

Fat Wife 1851

Chapter 1851: Ranked First in the Cohort

Soon, the semester ended and everyone got fairly good results. As usual, Qiao Mei was ranked first in her cohort, Wu Duo was also ranked first in the engineering faculty, as was Wang Wei. Li Xue was slightly weaker than them, but she still managed to get second place.

Qiao Mei did not care about Xie Jings results, but Li Xue was very nosy. Xie Jing had many “admirers”, so it was not difficult to find out about his results.

“Hey! Do you know? Xie Jing is actually also from the agriculture faculty! Moreover, he’s actually the top student in the third year! All the professors have high hopes for him!” Li Xue said.

“You mean you only just know that he’s from the agriculture faculty. I’ve already seen his name among the list of outstanding students in the faculty,” Qiao Mei said disdainfully.

“Then why isn’t he in the same faculty compound as you? I thought the entire agriculture faculty studied in the same location!” Li Xue said.

“The third year students had to start working on experiments. There’s an experimental field where all the third-year agriculture students attend their classes. You’ve already been here for half a year, so why don’t you know anything? Isn’t it your favorite thing to indulge in gossip?” Qiao Mei asked.

“I don’t have time this year! I can only gossip with others after the exams! You don’t know how thick my books are! I think if I can’t find a job after graduation, I can go to the construction site to carry bricks. Every time I go to class, I have to carry a ‘brick’ with me. It’s so uncomfortable! My arm strength has improved greatly in the past six months,” Li Xue said.

“That’s a good idea. If you really have nowhere to go, you can go to my factory to move the goods around. There’s definitely a position waiting for you at my factory!” Qiao Mei teased.

“No way! I’m going to the hospital to be an angel in white. If you get sick in the future, I’ll be your doctor!” Li Xue said excitedly.

“No, no, no! With your results, it’s hard to imagine what kind of doctor you’ll become after graduation. Don’t send me to my death,” Wu Duo said with a laugh.

“You jinx! My results are not that bad!” Li Xue said.

“We’re all ranked first place in our cohorts. You’re the only one ranked second. You should feel embarrassed! If you’re not ranked first in your cohort next semester, you have to treat us to a meal!” Wang Wei said.

“I.. I just made two mistakes in the multiple-choice questions... It’s still not certain who will be ranked second next year! Let’s have a bet! Whoever comes in last among us next year will buy the rest a meal at the most expensive restaurant in the capital! We’ll order eight dishes!” Li Xue said boldly and Wang Wei and Wu Duo accepted her challenge.

“The three of you can bet on it. I’ll definitely get first place every year. I’ll just turn up for the meal,” Qiao Mei said proudly.

The three of them lowered their heads in unison. Their earlier fighting spirit immediately disappeared without a trace. Who could have more consistent results than Qiao Mei? They did not know how Qiao Mei’s brain worked or how she could be so smart. It was as if she had a photographic memory. As long as she read something once, she could memorize the contents.

“Li Xue, I’ve already talked to my aunt. When you’re free, you can go and report to the hospital. Someone from their side will bring you in,” Qiao Mei said.

“Really? Thank you so much! I’ll go tomorrow! I’ll definitely be hardworking and learn diligently!” Li Xue said excitedly.

“It’s a small matter. It’s the best thing if you can study hard,” Qiao Mei said.

“I promise to complete the mission!” Li Xue said happily.

During this holiday break, Wu Duo and the others were all very busy. Wu Duo had applied to become a volunteer at Qiao Mei’s factory so that he could learn mechanical repair and design from his father. Wang Wei did not keep idle either. He was helping his family with their business and Qiao Mei had given them a share of the popcorn business. Wang Wei could be considered to be working for Qiao Mei now.

Qiao Mei was the only one who could bask leisurely in the sun at home. It was hot in summer and she really did not want to go out. Every day, she hid inside the courtyard to slack off. When Deng Fan had some free time, he went to Lian City to take a look at her house there and find a few people to do some superficial renovations first.

Xia He was left alone at home, so she decided to move to Qiao Mei’s place for a few days.

“Aren’t you busy these two days?” Qiao Mei asked curiously.

“The busiest period is over. It’s the school holidays so I have more time now,”

Xia He said wearily..

Chapter 1852: Not Allowed to Get Married

Qiao Mei looked at Xia He with some interest and said, “I guess business has slowed down. Now that you’re done for the moment, what do you plan to do next year? Do you have any ideas?”

“How... how do you know what I’ve been worried about recently?” Xia He said as she looked at Qiao Mei in shock.

Qiao Mei only smiled and did not say anything. During this period of time, Xia He and Xia Wen had made a lot of money. After deducting the costs, they had made a profit of 600,000 dollars. Although this was not a small sum, they had also encountered many difficulties during this process.

Xia Wen and Xia He had sent a few staff out to other cities near the capital to take photos. The local tyrants in the cities quickly heard of this profit-making business. These people started to do the same thing on a much bigger scale and they even charged lower prices than Xia Wen and Xia He!

The locals in those cities definitely did not trust outsiders as much, so Xia He's team immediately lost a lot of business. Fortunately, they still had the upper hand because of the early start and managed to make a fair bit of money.

Their staff definitely could not go back to these cities again next year. If the local tyrants spotted them, they would just be asking for a beating. Those tyrants had already given the Xia family a lot of respect by allowing them to bring back their earnings from those cities. If it was not because of the Xia family's reputation, they would probably have to pay those local tyrants instead!

At least they could still continue with the business in the capital. After all, the Xia family was like the local tyrant in the capital. However, with the economy opening up this year, there were more and more private enterprises coming up. It was no longer possible to make so much money from this business.

"Then what should I do?" Xia He asked.

"Haven't you earned enough money this year? You should stop while you're ahead. Don't be too greedy," Qiao Mei warned.

"Alright, I'll listen to you. Let's leave it at that for now. This is the first time I have so much money in my hands. Eldest Brother and I have also sold many houses and the money is all in the bank," Xia He said.

"Speaking of Eldest Brother... What has he been doing recently? I haven't seen him for a while. Feng Hua said that he hasn't come by to see the children for a long time," Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"Oh right! You're always in school so I forgot to update you. Earlier, Father, Mother and Eldest Brother have been planning the wedding with the MO family. MO Zhu and Eldest Brother have been dating for a while now and they've been engaged for half a year, but the MO family has been criticizing Eldest Brother. They just don't seem to be satisfied. Eldest Brother is feeling so vexed!" Xia He said helplessly.

“Didn’t the MO family already agree to the engagement last year? Why aren’t they letting the two of them get married? Are they unhappy with Eldest

Brother in some way? Or perhaps they are actually unhappy with our family,” Qiao Mei asked.

“You’re indeed smart. You have hit the nail on the head. The MO family thinks that our family gets into too much trouble. It’s either people coming to take revenge or people deliberately slandering us. Apart from that, we have too many relatives and many of them like to cause trouble. Anyway, they just think that our family is too much of a mess and that we’re not as wholesome as the MO family,” Xia He said.

No prominent family would be able to lead a quiet life. Even people who were only slightest related to the family would come to ask for a share of the pie. If the family did not give in to these poor relatives, they would go around to spread rumors and cause trouble. When that happened, the family would quickly fall from grace.

The MO family was full of learned people and was a scholarly family. They naturally did not have to experience such things. It was reasonable for them to have a bad opinion of the Xia family. However, it was not fair for Xia Wen to remain a bachelor just because of such trivial matters!

“It seems that the abduction of my child has affected them quite badly. Do you need me to go and explain things to them?” Qiao Mei said with a slight frown.

“I’m not sure. Let’s not cause trouble for Eldest Brother for the time being. He doesn’t even answer calls nowadays and I don’t even dare to talk to him anymore,” Xia He said aggrievedly.

Qiao Mei was at a loss for a moment. She did not know how to deal with such a situation. MO Zhu was a nice girl. If Xia Wen could marry a wife like MO Zhu, he would definitely have a happy family life in the future. It seemed that she had to think of a way to help Xia Wen and MO Zhu.

Xia He’s staff rang her up and asked her to go and settle some company matters. Qiao Mei took the opportunity to go to the small secret room behind the study. She had purposely built this room during the renovation of the house to keep her collection of paintings and treasures.

MO Chou was not particularly fond of anything but he had a fondness for landscape paintings. Liu Shu liked all kinds of unique needlework and embroidery items. Qiao Mei had many landscape paintings in her collection, so it was not a big deal to give MO Chou a few valuable items. However, she really did not have any needlework or embroidery in storage..

Chapter 1853: Prepare Gifts

Needlework and embroidery were very difficult to keep well and also not really considered a mainstream product on the market. There were very few collectors who would be willing to part with items in their collections.

Qiao Mei thought about this issue for a long time and finally decided to make something herself. She would personally embroider a wedding dress for MO Zhu. It would be even more luxurious than the wedding dress she embroidered for Xia He back then. She would only use gold and silver threads, the kind which cost 50 dollars per meter and supply was very scarce. Qiao Mei had to rally many friends to help before she managed to buy 10 small spools of thread from all over the country.

During the entire summer vacation, Qiao Mei locked herself up in the study and worked on this major project quietly. No one knew what Qiao Mei was doing and they all thought that she was studying.

When the summer vacation was almost over, Qiao Mei called up all the family members and asked them to come to the courtyard house. She told them she had something to discuss with them. Xia Jun, Xu Lan and Xia Mao came by. Xia Wen also rushed to Qiao Mei's house after work. After the family had a nice dinner together, Qiao Mei asked everyone to sit down in the living room and told them she would be back soon.

Everyone waited while feeling at a loss. No one knew what Qiao Mei was doing. The kids had been doing well recently. Xia Fan and Xia Xing could already walk and could even run a few steps sometimes. They were in good health. Xia Yue also ate and slept well, just like Xia Fan when he was younger. Why did she feel the need to call for a family meeting?

"Xia He, did you cause trouble again?" Xu Lan asked as she looked at Xia He.

“Mother! Come on. I haven’t done anything willful ever since I started the business. I’ve been well-behaved this entire period. It definitely has nothing to do with me!” Xia He retorted agitatedly.

“Then what exactly is the matter?” Xu Lan asked curiously.

By now, Qiao Mei had asked Da Zhuang and Xiao Zhuang to carry in two boxes and place them in the middle of the room. Qiao Mei stood at the side and said, “I know that Eldest Brother, Mother and Father have been overwrought over the MO family’s issue recently. This is a gift I have prepared for them. Let’s go together and send it to them tomorrow.”

“Mei Mei, it’s so nice of you to have gone to this trouble, but you don’t know the amount of things we’ve sent over during this period of time. They don’t want to accept anything and they don’t even want to see us. I’m afraid they won’t accept these things either,” Xu Lan said with a sigh.

“They will definitely accept these things.” Qiao Mei opened the box slowly.

Under the light, the wedding dress inside sparkled brightly. The phoenix sewed on it was so lifelike that it looked as if it was going to come to life anytime.

“Oh my goodness... This wedding dress is too beautiful... One look and I can tell that it’s embroidered by Qiao Mei. You’ve been busy embroidering the wedding dress all this while!” Xia He said in surprise.

“In a sense. I heard that Auntie Liu likes embroidery a lot, so I embroidered a set of wedding clothes for MO Zhu and also for Eldest Brother. It’s just that Eldest Brother’s set is more simple and not as gorgeous,” Qiao Mei said embarrassedly as she looked at Xia Wen.

“It’s alright, I’m fine even if I don’t have any special wedding clothes. You just came out of confinement and yet you have to work so hard. I’m really not a competent brother... I’m so sorry...” Xia Wen said, feeling sorry for her.

“Eldest Brother, don’t say that. We’re a family. When there are any difficulties, we should think of a way to overcome them together. Since MO Zhu is the person you like and she’s willing to marry into our family, we just need to convince her parents. As long as we’re sincere enough, her parents won’t make things difficult for us,” Qiao Mei said.

“That’s right! As long as we persevere, we can even grind an iron rod into a needle! Let’s give it another go!” Xia He said excitedly.

“That’s right, Eldest Brother. Let’s go to the MO family’s house together tomorrow. Let’s try one more time,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

“Alright, I’ll take your advice. Let’s go together,” Xia Wen said.

“Let’s all go to bed early today and head to the MO family’s house together tomorrow. It’s settled then. Xia Mao, give the MO family a call and let them know,” Xia Jun said.

“Grandfather, you should stay at home. The weather is so hot. What if you get a heatstroke?” Xia He said worriedly.

“I’m fine! Since we agree that we’re going as a family, we have to go together! How can I be left out! It’s settled! Everyone, go back and rest now. We’ll set off early tomorrow morning!” Xia Jun said.

Everyone went home to choose their clothes and get the gifts ready for the visit to the MO family. The next morning, they arrived at the foot of the mountain in a big group. They did not drive the car up and chose to make the journey on foot instead..

Chapter 1854: Paying a Visit

“Father, Mother! The Xia family members are on the way. They should be here soon,” MO Zhu said nervously.

“Didn’t we already say on the phone yesterday that we won’t meet them? Why are they still coming here today? MO Zhu, listen to me. Don’t even think about marrying into the Xia family. I’m doing this for your own good! Don’t disobey me! Even if they come, I won’t open the door for them! You should just give up!” MO Chou said sternly.

MO Zhu was about to retort when Liu Shu hurriedly pulled her to one side and whispered, "Lower your voice and don't be angry with your father. He has high blood pressure and heart problems. No matter what he says now, you have to be more accommodating to him. He hasn't been feeling well recently."

"Then what about me? Am I supposed to just listen to him? I'm my own person. Is it wrong for me to want to marry the person I like?" MO Zhu said with tears in her eyes.

Liu Shu did not know what to say. The truth was that she supported MO Zhu being with Xia Wen, but she was also a mother. She would rather MO Zhu marry into an ordinary family and deal with only trivial household issues every day. She did not want MO Zhu to join the Xia family and have to face so many troublesome issues all the time.

"You're not in the wrong, but neither is your father. He just wants to protect his daughter as much as he can. You have to understand where he is coming from," Liu Shu persuaded.

"Then what about me? Who will try and understand how I feel? Anyway, I won't marry anyone except Xia Wen!" MO Zhu said agitatedly.

"Xia Wen is indeed a good kid. We know that, but we just can't accept the Xia family. Don't be angry with us." After saying that, Liu Shu went off to talk to MO Chou. It certainly did not feel good to be stuck in the middle.

After a lot of effort, the Xia family members finally reached the MO family's house. It was so quiet inside the house that Xia Wen wondered if there was no one at home.

"Eldest Brother, go and knock on the door! 1... I'm so tired..." Xia He said while panting.

"I..." Xia Wen said hesitantly.

Qiao Mei was so tired that she just wanted to go into the house and have a drink. She walked briskly to the main door of the MO family's house and knocked before shouting, "Uncle! Auntie! It's Qiao Mei! I'm here to pay you a visit!"

MO Chou looked outside and said, "There are so many of them this time round.'

"I even saw Old Mr. Xia Jun outside. Let's meet them this time. It's really impolite to let Old Mr. Xia Jun wait outside in the sun," Liu Shu said.

"Let's go. We'll go and welcome them together. Let me tell you! I just can't bear to see the old master being tired out! It's not because of that kid Xia Wen!" MO Chou said resignedly.

"Alright, alright! I understand! Let's go!" Liu Shu urged.

MO Chou opened the main door slowly. All the Xia family members were sweating profusely and looking a little disheveled. MO Chou had thought that they drove the car up to the house like before and did not expect them to have made the journey on foot.

"Why are all of you in such a sorry state? It's such a hot day and you're carrying so many things with you. Come into the house for a drink!" Liu Shu said immediately.

"Please come in! Please come in!" MO Chou said in surprise.

When the Xia family members were more rested, everyone looked at one another in silence. No one wanted to be the one to speak first. MO Chou had locked MO Zhu in the backyard earlier. Qiao Mei walked over to Liu Shu and said with a smile, "Auntie, I would like to ask for your help to evaluate an item. I wonder if you can help me take a look?"

"What is it?" Liu Shu asked curiously.

When Qiao Mei opened the box, Liu Shu's eyes widened. She had a lot of treasures in her collection, but the embroidery in front of her was really a rare piece of work. Be it the embroidery methods, materials or completeness of the design, this was a piece of high-quality work. Even after 100 to 200 years, this wedding dress would still be very valuable.

“Oh my goodness... Where did you get this wedding dress? It’s really a unique piece. This material looks... like it was made recently. Which embroiderer did it? Why haven’t I seen it before?” Liu Shu said carefully as she held up the wedding dress.

“This is the wedding dress I sewed for MO Zhu. I’m the one who embroidered it. I hope you like it,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

MO Chou was staring at Qiao Mei with a judgmental look but it changed to a look of admiration now. He knew that Liu Shu was very particular about embroidery. For Liu Shu to ask who the embroiderer was, this piece of work must be extraordinary.

He was not a fool. Qiao Mei and MO Zhu were not friends, not even acquaintances. Qiao Mei was willing to spend time and effort to make a wedding dress for MO Zhu only because of Xia Wen..

Chapter 1855: Set a Date for the Wedding

“This gift is really too valuable! Our family can’t accept it!” Liu Shu said immediately.

“This is a token from our Xia family. I hope Auntie can accept it on behalf of MO Zhu. I also brought a few pieces of calligraphy and paintings for Uncle. I don’t really understand these things, so I hope Uncle can help me take a look at them.” Qiao Mei took out the calligraphy and paintings from the box and went over to MO Chou.

MO Chou looked away, not wanting to look at them. Xia He and Qiao Mei continued to unfold calligraphy and paintings. He spotted a particular signature from the corner of his eye and could not take his eyes off it after that.

“This artist has long retired. Some years ago, there was a big fire at his house and many paintings were lost. There are very few pieces of his works left. How did you manage to get them?” MO Chou asked.

"I just happened to come across them. I don't know anything about these things. Since Uncle likes them, I'll give them to you. If I keep them, they'll just be pearls covered in dust," Qiao Mei said.

All these gifts were just appropriate enough. It was not so ostentatious as to make MO Chou feel like he had to give MO Zhu away to the Xia family.

With so many Xia family members here today, the MO family also had to give them a clear answer. If the MO family really did not want MO Zhu to marry into the Xia family, the Xia family would not pester them anymore.

MO Chou brought Xia Wen to the study. He stood by the window and did not speak for a long time. He was not a cold-blooded and heartless person. It was not as if he was not touched by the Xia family's sincerity today. MO Zhu definitely would not suffer if she married into the Xia family.

In particular, the wedding dress which Qiao Mei made was definitely not something that could be done overnight. They had heard MO Zhu talk about Qiao Mei before. Qiao Mei had many antiques and paintings at home and was definitely not someone who did not know anything about these things. For her to be willing to part with such expensive and priceless items, she was really sparing no expenses.

Xia Wen walked over to MO Chou and said seriously, "Uncle, I have brought my entire family this time round to show you my determination and also to express my family's sincerity. I will definitely treat MO Zhu well and will not let her down."

"You've told me this many times and I'm tired of hearing it. You also know

what I'm worried about. I'm a father and I don't ask for my daughter to live in luxury. I just hope that my daughter will have a smooth life and be safe. I only have this small wish. I hope you can understand," MO Chou said with a sigh.

"I can guarantee that MO Zhu will live a carefree life. I can give her everything I have! If MO Zhu feels that life in the city is too stressful, I can come to the mountain village with her to do farming. If MO Zhu wants to go into business,

I can also join her. As long as she wants to do something, I will do it with her," Xia Wen said.

“Then can you give up your family for MO Zhu?” MO Chou questioned.

Xia Wen was stunned. After thinking for a long time, he said, “I’m sorry, Uncle. I can’t do that. My parents gave birth to me and raised me for so many years. I can’t abandon my family for my own needs. I am indebted to my parents. If I can give up my family so casually, then I’m just a disloyal and unfilial person.”

MO Chou nodded in satisfaction. Xia Wen was a person with a baseline. He did not want MO Zhu to marry a boastful person or a man who would abandon his family and responsibilities. He was no longer as determined to object as before. He asked Liu Shu to bring MO Zhu to the study.

MO Chou looked at MO Zhu and asked, “Are you sure you want to marry Xia

Wen?”

“Father! I’m serious! I want to be with Xia Wen! I’m willing to give up everything I have now!” MO Zhu said.

MO Chou sat on the chair helplessly and shook his head. Liu Shu stood beside him and placed her hands on his shoulder. Liu Shu knew how much MO Chou could not bear to part with MO Zhu. He could not bear to see Nio Zhu go to the Xia family house and suffer there.

“No matter how difficult it is, can you persevere?” Liu Shu asked gently.

“I can do it,” MO Zhu said firmly.

“MO Zhu and I will face any difficulties together. I won’t abandon MO Zhu,” Xia Wen said.

“Sigh... Alright, a grown daughter has to leave home one day. Ask your parents to find a good date for you to get married,” MO Chou said with a deep sigh.

“What?” Xia Wen stood stunned for a long time. He did not hear what MO Chou said clearly.

MO Chou said impatiently, “Do I have to say it again! Hurry up and set the date! You brat!”

Chapter 1856: Give Blessings

“Oh, oh, oh! I’ll go now! I’ll go now! Thank you, Uncle!” After saying that, Xia Wen ran to the living room excitedly and shouted, “They have agreed! Father,

Mother! Grandfather! They have agreed! I can marry MO Zhu!”

Xia He covered her mouth and chuckled. “This is the first time I’ve seen Eldest Brother as agitated as a child. I didn’t expect Eldest Brother to have such a side to him.”

“People will surely be in high spirits when they’re happy. Didn’t Deng Fan have the same reaction when you agreed to marry him?” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

“Then what about Xia Zhe? How did Xia Zhe get your grandfather’s permission to marry you back then?” Xia He asked curiously. Back then, Xia Zhe had married Qiao Mei without informing the Xia family at all. They did not know what had happened then.

Qiao Mei blushed in embarrassment and said, “Just like that.”

Rather than saying that Xia Zhe had asked for permission to marry her, it would be more accurate to say that she had forced Xia Zhe to marry her.

Fortunately, Xia Zhe was a responsible man and did not abandon her.

Otherwise, she would still be in the countryside with her two children!

The Xia family went home happily to prepare for the wedding. The wedding banquet would be held in one week's time. Although it seemed a little rushed, they were not worried. The Xia family had waited too long for this day. Everything was ready except for the MO family's approval.

The wedding banquet would be held at their matrimonial home which Xia Wen had just bought. This year, the government was no longer so strict about social events and they did not have to scale back. The Xia family invited all the prominent families they knew, as well as all their relatives and friends. As Xia Wen was getting married for the second time, the Xia family felt that MO Zhu was getting the shorter end of the stick. Therefore, they felt that they should make the wedding banquet as grand as possible.

Tan Jing did not miss out on such an important piece of news. When she married Xia Wen in those days, they did not even hold a wedding banquet. All they did was to have dinner with both sets of parents.

Why was there such a huge difference in treatment between her and MO Zhu! How was she inferior to Nio Zhu! In the past 10 years or so in the Xia family, she had to deal with their disdain for her and even had to endure outsiders gossiping about her. She was the one who stuck with Xia Wen during those few years of obscurity. Now that Xia Wen had become rich and made it big, she was no longer his wife.

How could that be! It was so unfair! All these clearly belonged to her! What right did Mo Zhu have to so easily get this life that should belong to her?

"What are you standing there for? Go and cook for my mom!" Huang Quan said as he came down the stairs.

"Don't we have a helper at home? Why do you need me to do it?" Tan Jing said unhappily.

"Just do as I say! Why do you have so much nonsense! Do you even know your place! Just go!" Huang Quan shouted impatiently.

Tan Jing went silently to the kitchen to cook. This was her life in this house. Outside, she was the glamorous Mrs. Huang, but when she returned home, she was the Huang family's helper. Even though she was pregnant, she still had to do the housework.

The Huang family did not care about Tan Jings health at all. In fact, they thought that it would be a good thing if she had a miscarriage out of exhaustion, since it would save them the trouble of coming up with a scheme.

The days passed quickly. It was soon the day of Xia Wen and MO Zhu's wedding banquet. Xia Wen and MO Zhu wore the wedding clothes which Qiao Mei had embroidered for them. The two of them stood at the door to welcome the guests and they looked like the perfect match. All the guests were full of praise for MO Zhu.

The courtyard was bustling with activity and the Xia family members were all busy entertaining the guests. Just as almost all the guests had arrived, a small sedan car suddenly stopped at the main door. Xia Wen could basically recognize all the cars which belonged to the government. He had never seen this car before and did not know who was inside.

Just as Xia Wen was hesitating about whether he should go forward, someone got out of the car. It was Tan Jing. He widened his eyes and stared at her. Just as he was about to move forward and chase her away, MO Zhu hurriedly pulled him back and whispered, "Anyone who comes today is a guest. We have to receive them regardless of whether they are humans or beasts. Stay calm."

Tan Jing slowly walked to the door bearing a congratulatory gift and said,

"Since it's your wedding, I must definitely come and celebrate with you."

"Mrs. Huang, you should have told us in advance that you're coming. I don't remember us sending an invitation to Mrs. Huang. It's really our negligence that Mrs. Huang has to invite herself here today. Come in quickly," MO Zhu said loudly as she looked at Tan Jing.

When the guests in the courtyard heard that, they all looked towards the door. MO Zhu seemed to be purposely telling everyone that Tan Jing had come uninvited and was on the list of guests. She was implying that Tan Jing was shameless!

When Xia He saw Tan Jing, she rolled up her sleeves and was about to go to the door to chase her away. Qiao Mei quickly grabbed Xia He and said, "It's Eldest Brother's big day.. Don't cause trouble!"

Chapter 1857: Childless

"I'm not causing trouble! She's the one causing trouble! She's not here bearing gifts! She's clearly here to cause trouble! It hasn't been easy for Eldest Brother to obtain the MO family's approval. If something happens today, who knows how Uncle and Auntie will criticize my brother!" Xia He said anxiously.

"Alright already. The MO family members are not that difficult. Since they have agreed to this marriage, they won't go back on their word. We'll just deal with whatever comes our way. Let's see what Tan Jing wants. Just wait and see," Qiao Mei persuaded.

"That's the only thing we can do... I'll keep an eye on her! I won't let her cause trouble! If she causes trouble, I'll beat her up with a big stick!" Xia He said. "You should go to the backyard to take care of the guests! There are so many things that we need to do! Just go. Eldest Brother and Eldest Sister-in-law will handle this matter well." Qiao Mei finally managed to coax Xia He away.

When Tan Jing wanted to step into the courtyard, Xia Wen moved to block her way. He just stared at Tan Jing and did not do anything overboard, but neither did he say anything to her.

Tan Jing held up the gift and said, "I'm sincerely here to send a congratulatory gift. Can't I go in? After all, we were husband and wife once."

MO Zhu pulled Xia Wen away and said to Tan Jing, "Of course. Please come in."

As soon as Tan Jing entered, she saw Liu Shu and walked straight towards Liu Shu. Xia Wen was about to say something when MO Zhu held his hand and said, "My mother is not one to be trifled with. We still have so many guests to greet. Don't cause a fuss at our wedding banquet because of this person."

"But those are all your relatives. I'm afraid that they will..." Xia Wen said hesitantly.

"Don't worry, our family knows you very well. Trust my mother," MO Zhu said.

There were many relatives of the MO family at the banquet. MO Chou was drinking with the male guests at the other side while Liu Shu took care of the female guests here. She did not expect Tan Jing to go straight for her.

Tan Jing sat down beside Liu Shu jovially and said with a smile, "You must be the mother of the bride. You look really youthful. Your temperament is extraordinary, as expected of someone from a scholarly family."

"Thank you very much."

"But I don't know what you're thinking. Why did you choose Xia Wen to be your son-in-law? Your daughter is going to be childless in the future. Do you really want her to be childless for the rest of her life? Sigh... What a pity. She's such a young girl and will have to live with it for the years ahead," Tan Jing said regretfully.

The MO family's relatives did not know about this matter. They looked at Tan

Jing curiously and asked, "Childless? Why will Xiao Zhu be childless?"

"Oh! You still don't know about this!" Tan Jing pretended to cover her mouth in surprise and then continued, "Xia Wen is infertile! We were married for more than 10 years but I never got pregnant. The Xia family even chased me out because of this! Yet I became pregnant as soon as I married my current husband. I'm almost seven months pregnant now."

The MO family members did not look too happy and just looked at Tan Jing quietly. When Tan Jing saw this, she continued with gusto, "If there's really no other way, MO Zhu can have a child with someone else! Otherwise, if she never has a child, she won't have any descendants! Hahahahaha!"

Tan Jing's hysterical laughter resounded throughout the entire courtyard and attracted everyone's attention. Liu Shu smiled and said, "For sure the Huang family doesn't have this problem of having no descendants. I heard that the Huang family has many many grandchildren. Are they all your children? It seems that you're really blessed."

Tan Jing had only married into the Huang family for less than a year, so it was impossible for those grandchildren to be hers. Tan Jing said calmly, "Although they're not my biological children, I treat them like my own flesh and blood."

"Oh my, then it seems that you're really a responsible person. How does it feel to be a stepmother?" Nio Zhu's eldest aunt asked as she looked at Tan Jing.

"The children are all quite obedient. I'm happy of course," Tan Jing said.

"The Huang family really has a good daughter-in-law. I wonder how long you can last. I heard that the Huang family has had many daughters-in-law in the past. The one who lasted the longest died after two years," MO Zhu's eldest aunt said with a smile.

"That... that's because they're not blessed! They are destined to have short lives!" Tan Jing said agitatedly.

"Look at you. You get so anxious so quickly. We didn't say that you have a short life. We're just trying to gossip with you," MO Zhu's youngest aunt said..

Chapter 1858: Blessed

"Oh, there are so many things about the Huang family that I don't know about. I didn't expect it to be so dangerous living in the Huang family. You can go to a temple to ask for an amulet. Giving birth is the most dangerous thing that a woman can go through. You..." Liu Shu looked at Tan Jing's stomach before she continued, "Be careful."

"I'm in very good health! You don't have to worry! You should worry about what will happen if MO Zhu doesn't have children in the future!" Tan Jing said angrily.

"So what if she doesn't have children? What can happen if she doesn't have children? Don't tell me she won't be able to live without children? I actually think it's a good thing not to have children. MO Zhu is

doing well at her job now, and this Xia Wen is even more capable. Her future days will definitely be extremely good!” MO Zhu’s eldest aunt said in satisfaction.

“Isn’t that so! I’m so envious that MO Zhu finds a good man like Xia Wen! If my daughter can find such a man, I won’t have to worry anymore! It doesn’t matter if she has children or not! I don’t really want my daughter to have children! My heart will really ache if she has to go through such a painful experience!” MO Zhu’s youngest aunt said.

“Aren’t you his ex-wife? Then you should know what a good man Xia Wen is.

Look at Xia Wen now. Last month, he was appointed the director of the Economic Development Bureau. Recently, he has also made a lot of money in his business and bought such a big house for our MO Zhu to use as their matrimonial home. Did you see the wedding dress that our MO Zhu is wearing? It is embroidered by Qiao Mei personally! The threads on it are all gold and silver threads! It’s a priceless dress! Our MO Zhu is going to make this dress her family heirloom!” MO Zhu’s eldest aunt said.

“Xia Wen’s younger sister also treats our MO Zhu quite well. Do you see the emerald jewelry that our MO Zhu is wearing? Those are all gifts from Xia He! We’re extremely relieved that she has such nice sisters-in-law. I wonder what the Huang family gave you?” MO Zhu’s youngest aunt asked.

“They... they naturally gave me a lot of things,” Tan Jing said stubbornly.

“That’s for sure. The Huang family has had so many daughters-in-law come through their door. They must be very familiar with the process and have a standard set of gifts. We’re overthinking it,” MO Zhu’s youngest aunt said sarcastically.

Tan Jing was so angry that she did not know what to retort. These MO family’s women did not intend to give Tan Jing a chance to catch her breath at all. Liu Shu continued, “The Huang family must have done many good deeds in their past lives to have the good fortune to get you as their daughter-in-law.”

“Of course it’s their family’s good fortune. I became pregnant the moment I married into their family!” Tan Jing still kept harping on the fact that she was pregnant, but the women from the MO family did not care for this at all.

“It’s such a strange thing. After Xia Wen left you, his career skyrocketed and he also started a successful business. He also has a blissful family life. Why do you think the situation is such? Xiao Zhu’s life will be even better after she marries into this family. We actually don’t want Xiao Zhu to bear the risk of having children in the future. It’s really too dangerous,” Nio Zhu’s eldest aunt said.

“I heard that the Huang family bought you a small apartment while they live in a villa themselves. What does the Huang family mean by this? Are they not satisfied with you?” MO Zhu’s youngest aunt asked.

“That’s actually very fortunate! It’s going to be a lot of work for my MO Zhu to prepare meals every day in such a big house. I’m really envious of Mrs. Huang for having a small house. Don’t you agree, Mrs. Huang?” Liu Shu asked with a smile.

Tan Jing got up angrily and left the banquet. When she reached the main door, she took a long look at MO Zhu’s wedding gown. It was indeed luxurious and gorgeous, a hundred times better than her wedding gown.

“Take care! Mrs. Huang!” MO Zhu smiled and sent Tan Jing off. Tan Jing almost stumbled at the steps. MO Zhu hurriedly pulled Xia Wen out of the way and went into the courtyard, not giving Tan Jing the chance to blame it on them.

After Tan Jing left, the atmosphere in the courtyard became much more peaceful. Liu Shu continued mingling with the guests and chatting casually. However, the topic had changed from their own family matters to gossip about the Huang family.

Although they all came from a scholarly family, how could they not know about these things in the capital? It was not like anyone could erect an impenetrable wall around themselves. As long as one asked around, one would be able to find out all the hidden secrets.

If there was something wrong with the Xia family, how could they have raised such good children? The Xia family’s kids were all so promising and outstanding. Even their spouses were all so capable.

“So your mother knows everything...” Xia Wen said carefully.

“She’s our mother now! I’ve already told them about these things and said that these are all just rumors that can’t be trusted. In order to disprove the rumors, your aunt had already shown us the medical reports to dispel our concerns,” MO Zhu said..

Chapter 1859: Remove the Right to Use a Car

“My aunt went to talk to all of you?” Xia Wen asked as he looked at MO Zhu in shock.

“That’s right. She brought all your yearly medical reports and showed them to our family. She reassured my parents repeatedly that there is nothing wrong with you. Our family is not that old-fashioned and will not simply just believe what other people say. My parents know how to look at the facts of the situation. You have to trust them,” MO Zhu said blissfully as she held Xia

Wen’s hand.

Every member of the Xia family had worked hard to ensure that Xia Wen and MO Zhu could get married.

The wedding banquet proceeded very smoothly and everyone was very happy. No one took Tan Jings presence to heart. It was as if a clown had appeared at the couple’s wedding banquet to liven things up for everyone.

Qiao Mei hired a big team of people to clean up after the wedding banquet and handle all the dirty and tiring work. Every moment of the night was precious for Xia Wen and MO Zhu. They should not waste any moment!

To ensure their happiness in the bedroom, Qiao Mei even put a lot of ginseng juice into the wine. It would be best if they could strike the baby lottery on the first try like she and Xia Zhe did! This way, Xia Wen’s child would be about the same age as her children and they could all play together!

Tan Jing was not so lucky. Xia Wen submitted a complaint and highlighted that the Huang family did not use the car according to the rules and regulations and that they behaved extravagantly. Huang Quan

was scolded by his superiors for an entire day and he was asked to write a 5,000-word self-reflection letter and to read it aloud in front of all his colleagues.

When Huang Quan reached home, he kicked the door open angrily, leaving a big hole in it.

“Where’s Tan Jing! Get out here!” Huang Quan shouted into the room with his self-reflection letter.

Tan Jing hid in the room in fear and did not dare to come out. You Yu had a beauty mask on her face and said disdainfully, “What’s wrong? If you’re angry, can you explode in your own house? Don’t keep coming to your parents’ house to do that. It’s affecting my beauty treatment.”

“Mom! Our family no longer has the right to use a car in the future! You can still enjoy your life here!” Huang Quan said agitatedly.

The Huang family only had the right to use a car, but not to own a car.

Therefore, they would usually go around borrowing other people’s cars.

Huang Quan t s workplace unit had a car for all the staff to share but it was basically being exclusively used by the Huang family. The other staff in the workplace could not get to use it at all, but everyone kept quiet about it because of the Huang family’s influence.

After the Xia family submitted a complaint about this issue, those people who were dissatisfied with the Huang family also came forward to say their piece. Unless the Huang family made a huge contribution in the future, they would never get the right to use a car again.

“What! Then how am I going to go out and travel around in the future!” You Yu roared.

Whenever You Yu went to the other ladies’ house to play mahjong, she took the car. Those women were all very envious of You Yu’s lifestyle. Now that the family no longer had the right to use a car, how was she supposed to continue playing mahjong with those ladies! How could she maintain the same stature among them!

“What’s the use of asking me! You should ask the daughter-in-law you chose for me! Why did she have to go to Xia Wen’s wedding! She even borrowed someone else’s car! Now, she has offended the Xia family and Xia Wen submitted a complaint letter. It’s already good enough that I didn’t get fired!” Huang Quan scolded angrily.

“Then what about He Ning? Won’t He Ning help us? Go and plead with him and ask him to help us,” You Yu said.

At Huang Quan’s own wedding banquet, Huang Quan had personally witnessed He Nings unusual attitude towards Qiao Mei. This time round, He Ning had also given Xia Wen a valuable gift for his wedding. Although the He and Xia families did not get along, they still maintained a good relationship on the surface. This time round, He Ning definitely would not help them.

“Why will He Ning offend the Xia family over such a small matter! You’d better wake up! Where’s Tan Jing? Tell her to come out quickly! I’m going to beat her to death! I’ll see if she can go out and show off again!” Huang Quan said furiously.

You Yu hurriedly stopped him and said, “Calm down. She’s pregnant! If she suffers a miscarriage, we won’t be able to explain ourselves! Bear with it for a while.’

“Why should I bear with it! I can’t tolerate it! Where is she! I’m going to teach her a lesson today and let her know who she can and can’t afford to offend!”

Huang Quan rolled up his sleeves and went looking for Tan Jing in every room. He finally found her hiding in the storeroom.

“You’re quite good at hiding! You must have heard what I said outside just now! You’re really capable. It looks like you won’t behave yourself until you have destroyed our Huang family! Come out!” Huang Quan said as he pointed at Tan Jing who was hiding behind the shelf.

“I... I didn’t do it on purpose... I didn’t do anything...” Tan Jing said shakily..

Chapter 1860: News

“You didn’t do anything? You’ve done so much! You just can’t wait to give all the Huang family’s hard-earned assets to the Xia family! Are you here to help me get rid of the Xia family or to help the Xia family destroy me?” Huang Quan questioned.

“I didn’t! Of course I’m here to help you! You have to believe me! I really didn’t do anything to let the Huang family down!” Tan Jing knelt on the ground in fear and made an oath.

“Don’t go looking for trouble with the Xia family in the future! Do you hear me! You have to ask me first before you do anything!” Huang Quan pointed at Tan Jing and scolded angrily.

“I hear you... I swear I won’t go looking for trouble with the Xia family again...” Tan Jing whispered.

However, that did nothing to quell Huang Quan’s anger. He could not hurt Tan Jing directly at the moment. If she suffered a miscarriage, the Tan family could go to the police station to report him. Even if this child died, it had to happen somewhere else and not in the Huang family’s house.

He pushed down all the shelves in the storeroom, letting them smash onto Tan Jings back and causing her to cry out in pain. This incident would not cause Tan Jing to miscarry. He picked up all the items and threw them against the wall. He only left the Huang family’s house after he tired himself out.

You Yu sat in the living room and cursed Tan Jing. She wished that she could skin Tan Jing alive, drink Tan Jings blood and tear Tan Jing into pieces. How was she going to maintain her status in front of those other ladies in the future? She did not know how her mahjong friends were going to mock her!

Tan Jing moaned in pain inside the room. In the end, it was the helper who could not stand it anymore and called for an ambulance. The Huang family did not care about Tan Jings life at all.

In a strange twist of fate, Tan Jing was sent to Xia Fangs hospital. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, Xia Fang chose not to be Tan Jings attending physician, but she was kept updated about Tan Jings condition.

Tan Jings injuries were mostly on her back. At that time, Tan Jing had protected her stomach very well and the baby was not too affected. However, she had been very emotional recently and the pregnancy was a little unstable. She needed to rest in the hospital for further observation.

“Aunt called home yesterday! Do all of you know about it?” Xia He said excitedly.

“What can Aunt say to make you so excited? Did someone give birth to octuplets? Or did someone give birth to a freak?” Qiao Mei asked curiously.

“Of course not! It’s Tan Jing! Tan Jing seems to have had a fall and almost lost the baby. She’s still recuperating in the hospital. I heard from Aunt that if Tan Jing doesn’t take care of her health or she gets into an accident or if she continues to be emotionally unstable, she might not be able to keep the baby,”

Xia He said.

“Is the Huang family not good to her?” Nio Zhu asked.

“I’ve never asked around, but everyone knows that Huang Quan has always treated women badly. Tan Jings hospitalization this time probably has something to do with him,” Xia He explained.

“She had a fall? When she left the wedding banquet that day, she looked quite well to me,” MO Zhu said.

“They say she had a fall, but Aunt saw the injuries and was sure that she was beaten up by someone. She had clearly been hit by something! However, the Huang family doesn’t allow the hospital to ask about it,” Xia He said.

“I don’t care how she got injured as long as it doesn’t cause any harm to our family. I have to go to school again soon. Just thinking about it makes me feel so tired,” Qiao Mei said helplessly.

“It is indeed very tiring to go to school, but at least you still have the winter and summer holidays! I don’t even have any holidays anymore. I’ve been so busy these past two days that I don’t even have time to eat. I’m just short of sleeping inside the office every day,” Xia He said with a sigh.

Qiao Mei looked at Xia He and asked, "Have you thought about other businesses after I spoke to you the last time? Other than the photo studio, do you have any other business ideas?"

Xia He had thought about it, but with the economy opening up and everyone going into business, there was not much money to be made in the market. They had to find something that no one had thought about yet.

"I'll think about it again. Let's make sure that the photo studio establishes a foothold in the capital first. I'll think of the other stuff later," Xia He said.

"Sure, let me know if you need anything," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

The whole family lived very close to one another now. Every day, in the daytime, everyone would come to Qiao Mei's place for a visit, a chat or to help Qiao Mei take care of the children. At night, they would go back to their own homes. Xia Jun and the others had already moved to this area and returned their previous houses to the country.. For that, the country had even specially approved the use of a new car for the Xia family!