

## **Fat Wife 1781**

### Chapter 1781: God of Fortune

“It’s so rare to get a treat from your eldest aunt. The last time your eldest aunt gave us a treat, it was when Xia Wen returned from the army!” Xia Fang said with a laugh.

“Oh yes. At that time, Xia Xiu was so happy that she almost set off firecrackers outside the door!” Xu Lan said with a smile.

Xia Xiu slapped her forehead and said, “Oh! I didn’t buy any firecrackers! We should set off firecrackers tomorrow! Let’s do 10 bunches of firecrackers! The number 10 means perfection!”

“Oh please. We still have two babies at home! What if you frighten the children?” Xia Fang said.

“Then... then we’ll talk about it when the children grow up. Otherwise, we can send the children to the backyard house and set off firecrackers in the front yard. We should also invite a troupe to our house to perform a lion dance!” Xia Xiu said.

“People who don’t know better would think that our family is having some kind of opening ceremony,” Xia Wen complained.

“Hahahaha!” Everyone laughed out loud. Qiao Mei was also very tickled.

“Let’s not do anything too eye-catching. It’ll attract unwanted attention. Let’s keep a low profile. We can plan for something when the results are out,” Qiao Mei said.

“That won’t do! Mei Mei, our family must organize a grand event! We have to do it even if others say that our family is extravagant and wasteful! Our Mei Mei is going to be the top scorer of the college entrance examination in the capital! The top scorer! It’s not as if we can’t afford to celebrate in a grand manner!” Xia Fang said excitedly.

Xia Xiu looked at Xiang Jin helplessly and said, “Look at your wife. Please hold her back. Otherwise, she may even invite the country’s leaders to attend our family’s banquet.”

Xiang Jin waved his hand and said, "She's the real head of the family and I'm her underling. I have to listen to her."

The family finished the meal happily. In the end, they did not manage to come to an agreement about what to do for the celebration.

At home, Xu Kang and Peanut were still unloading all the gifts from the bus!

There were so many things that they did not know when they could finish. Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang had to come and help them out.

When they were done, they did a check on the items. The entire house was filled with fruit baskets and a lot of good wine and tea. It was enough to last their family for a year!

After Qiao Mei reached home, she asked Xu Kang to distribute the fruit baskets to the neighbors, one for each family. She wanted to thank everyone for taking care of her during this period of time and also to share the joy.

The next day, Xu Lan started to go about organizing the celebration banquet.

Qiao Mei's relatives and friends all came to visit her at home, especially Qian'e. She bought so many things that she needed four burly men to carry everything in!

"Come, come, come! Watch out! Don't drop it! These are all very precious items! Be careful! The four of you must bear the weight equally! Don't drop it!" Qian'e said nervously.

Qiao Mei turned around and saw that Qian'e had actually custom-made a God of Fortune statue for her. Qiao Mei would never have imagined that Qian'e would buy such a thing.

"What... what is this? What are you thinking?" Qiao Mei asked with a slight frown.

“Don’t you like money a lot? So I’m inviting the God of Fortune to your house. In the future, he’ll bless you with money and treasures every day. You will have countless mountains of gold and silver!” Qian’e said excitedly.

“I... I... Alright... Thank you,” Qiao Mei said resignedly.

Zhao Fei and his wife were really busy with work, so they gave Qian’e 20,000 dollars to pass to Qiao Mei and to inform her that it was their gift for her. Chi Ze and his buddies also gave a gift. They pooled together 10,000 dollars and asked Qian’e to bring the money to Qiao Mei.

They did not really know what Qiao Mei liked. Based on their understanding of her, she did not seem to like anything other than money and properties.

“All you guys are really... really down-to-earth,” Qiao Mei said in surprise.

“There’s also 20,000 dollars from me in here. It’s a total of 50,000 dollars. Keep it well!” Qian’e said.

“Since this is everyone’s gift to me, I won’t stand on ceremony. Come in and sit down. Let me think about where to put this big statue,” Qiao Mei said.

“Then take your time to think about it! I’m going to have my meal!” Qian’e smiled and walked towards Li Gui. As she walked, she shouted, “Godmother! Long time no see!”

Wu Duo and the others in the tuition class did not have much money and did not know what to give Qiao Mei, so they went around telling an exaggerated story of how Qiao Mei tutored them very well. Now, the entire capital knew that the top students in Sixth High were Qiao Mei’s students..

## Chapter 1782: Coming to Demand an Answer

Although this was not Qiao Mei’s ultimate goal, it could indeed make her famous quickly, so she decided to let them do whatever they wanted. All of a sudden, many families wanted to hire Qiao Mei to give tuition to their children. For Qiao Mei to be able to transform a few poor-performing students to rank among the top few in the capital, she must be really capable.

Xia Wen helped Qiao Mei to reject all these requests. For a period of time, there was a big crowd outside Qiao Mei's house every day. These people were either here to send gifts or to ask for help. This matter quickly reached Xu Ju's ears.

"You disappointing thing! Why is it that you don't know Qiao Mei is giving tuition to others! What use do you have! Why don't you go and die! You're the same as your disappointing father! How did I give birth to a child like you! I might as well give birth to a rat!" Xu Ju held a big stick in her hand as she questioned Xu Jiao.

"I... I don't know about it at all! I only know of it today! If you don't believe me, you can ask Xu Man! Xu Man doesn't know anything about this either!" Xu Jiao knelt on the ground and wept.

"Tell me! Do you know anything about this!" Xu Ju questioned.

"Neither of us knows about this and we only heard of it recently. It's not Elder Sister's fault," Xu Man said in an even tone.

The truth was that Qiao Mei had secretly taught her a lot of things in school and even gave her a notebook with a lot of knowledge summarized inside.

During the usual mock examinations, she would pretend not to know much and answer many questions wrongly. If her results were better than Xu Jiao and Xu Jiao told Xu Ju about it, she would not be able to continue studying.

She felt especially relaxed after the exam. Her chance to escape from this house was coming and she was finally going to make it.

"Let's go! We must settle the score with Qiao Mei!" Xu Ju grabbed Xu Jiao and rushed to Qiao Mei's house, wanting to demand an explanation from Qiao Mei.

Everyone there was making dumplings in the courtyard! Qiao Mei hugged her children as they sat on the swing and watched everyone hard at work. At this moment, Xu Ju rushed into Qiao Mei's house with a big stick and pointed it at Qiao Mei while roaring, "Why did you do this to us! Tell us! Give us a reason!"

Xiang Chen and Xia Wen hurriedly rushed in front of Qiao Mei to block her from Xu Ju. Feng Hua immediately ran to Qiao Mei and brought the children to the backyard house.

Qiao Mei stood up and asked, "What have I done to let you down?"

"You still have the cheek to ask! Why did you offer tuition classes to other people and teach them but not for my child! What are you up to!" Xu Ju questioned.

Qiao Mei had thought that Xu Ju was here about Xu Man, but it turned out that she had come to their house because she had lost the bet. She was exasperated and wanted to settle the score.

"Xu Jiao and I have a bet going on. We're competitors so there's no way that I will teach her everything I know. There's nothing wrong with my brain and I'm not stupid!" Qiao Mei replied with a smile.

"You! She's your younger sister! How can you destroy your younger sister's future because of a bet! How can you be such a shameless person! Don't you care about kinship!" Xu Ju said angrily.

Xu Jiao's surname was Xu, so how was she related to Qiao Mei? Moreover, Xu

Jiao's surname was not Xia and she did not really have anything to do with the Xia family either. At most, she was a cousin. There was no way she could be considered a younger sister.

"Eldest Aunt, watch what you say. You can say that Xu Jiao is our cousin, but Qiao Mei is my younger brother's wife and is totally not related to the Xu family. Whether she wants to help or not is up to her," Xia Wen said sternly.

"What a scoundrel you are! How can you interrupt your elder! You refuse to acknowledge your own family member so that you can side with an outsider!" Xu Ju rushed forward and gave Xia Wen a slap, causing his cheek to swell up instantly.

Everyone instantly looked solemn. They all felt like killing Xu Ju. Qiao Mei was furious and wanted to rush over to defend Xia Wen, but Xiang Chen stopped her. She was pregnant. What if she went forward and got injured?

Besides, Xu Ju was indeed Xia Wen's elder. He could not retaliate even if she slapped him. As a junior, he could only endure it.

At this moment, Qiao Mei suddenly wished that Xia He could be back soon. Xia He was currently on a national tour and did not have time to make a trip back to the capital. If Xia He witnessed what happened just now, she would definitely have rushed forward and given Xu Ju two tight slaps..

### Chapter 1783: Bash Her Face

Before anyone could speak up for Xia Wen, Qian'e suddenly stood up and rushed up to Xu Ju, kicking her to the ground. She then rode on Xu Ju and slapped Xu Ju t s face crazily.

"Bloody asshole! How dare you come to Qiao Mei's house and behave so atrociously! Is this a place where you can come! Let me tell you, I don't care who you are! Since you ruined my friend's party, I'm going to beat you up! I can even kill you! What right do you have to hit Xia Wen! Who do you think you are!" Qian'e scolded.

Xu Ju defended herself as she roared, "Madness! You're a lunatic! Someone grab hold of her! Help!"

No one moved. Only Xiang Chen went forward to pretend to stop the fight, but he did not use any strength to hold Qian'e back. He even secretly gave Xu Ju a few kicks!

"You still dare to shout for help? I'll beat you to death today! So what if I'm a lunatic!"

"You don't have to know who I am. I just want to vent my anger! Who asked you to kick up a fuss here!"

"Your own child can't get into university, yet you come and blame our Qiao Mei! You're the one who's crazy!"

“So what if our Qiao Mei likes to hold tuition classes! It’s her own business how many kids she wants to teach! What has it got to do with you? We just can’t stand your family and we don’t want to give you tuition! Who do you think you are, why must we give your children tuition!”

“Good-for-nothing! Where’s your stance from just now! Where’s your domineering attitude from just now! Come on! Get up and fight me!”

Qian’e continued to curse as she bashed Xu Ju’s face until it was all swollen. Only then did she stop. Xiang Chen went forward to help Qian’e up.

Qian’e looked at her hands with heartache and said hoarsely, “It’s so painful...

You thick-skinned bloody asshole, my hands are all swollen from hitting you.”

Xiang Chen could not help but laugh at the side. He did not expect such a petite and cute girl to have such a shrewish side. She was really quite interesting.

Xu Ju lay motionlessly on the ground. Xu Jiao was so frightened that she kept trembling at one side and did not dare to take a step forward.

“What are you looking at? Go and help your mother up,” Qian’e said as she looked at Xu Jiao in disdain.

Xu Jiao scrambled to Xu Ju’s side and slowly helped her up. Xu Ju pointed weakly at Qian’e and said, “I want to call the police... I want to call the police...”

“Oh, if you want to call the police, then go ahead. However, you have to think carefully. If you call the police, I’ll be locked up for a month at most. When I come out, I’ll beat you up again. Maybe I should kill you now. I’ll just go to jail for a few years. You can decide which option is better for you,” Qian’e asked.

Xu Ju realized that Qian’e was too crazy for her to offend. She quickly shut her mouth and curled up into a ball out of fear. For people like Xu Ju, one could not talk to her nicely, otherwise she would push her luck and go as far as she could.

“Are you still going to cause trouble for Qiao Mei in the future?” Qian’e squatted in front of Xu Ju and questioned her.

Xu Ju shook her head in fear.

“The stake in the bet between you and Qiao Mei is a headdress, right? Call your family members immediately and ask them to send it here right now. You know your daughter’s results well. Everyone knows about our Qiao Mei’s results. She’ll be announced as the top scorer of the college entrance examination in the capital soon, so she will definitely win the bet,” Qian’e said.

Xu Ju wanted to object, but Qian’e grabbed Xu Ju t s chin and said, “You are the one who insists on making a bet with our Mei Mei. No one forced you and there’s even a written agreement! If you go back on your word now, I’ll still beat you to death. I don’t have anything I need to worry about. Once I die, everything is over for me. I just don’t know if you still intend to live a little longer.”

Xu Ju was so frightened that she hurriedly asked Xu Jiao to go home and get the headdress. Xu Ju hid in a corner and did not dare to speak. Qian’e and

Xiang Chen kept staring at Xu Ju to prevent her from trying to escape. Qiao Mei took out some medicinal wine and applied it to Xia Wen’s face, and the swelling immediately subsided.

The Xia family members continued to wrap dumplings happily as if nothing had happened. Xu Lan did not even look at Xu Ju.

“Qian’e, come and drink some water. Don’t continue to scare Eldest Aunt,” Qiao Mei said helplessly.

Xiang Chen looked at Qian!e in shock and asked, “You’re... Sister Qian’e?”

Chapter 1784: Men Change When They Grow Up

“Yes, who are you?” Qian’e thought for a long time and suddenly said, “You’re that little kid from the Xia family!!



Back when Qian'e was chasing after Xia Zhe, there was always a little kid who followed Xia Zhe around and who kept going against her. The kid was already 15 years old then but was not tall. Therefore, Qian'e had always laughed at Xiang Chen about his height. She did not expect Xiang Chen to be so tall and muscular now. He was even taller than Xia Zhe!

"Yes," Xiang Chen replied honestly.

"So men also change drastically when they grow up. I didn't even recognize you!" Qian'e said excitedly.

Xiang Chen scratched his head in embarrassment. He did not recognize Qian'e just now either. Qian'e looked really beautiful now and did not look like a woman past the age of 30 at all.

"Have you graduated? Where are you working now?" Qian'e asked.

"I just graduated and returned to the capital. My mother wants me to work in the government. I don't like that kind of place. I studied Economics and I want to work for a big company. So I haven't found a job yet," Xiang Chen said.

Qian'e immediately had a sparkle in her eyes. Recently, she had found out that the factory's accountant was not professional enough and that the accounts were full of loopholes. She might even be able to do a better job. Since Xiang Chen was an Economics student, he must also know how to do the accounts!

"Do you know anything about accounting?" Qian'e said.

"Yes, this is a basic skill. Everyone in our profession has this knowledge! I even have a certificate in accounting," Xiang Chen said.

Qian'e jumped up excitedly and grabbed Xiang Chen's hand. "You must know about your cousin-in-law's factory! We happen to need an accountant now! You can name your salary! As long as you can do the accounts of our factory properly! I'll agree to any condition!"

For a moment, Xiang Chen did not know if what Qian'e said was true or not. He looked at Qiao Mei, who smiled and nodded. Qian'e could decide on anything in the factory and did not need to report everything to her. She would not interfere in such trivial matters.

"Qian'e, it's not good for you to poach my son in front of me like this, right?" Xia Fang asked as she looked at Qian'e.

"Auntie Fang, I'm just too excited to meet a suitable candidate. If you don't agree, then we can forget it. I can go out and recruit for the position! I'm just thinking that we should keep good things within the family," Qian'e came to Xia Fang's side and said sweetly.

Qian'e originally did not have a close relationship with the Xia family, especially after what happened with Xia Zhe back then. None of them had a good impression of her then. However, looking at how she got along with Qiao Mei during this period of time, everyone gradually grew fond of her. She was like another one of Li Gui's daughters now. When it came to the Xia family members, she used the same form of address as Qiao Mei.

"I'm just trying to scare you. My son can do whatever he wants. I won't interfere," Xia Fang said.

Xiang Chen looked at Xia Fang in surprise. In the past, Xia Fang used to be very controlling and always wanted to plan his life for him. She could not stand to see any misstep at all. When did his mother become so easy-going?

"Then you can decide! Do you want to work at our factory!" Qian'e asked excitedly.

"Alright, let's give it a try," Xiang Chen said shyly.

Qiao Mei stared at Xiang Chen for a long time. She seemed to have sensed something strange. Xia Wen and Qiao Mei looked at each other and smiled with an unspoken mutual understanding. Xia Wen could also tell that there was something strange about Xiang Chen's reaction.

Xu Jiao went home and came back to Qiao Mei's house with a big box. She could not carry it alone and had to bring Xu Man along. As soon as Xu Man entered the house, she almost burst out in laughter when she saw Xu Ju.

"This is the headdress," Xu Jiao said cautiously.

Qiao Mei went to the box to inspect the goods and opened it to take a look. This was a top-grade tian-tsui headdress! It was a rare find! She had made a killing!

"Is everything alright?" Qian'e asked softly.

Qiao Mei nodded. Xia Wen and Xiang Chen carried the box into the study together. Qian'e patted Xu Jiao's shoulder and said, "I hope you brought the written agreement."

"Yes, yes!" Xu Man answered immediately.

Qian'e tore up the agreement. Since the goods were already delivered, this matter was completely over. Neither party could use any excuse to harass the other party.

Before Xu Ju left, Qian'e even gave Xu Jiao 200 dollars for medical fees. "If your family still dares to call the police after taking the money, let's see how many times your mother can get beaten up by me before she ends up dead," Qian'e said fiercely..

#### Chapter 1785: Give up What One Favors

It was only after everyone from the Xu family left that Qian'e realized that she might have gone overboard just now. She had actually beaten up Xu Lan's biological sister. How was she going to face the Xia family members in the future?

Qian'e stood awkwardly at the door, not knowing if she should go in. Xu Lan could tell what Qian'e was thinking. She smiled and held Qian'e by the hand as she said, "You're a good kid. Auntie can't even thank you enough! Qiao Mei has someone by her side who treats her well wholeheartedly, so why will we blame you? From now on, you're a member of the Xia family. Don't stand on ceremony with us."

"Alright!" Qian'e said happily.

The family had a happy meal together again. Qian'e and Qiao Mei decided to sleep in the same room tonight. This was the first time the two of them had done something so chummy.

"Will my brother-in-law be unhappy if he finds out that I have slept in this bed?" Qian'e asked with a smile.

"Then let him be jealous!" Qiao Mei said.

"Did I go overboard today? I think I scared your grandfather and the others a little. Also, it must have affected the Xia family's impression of me, but I just couldn't help myself," Qian'e said softly.

"My grandfather even praised you for being brave and fearless. He said that you remind him of himself in the past. He made it sound like you're also his granddaughter. Don't feel so pressured. Everyone likes you!" Qiao Mei said sincerely.

"That's good to hear. I have a favor to ask of you. I don't know if you'll agree," Qian'e said.

"You've already stood up for us so righteously today. How can I say no to you? Tell me. As long as it's not against the law or ends up affecting the factory, I can agree to anything," Qiao Mei said.

"Remember I told you the last time that I bought a siheyuan courtyard house?"

The thing is, I've taken a fancy to another old house recently! The surroundings are nice and the facing of the house is not bad too. I really want to buy it, but I'm not so familiar with properties. Come with me to take a look," Qian'e said.

"Then what are we waiting for? Go to sleep now. We'll go tomorrow. If it's a nice house, then we shouldn't wait!" Qiao Mei said excitedly.

It had been a long time since she bought a house. If that house was really nice, she could buy one close by to keep Qian'e company.

The next morning, Qiao Mei drove to the old house with Qian'e. This house was located at the foot of a mountain and was surrounded by beautiful scenery. The only thing was that the property had been in disrepair for a long time, but this was fairly normal.

"Oh my, you're finally here!" the house owner said as he ran out of the courtyard.

"I'm really sorry. We got stuck in a traffic jam and made you wait for so long," Qian'e said embarrassedly.

"It's fine, it's fine! I understand. Come, let's go into the house and take a look! Let me tell you, this house has very good feng shui! It's especially beneficial for children who are still studying. There were quite a number of scholars among my ancestors! This house was bestowed by the emperor back then!" the owner said excitedly as he showed them around the house.

Qian'e looked at Qiao Mei resignedly and whispered, "It's a pity that I can't have children. Otherwise, I will definitely buy this house immediately."

"Let's go in and take a look. No rush," Qiao Mei said as she patted Qian'e on the shoulder.

The owner led them to the main hall and said, "My ancestors had all lived in this place. The feng Shui here is very good! Those top scholars in my family had all slept in this room at one time or another!"

Qian'e took two steps back out of fear. The layout of the main hall was similar to the one in Qiao Mei's house. When she thought back to the previous night and about those people who had slept in this room in the past, she could not stop her imagination from running wild.

Qiao Mei smiled discreetly. It was inevitable that one would encounter such problems when buying an old house. It was impossible that a house like that would be left unoccupied for generations and only be used as a storeroom.

"So what's the lowest price that you can accept?" Qiao Mei asked.

At this moment, two familiar faces appeared at the door. It was Huang Quan and Tan Jing. Qiao Mei looked at the two of them in surprise. She did not expect them to chase her all the way here. What a coincidence.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Huang. I've already offered this house to the two of them," the owner said. Qiao Mei did not expect the      to be so honorable and to stick to a first come, first served basis!

"I really like this house. I wonder if Miss Qiao can be magnanimous enough to let me have it. I intend to make this my matrimonial home," Huang Quan asked.

"I wonder why Mr. Huang keeps targeting my things. Why do I have to give up the things I favor? I'm a person who can't bear the pain of giving up anything," Qiao Mei said..

#### Chapter 1786: Price War

Huang Quan looked at Qiao Mei with some annoyance. If an ordinary woman spoke to him in such a manner, he would have hit her already. However, the person in front of him was Qiao Mei. It was normal for such a beautiful and capable woman to have a temper.

It was not a big problem for him to endure it for the sake of his happiness in the future. Once he married Qiao Mei, he would be able to treat her however he wanted. Even if he hung her up and beat her up every day, as long as she could not go out and tell others, who would find out?

Qian'e was worried that Huang Quan would snatch the house from her, so she quickly said to the owner, "I'll buy this house! I can pay you right away! Can we sign the sale and purchase agreement and transfer the ownership now?"

The owner had no objections. It did not matter who the house was sold to as long as the price was right. He would sell it to whoever could make payment immediately.

"I'll pay you 50% more!" Huang Quan said generously.

The price of this house was 30,000 dollars. The owner was fixated on this price and was not willing to lower it at all. Now, Huang Quan wanted to buy the house for 45,000 dollars.

Qian'e looked at Huang Quan in shock. She did not expect there to be someone who was willing to spend so much money to buy this house. However, she had already been considering the purchase for a month and she really liked the house. She had also asked a master to check the feng Shui of this house. The master said that if she bought this house and lived here, she would be rich and prosperous in the future!

Although Qian'e was skeptical about such things, she would rather believe it than not!

"Mister, I heard you say just now that you want to buy this house to be your matrimonial home. In that case, what's your relationship with this lady next to you?" Qian'e asked curiously.

Huang Quan said reluctantly, "She's my fiancée."

At first, Tan Jing was worried that Huang Quan would not acknowledge her. If she was not formally introduced as his partner in front of these people related to the Xia family, she would be so embarrassed that she would probably never be able to raise her head again.

Qian'e looked at Huang Quan in surprise. She did not know why Huang Quan would want to be with such a vicious woman. She had wanted to say something unpleasant to make Tan Jing feel too ashamed to stand here, but she did not expect Huang Quan to be enough of a man to admit to their relationship.

In the end, it was Xia Wen who got the short end of the stick. For those 10 years, Tan Jing could not give him any children! In this era, if a woman could not have children, her neighbors would gossip about her. There were even some nosy people who wanted to visit Tan Jing to offer her folk remedies. In order to protect Tan Jings reputation, Xia Wen told everyone that he was the one who could not have children.

For this reason, Xia Fang even secretly asked Xia Wen to go to the hospital for a checkup. The Xia family knew very well who was the one with the issue, but no one wanted to make it difficult for Xia Wen's family.

Sigh... Xia Wen was such a good man so how could a good part of his life be ruined by Tan Jing! Fortunately, he would be with MO Zhu for the rest of his life.

"I'll pay 50,000!" Qian'e yelled out. She refused to be defeated. She must look good in front of Tan Jing! She could not let Tan Jing override her.

"60,000," Huang Quan said calmly.

The Huang family was considered quite a prominent family in Lian City, all thanks to the support of the He family. Otherwise, the Huang family would not have its current status.

"65,000!" Qian'e said through gritted teeth. This was all the money she had earned from working with Qiao Mei. If the price went any higher, she would probably have to borrow money from Qiao Mei.

"70,000," Huang Quan said with a straight face.

Qian'e looked at Qiao Mei helplessly. Qiao Mei knew that Qian'e had just bought a courtyard house some time ago and did not have that much money to engage in this fight with Tan Jing now. Qiao Mei patted her head and asked,

"Do you really want to buy this house?"

"Mmmm..." Qian'e looked at Qiao Mei pitifully and whispered.

"I'll pay 80,000," Qiao Mei said casually.

"90,000!" Huang Quan said quickly.

Tan Jing had already told Huang Quan everything about Qiao Mei's background. Tan Jing only knew that Qiao Mei had 100,000 dollars in her hands. This price was already at Qiao Mei's limit. Once they went higher, Qiao Mei probably would not be able to afford it.



“Shoo, shoo, shoo! I’m not selling it anymore! You people have set the price so high that people who don’t know better might think that I’m doing something illegal! All of you, leave now! I’m not selling this house anymore and I definitely won’t sell it to you!” the owner said angrily..

#### Chapter 1787: Cure Me and You Can Buy the House

“Hey, don’t say that. We are totally sincere in wanting to buy this house.

They’re the ones who increased the price maliciously! Brother, you know me. I’ve been looking for a way to buy this house for such a long time. I really like this house. Please sell it to me,” Qian’e said sincerely to the owner.

The owner only put the house up for sale because his family needed money, but he also could not afford to offend Huang Quan. He and his family still wanted to live in the capital! He had to think of a way to get a win-win situation.

“How about this? As you can see, I walk with a limp. I fractured my leg when I was younger and I didn’t take good care of it. I’ll sell the house to whoever can help me walk normally again!” the owner said.

Huang Quan knew many famous doctors in the capital. For those he did not know, He Ning did. He Ning had been ill for so many years. Was there any doctor he had not consulted before? He was sure that He Ning would definitely help him if he asked.

“I know experts who specialize in this field in the capital. If you trust me, I can definitely find a cure for you,” Huang Quan said confidently.

“Give me one month and I can definitely make you as good as new. If that doesn’t happen, I’ll give you 30,000 dollars as compensation for not fulfilling my promise. What do you think?” Qiao Mei asked.

The owner agreed immediately. It would be best if he could be cured, but if not, he could still get 30,000 dollars, so why not?

Qian'e smiled happily at the side. If Qiao Mei said that she could cure him in a month, then she definitely could. Even if Qiao Mei said that she could cure the owner today, she would believe Qiao mei. In a competition to cure someone of a difficult illness, Huang Quan would definitely lose!

Huang Quan looked at Qiao Mei with a doubtful expression. If the owner wanted to recover the use of his leg, it was most likely that the leg would need to be surgically broken and then reattached. It would already take 100 days to recover from a serious injury. For the owner to recover completely, it would take him at least half a year. How could it be possible for him to be cured in just a month?

Tan Jing kept signaling to Huang Quan from one side, but Huang Quan did not understand what she meant. He looked at the owner and said, "In that case,

I'll wait and see. If you're not cured in a month, this house will belong to me." "Deal!" Qiao Mei said.

After saying that, Qiao Mei and Qian'e left in the car. When the owner also left,

Tan Jing said moodily, "Let's go and take a look at another house."

"Another house? What other house? Didn't you say you only like this one?" Huang Quan said impatiently.

"This house will definitely be sold to Qiao Mei. You've already been in the capital for quite some time. Haven't you heard of the Xia family's 'divine medicine'?" Tan Jing questioned.

"Isn't that just some nonsense? How can you believe such things? How can what people say be true? All those things about reviving the dead and treating all kinds of difficult illnesses. Isn't it just a load of bull?" Huang Quan said disdainfully.

Tan Jing smiled mockingly and said, "Then you can just wait and see."

The hooaha related to that "divine medicine" had long faded away. It was a hot topic for a few months, then it was overshadowed by something else that came along. Moreover, the Xia family had always told

the public that it was a secret concoction passed down by the Xia family's ancestors and that it had nothing to do with Qiao Mei. Gradually, everyone forgot about Qiao Mei's part in this whole matter.

Coincidentally, the Huang family had moved to the capital when the news had faded, so they did not believe in the Xia family's "divine medicine". They did not even believe it even when He Ning told them about it.

Huang Quan did not expect this matter to be true! He started to have thoughts about this "divine medicine".

"Alright, let's go and take a look at other options and see if there is another house that we can buy," Tan Jing said calmly as she looked out of the car window.

Huang Quan looked at Tan Jing with annoyance. Just now, he had only admitted that Tan Jing was his fiancée because he had no choice. He did not expect Tan Jing to really think so highly of herself!

This house was not meant to be their matrimonial home at all. It was not wrong to say that it was going to be his matrimonial home, but it was meant for another woman!

The house was huge and it was a standalone property. Even if someone screamed in the house, no one would come to disturb him. Such a house was very suitable for him.

The more Qian'e thought about it, the angrier she felt. She said sadly, "Mei Mei, I don't want that house anymore. If you can cure the owner, then you buy it. I'm too embarrassed to buy it if you need to use your medicinal wine. Besides, that medicinal wine of yours is worth more than the house.."

Chapter 1788: Zoology

"Don't you like that house very much? You were still so fond of it just now. Why are you giving up now?" Qiao Mei asked.

"If not for Tan Jing throwing a spanner in the works! I really would have bought that house! But I feel uncomfortable now and I think that the house is not fated to be mine, Do you think she's our family's

nemesis? Why is it that nothing good happens every time we bump into her? See how Eldest Brother had bad luck for more than 10 years after knowing her,” Qian’e said in disgust.

Qiao Mei knew Qian’e and her temper very well. If she said that she did not want something, then she definitely did not want it anymore. However, that house was indeed a very good property. Qiao Mei felt that she would not make any loss if she kept it as an investment property. It was just 30,000 dollars and an easy purchase. She decided to just buy it, even if just to spite Tan Jing.

“Then I’ll take it. Don’t secretly come crying to me later,” Qiao Mei said with a laugh.

“Don’t worry, I won’t. Besides, there are so many other houses out there. Don’t

I still have the courtyard house I bought some time ago? I’m going to get Big Brother Deng to renovate it for me. Then, I’ll get the feng Shui master to take a

look and see what I should put in the house to make me rich,” Qian’e said happily.

Qiao Mei suddenly thought of the God of Fortune that Qian’e had given her some time ago. The statue was still at home and Qiao Mei had specially set up a room for it. Qiao Qiang would go and pay his respects every day.

“Shouldn’t you pray for marriage? All you think about is getting rich,” Qiao Mei said disdainfully.

Qian’e was getting older and Qiao Mei wanted her to find a good husband. She should not waste her life only on her career. She should also have a blissful life of her own.

“Who would say no to money! Don’t tell me you will!” Qian’e questioned.

Qiao Mei was unable to refute that point of view. She grinned and said, “Take your time then. Anyway, I know that your good days are coming!”

After Xiang Chen accepted the offer from Qian'e to work at the factory, he had been working diligently, hoping that he could spend more time with Qian'e. However, after Xiang Chen started work, Qian'e had been focused on the matters of buying properties and renovating her new house. During this period of time, she had left all the factory matters to Li Gui.

The path to true love required patience. Xiang Chen still needed to continue working hard.

Recently, Qiao Mei had shut herself in the study to study the functions of the luminous pearl. She even bought many chickens, ducks and geese and kept them inside the room. She tried her best to communicate with them every day and looked like she was doing something mysterious, making Feng Hua and Xu Kang very worried for her.

"Sigh. Say, Mei Mei has locked herself in the room after she's done with the examination. She used to cook often and will also go out to talk to the neighbors. Why has her temperament changed so drastically? It's already been a week. It's not good for her health to stay inside the room like this. Should we talk to Old Mr. Qiao?" Xu Kang looked at Feng Hua, looking puzzled.

"How will we know what the boss intends to do? Perhaps there's something important going on recently? Don't you remember that Qiao Mei also locked herself in the study when she was studying? Maybe Mei Mei is learning zoology now," Feng Hua guessed.

"What's zoology? Is it about giving treatment to small animals?" Xu Kang asked.

"I don't know. My son told me about this term. He said it's knowledge related to animals. Otherwise, why would Qiao Mei want to be locked up with a bunch of domestic fowls? She doesn't even seem to mind the smell," Feng Hua said.

"What you say makes sense. I'll send these two little black dogs to Qiao Mei for her research within the next two days!" Xu Kang said.

"There's no need. The dogs are already in the room. All the live animals in the house are in the study," Feng Hua said helplessly.

“Then should I buy a few cats?” Xu Kang asked.

“That sounds good. Go to the market and take a look. Buy a cat that’s more docile. It won’t be good if the cat hurts the children,” Feng Hua instructed.

“Got it, got it! I’ll go now!” Xu Kang went to the alley to talk to the neighbors.

The market from where Qiao Qiang bought the dogs only operated once a month. It had already opened for business this month, so if they wanted to buy a cat from there, they would have to wait until next month. Xu Kang felt that Qiao Mei could not wait that long, so she brought a fruit basket and went around the neighbors’ houses.

Perhaps there would be someone who had a cat that they could not keep. Then she could take over the care of the cat. It was not a bad deal to get a cat in exchange for a fruit basket.

Qiao Mei sat on the small stool and looked at the ducks as she said, “Can you talk to me, or just tell me about what you like to eat..”

#### Chapter 1789: Cannot Attend the Wedding

The animals in the room hid at the corners of their cages in fear. Even the pigeon could not stand it anymore. Qiao Mei had been studying the animals for two days but there was no reaction from them at all. She could not even communicate with the pigeon anymore. What was the problem?

Could it be that the method of communication was wrong? Or maybe the animals did not want to communicate with her, or that these chickens, ducks and geese were not smart enough to communicate. However, that did not make sense. She could not even communicate with the fat pigeon in the cage anymore.

Just as Qiao Mei was feeling stuck, Xu Kang suddenly rushed in with a cat in her arms. She said excitedly to Qiao Mei, “Mei Mei! Look at this cat! It’s so fat and good-looking! Play with it! It’s definitely easier to do your research with it than the ducks and chickens!”

Research? What research? Qiao Mei looked at Xu Kang in confusion.

“Why are you looking at me! Take it! Don’t tell me you don’t like cats,” Xu Kang asked.

“No, I like cats very much. Whose cat is this? M/hy does it look so much like Grandpa Li e s big cat?” Qiao Mei asked curiously.

“Oh, let me tell you! It’s that big cat from their family! But it’s that cat’s baby! Some time ago, their cat went missing and when it came back, it was pregnant and then gave birth to many kittens. These past two days, they have been giving the kittens away one by one. I used a fruit basket to exchange for one. Haven’t you been doing research on animals recently? Sister Feng and I want to help you, so we found a kitten for you,” Xu Kang said.

Qiao Mei did not know whether to laugh or cry. She did not expect that this was the impression she gave to outsiders during this period of time. However, it was all good. With one more research subject, she had one more option to

try on.

She removed all the chickens, ducks and geese from the room and gave them to Li Gui. Then, she decided to put the dogs back at the door to guard the house. As for this kitten, she would try her best to communicate with it!

“Kitty, shall I give you a name?” Qiao Mei said as she played with the cat.

The cat sat proudly on the table licking its paws and could not be bothered with Qiao Mei. It even looked at her with disdain, but she did not mind. She quietly touched the cat’s hind foot and said, “I’ll call you Taxue!”

The cat was completely black except for its feet, which were snowy white.

Taxue meant “walking in the snow” and was a very suitable name for it. However, the cat did not seem very satisfied with the name and kept flicking its tail in dissatisfaction.

Qiao Mei waved the luminous pearl in front of the cat, but she still could not hear any of its thoughts. After trying for a long time, there was still no effect. Qiao Mei put the luminous pearl away and decided to study it when she had more time in the future. She no longer had the patience to continue.

Early the next morning, Xu Lan came to Qiao Mei’s house. A relative of the Xia family was getting married and had invited everyone from the Xia family to the wedding banquet. However, Xia Mao was busy with work and Xia Wen was nowhere to be found. Xia He was on a work trip, so she had no choice but to come and ask Qiao Mei to go with her.

“Mother, is it appropriate for me to go? I’m pregnant now!” Qiao Mei said.

In some places, it was customary that pregnant women and people who were divorced were not allowed to attend a wedding. Otherwise, it would potentially bring bad luck to the newlyweds. That would be really inauspicious!

“If you’re not going, then I won’t go either. I’ll just send them the monetary gift,” Xu Lan said.

“Leave it to me. I’ll put together the monetary gifts from our four families and get Sister Xu to send it over,” Qiao Mei said.

Xu Lan touched Qiao Mei’s stomach and said, “How have you been recently? Do you feel any discomfort? I heard from Xu Kang that you haven’t been eating much recently. Is the baby being naughty again?”

“No, it’s just that the changes in the weather and temperature affects my appetite. I’m doing very well! Besides, don’t we still have medicinal wine at home? Don’t worry, I’ll be fine,” Qiao Mei said as she patted Xu Lan’s hand.

Just as the two of them were chatting, Xia Wen suddenly barged in. He looked at Qiao Mei and Xu Lan with a solemn expression, not knowing what to say. He had not wanted Xu Lan to know about this.



“Why are you so reckless? Your younger brother is not at home now. Don’t you know how to knock first before you enter Qiao Mei’s house? What if you give her a scare and she has a fall!” Xu Lan scolded.

“I’m sorry. I was too anxious and forgot all about acting properly,” Xia Wen said with his head lowered.

“Eldest Brother didn’t do it on purpose. Mother, don’t blame him..” Qiao Mei looked at Xia Wen and asked, “Eldest Brother, why are you in such a hurry?”

#### Chapter 1790: Saving Lives Is More Important

“Xia He... Xia He had gone on a work trip to the highland area this time round. She was worried that we would object, so she didn’t tell anyone in the family. We just received some news. They encountered an avalanche on the way there and have already been buried in the snow for three days,” Xia Wen said with a solemn expression.

By right, the current troupe leader would have to report this matter to Xu Lan and ask for her opinion before deciding on the dancers to go on a work trip to the highlands. However, during this period of time, Xu Lan had been so caught up in Xu Ju t s issue that she could not go out at all. Xu Ju also took control of the electrical appliances in her house during that time, so the current troupe leader had to decide on many things without Xu Lan’s involvement.

Xu Lan widened her eyes and took a deep breath. She said with a trembling voice, “Is the avalanche... a serious one? Is there any more news from there? Is the rescue team already there? Do both your father and your eldest aunt know about this? Tell them now! Ask them to think of a way to save Xia He!”

This performance which Xia He was supposed to be taking in was a public service event. The highlands were very remote and there were no entertainment activities there. There was no television signal there, so people who lived there could not even watch television.

The avalanche happened on a mountain in the distance. What the dance troupe had encountered was the effect of the aftershocks and they were not buried very deep in the snow. However, it was still snowing every day, adding to the depth of the snow, so it was very difficult to carry out the search and rescue work.

“It’s a very difficult rescue mission. The snow will need to stop for at least five days for the rescue to be successful. Father and Eldest Aunt already know about this and they’re doing their best to think of a way. It’s said that Xia He and the others are not in any danger for the time being,” Xia Wen said with a frown.

“What about helicopters? No way to get there either?” Qiao Mei asked.

“No, the weather is really too bad and we can only do a manual search and rescue. However, based on the news we received, they might have already been trapped there for four days. Five if we include today,” Xia Wen said.

Xu Lan was so agitated that she almost fainted. Qiao Mei was certain that Xia He was still alive. Before she left on the work trip, Qiao Mei had given her a

bottle of medicinal wine. This bottle of medicinal wine could save her even from the verge of death and allow her to be brought back alive quickly, but there was only one chance to do it.

However, it would be hard to say for sure if they continued to be stuck for another five days in the snow and ice. In weather that was minus 40 degrees Celsius, body temperature dropped very quickly and it would be hard to stay alive.

“What can we do?” Qiao Mei asked.

If Xia Wen came to look for her, there must be something that she could do. He would not come and inform her about it otherwise, knowing that it would make her worried.

“The authorities in the capital have formed a search and rescue team and we’re also sending our Xia family’s guard team. They will set off tonight and rush over, but there’s a problem. It’s hard to say if they will survive after they enter the mountains. It’s very likely that something will happen to these search and rescue personnel. I’m thinking... I’m thinking...” Xia Wen stammered, not knowing how to say it.

There were more than 100 people in total. He knew it was asking for too much to give each person a bottle of medicinal wine. However, the lives of these search and rescue personnel would otherwise be in danger. He had no choice but to come and look for Qiao Mei.

"I understand. Eldest Brother, come with me. Everything is with Grandfather," Qiao Mei said calmly.

Xia Wen followed closely behind Qiao Mei. In the backyard house, Qiao Mei had knocked down the walls between two rooms at one corner to make one big room. The room was used to store ginseng of various ages as well as various types of ginseng juice. The shelves on the wall were lined with exquisite small bottles and on the floor, there were large water vats filled with medicinal wine made from ginseng.

Only Qiao Qiang and her had the keys to this room. When Qiao Qiang ran out of medicinal wine, he would come here to get more from the water vat. Qiao Mei had also made him a lot of medicinal wine from medicinal herbs. She just wanted to give Qiao Qiang a few flavors to choose from, so that he would not feel too bored from drinking only one type of medicinal wine.

Qiao Mei pointed at the water vats in front of her and said, "This is all the medicinal wine I have. There are a total of four vats, but there aren't enough bottles at home. I'll arrange for Chi Ze and the rest to buy more now."

"Alright, I'll make the arrangements now." With that, Xia Wen left the house. Qiao Mei took advantage of his absence to pour a few bottles of golden ginseng juice into the big water vats in front of her. This was a life-and-death situation and she must contribute whatever good stuff she had.

She could not let those brave people lose their lives while saving Xia He. This outcome was unacceptable to the Xia family and to her as well. Everyone who went on the search and rescue mission must come back safe and sound.

Qiao Mei began to carefully scoop the medicinal wine from the big water vat into the small bottles. When Qiao Qiang heard about what happened, he also came over to help. After Xu Lan was more calm, she also came to the backyard to help them..