

Fat Wife 2031

Chapter 2031: Running Into a Jinx

“Shoo, shoo, shoo! What can you do in Country M! Don’t cause trouble for Qiao Mei! You’re illiterate and you can’t speak a foreign language. If you go there, does that mean Qiao Mei has to take care of you?” Wang Fang said as she looked at Chi Ze in disdain.

“My martial arts skills are not much worse than Luo Yu’s! I can also protect Qiao Mei!” Chi Ze said proudly.

“Alright, alright! Don’t argue. All of you will get a chance! Let’s go to Country M for a holiday in the future, alright?” Qiao Mei said.

“Sure!” everyone said in unison.

The next morning, Qiao Mei brought along the relevant documents and went to look for Xia Wen to discuss the matter of registering her brand and patent. She opened the door to his office carefully. After confirming that there was no one else in the room, she walked in with a sense of relief.

“Why are you entering my room like a thief?” Xia Wen smiled helplessly.

“I’m just scared that Shi Rui is pestering you here again. I don’t want to see her,” Qiao Mei said disdainfully.

“Tell me, what do you have in mind this time?” Xia Wen asked.

Qiao Mei briefly explained her idea to Xia Wen. As of now, such a scheme had not been implemented yet, but many people had already written letters to the government, asking them to make improvements to the current policy.

“I have been thinking about these things indeed. Your idea is not bad. I’ll put it up as soon as possible and give you an answer within three days. Leave the documents and information with me and I’ll send them back to you when it’s done,” Xia Wen said.

"I just know that Eldest Brother will definitely help me!" Qiao Mei said happily.

"I heard from my professor that you rejected the offer to continue with your studies at Capital University. He even persuaded me to ask you to reconsider your decision. Do you already have something else in mind?" Xia Wen asked as he looked at Qiao Mei curiously.

It was very rare to get an opportunity to further one's studies at Capital University. Back in his time, he did not even manage to get an offer, but later on, he worked tirelessly to become a professor at Capital University. He was a little surprised that Qiao Mei had given up such a good opportunity.

"I don't like the atmosphere in school. It's too stuffy. I still prefer my freedom. I already have enough money to last me until the next lifetime. In fact, I have enough money for the three children to spend in their lifetimes. I just want to have a more relaxed life and nothing else. Besides, I have plans to set up a

biological research company that specializes in doing research on seeds. This way, I am creating even greater value," Qiao Mei said.

"What you mean is you can earn more money that way!" Xia Wen said. Qiao Mei nodded forthrightly and said, "That's true! I think so too."

She was really their family's little money-grubber. Everything she did was related to money. It was her decision to make and he would respect her choice.

"Eldest Brother, I have another favor to ask of you," Qiao Mei said.

"Tell me," Xia Wen said.

"I have some goods arriving at the customs office tomorrow. These are all new machines I bought in Country M. I'm worried that I'll encounter many obstacles if I go by myself. I want to ask for your help to solve this problem," Qiao Mei said.

Nowadays, everything sent in from overseas had to go through many layers of checks and the procedures were very complicated. If Qiao Mei did not get help with the arrangements, her goods might be kept at the customs office for half a year before she could even see them!

"I'm very busy tomorrow. I'll get my subordinate to go with you," Xia Wen said.

"Alright! Thank you, Eldest Brother!" Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei was about to step out of Xia Wen's office when she saw Shi Rui sobbing while on the way to look for Xia Wen. Qiao Mei sighed. She did not expect to be so unlucky today. She could even run into a jinx here.

"Oh my, what grievance did you suffer?" Qiao Mei used her arm to block Shi Rui from entering the room. If this matter continued to drag on, it would not be good for MO Zhu and Xia Wen and would affect their reputations.

Qiao Mei's voice attracted the attention of the other staff. They already knew that this Shi Rui had ulterior motives and was not a good person!

Although Shi Rui had gotten in through the proper channel, she was very inefficient and always caused a lot of trouble for her colleagues. Furthermore, she was always not at her desk. Whenever she had time, she would go to Xia Wen's office and sit there. Even if Xia Wen ignored her, she would still sit there quietly.

They were all waiting to see her make a fool of herself! They could not wait for someone to embarrass Shi Rui and make her leave! This way, they would not have to work with someone who increased their workload!

Chapter 2032: At the Customs Office

"I... There's no grievance," Shi Rui whispered.

“Is that so? Then why are you sobbing and coming to Mr. Xia’s office? If you have any difficulties, you can tell me. Perhaps I can help you solve your issues?” Qiao Mei asked enthusiastically.

“It’s a work matter and it’s not appropriate for you to know,” Shi Rui said.

Qiao Mei nodded in understanding and said, “Oh~ It’s a work matter. Then who’s your superior? Is Mr. Xia your direct supervisor?”

Shi Rui looked at Qiao Mei awkwardly and said, “No... no.”

“If so, then why don’t you go and look for your superior if you need something? You’re overstepping the line here. Does your superior indulge you like this? Also, you’re a member of the Xu family. As your relative, I’m obliged to remind you that you should go to your superior if you need anything. If the issue really cannot be resolved, then get your superior to come and look for Mr. Xia,” Obo Mei said.

She accurately addressed the frustration which everyone felt and many people began to whisper among themselves.

“She just likes to overstep the line! She thinks that she can do whatever she wants just because she’s Mr. Xia’s relative!”

“She should look at herself in the mirror. Mr. Xia doesn’t even want to look at her! He has no time to solve her problems!”

“Sister MO Zhu is still the best. When have we ever worked overtime until so late previously! It’s all because of this woman!”

“People who are not capable should get lost! They only cause trouble for no reason.”

Shi Rui blushed when she heard what everyone said. She had worked here for almost a year, but no matter how she tried to seduce Xia Wen over the past year, he remained unmoved. She really could not

understand how she was inferior to MO Zhu! Yet now, even her colleagues said that she was not as good as MO Zhu.

“It’s none of your business who I want to look for! This is our office’s internal issue. What right do you have to say anything here,” Shi Rui said angrily.

Qiao Mei was a little shocked. She had thought that Shi Rui would want to maintain her fragile and weak persona for a long time. She did not expect her to expose her true colors so quickly.

Seeing that Qiao Mei had been aggrieved, Xia Wen quickly walked out of the office and said, “I told her to say that. If you need anything in the future, go and look for your superior. Don’t come to complain to me anymore.”

Seeing this, Shi Rui’s superior quickly went up to Xia Wen and said, “Yes, Mr. Xia. I have noted this. I’ll bring her back to solve her problem now. I’m really sorry.”

After that, Shi Rui no longer had an easy life at work. She had a lot of miscellaneous tasks piled up every day and she no longer had any free time to go and look for Xia Wen.

Qiao Mei hummed a tune as she drove back to the factory happily. On the eve of her return to the capital, Qiao Mei had specially given Deng Fan a call and asked him to buy up all the land next to the factory. She had the intention to expand the factory.

The number of workers in the factory had increased from about 80 at the beginning to nearly 200 now. Qiao Mei walked proudly along the small path that led to the factory. There were many people who were very grateful to her. The salary here was high with good staff benefits. Many people wanted to work here.

After confirming the delivery location and discussing the delivery timing with Lu Huai, Qiao Mei went home to rest with a sense of satisfaction. The next morning, she went with Xia Wen’s subordinate to the customs office to complete the documentation to pick up her goods.

The staff at the customs office searched for a long time but could not find Qiao Mei’s goods. In the end, they concluded that Qiao Mei’s goods were lost.

“Lost? What do you mean by lost? There are so many items on the ship but only my goods are lost?” Qiao Mei questioned.

“Don’t you understand what I’m saying? If it’s lost, it’s lost. There’s no other meaning to it,” the staff member said indifferently.

What Qiao Mei bought was big machinery. How could such big items disappear for no reason? There must be something else going on.

Qiao Mei remained patient and said, “Please help me take a look again. How can so many items be lost? Can you go to the warehouse and search carefully?”

Xia Wen’s subordinate also said, “That’s right. These items are very important to us. I hope you can help us take a look again.”

The staff member took a look at the work pass hanging around the neck of Xia Wen’s subordinate and knew that this was someone in quite an important position. In that case, he decided to give this person a hint.

“Your things have long been taken by someone,” the staff member whispered.

“What? Who took it?” Qiao Mei asked in shock. “I won’t be able to know,” the staff member said..

Chapter 2033: No Idea

“You’re a staff here! How can you say that you don’t know who took away my items! Doesn’t the person need to provide information about his identity before he can remove them? How can you let him take them without doing any checks!” Qiao Mei said angrily.

Trade with other countries had only just started recently and many

procedures were still unclear. It was a common occurrence for goods to be which was why Qiao Mei had asked Xia Wen to accompany her to pick up the goods. She did not expect that things would really go so wrong.

“There are so many people coming here every day to pick up their things! How can I remember everyone!” the staff member said arrogantly.

“Then do you know who handed over the goods to the other party?” Qiao Mei asked.

“I don’t know,” the staff member said.

Just as Qiao Mei was about to continue, Xia Wen’s subordinate quickly stopped her and said, “It’s useless to talk to him. Let’s go straight to his superior.” “Alright.” Qiao Mei glared fiercely at the staff member.

The staff member did not care. People who could get a position in this office had some sort of backing. Since Qiao Mei’s goods could be intercepted, it meant that Qiao Mei was not very influential, so he was not afraid of her at all.

Qiao Mei immediately drove back to Xia Wen’s office and told him everything that happened today.

“What exactly did you buy?” Xia Wen asked.

“It’s just some machines. Those machines can automate some of the factory’s processes, like canning food, making ham sausages, as well as vacuum-packing and packaging,” Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei had spent a lot of money on these machines, almost two million dollars in foreign currency, which was equivalent to about six million dollars in local currency! This was a huge sum of money!

Xia Wen knew a little bit about the fishy business at the customs office. Some people would plant their own staff at the customs office and get the staff to open up the shipped packages to see if the items inside were valuable. If yes, then they would find some ways to seize these items.

The typical excuses they used were that the documentation was incomplete or that the items could not be imported or that the cargo manifest was unclear, among other things. They would then impound the goods and keep them in the warehouse. After enough time had passed, the goods would then be secretly transported out of the warehouse,

It was rare that someone would take away so many machines so quietly, as in Qiao Mei's situation.

"I'll go and investigate this matter. Go home and wait for my news," Xia Wen said.

Qiao Mei could only return home empty-handed. She felt very frustrated and could not figure out who was so bold as to take her things for themselves.

At night, Xia Wen gave her a call and said resignedly, "Make a guess as to who took your goods."

"He Ning? Or Huang Quan?" Qiao Mei asked.

In the entire capital, these were the only two people who had the ability to intercept her things and also held a grudge against her. No one else had any motive to cause trouble for her.

"You're right, it's Huang Quan. The Huang family has a 60% stake in the customs office, so they control everything here and have taken things from many people. Moreover, Huang Quan is also a member of the police department, so it's even more difficult to go after him. Everyone chose not to pursue the matter in the end," Xia Wen said.

"Is he crazy! He will even go to this extent for just a few machines!" Qiao Mei said in shock.

Prominent families like theirs were often caught in situations where there were conflicts of interests. The best way to deal with such situations was to do what the Xia family and the He family did. On the

surface, they maintained peace, but behind the scenes, they fought for their own interests aggressively. It was rare to go head-on with someone like what Huang Quan was doing.

If the Xia family and the Huang family were to battle it out, the Huang family would definitely lose. They definitely did not have the same solid standing which the Xia family had. No one knew why Huang Quan was doing this. "You... you can just assume that he's not normal," Xia Wen said.

"Can we get my things back through the proper channel? If they deliberately take my things, they're not going to just give it back," Qiao Mei said in frustration.

"Let me think about what I can do," Xia Wen said and hung up.

The next morning, Qiao Mei received a call from MO Zhu. Yesterday, after Xia Wen returned home, he had packed his luggage in a hurry and gone on a business trip. There was something weird about this business trip, as if someone had set it up on purpose. This business trip would take Xia Wen away for between one to three months, so he would not be around for quite a while. "Mei Mei, this whole thing is not that simple," MO Zhu said.

"It's fine, Sister-in-law. I have other ways to deal with things. Since Eldest Brother is on a business trip and unable to be with you, you have to take good care of your health," Qiao Mei instructed her..

Chapter 2034: Roadblock

"You have to be careful. If you need any help, just let me know. Although my family isn't very influential, my father has many students. We can still get help from some of them," MO Zhu said.

"Thank you, Sister-in-law. I'll keep you posted. Don't worry." Qiao Mei hung up after saying that. Xia He also heard about this issue and she came to Qiao Mei's house with a stack of documents.

These were all the things that she had asked Yao Nian to investigate as soon as she returned to the capital. She had gathered a lot of gossip regarding the various prominent families and the Huang family was the most eye-catching.

“You even investigated Tan Jing,” Qiao Mei said with a smile as she tapped on the document on the table.

“Of course! I’m very curious about how she’s doing in the Huang family!” Xia He said.

When Xia Wen and MO Zhu got married, Tan Jing had come to cause trouble at the wedding and Xia He had yet to settle this score with Tan Jing up to now. She was definitely curious about how Tan Jing was doing now. If Tan Jing was living a very comfortable life, then she would think of a way to create some issues for Tan Jing. Fortunately, Tan Jing was living a life worse than death now, so Xia He felt a lot better about it.

After reading the report, Qiao Mei fell silent. She did not expect the Huang family to “declare war” so openly this time round. In that case, she also need not suffer in silence. She must make the Huang family pay a bloody price for it.

She could not always rely on the Xia family to get things done. This time, she had to think of a way to win this fight on her own and let everyone know that she was not just the Xia family’s daughter-in-law, nor did she need to lean on the Xia family. She was her own person.

For those people who intended to find trouble with her in the future, she wanted them to show them the consequences they would need to face if they bullied her!

Huang Quan t s parents were still living in Lian City. For some unknown reason, Huang Quan had managed to achieve meteoric success in the past two years. Like Qiao Mei, he had bought a big courtyard house immediately, but Tan Jing did not move in with him.

It was said that Huang Quan had many young mistresses and different women went in and out of his house every day. Huang Quan left Tan Jing in the staff dormitory but she would stay in the courtyard house four to five times a month. Every time she returned to the house, the neighbors would hear her wailing in the middle of the night in a scary manner.

In the beginning, Tan Jing would still yell out and ask the neighbors for help, but now, she was as quiet as a mute and looked as timid as a mouse when they saw her.

“Let’s go. Come with me to meet up with them,” Qiao Mei said to Xia He with a smile.

The two of them drove to Huang Quan t s big courtyard house. The alley there was very narrow and Qiao Mei and Xia He used their cars to block both ends of the alley. Qiao Mei had already asked around and found out that most of the people who lived here rode bicycles and only Huang Quan had a car.

Therefore, Qiao Mei left only enough space for bicycles to pass through.

Not long after, Huang Quan drove up in his car to Qiao Mei’s side of the alley. He did not know who was the driver of the car in front of him and he honked madly. Seeing that Qiao Mei was indifferent to his antics, he rolled down the window and cursed at her.

“Are you blind! How dare you block my way! You must be sick of living! Do you know who I am! Get out of my way now!” Huang Quan roared.

Qiao Mei opened her car door and walked over to Huang Quan’s car. “Oh my, it’s your car. Long time no see~”

Huang Quan immediately knew why Qiao Mei was here, even though he did not expect her to find him so quickly. He had not seen her for two years and he found that she had an even better figure now, especially her bosom. She looked even more voluptuous than before.

The huge amount of money he spent to get Xia Wen out of the capital was indeed money well spent. He had heard that Xia Zhe had been on an S-class mission for almost three years. No one had ever returned alive from an

S-class mission. If Xia Zhe was dead, then he could openly propose to Qiao Mei! This time, he must get hold of Qiao Mei!

“When did you come back? Why didn’t you tell me so that I could welcome you back and bring you to the best restaurant in the capital!” Huang Quan said.

“How would I dare to trouble you? Your time is very precious and I can’t afford to waste it,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia He walked over from the other end of the alley and looked at Tan Jing, who was sitting in the front passenger seat. Tan Jing was carrying a little baby boy in her arms. Xia He did not know if this boy was born from her first pregnancy or if Tan Jing got pregnant again after that.

“Oh my! What a beautiful child! This must be the child you bore Huang Quan. I think this child looks more like you. His nose and eyes look like yours! He doesn’t look like Huang Quan at all...” Xia He looked at the baby and then at Huang Quan and compared them earnestly..

Chapter 2035: Be Careful Not to Choke to Death

“Don’t talk nonsense! This child clearly resembles Huang Quan more!” Tan Jing said in exasperation.

“Is that so? Then maybe I can’t really tell. However, you’ve given birth to a really cute child. After so many years, your wish has finally come true. My eldest sister-in-law is about to give birth too. I wonder if it’s going to be a boy or a girl,” Xia He said with a smile.

Every word hit Tan Jing like a punch. When she was pregnant, she caused the entire capital to be in an uproar about Xia Wen being infertile. In the end, Mo Zhu became pregnant with Xia Wen’s child less than two years after she married into the Xia family. There was an about-turn in the situation and everyone laughed at Tan Jing for being the lousy one.

After that, Tan Jing remembered that she had drunk the medicinal wine given by Qiao Mei. At that time, she had not divorced Xia Wen yet. If she had waited another six months, she might have become pregnant with Xia Wen’s child!

Then, she would still be able to enjoy the perks of being part of the Xia family.

It was all Qiao Mei's fault! Qiao Mei must have known that the medicinal wine could cure her infertility, but Qiao Mei did not tell her, so she was not aware of this when she divorced Xia Wen. Qiao Mei did it on purpose! Qiao Mei wanted her to divorce Xia Wen and get tortured by others!

However, the person she hated the most was not Qiao Mei, but He Ning. If He Ning had not introduced Huang Quan to her, she would not be living a life worse than an animal.

"Oh! Do your siblings go to the Huang family's house for dinner? I remember that your siblings used to like to come to our house all the time. They would come and stay for a few days each time. Sometimes they even stay for a week! They would refuse to go home unless they could get some benefits," Xia He said.

"They don't come around anymore," Tan Jing said through gritted teeth.

In the beginning, the Tan brothers had indeed gone to the Huang family's house to cause trouble and ask for money. However, Huang Quan was not someone to be trifled with. He beat up all the Tan family members and chased them out of his house. Anyone who came to the Huang family's house to extort things could forget about going home in one piece.

The Tan family members were all very craven and cowardly, but this did not mean that they stopped being greedy. After that incident, they continued to pester Tan Jing, wanting to get some benefits from the Huang family through her. At first, she would still do as her family members asked, but later on, Huang Quan discovered what she was doing.

Huang Quan locked her up in the room and beat her up for two days straight, almost beating her to death. After that, she did not dare to disobey Huang Quan anymore.

"Is that so? Then are your in-laws nice to you? Are they nice to your child?" Xia He said as if she was really concerned.

Tan Jing roared furiously at Xia He, "What does my life have to do with you! Don't pretend to care about me!"lightsnovel

“Of course it has something to do with me!” Xia He lowered her head and whispered to Tan Jing in a tone which only the two of them could hear, “The worse your life is, the happier I am. You have to continue working hard to make me happier!”

“You! You b*tch!” Tan Jing scolded loudly.

“I’m just concerned about you. How can you say that about me?” Xia He said as she pretended to be sad.

Qiao Mei immediately said to Huang Quan, “I’m really sorry. My elder sister is just concerned about her former sister-in-law. I didn’t expect your wife to get so angry.”

“It’s fine, it’s fine!” After saying that, Huang Quan turned around and glared at Tan Jing, saying, “Behave yourself!”

Xia He had heard rumors that although the Huang family would always organize a gathering for their relatives during the new year, Tan Jing had never made an appearance at any of the banquets. This year, Tan Jing was finally allowed to meet the other relatives during the new year. She only got the chance because she used her child as an excuse and begged her parents-in-law for it. They gave in to her only on account of the child.

After exchanging pleasantries for so long, Qiao Mei had already lost her patience. She looked at Huang Quan and asked, “Are my machines with you?”

“Haha, what machines? Why don’t I know anything about this?” Huang Quan said as he played dumb.

“Those things of mine are worth a lot of money. If I call the police and ask them to deal with it, the thief might even get the death penalty,” Qiao Mei threatened.

“Call the police? Then the police will have to accept the case first,” Huang Quan said nonchalantly.

Huang Quan only used unrelated parties when he did such illegal things. He would not be stupid enough to ask his own people to do this. That would be like leaving a clue for the Xia family, would it not?

Even if the Xia family wanted to pursue the matter, they would not be able to trace it back to him. In the end, the machines would still be in his possession but someone else would pay for the crime. It was a win-win situation for him.

“Is that so? It’s alright, I’ll just treat it as if I’m feeding scraps to stray dogs. I hope you can swallow this piece of fat meat whole. Be careful not to choke to death.” After saying that, Qiao Mei waved her hand and left with Xia He..

Chapter 2036: Let My Brother Set up a Factory

Huang Quan looked in the direction which Qiao Mei and Xia He had left with a dark expression. Tan Jing could sense that something was wrong with him and instinctively hugged the child in her arms tightly. The child looked at Tan Jing and cried out loudly.

“Shut up! Tell him to shut up!” Huang Quan glared fiercely at Tan Jing and roared at her.

Tan Jing quickly covered the child’s mouth in an attempt to lower the volume of his cries. However, the more she did so, the louder the child cried. Huang Quan was very upset and needed to vent his frustration. He got out of the car and pulled Tan Jing out of the front passenger seat, dragging her back to the courtyard house in full view of the public.

The neighbors not only heard the child’s cries coming from the courtyard house, but also Tan Jings screams of pain. An hour later, Huang Quan sat in the living room looking refreshed while Tan Jing slumped in a corner motionlessly. If not for the fact that Tan Jing could still blink her eyes, one would think that she was already dead. Huang Quan was very smart. He only hurt her in places which outsiders could not see so that no one could fault him for it.

Tan Jing looked at the sky through the glass window. She wanted to leave this place and take revenge! She wanted to make those people who bullied her pay the price for doing so!

However, in order to have the ability to do so, she needed money. As long as she had money, she would be able to live a good life even if she left Huang Quan. Even the Huang family members would come to beg her for help! "Let my younger brother handle those machines for you," Tan Jing said weakly.

"Your younger brother? What can any of your useless brothers do? I'd rather burn the machines than hand them over to your brothers!" Huang Quan said in disgust.

Although Huang Quan was disgusted with Tan Jing, he was someone who could not hold back his thoughts. Whenever he beat Tan Jing up, he would tell her everything. That was how Tan Jing managed to know so much about him.

"Even if you sell those machines, you'll only be able to make tens of thousands of dollars. Maybe a few hundred thousand dollars at most. Why don't we use the machines to start a business and make more money! Although my younger brother is quite a jerk, he's a good businessman. He's the perfect guy for the job," Tan Jing said.

These words struck a chord with Huang Quan. The Huang family's business in Lian City was doing quite well, but most of the family's money was being kept aside for Huang Mian and Huang Can. Huang Quan's parents did not think highly of him at all. lightsnovel

When his parents passed away in the future, all the Huang family's assets would belong to Huang Can. At that time, how could he survive solely on his small salary?

"Then how do you plan to get your younger brother to do this business? Tell me in detail," Huang Quan said as he looked at Tan Jing with interest.

He still kept Tan Jing by his side because he found her to be quite clever. He had been married so many times and had seen all kinds of women.

There was the daughter of a rich family who was of equal social status to him. She did not respect him at all nor obey him and only cared about having fun. There was also the gentle and considerate woman who did not know anything and could not help him solve his problems. A person like Tan Jing was just right for him. She obeyed him and also helped him come up with ideas.

“I’m not sure about a lot of things, but I know we can make a lot of money selling ham sausages. The ingredients are also very cheap. If we partner with my younger brother, we can get dividends every month. Won’t that be killing two birds with one stone?” Tan Jing said.

“How can you guarantee that your brother will be loyal to us? What if he takes all the money and runs away?” Huang Quan asked.

Tan Jing stood up slowly from the corner and walked unsteadily towards Huang Quan. She knelt beside his legs and massaged him as she said in a gentle tone, “We can’t let Huang Mian and Huang Can do this business. When they become rich, we won’t be able to get a single cent. My younger brother has nothing. You’ll be the one who gives him a chance to become rich.

Anyway, it’s easy for you to capture my brother no matter where he runs to.”

Huang Quan was very happy to hear this. He held Tan Jings hand in a rare move and said, “This is a good idea. Tell me more.”

“The two of us can’t get involved in this business, otherwise it will arouse the suspicion of the Xia family. However, we can’t give full authority to my young brother either. You should find a trusted aide and plant him by my brother’s side. That person can monitor my brother’s movements while working for our factory at the same time. That would be most secure for us,” Tan Jing said.

“Alright! We’ll do as you say! You can go and make the arrangements for this matter,” Huang Quan said excitedly..

Chapter 2037: Pay the Price

Tan Jing smiled happily. The fish had finally taken the bait. Now, she only needed to slowly rein in the line and she would successfully catch this “big fish” one day!

Qiao Mei was not going to let go of this issue. How could she let them take those expensive machines just like that? After she returned home, she asked Yao Nian to keep an eye on the movements of everyone in the Huang and Tan families. As soon as there was any activity, he had to report back to her.

A few days later, Qiao Mei learned that Tan Jings younger brother, Tan Shi, had rented an empty warehouse in Lian City. Huang Quan was smart enough to ask Tan Shi to buy over a small food company that had gone bankrupt. This way, they just needed to change the name of the legal representative and did not have to go through the tedious procedures of setting up a new company.

When it was time to confirm the name of the new legal representative, Huang Quan was a little hesitant. The Huang family still had some influence in Lian City and the capital, but if Tan Shi took the money and ran to someone else's territory or went overseas, where could he go to settle the score with Tan Shi?

He would only feel at ease if he was the actual legal representative of the company. However, to the public, they would make it sound like Tan Shi was the legal representative. After all, in order to keep a factory running, the most important factor was still money. The bulk of the money would come from the Huang family and Tan Shi was just a worker.

Tan Jing had already discussed the matter with Tan Shi. On the surface, Tan

Shi was doing this business with Huang Quan on a 40-60 split, but in fact, Tan Shi had to give half of his share to Tan Jinga This was a secret between the two siblings and Huang Quan did not know anything about it.

Since Tan Shi did not need to put in any investment to get a share of the business, he was naturally very willing to be involved. Moreover, Tan Jing had also agreed to find Tan Shi a wife from an upper-class family.

Qiao Mei gathered all her staff in the factory's meeting room to discuss countermeasures. During this period of time, everyone had worked hard to prepare for the new production line and they all looked forward to making more money together with Qiao Mei. They certainly did not expect that after working hard for nearly a month, there was nothing to show for it and all their things were snatched away by others.

Chi Ze said angrily, "This bunch of beasts! They took our things and still want to set up a factory! They're really going too far!"

"What should we do now?" Niao Hang asked as he looked at Qiao Mei.

"There's no urgency for now," Qiao Mei said calmly.

Since Huang Quan wanted to compete with her, she would give him the chance. If she made a move to take back the machines now, he only needed to give back what he had taken and he would not suffer any loss. This would not be worth her efforts. She wanted to make him pay a bloody price for what he did!

"I want to ask all of you if you know any quick-witted people who are very eloquent and have not really stayed in the capital before, as in people who will not be recognized in the capital," Qiao Mei asked as she looked at everyone.

Everyone pondered for a long time, then Chi Ze seemed to think of someone. He stood up excitedly and said, "I know! Sometime back, two brothers, who are retired soldiers, came to the factory to help out, but they quit because they had to settle some issues at home. The two of them fit what you're looking for!"

"Where are the two of them now?" Qiao Mei asked.

"They should have returned to their hometown. They're not in the capital but not too far away. If we get in touch with them now, they should be able to reach the capital by tomorrow night at the latest," Chi Ze said.

"Alright, please go and discuss it with them. I want to meet them. After they complete the task, I'll definitely reward them handsomely," Qiao Mei said.

Back when Qiao Mei was selling braised meat and popcorn, she had helped many people to make a living. After these people made enough money, some of them decided to go home to get married, have children and then live a quiet life. Others chose to stay in the capital and continue working with Qiao Mei.

These two brothers were always grateful to Qiao Mei. After receiving Chi Ze's call, they immediately bought tickets on the earliest train heading to the capital without another word.

They were both in their early 30s. One of them was burly and strong. The other looked thin and weak, but seemed very shrewd. Chi Ze pointed at the two of them and made an introduction. "This is Liu Guang and that is Li Xin. We retired from the army together and they are definitely trustworthy people."

Liu Guang and Li Xin looked at Qiao Mei reservedly. They did not know why they had been called to the capital in such a hurry.

"Take a seat! Everyone, sit down! We're all on the same team and it doesn't need to be so prim and proper between us. Chi Ze and the others all address me as Sister-in-law. You can do that too," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Hello, Sister-in-law!" the two of them said in unison.

"I have asked you to come because I need your help with something. After the task is done, I'll definitely thank you with a big reward," Qiao Mei said seriously..

Chapter 2038: Mind Your Image

"Sister-in-law, just say the word. As long as it's something that the two of us can do, we will definitely complete the task!" Li Xin said immediately. When the two of them were still selling popcorn in the capital, they had heard about Qiao Mei and her way of doing things. They knew very well that Qiao Mei would not harm them or ask them to do anything illegal, which was why they dared to make such a promise to her.

Qiao Mei nodded in satisfaction. This person was indeed eloquent. For the next three hours, Qiao Mei told Liu Guang and Li Xin about her plan. As she spoke, the two of them went from being filled with

admiration for her to feeling excited about their upcoming task. Even Chi Ze was starting to admire Qiao Mei's courage and insight.

"Here's 150,000 dollars and it's meant to be the capital for the business. The other 20,000 dollars is for both of you to buy new clothes. Clothes make the man. When you need to meet people, you must maintain a certain image," Qiao Mei said as she patted the bag on the table.

"20,000 dollars is really way too much! What kind of clothes are so expensive? I think 200 dollars each is more than enough for us!" Liu Guang said.

"You must buy the most expensive and the nicest clothes so that other people won't view you with suspicion. If there's any money left after that, you can spend it however you want. You can use it to pay for your travel expenses or as tips to people on the way. Let me know if the money runs out. After this task is done, I'll also give you a big reward," Qiao Mei said.

"Alright! We definitely won't let Sister-in-law down!" Li Xin said happily. Liu Guang patted Li Xin's shoulder and said, "Let's get to work. Time is of the essence."

"True, true, true! Then Sister-in-law, we'll get going first!" After Li Xin finished speaking, the two of them left the factory with the bag full of money from Qiao Mei and set off for Lian City.

The two of them were very excited. They were holding on to 150,000 dollars!

They had never even seen so much money in their dreams. Furthermore, Qiao

Mei was not at all worried about handing them so much money. She did not even ask them to sign anything. Even blood relatives would not give one another so much money in one go.

They definitely could not disappoint Qiao Mei. They must complete this task well.

The first thing they did was to get in touch with some personal connections and grease some palms so that they could rent a car. The car looked very battered though and Liu Guang even wondered if it could

last them until they reached Lian City. However, they had to rent a car no matter what. This was supposed to highlight the fact that the two of them had deep pockets.

“Sigh, can’t you rent a better car? This car doesn’t look so good. What if it falls apart on the way?” Liu Guang said disdainfully.

“The other cars are all very expensive! Moreover, it’s already very impressive to be able to get a car at this time. Many big bosses don’t even have cars!” Li Xin said. lightsnovel

During this time, there were only four or five people in the car rental business. In order to satisfy their vanity, some people wanted to show off that they have a “personal car”. Other people needed a car for important occasions. Most of the cars available for rental were cars salvaged from the scrapyard and then sent to the repair shop for repairs and modifications. These cars were barely just roadworthy enough.

“You’re right. How much is the rental for this car?” Liu Guang asked.

“It’s 50 dollars a day. We need to pay for the petrol ourselves. The deposit is

10,000 dollars.” Li Xin briefly repeated the information he received to Liu

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“Alright, let’s rent it for a month first,” Liu Guang said.

The two of them put on their suits and leather shoes and drove to Lian City.

On the way, Liu Guang asked around about the food factories located nearby. They went to visit many factories along the way and finally arrived at Tan Shi’s factory.

Liu Guang got out of the car with his briefcase under his arm. When Tan Shi heard the noise outside, he immediately went to the entrance of the factory to greet his visitors.

“Gentlemen, what do you need?” Tan Shi asked with a wide grin.

“The two of us are here to do business and we want to order a batch of goods. We’ve been looking for a business partner in Lian City. May I know what kind of business you are in?” Liu Guang asked.

“We produce ham sausages and all kinds of canned food. I wonder what kind of goods you are looking for?” Tan Shi asked.

Li Xin took a big stride to stand in front of Tan Shi, gripped Tan Shi’s arm tightly and said, “Oh my! We’ve been searching high and low for this! And then we find it when we least expect it! What we’re looking for is a factory that can produce ham sausages!”

“What a coincidence! Bosses, come in and have a chat!” Tan Shi opened the main door and invited Liu Guang and Li Xin to his office in the factory..

Chapter 2039: Negotiate a Deal

The so-called office was actually a temporary container office made up of four container structures put together. If there was a strong wind, it could even be blown away. Liu Guang looked around unhappily. Tan Shi was observant enough to notice Liu Guang’s concerns.

“I’ve invested all my money into the machines, so the office setup is very basic.

However, you don’t have to worry about the machinery and the technology. There won’t be any problem! My name is Tan Shi. Bosses, how should I address you?” Tan Shi asked.

“My name is Li Xin. This is my friend, Liu Guang,” Li Xin said.

“Boss Lee! Boss Liu! You’re both so young and promising! May I know where your company is located? I don’t think I’ve ever heard of you in Lian City. A big factory like yours should already have long-time business partners. Why have you come here instead?” Tan Shi asked.

“Our hometown is in River City. It’s indeed as you say. We do have long-time business partners, but they recently received a big order and won’t be able to help us for a while. If we wait for them to complete that order, we will need to wait for three months! That’s why we’re urgently going around to look for a factory that can make ham sausages!” Li Xin said.

“Look at how anxious we are. We haven’t slept for two days. If we don’t deliver the goods on time, we’ll have to compensate our client a few hundred thousand dollars for breach of contract!” Liu Guang said, making it sound as serious as he could.

Compensation of a few hundred thousand dollars! Tan Shi’s eyes lit up. If the compensation sum already went into the hundreds of thousands, then the order itself must be worth millions!

He wondered why he had so much good luck this year. First, someone gave him money to go into business and now, a big order had come to his door on its own! Moreover, it was a big order worth millions! The heavens were really good to him! He was destined to be rich this year!

“Bosses, there’s no need for you to run around anymore! Our factory can make ham sausages! I wonder how many ham sausages Boss Lee and Boss Liu need?” Tan Shi asked as he suppressed the excitement in his heart. Li Xin raised two fingers and Tan Shi asked tentatively, ‘90,000?’

“Two million!” Li Xin said.

Two million! The current retail price of one ham sausage was one dollar and the cost of making it was about 10 cents. Tan Shi could sell it to the two men for about 50 cents each. If this deal was successful, Tan Shi would make a net profit of 800,000 dollars!

“Bosses, if you trust me, then you can give this order to me!” Tan Shi said.lightsnovel

“But we need it very urgently. We have to deliver the goods in one month’s time, so we don’t have much time. With your capacity...” Liu Guang glanced around Tan Shi’s factory and continued, “Can you get it done in time?”

“Boss Liu, don’t worry! Although our factory is not big, the equipment is the most advanced in the world and our standards are also very high. As long as you give the order to me! You will definitely be satisfied with the results!” Tan Shi boasted.

He had already tried out the few machines in the factory. Huang Quan had found him an outstanding repairman, as well as many old technicians who used to work in factory assembly lines. There would not be any problem with the production.

Liu Guang and Li Xin looked at each other. Li Xin nodded in satisfaction and said, “Alright! Then you can have the job!”

“I also have a small request. Bosses, can you put down a deposit first?” Tan Shi said.

“Of course, but based on the practice in our hometown, we can only give a 10% deposit. Can you accept that?” Li Xin said.

A deposit of 10% was indeed a bit too little. Tan Shi still needed money to buy raw materials! However, he was really unwilling to let such a big order fall into the hands of others.

“Sure! No problem!” Tan Shi took out a contract from his drawer and Li Xin handed the 100,000 dollars in his bag to Tan Shi.

With the money in hand, Tan Shi felt more at ease. He was no longer worried that Li Xin and Liu Guang were lying to him. Even if the two of them ran away in the end, ham sausages were always in high demand in the country and could be sold anywhere,

“Bosses, do you want to take a look at the canned food produced in our factory? The quality of our canned food is also very good!” Tan Shi recommended.

“Canned food... We’re not interested,” Liu Guang said.

“We’re already here! Won’t it be a pity if we don’t take a look? What type of canned food do you have?” Li Xin asked curiously.

Tan Shi immediately asked the workers to go to the factory warehouse to bring out a few samples. They were currently producing canned pork, beef, ham and fish. These were all selling quite well. The packaging was very exquisite and it was obvious that these were good stuff..

Chapter 2040: Production Completed

“Not bad! I didn’t expect Lian City to have such good quality canned food!” Li Xin said excitedly.

After Li Xin and Liu Guang had a discussion, they put in a big order of canned food from Tan Shi. The canned pork was cheapest at two dollars per can, the canned beef was four dollars per can and the canned fish was more expensive at six dollars per can.

After all, the fish had to be transported from the sea to the factory. The weather was hot now and they needed to factor in the fact that part of the raw stock would be lost due to spoilage.

In the end, the two men decided to order 100,000 cans of pork, 200,000 cans of beef and 200,000 cans of fish. Tan Shi immediately thought about the difficulties he might face,

However, he got over it quickly. At most, he would buy more ice to put inside the delivery truck, as well as buy more fish to have some backup stock. No matter how he looked at it, he would still make a profit in the end.

“We have been running around and don’t have that much money with us, so we can only give you a deposit of 50,000 dollars. But don’t worry, as long as you produce the goods on time, we will also pay you on time. There won’t be any issues!” Li Xin said firmly.

“Sure! Bosses, I trust you!” Tan Shi said.

“Brother Tan, you agree so readily. Aren’t you worried that we’re scammers?” Liu Guang asked with a smile.

Tan Shi shook his head and said, “Business is all about integrity and trust. However, let me make it clear first. If you don’t come to pick up the goods on time, the deposit won’t be refunded!”

“No problem!” Li Xin said.

Li Xin and Liu Guang returned to their hometown, River City, to make arrangements for the next step of the plan. Tan Shi had already informed Huang Quan about this matter. After all, it was a big business worth millions of dollars and the raw materials would cost a lot of money. He needed Huang Quan to come up with the money.lightsnovel

Huang Quan specially arranged for people to investigate the backgrounds of Li Xin and Liu Guang carefully. The Xia family had already made the necessary arrangements and Huang Quan could not find any loopholes at all.

The total cost of the pork and beef was about 400,000 dollars. The cost of the raw materials to make ham sausages was only 200,000 dollars, but the cost of ocean fish was 600,000 dollars. Most of that money would go to transportation and refrigeration costs.

Huang Quan had to come up with a total amount of 1.2 million dollars. Even though the Huang family’s business in Lian City was doing well, it was still impossible for them to fork out 1.2 million dollars at once. They had to pool together the savings of all the relatives of the Huang family. It was make-or-break time for them.

When it was almost time to start production, Tan Shi made a call to Li Xin and Liu Guang and asked them to come to the factory in Lian City to take a look. On one hand, he wanted to reassure the two men. On the other hand, Tan Shi was also worried about the distance between them. What if the two men really backed out of the deal?

The two men returned to Lian City again but this time, it was different from the previous time. Every day, the two men would receive remittance receipts from the post office. The amounts stated in the forms were not too big, only about 10,000 to 20,000 dollars each time, but the remittance frequency was very consistent.

“I won’t go and withdraw all the money now. This is an unfamiliar place to me. What if I get robbed after withdrawing the money? I’ll give the full sum to you when the goods are delivered!” Li Xin said as he held out a thick stack of remittance receipts.

Tan Shi checked the remittance receipts and confirmed that they were all real. He felt as if he was living in a dream every day nowadays. He felt very happy every time he thought about how he would earn millions within one month! Although he only received 20% of the money, 20% of the total still worked out to more than 200,000 dollars!

As the days passed, production was almost completed. The initial plan was to have it completed in 30 days, but unexpectedly, Tan Shi was done in less than 20 days.

He had rented many large trucks, almost all the trucks in the city, and gathered them at the factory. There were more than 20 trucks parked by the roadside and it looked very imposing. It took the staff at the factory one day and one night to load everything onto the trucks.

Just before leaving, Li Xin suddenly said to Tan Shi, “Brother Tan, I’m afraid I can’t give you the money yet.”

“What do you mean?” Tan Shi asked in shock. Even all the people standing beside him were shocked.

“It’s not what you think. There’s so much goods here and the convoy is really too eye-catching. If we get robbed on the road, then our efforts will all be in vain. Therefore, we need you to ensure that the goods reach our company premises. Once it’s done, I will give you the money immediately!” Li Xin said. There was no highway during this era. Sometimes, the big delivery trucks would need to travel through the mountains and the drivers would often encounter robbers when they stopped for a rest at night. This was early days after the economy opened up and such situations were still very common..