

Fat Wife 1941

Chapter 1941 - 1941: Search for the List

The Yang family had an important list in their hands. It contained the names of all their accomplices in Country M. If Xia Zhe could find that list, they would be able to completely eliminate all the evil forces in Country M.

“You’re the best at finding things. Help me look out for anything strange, like a secret compartment in the room or a safe embedded in the wall,” Xia Zhe said.

Xia Zhe knew that Qiao Mei had her own special method of hiding things, so he was sure that she would be able to discover any hidden secret room. He could not put his finger on the kind of ability she had. He was just very sure that she could definitely find whatever Yang Jiao had hidden away.

“Leave it to me!” Qiao Mei said happily.

Xia Zhe covered Qiao Mei’s eyes as they slowly made their way upstairs. The two of them arrived at the third floor. This was where Yang Jiao slept and worked, and it was also a place that the bodyguards were not allowed to get close to. Every room was booby-trapped and filled with danger. Xia Zhe felt that the name list must be kept somewhere here.

“It’s better if you don’t go in with me. If there’s any booby trap, you might get hurt,” Xia Zhe said worriedly.

“Can I watch you from the door?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Sure, you can stand outside and tell me where to look and I’ll search inside,” Xia Zhe said with a smile.

Qiao Mei pressed her hand against the wall and she instantly knew the structure of the entire house like the back of her hand. As Xia Zhe had guessed, there were many secret compartments in this room. “There might be something behind the painting on the left.”

“Take a look under the flower pot on the right!”

“That spot under your feet is booby-trapped. Don’t step on it!”

“Try twisting that statue.”

Xia Zhe followed Qiao Mei’s instructions and retrieved the things inside the secret compartment one by one. However, no matter how he searched, he could only find some money and valuables. All these were not what Xia Zhe was looking for.

“These are all such wondrous treasures! Oh my goodness! I’ve never seen a diamond the size of a fist!” Qiao Mei said excitedly as she held up the huge diamond. Something like this would even be accepted by an auction house!

“If you like it, you can take it with you,” Xia Zhe said dotingly.

“Really? Can we really take these things?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Of course. When we leave later, we have to burn this place down completely.

We can’t let anyone find those corpses. Also, we have to leave before dawn. You can take whatever you like with you,” Xia Zhe said.

“Alright! I understand!” Qiao Mei said happily as she held up the big diamond.

There was still one last room which they had not searched, Yang Jiao’s bedroom.

The room door was extremely heavy. Xia Zhe tried pushing it for a long time but it did not budge at all. Qiao Mei also tried pushing it to no avail. Could it be that there was a special mechanism inside this door?

“Have you been here before?” Qiao Mei asked.

“No, I haven’t. This is also my first time here,” Xia Zhe said with a troubled expression.

Qiao Mei reached out and touched the door handle. She could see the structure inside clearly. This was a biometric fingerprint lock and it could only be opened with Yang Jiao’s fingerprints. However, Yang Jiao had already left with Jiang Ting, so how could they open it?

If Qiao Mei had encountered this biometric fingerprint lock in her other life, she would definitely choose to give up. However, in this era, the biometric fingerprint lock had just been invented and there were still many loopholes that had not been fixed. As long as they cut off the electricity in the entire Yang family villa, they could use the spare key to open this door!

“Go to the main switchboard and turn off the power supply to the house!” (Liao Mei said immediately.

“Are you sure you are alright here alone?” Xia Zhe said worriedly.

“I have no problem with that! Go now! I’ll call out to you once I open it!” Qiao Mei said excitedly.

Xia Zhe turned off the power supply to the entire Yang family’s villa as instructed and the entire house fell into darkness. Qiao Mei scattered some vine seeds on the floor and then used the vines to poke into the keyhole carefully. Not long after, there was a “click” sound and the heavy door opened.

“It’s open! It’s open!” Qiao Mei shouted excitedly.

When Xia Zhe heard Qiao Mei’s voice, he turned on the switchboard again. He could not wait to return to Qiao Mei’s side. He was worried that in the darkness, she might get hurt by any booby trap set up by Yang Jiao,

Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe pushed open the door together. The moment the door opened, both of them had to close their eyes tightly. The things inside were really too dazzling..

Chapter 1942 - 1942: House of Gold

They wondered if anyone had ever seen a bed made of gold?

Yang Jiao's entire bed was made of gold. It was two meters long and three meters wide and took up the most space in the bedroom. Even the supporting pillars next to the bed were made of gold. This bed probably weighed a ton.

The entire room was decorated with gold and gemstones. Even the picture frames on the wall were made of gold and looked very old-fashioned. Qiao Mei suspected that Yang Jiao's slippers were also made of gold.

There was an old saying, "If one studies hard, one will be able to get a charming bride and a house of gold." At this moment, Qiao Mei was staring at the proverbial house of gold without needing to study hard.

"Goodness... My poor eyes..." Qiao Mei rubbed her eyes in discomfort.

"Wait for me here. I'll go in and take a look." With that, Xia Zhe stepped into the "house of gold".

Qiao Mei continued to use her superpower to check the structure of the room.

This room was different from the other rooms. There were no hidden

compartments and no secret room, not even a safe.

"How can this be?" Qiao Mei muttered to herself.

"What's wrong?" Xia Zhe asked.

"There doesn't seem to be anything special about this room. It's just a bedroom and nothing else," Qiao Mei said in surprise.

Xia Zhe looked around. There was indeed nothing which looked to be related to the list. There was not even a piece of paper in the entire room. He turned around and left the room dejectedly.

Just as the door was about to close, Qiao Mei suddenly saw a golden vase on Yang Jiao's windowsill. By right, items like vases and flower pots were displayed in pairs. Why would Yang Jiao place one single golden vase on the windowsill?

"Wait! Look there and see if there's anything strange!" Qiao Mei said as she pointed at the windowsill.

Xia Zhe immediately ran over to pick up the vase. It was densely covered with words that were carved on it. It looked to be Buddhist scriptures engraved on the outer wall of the vase. It did not look like anything special, but then he discovered that the words on the inner wall of the vase were not Buddhist scriptures! It was the list that he was looking for!

"Bingo! This is what I'm looking for! I know you'll definitely be able to find it!" Xia Zhe said excitedly as he picked Qiao Mei up.

"Let's go now! Dawn is breaking soon. We have to leave quickly," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Before Qiao Mei left, she turned around to look at Yang Jiao's room reluctantly. There was not only gold kept inside, but also many oil paintings by famous artists, as well as all kinds of gemstones and jade. If these things were all burned down, what a huge loss it would be...

Xia Zhe seemed to understand how sad Qiao Mei was. He looked at the time and said, "There are still 20 minutes before dawn breaks. I can give you some time to move things out."

"Really?" Qiao Mei asked as she looked at Xia Zhe expectantly.

"Yes, just like those things hidden under our house," Xia Zhe whispered softly as a reminder.

Downstairs, Da Nan and the others were frantically splashing gasoline around the house. Qiao Mei rushed upstairs, avoiding any booby traps and started throwing things out of the window. In a spot

where no one could see, a bunch of vines and weeds caught and grabbed all the things which Qiao Mei threw down. The moment those things touched the ground, they disappeared.

In less than 20 minutes, Qiao Mei had already emptied more than half the entire house. Although Qiao Mei really wanted to take Yang Jiao's golden bed, even 30 men could not lift this huge thing, so Qiao Mei could only give up the idea.

When it was time, Da Nan led Qiao Mei back to the car. Xia Zhe slowly lit a cigarette and then threw the lighter into the house. There was a loud boom and the entire villa was immediately engulfed in a sea of fire as Xia Zhe and his team drove away quickly.

Finally, everything was settled. On the way home, Qiao Mei saw the blood on the hem of her dress. She suddenly recalled what she had done when she kidnapped Yang Jiu just now. At that time, her mind was filled with only thoughts of saving Xia Zhe. She did not even think about the price she had to pay for doing those things. At that moment, as long as she could save Xia Zhe, she would do anything.

Now that Xia Zhe was sitting safely beside her, she began to recall all the things that happened back then and could not help but tremble. Xia Zhe immediately hugged Qiao Mei and asked, "What's wrong? Do you feel cold?" "I... I think I killed some people..." Qiao Mei repeated as she stared blankly at her hands.

Xia Zhe hugged Qiao Mei tightly. He held her hands and said, "You must be referring to those people with Yang Jiu. Those people are all heinous bad guys. What you did was not wrong. I'm proud of you.."

Chapter 1943: Sleeping Beauty

"Really?" Qiao Mei asked as she raised her head to look at Xia Zhe.

"Yes, really. It's so amazing of you to capture Yang Jiu so that you can come and rescue me. You're really very capable and I'm very proud of you. Without you, things won't have gone so smoothly this time and I won't have been lucky enough to escape from the Yang family." Xia Zhe kissed Qiao Mei's forehead gently and she began to calm down.

She still did not know how to explain to Xia Zhe about her marksmanship, her strategies, how she found the secret compartments in those rooms and how she stashed away Yang Jiao's treasures.

She had not started to fabricate the reasons for being able to do all these things. Xia Zhe also had his doubts, but he was more willing to choose to believe in her. He believed that she loved him, would also stand by his side and was his absolutely loyal wife.

Qiao Mei leaned against Xia Zhe to rest for a while. Suddenly, she felt

something pressing against her waist. She took out a whole bunch of gold and silver jewelry from her pocket and stuffed them into Xia Zhe's hands.

"Help me find a place to put this. It's causing me some discomfort," Qiao Mei said unhappily with a pout.

Xia Zhe looked at the jewelry in his hand and smiled. It seemed that killing people did not really have any big impact on Qiao Mei. At this moment, she could still think about sleeping and treasures. Da Dong drove very steadily and it did not take long for them to return to Xia Zhe's villa. Xia Zhe carried Qiao Mei to the bedroom. He still had other things to do.

"You guys have worked hard today. If not for you, Miss Pu might have been captured by Yang Jiu. Thank you," Xia Zhe said sincerely as he looked at Da Dong and the rest.

This was the first time Da Dong and the others had seen Xia Zhe behave like this. In the past, Xia Zhe was very strict with them and never gave them any good attitude. Now, Xia Zhe was actually thanking them!

Was this part of a dream?

"No, no, no! It's Miss Pu who's brave and skillful! If not for Miss Pu, we would have to go through a fierce battle!" Da Dong said quickly.

"Yes, but I still want to thank you all. I'll be away for a while. You must protect Miss Pu during this period of time," Xia Zhe instructed.

“Of course! Don’t worry, Boss! We’ll definitely protect the lady boss!” Da Nan shouted excitedly.

Da Dong hurriedly gave Da Nan a kick. Although in their hearts, Qiao Mei was the best candidate to be their lady boss, Xia Zhe had not announced her status yet! What if they angered Xia Zhe by calling her that!

Xia Zhe lowered his head and smiled as he said, “Go and rest.’

When dawn broke, everything the Yang family did was exposed to the public. It looked like Sky City would be chaotic for a period of time. As Jack had saved the prominent families in Sky City from Yang Jiao, these people all sent money to Jack to express their gratitude. As a result, Jack’s status in Sky City became even more stable.

As for the matter regarding the Yang family, the higher-ups in the organization found a random explanation for it in order to cover their involvement. The extermination of the entire Yang family was indeed terrifying, but the Yang family had always been very annoying. They had many enemies, so it was easy to just find an “unlucky party” to pin the crime on and close the issue.

Qiao Mei was a little traumatized by everything that happened and fell into a deep sleep for an entire day and night. Xia Zhe simply lay beside her and accompanied her silently.

“Em... how long did I sleep?” Qiao Mei said groggily.

“You almost became the sleeping beauty!” Xia Zhe said with a laugh.

“Then you should kiss me awake!” Qiao Mei said to Xia Zhe with a grin.

Xia Zhe quickly lowered his head and kissed Qiao Mei on the lips. “Are you awake now?”

“I’m awake!” Qiao Mei replied as she stretched.

"I might have to go back for a while. Jiang Ting has already brought the Yang family's father and son and our senior back to the country. I also need to go back for a few days to submit my report. There are also some things that I have to bring back to my superiors," Xia Zhe said as he massaged Qiao Mei's head.

"Then will you come back?" Qiao Mei asked as she hugged Xia Zhe.

Qiao Mei lay in Xia Zhe's arms and felt a little unhappy. She had thought that Xia Zhe's mission would take at least another two to three years. She did not expect Xia Zhe's mission to end after she had only been here for half a year. Did that mean that the two of them had to continue to live separately from each other in the future? She could not possibly abandon her studies here!

"I'll be back. I can do more things over here. I'm going back this time to apply to my superiors to come back here as an undercover agent," Xia Zhe said with a smile..

Chapter 1944: Mr. Fang's Lover

Xia Zhe could earn more money here. By staying here, he could also send back whatever items they needed in the country promptly. He could also continue to expand his influence here and pave the way for future missions and for the people coming here to carry out missions in the future.

"That's great! Then can I make use of your identity?" Qiao Mei asked excitedly.

"Huh? What do you want to do?" Xia Zhe asked curiously.

"I've made a lot of money, but I don't have any proper status here. I can't buy real estate or land for the company. I have to bribe my way to get anything done. Can you lend me your identity? I can go around and buy things as Mr. Fang's lover! How about that!" Qiao Mei said.

She was such a money-grubber that she wanted to earn money and buy houses no matter where she went.

"If there's really no other way, I'll go back and apply to the higher-ups to get you a fake identity. There are times when I can't send supplies back to the country in large quantities on my own. It will be more convenient if the two of us can send things separately, which means we can send more," Xia Zhe said.

"Oh... won't that be very troublesome? I'm not the one on a mission. Won't this violate any rules?" Qiao Mei asked.

"No, you can just leave it to me. My Miss Pu Nan, let's get married here after the issue of your identity is settled. This way, there will be less women eyeing me," Xia Zhe said with a smile.

"No! I don't want to marry you here! I like being Mr. Fangs Mr. Fang, please don't hesitate to spend money to woo me, but I just won't say yes to you ' Qiao Mei said happily.

"You think too much, little girl! Are you intending to dump me next?" Xia Zhe asked.

"That won't do! How can I dump the famous Mr. Fang? Mr. Fang has to be the one crying and begging me to marry him. I will just flick my hands! And say no! Mr. Fang will then have to stay chaste for me! And keep proposing to me!

And even want to give me a diamond ring the size of a pigeon egg! Hahahahaha!" The more Qiao Mei spoke, the more ridiculous the story became. She could not stop laughing on the bed. Just thinking about such a scene made her very happy.

Back then, she was the one who chased after Xia Zhe relentlessly. Now that the plot had been reversed, it was not a bad thing.

"Fine, fine, fine. Whatever you say. I'll leave the four guards with you. You can assign them tasks while I'm not around and they'll also protect you," Xia Zhe said.

"Are they hired by you or provided by the organization?" Qiao Mei asked warily.

"They are considered people I hired. It's not appropriate for them to know certain things," Xia Zhe said.

“When you go back, I’ll go back to see the children too, When the time is right, I’ll bring Xia He here to have some fun. Anyway, your mission is over and our identities are not so complicated anymore,” Qiao Mei said.

“It’s better for the children not to be exposed. As for you and Xia He, you can come here as often as you want. It’s best if Xia He comes here as your elder sister and that she also uses the surname Pu,” Xia Zhe said cautiously.

“Fortunately, you and Xia He are not twins. One of you looks like your father and the other looks like your mother. Otherwise, I won’t be able to explain it clearly to others!” Qiao Mei said.

Xia Zhe suddenly thought of what Bella had said. He poked Qiao Mei’s puffed-up cheeks and asked, “What did you say to Bella? She seems very dissatisfied with me and even thinks that I’m not worthy of you.”

“Did Sister Bella reprimand you?” Qiao Mei asked happily.

“That’s right. In the basement, she warned me not to treat you badly or she would kill me. Even when I married you back then, your grandfather did not threaten me like this!” Xia Zhe said.

Qiao Mei jumped up from the bed happily and said laughingly, “Sister Bella likes me! I have a strong backer in Sky City now! If you dare to bully me! I’ll go and look for Sister Bella! I’ll ask Sister Bella to teach you a lesson! I think Sister Bella is someone who’s a woman of her words!”

It was only after marrying into the Xia family that Qiao Mei finally knew what it felt like to have siblings. With Xia He protecting her, Xia Wen’s care for her and the concern shown by the other cousins, she felt the warmth of home for the first time. Sister Bella was an “elder sister” outside the family and she showed her concern for Qiao Mei in her own way.

“Alright, whatever you say,” Xia Zhe said helplessly..

Chapter 1945: Delivering Medicinal Wine

Qiao Mei wanted to visit Bella before she left the city. She wanted to give Bella a bottle of 1,000-year-old ginseng juice to repay Bella's love and concern for her.

Xia Zhe did not dwindle and left Country M early the next morning. During the previous month, Country M had established friendly relations with his home country and the two countries had signed a reciprocal agreement. There were now many more flights serving the two countries. Soon, the Xia family members might even be able to fly here for a holiday!

"Da Dong! Da Nan! Let's go to the casino!" Qiao Mei said to the bodyguards, dressed in a riding suit.

"Miss Pu, you're in a good mood today. It's rare to see you dressed in such a dashing manner," Da Dong praised.

"Is that so? I just feel that this set of clothes is suitable for the casino. Let's go now!" Qiao Mei said happily.

She had worked through the night to extract a small bottle of 1,000-year-old ginseng juice for Bella. This ginseng juice was more concentrated than the one stored in her courtyard house and had an even better effect. Perhaps it was because the soil quality here was better, leading to the improvement in the medicinal effect. Qiao Mei was very inspired by this discovery and intended to put more effort into studying soil quality in the future.

"Stop right there! It's daytime now! The casino is not open for business! Miss, please come back tonight!" the casino's door guard said as he blocked Qiao Mei's way.

"I'm here to look for Sister Bella! Can you let her know please?" Qiao Mei said patiently.

"Is Sister Bella someone you can see anytime you want? I already told you! It's not our operating hours yet. You should come back at night!" the guard said impatiently.

Da Dong and Da Nan wanted to go forward and teach the guard a lesson, but Qiao Mei had already taken out her gun and pointed it at the guard's head as she said, "I said I want to see Sister Bella. You must be new. You have never seen me before?"

A person dashed out from the casino. Qiao Mei had seen him before. He was the guard who took over the replaced guards the last time she came. She did not expect him to already be the guard team leader now.

“Miss Pu, long time no see. You’re still as beautiful as ever! This is a new staff member and he’s not familiar with many things, so I really do seek your understanding. I’ll teach him a lesson later! Sister Bella is still sleeping. Can you come to the second floor and wait for her there?” Tom, the team leader, asked with a smile.

“Alright, thank you m ” Qiao Mei put away her gun and said happily. She knew the way to the meeting room on the second floor and did not need Tom to lead the way. There were guards everywhere in the casino and there was no need for Tom to specially arrange for anyone to keep an eye on Qiao Mei and her people.

Tom stood beside the door guard and gave him a hard kick as he said, “In the future, be more respectful when you see Miss Pu! Fortunately for you, I’m the one who witnessed this incident! If it’s Sister Bella who sees you talking to Miss Pu this way! You won’t even be alive now!”

“Is... is it that serious?” The door guard still did not take the incident to heart.

“How do you think I got this position? Miss Pu played a big part in it.” Tom looked at the door guard mockingly and smiled.

The door guard immediately understood what Tom meant. That meant that those two men died that night because they had offended Miss Pu. He stood up and patted the dust off his clothes before whispering to Tom, “Thanks for your advice, bro. I’ll be more careful in the future.”

After an hour, Qiao Mei finally saw Bella. However, she had not been idle during this hour. She asked a croupier from the casino to come and teach her how to play poker. By now, she had learnt many different types of games.

“You should have told me in advance that you’re coming over. Then, you won’t have to wait for so long,” Bella said as she looked at Qiao Mei reproachfully.

“I’m going home soon. so I want to visit you before I leave. I have brought you a gift!” Qiao Mei said happily.

“You’re going home? Then what about Fang Chen? Why isn’t here with you? Doesn’t he know how chaotic Sky City is recently? Why does he allow you to come out alone?” Bella said with a slight frown.

Qiao Mei tapped Bella’s tightly furrowed brows and said, “He has his own things to do and has given me all his bodyguards. Are you still worried even with these bodyguards following me around?”

Bella casually sized up Da Dong and Da Nan, who were standing behind Qiao Mei. Then, she said disdainfully, “Just two bumbling fools. Are you protecting them or are they protecting you? Let me arrange for a few guys to follow you around.’

“The two of them can protect me. I’m not some big-shot or a tycoon. Why do I need super capable bodyguards?” Qiao Mei said..

Chapter 1946: Badge

Da Dong and Da Nan had very awkward expressions on their faces, but they did not dare to say anything. After all, the person standing in front of them was the top female killer and the fourth most ruthless person in Country M. In front of Bella, the two of them were indeed nothing.

“Then I’ll go with what you say.” After saying that, Bella took out something that looked like a gold coin from her pocket. It was engraved with beautiful patterns and there was a huge spider pattern in the middle. There also seemed to be a rose pattern on the spider’s back.

Bella placed this thing in Qiao Mei’s palm and said, “You can pin it anywhere on your clothes. Don’t ever take it off.”

“What is this?” Qiao Mei asked curiously as she fiddled with the badge.

“You can think of it as a representation of me. If someone wants to harm you, they will think again when they see this badge,” Bella explained.

Bella ran an assassination organization and the assassins were all women. They did not care about being good or bad, kind or evil. As long as the price was high enough, they would accept the job. They only had one rule and the rule was that they did not kill women.

This organization was nicknamed “Black Widow” by the rest of the criminal organizations in Country M. This was because generally, female black widow spiders would eat the male spiders to supplement their nutrition. Moreover, the female black widow spider was known to be very beautiful.

“Alright, I’ll remember that.” Qiao Mei gave Da Dong and Da Nan a look. The two of them went out of the meeting room to wait for Qiao Mei and she took out the ginseng juice from her bag.

“What’s this?” Bella asked.

“You’re so nice to me, but I don’t have anything to offer you in return. This is a medicine which my grandfather developed. If you’re ever fatally wounded or poisoned, it can help you. You can use it on your wounds and you can also drink it,” Qiao Mei said.

“A cure for all kinds of poisons and illnesses. Is there really such a thing in the world?” Bella asked as she looked at the small green bottle in her hand.

“It’s not that amazing. It can just buy you more time to rush to the hospital. It’s not as magical as you describe,” Qiao Mei said embarrassedly.

If she had known that Bella would give her such a all-powerful badge, she would have prepared a bottle of 10,000-year-old ginseng juice for Bella. The 1,000-year-old ginseng juice could only heal wounds quickly and detoxify part of any poison.

Seeing that Bella was still hesitant, Qiao Mei immediately said, “It’s fine even if you don’t believe me! This is something passed down from my ancestors.

It’s normal for others to be skeptical.”

“I have full trust in whatever you give me. I’m just wondering where I should keep this thing,” Bella said.

“You can use a necklace and wear it like a pendant,” Qiao Mei said as she pointed at Bella’s unadorned neck.

After hesitating for a moment, Bella took a thin chain, wrapped it around the bottle a few times and wore it around her neck. She asked, “Does it look good like this?”

“Of course it looks good!” Qiao Mei looked at the time and said, “I have to go.

I’ll come and visit you again soon! You must think of me often!”

“Alright, you must let me know before you come the next time. I’ll bring you to have fun around the entire Sky City,” Bella said in a gentle tone.

“It’s a deal!” After saying that, Qiao Mei went back with Da Dong and Da Nan. Bella stood on the balcony and watched Qiao Mei until she completely disappeared from sight into the alley.

Jack walked up to Bella from behind her. He looked at her neck and teased, “That young lady must have some kind of charm to be able to make you wear a necklace.’

“Really? Maybe it’s because I want to wear one,” Bella said with a sigh.

Bella never wore a necklace. Her main concern was that in a fight, the enemy could grab her necklace and lock it tightly around her throat. Those few seconds could make the difference between life and death.

Qiao Mei went back to pack her things and then to the airport to take a flight back to the town. Her car in the airport parking lot was already very dusty, bearing testimony to how long she had been away.

“So you still know how to come back! Why don’t you just stay out and not come back!” Xia He said unhappily as she stood in the living room with an apron on and pointed at Qiao Mei.

“You sound like you’re scolding your husband for not coming home,” Qiao Mei said.

“If Deng Fan is like you! I’d have beaten him up long ago! I will break his legs! Make sure he can’t go out and fool around!” Xia He said agitatedly..

Chapter 1947: A Gift from Papa

Qiao Mei said a silent prayer for Deng Fan. Fortunately, Deng Fan was a person who was very focused on earning money and doing research. He did not have any bad habits and never went to any casual drinking sessions. Otherwise, he might already be a paraplegic at home.

“How’s the business at the farm recently?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Business is exceptionally good and the construction works have also been completed. Only the interior renovations aren’t done yet. I really wish that Deng Fan is here to help me. Just choosing the materials took me an entire day! What kind of style do you like? We can go and look at the furniture together,” Xia He said.

“There’s still half a month before school starts. I don’t want to waste my time on such renovation works. Do you want to go out and have fun with me?” Qiao Mei pulled Xia He aside and asked softly.

“Where are we going to have fun?” Xia He asked excitedly.

“Sky City,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia He knew that the largest casino in Country M was located there. She had long wanted to see what the casino looked like! Moreover, even though she had made a lot of money here, this was just a small town and the only thing that was advanced here was agriculture. There were not many luxury stores in the shopping malls and she had no place to spend her money.

“Alright! Let’s leave tomorrow!” Xia He said.

“I want to accompany the children for a few days first. We’ll leave after a while. It doesn’t take long to get to Sky City. Come to my room tonight, I have something to tell you,” Qiao Mei said mysteriously.

“Alright, whatever you say,” Xia He said happily.

Qiao Mei brought a big package to the children’s room. The three children were originally playing together, but Xia Xing started crying loudly the moment she saw Qiao Mei. Right on the heels of that, Xia Fan also started crying. The youngest Xia Yue did not know why his older siblings were crying, but since they were both crying, he also followed suit. It was a very chaotic situation.

“Oh no, my darlings! Mama is back! I’m sorry... Mama has been gone for a long time this time round. Do you miss me?” Qiao Mei said as she hugged the children with heartache.

“Mama!” Xia Xing wailed.

“Mama is here, Mama is here!” Qiao Mei said hurriedly.

After half an hour of cuddling, the children finally stopped crying. Qiao Mei then brought over the package she was carrying. It contained her gifts for the children.

“Xia Xing, look. What is this?” Qiao Mei took the teddy bear and placed it in front of Xia Xing and the girl hugged it happily. Although Xia Xing already had many teddy bears, she still liked it a lot.

“This is from Papa,” Xia Xing said in a crisp voice.

Qiao Mei looked at the teddy bear carefully, but she did not find any marks left behind by Xia Zhe. She looked at Xia Xing curiously and asked, “How do you know that this is from Papa?”

Xia Xing pointed at the moon on the teddy bear's neck and said, "Papa and I made a pact. Papa said that he would buy me a teddy bear with a moon on it."

Qiao Mei immediately realized that Xia Xing had a really good memory. It had been almost a year since Xia Zhe left for the mission. At that time, Xia Xing did not even know how to speak yet. It was surprising that she could remember what happened a year ago.

"Xia Xing is so smart. Then Xia Fan, can you guess what Papa bought for you?" Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Fan turned his head away coldly and did not say anything. Qiao Mei thought that Xia Fan was still angry at her for being away from home during this period of time. Even though he liked to act grown up, the way he looked at Qiao Mei's package from time to time betrayed his real feelings.

"Come and take a look at what this is- This is a miniature car from Papa- Take a look~ If you don't look, I'll take it away~" Qiao Mei held up the toy car and whispered into Xia Fan's ear.

Xia Fan happily took the toy car from Qiao Mei's hand and said, "I want it!" Qiao Mei reached out to tap the bridge of Xia Fan's nose and said dotingly, "Little imp, you even want to ignore Mama. Be careful that I tell Papa about this! I'll let him deal with all of you!"

"Hmph! Papa won't scold us!" Xia Fan said smugly.

These two children were really too smart. For a moment, Qiao Mei could not think of a way to deal with them.. She picked up a cute crocodile-shaped pacifier and said, "Yue Yue, look at the pacifier from Papa~"

Chapter 1948: Know How to Say "Thank You"

Xia Yue looked at the crocodile-shaped pacifier and immediately started crying loudly. Qiao Mei quickly hugged Xia Yue and asked, "What's wrong, my baby? Don't tell me you miss Papa?"

Xia Xing raised her head to look at Qiao Mei in disdain and said, "My younger brother doesn't like crocodiles."

Qiao Mei hurriedly put the crocodile-shaped pacifier into her pocket to hide it. She was not interested in why Xia Yue was crying now. Instead, she was curious about how Xia Xing knew about crocodiles.

“Baby, how do you know that this is a crocodile?” Qiao Mei asked.

“It’s written in a book. I don’t know how to read, but Grandma Wang told me about it. My younger brother cries whenever he sees the picture of the crocodile,” Xia Xing said slowly.

Qiao Mei had bought many textbooks for infants and young children back home a long time ago. She had waited for a long time for the books to be sent over, but during that period of time, she was so busy with the farm that she forgot all about this matter. It was likely that Auntie Wang had found the books and started to teach the children how to read by looking at the pictures.

When she was not around, the children had really grown up a lot both physically and mentally. Their thoughts had become more individualistic.

They were beginning to take on Qiao Mei’s tone and attitude more and more.

It was not Xia Zhe’s fault for buying the wrong gift. After all, she did not know that Xia Yue hated crocodiles either. She decided to buy another cute pacifier for Xia Yue when she went to Sky City this time,

“Then did you thank Grandma Wang?” Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Fan and Xia Xing were stunned for a moment before they shook their heads. Xia Yue did not know anything, so he shook his head along with his siblings.

“Why should we thank Grandma Wang? Grandma Wang said she’s just doing what she should do,” Xia Fan said.

Qiao Mei was a little unhappy. She frowned slightly and looked at the children as she asked, “Who do you think Grandma Wang is to you?”

“Grandma Wang told us that Mama hires her to take care of us. When I asked her what it meant to be hired, she said that Mama would give her a sum of money every month for her to take care of us,” Xia Xing said.

Qiao Mei nodded in understanding and asked, “Then do you still remember Grandma Feng and Grandma Xu at home?”

“I remember,” Xia Fan said.

“Grandma Wang and Grandma Cui are actually good friends with them. All of them have the same status in our family, so you have to respect them, do you understand? If Grandma Wang teaches you knowledge or takes care of you or helps you do something, what should you say to them?” Qiao Mei asked. Xia Fan and Xia Xing thought for a moment and said, “We have to say thank you.”

“Correct! You’re so smart. You have to thank everyone who helps you and teaches you. Can you remember that?” Qiao Mei reminded them again.

“Yes!” Xia Fan and Xia Xing immediately replied.

Qiao Mei turned to look at Xia Yue. Xia Yue looked back at Qiao Mei in confusion and finally made a sound of acknowledgement. Qiao Mei was so amused that she laughed loudly.

Just as Qiao Mei was packing her things to leave the room, Xia Xing suddenly grabbed the corner of Qiao Mei’s top and said, “Thank you for the gift, Papa and Mama.’

Xia Fan also thanked Qiao Mei solemnly. Qiao Mei was so touched that she almost teared up. She smiled and said, “Alright babies, Mama is going back to

work~ You play by yourselves~ Mama loves you.”

At night, Xia He went to Qiao Mei's room. At this moment, Qiao Mei was in front of the huge floor-to-ceiling windows, looking at the scenery outside. It had been a long time since she could sit down to admire the moon.

"I hope you didn't ask me to come here and admire the moon with you," Xia He asked as she sat down on the carpet next to Qiao Mei.

"Of course not. I just want to tell you that I've found Xia Zhe," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Are you joking with me? Have you really found Xia Zhe?" Xia He asked in shock.

She knew a little bit about Xia Zhe's mission. Before she left on this trip, Xia Wen had mentioned it to her. She had also been in the military for a period of time and knew how difficult and dangerous a secret mission was.

"Xia Zhe has already completed his mission and he will be back soon. We have to use different identities when we go to Sky City," Qiao Mei said.

"Yes, I understand. Then what's my identity?" Xia He asked as she looked at Qiao Mei solemnly.

Qiao Mei chuckled and said, "Don't be so nervous. The mission is already over. It's just that Xia Zhe needs to continue using his mission identity here, so our real identities can't get exposed as well. My surname is Pu when I'm there, so you have to use this surname too.."

Chapter 1949: Back to Sky City

"Pu? Then my name is... Pu Tian!" Xia He said proudly.

"It sounds like a boy's name," Qiao Mei said disdainfully.

"Then what should my name be?" Xia He looked at the things around her and suddenly thought of something. She said excitedly, "Then my name is Pu

“Sure, this name is not bad, but don’t let Mother know about it. Otherwise, she’ll definitely beat you up until you can’t get out of bed,” Qiao Mei said as she covered her mouth to stop smiling.

“Mother is so gentle, she won’t hit me! It’s decided then. My name is Pu Lan and you’re my younger sister. Your name is... What’s your name?” Xia He asked curiously.

“Pu Nan. Xia Zhe’s name over there is Fang Chen. Don’t forget that. Also, when I’m there, I’m his lover,” Qiao Mei said.

“I’ll remember everything! When I meet people, I’ll pretend to be mute! You can just introduce me! I know what I can and cannot say!” Xia He said.

Qiao Mei stared at Xia He and sized her up. No one would believe that she could act as a mute. Xia He was a talkative person who liked to uphold justice and had a bad temper. It would be very difficult for her to pretend to be mute.

Over the next few days, they signed a few long-term business contracts for the farm. After packing their bags, they set off for Sky City. This was Xia He’s first visit to Sky City. On the plane, she had imagined that Sky City was a

prosperous place. After all, the largest casino in Country M was located there, so the streets there must look very grand!

The moment Xia He got off the plane, her fantasy was completely shattered. This place was not even half as beautiful as their small town!

“Are you bringing me here to do charity work?” Xia He asked nervously.

“Of course not. The bustling part of this city is not here. Come, let’s go home first,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia He knew that Qiao Mei was talking about Xia Zhe's house here, so she did not say anything and just followed closely behind. Xia He looked at the people around her warily, keeping her hand on the gun. She knew very well that the people outside were staring at the two of them covetously.

"Miss Pu, welcome back. Who is this?" Da Nan asked as he looked at Xia He behind Qiao Mei.

"This is my elder sister, Pu Lan. She's here on a holiday with me. Let's go back to the villa in the suburbs first." After saying that, Qiao Mei led Xia He into the car.

After familiarizing herself with the surroundings, Xia He became curious about Sky City. There was a large map of Sky City in Xia Zhe's study and she took her time to look at it.

At night, Xia Zhe's helper cooked for them. Xia He handed Qiao Mei a list and said, "I want to go to these places. Can you bring me there?" "Sure, but I'm bringing you to the casino tonight," Qiao Mei said.

"Really!" Xia He said excitedly.

"Of course. Why would I lie to you? Eat fast! I'll bring you there after dinner!" Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei still wore the same riding suit as the last time. Xia He dressed normally in a simple lace shirt and a pair of trousers, and she looked quite dashing.

The two of them arrived at the entrance of the casino. This time, the process of going in was not as difficult as the last time. When the person at the door saw the badge on Qiao Mei's waist, he respectfully brought her into the casino. There was even a designated staff member to retrieve the chips for Qiao Mei.

"Does this place operate on a membership basis?" Xia He asked softly.

"Why do you say that? How does casino membership even work? Does it mean that the more you lose, the higher your membership level?" Qiao Mei asked with a smile.

“Then why are all of them so respectful to you? Can it be that Xia... Fang Chen has a very high status here?” Xia He asked.

“It’s partly because of him, but more importantly, it’s because I know the owner of this casino. She’s very nice to me, that’s why the people here act like this when they see me,” Qiao Mei said smugly.

“Then I have to cozy up to you!” Xia He said.

“No problem! Have fun as you please! We’re here tonight to seek pleasure!” Qiao Mei said happily.

Xia He did not know many games. The two of them played for a while at the blackjack table and then at the bridge table. In the end, they returned to Qiao Mei’s forte, Sic Bo.

“What are we betting on?” Xia He asked. She knew that Qiao Mei was very good at this game and she would not go wrong following Qiao Mei’s lead.

“You can bet on whatever you like. There’s no technique involved,” Qiao Mei said..

Chapter 1950: The Game Begins

“Then I’ll... bet big!” Xia He made a guess and placed the chips in her hand on the table. The dealer opened the dice cup. Unfortunately, Xia He did not make the right bet this time.

Xia He looked at Qiao Mei aggrievedly and said, “What should I do... I don’t think I can win... This game is much harder than poker!”

Qiao Mei smiled dotingly and said, “You still have so many chips. You can just play however you want. If you really lose, just leave me with 100 dollars worth of chips.”

Xia He trusted Qiao Mei’s skills a lot. After all, the last time Qiao Mei came home, she had brought back two suitcases full of money. They had not even spent all of it yet! Although she did not know how Qiao Mei did it, she was not afraid of losing so long as Qiao Mei was around!

The man beside Qiao Mei said mockingly to his female companion, "Look at these two ignorant women. They have good looks but no brains."

"Don't be angry~ The two of them don't know anything. They're not as capable as you as suræ" the man's female companion said obsequiously.

When Xia He heard this, she wanted to go forward and argue with him. Qiao Mei grabbed Xia He's hand and shook her head. This was Bella's territory and if there was a conflict, it would only make things difficult for Bella. It was not good to do bad things just because they were in Bella's favor. Besides, Qiao Mei did not know if this man had bodyguards, so they could not behave rashly.

"Let's continue playing," Qiao Mei said.

Xia He lost the next five rounds and the man won most of the chips. At this moment, the woman beside the man snuggled into his arms and said, "Young Master Shen is really amazingm "

"Hmph, of course!" Shen Zhou said proudly as he hugged the woman.

Qiao Mei tapped her fingertips on the table. After these few rounds, she had completely grasped an understanding of Shen Zhou's abilities and confirmed that he did not have any accomplices around.

She was going to teach Shen Zhou a lesson he would always remember. In the first round, Qiao Mei won 20,000 dollars, then in the second round, she won another 40,000 dollars. She did not lose any of the next few rounds and the amount of chips in front of Shen Zhou was reduced by more than half.

Xia He picked up a chip and smiled smugly at Shen Zhou. She said disdainfully, "I wonder who it was who said that he's extremely capable, but I think he's just so-so. After playing two more rounds, he probably won't even have much left."

"Bullsh*t! Who says I don't have money! Hey! Get me another 200,000 dollars!" Shen Zhou took out a check from his coat pocket and shouted at the waiter.

The waiter did as requested and facilitated an exchange for 200,000 dollars worth of chips. Qiao Mei had 100,000 dollars worth of chips in front of her. As expected, all of Shen Zhou's chips were soon in Qiao Mei's hands.

"Young Master Shen, I'd advise you not to play with people like us. It's easy to lose everything you have. The last person who gambled with me literally lost everything," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"The Shen family is also a prominent family in Sky City! How can I lose everything just because of a bet! This is just a typical amount which I spend in one day," Shen Zhou said as he pretended to be calm.

"Young Master Shen, you're so generous. You only have 10,000 dollars worth of chips now. If you don't go and exchange for more, I won't play the next round with you. Everyone is still waiting for Young Master Shen to place his bet!" Qiao Mei said.

After hesitating for a moment, Shen Zhou took out his last check for 200,000 dollars from his pocket and asked the waiter to exchange it for chips. This was all the money he had brought on this trip to Sky City and also all the cash in the Sky City branch office. If he lost this round, he would not even have a chance to make a comeback.

The Shen family's foundation in Sky City would also be shaken. At this time, it would be easy for someone to buy over the Shen family's company. However, Shen Zhou was a gambling addict. On a previous occasion, he had lost the Shen family's old residence to someone else. Shen Zhou's father had to put in a lot of effort to buy it back at three times the original price.

"I don't believe you can keep winning!" Shen Zhou said angrily.

"Come on, I'll bet big this time," Qiao Mei said as she pushed the 10,000-dollar chip onto the table.

Shen Zhou also followed with 10,000 dollars. This time, Shen Zhou was very "lucky" and he won.

Shen Zhou could not help but clap and cheer. He looked at Qiao Mei excitedly and said, "I told you that you won't keep winning! Let's see how much money you can take from me today!"

This time, Qiao Mei placed a bet of 50,000 dollars and Shen Zhou still won. After that, Qiao Mei placed a bet of 20,000 dollars each time and Shen Zhou won four rounds in a row..