

Fat Wife 1831

Chapter 1831: Discharged from Hospital

“The child is fine! He’s in the nursery now! But... but the bumpy journey has had some impact on him. You can’t see him now. Get well quickly so that you can go and look for him,” Xia He said.

“You’re not lying to me, right?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Why would I lie to you? The child is really fine,” Xia He said.

Qiao Mei sighed. She asked everyone in the ward to go out, leaving only Xia He and Xia Wen behind. This matter could not be dealt with lightly. Tan Jing must pay the price in blood!

“Eldest Brother, L..” Qiao Mei wanted to explain how she found the child, but Xia Wen quickly said, “I believe you. You don’t have to say anything else. The most important thing now is to take good care of your health. Only when you’re healthy can you go and settle the scores with them.”

“Eldest Brother is right. You must take good care of yourself! All of us will support you!” Xia He said agitatedly.

“I’m almost fully recovered, just still a little tired. Eldest Brother, has this matter been settled?” Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Wen shook his head regretfully. He could not think of any good solutions at the moment. He could only restrict the Huang family’s movements for now and prevent them from taking even half a step out of the capital.

“I understand. Let’s talk about this later. Now is not the time,” Qiao Mei said.

“Do you already have an idea?” Xia Wen asked.

“Yes. Don’t worry, Eldest Brother. Even if I want to kill someone, I’ll do it quietly and won’t cause any trouble for the Xia family,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Xia He and Xia Wen both knew very well that Qiao Mei was not joking when she said that. She must have really thought about killing Tan Jings. They did not object, but they did not support it either. Tan Jings actions were indeed deserving of death, but this was a society governed by law after all and it was not good to go around committing murder.

“We’ll settle the score with them in the future. The most important thing now is not to take revenge, but to take good care of your health. Do you understand?” Xia Wen reminded her.

Qiao Mei nodded seriously. She had slept very soundly these past few days and had never felt so at ease before. Although the energy she lost had not been completely replenished, she did not feel so tired anymore. Soon, both mother and son returned to the courtyard house to go through her confinement period.

One month later, Qiao Mei and the child went to the hospital for a checkup. There were no problems and the child was healthy, without any lingering issues. Qiao Mei finally felt a sense of relief.

It had been very lively in the Xia family’s house for the past few days. They were all discussing the name for the new child and arguing non-stop. It was as troublesome as naming Xia Fan and Xia Xing back then.

“I say to name him Xia Gang! Why don’t all of you like the name! Isn’t the name Xia Gang good? In the future, he’ll be as strong as Xia Zhe and be the next ‘top army warrior!’” Xia He said agitatedly.

“What’s so good about that name! How do you know that this child will join the army in the future! We should name him Xia Shu. Elegance never goes out of fashion!” Xia Wen argued.

“A boy should be more manly! We should name him Xia Gang!” Xia He shouted.

Just as the two of them argued non-stop, Qiao Mei suddenly said, “Everyone, stop arguing! Let’s name him... Xia Yue!”

Since the other two children's names were taken from "Fan Xing", meaning clusters of stars, then they should also have the moon, "Yue". She hoped that this child would grow up to be as bright and dazzling as the moon in the future.

If Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe had any more children in the future, they could name them Xia Ye, Xia Ri, Xia Yun, Xia Yu, and so on. They could use words that represented the climate and the weather. It would be fun to have names which could make up the weather forecast.

"That's not bad. This name sounds very nice. What about his nickname?" Xia Wen asked.

Everyone started arguing again. Qiao Mei sighed. Fortunately, she did not let them decide on the names of her children. They could only come up with common names like Yong, Zhuang and Jian. If the children had such names, they would definitely complain about it when they grew up...

On the same day that Qiao Mei gave birth, there were also sounds of a baby crying at the He family's house. He Mei had also given birth to a son. He Ning found a private doctor to deliver the baby for her at home and did not send her to the hospital. He did not want this issue to be widely known and he particularly did not want the Xia family to be aware of it.

He Mei did not even want to look at the child. He had been crying since he was born and was so noisy that He Mei could not sleep well at all.

"Why can't you stop him! Why is he still crying!" He Mei said unhappily.

"All babies are like this when they're born. He'll be fine after crying for a while," Du Juan, the helper taking care of He Mei, said..

Chapter 1832: Earning Big Money

“If there’s really no other way, give him some sleeping pills so that he can be knocked out! Don’t let him make so much noise!” He Mei said.

He Ning stood outside the door and felt a little disgusted when he heard what He Mei said. Here was a mother who actually wanted to drug her own child. Was this something a human could do?

“This child still has to go to the Xia family alive! If you poison him to death, you can forget about your life!” He Ning said with a dark expression.

“Little Uncle... I don’t mean it... I’m just joking...” He Mei said fearfully.

“You know very well whether you’re joking or not. Take care of the child well now. When the time is right, I’ll bring you to the Xia family so that he can acknowledge his family. If anything happens to this child, you can forget about living,” He Ning said.

He Mei said excitedly, “Little Uncle! Why don’t we go now! Isn’t it the best time to go now?”

She heard that Qiao Mei had given birth on the same day as her. If she went to the Xia family to seek justice now, she could annoy Qiao Mei at the same time. Perhaps she could even make Qiao Mei so angry that she would fall sick!

The confinement period was meant to be the period for the women to recuperate. Some women naturally had weak constitutions. If they took good care of themselves after giving birth, they could even be cured of all their past illnesses. However, if they got agitated or caught a chill or fell sick during confinement, it would leave behind a lifelong illness that could not be cured.

“Let’s talk about it after your confinement period,” He Ning said expressionlessly.

He Mei felt touched as she watched He Ning leave. She thought that He Ning was concerned about her health.

The truth was that He Ning just did not want Qiao Mei to get angry and fall sick over this issue during her confinement period. After all, he wanted to hire a healthy chef. If Qiao Mei was always plagued by illnesses in the future, how could she take good care of him?

Finally, the time came for Xia Yue's one-month-old celebration. The Xia family did not want to hold a grand celebration this time. They just wanted to have a small gathering at Qiao Mei's house. Xia Yao's entire family was out of town and it was inconvenient for them to come back in time, plus they did not want to have anything to do with Xia Guang's family. It was good to have a quiet and peaceful event.

"Mei Mei! Come over here!" Xia He and Xia Wen excitedly asked Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang to carry a few suitcases into the house. There were five suitcases of different sizes! Everyone knew very well what was in these suitcases.

"What are you doing?" Qiao Mei asked curiously as she carried Xia Yue.

"Guess how much money we made during this period of time! Everyone, make a guess!" Xia He said excitedly.

Qiao Mei looked at the size of the bags and tried to make an estimate.

"200,000 dollars?"

"Wrong! Guess again!" Xia Wen said with a laugh.

"More than 200,000 dollars! Don't tell me it's 300,000 dollars!" Xu Lan said excitedly.

"No! Keep guessing! Think bigger! Grandfather, guess how much money we made!" Xia He said as she looked at Xia Jun.

"My guess is 600,000! Am I right?" Xia Jun asked.

"Wow! Experience really counts for something! Grandfather is right! It's 600,000 dollars!" Xia He said.

Xu Lan covered her mouth in shock. Ever since Qiao Mei married into their family, Xu Lan no longer found it surprising to see a lot of money. However, that was all Qiao Mei's money. Right now, the money in front of her was her children's earnings. They had each made at least 100,000 dollars! Of course she was excited!

"Save this money so that you can buy houses later!" Xu Lan said.

By now, everyone in their family had been influenced by Qiao Mei. Whenever they had money, they would think about buying a house. There was no need for Xu Lan to remind the two siblings about this matter. They had already bought new houses!

Based on what they agreed on previously, they would give Qiao Mei 240,000 dollars and split the remainder so they got 180,000 dollars each. Xia He even particularly went to the bank to get new bank notes. Xia Wen had specially instructed her to give Qiao Mei new bank notes. Qiao Mei was particular about cleanliness and did not like old things. Moreover, there were a lot of germs on old bank notes and it was also not good for the children.

"You're giving me too much. We should get 200,000 dollars each. Don't fight with me about this! It's settled!" Qiao Mei took the extra 40,000 dollars, split it up equally and stuffed it into their pockets.

Xia Wen and Xia He immediately turned around and placed the money in front of Xia Yue as one of the items for the baby's choose-an-item ceremony. Qiao Mei stopped them and said, "What are you doing!"

"Don't stop us! This is our gift for the child! Aunt and Uncle have made lots of money. This is a gift for the baby! Do you like it? Aunt and Uncle will earn more money in the future. We'll buy many, many more toys for Yue Yue, alright?" Xia He asked as she looked at Xia Yue..

Chapter 1833: Set Up a Company

"Ah!" Xia Yue babbled. He grabbed the money tightly and smiled at Xia He, making everyone in the room laugh loudly.

“Look at this child! He knows how to grab money even at this age! He must have inherited Qiao Mei’s good genes and will definitely become a big boss in the future!” Xu Lan said with a smile.

“It’s good to be the big boss! We have someone to inherit the business now,” Xia Mao said happily.

“Father, you won’t force Xia Fan and Xia Yue to join the military?” Xia Wen asked curiously.

When they were young, no matter how much the three of them rejected the idea, they had to study at the military school. No matter how tough it was, they had to persevere. Even Xia Jun was strict about this. Although Xia He was a girl, there was no exception made. She was trained in the same way as a male soldier.

“The children and grandchildren have their own lives to live. Whatever they want to do in the future is up to them. I’m old and can’t interfere anymore!” Xia Mao said.

“That’s not true! Your father actually cares too much about them! He knows how hard it was for the few of you back then and he can’t bear to see his grandsons suffer as much as all of you did,” Xu Lan explained.

“Don’t undermine me on such a happy occasion! Keep me dignified!” Xia Mao whispered.

“Father, Mother, we also have a gift for you,” Xia He and Xia Wen said as they stood in front of Xia Mao and Xu Lan.

“Why are you two acting so formal? What’s going on?” Xu Lan asked curiously.

Xia He took out a box from her pocket and handed it to Xu Lan. Xu Lan opened the wooden box expectantly and saw a key inside. Xu Lan looked at Xia He in confusion and asked, “Why are you giving me a key?”

“After Eldest Brother and I made some money, we each bought a courtyard house nearby. We felt that you and Father lived too far away from us, so we also bought one for you. The two of you can use the

front yard part and the backyard part is for Grandfather. This way, our family can get together more often and it will also be easier for you to look after the children. It's a gift from the three of us. We hope you like it," Xia He explained.

Xia He had already discussed this matter with Qiao Mei before, so Qiao Mei definitely did not have any objections. She guessed that Deng Fan should be the only one who might object. After all, this meant he had more houses to renovate and there was no way of knowing when he would be able to get a vacation this year.

"Oh my, why did you spend the money on that! It'll be so much better to keep that amount of money for yourselves!" Xu Lan said as she looked at the children with tears in her eyes.

She was definitely happy, but her heart still ached for the children. After all, it was not easy to earn money. Older folks like them already had a house and a

car and did not have to worry about their household expenses. Compared to them, the children needed the money more.

"Mother, we've already earned so much money in the past month. We'll still have an endless stream of money coming in the future. Don't worry and stay in the house we bought. You can move in once Deng Fan finishes renovating the house," Xia Wen said.

"The house is already under renovation and you should be able to move in soon. I'll get the workers to get it done as soon as possible," Deng Fan said from the side.

"Sure! I didn't expect to be able to enjoy life with my grandchildren! The two of you shouldn't reject their gesture. It's not bad for the whole family to live near one another," Xia Jun said.

"Alright, we'll take your advice," Xu Lan said.

Xia Niao carried Xia Yue, Xu Lan carried Xia Xing and Xia Jun carried Xia Fan. Everyone gathered together and listened to the three little kids babbling at one another. They were probably talking in a language that only babies could understand. The three of them even looked like they were having a serious conversation.

“Tell me about how far your business has progressed,” Qiao Mei asked curiously.

Xia He wanted to monopolize the market and prevent the other photo studios from copying their business model. She had already started to hire people to go to other cities near the capital to take photos. The capital was already too small for their appetites.

“I believe that our business will spread far and wide very soon,” Xia He said proudly.

“Then have you thought of giving your company a name? When you can openly earn money next year, you can then buy a building and also develop the business into a national chain,” Qiao Mei said.

“You’re right! We haven’t considered this matter yet! Eldest Brother, what do you think?” Xia He asked as she looked at Xia Wen.

“I’ve thought of a name, ‘Cun Yi’. It means to store beautiful memories. A photo is a moment of happiness that’s frozen in time. I think this name is very suitable,” Xia Wen said..

Chapter 1834: This Is Xia Zhe’s Child

“It’s really not bad. This name can also mean saving up 100 million! Our small goal is to earn 100 million dollars!” Qiao Mei said excitedly.

“I never even thought of that. Look, it’s as expected of a money-grubber,” Xia Wen said with a smile.

In the end, they decided on the name “Cun Yi n . Qiao Mei even helped Xia Wen and Xia He think of an advertising slogan. Once there was a chance, they would buy an advertisement spot from the television station. Life was beginning to get better for everyone and television would definitely become a must-have item for every family in the future.

Qiao Mei suddenly thought of something. She looked at Xia Wen and asked, "Eldest Brother, have you heard anything about He Mei recently?"

"I'm about to talk to you about this. I've been sending people out to secretly investigate He Mei all this while. She was last seen in a small county city where He Ning had arranged for her to be a nurse there. After a few months, she simply disappeared into thin air. No matter how hard my people tried, they couldn't find any news about He Mei," Xia Wen said with a slight frown. It was not surprising that they could not find any news since He Ning had kept a close eye on He Mei all this while. During the period when He Mei was pregnant, she did not step out of that house at all. Qiao Mei only happened to find out about He Mei's location when Tan Jing went to He Nings house that time. Coupled with what Xia Zhe had told her previously, it seemed that He Ning had really put in a lot of effort this time round.

"I actually know where she is, and I also know..." Before Qiao Mei could finish her sentence, there was a knock on the door. The knocking sounded a little different from what they were used to. It was a quiet knock and not hurried at all.

When Xu Kang saw who was outside the door, she was so shocked that she hurriedly ran into the house and said, "Bad news! Bad news! It's the He family!"

"The He family? How many of them?" Xia He asked.

"There's a man and a woman. The man is He Ning. I don't know that woman, but she is carrying a child in her arms!" Xu Kang said agitatedly.

There was a child involved again. What kind of attraction did the Xia family have for young children recently? The last time, it was Shao Yin who carried her child here to acknowledge his family. This time, what was He Ning up to? Was he here with a child to acknowledge his family too?

Xia Wen knew that He Ning would not leave without getting what he wanted. He came to the door politely and said to He Ning, "What a rare guest. Come in and have a chat."

He Ning walked arrogantly and led He Mei to the main hall. The moment he sat down, He Mei said impatiently, "I'm here to give you a child."

“When did the He family become so poor that they can’t even afford to bring up a child?” Xia He said as she looked at He Mei mockingly.

“This is Xia Zhe’s child! He’s your Xia family’s grandson! Of course he needs to be sent to the Xia family!” He Mei said agitatedly.

Xu Lan swept the glass next to her to the floor and shouted, “What nonsense are you talking about! How can this child be Xia Zhe’s child! My Xia Zhe has been in the army all this while, so how can he have met you? If you want to tell lies, you should come up with a better one!”

“Last year, I was at the same military base as Xia Zhe. At that time, his team set up camp at our hospital. Every night, when there was no one around, he would come and look for me. As time passed, I became pregnant with his child...” He Mei said shyly with a blushing face.

Qiao Mei looked at He Mei and almost burst out laughing. If He Mei knew the truth, would she break down and go crazy? However, she still had to play her part well now and not let He Ning see through her.

She leaned against the chair listlessly and stared intently at the child in He Mei’s arms, as if she was going to cry at any moment. She looked fragile and pitiful, as if she would shatter at a touch.

Recently, she had picked up some of Miss Cui Hua’s acting skills and captured much of the essence. However, she was still not as skilful as Cui Hua and needed to practice more.

He Ning looked at Qiao Mei’s reaction with some satisfaction. He was one step closer to having Qiao Mei become his chef. Two days ago, he had just found out that Xia Zhe’s was on a very dangerous mission this time round and the odds were against him. The probability of him coming back alive was less than 30%. If Xia Zhe’s fate was unknown, then Qiao Mei could unilaterally terminate their relationship as husband and wife. By then, he would be able to persuade Qiao Mei into becoming his chef.

The Xia family members panicked when they saw Qiao Mei’s expression.. If Qiao Mei really divorced Xia Zhe in a fit of anger, it would be a huge loss to their family! Anyone could leave this family, but not Qiao Mei!

Chapter 1835: DNA Test

“Xia Zhe is not that kind of person! Don’t think that you can just casually bring a child here and say that he’s a descendant of the Xia family. At the very least, you have to show evidence!” Xu Lan said agitatedly.

“We might still believe you if you say that this child belongs to someone from the families of the Xia family’s second or third sons, but we definitely won’t believe that he’s Xia Zhe’s child,” Xia Wen said as he looked at He Mei seriously.

As soldiers, they had all undergone a series of training in the army. Even when faced with knockout gas, sedatives and even torture, they would not lose consciousness. They had to keep their minds clear at all times, even if they had to cut their own wrists and bleed to stay awake.

Xia Zhe loved Qiao Mei so much that he would never do something so foolish. If it was a girl from another family, there was still a 0.01% chance that he might fall for her. However, it was impossible that Xia Zhe would fall for He Mei.

“Oh! I know! You must have heard that the woman from the Shao family successfully used her child to marry into the Xia family some time ago, so you have come to my house to scam us! Let me tell you, our family is not so easy to deceive! You’d better tell the truth, otherwise it may be easy for you to come in through the door! It will be difficult for you to leave!” Xia He threatened.

“Do you think I’m scared of you? At most, we’ll go to the hospital to do a test!” He Mei said openly.

“The test they do at the hospital is not accurate. What’s the use of going?” Qiao Mei said.

With the current technology available in the country, what they did to determine the legitimacy of a couple’s child was to look at the blood type. Such a test was not professional at all and there was a high chance of it being

wrong.

“We can do a test overseas! There’s a DNA test overseas now! You haven’t heard of it, right?” He Mei started to explain to the Xia family what a DNA test was all about. For the sake of this child, He Mei had studied all the relevant knowledge and knew all the relevant information by heart.

Other than Qiao Mei, the rest of the Xia family members listened with a lot of confusion. They had never come into contact with such information and never paid attention to such news.

“Xia Wen, give Xia Fang a call immediately and see if she’s telling the truth,” Xia Jun said sternly.

The moment Xia Wen stepped out of the main hall, he suddenly thought of something. He turned around and asked Qiao Mei to accompany him. The two of them came to the study. Qiao Mei had a nonchalant expression on her face and even went to tease the pigeon leisurely.

“Qiao Mei, do you trust my younger brother? He won’t do such a thing,” Xia

Wen said firmly.

“Yes, I know,” Qiao Mei said lightly.

Xia Wen raised his eyebrows and looked at Qiao Mei. He had a nagging feeling that Qiao Mei’s reaction was too abnormal. He smiled faintly and asked, “Do you already know about this matter? What were you trying to tell us in the main hall before you were interrupted?”

“So smart. Eldest Brother is indeed Eldest Brother. You always get the point immediately,” Qiao Mei said relaxedly as she sat in the rocking chair. “Tell me what you know. Save me from being so anxious,” Xia Wen said as he looked at Qiao Mei helplessly.

She was actually a little embarrassed to talk about this matter. After all, what Xia Zhe had done was really... a little too much. Qiao Mei repeated everything that Xia Zhe had told her back then. After Xia Wen heard the story, he applauded repeatedly. It was just as he expected of his younger brother. Xia Zhe was always ruthless when it was time to take action.

“The two of you hid this piece of news so well. It’s really too amazing. There’s nothing bad about doing this. It’s time the He family knows what it means to suffer the consequences of their own actions,” Xia Wen said.

“I also know who that child’s father is. Xia Zhe told me that he’s a relative of the Du family called Du Jun. Because he had been such a great help to the He family back then, He Ning had transferred him back to the capital and gotten him a promotion. I’ve been asking Yao Nian to secretly investigate his whereabouts. All the information is on the bookshelf,” Qiao Mei said.

“So it’s him. Xia Zhe is indeed ruthless enough. Leave this matter to me. You should go and take a rest. You’ve just completed your confinement period. Don’t overwork yourself,” Xia Wen said.

As soon as Qiao Mei stepped out of the room, she heard Xia Yue crying loudly.

She quickly ran to the main hall to carry Xia Yue and checked him carefully. She realized that Xia Yue was only feeling uncomfortable because he had peed and that he was fine after having his diapers changed.

When Xia Yue cried, it was an indication that he was feeling uncomfortable in some way. He was either hungry or had peed or he wanted someone to carry him. As long as his needs were satisfied, he would stop crying. He was much more demanding than Xia Fan and Xia Xing..

Chapter 1836: No Resemblance

Xu Lan looked at the child in He Mei’s arms and then at Xia Yue. She said disdainfully, ‘You should at least find a child who looks like Xia Zhe. Look at the one in your arms, does he even look like Xia Zhe? Then take a look at my third grandson! His eyebrows and eyes look exactly like Xia Zhe! What else do you have to say?’

“This child may end up looking more like me! Who says that a child must always resemble the father!” He Mei said stubbornly.

She had already realized that this child did not look like Xia Zhe at all. Xia Zhe was a handsome man with thick eyebrows and big eyes, but the child in her arms had curved willowy eyebrows and small eyes. In fact, he also did not look like her at all. She did not know who this child looked like. Could it be a genetic mutation?

Xia Wen returned with a stack of information. He had asked Xia Fang and found out that there was indeed such technology overseas. Furthermore, it was a very comprehensive test and could accurately determine whether a child was related to any adult by blood.

“Pass the information around and browse through it,” Xia Wen said.

After reading through the information, the Xia family members all fell silent. At this moment, He Ning spoke up. “Since everyone is clear about it, let’s do this DNA test. We’re here to take some blood samples from the three children so that we can send it out for the test.’

“Nonsense! You must be dreaming! If any one of my three grandchildren is injured! I’ll skin you alive! Bastard! How dare you want to take my grandchildren’s blood! Dream on! Unless I die! Otherwise, don’t even think about taking my grandchildren’s blood!” Xu Lan pointed at He Ning agitatedly.

Xu Lan would already get anxious whenever the three children cried, but He Ning dared to say that he wanted their blood! Was this not like stabbing a knife into Xu Lan’s heart? Nothing was more important to Xu Lan than these three children. In order to protect the three children, she even dropped her usual elegant demeanor.

“It’s fine if we can’t use the children’s blood. We can use yours. You’re Xia Zhe’s biological mother. Your blood can also be used to verify if this child is really Xia Zhe’s,” He Ning said.

“Sure! It’s not a problem to take my blood! However, I’m concerned about the testing center you’re using. What if you cheat and make them say whatever you want!” Xu Lan said sharply.

“That’s right! Our family will find our own testing center! We’ll order our own

set of tests!” Xia He said quickly.

Their family was not short of money now and they could afford to pay for their own DNA test. As long as they could prove Xia Zhe's innocence, it was worth it even if it meant selling a house!

Qiao Mei swung her legs as she sat on the rocking chair at the side, looking as if this matter had nothing to do with her. He Ning looked at Qiao Mei curiously and asked, "Aren't you angry at all?"

"Me? I'm not angry. I believe that Xia Zhe won't do such a thing. Even if he wants to, he won't do it with someone like her," Qiao Mei said mockingly as she looked at He Mei.

"Don't talk so tough! Xia Zhe has always loved me! If you hadn't seduced him, Xia Zhe and I would have gotten married long ago!" He Mei shouted agitatedly.

"Shut up! Don't scare the children!" Xia Jun said as he glared at He Mei. His glare was like a dagger stabbing into He Mei's heart. He Mei instantly felt her hair stand on end and she broke out in cold sweat.

"Since we all agree to do a DNA test, let's go to your Xia Fangs hospital tomorrow to draw blood," He Ning said.

"Sure," Xia Mao said.

With that, He Ning left with He Mei and the child. He Ning still wanted Xia

Zhe to become the He family's matrilineal son-in-law. He would not sue Xia Zhe for rape or taking liberties with a woman. As for how to deal with Xia Zhe, he would think about it after the results of the test were out.

The entire room fell silent and no one knew what to say. Qiao Mei could not bear to see everyone feeling so sad about this matter. She looked at Xia Wen and looked at him, silently asking him if they should tell the rest of the family the truth.

Xia Wen shook his head discreetly. Now was not the time, It would be best to wait until the day the test results were out before doing the clarification. This would also deal a fatal blow to the He family and make them completely give up on going against the Xia family. If she told the truth now, he was worried that they would end up alerting the enemy.

“I’ll get Aunt to find a testing center to do the DNA test for us. She often does academic research with her counterparts overseas and is more familiar with these things. By the way, since we’re going to do the test, should we ask Xia Xing if he wants to do it too?” Xia Wen looked at Xia Jun and asked.

“Yes! Let’s take this opportunity to do it! Let’s clear our family’s name!” Xia Jun said furiously..

Chapter 1837: Do the Test Together

Xia Wen brought the documents to Xia Xings house. Xia Xing was currently on marriage leave and he was coaxing his child to sleep. When Xia Wen saw that, he almost could not believe that Xia Xing had become so responsible.

“Xia Xing, I’m here to visit you,” Xia Wen said from the main door.

Xia Xing carefully placed the child on the brick bed first, then closed the door and brought Xia Wen to another room. He said embarrassedly, “Eldest Cousin, my house is a little untidy. Please ignore the mess. I’ll go make some tea for

you now.”

“There’s no need to do that. I’m leaving in a while. Where’s Shao Yin? Why isn’t she helping you to take care of the child?” Xia Wen asked with a slight frown.

“She has gone shopping to buy clothes for the child. She’ll be back soon. Eldest Cousin, have you come to talk to me about something?” Xia Xing asked.

“Yes, indeed. I know of this DNA test which can check if this child is really your son. I can help you pay for it. Grandfather asks me to come and inform you. Are you willing to do the test?” Xia Wen asked.

Xia Xing did not say anything. He did not know what to do. It had not been easy for him to accept the fact that this child was his son, but now Xia Wen was telling him that there was a way to prove that this child might not be his son.

“Let... let me think about it...” Xia Xing said hesitantly.

“I know it’s a difficult decision to make. Go and think about it. I’ll put all the information and relevant documents here. If you want to do it, bring the child and come with us to Aunt’s hospital tomorrow to take a blood sample,” Xia Wen said seriously.

Shao Yin arrived home with many bags of things. When she saw Xia Wen, she said obsequiously, “Eldest Cousin, you’re here! You should have told me you’re coming- I would have made preparations•r

Xia Wen looked at all the things in her hand. There were only adult clothes and shoes and nothing that was meant for a child. It looked like Xia Xing was not having an easy time after getting married.

“I’m here to tell the two of you that if you want to do a DNA test, you can go with Qiao Mei and the rest tomorrow.” It was only after saying it that Xia Wen realized that he had told them about what happened at home.

“What? Qiao Mei is getting a test done? Is it because the third child is not Xia

Zhe’s child! Qiao Mei must have cheated on him! I was wondering how she got pregnant so quickly! So it’s because she cheated on him!” Shao Yin said as she looked at Xia Wen excitedly.

Shao Yin had heard of such a test when she went to the Xia family’s house with her son. She had then gone to the university entrance to ask many university students for advice before she finally figured out what it was all about.

Xia Wen frowned and said, "It's not Qiao Mei's problem. Someone is trying to claim that a baby is Xia Zhe's child."

In order to prove Qiao Mei's innocence, he gave them a rough explanation of what happened today, as well as more details about the DNA test.

"This child is Xia Xings. No matter how many tests you do, you'll get the same results. I have no issues with it," Shao Yin said.

"I'm just relaying the message on Grandfather's behalf. It's up to you whether you want to do it or not. Consider it carefully and give me an answer by tomorrow morning. I'll go off now," Xia Wen said.

After Xia Wen left, Shao Yin dropped her disguise. She looked at Xia Xing in disdain and said, "Go and clean up the house! It looks like a pigsty! I'm going out. You can stay at home by yourself."

Overnight, the news that He Mei had given birth to Xia Zhe's child spread throughout all the streets and alleys. Many families who were on good terms with the Xia family called them to ask about this matter.

After all, the Xia and He families could be considered to be among the top families in the capital. If these two families joined forces, they would probably be able to dominate the capital!

Although that girl from the He family did not have a good character, it was a fact that she came from a prominent family. The Xia family would not be stupid enough to choose the countryside daughter-in-law and give up on one from the prominent He family.

Someone as scheming as He Ning would definitely do everything he could to make Xia Zhe submit to him. If Xia Zhe rejected him, the He family could just accuse Xia Zhe of some crime and Xia Zhe would be in a lot of trouble.

"That's not true! That's not Xia Zhe's child! It's all rumors! This matter is still inconclusive!"

"Don't be so anxious! Wait another two days! There'll be news soon! Don't you know Xia Zhe well? He won't do such a thing."

“It’s really not Xia Zhe’s child!”

Xu Lan had to sit by the phone the entire day to explain this matter..

Chapter 1838: Not Xia Zhe’s Child

There were all kinds of rumors going around. Some people believed that with Xia Zhe’s character, he would not do such a dirty deed. Some people were waiting to watch the drama and looking forward to the day Xia Zhe was sent to jail.

In any case, everyone now knew that He Mei was pregnant and that she had given birth to a baby boy. At this moment, everyone was just waiting to see if the baby was really Xia Zhe’s child.

He Ning paced back and forth in his house out of frustration. He really could not figure out who had leaked the news. Would the Xia family really do something to shoot themselves in the foot?

“We’ve investigated it thoroughly. It was Xia Xings wife who went to tell all her neighbors. After that, the other prominent families found out and then the rumor spread throughout the capital,” Huo Gao said as he walked in from outside.

“How did Xia Xings wife know about this?” He Ning questioned.

“Right... It’s the DNA test. Some time ago, Xia Xings family also went through the matter of having to acknowledge a child. Xia Wen had gone to ask him if he wanted to do the DNA test as well. I think he let it slip during their conversation,” Huo Gao said honestly.

“Xia Wen let it slip? How can you believe such a thing! He has always been the most tight-lipped!” He Ning was so angry that he smashed the vase which was on the bookshelf behind him, scaring Huo Gao so much that he did not dare to make a sound.

He Ning could not understand why Xia Wen would do that. He Ning had already intended to make He Mei's pregnancy public, but only after confirming that the baby was Xia Zhe's child. This way, Xia Zhe would not be able to escape. The Xia family would also be forced by public opinion to force Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei to divorce.

However, the test was not even done yet. Why was the Xia family so sure that the baby was not their family's child? Could it be... could it be that they knew something?

"It's really true that good news doesn't travel far, but bad news spreads far and wide! Let's leave this matter at that. We can't stop people from talking. The most important thing now is to get the DNA test done properly. Have you prepared everything we need tomorrow?" He Ning asked.

"Everything is ready," Huo Gao said.

The next morning, the Xia family sent over two tubes of Xu Lan's blood. The

He family also sent them two tubes of the baby's blood. They each found a testing center they trusted to do the test. The samples were kept frozen and they all went to witness the samples being loaded into the plane.

The current technology was not that advanced yet and the results would only be ready after 10 days. Everyone waited patiently for the results. The Xia family did not seem to be affected at all and the atmosphere at home was as blissful and warm as usual. The entire family was even planning a trip together.

He Ning was not having such an easy time. He was very anxious every day and could not think of a reason why the Xia family was behaving like this. Could it be that Qiao Mei had interfered in the process, but how would Qiao Mei know about this? Moreover, they took the samples very quickly and the person who took the samples witnessed the process with his own eyes. There could not have been any mistake.

The 10 days passed quickly. The report from the two different testing centers came out at the same time. As the Xia family expected, this child had nothing to do with them and the probability of him being related to them by blood was 0%. The He family received the same result.

“Impossible! Absolutely impossible! Did you make a mistake! Check again! This definitely can’t be the outcome!” He Ning held the phone and shouted agitatedly down the line.

“Mr. He, our report is very accurate and there’s definitely no mistakes. It’s better for you to check the problem on your end,” the person from the testing center said.

After He Ning hung up the phone, he looked at He Mei fiercely and asked, “What exactly is going on! What exactly did you do! Why did the center say that this child is not Xia Zhe’s! Didn’t you tell me yourself that this matter is foolproof! What a piece of trash! What’s the use of having you around!”

He Mei fell to the ground in fear and said with a trembling voice, “I don’t know! I wasn’t part of that process! After the thing was brought over, I went through the procedure immediately! I don’t know what’s going on either!

Whose child is it then!”

He Ning was still unwilling to believe this fact and decided to investigate this matter thoroughly. At this moment, Xia Wen suddenly called and said happily, “Mr. He, do you want to hear some good news?”

“Don’t be so smug! The test results must be wrong and the samples used must be tainted! I need blood from either your father or Qiao Mei’s three children!”

He Ning said stubbornly..

Chapter 1839: The Truth Is Out

“You can have my father’s blood, but don’t even try to eye the children! If any of the three children are injured, our Xia family won’t let you off. Tomorrow, I’ll send someone to send my father’s blood samples to the He family. If you need blood samples from my sister and me, we can also give it to you.” Xia Wen hung up after saying that.

He Ning did not just do a retest at the previous testing center, but he also found another two testing centers. Another 10 days later, the reports from the three testing centers came out. Just like before, the result was that this child had nothing to do with the Xia family.

This time, He Ning was completely dumbfounded. It was widely known by now that He Mei's child had nothing to do with the Xia family. Now, everyone in the capital was discussing who the father of this child was. Even He Mei herself did not know.

He Ning did not even dare to leave the house, afraid that others would laugh at him. He had fought with the Xia family for so many years, but this was the first time he had lost the fight so thoroughly.

"Whose child is this! Tell me the truth!" He Ning pointed at He Mei angrily and questioned her.

"I don't know! I really don't know! Little Uncle, you have to believe me! I really don't know anything! It must be Qiao Mei! It's all her fault! When we were at her house, she was totally expressionless. She must have already known that this child was not Xia Zhe's!" He Mei cried.

He Ning gradually recalled Qiao Mei's expression at that time. It occurred to him that she really did not seem like someone who was not in the know. Could it be that the Xia family had done something behind the scenes?

He had lost this fight completely, but it did not matter. There was still a long way to go for him and the Xia family. The most important thing now was to send this child away as soon as possible. So long as this child appeared in front of him, he would always remember the humiliation he went through today.

"What do you plan to do with this child?" He Ning looked at He Mei and asked.

"I don't want him! Just throw him away! I feel disgusted just looking at him!" He Mei said.

He Ning also felt annoyed when he looked at the child. He thought that he could sell the boy to a human trafficker. A boy could definitely fetch more money.

“Then leave it to me. Go back to your father’s house and stay there,” He Ning said softly.

“I don’t want to go back! Little Uncle, don’t send me back! Let me stay here! I’m willing to be your slave! Don’t chase me away!” He Mei said fearfully. “I have so many servants at home. Why would I need a slave like you? You should just live well. I can’t afford you,” He Ning said disdainfully.

He Guo and He Wei shared the use of the He family’s old house and the two families would run into one another frequently. He Mei was afraid that He Wei’s family would mock and humiliate her if she went back.

Although the He family was one of the most prominent families in the capital, who would be willing to marry an unmarried woman who already gave birth to a son? Moreover, this woman was not even young anymore. A proud person like He Mei definitely would not be willing to marry some random man and could only grow old alone.

He Ning glanced at Jia Zhong, who immediately understood what He Ning meant. He bought a tiled house in a remote village for He Mei. It was located in a really faraway place. So long as He Mei did not appear in front of He Ning anymore, he would never have to remember this failure.

He got changed and prepared to go to Qiao Mei’s house to ask her about the whole thing. Even if he had lost, he wanted to know the reason why. He wanted to learn from his mistakes and know how he failed this time. Only then would he be able to defeat the Xia family more steadily, accurately and ruthlessly the next time.

When He Ning arrived at the courtyard house, he knocked loudly on the main door. Unexpectedly, it was Qiao Mei who opened the door this time. Qiao Mei just looked straight at He Ning. He Ning did not say a word and just stared back at Qiao Mei.

“I expect you to come, though I never would have thought that you’re someone who can’t maintain your composure,” Qiao Mei said with a laugh.

“So this really has something to do with you,” He Ning said angrily.

“No, no, no! It has nothing to do with me. You can’t blame this on me. I’m a woman so how can I get He Mei pregnant?” Qiao Mei said quickly.

“It’s not you?” He Ning hesitated for a moment before saying, “Then Xia Zhe is really vicious... I’m really impressed by how ruthless he is.”

In the past, Xia Zhe never retaliated, or even acknowledged, those cheap shots which He Ning took at him behind his back. He Ning even thought that Xia Zhe would never take issue with him, that Xia Zhe was a gentleman and would not do those shady things. He did not expect Xia Zhe to take such decisive action this time round..

Chapter 1840: Help to Take Care of the Children

Everyone in the capital now knew He Mei had become pregnant with an unknown man’s baby and Xia Zhe was the one who had engineered the process. He Mei was utterly and totally shamed. He had completely ruined her life.

However, He Mei only had herself to blame for this. If He Mei did not have all these crooked ideas in the first place, Xia Zhe would not have retaliated in order to protect himself and his family.

“If you want to know who the father of the child is, I’m more than happy to tell you,” Qiao Mei said as she stared at He Ning with a gleeful look.

“I’m not interested. I’ve already gotten rid of the child,” He Ning said coldly.

Qiao Mei asked curiously, “You killed the child? Tsk tsk tsk, you’re really vicious. You’re much more ruthless than Xia Zhe!”

“I’m not that heartless. That would be illegal. I just sent him away.” With that, He Ning turned around and left Qiao Mei’s house.

Qiao Mei shouted from behind He Ning, "You really don't want to know?" "No! It won't change the ending anyway!" He Ning said irritably.

Qiao Mei looked at He Ning's back view and pouted. What a boring man. She had thought that he would at least make her life more interesting.

Recently, the Xia family had met with a troublesome issue that needed to be resolved as soon as possible. Feng Hua could no longer take care of three children on her own and the family would need to hire another helper. However, it was not so easy to hire one. It was really too difficult to find a good helper.

"Why don't I stay at home and take care of the children! Now that all the factory matters have been handed over to Qian'e, I also don't want to get involved in anything anymore. Zhang Wei and the other children spend most of their time at school and I have nothing to do, so you might as well let me take care of the children," Li Gui said.

"Are you sure you can carry the children without hurting your waist?" Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

When Li Gui gave birth in the past, she did not manage to rest and recover properly during her confinement periods and that had left her in poor health. In the past year, Qiao Mei had finally managed to improve Li Gui's health to some extent, but she had been unwell for such a long time that she still needed further treatment over a longer period of time.

"Don't worry. If I don't feel well enough, I'll apply the medicinal wine all over

my body every day!" Li Gui said.

"Back then, when I advised you to use the medicinal wine in this way, you never listened to me! With Xia Yue around now, you're even willing to do it voluntarily! It seems that your grandson holds more weight than whatever I say!" Qiao Mei said angrily.

Li Gui scratched her head in embarrassment and said, "I just can't bear to use it. Two days ago, your grandfather showed me the room where you keep all the ginsengs. I always think that the supply is

limited! That's why I can't bear to use it! Now that I know there's a lot at home, I'll definitely apply the medicine regularly!

"In that case, I won't stop you from doing it. If you're too tired, you can just let me know. I'll still be keeping an eye out for a suitable helper. My parents-in-law will be moving to stay near here soon. They'll be able to come and help out then," Qiao Mei said.

"Good, good! This way, our house will be even livelier!" Li Gui said excitedly.

Qiao Mei looked at Li Gui. There were some things which she did not know if she should say. Back then, Li Gui had wanted to buy a small house. However, now that Xu Lan, Xia Mao and Xia Jun were going to live in a standard siheyuan courtyard house, Qiao Mei felt a little uncomfortable about the fact that Li Gui was still living in that small house.

"Mom, why don't you move to the big siheyuan courtyard house next door? The furnishings and fixtures there are better than those in your current house," Qiao Mei said.

"I know what you're trying to do! Don't worry, I don't think too much. I am happy at my current place! I can come to your house every day for my meals and it's easy for your younger siblings to come over and play. If I live too far away, it'll be inconvenient for me to come over and eat! Besides, I can buy new houses myself. I already bought two courtyard houses behind your back!" Li Gui said proudly.

"When did that happen! Why didn't I know! Where are they located?" Qiao Mei asked in shock.

"In the east district. There are also many courtyard houses there, but the structure is not as sturdy as those here. I bought them because the price was low. I asked Deng Fan to renovate them and I've already rented them out!" Li Gui said.

Qiao Mei gave Li Gui a thumbs up. She did not expect Li Gui to have learned so much after working by her side for more than a year. She even picked up the habit of going around to buy houses..