

## **Fat Wife 1841**

### Chapter 1841: Fight

Qiao Mei had actually been curious about where Li Gui kept all the money she made. Would the bank be willing to let her bank in so much money? She finally learned the truth today.

Now that everything at home had been settled, it was time for Qiao Mei to return to school. The baby was still so young and she could not bear to leave him completely in Li Gui's care. In the end, Qiao Mei still had to drive back and forth to school every day.

The difference this time round was that Capital University had provided Qiao Mei with a parking space. They let her use it exclusively and for free throughout her university years.

When Qiao Mei stepped into the classroom, the entire class fell silent. Everyone was actually very curious about Qiao Mei and they had all gone around to find out if Qiao Mei had given birth to a boy or a girl this time. When they heard that it was a boy, they became even more envious.

The current society was still very feudal and people valued boys more than girls. After asking around and hearing that Qiao Mei had already given birth to a pair of twins, these people were even more jealous of her.

Look at her life! She already had three cute children at such a young age and was even the top scorer of the college entrance examination. Furthermore, her husband came from one of the top families in the capital. This was a life that made so many people envious.

Qiao Mei still liked to sit by the window. She did not know if it was her imagination, but she felt that everyone seemed to avoid her, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

The boys did not even dare to look at Qiao Mei, worried that others would misunderstand and spread rumors. If the Xia family came looking for them, they would not be able to fight back at all.

The girls reacted even more strongly. Some were jealous of Qiao Mei, while others were envious of her. Everyone was a little scared of her.

However, Qiao Mei did not care about this. As time passed, there would naturally be people who would take the initiative to be friends with her. Chen Pian, whom she met earlier, was a good example.

After class, Qiao Mei went to look for Li Xue immediately. In this era, people were more particular about public behavior. Once a boy and a girl became too close, people would think that they were dating. Students were supposed to study hard at the university. To ensure that students focused on their studies, the university mandated that students were not allowed to date.

It would be a different situation in another 20 years' time. By then, technology would be a lot more advanced and the school could not restrict the students so easily anymore.

Qiao Mei and Li Xue went to look for Wu Duo together. If Qiao Mei went alone, who knew how big a rumor she could cause! As soon as she arrived at Wu Duo's faculty building, she saw many people gathered at the ground floor and making a lot of noise. It seemed that some people had gotten into a fight.

"Wu Duo, how can you be so vicious! Look at how badly you beat Xie Jing up!" a girl in the crowd shouted.

Qiao Mei and Li Xue quickly squeezed into the crowd. It was really Wu Duo and Xie Jing who had gotten into a fight. Li Xue did not know about the shared past between the two men, so she just felt that it was Xie Jing who had bullied Wu Duo.

The moment Qiao Mei saw Xie Jing, she understood why Wu Duo had lost to him. It was because this guy was really very good-looking and looked like a nice gentleman. If Capital University needed a school hunk, everyone would definitely nominate Xie Jing.

In front of Xie Jing, Wu Duo was like a little chick standing beside an eagle. There was no competition at all and he did not have any chance of winning. It was no wonder that Cui Hua liked Xie Jing so much that she would sacrifice her own plans for him.

“What exactly is going on?” Qiao Mei came to Wu Duo’s side and asked softly.

“I’m sorry... In the end, I still got into a fight, but I wasn’t the one who started it. He scolded me first,” Wu Duo said softly.

“Yes, I believe you. Are you alright?” Qiao Mei asked.

“I’m alright. He didn’t fight back,” Wu Duo said honestly.

“We must go and tell the professors! This matter must be dealt with seriously! This is really too much!” the female classmate beside Xie Jing shouted.

“That’s right! It must be dealt with seriously!”

“A student like you shouldn’t be in Capital University! You’re a piece of trash!”

“He should be expelled!”

“Yes! Expelled! Expelled!”

The voices of the people around them grew louder and louder. Everyone sided with Xie Jing. After all, Xie Jing had maintained a good reputation in school for the past few years, always humble and polite to everyone. He was even nice to small animals by the roadside. They would never believe that Xie Jing had started a fight with Wu Duo.

“He scolded me first! How can all of you be so oblivious to the truth!” Wu Duo shouted angrily.

“You’re talking nonsense! Why will a gentle person like Xie Jing scold someone!” a girl questioned..

Chapter 1842: Runaway Debtor

In their eyes, Xie Jing was not a person who would scold others. When Xie Jing approached Wu Duo just now, he spoke in a low voice, so the people around him naturally did not hear anything.

Both Qiao Mei and Li Xue believed that Wu Duo would not falsely accuse Xie Jing. In that case, they had to find other ways to help Wu Duo.

“Is this the fellow villager you told me about?” Qiao Mei asked as she pointed at Xie Jing.

Wu Duo looked at Qiao Mei confusedly. He thought he had just told her who this person was? Why was she asking him again? Could it be that Qiao Mei did not hear him clearly just now?

“Yes, it’s him,” Wu Duo said in a daze.

“Oh- So he’s the fellow villager who owes you 800 dollars! Did you manage to get the money back just now?” Qiao Mei asked.

“I didn’t! He refuses to acknowledge the debt! That’s why I accidentally hit him!” Wu Duo said agitatedly.

He was agitated not because someone was helping to clear him of this injustice, but from the excitement of lying. He never imagined that Qiao Mei would use such a method to frame Xie Jing.

“You’re talking nonsense. When did I ever owe you money?” Xie Jing said with a frown.

“You still don’t want to admit it! Everyone in the village knows about this! Back when your father was seriously ill, everyone in the village lent money to your family! If all of you don’t believe me, you can go to my village and ask anyone there! This is quite a recent matter! The elders in the village will definitely remember it! You’ll know whether what I say is true once you go there and ask around!” Wu Duo shouted loudly.

“Is this true?” the girl beside Xie Jing asked.

Xie Jing remained silent. Back then, his family had indeed borrowed money from many people, but definitely not from the Wu family. He had never even met Wu Duo before. However, what Wu Duo said was the truth and he could not refute it.

For so many years, he had always portrayed himself as a gentleman in front of everyone and never said much about his family. This was the first time someone had made his family background public.

“I signed IOUs with all my creditors. Don’t spout nonsense,” Xie Jing said.

“Back then, you told me that your father was seriously ill and you urgently needed money, so I gave you all the money my family had! The situation was so urgent that there was no time to sign an IOU. I originally wanted to get it done until you had some free time, but I didn’t expect you and your parents to disappear the next day! When I finally found some information about you, I heard that you had gone to university!” Wu Duo said.

“What? How can there be such a thing?”

“Is what he said true?”

“How can Xie Jing be such a person? He must be lying!” The people in the crowd discussed animatedly among themselves and Xie Jing found it difficult to explain himself.

“You entered university so secretly that no one in the village knew that you were going to the university! Who will believe you even if you say that you haven’t done this on purpose! If I lie, I’ll get struck by lightning! Everyone in the village knows about this! All of you can ask around!” Wu Duo pointed at Xie Jing and shouted.

Back then, in order to avoid Wu Duo and everyone else, Xie Jing’s whole family had moved to an unfamiliar city. At that time, Wu Duo and his family were still immersed in the excitement of Wu Duo entering Capital University. Everyone in the village thought that the spot belonged to Wu Duo, but no one expected Xie Jing to have taken it instead.

Wu Duo did not say anything else. After all, the full story involved him being cuckolded. It would not be good to say too much as he still cared about his reputation.

Before the college entrance examination scheme was announced, university students who entered by way of class background were highly lauded. If any family produced a university student, they would put up lanterns and decorations at home, set off firecrackers, offer sacrifices to their ancestors and so on. The entire village would be equally as proud. However, it was really rare to see someone who did what Xie Jing did.

Could it be that this entire matter was really Xie Jings fault? Did Xie Jing really owe Wu Duo a lot of money?

This matter was not just about 10 dollars. If it was a small amount and Xie Jings family was really hard-pressed, everyone would persuade Wu Duo not to be so particular about the debt. They might even pool their money to help Xie Jing pay it back.

However, this was a sum of 800 dollars, which was more money than an ordinary family could earn in a year. This was not something that could be resolved easily. No one had the heart to to persuade Wu Duo to give up.

Everyone stared at Xie Jing, hoping that he would give them a clear answer and let them know who was in the right and whether it was Wu Duo who had bullied him.

However, Xie Jing did not know where to start. He was scared that if he said something wrong, it would expose what he did back then. If so, all his years of hard work would be for naught..

Chapter 1843: Collecting on a Debt

“Do you know how difficult that particular year was for my family after I stole the money and gave it to you! My father gave me a beating and almost broke my leg! My mother fell sick and we didn’t even have the money to send her for treatment! I treated you like a brother! What do you take me for! I’ve really

misjudged you all these years!” Wu Duo became more and more agitated as he spoke and almost burst into tears.

Qiao Mei stood at the side and wanted to clap and cheer for Wu Duo. It was such a pity that he did not become an actor. She originally just wanted to find an excuse to help Wu Duo clear his name. She did not expect Wu Duo to really put on a good show and be able to almost deceive everyone around him.

A teacher came running from afar and said sternly, “Hey! What are you doing! Who’s fighting!”

Sun Jia, the female classmate who went to get the teacher, pointed at Wu Duo and said, “It’s him! Professor! He hit Xie Jing and said all kinds of bad things about Xie Jing! Professor, you know that Xie Jing has been an outstanding student all these years. He can’t have done those things.”

“Xie Jing is a runaway debtor! I just want to get back my money!” Wu Duo said righteously.

“Xie Jing owes you money? What nonsense! How can it be that Xie Jing owes money to someone like you?” Sun Jia looked at Wu Duo with a mocking expression.

“Schoolmate, what do you mean by ‘someone like him’? He’s ranked second in the capital’s college entrance examination this year. Isn’t his results better than everyone here? Didn’t you just preach about being morally upright? Why are you launching a personal attack on him now?” Qiao Mei said as she stared at Sun Jia.

Everyone only knew that the top scorer of the capital’s college entrance examination this year was a girl, but they had not paid any attention to the second-placed student. If not for Qiao Mei reminding them about this, no one would have known.

When Xie Jing heard that, he looked at Wu Duo in shock. In the past, Wu Duo used to rank last in school. He was sloppy and did not work hard in his studies. How did he suddenly take second place in the capital’s college entrance examination?

“Student, how much does Xie Jing owe you?” the teacher asked.

“800 dollars,” Wu Duo replied.

“800 dollars? Are you sure that someone who dresses like you has 800

dollars?” The teacher sized Wu Duo up disdainfully.

Wu Duo used to prefer having a high profile. Although his family was not that rich, they were quite comfortable in life. However, after meeting Qiao Mei, Wu Duo learned to keep a low profile. He noted that although Qiao Mei had such a big house, the things she used at home were all very simple and ordinary. She even sewed all the children’s clothes herself.

Therefore, Wu Duo was currently wearing clothes that were bought a few years ago. There were even some parts which were visibly patched up.

Wu Duo stood rooted to the spot out of embarrassment. He really did not have much money on him now, at most 30 dollars. There was no need to bring so much money to school. The food in the school canteen was very cheap and 30 dollars was already enough for him to eat at the canteen for a month.

Qiao Mei took out a watch from her pocket. In order to celebrate her four students successfully entering their ideal university, she had specially bought them a gift each to celebrate the event. During the enrollment period, she had gone off to deliver the baby, so she had not managed to pass them the gifts yet.

“Look at how careless you are. Your uncle came to look for me just now and asked me to bring this to school and give it to you. You should try to improve your memory!” Qiao Mei said reproachfully.

Some people recognized the brand of this watch. It was the latest watch released for sale by Hai Qin this year. Each watch cost 300 dollars!

Furthermore, it was a limited edition watch, which meant one might not be able to buy it even with money. Only long-time VIPs of the brand could get their hands on one.



“Why is your watch with this female classmate! What’s your relationship with her! Why does your uncle know this female classmate! Aren’t you going to explain yourself!” Sun Jia questioned.

“Schoolmate, why are you so curious about everything? His uncle is our high school homeroom teacher. We used to be from the same class. Then what’s your relationship with Xie Jing? Why are you so eager to help him? Are you from the same hometown as him? Or are you ex-classmates in high school?” Li Xue asked sharply.

“I.. I..” For a moment, Sun Jia did not know how to explain herself. She was just someone who had a crush on Xie Jing and she was not even from the same faculty as him. They were not in the same year.

“Enough! Stop arguing! This group, come to the office with me! The rest of you, go back to class!” the teacher shouted..

#### Chapter 1844: Personal Grudge

The crowd dispersed. Xie Jing, Wu Duo, Qiao Mei and Li Xue followed the teacher back to his office. This teacher was Xie Jings mentor in school and he did not know Wu Duo and the rest.

“The few of you, tell me what’s your major and why you’re arguing with my student,” the teacher asked while drinking tea.

“I’m Wu Duo, studying manufacturing. This is Qiao Mei, studying agriculture. That’s Li Xue, studying medicine,” Wu Duo answered honestly.

“I don’t care about your personal disputes and you should settle it among yourselves. However, you shouldn’t fight in school. It’s wrong to hit another person. You must apologize to Xie Jing,” the teacher said cunningly.

He was Xie Jings teacher, so he naturally spoke up for Xie Jinga Qiao Mei looked at the tea leaves on the teacher's table and smiled. She said in a gentle tone, "These tea leaves are not bad. It looks like it's this year's new Longjing tea. I didn't even manage to buy it. Professor, you really know your tea."

A university professor was not paid well enough to afford such expensive tea leaves. The moment Qiao Mei highlighted this, the teacher immediately understood what she meant.

"It's a gift from my friend. I don't know anything about it. Since it's a personal grudge between the two of you, then go and settle it in private. Don't fight in the future," the teacher said casually.

Xie Jing could only bite his tongue. Before he left, he gave Wu Duo and the others a resentful look.

During the weekend break, the four students came to Qiao Mei's house for a visit, bearing gifts for Xia Yue. In fact, this was the first time they came to Qiao Mei's house again after graduation.

When they came over in the past, Qiao Mei gave them tuition in the study.

Other than the study and the toilet, they had never been to any other room. Actually, they did not dare to explore the house either. After all, the Xia family was a prominent family. It would not be good if there was an esteemed guest at the house and they offended the guest by not knowing how to behave correctly.

Wu Duo told everyone about those things in his past. In any case, these few people were not outsiders to him and he was fine to let them know about it.

"I never expected that person named Xie Jing to be so terrible! No wonder you hate him so much. There's nothing wrong with it. If it's me, I will likely hate him more than you do," Li Xue said.

"You're really tolerant. You didn't go and look for them for so many years," Wang Wei said in admiration.

"I want to look for them! But the Xie family moved away and Cui Hua never returned to the village after that. I don't even have a chance to take revenge," Wu Duo said.

“We can’t let this matter rest just like that. When school starts next week, you have to go and ask him for the money,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

“Ask him for the money? But didn’t we make up that story? How can I ask him for the money?” Wu Duo asked.

“If you have already asked him for payment once and then you stop, won’t that make it look like we’re lying? People will only believe you if you continue to chase for payment. This will also make things difficult for Xie Jing,” Qiao Mei said.

“That’s right! Why are you so smart! This never crossed my mind!” Wu Duo said excitedly.

Qiao Mei looked at Wu Duo helplessly and said, “It’s not that I’m smart, but that you’re too stupid. If you can get so easily played by Cui Hua and Xie Jing now, what will you do in the future?”

Wu Duo lowered his head dejectedly. He did not want to be played by others, but whenever he met these two people, he could not control his emotions.

Seeing Wu Duo like this, Qiao Mei felt a little helpless. After all, she wanted these few people to become her close aides in the future. Qiao Mei would not dare to use a close aide who had a weak spot. If Wu Duo could not get through this difficult issue, then Qiao Mei would consider dropping him and nurturing someone else.

After all, there would be many people taking the examination every year and she would definitely be able to find like-minded people.

“Enough, I don’t have any intention of scolding you. These two are nothing. You can just use them for target practice. After all, you shouldn’t suffer for nothing these past two days,” Qiao Mei said.

Wu Duo suddenly felt his mood lighten. He had been nursing an inferiority complex all this while. When he found out that Cui Hua had left him for Xie Jing, he did not have the courage to go and ask her for an explanation. He did not even dare to appear in front of her, worried that she would compare him with Xie Jing.

However, things were different at the moment. He had passed the college entrance examination and entered Capital University. He definitely held more value than a student who entered university by way of a recommendation letter!

In the past, Xie Jing seemed so high and mighty. Now, Xie Jing was only good enough for his target practice! This difference made him feel much more confident..

#### Chapter 1845: Bet

“Don’t stay in touch with Cui Hua. You become muddle-headed the moment you meet that vixen!” Li Xue said in a disappointed tone.

“You mean this matter is also related to Cui Hua?” Wu Duo asked in shock.

The other three people looked at Wu Duo helplessly. It was really true that no man could resist the charms of a beautiful woman. Xie Jing was very calm that day and it did not feel that it was the first time the two of them met. Cui Hua must have already told Xie Jing the news in advance. Xie Jing had come prepared, which was why he could easily make Wu Duo so angry.

Wu Duo raised his teacup and stood up, saying to everyone, “Using tea instead of wine, I hereby make an oath! If I ever believe Cui Hua again! Then I 1 1 m a

“Don’t! You’re insulting a dog by saying such things. You might as well say something more practical, such as helping us with our homework, doing experiments or running errands,” Wang Wei said.

“That’s right! Those are just lame words. We don’t believe you. Just tell us how you will be punished if you believe Cui Hua’s words again!” Li Xue said excitedly.

Qiao Mei was also very interested in this issue. She foresaw that Wu Duo would definitely fall for Cui Hua’s sweet lies again. After all, Cui Hua was smart and skilled. The current Wu Duo was definitely no match for her.

"I...I'll fetch water for each of you for a month!" Wu Duo said through gritted teeth.

"No problem!" Li Xue said happily.

"I agree too!" Wang Wei said.

"But I don't live in the dormitory. How about this, if you lose, come over during the summer break to change my son's diapers for one month. What do you think?" Qiao Mei asked.

Wu Duo looked at the cute Xia Yue in Qiao Mei's arms and said, "No problem!

One month is nothing! Even half a year is fine! Who wouldn't like our Xia Yue?"

Wu Duo was the only son in the family and did not need to take care of any younger siblings. Wang Wei and Li Xue were the eldest in their families and each had many younger siblings. They all knew what a tough task it was to change diapers for a baby.

"You... you can do it... I wish you success..." Li Xue said as she held back her laughter.

"I wish you success too," Wang Wei said.

"Why do the two of you have such expressions? Is changing diapers something difficult to do?" Wu Duo asked with a confused expression.

"It's fine. You'll know when the time comes," Wang Wei comforted him.

After discussing their plans for next week, they all headed home. On Monday, Wu Duo arrived at Xie Jings classroom on time and started chasing him for payment. He wanted to make sure that everyone around him could hear what he was doing here.

Xie Jing looked nonchalant on the surface, but he was actually feeling very anxious inside. The more Wu Duo acted matter-of-factly, the more it felt like he was the one in the wrong. As time passed, all his previous efforts would be in vain. This matter had to be resolved as soon as possible.

With Wu Duo's brains, he could not have come up with these schemes. Could it be that all these were planned by the woman who was next to him? Was that woman Wu Duo's girlfriend?

Xie Jing told Cui Hua about all his doubts and queries and asked her to investigate everything clearly. That night, Xie Jing waited at home for Cui Hua to return. She only reached home very late at night.

"Have you managed to check on those things?" Xie Jing asked.

There were all sorts of sensational news about Qiao Mei and one did not need to check too carefully to know about them. Cui Hua took a sip of water and said, "That woman's name is Qiao Mei. She's this year's top scorer in the college entrance examination and she's also the Xia family's daughter-in-law."

"Xia family? Are you talking about that famous Xia family?" Xie Jings father, Xie Kun, asked.

"Yes, I heard that it's the Xia family who's active in the military. Looks like it," Cui Hua said.

Xie Kun immediately became agitated. He grabbed Xie Jings shoulder and said, "What's your relationship with this Qiao Mei?"

"We're just schoolmates," Xie Jing said in pain.

"You must build a good relationship with this woman! If the Xia family can find me a job, I'll be able to soar through the ranks ! Do you remember that!"

Xie Kun instructed.

"Got it," Xie Jing said impatiently.

As if he did not want to get close to Qiao Mei? However, given his current situation, befriending Qiao Mei would be as difficult as ascending to heaven!

There was no right move he could make now. How did that kid Wu Duo get to know Qiao Mei?

Xie Jing pulled Cui Hua into the room next door and asked softly, "How did Wu Duo and Qiao Mei get to know each other?"

Chapter 1846: I Am Here to Help You

Xie Jing had full trust in Cui Hua and her methods. She was smart and knew how to take advantage of other people's weaknesses. When she acted pitiful, she could make some people trust her and be concerned about her. Many guys would let down their guard in front of her. Xie Jing often made use of this and asked her to go around and dig for information.

"Do you still remember the newspaper report a few days ago about four poor students getting into famous universities against the odds?" Cui Hua asked.

"I know. I heard others talking about it," Xie Jing said.

"These four people are all Qiao Mei's students. Wu Duo is one of them," Cui Hua explained.

"This kid has run into some good luck..." Xie Jing said through gritted teeth.

"I also heard that Qiao Mei's family owns a factory and that they've been recruiting recently. Wu Duo's father has been hired and is paid a high monthly salary," Cui Hua said.

Qiao Mei did not do it as a favor to Wu Duo. His father had gotten the job on his own merit. Qiao Mei's factory was currently lacking a master craftsman who was experienced enough to repair the machinery. Many craftsmen who came to apply for the job did not know anything about these new equipment.

Qian'e had already spent a lot of money on trying to solve this issue! When Wu Duo heard about it, he recommended his father to Qiao Mei.

Wu Duo's father also did not know how to repair the new equipment, but he was willing to learn. After a month, his father had already grasped an understanding of the structure of all the new equipment. Given that an experienced technical staff like him was such a rare find, it was not an issue for the factory to pay him a high salary.

"Alright, got it. How have you been recently? Although it's already spring, it's still very cold in the morning and evening. You must wear more layers," Xie Jing said as he looked at Cui Hua tenderly.

Cui Hua looked at Xie Jing shyly and said, "Yes... I know. You're so thoughtful. You must wear more layers too."

"It's getting late. You should go and rest." After Xie Jing said that, Cui Hua returned to her own room. The gentleness on Xie Jing's face instantly disappeared and he looked like a completely different person.

Since Qiao Mei thought highly of Wu Duo now, it would be impossible for him to build a good relationship with her. He decided to think of another way out.

Even though it was not possible for Xie Jing to approach Qiao Mei, it did not mean that he did not have other options. When Tan Jing heard the news, she quickly went to look for Xie Jing and suggested that they work together.

Her involvement in Xia Yue's abduction had a detrimental impact on the Huang family. The Huang family spent a lot of money to bail out Tan Jing from the police station.

After Tan Jing returned home, she even got into an argument with Huang Quan. He hit her in a fit of anger and almost caused her to have a miscarriage. Fortunately, she still had some medicinal wine which she stole from the Xia family. There was one last mouthful left and it was barely enough to save the baby. Otherwise, the child would have been gone.



In the face of the Huang family's wealth and status, this bit of hardship was nothing to her. As long as this child was born safely, she would strengthen her position as Mrs. Huang. In the future, her son would have a share in the Huang family's assets!

However, she did not know if she could even live to see that day...

This time, Huang Quan agreed to let her out only because this issue was related to Qiao Meie. Since Tan Jing had agreed to help Huang Quan get ahold of Qiao Mei, she would do her best. If she could not do it... then he was not going to keep her alive.

"Who are you?" Xie Jing asked warily.

"It doesn't matter who I am. What's important is that I can help you get what you want," Tan Jing said.

"I don't even know who you are. How do I know that what you say is true?" Xie Jing questioned.

"You don't need to know who I am. You just need to know that I'm here to help you. In order to show my sincerity, I can get your father a job. It's not a cushy job, but he'll make enough money to live out his old age well. If you're obedient, I can also get your mother a job," Tan Jing said.

"Really?" Xie Jing looked at Tan Jing agitatedly.

"Of course. However, this job comes with a probation period. So long as you help me get what I want to do, I'll make sure that your father becomes a confirmed employee. I can even get you a good job after you graduate," Tan Jing said.

To Xie Jinee it was not important to him whether his father lived out his old age well. The most important thing for him was to gain a foothold in the capital and have a job which garnered him respect. This was the only way to satisfy his fragile ego.

Xie Jing thought for a long time before he asked, "What do you want me to help you with?"

## Chapter 1847: Underprivileged Student

“It’s very simple. Find a way to ruin Qiao Mei’s reputation. Any way is fine. As long as her reputation is ruined, my goal is achieved,” Tan Jing said fiercely. She wished that she could chop Qiao Mei into multiple pieces right now.

Xie Jing looked at Tan Jing for a long time before he smiled. He asked, “You seem to hate her very much?”

“Don’t ask about my issues. You don’t need to know anything either. You just need to know the outcome I want. Can you do it?” Tan Jing said with a slight frown.

“This is not a small matter. If I’m not careful, my reputation will be ruined.

Qiao Mei is related to a prominent family. If I take any cheap shots at her, that family will come right out and kill me.” Xie Jing said.

“You can’t just sit back and expect things to fall into your lap. Don’t you know that dangerous tasks give the best returns? I don’t need your answer right now. I’ll give you half a month to think about it. If you don’t come to look for me after half a month, it means that the deal is off.” With that, Tan Jing put on her coat and left the cafeteria.

After she walked out, Xie Jing tried to peep at her through the window. She got into a black sports car, but he could not see the license plate number clearly.

Tan Jing had actually borrowed this sports car from Huang Quan t s friend. Huang Quan t s lousy car belonged to his workplace! It was not grand enough for her to show off in such a situation.

That night, Xie Jings father suddenly received a call offering him a job at a police station as an administrator in charge of documents. Although this position was nothing spectacular, it was still a stable government job.

“Son, look at me! Your father is still quite capable!” Xie Kun said excitedly to Xie Jing.

Xie Jing gave his father a cursory response. He had thought that Tan Jing said that to tempt him and he did not expect her to be telling the truth. However, he could not just agree to help Tan Jing immediately. He did not know Tan Jings background and whether she had the clout to fight with Qiao Mei.

The next day at school, Xie Jing remained deep in thought, still thinking about the details of his meeting with Tan Jing. He wanted to try and recall if there were any clues to suggest which family Tan Jing was from. As he was too lost in his own thoughts, he did not see Wu Duo walking towards him.

Xie Jing bumped into Wu Duo and instinctively said apologetically, “I’m sorry. My apologies for bumping into you.”

“What exactly are you thinking about? You almost shattered my chest!” Wu Duo shouted in pain.

Xie Jings expression instantly darkened. He looked at Wu Duo impatiently and said, “As if you are made of glass and will shatter with a light touch.”

“How can you say that! You are the one who bumped into me! Yet you’re the one who complained first! When are you going to return me the money! It’s been so long! You have to give me a clear answer! You should at least offer to pay me a small sum every week!” Wu Duo shouted agitatedly.

What Wu Duo said immediately attracted many passers-by. Xie Jing was quite well-known in school and the news of the fight a few days ago had spread like wildfire. Everyone was waiting to see what would happen next!

“Don’t push your luck...” Xie Jing growled softly.

“Explain yourself if you dare. Tell everyone how you snatched my university spot back then and how much money your father owes. It’s best if you explain everything that happened in the past so I can get justice served,” Wu Duo also said softly.

All these things were not aboveboard and Xie Jing would never speak of them. Wu Duo also knew that Xie Jing would not say anything and he only said these words to make Xie Jing angry.

However, Xie Jing did not fall for it but sized up Wu Duo's dressing instead. Ever since the other day when his mentor mocked Wu Duo for dressing like a person who was not well off, Wu Duo had dressed a little better. This was also what Qiao Mei had told Wu Duo to do. She said he should let everyone know that his family was not short of money before keeping a low profile again.

"I seem to recall that you applied to be on the list of underprivileged students when you started school. How can an underprivileged student afford to wear such a nice watch!" Xie Jing pointed at Wu Duo's watch and said sarcastically.

For a moment, Wu Duo did not know how to rebut. Some time back, his family really did not have much money. His father only met Qiao Mei and got the job after school started. He did not expect Xie Jing to even know about these things. Cui Hua must have told Xie Jing about it.

"That's true... Look at him, he doesn't look poor..."

"Is it so easy to qualify as an underprivileged student in our school? There must be something fishy going on!"

#### Chapter 1848: Spread Rumors and Cause Trouble

Wu Duo found it hard to defend himself. After all, it was true that he was an underprivileged student, but what they said was true about his watch too.

Every year, the school would allocate five spots to each faculty to assist underprivileged students. The government and the school would co-pay for the tuition fees and accommodation expenses of these students. They only needed to pay for their meals at school and the rest of their expenses would be reimbursed. This was also the reason why Wu Duo had applied to be on the list of underprivileged students.

At that time, his main intention was to help his family save some money so that they would not feel so stretched and his father would not have to work so hard. He did not expect that decision would cause him to be caught in his current predicament.

“Say something! Tell everyone why you can apply to be on the list of underprivileged students! Did you do something behind the scenes! Or did you pull some strings!” Xie Jing shouted as he pointed at Wu Duo.

It would be even better if this matter involved Qiao Mei. This way, he could easily complete the task which Tan Jing had given him.

Qiao Mei walked over from the back of the crowd and said, “What’s the matter?”

Wu Duo lowered his head in silence. He did not know how to explain the situation to Qiao Mei. At the same time, he did not want to cause trouble for her. The people around them were making a lot of noise. Even though Qiao

Mei was not present just now, she could roughly guess what had happened.

“I thought it’s about something major. So it’s just about the list of underprivileged students? Have you forgotten that your father came to cancel your application last week? Your father even specially came to the school to explain to the principal about why you’re giving the spot to someone who needs it more,” Qiao Mei said as she looked at Wu Duo.

“Oh right... I’ve been too busy for the past two days. I really forgot. Can you believe my memory!” Wu Duo said as he touched his head in embarrassment.

Xie Jing had not heard of this. Even Cui Hua did not manage to find out this piece of news. Could Qiao Mei be lying to them?

“Do you have any proof? Are we supposed to believe you just because you say it’s true?” Xie Jing pointed at Qiao Mei and questioned her.

“You’re the one who says that Wu Duo took one of the spots for underprivileged students. However, Wu Duo’s family has run into some good luck and we’re giving this spot to someone who needs it more. You should go and investigate this matter yourself and see if it’s true. If it’s not, then you can come and question me, instead of spreading rumors and causing trouble here,” Qiao Mei said to Xie Jing expressionlessly.

“I’m not spreading rumors!” Xie Jing said firmly.

“Since you’re not spreading rumors, then show me the proof that Wu Duo is still on the list of underprivileged students!” Qiao Mei crossed her arms and looked at Xie Jing with some interest.

“Then can you provide proof that Wu Duo is not on the list!” Xie Jing asked.

Qiao Mei was amused by what Xie Jing said. She looked at Xie Jing and said, “Schoolmate Xie, you’re the one questioning whether Wu Duo is still on the list of underprivileged students. Since you’re the one who’s questioning that fact, you have to prove that Wu Duo is still on the list. If you can’t prove that Wu Duo is on the list, then you’re spreading rumors. We can make a police report about this.’

“That’s right! Show us the proof that Wu Duo is still on the list! Other than lying to everyone, what else can you do!” Li Xue panted as she made her way through the crowd with a document in her hand.

Li Xue whispered into Qiao Mei’s ear, “I hope 1 1 m not too late... I don’t even run so fast for the physical fitness test. I’m so worried that I can’t get here in time.”

“You have come at the right time,” Qiao Mei said with a smile as she patted Li Xue’s shoulder.

“I...I... I heard it from someone else,” Xie Jing said weakly.

“Is that so? It seems that nowadays anyone can slander another person after hearing things from other people. I have a document here with the principal’s signature which can prove that Wu Duo has given up his spot on the list. If any of you still don’t believe me, you can come here and take a look.” Qiao Mei raised the document in Li Xue’s hand high for everyone to see.

Everyone saw with their own eyes the document with the principal's signature and the exact reason for Wu Duo giving up the spot. Wu Duo's father had even helped to repair many old machines at the engineering faculty. The principal had even penned down his words of thanks to Wu Duo and his family on behalf of the entire school.

"So we have misunderstood Wu Duo."

"Wu Duo's father is really amazing. His father actually repaired that broken down machine at the engineering faculty! I had thought that it's nothing more than just a piece of scrap metal!"

"I didn't expect this entire matter to be just a rumor. We have been wrong about Wu Duo."

"How can Xie Jing do such a thing?"

"I don't have any idea that Xie Jing is such a person after all these years.. He even goes around spreading rumors!"

Chapter 1849: Apologize

"Now that the truth is out, it should be clear to all of you that this matter has nothing to do with Wu Duo. He has been wronged," Li Xue said smugly.

"It's our mistake. We're sorry, Wu Duo," everyone shouted in unison.

Wu Duo immediately waved his hands and said, "It's alright! It's alright! This is all a misunderstanding. You have all been bewitched by what 'someone' said! It has nothing to do with you."

He specially emphasized the word "someone". Xie Jing looked at Wu Duo with a dark expression, while everyone looked at Xie Jing with mixed feelings.

Just as the crowd was about to disperse, Qiao Mei quickly shouted out, “Everyone, please hold on for a moment! I’d like all of you to stay around as witnesses. Since this matter has already been proven to be a misunderstanding, shouldn’t Xie Jing apologize to Wu Duo? Don’t tell me that everything he said can just disappear into the air?”

“Yes! He should apologize!”

“He must apologize to Wu Duo!” everyone shouted in unison.

Xie Jing glared fiercely at Qiao Mei. The image he had maintained for the past few years was completely destroyed at this moment. Everyone’s impression of him had gone from being a nice gentleman to a nasty person who spread rumors and caused trouble. All of this was the work of Qiao Mei.

“You should apologize. Why are you looking at me, Schoolmate Xie? Are the lines of your apology written on my face?” Qiao Mei asked with a smile.

Wu Duo looked at Xie Jing arrogantly. The look in his eyes suggested that he felt Xie Jing was finally getting his comeuppance.

Given the growing angst of the crowd, Xie Jing held back his anger and whispered impatiently to Wu Duo, “I’m sorry...”

“That’s all? Do you know how much damage your rumor-mongering has done to Wu Duo? If I hadn’t brought this document today, would all of you have verbally attacked Wu Duo? If Wu Duo has a fragile state of mind and decides to commit suicide, that can lead to a terrible outcome! Where is your sincerity with that wisp of an apology?” Qiao Mei said.

“That’s right! At the very least, you should bow and apologize! All the students around you have already bowed and apologized. You’re the mastermind and yet you’re so insincere!” Li Xue said as she pointed at Xie Jing.

Xie Jing glared at Li Xue. He noted down the current expressions of Qiao Mei,



Li Xue and Wu Duo. To him, he and Qiao Mei had completely fallen out by now.

He slowly lowered his head, bowed and gritted his teeth as he said, "I'm sorry, Wu Duo."

"Louder! I can't hear you! Bow at 90 degrees!" Qiao Mei said sternly.

"Wu Duo! I'm sorry!" Xie Jing roared in a fit of pique.

Wu Duo's eyes reddened as he said in satisfaction, "I accept your apology. You can get up."

He had never imagined that a person like Xie Jing would bow and apologize to him. Wu Duo was not just emotional about this matter, but he felt as if the knot in his heart caused by the matter of the university spot back then seemed to have been untied.

"Alright, alright. Everyone, go back to class! It's almost time for class!" Wu Duo said quickly.

The crowd dispersed noisily and Xie Jing also left without looking back. Wu Duo looked at Qiao Mei excitedly and said, "How do you know that I'm being bullied! Where did this document come from? When did my father come to fix the machines? I don't seem to know anything!"

"Do you have 100,000 queries in your head? Why do you have so many questions? Which one should we answer first? We haven't even reprimanded you. Can you be more smart? How can you ask Xie Jing for money but get the table turned on you!" Li Xue asked as she looked at Wu Duo.

"Can't you see that it's because I have a guilty conscience? I really don't know that my name was removed from the list of underprivileged students," Wu Duo said.

"Do the both of you have class in the afternoon?" Qiao Mei asked.

“No,” Wu Duo and Li Xue said in unison.

“Wu Duo, go and get Wang Wei. Let’s go to the cafeteria next door for lunch. Your treat,” Qiao Mei said.

“No problem! I’ll go get him now!” Wu Duo said excitedly.

The four of them sat on the first floor of the cafeteria. They did not go to the private room on the second floor as they were worried that others would gossip about them doing that. It was much better to do things in full view of the public now.

“You can order whatever you want! It’s my treat today! Order as much as you want!” Wu Duo said generously.

“Then let’s have pork trotters! A serving of braised pork ribs! Steamed fish! Stir-fried beef! No vegetables! We’ll have a meat feast today!” Wang Wei said happily..

#### Chapter 1850: Let’s Work Well Together

After all the dishes were served, Wu Duo asked, “Can you tell me now, when did my father come to fix the machines?”

Qiao Mei already knew that Wu Duo had submitted the application to be on the list of underprivileged students. Wu Duo’s family barely had enough money to pay for their household expenses and his father was a person who liked to do good deeds. He always did repairs for other people without charging them. As time passed, the family did not have much money left. Qiao Mei was a person who cherished talented people, so she wanted to help Wu Duo’s family.

Qiao Mei had already expected Xie Jing to kick up a fuss about Wu Duo being on the list of underprivileged students, but she did not expect him to be so impatient. Qiao Mei sent Wu Duo’s father to the school as a representative of the factory to repair the machines for free. On one hand, it was to

create awareness for the factory, and on the other hand, it was to make the school value the presence of Wu Duo, Qiao Mei and the others.

To put it bluntly, she was trying to curry favor with the principal so that the school management would not think that they were troublemakers.

“So that’s how it is! No wonder I don’t know anything! So this is all part of your plan!” Wu Duo said as he looked at Qiao Mei in surprise.

“Pick up a few pointers from this! Use your brain when you do things in the future! But now that Xie Jings reputation has been tarnished, you shouldn’t go and look for him too often. Otherwise, it will make it look like we’re doing it deliberately. How are your results recently? The examination period is coming up soon,” Qiao Mei asked.

“No problem! It’s really too easy!” Wang Wei said proudly.

“My father has taught me how to repair machinery since I was young. I definitely won’t have any problems!” Wu Duo said relaxedly.

Li Xue was the only one who did not say a word. She was studying medicine, where the books were known to be thicker than bricks. The thing was that every book was thicker than a brick. There was no way that she could memorize everything.

“Let’s not talk about it. I really want to die now. It’s really too difficult to memorize everything! Why did I pick this major back then!” Li Xue said in agony.

“You probably want to make life difficult for yourself. But it’s a good thing to study medicine. In the future, you’ll be an angel who saves lives,” Qiao Mei said.

“That’s true. It has always been my dream to become a doctor. My biggest dream is to save many many people,” Li Xue said.

Qiao Mei thought for a long time and said, "If you are serious about studying medicine, I can introduce you to my aunt so that you can be a volunteer at her hospital during the holidays. You can learn from her, but it's an unpaid role and it's very tiring."

"Really! Of course I'm willing to do that! This is an opportunity that other people can only dream of! Can I really go to the hospital to be a volunteer?" Li Xue asked as she looked at Qiao Mei expectantly.

"Of course. When I have some time, I'll talk to my aunt. You have to study hard now and don't be an airhead when the time comes. Otherwise, I'll be so embarrassed!" Qiao Mei said as she tapped Li Xue's head.

"Yes, madam! I'm now filled with motivation to study and full of passion for more knowledge! Don't worry, I'll definitely get first place among my cohort in this examination!" Li Xue said firmly.

"Then I'm looking forward to hearing good news from all of you. You have to be among the top three in your cohort! If you don't do well in your studies, you'll be ruining my reputation!" Qiao Mei said.

"We promise to complete the mission!" the three of them said in unison.

In the next few days, everyone worked hard in their studies. Even Xie Jing was focused on preparing for the examination. The school awarded scholarships every year. Students with outstanding results would be given a certain amount of money. The first-class scholarship was 50 dollars, the second-class scholarship was 30 dollars and the third-class scholarship was 10 dollars.

The school would hold three examinations in a semester. The student in the first place would get five credit points, the second place would get three credit points, and the third place would get one credit point. At the end of the semester, whoever had the most credit points would be the top-ranking student of the semester. The scholarships were awarded according to the placements.

If a student received the first-class scholarship every year, that student would definitely garner more attention after graduation and might even qualify to go for further studies. Xie Jing had already been a first-class scholarship winner for two consecutive years.

At night, Cui Hua asked Xie Jing to go outside and whispered, "I've found out everything you asked me to investigate the last time. It's all written on this piece of paper. Take a look."

After Xie Jing understood the grudge between Tan Jing and Qiao Mei, as well as the Huang family's status in the capital, he said, "I know what to do."

Early the next morning, Tan Jing received a call from Xie Jing proclaiming his desire to work with her. Tan Jing smiled and said, "I didn't expect you to agree so quickly. I'm looking forward to hearing good news from you. I hope we can work well together."

"Let's work well together," Xie Jing said..