having a Dog

Qiao Yu did not go to a hotel. She could not bear to spend so much money. The steps outside Qiao Mei's house were very wide and long and there was no issue for her to make do here for a night. In the past, she could even sleep in the bullpen. Sleeping on some steps was nothing.

As long as she could complete the mission the Du family gave her, she could sleep wherever she wanted in the future! She could sleep on the most expensive bed! Moreover, in the future, there would be countless men like Xia Zhe who would fall for her.

The next morning, Xu Kang had to go to the market to buy groceries. When she opened the door, she saw Qiao Yu lying outside. She was so frightened by the sight that she did not even dare to breathe loudly and quickly closed the door.

"Sister Li! Bad news! There's someone lying outside the main door!" Xu Kang ran to Li Gui's side in fear and whispered.

It was no wonder that Xu Kang was so frightened. In the other town, Qiao Yu only ate steamed buns and pickled vegetables every day and could not afford any meat. She was plump and healthy when she left the capital, but lost a lot of weight with such a diet.

Li Gui frowned slightly. She did not expect Qiao Yu to sleep at their door for the night. The stone steps were so cold and hard that Li Gui would even feel sorry for a beggar who had to sleep there.

"I'll go take a look. Help me take care of Qiao Mei." Li Gui went to the door and took a deep breath before slowly opening it. It was really Qiao Yu outside the door, but she was already awake. She was awoken just now when Xu Kang closed the door.

"Sister-in-law! Just let me stay here! I don't want anything in return! I can do all kinds of chores. You just have to feed me!" Qiao Yu said agitatedly.

Qiao Yu, who had not eaten for one day and one night, was now very pale and could not even stand properly. She looked like she would collapse when the wind blew. Li Gui really could not bear to see her

like this. In any case, she just needed a meal. There were so many guards in the courtyard and nothing could go wrong. She would just take it that she was caring for a dog.

Li Gui brought Qiao Yu into the courtyard and asked her to sit obediently in one corner. Li Gui told her not to do anything and to just sit there and someone would bring her food in a while.

Qiao Mei shook her head helplessly inside the room. Last night, she had wanted to praise Li Gui for being more perceptive of people, but Li Gui had again "showed her true colors" this morning.

The art troupe now treated Xia He like a treasure. Ever since Xia He's musical performance was a huge success, Xia He was given the choice to pick what she wanted to do. It was not a big deal even if Xia He did not go to clock in at work now.

With Qiao Mei not feeling well during this period of time, she decided to take a few days off to relax and also to spend more time with Qiao Mei.

As soon as she entered the house, she caught sight of a person squatting in the corner. When she took a closer look, she was shocked and thought she had seen a female ghost! Qiao Yu's current appearance was indeed a little scary...

"Qiao Mei, do you feel better today? Why is Qiao Yu in your courtyard? How did she get in?" Xia He asked in shock.

Li Gui stood at the side and wrung her hands uneasily as she said, "I let her in. I just find her very pitiful, so I let her squat in one corner. She won't be able to create any trouble."

At least Li Gui still remembered what Qiao Yu had done to Qiao Mei back then. Xia He knew that Li Gui was soft-hearted, but with so many things happening around them now, Qiao Yu's sudden appearance at this juncture meant that she was not here with any good intentions.

"Don't worry, I've already increased the number of guards around the children. Sister Feng also won't leave their side at all during this period of time. Nothing will happen to them," Qiao Mei said.

"If she wants to harm you, she'll be able to find a loophole! It's better to chase her out as soon as possible," Xia He whispered into Qiao Mei's ear with a frown.

"Don't worry, it's actually not a bad thing for her to be here," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Are you saying that you already have a plan?" Xia He asked curiously.

"Since we all know that she's here with an ulterior motive, we should let her stay here so that we can keep an eye on her. She'll definitely show her true colors soon. The most important thing is to catch the mastermind. It's not her own idea to return to the capital to plot against me. Even if she wants to, she doesn't have the capability," Qiao Mei said.

"You're right! Then I'll also stay here for the time being. One more person means an extra pair of eyes," Xia He said.

"You should go home. If there are too many people, she won't give herself away. She will only let down her guard when there are fewer people around," Qiao Mei said prudently.

Chapter 1569 Pigs Can Fly

"You really think of everything. Then I'll go to the factory to see if there's anything I can help with. Recently, Qian'e has been very busy on her own. She even called and asked me to go over and help her!" Xia He said.

"It's really been tough on her during this period of time. Is there any news about the He family?" Qiao Mei asked.

Speaking about the He family, there was really nothing happening there. The weather had been erratic and given He Ning's weak constitution, his illness kept recurring and he did not have the energy to deal with Qiao Mei or anyone.

The reporters waited outside He Ning's house every day. Sometimes, they would cause a scene to force the He family members to come out, adding to He Ning's problems.

In fact, some of these reporters were sent there by Xia Wen to monitor the He family's every move.

"I haven't heard anything. They probably can't do anything now. They can't even protect themselves, so how can they have the energy to mess with us? Eldest Brother and I have already discussed this. If anything happens on the He family's end, he'll go ahead and settle it. You don't have to worry," Xia He said.

"That's good to hear." Qiao Mei suddenly felt sleepy and fell asleep on the bed. Xia He quietly left the room.

Ever since Qiao Mei got pregnant, the food at home was more bland and the meal timings were no longer fixed. Everything was planned around Qiao Mei's condition.

Qiao Yu sat in the corner and was about to faint. She was so hungry that she felt dizzy. If someone pushed her at this moment, she would fall unconscious and not be able to wake up.

"Sister Xu, please prepare some food for her. It doesn't have to be too nice. We just need to make sure that she doesn't die," Xia He said sternly.

Xu Kang knew what to do and only gave Qiao Yu some vegetables and steamed buns. The steamed buns were not even those made of fine flour. Xu Kang also reminded Qiao Yu to just stay put in the corner.

After a few days, Qiao Yu had gathered enough information about Qiao Mei's daily life and everyone's schedule, especially those of the two children. She noted down everything clearly.

Qiao Mei was really a very lucky person. Her two children were fair and chubby and very good-looking. The two children did not cry or fight for no reason. They were so quiet that they looked like two beautiful porcelain dolls.

However, Qiao Yu was also a little annoyed. There were too many people in this courtyard. Apart from the guard team who was always around, Feng Hua would not leave her side at all. Even when Feng Hua went to the toilet, she would ask Li Gui or Xu Kang to keep watch for a while. There was no chance for Qiao Yu to do anything.

After being here for so many days, Qiao Yu still did not get the chance to see the children up close. She had only seen them twice from afar.

Qiao Mei had been using the vines to monitor Qiao Yu. If there was anything out of place, she would immediately inform Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang. She did not expect Qiao Yu to be so obedient and not wander around the house at all. She even slept on the swing in the courtyard at night and did not even enter the house.

The only time she moved around was when she swept the courtyard with a broom and occasionally stood up to do some stretches.

"Qiao Mei, can it be that she has found her conscience?" Xia He leaned against the window and asked as she looked at Qiao Yu outside.

"Which one do you believe, that pigs can fly or that she has a kind heart?" Qiao Mei asked.

Xia He pondered for a moment and said, "Probably that pigs can fly..."

"There are too many people in the house now and everyone's focus is on the children. She doesn't have the chance to do anything. We have to create the chance for her," Qiao Mei said earnestly.

"What? Then what about the children! What if it puts the children in danger?" Xia He looked at Qiao Mei in shock.

Qiao Mei did not know if Qiao Yu was targeting her or the children. It was fine if Qiao Yu was targeting her. She was more worried that Qiao Yu was targeting the children.

Qiao Mei was also unwilling to put the children in danger, but as the saying went, if one could not bear to part with a child, one would not be able to catch a wolf. If they could not catch the real mastermind behind the scenes, they would always be living in a state of uncertainty and the children would not have a day of peace either. It was impossible for them to be by the children's side all the time.

"I know my limits. There won't be any problems," Qiao Mei said with her head lowered.

Back then, when Qiao Mei made the cradles for the children, she had used good quality wood, hollowed it out and hidden vines inside. If someone attacked the children, she could quickly bound the cradles shut.

Chapter 1570 I Finally Found You

However, this method could only be used once. Qiao Mei would not allow anyone who saw her superpower to live. She would have to kill them to keep her secret.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" Xia He said worriedly.

"Yes, I'm sure. Let's find a time to go out for a while. Get Luo Yu to arrange for more people to hide in the dark and block off all the exits in the surroundings. Let's observe carefully for a few days and see if there are any abnormalities," Qiao Mei said.

Xia He could not dissuade Qiao Mei and could only do as she was told. Luo Yu was fully focused during patrols and finally discovered something unusual.

"Qiao Yu would actually sneak out of the side door every night and go to the end of the alley. Then she'll remove something from under a red brick. Luo Yu has already looked at the contents. It's neither Morse code nor proper words. It seems to be a special language that these people developed to communicate among themselves," Xia He said.

"I never expected them to be so well prepared," Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei was not an immortal and she could not keep an eye on Qiao Yu 24 hours a day. She also needed to sleep and rest. Qiao Yu seemed to have picked up a lot of things after living somewhere else for a while. She was actually so wily now and completely different from before.

"Let's put our plan in action tomorrow. You and I will go out and Mom will go and take care of Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin in the backyard," Qiao Mei said.

"No! I don't agree!" Li Gui's voice came from outside.

Li Gui was outside the door when she heard what Qiao Mei said and she rushed into the room, saying, "How can you fool around with the children's safety! This is too risky! I don't agree with your plan of leaving the children alone at home!"

"But if we don't do this, the children will always be in danger. Is it better like that?" Qiao Mei questioned.

She was the children's mother and was concerned for them too, but she really had no other way to catch the mastermind. Yao Nian had already been doing his best to investigate what happened to Qiao Yu, but he could not find anything.

"Just wait a little longer! What if there's another way out! Doesn't Qiao Yu have a lover over there called... Su Yang! Get Luo Yu to bring him here! If someone keeps pestering Qiao Yu, she won't have a chance to do anything to the children," Xia He said agitatedly.

Qiao Mei felt that what Xia He said made sense, so she asked Yao Nian to spread the news about what happened. The next afternoon, Su Yang arrived in the capital and waited bitterly for a few days before Qiao Yu went out for a walk and bumped into him.

"I've finally found you! You actually come to the capital without telling me! You even tell other people that I touched you! Do you know what will happen to me if you say that!" Su Yang said fiercely as he grabbed Qiao Yu's arm.

"Let go of me! I don't even know you! Let go!" Qiao Yu struggled and yelled out.

She did not dare to cry out for help. There were police officers patrolling nearby and she did not have a permit. If she was discovered, she would not be able to continue staying in the capital.

"You don't know me? The matter between the two of us spread like wildfire back then. Do you think everyone will believe what you say? Since you say that I touched you, then let's go register our marriage! This way, I won't pursue the matter! Do you know that I'll have to go to jail if you say I did such things! If you marry me, then it's no longer an offense!" Su Yang said.

"Pfft! I won't marry you! In your dreams! Not in this lifetime!" Qiao Yu said agitatedly.

Just as the two of them were fighting, they were spotted by the patrolling police officers.

"Hey! What are you doing! Why are you bullying someone in broad daylight! How can a man hit a woman!" the police officer shouted.

Su Yang knew these two police officers. One was Brother Zhao and the other was Brother Sun. In the past, Su Yang often got into trouble and his brother, Su Liang, was a scoundrel who did all kinds of nasty things. These two brothers were notorious.

"Oh, it's Brother Zhao and Brother Sun on duty today! I'm Su Yang! Don't you remember me?" Su Yang said with a grin.

"You... Didn't you leave the capital? Why are you back here?" Brother Zhao asked curiously.

"Sigh, I'm here because of my wife! It's a lovers' tiff. We're getting married! She doesn't want to go with me because she's too shy!" Su Yang explained.