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"I also never expect that this is the kind of relationship you and Fang Chen have," Su Rui said hatefully.

Qiao Mei said nonchalantly, "So what if it is and so what if it's not?"

Miss Su, is it your mission to replace me? If so, I'd advise you to

return to your original position. Otherwise... I think you know better than me what will happen to you."

"Then what about you? Aren't you worried that Fang Chen will be held accountable for you coming to Country M on your own accord? When the time comes, I won't be the one in trouble, but the two of you," Su Rui said smugly.

Qiao Mei lowered her head and smiled to herself. It seemed that Su Rui had not found out the reason for the Xia family members and her coming to Country M. Su Rui had some investigation skills, but not much.

"Miss Su, I don't think you're here to do a paternity test. It's better if you just say what you want," Qiao Mei said.

"I want you to leave Fang Chen! Divorce him!" Su Rui said firmly.

"Divorce him? Miss Su, don't tell me you are drunk. Otherwise, there's no reason for you to spout nonsense," Qiao Mei said as she shook her head helplessly.

"I'm not spouting nonsense. I'm serious. As long as you divorce Fang Chen, I guarantee that you and your children will be safe. If you insist on staying here, then anything that happens will be out of my control," Su Rui said with a smile.

"What do you mean?" Qiao Mei asked with a slight frown.

"And I still think that you are a smart person. It's very simple. I'm the only one who knows about you for the time being. If I get someone to leak this news to the Yang family, do you think they will come looking for you? At that time, all of you and Fang Chen will be caught in a very difficult situation," Su Rui said.

"Just because you want to be with Fang Chen, you're willing to sacrifice your mission partner!" Qiao Mei stood up angrily and roared.

"Partner? Fang Chen doesn't see me as his mission partner at all! I want Fang Chen! I don't have a job now and I can't even get close to Fang Chen's house. Yang Tian won't even look at me! He's already mesmerized by you! I have nothing left and I have nothing to be afraid of! I don't want anything! I just want Fang Chen!" Su Rui said agitatedly.

Qiao Mei could see the madness in her eyes. This woman only wanted to achieve her own goal and did not care about the lives of others at all. Given the extensive scope of this mission, there could not just be the two of them here. There must be many other senior members who had been working undercover here for many years. Qiao Mei could not let all their efforts be ruined by this woman.

Qiao Mei calmed herself down. She must control Su Rui and not let this matter progress any further. She must hang on until Xia Wen could send someone over.

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"I... I can agree to your request, but you have to give me some benefits. I don't do anything that has no benefits. Otherwise, why should I leave Fang Chen?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Hmph, I thought that the person Fang Chen likes will definitely be someone who will stand by him no matter what. I never expected you to be such a disgusting woman. Fang Chen has really misjudged you. But that's a good thing too. In the future, when Fang Chen is with me, no one will ever let him down again," Su Rui said happily. "It doesn't matter who he has by his side. I have to think for my children. Tell me, what benefits can you give me!" Qiao Mei said. "Benefits? I'll give you money! A lot of money! How about Fang

Chen's life as well? You can only protect Fang Chen by leaving him," Su Rui said.

"I can agree to a divorce. The marriage certificate is at home. You have to come with me to get it," Qiao Mei said.

Su Rui felt that she could only be assured of the divorce if she could get her hands on their marriage certificate. There was still no marriage certificate back in their country at the moment. Back home, everyone would go to the community center to get married and the staff there would document that the wedding took place. This document was equivalent to a marriage certificate.

"Alright! I can agree to that," Su Rui said after some thought.

Qiao Mei drove Su Rui back to her house. Along the way, the two of them did not speak. Su Rui's heart was filled with joy at the thought of Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe getting a divorce and she did not think about her own safety at all.

During this period of time, she had been observing Qiao Mei. She knew that Qiao Mei was just an ordinary woman who did not know any martial arts and that her gun was just for show. Otherwise, Qiao Mei would have killed Yang Tian with one shot in Sky City.

To her, Qiao Mei was not a threat at all. She felt that she could defeat Qiao Mei using just one finger.

Chapter 1922 - 1922: Exchange Items

They reached Qiao Mei's place in no time. Su Rui got out of the front passenger seat and looked at the house in front of her in disdain.

"Your place is really shabby. I thought Fang Chen would have prepared a big villa for you. You don't even live as comfortably as I did," Su Rui said disdainfully.

When she came the other day, she was so focused on the children that she did not notice the house and how it was furnished. Now that she took a closer look, it really looked quite rundown.

“Isn’t this better? Perhaps Fang Chen does not really love me,” Qiao Mei said.

“I hope so, Go and get the thing now! I’ll wait for you here,” Su Rui said warily.

Qiao Mei did not pose any threat to her, but that did not mean that those men in Qiao Mei’s house were not a threat. Su Rui noticed that Qiao Mei had two bodyguards protecting the children. If not for the bodyguards, Su Rui would have already abducted the children. It would be way more effective to threaten Qiao Mei with the children than with a photo.

However, even those bodyguards should not be too difficult for her to handle. With her skills, it was easy for her to fight two people at once. Even if these two people ganged up, they were still not her match.

Su Rui was just trying to scare Qiao Mei. After all, if she really gave those photos to the Yang family, both Fang Chen and her would be in trouble. She still wanted to live a comfortable life as a rich wife in Country M. She definitely did not want to die.

She just wanted to be with Fang Chen. Her life back home was just a mess. Although her family was well-to-do, her parents only cared about her younger brother. They gave all the good things in the family to her younger brother first. She may be the eldest daughter of the family, but in reality, she had less say than the helper at home.

Only by gaining a foothold in Country M could she live the kind of life she wanted. She cared more about herself than whether the mission could be successfully completed.

Qiao Mei walked into the house slowly, checking herself for any listening devices. This was something which Xia Zhe had taught her. Sure enough, Su Rui had placed a listening device in her bag.

“I’m going upstairs to change. You guys stay with the children first.” Qiao Mei did not move after saying that. Instead, she gestured to Luo Yu and Luo Hui.

Luo Yu immediately understood what Qiao Mei meant. He and Luo Hui went out through the back door and quietly closed in on Su Rui. They would wait until Qiao Mei came back to talk to Su Rui before subduing her.

Qiao Mei went upstairs and kept rummaging through her things so that she could buy more time for the two men. Su Rui waited impatiently at the main door for Qiao Mei. As she listened in using the listening device, she knew that Qiao Mei was still going through her things. After a very long time, Qiao Mei finally took out a piece of paper. She casually wrote a few words on it and stuffed it into an envelope. Before she did that, she even affixed the stamp of the farm on it.

“Why did you take so long?” Su Rui complained when she saw Qiao Mei.

“There are too many things at home and it’s hard to go through them. I hope I didn’t make you wait too long,” Qiao Mei said.

Su Rui grabbed the envelope. The glue on the envelope looked suspicious to her. She touched the glue out of curiosity and asked, “I hope you’re not trying to bluff me. This is obviously glued together just now.”

“The thing inside is real and it has the stamp of the community center,” Qiao Mei said.

Su Rui felt the envelope to see how thick it was and smiled disdainfully. The envelopes used in Country M were relatively flimsy. So long as one held it against the light or the sun, the contents would be exposed. She held up the envelope and looked at it against the sun. There was indeed a stamp and some words on it, and she could vaguely make out Fang Chen’s name.

She handed Qiao Mei a check of 100,000 dollars that Xia Zhe had previously given her and said, “This is the money for you. I’ll send you another 100,000 dollars after I get married.”

Qiao Mei took the check but did not say anything. Luo Yu and Luo Hui ran out from both sides and Su Rui immediately realized that there was something wrong. She knew she could not escape, so she raised the gun which she was holding behind her, pointed it at Qiao Mei and shouted, “If you take another step forward! I’ll kill her!”

Xia He had already set up the sniper rifle in the attic. She put a silencer on the sniper rifle to prevent the loud noise from alerting the neighbors.

“Haven’t you realized that you have no strength to do anything now?” Qiao Mei asked with a smile.

Su Rui’s fingertips started to feel numb and the sensation gradually affected her entire body. She looked at Qiao Mei in shock. During this whole time, she had been standing at the door and did not feel that there was anything wrong. She did not know what was happening to her.

The glue which Qiao Mei used on the envelope was not the normal kind which could be bought from the supermarkets. It was Qiao Mei’s latest invention..

Chapter 1923: Imprisoned

Qiao Mei had realized that datura flowers which were grown while infused with energy had a stronger effect than usual. Moreover, if she extracted the essence from these flowers, it could be used to have a paralyzing effect on the person who touched it. It was much easier to use than in pill form.

Luo Yu and Luo Hui tied Su Rui up with some rope and brought her straight to the farm. That was their private property and no one would notice anything amiss even if Su Rui kicked up a fuss there.

Just like that, Su Rui was locked up in a cattle pen and had to live with the cows.

“Qiao Mei! That thing of yours is too amazing! What exactly is it?” Xia He asked curiously.

The two men were also very curious about how Qiao Mei did it. They had never heard of anything that could paralyze a person by touch.

“It’s just something I’m researching for fun. It’s not very stable yet, so I’ll share it with you only when it’s ready. It’s a secret for now!” Qiao Mei whispered.

Qiao Mei did not intend to allow this thing to be mass-produced. Otherwise, the consequences would be unimaginable. It would be fine if it was kept and used by government organizations, but should it become available in the black market, the lives of ordinary people would be in danger.

It was also very complicated to make this “glue”. Qiao Mei had to first infuse a lot of energy into it and then lock the energy and keep it under low temperature. If the temperature was too high, the active element in the “glue” would begin to surge violently. It was not so much that Su Rui became paralyzed after touching it, but more like she sniffed a high concentration of anesthetic gas at close range.

As for why Qiao Mei was not affected, it was because she had drunk the ginseng juice in advance to protect herself. Although she was slightly affected, the effect was negligible.

“Let’s take turns to stand guard tonight. We must not let her escape!” Xia He said firmly.

“Thank you for your hard work,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia He went home to look after the three children while Luo Yu and Luo Hui took over the task of watching over Su Rui. They definitely would not give her a chance to escape. Qiao Mei even handed the remaining potion to Luo Yu and instructed him to put on a mask and gloves before applying it on Su Rui.

Qiao Mei went home and took a nap before making a call to the capital in the wee hours of the morning. Based on the time difference, it was currently morning in the capital.

“Hello, this is the Xia family residence,” Xia Wen said as he picked up the phone.

“Eldest Brother, it’s me, Qiao Mei,” Qiao Mei replied.

“That’s strange. Shouldn’t you be in bed now? Why are you calling home? Did something happen?” Xia Wen asked hurriedly.

“There are indeed some things that I need your help with, and the situation is very... complicated. Is there anyone next to you? You’re the only one who can hear about this,” Qiao Mei said softly.

Xia Wen asked MO Zhu to go to the kitchen to make breakfast for him. When he was alone in the room, he said into the phone, "There's no one around me now. You can speak your mind."

"Xia Zhe's mission partner is now in my hands. She's a threat to Xia Zhe's safety and also to me and the children. I can't... I don't know how to contact

Xia Zhe, so I can only look for you. How should I handle this matter?" Qiao

Mei almost let slip to Xia Wen that she had already gone to look for Xia Zhe.

When Xia Wen heard what Qiao Mei said, he instantly had goosebumps all over his body. He had never imagined that such a ridiculous thing would happen. He only knew the location of Xia Zhe's mission and the duration. He did not have the clearance to know the details of the mission. However, given Xia Jun's rank, he should be able to find out.

"How did you deal with that person? Where is she now? Are all of you safe now?" Xia Wen asked immediately.

"We're safe. I've already tied her up. She already knows about my relationship with Xia Zhe and she even wants to use this information to threaten us. She wants me to divorce Xia Zhe. Eldest Brother, please hurry and get Father or Grandfather to send someone here to bring her back! I can't keep her here for too long, otherwise it will arouse suspicion," Qiao Mei said.

"Sure, sure, sure! Don't be too anxious! Keep in touch with me at all times! I'll go and look for Grandfather immediately!" Xia Wen hurriedly hung up the phone and drove off to tell Xia Jun about this matter. When Xia Jun heard about it, he immediately changed into his military uniform and went to the military's main building in the capital for a meeting. That night, the military sent two highly trained soldiers to get in touch with Qiao Mei. At the same time, they also asked the undercover agents in Country M to help out..

Chapter 1924: Replacement

This matter was handled extremely quickly. At noon the next day, a group of people came to Qiao Mei's farm. They wore suits and leather shoes, but Qiao

Mei recognized the cufflinks on their sleeves. Xia Zhe also had a pair at home. The pattern on them was unique to Xia Zhe's troops and only his team had them.

"Hello, we're here to talk about a collaboration. Which one of you is the owner of this farm?" one of the men said.

"I'm Qiao Mei, the owner of this farm. What kind of collaboration do you have in mind?" Qiao Mei asked.

The man raised his hand to his chest and tapped his heart three times before saying, "I want to buy milk from you. If the milk is of good quality, I'm willing to work with you on a long term basis. We have come with a lot of sincerity to work together."

On the phone earlier, Xia Wen had already told Qiao Mei that this gesture was the secret signal between her and the team coming to help her. Qiao Mei immediately understood who these people were and quickly brought them to the cattle pen where Su Rui was being held. At this moment, Su Rui was conscious.

Su Rui knew the man leading the team. His name was Cong Feng and he was the superior who had assigned Su Rui to the mission. Unless absolutely necessary, the soldiers on the mission could not take the initiative to contact their superior. She did not know what kind of backing Qiao Mei had to be able to find her superior.

"Save me! Come over and save me! They're a bunch of liars! They tricked me into coming here! Save me!" Su Rui shouted at Cong Feng.

When Su Rui started to shout loudly, the cows in the cattle pen became alarmed. Many cows began to walk back and forth anxiously and even started to moo loudly.

"Lower your voice! Don't make my cows agitated!" Qiao Mei said with heartache.

If not for the fact that they were worried it would be easy for Su Rui to escape from any other place, Qiao Mei would not have let Su Rui share a space with her precious cows! On a daily basis, these cows listened to music as they fell asleep and the feed which they ate was infused with Qiao Mei's energy. These cows were all her money-making tools. If they got frightened and could not produce milk, the farm might have to close down next month!

"Su Rui, we already know what you've done. There is nothing you can say in your own defence. I'm here today to bring you back. As for what you have done

in Country M, I believe Comrade Fang Chen will describe it clearly in his report," Cong Feng said expressionlessly.

"What do you mean? Why should I go back! I can't go! I won't go back! What right do you have to decide whether I should stay or go! My mission isn't completed yet! How can you arrange for me to go back? I don't want to go back!" Su Rui cried out heart-wrenchingly.

Qiao Mei asked Luo Yu to put earplugs on every cow. Since Su Rui wanted to kick up a fuss, she would let Su Rui do it. However, her cows must not suffer.

"Your mission has been terminated prematurely. Someone else will take over your position." Cong Feng then called over a woman from behind him.

The woman looked at Su Rui disdainfully. Su Rui widened her eyes and glared at the woman as she roared, "Why is it her! Why is she the one to replace me!"

"Why can't it be me?" The woman's name was Jiang Ting and she was Su Rui's former comrade-in-arm.

Although the two of them were comrades-in-arms, they had been at loggerheads since they were young. The two of them were neighbors and they came from completely different family situations. Jiang Ting had three elder brothers and she was the youngest daughter in the family. She was doted on by all her family members and she lived a completely different life from Su Rui, who had suffered a lot of humiliation since she was young.

However, Jiang Ting had always been in Su Rui's life since they were young. They went to the same school and went home from school together. Even after they joined the army, they were posted to the same unit. Su Rui felt that Jiang Ting was like her shadow. In Su Rui's own words, Jiang Ting was like a ghost haunting her.

"No! Anyone can replace me, but not her!" Su Rui said fiercely.

"It's useless no matter what you say. Just follow orders. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you this. You probably will be locked up for life when you go back. Take a few more looks at the sun while you can," Jiang Ting said gloatingly.

Su Rui lowered her head dejectedly. She had done too many wrong things in her life, the worst being coming to threaten Qiao Mei this time round. This was the last straw for the organization. When she returned to the country, she would definitely be court-martialed. Given that Qiao Mei had the clout to contact her superiors, it meant that Fang Chen must have come from a prominent family.

In that case, with all the nasty things that she had done, Fang Chen's family members would never allow her to continue to serve in the army..

Chapter 1925 - 1925: Kick up a Big Fuss

"I really never expected to see you at this juncture." Su Rui looked up at Jiang Ting resignedly.

Jiang Ting, on the other hand, was very excited. Originally, this opportunity to go on this overseas mission was hers. Furthermore, it was already agreed that when she returned from the mission, she would be promoted from a company commander to a battalion commander. However, she never imagined that Su Rui would ask for help from the Su family members and snatched away her opportunity.

Although Jiang Ting's path to career advancement had been hindered, her parents and her three brothers were very happy with the situation. After all, this mission was very dangerous and they did not want Jiang Ting to be in any danger. The old couple only had this one precious daughter. If anything should happen to her, they did not know how they would be able to go on.

“This position is originally mine. You snatched it from me. I’m just getting back something that belongs to me,” Jiang Ting said smugly.

Xia Wen had told Qiao Mei to write a report. As Qiao Mei had never undergone military training before, she did not know how she should do it. Xia Wen told her to just describe everything that had happened. When the time came, Xia Wen would extract the relevant parts and submit them to the military court as evidence.

The superiors had also arranged for someone to inform Xia Zhe about this. Xia Zhe only knew that something had happened to Su Rui and that she had been recalled by the superiors. As for whatever happened between her and Qiao

Mei, he did not know anything. There was no benefit in telling him about this. Instead, it would make him worried about Qiao Mei’s situation and may lead to him blowing his cover.

Xia Zhe wrote down everything that Su Rui had done in Country M and even described clearly how she had caused disruptions to his tasks and how she was usually unwilling to carry out tasks related to the mission. He had taken to heart the fact that she had disturbed Qiao Mei’s rest late at night and also insulted Qiao Mei. Now, he finally had a chance to take revenge.

In line with his character, he wrote the report truthfully without much embellishments. What he did was to go into the minute details of all the incidents. When he was done, the report was nearly 15 pages long.

The matter in Country M was successfully resolved, but the situation in the capital’s military headquarters was getting very heated. Xia Mao and Xia Jun lost their temper with their superiors because of this matter and almost wanted to turn the military headquarters upside down!

Fortunately, Xia He was not with them. If she was also in the country, she would definitely go to the capital’s military headquarters with Xia Mao and Xia Jun to demand an explanation.

Xia Wen worked in government services, so he could not enter and exit the capital’s military headquarters at will. Otherwise, Xia Wen could at least go in and persuade Xia Jun and Xia Mao to calm down so that the situation did not get too awkward for the management staff.

“Mentor, please calm down. If you get angry, it will affect your physical and mental health. We will handle this matter with utmost care and will definitely give Comrade Xia Zhe a satisfactory answer,” Dong Ming, Xia Jun’s mentee, said. freeweb(n)ovel

“You still know that I’m your mentor! Look at the kind of people you send out! My grandson! My granddaughter-in-law almost died in Country M! Do you know the price they will have to pay if his cover is blown! Especially since there are women and children involved! You’re trying to kill my entire family!” Xia Jun shouted furiously as he smacked the table.

“I know, I know everything! We considered everything when we selected the candidates, but we didn’t expect Comrade Xia Zhe’s family members to go there as well,” Dong Ming said.

Xia Mao said unhappily, “Brother Dong, what do you mean by that? Is it my daughter-in-law’s fault that there’s something wrong with the people you sent? My daughter-in-law is the top scorer of the college entrance examination in the capital! She is in Country M to further her studies as the representative of the agriculture faculty of Capital University! My daughter-in-law is someone who has donated so many seeds to the country unconditionally! What does this matter have to do with my daughter-in-law!”

“I’m sorry, Xia Mao. You know that’s not what I mean...” Dong Ming quickly apologized.

“I don’t want to waste time on such nonsense! Tell me how you plan to deal with the person who made a mistake!” Xia Jun said fiercely.

“The military court will come to a reasonable decision on this. We don’t have any say in this matter,” Dong Ming said with a troubled expression.

Xia Jun stood up and pointed at Dong Ming as he said, “Dong Ming! Don’t think that I’m already old and don’t understand the twists and turns involved! The military court makes its decision based on your reports! In the end, the conclusion still depends on your team’s decision!”

“I will definitely handle this matter very impartially and definitely will not be biased at all!” Dong Ming said firmly..

Chapter 1926 - 1926: She Must Be Executed

“Then show me your report! I want to see the kind of fair and just report which you wrote! I want to read about how that woman harassed my grandson and my granddaughter-in-law and their entire family!” Xia Jun said as he held out his hand.

Dong Ming looked at the colleague beside him, not knowing what to do. Zhou Kun, who was next to him, did not know what to say. Both of them were trained by Xia Jun. Their current achievements were only made possible because of Xia Jun’s guidance and care for them. If not for Xia Jun risking his life to protect the two of them back then, the two of them might already be gone by now.

“We haven’t finished writing the report yet, but don’t worry, we’ll definitely seek justice for Xia Zhe,” Zhou Kun said.

“Justice? What’s the use of getting justice! Tell me! What’s the use of getting justice! What did you promise me back then! You said that although Xia Zhe might encounter dangerous situations, he won’t be at great risk. Look at what has happened now! I never expected that the biggest risk to him is the partner you give him! How can you ask me to feel assured!” Xia Jun said furiously.

Xia Jun had dedicated his whole life to the military and so did all his sons. Even his grandsons had contributed everything they had to the military. The reason for Xia Jun being so angry was not because Xia Zhe was sent on a dangerous mission, but because they had put Qiao Mei and the children in danger.

Even if Xia Zhe was in danger and had to sacrifice his life for the country, then that was his lot in life. This was something that could not be helped. However, Qiao Mei and the children were innocent! They should not be subjected to such danger! They definitely did not have to face such a situation!

Fortunately, the children were still young and they would forget about this matter as time passed. What if the children were already seven or eight years old? Did that mean they would have to live in fear their whole lives?

If Su Rui had really defected to the enemy, the consequences would have been unimaginable. Qiao Mei was such a beautiful girl and if she had fallen into the hands of those criminals, who knew what they would do to her.

“That person must be executed. There’s no room for any discussion.” A voice was heard outside the door. Then, Xia Xiu rushed into the room and repeated what she said, “That person must be executed!”

Dong Ming and Zhou Kun immediately felt a headache coming on. They had not even managed to settle the two Xia family members in front of them and here came another one now.

“Brother Dong, Brother Zhou, it’s been a long time since we last met. I’m hereby requesting that the government and the military execute that person who violated the rules. Not only did she threaten the safety of soldiers like us, but she also threatened the lives of the soldiers’ families! I’m asking for the government to give our entire family an explanation! Otherwise... our entire family will apply to leave the military,” Xia Xiu shouted agitatedly.

“What nonsense are you saying! Xia Mao, talk some sense into your elder sister!” Dong Ming said anxiously.

Xia Mao and Xia Jun remained sitting and did not respond for a long time. They looked at Xia Xiu with a firm expression and also looked at Dong Ming and Zhou Kun sternly. This was the unanimous decision which the entire family had made after a discussion. Even if they all left the military, it would not affect their livelihood. The added plus point was they would be able to keep their families away from danger.

Although they had dreams and ambitions and wanted to devote themselves to the country, they could not accept that it could lead to such serious consequences for their family members.

“Brother Dong, I’m not spouting nonsense, I just want to seek justice for my family. If this matter is not dealt with seriously, then what will the other soldiers think when they carry out secret missions in the future? How can they ensure the safety of their families? We must make an example out of her. I hope that the organization will deal with this matter seriously and let this be a warning to everyone,” Xia Xiu said.

“Sigh... We also want to handle this matter seriously, but it’s not up to us to make the final decision. We have to follow the rules and do things one step at a time, don’t you agree? We need to listen to everyone’s opinions,” Dong Ming said.

“In that case, please suspend the duties of all our family members. We will stay at home and wait for your answer,” Xia Mao said calmly.

“Are you joking! There are so many Xia family members in the military. Don’t tell me that all of them want to stop work?” Zhou Kun said helplessly.

“Yes, all of us,” Xia Mao said firmly.

They had already discussed this issue with the second and third sons as well as Xiang Jin. Everyone supported Xia Mao’s idea and they were willing to be collectively suspended from duties while awaiting the trial and verdict of the military court..

Chapter 1927: Death Penalty

“We’ve already informed our superiors and we’ll leave you to arrange the job coverage. Goodbye.” After saying that, Xia Xiu helped Xia Jun up to walk out slowly. As Xia Mao left, he took a long look at Dong Ming before following closely behind them.

Dong Ming and Zhou Kun sat in the office helplessly. They did not know how to resolve this issue. In line with the normal procedure, Su Rui would at most be sentenced to life imprisonment. She did not cause any substantial harm to Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei and was also immediately restrained by Qiao Mei the moment she attempted extortion. The death penalty seemed to be a little too much for the crime.

Furthermore, there were also Su family members in the military. Even if the Su family did not contribute as much to the army as the Xia family, they also had some influence. The two sides had their own opinions and it was difficult for the two of them to know what to do.

The Su family had helped Su Rui to get a spot in this mission because of the danger involved, which meant that the assignment came with substantial subsidies. As long as she was alive, she earned a salary from the military. Even if she failed this mission and lost her life, the family would also get a compensation sum.

After Su Rui returned to the country, she was locked up in the military prison and placed under strict guard. The Su family members were allowed one visit and Su Rui's parents requested to go to the military prison to see her.

They were arranged to sit on opposite sides of a table. Before Su Rui could even speak, her mother immediately rushed up and gave her a tight slap, saying, "You b*tch! Why don't you just die! It will be much better if you're dead! If you're dead, we can even get a large sum of money! How can you even face anyone now! How is your younger brother going to go through life in the future!"

The prison guards quickly separated the two women. Su Rui's parents were out of control and they continued to beat and scold Su Rui. They said all kinds of vicious things to her because what she did had a detrimental impact on her younger brother.

Su Rui's younger brother also wanted to enter the military, but the first step of the process for any candidate was a political review. Su Rui had betrayed the organization and made such a serious mistake, so her younger brother could no longer work in any government unit. He could not even seek employment in the state-run factories and could only work odd jobs in the future.

"I..." Su Rui was so badly beaten up that she could not talk and only kept crying. After she had suffered so much grievances, the first thing her family did was not to ask about her well-being. Instead, they only wanted to know

why she was not dead yet.

Seeing that the situation was not right, the prison warden terminated the visit and gave Su Rui's parents a stern lecture. After Su Rui returned to the prison cell, she fell into a daze. She did not eat or drink any water, as if she was really waiting for death to come.

The military court received the reports from Xia Zhe, Xia Wen, Qiao Mei and a joint petition from Xia Jun, Xia Mao and the rest of the family. The sentence for Su Rui was quickly handed down and it was confirmed to be the death penalty.

When Xia Wen called Qiao Mei, she was not at home. It was Xia He who answered the phone. After Xia He heard the news, she rushed out and bought 1,000 dollars worth of fireworks. She then lined the entire street with fireworks.

“Oh! Xia He! What is your family doing? Is it some sort of festival in your country today?” a neighbor asked happily when he saw this.

“No! It’s... it’s my birthday! Everyone in the town should come to the square to watch the fireworks tonight!” Xia He shouted happily.

The news spread like wildfire and soon, everyone in the town knew about it. In order to put up a spectacular fireworks display, Xia He specially bought another 5,000 dollars’ worth! She almost emptied out the fireworks store!

As Qiao Mei made her way home, many people stopped her and stuffed gifts into her car, saying that these were Xia He’s birthday presents. Qiao Mei clearly remembered that Xia He’s birthday was already over for the year. What was going on today?

“Hey, why are you celebrating your birthday again? Do you know that the car’s backseat and trunk are filled with gifts from the neighbors!” Qiao Mei said unhappily when she reached home.

“It’s because I’m happy! Do you know! Su Rui has received the death sentence! Everyone in our family went on a strike because of this matter! We want the military to give us a reasonable explanation. It’s not just our family. Many soldiers who had gone on secret missions and their families also signed a petition! Otherwise, Su Rui might only be sentenced to life imprisonment!” Xia He explained excitedly.

“So that’s why you’re so excited that you want to set off fireworks. Since you can’t come up with a reasonable excuse, you say that it’s your birthday,” Qiao Mei said with a helpless smile..

Chapter 1928: Winter Break

Xia He scratched her head in embarrassment and said, “It can’t be helped. It’s not your birthday yet, so I can’t say that in case they find out in the future. That’s why I say that it’s my birthday and invite everyone to watch the fireworks. I bought up all the fireworks in the entire town! Just to celebrate this good news with everyone!”

“Only this once! No more next time! You have to pay them back based on the value of the gifts, do you hear me?” Qiao Mei said sternly.

“I know, I know! I’ve never received so many birthday gifts before! Let me see what everyone has gotten me! Luo Yu! Help me carry them in!” Xia He shouted at Luo Yu as she ran out.

Luo Yu had no choice but to ask Luo Hui to go together. There were so many gifts that even though there were three of them, they still needed to make a few trips from the car. Xia He placed all the things in the living room so that she could open a few presents every day. This would add some ty to her daily life.

Qiao Mei packed up her things and went into the room to return Xia Wen’s

“Eldest Brother, is everything alright at home?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Everything is fine at home. You must have heard the news I told Xia He just now,” Xia Wen said in a gentle tone.

“Yes I do. Xia He has excitedly told the neighbors that it’s her birthday today and invited everyone in the entire town to watch a fireworks display. There are no firecrackers here, so she bought all the fireworks in the entire town to celebrate,” Qiao Mei said helplessly.

“Hahaha, this seems like something she will do,” Xia Wen said with a laugh.

“I heard her say that the family members had gone on a strike because of this matter. Now that it’s all over, are all of you alright?” Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

“Don’t worry, it’s only temporary. Now that the matter is over, everyone will return to their original positions. There’s no difference from before. Don’t worry,” Xia Wen said to comfort her.

The truth was this matter did not end so smoothly. Although Su Rui had received the death sentence, the Xia family’s collective strike this time round had caused a huge commotion. It was not only the Xia

family members who had gone on strike, but even the other prominent families who were on good terms with the Xia family went on strike at the same time, causing a very detrimental impact on the military.

The superiors had a meeting on this and they decided to deduct half a year's salary from all the Xia family members as a warning to others. The eldest son's family was not affected by this, but it was not the same situation for the

others. Xia Mao had to compensate the rest of them for the loss of income before the issue was settled.

"That's good to hear. Xia He and I will be out celebrating. Remember to call me if you need anything," Qiao Mei said.

"Go ahead. Everything is fine at home." Xia Wen hung up after saying that.

That night, the entire town was very happy. They had not gathered together for a long, long time. During the recent few years, every family had to be more thrifty. In the past, when the farm was still operational, everyone did quite well for themselves. Every year, during the new year, the entire town would hold a big celebration. Later on, when the farm closed down, many of them lost their jobs and life was quite tough for a long time,

The next day, everyone woke up and went to work on time except for Qiao Meie She curled up under her blanket and refused to get up. The winter here was really too cold, even colder than the winter in the capital. She did not want to go to school at all. It was very difficult for her to even walk out the front door.

"Qiao Mei! If you don't head to school soon, you'll be late for afternoon class!" Xia He shouted towards Qiao Mei's room.

Qiao Mei said aggrievedly, "Alright... I know..."

Perseverance equated to victory! When it was winter break, she could sneak out to look for Xia Zhe! She wondered if he missed her after not seeing her for so long.

She had already discussed this with Xia Zhe. After he found out about all the details after Su Rui's trial, he secretly got his subordinates to send a letter to her. He could not wait to see her again.

The two of them agreed that during the winter break, Xia Zhe's trusted aides would go to the airport to personally pick her up and drive her to the villa. They would keep a low profile along the way. This villa was also not the previous one, but a new house which Xia Zhe bought.

There was still a month to go before the winter break. Qiao Mei went to school diligently every day and on weekends, she headed to the farm to take a look at the crops and the livestock. Time passed quickly and it was finally the last day of school. The moment Qiao Mei returned home, she started to pack her luggage. She could not wait!

"Where are you going!" Xia He asked curiously.

"I'm going out to have fun! It's finally the winter break! I want to go out and have some fun!" Qiao Mei said excitedly..

Chapter 1929: Meet Up Again

"Looks like you're not bring me along again this time!" Xia He said with jealousy.

"Hehe, look at me. I haven't had any time to rest for the past few months. I'm busy with school and farm matters every day. On account of my conscientiousness, give me a break!" Qiao Mei said aggrievedly.

"Fine, fine, fine. Go and have fun. I think your heart has already long flown away!" Xia He said.

Qiao Mei packed simply and took out 10,000 dollars before setting off. This time round, her luggage was half empty. She intended to bring back all the valuable items from Xia Zhe's house!

If she could not take the items with her, she would spend Xia Zhe's money and get him to turn all the money into jewelry for her! Anyway, Xia Zhe had said that the money he earned was for her and the children! She enjoyed the feeling of being Boss Xia's kept woman. Anyway, Xia Zhe could not take the money with him after his mission ended.

This time, Qiao Mei would remember to buy gifts for Xia He and the children. If Xia He found out that she did not bring any gifts home again, she would not be able to come out next time!

Qiao Mei dressed warmly and wrapped herself up tightly. Xia Zhe had even arranged for a person to wear the exact same clothes as her. The two women took separate routes. "Fake Qiao Mei" waited for a taxi while the real Qiao Mei had already been picked up by Xia Zhe's men.

The moment she entered the villa in the suburbs, Qiao Mei felt as if she had entered her own home. This house looked exactly like the one that Qiao Mei had described to Xia Zhe previously. She did not expect Xia Zhe to remember everything she said and fitted it out in the exact manner.

The entire house had floor-to-ceiling windows and a glass greenhouse outside. The greenhouse was filled with lilies, which were Qiao Mei's favorite flowers. It was obvious that they were carefully cared for. Xia Zhe had put in a lot of effort into this place.

Most of the colors in the room were Qiao Mei's favorites. Even the carpets were chosen very carefully. The entire house seemed to be tailor-made for Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei asked Xia Zhe's bodyguards to go to the city to buy some groceries. She wanted to cook for Xia Zhe tonight. It was impossible to find authentic dishes from the capital in this country, so she was sure that Xia Zhe must have been craving the taste for a long time!

By the evening, Qiao Mei had made a table full of dishes. The bodyguards standing at the door were almost drooling. They had thought that they would not see Qiao Mei again after she left the last time. They did not expect their boss to be able to find this beauty again and even make her willing to be a kept woman.

"I'm back," Xia Zhe said happily as he stood at the door.

He had not felt this way for a long time. Every time he came home from work, he was always alone. That villa was cold and devoid of any warmth. When Su Rui was around, she would do all kinds of things to attract his attention, but he only felt that she was disgusting and noisy.

“Wash your hands and come have your meal!” Qiao Mei said as she waved at Xia Zhe.

Xia Zhe did not wash his hands immediately. Instead, he walked to the dining table and gave Qiao Mei a long kiss before saying, “I miss you so much...”

“You’re so naughty! Everyone is watching!” Qiao Mei whispered with a red face.

“If anyone looks again! I’ll gouge out his eyes!” Xia Zhe yelled out loudly and the bodyguards immediately turned their heads away.

Qiao Mei did not just make dinner for Xia Zhe. She cooked a lot and also prepared a share for the bodyguards so that they could try the food from the couple’s hometown. The bodyguards approved of Qiao Mei even more now. They already felt that she was the real lady boss and that none of the other women were as good as her.

After dinner, the couple returned to their room. They had endless things to talk about. Qiao Mei gave Xia Zhe a lot of updates about the children and even brought their photos with her. However, after looking at the photos, they had to burn everything and not leave any traces behind.

“Xia Yue looks more like me,” Xia Zhe said with a smile as he looked at the photo.

“If he looks like me, he’ll be so handsome! I don’t know why, but our two sons don’t look like me at all,” Qiao Mei said as she pouted.

“Isn’t it good for them to look like me?” Xia Zhe asked her back.

“Yes, it’s good. It’s just that I wonder what my son will look like if he looks like me?” Qiao Mei asked curiously.

“You can just dream about it. We already have three babies at home. It won’t do if we have more. Your body won’t be able to take it,” Xia Zhe said sternly.

“I know, but... we still have to get down to business!” After saying that, Qiao Mei pounced on Xia Zhe. The two of them spent another passionate night together. By now, the bodyguards downstairs were already used to it..

Chapter 1930: An Accident

The next morning, Qiao Mei could not get out of bed as usual. She felt as if she had been beaten up badly and felt extremely sore all over. Xia Zhe had a meeting at the office and needed to go in and deal with it, so she was at home alone. Since she had nothing to do, she ran downstairs to look for the bodyguards.

“Which one of you is the best marksman?” Qiao Mei asked curiously.

Xia Zhe had already told them to take Miss Pu e s instructions as his instructions and that they had to diligently give her everything she asked for. Coupled with the food that she made for them yesterday, they would do anything for her!

“It’s me,” Da Dong said proudly as he stepped forward.

“Shoo, shoo, shoo! Miss Pu, don’t listen to his nonsense! I’m the best marksman here!” Da Nan said as he looked at Da Dong in disdain.

“Then... Can you show me how to hit the target?” Qiao Mei asked.

Qiao Mei could probably hit the target 60% of the time, but she always felt that the posture she took was a little uncomfortable. She had learned from Xia He for a period of time before she started school, but had not practiced for a long time and her skills were already rusty. She wanted to see how a truly well-trained person held a gun.

“This... I’m afraid we have to discuss this with the boss,” Da Nan said worriedly.

“It’s alright! Your boss listens to me! You don’t have to shoot! Just show me!” Qiao Mei said.

“Alright then!” Da Nan quickly got into a standard shooting posture and Qiao Mei looked at him earnestly. She immediately knew all the mistakes she had made previously. It looked like she might be able to vastly improve her shooting in the future.

“Thank you! I’ll cook delicious food for you tonight!” Qiao Mei said happily.

“Really? More food for us! What are we eating tonight!” Da Dong asked excitedly.

“Why don’t you think of something? What do you want to eat?” Qiao Mei said.

“Braised fish! The boss always says that braised fish is the most delicious dish, but we’ve never eaten it before. I wonder if Miss Pu knows how to make it?” Da Nan said embarrassedly.

Qiao Mei smiled. Braised fish was her specialty and it was also the dish which Qiao Qiang had made for Xia Zhe when the couple first met.

“No problem! It’s settled then! You guys go to the city to buy groceries!” After saying that, Qiao Mei returned upstairs to wait for Xia Zhe to come home.

Xia Zhe came back very late today and brought back some very unfortunate news. One of their intelligence agents had died. Yang Tian’s father, Yang Jiao, discovered the identity of the intelligence agent, so he brought him back to the Yang family villa and tortured him to death. Until the moment of his death, the intelligence agent did not reveal anything.

Yang Jiao had brought his other children to Sky City some time ago and chased Yang Tian back to East City. It looked like Yang Jiao wanted to expand his family’s influence into Sky City.

The Yang family had many sons, but Yang Jiao liked his second son, Yang Jiu, the most. This son was very capable and had a talent for business since he was young. The entire Yang family's fortune was actually in Yang Jiu's hands. This time round, Yang Jiao had presumably brought Yang Jiu to Sky City to open up the market for the family.

Yang Jiao also had a very beloved daughter named Yang Meng. She was the child whom Yang Jiao had with a beautiful blonde with blue eyes. She was his other sons' half-sister and all her older brothers doted on her very much. She had inherited her mother's beauty and Yang Jiao doted on this daughter the most.

After Yang Meng came to Sky City, she had nothing to do and all she did was pester Xia Zhe every day. Whenever she was free, she would go and sit inside Xia Zhe's office. Whenever she saw Xia Zhe, she would pounce on him enthusiastically. As Xia Zhe needed to show some respect to Yang Jiao, he could not reject Yang Meng directly.

Jiang Ting was now in Sky City and her identity was Xia Zhe's secretary. Sometimes, when she saw Yang Meng, she would feel helpless. She had thought that she would be the one who needed to sacrifice her body for the mission. She did not expect Xia Zhe to be the one instead.

Xia Zhe stood in front of Qiao Mei, reeking of perfume. She frowned slightly and said, "I've already filled the bathtub for you. Go take a shower first. Put your clothes in the washing machine after you change out of them."

"Alright," Xia Zhe said in a gentle tone.

Qiao Mei knew that something big must have happened today. Otherwise, Xia Zhe would not look so dejected. Without saying anything, she put together some food on a tray and placed it in the study. She would let him eat upstairs later and leave the rest of the dishes to the bodyguards..