

Fat Wife 1961

Chapter 1961: Family Heirloom

“Young lady, are you from around here? I don’t think I’ve seen you before,” Gao Lin asked.

There were not many people who could manage to survive in this country after coming from their home country and most of them were familiar with one another. If any family had such a beautiful daughter, they would have long bragged about it and would not have kept it a secret until now.

“We’re not from here. We’re here for a holiday,” Qiao Mei replied honestly.

“Then you’d better leave tomorrow. That person just now... he’s a very dangerous man! You must leave town as soon as possible! Otherwise, he’ll come looking for you! He’s probably investigating your background at this moment!” Gao Lin said nervously.

Xia He looked at Gao Lin in shock. They were just here for a holiday. How could they have encountered a baddie just like that? If she had known earlier, she would not have allowed Qiao Mei to buy this set of jewelry!

“Perhaps you shouldn’t buy it...” Xia He tugged at the corner of Qiao Mei’s top and whispered to her.

“It’s fine. Since I have already bought it, I’m not afraid that he will come looking for me,” Qiao Mei said firmly.

“It’s really not worth it to offend the richest man in Sky City for these few pieces of jewelry. I have also asked around just now and found out that that person is not to be trifled with!” Xia He said.

“That’s right, young lady. Your friend is right, but I really need the money. My grandson is still waiting for treatment in the hospital. If you really don’t want to keep the jewelry, you can sell it to Zhang Cheng! You can even ask for 10 million! He will definitely give it to you!” Gao Lin said determinedly.

He had already sold the jewelry to Qiao Mei. If it eventually ended up in Zhang Cheng's hands, then that meant it was fated to be. However, Gao Lin would feel better if it happened this way. Qiao Mei selling the jewelry to Zhang Cheng was different from him doing it. He did not want to let down his elder sister.

"If I say that the jewelry is going to be my family heirloom, then it will definitely be my family heirloom. Don't worry, Grandpa Gao," Qiao Mei said seriously as she looked into Gao Lin's eyes.

"Thank you... Thank you all..." Gao Lin said, feeling touched.

After hesitating for a while, Qiao Mei asked, "Grandpa Gao, can I ask for your sister's name?"

"I don't mind telling you. Her name is Gao Tao. The reason why Zhang Cheng is so insistent on buying this set of jewelry is because he used to be my sister's fiancé," Gao Lin said with a sigh.

Qiao Mei had really guessed correctly. The person in front of her was her grandmother's biological younger brother, and that Zhang Cheng was the man who hurt her grandmother back then and almost caused her to lose her life in the fire.

"Goodbye, Grandpa Gao. Have a safe trip. Your grandson will be fine," Qiao Mei said.

"Thank you." After saying that, Gao Lin drove to the bank to cash out the check from Qiao Mei. After that, he looked at the money bag on the front passenger seat and started to cry.

He did not expect the Gao family to be in such dire straits by the time he was the head of the family. If he had discovered Zhang Cheng's plan earlier, the Gao family might still have a chance of getting through this. Perhaps the Gao family might still be the richest family in Sky City now and his grandson would not be seriously ill in the hospital.

Unfortunately... this could only be a part of his imagination.

Sitting in the car on the way back, Qiao Mei hugged her bag with a great deal of satisfaction, but Xia He was not feeling so calm. Her mind was filled with what Gao Lin had just said. What should she do if

Zhang Cheng really wanted to target them? If he found out about the small town where they lived, the three children might be in danger!

“Why do you insist on buying this set of jewelry? What’s so special about it?” Xia He asked with a frown.

“I like it a lot. Besides, there are many stories about this set of jewelry. I’ll tell you about it later,” Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei definitely could not tell Xia He that this set of jewelry possessed superpowers. Even Xia Zhe did not know about this. When it was time to reveal the truth, she would just tell Xia He that this set of jewelry used to belong to her grandmother.

They did not return to the villa where they stayed earlier. Qiao Mei brought Xia He to a property near Xia Zhe’s office. Although the area of the place was only about 100 square meters and was not as comfortable as the big villa, at least it meant that Zhang Cheng could not find them for now. They would have to take one day at a time now.

Zhang Cheng was in a very bad mood. The people around him could feel his angst and no one dared to provoke him, afraid that they would lose their heads if they accidentally said something wrong.

Zhang Cheng got into his car and said to the bodyguard in front, “Let’s go home.’

“Sure,” the bodyguard replied..

Chapter 1962: Scheme Against Each Other

“Go and investigate the background of those two women. Get as much information as possible. Find out where they’re staying now and don’t leave out any details,” Zhang Cheng said sternly.

“Noted!” the bodyguard said.

After Zhang Cheng reached home, he locked himself in the study. If nothing went wrong, his bodyguards would come to see him in an hour with information about the two women. Since the jewelry was not in the hands of the Gao family now, he no longer had to be mindful about how he got a hold of it.

Anyone who stood in his way must die!

“Knock, knock, knock!”

There was a sudden knock on the door and Zhang Cheng said impatiently,

“Come in.”

A brightly dressed woman walked up to Zhang Cheng. This woman was heavily made up and smelled strongly of perfume. When Zhang Cheng saw her, his frown deepened. The woman leaned against the table and asked, “How’s the progress today? Did you manage to get the things?”

“No, someone else bought it,” Zhang Cheng said irritably.

“What? How can these things be in someone else’s hands! Who dares to snatch things from you in Sky City? Does that person have a death wish?” The woman’s voice went up a few octaves.

She was Liang Jin, Zhang Cheng’s wife and the eldest daughter of the Liang family’s eldest son. Considering the complicated family background, Qiao Mei might even need to address her as step-granddaughter.

“Why are you making so much noise! If you’re so capable, then you should go and snatch it back for me!” Zhang Cheng roared.

Liang Jin remained silent. Back then, she was the one who found out that this cufflink was quite magical. It seemed that this cufflink brought good luck to the wearer. If she wore it when she went to buy lottery tickets, she would always win a prize. It was originally part of a pair, but she had left Gao Tao’s bedroom in a hurry then and only managed to take one cufflink with her.

Since the other cufflink was missing, the cufflink was not as powerful as it should be. She would only win prizes if she touched the lottery tickets with the hand wearing the cufflink. If she used the other hand, she would not win anything.

Furthermore, Liang Jin discovered that this cufflink would choose its own owner! It would only unleash its maximum power in Zhang Cheng's hands. In her hands, it did not do much. The cufflink was the reason why Zhang Cheng could become the richest man in Sky City. If not for this cufflink, they might not have been able to survive until today.

If not for this, Liang Jin would not have refused to leave Zhang Cheng. Fortunately, she also held all Zhang Cheng's secrets in her hands. Even though Zhang Cheng had many mistresses, those women could never replace her as his wife.

However, she was irked by the existence of Zhang Cheng's illegitimate children. After Zhang Cheng died, those little brats would definitely come to fight for a share of his assets. These assets were the results of both their hard work! How could she allow it to fall into the hands of those little brats!

This was also why Liang Jin was so anxious to get the rest of Gao Tao's jewelry. As long as she had Gao Tao's jewelry, she would be able to get similar abilities as Zhang Cheng and then she could become very rich too! She would no longer have to be afraid that Zhang Cheng would plot against her behind her back.

"You... you're not lying to me, are you?" Liang Jin said as she looked into Zhang Cheng's eyes warily.

"Why would I lie to you?" Zhang Cheng asked.

"Hmph, haven't you lied to me so many times? Don't tell me you secretly hide Gao Tao's jewelry so that you can kick me out?" Liang Jin questioned.

Zhang Cheng took out a contract from the drawer and smacked it on the table. "If you want to question me, then why don't you go and find all the jewelry yourself? What do you expect me to do? Either you shut up or you can go and look for it yourself. According to this agreement, we each get one piece."

Liang Jin observed Zhang Cheng carefully and heaved a sigh of relief after confirming that he was not lying. As she walked out, she said, "Alright, I'll go and ask around now."

Even if she wanted to find out more information, that was a task for tomorrow. It was time to warm up some milk for her granddaughter. Ever since that kid from the Gao family fell ill, her granddaughter had been feeling down every day and had lost a lot of weight! Liang Jin's heart ached to see her like this.

This girl was Liang Jin's favorite granddaughter because of the close resemblance to her. Liang Jin always wanted to give this particular granddaughter the best things in life. As long as it was something that her granddaughter wanted, she would try her best to get it.

"Yao Yao, what are you doing? Get up and have a glass of milk first," Liang Jin said in a gentle tone with a glass of milk in her hand..

Chapter 1963: Special Medicine

"Grandma... will Gao Ming... will he come and take revenge on me? Can he still be saved this time round? What should I do if he dies?" Zhang Yao hid under the blanket with tears streaming down her face. She was like a frightened little rabbit, making one's heart ache for her.

"Don't worry. This matter has nothing to do with you. He brought it upon himself. What has it got to do with you?" Liang Jin sat by the bed and comforted the girl.

"But I'm his fiancée. If word gets out that I like someone else, how can I still get married in the future!" Zhang Yao said agitatedly.

"You're from the Zhang family, the famous Zhang family in Sky City. Who would dare to say anything about you?" Liang Jin said arrogantly.

"But..."

Before Zhang Yao could finish speaking, Liang Jin looked at her sternly and said, "There are no buts. Don't think about anything. These issues have nothing to do with you. Don't you want to meet that kid? I'll bring you to see him tomorrow."

"Really? Grandma, you're allowing me to meet Mike?" Zhang Yao sat up and asked Liang Jin excitedly.

"Of course," Liang Jin said dotingly.

When the Gao family and the Zhang family first came to Sky City, they got along well and lived near each other. Their grandchildren also grew up together. Liang Jin spent a lot of effort to get the Gao family to agree to Gao Ming and Zhang Yao getting engaged. From then on, she and Zhang Cheng started eyeing Gao Tao's jewelry.

If it proved difficult to eradicate the Gao family members, when Zhang Yao grew up and married into the Gao family, the jewelry would still fall into their hands. Unexpectedly, Zhang Yao did not like Gao Ming at all. She fell in love with a bum who played in a band. Gao Ming had persuaded Zhang Yao many times to turn back, but Zhang Yao was determined to be with that bum.

Liang Jin had long known about what was going on, but she had always indulged Zhang Yao. It was still their decision on who Zhang Yao would marry in the end. Moreover, at that time, the Gao family was no longer doing so well. If Zhang Yao would feel aggrieved to marry into the Gao family, then she might as well be with someone else.

Gao Ming had no choice but to tell Zhang Cheng and Liang Jin about this matter and ask them to help him. He had loved Zhang Yao deeply since he was young and did not want to see her with anyone else.

Unexpectedly, Gao Ming found out about the real scheme which Zhang Cheng and Liang Jin were plotting. The next day, Gao Ming was poisoned and sent to the hospital. It was announced that Gao Ming had committed suicide by drinking poison because of his relationship issues. Zhang Yao was so frightened by this news that she did not even dare to step out of the house.

Gao Lin knew very well that his grandson would not commit suicide and that there must be something fishy going on. However, Gao Ming was still unconscious and there was no way to investigate this matter. He could only wait for Gao Ming to wake up.

In the hospital, the doctors were all busy with their patients. Gao Ming had to sleep in a hospital bed in the corridor because he was owing medical fees. The doctor had already issued an ultimatum yesterday. If the family could not settle the medical fees, Gao Ming would not be able to stay in the hospital anymore.

“What a pitiful guy. He’s so handsome, but he actually committed suicide by taking poison,” a nurse looked at Gao Ming and said regretfully.

“That’s so true! Their family has not come in to make payment for almost a week. The balance in his account is only enough for the glucose drip. If they can’t afford the special medicine, he might not be able to live past the next two weeks,” another nurse said.

“Look at his grandfather’s full head of white hair. He looks so pitiful. I remember that the old man’s children have also passed away,” the first nurse said.

“Really? How did they die?” another nurse asked.

“I think it was a car accident. The two people stopped breathing before they reached the hospital. It’s so sad for one to have to bury one’s own children,” the nurse said.

“Sigh... I wonder what’s going on with their family...” another nurse said with a

Gao Lin rushed into the hospital with the money bag. He grabbed the nurse’s hand and shouted, “I have money! I have money! Save my grandson! Give him the special medicine to detoxify the poison!”

“Alright, alright, alright. Come and get the paperwork done first,” the nurse said quickly.

The poison in Gao Ming’s body was very strange. Even the doctors could not explain what was going on. The poison could not be completely removed in one go. He had to get three injections of special medicine every week, at the cost of 30,000 dollars per injection.

The 250,000 dollars which he had was only enough for eight injections to keep Gao Ming alive for three weeks.

As long as Gao Ming could stay alive, Gao Lin was even willing to sell his kidneys, his blood or even use his life in exchange for Gao Mings life. He had tried to do all these, but he was really too old. No one in the black market wanted his organs or blood..

Chapter 1964: Only Know the Name

After the paperwork was done, the doctor went to arrange the special medicine for Gao Ming. In a secluded room, another doctor injected saline into an empty bottle with trembling hands. The label on the empty bottle stated "Special Medicine".

He was forced into doing it. If he did not do as that person asked, his entire life would be ruined! Those things he did back in the past would be made public! He still had a cute daughter to take care of and he wanted to ensure that his daughter grew up happily and healthily.

That doctor forced himself to look calm as he pushed the medical equipment to Gao Mings ward. After payment was made, Gao Ming was already sent back to the ward.

"Doctor, when will my grandson wake up?" Gao Ming asked the doctor nervously.

"That depends on the condition of the patient's body as well as his willpower. This poison is very strange. We're all working hard to save him. The family should continue to raise more money. By the end of next week, the fees will be due again," the doctor said.

"I understand. Doctor, give my grandson the injection first!" Gao Lin said wearily.

The doctor refilled the "special medicine" into Gao Mings intravenous medicine bottle. The doctor felt very guilty towards Gao Ming and did not stay long in the ward, leaving behind the helpless figures of the grandfather and grandson.

The next morning, the Zhang family was in a mess. Zhang Cheng had lost his temper and smashed up the entire study.

With both Bella and Xia Zhe having made arrangements for people to protect Qiao Mei in Sky City, no matter how powerful the Zhang family was, they still encountered many obstacles during their investigation. Zhang Cheng's bodyguards only managed to find out Qiao Mei's name and nothing else.

"Trash! A bunch of trash! What do I need you for! One night is a lot of time!

You only get me a name! I can know that by looking at the auction guest list!" Zhang Cheng swept everything off the desk angrily and scolded loudly.

"We... we have really tried our best... During the investigation, we met with a lot of intervention and we were even attacked," the bodyguard said timidly.

"Attack? Who has the guts to attack my people? Do you know who?" Zhang Cheng asked.

"It's Bella from the casino," the bodyguard said frankly.

Bella? Why would Bella help this little girl? What kind of charm did this little girl have that Bella would take the initiative to protect her?

Although Zhang Cheng's subordinates were well-trained, they were no match for Bella's assassins. If Bella wanted to completely destroy the Zhang family, Zhang Cheng would not be able to fight back at all.

Zhang Cheng fell into deep thought. His original plan was to find Qiao Mei and snatch the things from her hands, but now it seemed that he had to plan it out more thoroughly.

"Alright, I get it. Go and continue to investigate their whereabouts," Zhang Cheng said as he waved his hand impatiently.

Liang Jin looked at the disheveled bodyguard and walked into the study pompously. She looked at the piece of paper on the floor and said, "Pu Nan?"

This must be the name of the girl from the auction."

"Why? Do you know her?" Zhang Cheng asked disdainfully.

"I'm Mrs. Zhang after all. I still have some say in the circle of rich wives. I'm going out with Yao Yao. I'll help you think of a way to get the jewelry," Liang Jin said.

"Don't alert the enemy," Zhang Cheng said.

"Just you wait and see." After saying that, Liang Jin went out with Zhang Yao. They headed to the mall first to buy clothes and jewelry. During this period of time, Zhang Yao had been cooped up at home all day and needed to get some accessories to dress up.

As she looked at her own dolled up reflection in the mirror, Zhang Yao felt much better. At the thought that she would be able to see Mike in a while, her mood became even better.

"Grandma, you should buy one too. I think this necklace suits you a lot,"

Zhang Yao said as she pointed at the jewelry in the cabinet. Just as Liang Jin turned around to look, she caught sight of a familiar figure.

Coincidentally, Qiao Mei and Xia He were also at this shopping mall. When they walked by the jewelry shop, Liang Jin ignored Zhang Yao's shouts and rushed out of the door to take a closer look at Qiao Mei.

"You... the resemblance... the resemblance is too much..." Liang Jin stood in front of Qiao Mei and muttered to herself.

"Is anything the matter?" Qiao Mei did not immediately recognize the person in front of her.

Zhang Yao hurriedly ran up to Liang Jin and said, "Grandma, why did you run out suddenly? Who is this? Do you know her?"

Chapter 1965: Gao Tao Resurrected

All this while, whenever she was free, Qiao Mei would take out the old photos and stare at the people inside. She wanted to remember the faces of all those people who hurt Gao Tao. The moment Qiao Mei saw Zhang Yao, she knew who it was standing in front of her. That was the eldest daughter of the Liang family, Liang Jin. She was the one standing next to Gao Tao in the photo and was the person who had betrayed Gao Tao.

Qiao Mei knew very well why Liang Jin was in such a state now. Although Qiao

Mei resembled Li Gui, she also looked like Gao Tao. Even Qiao Qiang said that Qiao Mei's temperament and disposition reminded him of Gao Tao from back then.

Qiao Mei smiled at Liang Jin in the same way that Gao Tao smiled in the photo, making her feel as if Gao Tao was looking at her. In the end, Liang Jin fainted before managing to speak.

"Grandma! Grandma, what's wrong! Someone! Help! What did you do! Why did my grandmother faint after seeing you?" Zhang Yao said furiously.

"Me? I'm still curious about why your grandmother suddenly blocked my way," Qiao Mei said.

Xia He grabbed Qiao Mei and wanted to leave, but Zhang Yao held on to Qiao

Mei and questioned her. "You can't leave! What's your name!"

"Pu Nan. But shouldn't your priority be to bring your grandmother to the hospital first?" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Zhang Yao let go of Qiao Mei's arm. Not long after, the ambulance arrived to send Liang Jin to the hospital. On the way, Liang Jin woke up. The first thing she said when she opened her eyes was, "Gao Tao! Where's Gao Tao?"

"Grandma, we're in the ambulance! Why are you calling Gao Mings grandaunt's name? Isn't she already dead?" Zhang Yao asked curiously.

"Let's go home! I want to go home! I want to get down!" Liang Jin struggled with all her might and the paramedics had to inject her with some sedatives. At the hospital, they did a full-body checkup for Liang Jin to make sure that she was fine before letting her leave.

Once Liang Jin reached home, she rushed into Zhang Chengs bedroom. At this moment, Zhang Cheng was saying sweet nothings to his mistress. Usually, Liang Jin would not disturb them at this hour.

"You crazy woman, what's wrong with you? Why are you barging in at this hour!" Zhang Cheng roared.

Liang Jin grabbed Zhang Chengs arm tightly and said, "Gao Tao! Gao Tao is back! "

"Nonsense! Gao Tao died a long time ago!" Zhang Cheng said fearfully.

Although they would always mention Gao Tao's name in front of the Gao family so as to make the Gao family feel closer to them, the two of them would never talk about Gao Tao in private. This name could ruin everything for them.

"I saw her! I really saw her! That person looks too much like her! Moreover, Yao Yao told me that the person's name is Pu Nan! It's that girl from the auction yesterday!" Liang Jin said agitatedly.

Everything made sense now. No wonder Gao Lin was willing to sell the jewelry to Qiao Mei and no wonder that girl would bid against him so uncharacteristically . She was Gao Tao's descendant!

However, Gao Tao died in that incident, did she not? Could it be that Gao Tao had escaped from the fire back then and gone somewhere else to get married and have children.

"I hear you. We'll talk about this later," Zhang Cheng said.

"What are you waiting for! Hurry up and get her!" Liang Jin shouted.

"Do you think I don't want to get her? Do you know who's protecting her now! If I harm her, our entire family will die!" Zhang Cheng said.

"Then... then what should we do... She definitely knows what happened back then. Gao Tao must have told her everything. She's here to take revenge! She's here to look for us! The fact that she chased us all the way here from our home country means that she's not that simple! What should we do! Hurry up and think of a way!" Liang Jin said.

Zhang Cheng told his bodyguards to go and keep an eye on Gao Lin and Gao

Ming and to report back immediately if there was any sign of trouble. If Qiao

Mei was really Gao Tao's descendant, she definitely would not stand by if Gao Lin ran into any difficulties. She would definitely find an opportunity to acknowledge Gao Lin.

Qiao Mei and Xia He did not stay in the shopping mall for too long. They bought some daily necessities and went home. After Xia He reached home, she started to pace around the house, unable to feel calm.

"Elder Sister, stop walking around in circles. You're making me dizzy," Qiao Mei said.

"I still think that this place is not safe. Why don't we go back to the small town? At least we are surrounded by our own people there! There's also Luo Yu and Luo Hui to protect us," Xia He said.

"It's going to be the same wherever we go. Don't worry, I have my own plans,"

Qiao Mei said calmly..

Chapter 1966: Police Search

"I keep feeling that there is something wrong with that person today. Did she faint in front of you on purpose? Maybe she wants to extort money from us!" Xia He asked.

"It doesn't look like it. I think she really fainted. Her eyes didn't even flutter when the ambulance arrived," Qiao Mei replied earnestly. Liang Jin definitely did not expect to run into Qiao Mei, but it was good that they bumped into each other. This way, it would cause Zhang Cheng and Liang Jin to have nightmares every night.

"Let's rest early. I don't want to think about those annoying things," Xia He said.

Early the next morning, there was a loud pounding on the main door and it went on for a long time. If whoever did that used a bit more strength, the door might even be kicked open. The neighbors opened their doors and watched the commotion quietly. Although they were also very afraid, they could not resist the urge to watch the drama.

"What's going on?" Xia He quickly went to Qiao Mei's room and asked warily.

"I'm not sure. Let's take a look first," Qiao Mei said as she picked up the coat next to the bed and put it on.

"You can't go! We don't know how many people there are outside and the bodyguards are not here. If there's a conflict, we won't be able to fight back at all. Furthermore, we're on the 10th floor! We'll fall to our deaths if we jump down! Let's contact the bodyguards and ask them to come over first," Xia He said.

Xia Zhe had bought this house because it was located in an exclusive neighborhood and the main draw was the strict security checks. One had to bring a card to enter and exit the neighborhood. This was to ensure that the people entering and exiting the property were all residents.

Whoever could make it to Qiao Mei's front door were either her neighbors or people who had entered after going through the formal procedures. No assassin would choose to kill someone in the daytime.

"It'll be too late by the time they get here. The people outside shouldn't be too much of a threat. I'll go take a look," Qiao Mei said as she patted Xia He's shoulder.

When she reached the door, the first thing she did was to look through the peephole on the door. In this era, one could only see blurry images from the peephole. Qiao Mei could only sense that there were more than three people outside the door.

Xia He hurriedly ran into the kitchen to pick up a kitchen knife. If anyone rushed into the house later with the intention to hurt them, she could still stall for time for Qiao Mei to escape.

"Who is it!" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"Police! We're here on official business. Open the door immediately and cooperate with the investigation!" a police officer outside the door shouted.

Qiao Mei opened the door slowly. There were more than 10 people in police uniforms standing outside the door. Before Qiao Mei could say anything, the police officers entered the house and started searching.

Xia He quickly held up the kitchen knife and said to the police officers, "Don't mess around! Prove that what you say is true! Where are your identification documents!"

The police officers in the house did not stop what they were doing. They continued to rummage through the house, completely ignoring Xia He's questions. They even broke a priceless vase and the antique porcelain plates.

The police chief held up his work pass and looked at Qiao Mei as he said, "Recently, there have been hardcore criminals running rampant in the vicinity and we have had our eyes on them for a long time. We received a report that there has been strange activities in your house so we're here to check if they have hidden anything here."

“Then you should at least have a search warrant!” Xia He said.

When the police chief heard what Xia He said, he smiled mockingly. Since when did they need any search warrant to do anything? In Sky City, they could do whatever they wanted. No matter where they wanted to conduct a search, the people there had to cooperate fully. If anyone resisted, it would be

considered an assault on a police officer. That was a very serious offense.

There was an old gentleman standing behind the police chief. He was dressed up very nicely, but he did not look like a rich man. Instead, he looked more like the butler of a rich man.

The butler looked at Qiao Mei with a genial expression. Qiao Mei vaguely remembered that this person was the one standing next to Zhang Cheng during the auction. His name seemed to be Zhang Ping.

“You said you received a report. Can you show me the evidence?” Qiao Mei asked.

“The person who reported it sent the letter anonymously. We’re just following our normal procedure. You have no right to ask about our internal process,” the police chief said.

“Nonsense! There is no man in our house!” Xia He said agitatedly.

Qiao Mei hurriedly stopped Xia He from talking and stared intently at Zhang Ping. It seemed that she had underestimated her enemy this time. She had thought that the Zhang family would retreat in the face of difficulties and would come and invite her to Zhang Cheng's villa to discuss the issue of the jewelry.

She did not expect the Zhang family to be in cahoots with the police. Then again, the Zhang family had been active in Sky City for many years and had amassed a lot of financial resources and connections..

Although Xia Zhe had a certain amount of influence in Sky City, he had only been active here for a short period of time and did not have a strong foundation yet. The police did not think much of Xia Zhe at all. With the backing of the Zhang family, the police had been doing whatever they wanted in Sky City for many years. The two sides had been in cahoots for a long time.

"Tell me, what do you want?" Qiao Mei said as she looked at Zhang Ping calmly.

"Miss Pu, you must be joking. We're just working with the police," Zhang Ping said.

"There is a lot of suspicious stuff in this house. We're going to seal it off as a crime scene! The two of you should leave now!" the police chief said.

At this point, Qiao Mei knew that if she did not move out of the house today, the police and the Zhang family would not give up. They had even come up with the reason to seize the house. If Qiao Mei and Xia He did not cooperate, it would be tantamount to obstruction of justice and they could even be arrested.

The Zhang family wanted to force her into a corner, or rather, to put her through mental stress so that she would hand over the jewelry obediently. The police were here to conduct a search so as to find out if Qiao Mei had brought the jewelry along with her. This was to help the Zhang family establish the location of the jewelry.

There was nothing of value in this house. Xia He and Qiao Mei had left all their documents at Xia Zhe's villa. Although Qiao Mei and Xia He had spent a lot of money to create their fake identities, if the police really wanted to dig into this issue, they would not be able to explain their way out of it and might even expose Xia Zhe's true identity.

"Let's go," Qiao Mei said solemnly.

Before Qiao Mei left, she stared fixedly at Zhang Ping who was still standing at the door. She would remember this affront and would definitely demand an explanation from the Zhang family in the future.

Qiao Mei and Xia He stood downstairs and waited to hail a ride. After waiting for a long time, they suddenly realized that they had not seen a single car pass by since they came down.

"Don't tell me they set up a roadblock!" Xia He said furiously. The source of this content is N-ov3ln.e.x.t.

"Probably. I'll get Da Dong or one of the guys to pick us up." Qiao Mei went to a shop nearby and made a call to the bodyguards. Once Da Dong heard about what happened, he set off immediately with all the other bodyguards. He even called for more bodyguards from the headquarters to come and lend support to them.

By the time they arrived in front of Qiao Mei, the police officers and Zhang Ping had also come downstairs. Both sides stood at their corners and neither group made a move to leave. Neither side made any impulsive moves.

"Didn't you tell me that this young lady isn't very powerful? Then where did she get so many bodyguards?" the police chief questioned.

"She's just an ordinary person, only a mistress. Those bodyguards must be people she just hired. You're the police chief, why are you so timid? The Zhang family has treated you well. Don't forget our friendship," Zhang Ping said with a smile.

"Friendship? It's all business between us. Don't make it sound so nice," the police chief said disdainfully.

"Even if it's just business, we're all bound together. Old Mr. Zhang will give you a generous reward for what you did today. Don't worry," Zhang Ping said.

Da Dong stood in front of Qiao Mei and asked softly, "Do you want us to attack?"

"Don't cause trouble. Now is not the time to fight them. Let's go first. After saying that, Qiao Mei got into the car with Xia He following closely behind. Before getting into the car, Qiao Mei flashed the gold badge on her waist in the direction of the police chief. The police chief was so frightened by the sight that he stood rooted to the spot and did not even dare to breathe.

The police chief grabbed Zhang Ping by the collar and questioned him, "What is that! Why didn't you tell me that they are related to that demoness, Bella?"

"Calm down. That young lady is just bluffing. If she's really related to Bella, we would have heard about a higher body count by now. You've worked in Sky City for so many years, have you ever seen a gold badge? It must be a fake," Zhang Ping said by way of comfort.

They had only seen a silver badge once in all these years. Bella and her team kept a very low profile and those people with badges also did not behave ostentatiously. Or rather, anyone who had ever seen the badges were all silenced in the end.

"You better be telling the truth!" the police chief said through gritted teeth.

Qiao Mei and Xia He returned to the villa and went back to their rooms to rest. Too many things had happened recently and the two of them had not slept well. Since the Zhang family had come out to declare war on them, there was no need for them to hide anymore.

Da Dong and the others stood guard at various corners downstairs. They even planted many secret sentries in the neighborhood. As soon as there was any movement, they would immediately be on high alert.

Chapter 1968: Leaving Sky City

Before Xia Zhe left, he had specially instructed the bodyguards that when he was not around, Qiao Mei was the head of the house. Qiao Mei's commands were akin to his commands. To them, he was indirectly acknowledging Qiao Mei as their lady boss!

For the sake of Xia Zhe's happiness in the future, they vowed to protect Qiao Mei well. They could not let their boss come back from his business trip to find out that the lady boss was missing. If that happened, the few of them would not be able to bear the consequences of their failure!

Da Nan had specially gone to check on the situation outside and to find out about what the Zhang family had been doing. He also investigated all the people who were related to the Zhang family. The information he obtained contained detailed records of how the Zhang family became rich and who the

Zhang family had offended over the years. Da Nan spent a lot of money to get the information from a private investigator.

However, it was very likely that the information had already been tampered with. After all, the Zhang family was very powerful now. In recent years, many people had also secretly investigated the Zhang family's background but in the end, these people either met with trouble in their families or ended up pledging allegiance to the Zhang family. There were no exceptions at all.

After Qiao Mei woke up, she went to retrieve the necklace and ring. She observed the two items carefully but did not seem to feel anything special from them. Although there was energy inside them, they did not really respond to Qiao Mei, as if they did not want to communicate with her.

Qiao Mei felt that she had probably approached them in the wrong way and that she needed to study them in detail. She decided to hide the jewelry for now. She definitely could not keep such precious things at home. There would be trouble if the Zhang family asked the police to come here and conduct another search.

She threw the jewelry box out of the window and the vines on the ground immediately caught the box. Not long after, these vines wrapped around the jewelry box and burrowed into the ground. It was no longer visible and there were no traces on the surface.

"Knock, knock, knock." Someone knocked on Qiao Mei's door.

"Come in," Qiao Mei said as she sat in the rocking chair by the window.

lightsnovel "My brother really knows you very well. There's a rocking chair for you in every room," Xia He said helplessly after closing the door.

"Yes, he had prepared all these before I came here. What's up?" Qiao Mei asked.lightsnovel

"When I went downstairs just now, Da Nan handed me a document and asked me to pass it to you. I have to do my job, don't I?" Xia He said resignedly.

Qiao Mei opened the document bag. It was filled with photos and information about the Zhang family, but Qiao Mei was not interested in any of those. She spotted a group photo of the Zhang family and the Gao family. Looking at the date, the photo was taken when they first arrived at Country M. At that time, Gao Lin and Zhang Cheng were both still very young. In the blink of an eye, decades had passed and the situation between the two families was completely different now.

“Elder Sister, do you think you can go home and help me take care of the children?” Qiao Mei asked awkwardly.

“Sure, I’m also a little worried about the children. I had wanted to talk to you about this yesterday,” Xia He said.

In fact, Qiao Mei also wanted to return to the children’s side, but there were still so many things to settle in Sky City and she could not leave yet. There were still too many unknowns when it came to the Gao family.

She did not expect to have to send Xia He home early after agreeing to bring her to Sky City for a holiday. As she thought about it, she felt a little apologetic towards Xia He.

“Don’t let your imagination run wild. We have a lot of time to have fun later. The most important thing now is to protect yourself well! Don’t let me worry about you,” Xia He reminded her.

“I know. Don’t worry,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

That night, Qiao Mei instructed Da Dong to send Xia He to the airport and to make sure that she boarded the plane safely before coming back. The next day, Qiao Mei asked Da Nan to find out the Gao family’s address and the hospital where Gao Ming was admitted.

Late at night, Qiao Mei quietly opened the window when no one was paying attention and slowly climbed down using the vines. When she reached the ground, the vines turned to ashes and dissipated with the wind.

Xia Zhe owned another house near here, but he did not fit it out after buying it. He only parked two cars there so that he could bypass the bodyguards at home when he went on missions at night. Before Xia Zhe left, he handed the two sets of car keys to Qiao Mei so that she could use them as she pleased.

Qiao Mei drove to the Zhang family's villa on her own. The Zhang family's villa was located on a mountain and they had even bought the entire mountain. She would make too much noise if she drove up the mountain. Therefore, she went to the back of the mountain and used the vines to transport her to the mountain top..

Chapter 1969: Steal the Cufflink

At this moment, Zhang Cheng was resting in bed. Recently, the whole issue with Qiao Mei and the jewelry had caused him sleepless nights. He kept dreaming about those days when he was with Gao Tao. Sometimes, he would even dream that Gao Tao had come back to take his life.

He had chased away all his mistresses. He and Liang Jin kept separate bedrooms and the two of them had not slept on the same bed for a long time. If not for the matter with Gao Tao, neither one of them would want to continue living with the other for so many years.

Qiao Mei avoided all the areas with guards and used the vines to make her way to Zhang Cheng's bedroom window. She gently blew some highly concentrated datura powder inside, causing Zhang Cheng to become unconscious for a short while. After confirming that Zhang Cheng would not be regaining consciousness anytime soon, Qiao Mei slowly used the vines to pin down Zhang Cheng and then remove the cufflink from his clothes.

Zhang Cheng was very protective of the cufflink and wore it even when he was sleeping. Even when he took a shower, he would set it down in his line of sight. He had done so for many years.

He suddenly felt that there was something pressing down on him and he began to have trouble breathing. He thought it felt like there was a ghost pressing on him. He could clearly feel that someone had removed his cufflink, but he could not open his eyes to see it for himself.

After Qiao Mei succeeded, she left very quickly. The vines on Zhang Cheng's body slowly slithered away and disappeared without a trace. Not long after, Zhang Cheng woke up. He instinctively reached out for his cufflink and suddenly realized that it was really gone! That was not a dream just now! It was real!

“Men! Men!” Zhang Cheng shouted wildly as if he had gone crazy.

Zhang Ping rushed into Zhang Cheng's house with his men. He switched on all the lights in the room but did not see anyone. He knew very well that Zhang Cheng had been plagued by nightmares recently. Perhaps he had just woken up from one.

“Old Master, did you have another nightmare?” Zhang Ping asked tentatively.

“No! Someone came in just now! Go and check now! Someone came into my room!” Zhang Cheng shouted agitatedly.

Zhang Ping immediately went to check the window to see if there were any signs of forced entry. However, the window was properly closed, in the same way that he had done every night. Just now, he had been standing outside the bedroom door, so no one could have entered Zhang Cheng's room from there.

“Old Master, take a sip of water and calm down. No one has come into the house today,” Zhang Ping said calmly as he held out a teacup.

Zhang Cheng grabbed the teacup and threw it to the floor as he scolded loudly, “I have lost my cufflink! Someone took my cufflink! I saw it with my own eyes! Look at the marks on my body where he strangled me! Go and look for him! What a bunch of useless people! Go now!”

Zhang Ping raised his head and looked at Zhang Cheng. There were no signs of any swelling or wounds. The only thing was that his pajamas looked a little wrinkled, but the cufflink was really gone. He did not want to keep refuting Zhang Cheng. Perhaps Zhang Cheng was so frightened by his nightmare that he could not distinguish between reality and dream.

Qiao Mei had made sure that she blew the exact amount of datura powder to work just long enough for the red marks caused by the vines to disappear. No matter how Zhang Cheng described the incident, no one would believe him.

Zhang Ping asked all the men to search for the cufflink in every corner of the house. He was sure that Zhang Cheng had dropped them somewhere. He knew that this cufflink was very important to Zhang Cheng.

“Search thoroughly! Don’t miss any corner!” Zhang Ping said.

The entire Zhang family was in an uproar. By now, Qiao Mei had already returned to the villa. After she reached home, she looked at the cufflink under the moonlight. She could feel that there was a lot of energy in this cufflink, but it just could not resonate with her. Could this thing have sworn allegiance to its owner? Was there any way to remove the allegiance?

She infused her energy into it and also tried to use the other jewelry to communicate with it. Qiao Mei even smeared her blood on the cufflink. Although there was a weak reaction, there still seemed to be an obstruction. It was getting very late, so Qiao Mei kept away the jewelry, making sure to use separate hiding places for the cufflink and the set with the necklace and ring. If the Zhang family came looking for her, she had her own way to deal with them.

The next morning, Da Nan brought her the information about the Gao family. It was just as Qiao Mei had guessed. Gao Lin and Gao Ming were both at the hospital now. Gao Lin had two sons. One was Gao Mings father, Gao Ning, who died in a car accident. The other son, Gao Long, had injured his nervous system in the same car accident and had completely lost all feeling in his lower body. He was still recuperating at home and they had hired a helper to take care of him.

“Send me there,” Qiao Mei said with a sigh..

Chapter 1970: Acknowledge Each Other

The four bodyguards sent Qiao Mei to the hospital together. They waited downstairs and she entered the hospital alone. She asked a nurse for directions and soon arrived at Gao Mings ward. In the room, other than Gao Lin, Gao Long had also come by to visit Gao Ming. Their weathered faces were filled with fatigue.

“Grandpa Gao, I’m here for a visit,” Qiao Mei said with a smile as she pushed open the ward door.

Gao Lin was very surprised to see Qiao Mei. He did not expect her to come and visit them at this hour, neither did he expect her to still remember them.

“Why are you here?” Gao Lin asked with a smile.

“I heard that you sold the jewelry because someone in your family is sick. I’m worried that the money is not enough, so I have come by today to see if there is anything I can help with,” Qiao Mei said.

“Miss, you have a kind heart, but we don’t need any help anymore.” Gao Lin looked at Gao Ming on the bed and sobbed as he continued, “The special medicine we paid for is useless. My grandson can’t be saved.”

“Even the special medicine is useless? What illness does he have?” Qiao Mei asked.

“He was poisoned. The doctor says that this poison is very deadly, but... we have done everything we can, yet we still can’t save his life. Sigh... we’ve already given up,” Gao Lin said.

Qiao Mei walked over to Gao Mings bedside and observed his facial features.

The two of them did not share any common features. Perhaps it was because Gao Tao and Gao Lin were not identical twins, so there were fewer similarities. She did not know if she could get a DNA test done for Gao Lin and her.

Qiao Mei sat at the side and asked tactfully, “Grandpa Gao, I remember you saying that you have an elder sister named Gao Tao, right?”

Gao Lin's eyes lit up. He looked at Qiao Mei in surprise and asked, "Yes! I have an elder sister! Why are you interested in her?"

He was already feeling very happy that this little girl, who looked like his elder sister, had come to look for him. In the event that his elder sister was still alive, his family might be able to finally reunite.

"Then do you know if your elder sister has any special characteristics? Like birthmarks, scars or something similar," Qiao Mei asked.

"Let me think... There's a birthmark on my sister's back! It looks like a wine bottle! It's located near her left shoulder!" Gao Lin said.

Qiao Mei had heard Qiao Qiang talk about Gao Tao many times. Gao Tao indeed had a bottle-shaped birthmark on her body. It seemed that the person in front of her was really her grandmothers relative.

Before Qiao Mei could reply, Gao Lin stood up excitedly and asked her in a trembling voice, "What... what's your relationship with my elder sister?" "Gao Tao is my grandmother," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

As soon as she finished speaking, two voices could be heard at the same time.

"Really?" Gao Lin asked excitedly.

"What!" Zhang Cheng's voice came from behind Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei turned around and saw Zhang Cheng's twisted face. She immediately had a bad feeling about this, but then again, she had already expected Zhang Cheng to come to the hospital today.

"No wonder, no wonder you fight with me for Gao Tao's jewelry! No wonder you behave so strangely! Well done! So you're Gao Tao's descendant!" Zhang Cheng pointed at Qiao Mei and said furiously.

Gao Lin quickly stood in front of Qiao Mei and looked at Zhang Cheng, saying, “Why are you here now! ”

Zhang Cheng ignored Gao Lin’s question. He stared intently at Qiao Mei and continued, “You must have taken my cufflink! It must be you! Give me back my cufflink! ”

“What cufflink? Old Mr. Zhang, what are you talking about?” Qiao Mei said as if she did not know anything.

“Hmph, stop pretending! You must have taken my cufflink! You must know about the cufflink! You definitely know! Hurry up and hand over all the jewelry! All of them!” Zhang Cheng shouted like a lunatic.

Ever since he lost his cufflink last night, there had been news from the office early this morning that many of his business partners had called off their collaborations. The company had already lost nearly 2 million dollars in orders. All this had happened because the cufflink had gone missing, bringing with it his good luck. He must find the cufflink as soon as possible!

He had come to the hospital today to find out if someone from the Gao family had stolen his things, but he did not expect to gain some unexpected news.. He did not expect Gao Tao to have survived! She even had descendants!