

Fat Wife 2041

Chapter 2041: Run Off

Fortunately, Lian City and River City were not far from each other and the journey time only took one day and one night. Therefore, Tan Shi agreed to Li Xin's request and he decided to tag along as well. When the convoy reached the suburbs, it was nighttime and already very dark all around. There was only a small inn by the roadside with the lights on. This inn mainly catered to the delivery truck drivers and other travelers.

"It's difficult to travel at night and accidents may happen if the drivers are too tired. Let's stop at that inn and rest for the night. I'll pay for all the expenses!"

Everyone, you can eat and drink to your heart's content!" Li Xin said generously.

"Since Boss Li says so, there's no reason for us to reject your suggestion. Guys! Let's get down and rest!" Tan Shi said happily.

The big group arrived at the inn in a grand manner. The boss of the inn was very pleasantly surprised to see them. After all, there were usually only a few guests at night. It was rare to see such a large group of guests.

"Are you staying for the night or just having a meal?" the boss asked.

"We'll eat first! Then we'll stay for the night!" Tan Shi said.

"Sure, sure, sure! Please come in!" The boss led Tan Shi and the rest to sit down. While putting in the order for the food, Li Xin ordered a lot of liquor as well.

"Boss Li, we still have to continue with our journey tomorrow. It's better not to drink," Tan Shi said.

Li Xin immediately flapped his hand and said, "We must drink a little as a booster for the journey! Otherwise, where's the fun in it? We should celebrate our successful business deal! It has been a tiring day for everyone and a nice drink can help us relax!"

The truck drivers were all very tired from the long journey. On their delivery trips, they would very often have some drinks whenever they took a break. In this era, there were no strict checks on drink driving yet, so all these drivers behaved very recklessly.

It did not take long for everyone to get drunk and fall over the table. Even Tan Shi did not manage to stay sober. At first, Li Xin and Liu Guang also pretended to slump on the table. When it was quiet all around, the two of them put their arms around each other's shoulders and got up shakily, muttering that they were going to the toilet outside.

"Did anyone see us?" Li Xin asked softly.

"No," Liu Guang replied.

The two of them instantly made their way into a small forested area at the side. Here, Qiao Mei had prepared a getaway car for them. lightsnovel

After they got into the car, Liu Guang asked, "Why do you think Sister-in-law asked us to bring all of them here? What does she intend to do? Should we stay here to help out?"

"Sister-in-law must have her reasons for doing that, so let's not worry about it! Let's just go along with Sister-in-law's arrangements! We must be careful not to ruin things for her!" After saying that, Li Xin drove off.

During the night, countless vines slowly crept out from the depths of the forested area. The vines tore holes in the cloth coverings of the trucks and silently removed all the goods stored inside, pulling everything deep into the forested area and then disappearing into the ground.

Qiao Mei stood at the top of the mountain and watched everything that was happening in front of her. When everything was done, she walked on the mountain path to the other side and went home.

At dawn the next day, Tan Shi suddenly woke up with a start. He looked around in panic but did not see Li Xin and Liu Guang. He quickly ran to the guest room upstairs to see if he could find the two of them, but they were not there.

He grabbed one of the drivers and asked, "Wake up! Have you seen Boss Li and Boss Liu?"

"What? Ah... No, they seemed to be drinking downstairs yesterday..." the driver said groggily.

"Crap! They are gone!" Tan Shi said furiously.

The driver was wide awake immediately and asked nervously, "Who's going to pay us if they are gone!"

Li Xin had already told these drivers that he would bear all the expenses related to the journey. If Li Xin was gone, who should they get payment from?

"It's fine. It's not like we have nothing to sell the goods even if they have run off. I'll pay all of you after I sell off everything," Tan Shi said.

He was fully prepared for all kinds of scenarios. The canned food and ham sausages in the truck were all items that were in high demand in the country, so there was no lack of buyers. Even if Li Xin's order did not materialize, he would not make a loss.

In fact, now that Li Xin had run away, he could keep the deposit of 150,000 dollars for free. He might need to work harder for now, but there was no harm done.

There was suddenly a commotion downstairs. A truck driver stumbled upstairs and said, "Bad news... Brother! Bad news! Something major has happened!"

"What is it? Speak slowly!" Tan Shi said..

Chapter 2042: Unable to Find Any Clues

“Our goods! The goods are gone!” the truck driver shouted agitatedly.

“What nonsense are you talking about! Are you still drunk and groggy!” Tan Shi questioned.

“No, boss! Everything's gone! There are holes in the trucks and all the goods inside are gone!” the truck driver said.

Tan Shi was so shocked that he scrambled down the stairs. There were more than 10 trucks outside and they had all been emptied. A few trucks were even smashed up!

The truck drivers were all very angry. They had never seen such a thing in their many years of delivering goods. This was their livelihood! The trucks were now smashed up! How were they going to support their families!

“My truck! Oh no, my truck!”

“How am I going to explain this to my wife when I get back!”

“Boss Tan! You have to repair the trucks for all of us! If not for your delivery order, our trucks would not have been smashed up!”

The noisy chatter gave Tan Shi a headache. He roared at the crowd, “Shut up, all of you! What's the use of yelling at me! Am I the one who did this? My goods are gone too! You should go and look for the person who damaged your trucks! Don't come and bother me!”

Tan Shi went back into the inn and grabbed the boss who was hiding in the corner. He asked, “Did you hear anything last night? Do you know where those two men have gone?”

The boss was so frightened that his legs had already gone weak. He said fearfully, "Boss! We really didn't see anything! Last night, all of you went back to your rooms in a drunken stupor. Some of your guys didn't want to go back to the rooms and just slept downstairs. I really didn't notice anyone leaving!"

"Then don't you even know whether there was any activity outside?" Tan Shi roared.

"I really didn't hear anything!" the boss said.

It was a really strange thing. There were a lot of goods. Even if someone had stolen them, it would have needed a lot of effort. The trucks were so smashed up that the process should have been very noisy. How could everything have been carried out so quietly?lightsnovel

The goods were gone, the two men had disappeared and there was no money. Tan Shi stood rooted to the spot, not knowing what to do. How was he going to answer to Huang Quan when he got back! If Huang Quan found out about this, Huang Quan would skin him alive!

"Call the police! Call the police! Call the police immediately!" Tan Shi shouted hysterically as he fell and sat down on the ground.

The police from the nearest station arrived at the inn very quickly. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of goods had gone missing overnight. Furthermore, more than 10 large trucks had suffered varying degrees of damage. This was a big case, so the police station attached great importance to it and mobilized half of their manpower to take part in the investigation.

After careful checks and investigation, the police did not find anything suspicious. There were no traces of other vehicles passing by and the holes in these trucks were relatively regular-shaped. There were no footprints or any traces of goods being dragged on the ground.

"Are you sure that the things were stolen?" the police officer asked as he looked at Tan Shi.

"Yes! I'm sure! Stolen by two people! One of them is Li Xin! The other is Liu Guang! The two of them stole all the goods!" Tan Shi said.

There were many villages in the vicinity. If a big truck had passed by at night, it would have made a lot of noise and the villagers would have heard it. However, when the police officers who went to the villages to investigate returned to the scene, they all reported that the villagers said they did not hear anything.

It was impossible for two people to move so much goods overnight without anyone noticing. Even if they called all the villagers in the vicinity to come and help, it would still take them one whole day to move all the goods!

All the signs indicated that nothing had happened last night. That meant that Tan Shi and the others were putting on a show! They were lying to the police!

“Are you sure that your goods were lost here?” the police officer asked with a frown.

“Yes!” Tan Shi said.

“Maybe you should think about it again. We feel that the goods are already lost before you get here,” the police officer said tactfully.

No matter how Tan Shi explained the situation, the police did not believe what he said. It was not just the police. No one who heard this story would believe him.

Tan Shi was so agitated that he fainted. Seeing this, the police left the scene. They did not want to continue to get involved with this group of people.

The drivers went back to the factory with Tan Shi back and demanded an explanation.. After all, their trucks were damaged, so someone must bear the responsibility!

Chapter 2043: Coming to the Door

When Huang Quan heard about this matter, he almost fainted. It was impossible to hide such a big matter from the Huang family's relatives and they soon found out about it. All the relatives were furious. Everyone of them had invested some money! They were all counting on Huang Quan! How could such a thing happen!

It did not take long for all of them to gather outside the Huang family's house. They were all there to demand an explanation from Huang Quan. More than that, they wanted to get back all the money they had invested.

"Open the door! Hey, open the door!"

"Elder Brother and Sister-in-law! Now that your son has done such a thing! You can't just turn a blind eye!"

"Return my money! Return all my money! My children are still schooling! Give me back all my money!"

"How heartless! That's the money to pay for my coffin in the future! If you do this, what will happen to me when I die! I won't be able to die in peace!"

Other than Huang Quan, every member of the Huang family was currently stuck in the house. Huang Mian sat on the sofa and said mockingly, "I just know that Eldest Brother did not plan this out properly. Look at what has happened. Everyone is at our door now."

"Stop being so sarcastic! That's your eldest brother!" Huang Zhong said furiously.

"Father! It's not like you don't know what my eldest brother has been doing all this while! When does he ever do things properly? Look at how our entire family has been implicated now!" Huang Mian said.

"Father, my second brother is right. This entire matter is my eldest brother's fault. You can't keep finding excuses for him. Father, don't you always say that one should bear the responsibility bravely if one does something wrong?" Huang Can said softly.

Huang Zhong and You Yu doted on their youngest son the most. They were already quite old when he was born and they particularly cherished him. Even if Huang Can wanted to do something ridiculous and unrealistic, Huang Zhong would never say no to him.

“Can Can is right. This whole thing is caused by the fact that Huang Quan is useless!” You Yu said agitatedly.

Tan Jing had been taking care of the children at the Huang family’s house during this period of time and did not know anything about what was going on outside the house. She walked down the stairs slowly and looked at everyone blankly.

You Yu immediately walked towards Tan Jing. Before Tan Jing could react, You Yu gave her a hard slap, causing her to fall and kneel on the ground.

“B*tch! You recommended your younger brother to my son! My son only got into such a big mess because he hired your younger brother to manage the factory! Your entire family is so jinxed! All of you will eventually destroy our family!” You Yu roared.

“What... happened?” Tan Jing asked.

“Your brother can’t keep an eye on the clients! They have run away! The goods are lost! Millions of dollars! Gone just like that!” You Yu said.

Tan Jing felt as if she had been shoved into an ice cave, She was still counting on the earnings from the factory to regain her freedom! How could such a thing happen?

“Impossible! Is there any misunderstanding! My brother won’t do that!” Tan Jing said.

“He won’t? Who knows what your family will do! I even suspect that your family has hidden all the goods! They want to destroy my family! Then your family can sell the goods and become rich!” You Yu said.

“It can’t be! Not at all!” Tan Jing said in a panic.

You Yu did not care about what Tan Jing said and vented all her anger on Tan Jing. Ever since Tan Jing married into the Huang family, their family had not had a good day! Tan Jing was such a jinx!

The Huang family tapped on their connections and arranged for the matter to be investigated thoroughly, but they did not get any results. No one knew where the goods were or where Li Xin and Liu Guang had gone.

At this moment, the two of them should already be in Country M with their families. Qiao Mei had sent them to her farm there so that they could lie low for a while. They could come back when the Huang family forgot about this matter.

After a few days, Qiao Mei arranged for Chi Ze and the others to go to the other side of the mountain to be on standby. In those two years when Qiao Mei was not around, they had often made deliveries through this area and knew the roads around here like the back of their hands.

Qiao Mei had asked them to go to a spot which was surrounded by mountains and where there were very few people around. No one would pass by this place at all. They did not know why Qiao Mei asked them to come here and why they had to come at night. The place was very dark and it looked a little scary. "Chi Ze, is everyone here?" Qiao Mei said as she walked out of the forest..

Chapter 2044: The Machines Are Destroyed

"We're all here and we brought all the vehicles," Chi Ze said.

"Alright, you can start moving the items," Qiao Mei said as she pointed into the depths of the forest.

They looked towards the direction where Qiao Mei was pointing. There were many big boxes piled up on the ground. Everyone was very curious about how these goods were transported here, but no matter how curious they were, they knew not to ask about things they were not supposed to know.

They only managed to finish moving all the goods when it was dawn. Qiao Mei gave Chi Ze an address and asked him to send all these goods to a location in the south. This was the new warehouse which Xiang Jin and Wu Duo bought. They could make good use of these goods to earn some funds. It would be a good round of training for them.

After everything was done, Qiao Mei did not go home directly. She drove slowly and made her way to Tan Shi's factory. Tan Shi had already been arrested by the police and taken away for interrogation. At the moment, the factory was being run by one of Huang Quan's relatives. Losing the goods was not a big issue to them. As long as the machines were still around, they could clear the debt of a few million dollars in less than three months.

She waited until late at night when all the employees in the factory had finished work and gone home. There was only the security guard at the door left. The factory was empty and there was no sound at all.

Qiao Mei controlled the vines and made them creep into the factory through the gap in the door. She used them to dismantle the machines, removing all the critical components from all of them.

These machines were all manufactured overseas. The foreigners were very smart and they were most particular about keeping the technology confidential. The most important components inside the machines were attached using special methods and could not be disassembled in the usual ways.

When Qiao Mei bought the machines, the foreigners had explained all these things to her and she knew where the machine's core was. As long as the core was removed, the entire machine was not usable anymore.

After settling this issue, she used the vines to break open all the canned food in the factory to attract the small animals in the nearby forest and the stray dogs in the surroundings. By the time dawn broke, all the goods in the warehouse would probably be eaten up.

Qiao Mei felt like staying behind to admire the expressions on the faces of the Huang family's relatives when they came to the factory tomorrow. However, she had already been out for too long. If her movements were discovered, it would arouse the suspicion of the Huang family.

During this period of time, Huang Quan was really overwrought. Not only did he have to settle the matters at his workplace, but he also had to clear the mess at the factory. His relatives kept pestering

him to return their money. Some of them were even afraid that his family would run away, so they took turns to keep an eye on their house!

“This bunch of assholes. When there is money to be made, they all look so kind. Now that something has happened, they all come rushing to our door!”

Huang Quan muttered to himself as he drove towards the factory.

He had set aside some time today to come over and take a look at the company’s business reports and accounts. He needed money so that he could hire some people to help him continue to search for Li Xin and Liu Guang.

The sun had just risen and there were not many pedestrians on the road. Huang Quan got out of the car unsteadily. When he passed by the security booth, he saw the old security officer sleeping soundly inside.

“Look at the time now and you’re still sleeping! Are you hired to sleep on the job!” Huang Quan scolded.

“Oh! Boss Huang! I’m sorry, I’m sorry! I fell asleep accidentally! I’m really sorry!” the old security officer said immediately.

It was only seven in the morning and no one had come to work yet. It was not a big deal to take a break at this time. The security officers at the other factories also slept on the job at night. Everyone did that. He was just unlucky enough to run into Huang Quan today.

“Be more mindful next time! If I see you sleeping again, I’ll replace you!”

Huang Quan said.

“Sure, sure, sure! I’ll keep that in mind!” the security officer said.

As Huang Quan walked in, he started to detect the strong smell of meat. He rushed to the warehouse and opened the door. The floor was strewn with canned food and chewed up ham sausages.

These goods were all supposed to be delivered today! It had not been easy for them to mortgage the house to get a loan, but the money had all gone to waste now!

“Guard! Come here! Hey!” Huang Quan rushed to the door like a lunatic. The old security officer tidied his clothes and walked out, asking, “What’s wrong, Boss Huang?”

“Did you lock the door to the warehouse last night?” Huang Quan questioned.

“I did. I even checked it several times! When I locked the door, Boss Xiao Huang was also there,” the old security officer said. Boss Xiao Huang was Huang Quan’s relative.

“Rubbish! All the goods inside have been eaten up! Everything’s gone!” Huang Quan roared.

“What? Impossible! This is definitely impossible! Boss Huang, you must have been mistaken. How can all the food be eaten?” the old security officer said fearfully..

Chapter 2045: Relying on Myself

If that happened, it would be considered negligence on his part. If they could not find the culprit who deliberately caused the damage, he would have to compensate for all the losses in the factory. He would not be able to pay it back even if he sold his house!

Huang Quan immediately called the police, who arrived quickly at the factory to carry out an investigation. The results of this investigation were similar to the last time regarding the trucks. The police felt that it was the animals in the mountains which caused the damages and that there was no sabotage involved.

“Then are those machines also dismantled by the animals?” Huang Quan questioned.

The police did not know how to explain this part. After investigating the scene for a long time, they prepared to go back for a meeting to discuss this particular situation.

Everyone in Lian City was waiting to see the Huang family become a joke.

They were all looking forward to what else would happen. The Huang family had behaved very badly in Lian City in recent years and they looked down on everyone, so no one liked the Huang family. Some people even thought that the Huang family must be possessed! Surely they were being pestered by some evil spirits. Otherwise, how could they have lost so much goods in an instant?

At home, Qiao Mei leaned back on the rocking chair and hummed a song as she carried Xia Yue, She had already asked Yao Nian to station himself near the Huang family’s factory to check on things and take photos. She believed that she would get good news by nightfall.

“What has made you so happy? Where have you been the past few days?” Xia Wen said as he stood behind Qiao Mei.

In order to end his business trip as soon as possible, he only slept slightly more than 10 hours over four days and rushed to complete all his tasks. He had done that so that he could return to the capital as soon as possible, worried that the Huang family would do something to harm Qiao Mei and the children.

Unexpectedly, when he returned to the capital, he could not even find Qiao Mei at all. All he could find was news about the Huang family’s misfortunes. It did not take a genius to know who was the person behind it!

Xia Wen was still hoping that he was wrong. However, when he entered the house and saw the pile of machine components in the car, his heart sank.

Qiao Mei did not dare to speak all of a sudden. She sat up timidly with the child in her arms and said, “Nothing much. I just played with Xia Yue all this while! ”

“Are the machine components outside meant to be toys for Xia Yue?” Xia Wen asked.

“Those... those... are components I bought for the factory!” Qiao Mei said nervously.

The two of them looked at each other for a long time, but Qiao Mei refused to tell the truth. Xia Wen sighed. He was most scared when she gave him this look, as if she would accept any punishment he gave her. He asked Feng Hua to come over and carry Xia Yue away as he needed to talk to Qiao Mei. “Tell me about how you did those things to the Huang family,” Xia Wen said.

“I didn’t do anything unnecessary. I just took back everything that belonged to me. I didn’t take anything that doesn’t belong to me,” Qiao Mei said relaxedly.

“So you’re the culprit,” Xia Wen said.

“I guess you can say that,” Qiao Mei said.

Over the past few days, Xia Wen had thought of many possibilities while waiting for Qiao Mei to return and had also gotten people to verify many things for him. However, he still did not want to accept the fact that Qiao Mei was the one who did all these things.

After receiving Qiao Mei’s affirmative answer, he almost could not catch his breath. After hesitating for a long time, Xia Wen said, “You’re really bold to come up with such a brazen plan.”

“I... I’m really not very bold. I’m just scheming!” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

“Where did you send that batch of goods?” Xia Wen asked.

Qiao Mei told Xia Wen everything that had happened, except the details about how she stole the goods. After Xia Wen heard about the plan which Qiao Mei executed, he was shocked to the core. It had never occurred to him that it was possible to do something like this.

At the same time, he heaved a sigh of relief for Qiao Mei. Fortunately, the Huang family did not have any evidence of this. This incident involved goods worth almost a million. If it was found out that Qiao Mei was the culprit, she could even get the death penalty!

“You can talk to me about such things in the future. We can solve it together,” Xia Wen said with a slight frown.

“Eldest Brother, what I want to tell you is that I can settle such issues myself in the future,” Qiao Mei said firmly as she looked at Xia Wen.

Although she had to use many of the Xia family's connections to hide information about Li Xin and Liu Guang this time round, and also needed the Xia family's help with regard to the factory in the south, she would continue to work hard to become stronger in all aspects.

She could not run her business under the umbrella of the Xia family's protection forever. She wanted to be Boss Qiao and not the third young madam of the Xia family..

Chapter 2046: Set Up a Biological Company

“I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with the Xia family or blaming any of the family members. I just want to be even more independent. I can't rely on the Xia family all my life. The Xia family can help me with all these small matters now, but if I encounter problems that even the Xia family can't solve in the future, then what should I do? It's better to rely on myself than on others. I want to put in enough effort too,” Qiao Mei explained.

Xia Wen had been taught to protect women since he was young and that men should be the ones to handle matters outside the house. It was a good thing that Qiao Mei wanted all this, but he always found her to be a little strange. The men should be the ones working hard to protect their families. Why would they need the women to work hard to protect them?

“Sigh... You can do whatever you want,” Xia Wen waved his hand and said helplessly.

Qiao Mei immediately said, "Of course I'll always need Eldest Brother's help! I'll be careful. If there's really something that I can't handle, I'll definitely come and look for you!"

"You'd better remember what you just said! When Xia Zhe comes back, I'm going to tell him all these things and ask him to teach you a lesson!" Xia Wen said.

He would leave it to her husband to deal with her. MO Zhu was getting bigger by the day and he needed to stay by her side,

The Huang family's case was closed by the police after the investigation yielded no results. The Huang family were now thinking of ways to get rid of the scrap metal in their factory. Qiao Mei asked Lu Huai to find two unfamiliar faces to go to Lian City to negotiate a deal with the Huang family. Within two to three days, they managed to buy all the broken machines for only 30,000 dollars! They had spent 20,000 dollars less than what Qiao Mei had estimated!

"How did they do it? Why is the Huang family willing to sell everything at such a low price?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"If they sell the scrap metal by weight, it won't cost us anything more than

20,000 dollars. We're making a loss here!" Lu Huai said with some heartache.

"It's fine! Quickly send these things to Shen City. My staff will meet you there. Make sure to send those spare parts in my courtyard over in batches. Don't send them in one go since that will attract attention," Qiao Mei instructed.

"No problem! Leave this to me!" Lu Huai said.

Xiang Chen and Wu Duo had gone to Shen City together. It was near the sea, so there was a port which facilitated trading. Furthermore, the city's economy was only starting to take off and it was not as prosperous as Hu City and the capital yet, so they had a lot of leeway in doing business.

They had headed for this city based on Qiao Mei's suggestion. Qiao Mei had written to Xiang Chen earlier and recommended five cities to him. These five cities were the ones which would become key economic centers of the country in the future. Even then, the five cities ended up with varying degrees of economic success. This was also Qiao Mei's way of testing Xiang Chen, to see if he had the aptitude for business.

She left the rest of the work to her staff and only needed to wait for the results. If she still had to handle everything herself, then she should not be a boss anymore.

Previously, when she graduated from Capital University, she had told everyone that she wanted to set up a biological company. It was now time to think about how to put this plan in motion. The name of this company must be completely different from the name of the factory.

After thinking about it for a long time, Qiao Mei decided on a simple approach. She would just name it "Qiao Biological Company". The world was her oyster, but at this stage, she just wanted to focus on doing research on seeds.

The process of setting up a company was very cumbersome and would take at least one month. Qiao Mei left all these troublesome matters to Qian'e. She was not in a hurry anyway.

"Grandfather, are you making good use of the warehouse by the river?" Qiao Mei asked.

"We've been using it to plant crops. Your mother says that that piece of land is truly a treasure. If we don't plant crops there, the nutrients in the land will eventually be lost. Even when you are away, we must make good use of it.

After all, that piece of land can generate money!" Qiao Qiang said with a laugh.

Qiao Mei was very happy. She had thought that while she was in school, Li Gui did nothing other than counted money every day. However, it seemed that Li Gui was developing good business acumen during this period.

"Have you planted anything this year?" Qiao Mei asked.

“We just harvested a batch of watermelons. The field is empty now and I haven’t thought about what to grow next,” Qiao Qiang said.

“That’s good! I want to try planting some new seeds! Let’s set off now and take a look over there!” After saying that, Qiao Mei started to pack her things. Qiao Qiang also informed Li Gui about their plan..