

## **Fat Wife 2047**

### Chapter 2047: Grow Seasonal Fruits

Qiao Mei brought along her entire family to have some fun there. In Country

M, the children lived on the farm and they could run around freely every day. Although their house in the capital was also very big, it was small compared with the farm in Country M.

The country had given these warehouses and land to Qiao Mei as a reward. In the past two years, Li Gui had purchased the various plots of land in the vicinity. The total land area now was about the same size as the farm in Country M.

“Mom, have the watermelons sold well in the past two years? How much did we produce?” Qiao Mei asked.

“In the first year, it was not too bad. Sometimes we could harvest 8,000 pounds per mu, sometimes 4,000 pounds per mu. The price was different depending on the variety, but the sales had always been very good. In the second year, there was more rain and we harvested less watermelons, but it was still alright,” Li Gui said.

She had noted down all these details earnestly and documented all the information of every field in each area. She knew that Qiao Mei often did research on seeds and had heard from others that it was important to record the details of the seeds’ growth. Li Gui did not go far from this piece of land in the past two years. She wanted to make sure that she had all the information for Qiao Mei when Qiao Mei returned.

Li Gui had realized that Qiao Mei’s seeds would grow quite well in the first year, but the quality would deteriorate as they continued planting. The later harvests would never be as good as the first year.

However, this was not really a big problem. Qiao Mei was a top student who had returned from studying overseas! She could definitely solve the problem easily!

Qiao Mei took some measurements in the field and decided to construct greenhouses on the 50 mu of land in front of her. She wanted to cultivate different kinds of seeds here.

Now that the economy had opened up, there was no shortage of food. However, there was still a shortage of certain types of fruits and seasonal vegetables. Many varieties of fruit could not survive in winter, so there was a very limited supply of fruits during the winter season. Qiao Mei wanted to solve this problem and improve everyone's lives.

"It must cost a lot of money to build so many greenhouses. I have saved up all the money we made from selling the watermelons in the past two years. I'll give it all to you when we get home," Li Gui said.

"Sure!" Qiao Mei agreed.

Each matter must be dealt with on its own merits. Li Gui had made this money from selling the produce, so Qiao Mei definitely had a share in it. If Qiao Mei wanted to give the money to Li Gui, then that was her act of filial piety and was a separate matter altogether. Li Gui could not just assume that the money was hers.

Qiao Mei tasked many people to work on the construction. The greenhouses on the 50 mu of land were completed after three days. Following this, Qiao Mei could plant strawberries, watermelons, pineapples and melons as much as she wanted!

Given that there was so much land, it was naturally impossible for Qiao Mei to do everything herself. She spent two days training her staff and teaching them all the planting techniques and requirements.

All of them had to sign confidentiality agreements. They could not tell or teach other people these skills, or they would need to pay huge amounts of compensation.

After all, she had studied hard overseas for a period of time. She must make use of all the best practices she learned in Country M.

At the same time, all the machine parts had reached Shen City. They were just waiting for Qiao Mei to come over and give them some pointers. It was time for her to pack her things and set off.

Before Qiao Mei left, Gao Lin came to look for her and asked, "Are you going to the factory in Shen City?"

"That's right. Granduncle, do you want to invest in it too?" Qiao Mei asked.

"I still have to think carefully before acquiring assets here. Most of the Gao family's assets are still overseas now, so it will take some time to make preparations if we intend to do any business here. Moreover, the Gao family's assets were all distributed to other relatives back then, so it will take a lot of time to deal with this as well," Gao Lin explained.

"It's alright, take your time," Qiao Mei said.

"I'm thinking of going with you to take a look at how much the place has changed in the face of progress," Gao Lin said.

Qiao Mei thought for a long time before she said, "Granduncle, are you thinking of going back to Hu City to take a look?"

"I've been gone for so many years. It's time to go back and take a look. Besides, the Gao family still has many properties there that we left behind back then. I'm going this time to prepare to take back the Gao family's things. We probably still own one street there," Gao Lin said.

At that time, the tycoons in Hu City liked to divide up the districts among themselves and each person would own one street or one district. The Gao family used to own all the assets in one district. When they left in a hurry, they gave most of the companies and shops to their relatives. In the end, only the assets on one street were still in Gao Lin's possession.

"How long is the street?" Qiao Mei asked..

Chapter 2048: Nurture the Children

"It's at least 700 meters long, but I'm not sure if I can get the assets back. After all, so many years have passed and I'm not sure who has taken over the ownership by now," Gao Lin said regretfully.

"If you want to get the assets back, it's important to have the relevant documents. Do you have the title deeds for the properties and the land?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Yes, I have everything!" Gao Lin said.

Gao Lin hurried back to his room and brought out the documents. There was a thick stack of both land and property title deeds. Qiao Mei took a look at a few pages and felt a little disappointed. These documents were too dated and were not valid anymore.

However, they were not totally useless.

When Xu Lan and Xia Wen heard that Qiao Mei was leaving the capital, they came over to Qiao Mei's house. The two of them had something to discuss with her.

"What are you looking at?" Xia Wen asked.

"Eldest Brother, you have come at the right time. There's one more thing that I might need to trouble you with. The Gao family used to own assets on a street in Hu City, but many years have passed and the documents are an old version that might not be valid anymore. Can you help us find out who has ownership of the assets now?" Qiao Mei said as she handed the documents in her hand to Xia Wen.

Xia Wen looked through the documents carefully and said, "These are indeed invalid, but it's nothing too difficult to deal with. However, it might cost a lot of money to take back the assets."

"That's alright! At the end of the day, I still have foreign currency! Money is not a problem," Gao Lin said.

"Alright, I'll go and check on this as soon as possible. I think I'll be able to get the information by the time Old Master Gao arrives in Hu City," Xia Wen said.

Gao Lin was already aware of the Xia family's clout by now. He had thought that the Xia family was already influential enough in the capital, but he did not expect them to be able to get things done in other cities too. Despite that, the Xia family members always behaved very appropriately, so he felt at ease with them.

"This time round, I'm going to Hu City and Shen City with my granduncle. I also want to take a look at how the Gao family used to live," Qiao Mei said.

"Mei Mei, are you going to bring the children along this time?" Xu Lan asked tentatively.

"Yes, I want to bring them along. I'll probably be gone for about a month this time. It's quite a long time, so I want to bring them to Shen City with me," Qiao Mei said.

"It's going to be a tedious journey and you also have a lot of things to do. It will be very tiring for you to take care of the three children as well. Perhaps you can leave the children with me this time. Is that alright with you?" Xu Lan asked.

Qiao Mei was a little hesitant. She had never been away from her children for so long. Even when she was in Country M, she was never away for more than half a month.

Xia Wen said tactfully, "Grandfather's comrades have all returned to the capital recently. Xia Fan and Xia Xing are almost five years old now. Grandfather wants to bring the children to meet his old comrades."

Qiao Mei immediately understood why the two of them were here. The Xia family was intending to start nurturing their descendants for the future. They were going to introduce these three children to the family's acquaintances so that everyone would remember the children's faces. This was a wonderful thing for the children.

"Sure, then I'll have to trouble Mother and Grandfather," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

There was a limit to what she could give the children. There were many things that one could learn from Xia Jun. Even Qiao Mei wanted to learn from Xia Jun, so she had no issue with letting the children spend time with him.

Xu Lan and Xia Wen were both appreciative of the fact that Qiao Mei was so sensible and understanding. After Xia Wen gave her a brief update, they packed up the children's things and left with the children. This time, Qiao Mei could go on a business trip without any worries.

Qiao Mei and Gao Lin took a flight to Hu City first. As soon as they landed, they rushed to the area where the old house was located. Gao Lin walked through the area based on his memories and finally managed to find the correct alley.

"This area used to be very prosperous. These were all built by our Gao family," Gao Lin said proudly.

"All these?" Qiao Mei asked as she pointed at the surrounding shops.

"In the past, yes. These current shops are already different from the original ones," Gao Lin said regretfully.

In the past, the shops in this area included the supply and marketing cooperative, grocery stores as well as many newspaper offices. Now, there were all kinds of restaurants, hairdressing salons and boutiques.

"Then where is our house located?" Qiao Mei asked.

Gao Lin led Qiao Mei into the alley slowly. This place looked different from how it was decades ago. When they arrived at a bungalow, Gao Lin's eyes reddened. Qiao Mei immediately knew that the bungalow in front of her was Gao Lin's old home and also the place where Gao Tao grew up..

Chapter 2049: Returning to a Familiar Place

The bungalow had a total of five floors and the bricks and tiles used were very exquisite. Even though it was an old building, Qiao Mei could still see how grand it used to be. Each floor had big panels of glass installed.

Currently, there were many people coming in and out of the house. It seemed that this house had been subdivided into a communal living space.

“The good thing is that the house is still here. Everything else can be repaired and restored.” Qiao Mei patted Gao Lin’s shoulder and comforted him.

“Yes, as long as it’s still here, we’ll be able to find a way,” Gao Lin said.

The two of them stood outside and looked at the house for a long time before they walked in slowly. The inside had been subdivided into different spaces and the place looked different from what Gao Lin remembered. What used to be the long corridor was now a communal kitchen and the various rooms had already become someone else’s homes.

It was the same from the first to the fifth floor. When the two of them reached the third floor, they could not find the courage to go up any further. Gao Lin felt very heartbroken that his former home had been destroyed to such an extent.

“Let’s go,” Qiao Mei said softly.

“Sigh... let’s go,” Gao Lin said with a sigh.

Right at this moment, a girl suddenly rushed into the corridor and shouted, “Why should I listen to them! This house belongs to our family! This entire street is ours! Why should we take instructions from them! Since it’s ours, we should take it back!”

“Why are you making so much noise!” A woman rushed out of a room, grabbed the girl and hit her. As she hit the girl, she said, “Don’t you think you’ve embarrassed yourself enough! If you’re so capable, then get this whole house back! Why are you making so much noise outside! Look at your lousy results! You can’t even go to university!”

“Why are you criticizing me! Why aren’t you trying hard!” the girl said as she wailed.

Qiao Mei and Gao Lin looked at each other. They had never seen these people before and did not even know who they were. When Gao Lin came back to the country, he did not inform any of his relatives. In fact, after being away for so many years, he had already forgotten how many relatives he had here.

The voice of an old person could be heard inside the room. "Gao Le, come back quickly. Don't make your mother angry!"

"Father! Why are you behaving like her!" Gao Le said aggrievedly.

Qiao Mei and Gao Lin kept staring at Gao Le. Feeling exasperated, Gao Le shouted at the two of them, "What are you looking at! You people occupy my house and refuse to leave! If you know what's good for you, you should get lost now!"

"What's the point of talking to them! If they can feel any shame, they will have gotten lost long ago!" After saying that, the woman wanted to drag the girl back into the room.

Gao Lin walked forward and asked politely, "May I ask if your surname is Gao?"

"What does our surname have to do with you?" the woman said sulkily.

"My name is Gao Lin," Gao Lin said by way of introduction.

Neither the woman nor Gao Le knew who Gao Lin was. The man in the room suddenly stood up and walked to the door. He asked agitatedly, "Your... your name is Gao Lin?"

"Yes. You are..." Gao Lin looked at the old man in front of him hesitantly. He had been away for too long and all the faces in his memories were already blurry.

"I'm Gao Hai! Your fourth uncle!" Gao Hai yelled out.



“Fourth Uncle! Long time no see!” Gao Lin said happily. Gao Hai hugged Gao Lin tightly and did not want to let go. As he held Gao Lin in an embrace, he patted Gao Lin’s back fiercely and said, “Good! You’re finally back”. After that, he rattled off more similar remarks.

Qiao Mei stood rooted to the spot and did not know what to say. The man in front of her looked very much older than Gao Lin, but in terms of age, he did not seem much older than Gao Lin. However, the fact that he ranked higher on the family hierarchy meant he needed to be respected.

“Come in and have a chat! Let’s talk inside!” Gao Hai pulled Gao Lin into the room with Qiao Mei following closely behind.

The woman who looked unhappy earlier was now full of smiles. She said happily, “Gao Lin, I’m your fourth aunt-in-law! This is my daughter, Gao Le. Gao Le, greet him! This is your older cousin!”

Gao Le looked at Gao Lin and Qiao Mei unwillingly. No matter how she looked at it, it was strange that two people had suddenly appeared and claimed to be their relatives. She did not know if they were real relatives! She did not want to acknowledge this stranger as her cousin.

“The child is young and insensible. Come in and have a chat!” the woman said.

Qiao Mei gestured to the bodyguards in the corridor and told them to wait downstairs. She would call them using the walkie-talkie if anything happened..

## Chapter 2050: Family Hierarchy

Qiao Mei kept feeling that these so-called relatives were a little strange. She could not say for sure what felt so wrong, but it was always better to be safe

than sorry. It was better to be more cautious. Moreover, the room in front of her was very small and could not accommodate so many of them. If Qiao Mei also entered, there would be even be any standing room left.

“Who is this?” Zheng Juan looked at Qiao Mei and asked curiously.

After all, Gao Lin was very well-dressed and his clothes looked expensive. It was inevitable that people would let their imagination run wild when such a man had a beautiful woman with him. Zheng Juan did not want to make any assumptions.

“Fourth Aunt-in-law, this is my grandniece,” Gao Lin explained.

“Oh! Your grandniece! Then you have to address me as Fourth Great-grandaunt!” Zheng Juan said excitedly.

Gao Lin nodded in agreement. Qiao Mei had no choice but to brace herself and address the woman as “Fourth Great-grandaunt.” After all, Gao Lin seemed to value blood relations very much, so she could not embarrass him in front of other people.

“Which branch of the Gao family is Gao Lin from?” Zheng Juan said as she looked at Gao Hai.

The Gao family was a very big family. When Gao Lin’s entire family left the country back then, Zheng Juan had not even married into the family yet. Zheng Juan only knew those Gao family relatives living in the country and did not know much about those overseas.

“He is part of the Gao family’s direct descendant lineage, as in those family members who are born of the legal wives. He’s my eldest brother’s child,” Gao Hai said excitedly.

Direct descendant? This meant that his family were the ones who went overseas back then! They were the original owners of this house! No one expected them to be back! This was amazing!

“Oh I see! Come! Gao Le! Come and greet him! This is your eldest cousin!” Zheng Juan urged.

Gao Le stood unwillingly beside Gao Lin and whispered, “Hello, Eldest Cousin.”

Gao Lin did not react. After all, he was not very familiar with these people. At his advanced age, it was awkward for him to have a cousin in her teens, but there was nothing he could do about it. It was all in accordance with the family hierarchy.

Feeling indignant, Gao Le pointed at Qiao Mei and said, "I've already greeted him, so shouldn't she greet me too! She has to address me as Grand aunt!"

The corners of Qiao Mei's mouth twitched slightly. Gao Le was younger than her and yet wanted to be addressed as Grand aunt. She had no fear that she might shorten her own lifespan!

Gao Lin could tell that Qiao Mei was unwilling to do it and was about to raise his objection, but he did not expect Qiao Mei to look at Gao Le sensibly and say, "Hello, Little Grand auntQ'

"Little Grand aunt" was not just a form of address based on seniority, but also an alternative nickname for a certain group of people. A long time ago, it was how people addressed rich men's concubines.

"You! Who's your little grand aunt! How can you say that!" Gao Le pointed at Qiao Mei and roared at her.

Qiao Mei immediately walked towards Gao Lin, as if she had not done anything. Gao Lin naturally stood in front of Qiao Mei to protect her. At the same time, he felt a little upset. He did not expect the remaining relatives of the Gao family to turn out like this. The child they brought up was actually so rude and ill-bred.

"I'm sorry, Gao Lin. My child is insensible. I hope you don't mind," Zheng Juan said as she covered Gao Le's mouth.

"It's fine," Gao Lin said indifferently.

"When did you come back?" Gao Hai asked.

"It's been about half a month," Gao Lin said as he looked at Gao Hai.

“Then where have you been staying all this while? You’ve been back for so long but you haven’t contacted us!” Gao Hai said.

“I just arrived in Hu City today. I’ve been in the capital since I arrived,” Gao Lin said.

For Gao Lin to be able to live in the capital for so long, he must either have relatives there or have his own house in the capital. Gao Lin must be richer than they imagined.

“You’ve been on the move all day. Stay for a meal! Then you can have a good chat with your fourth uncle!” Zheng Juan said.

“Sure. I have a lot of questions for Fourth Uncle. Hu City has changed so much over the years,” Gao Lin said happily.

After Zheng Juan said that, she just kept staring at Qiao Mei and did not make any move to walk out of the door. Qiao Mei looked back at Zheng Juan. Gao Lin did not understand what Zheng Juan was trying to do, but Qiao Mei did. Zheng Juan did not want to pay for the groceries and was waiting for Qiao Mei to go with her!

“Fourth Great-grandaunt, don’t trouble yourself. Let’s go to a restaurant,” Qiao Mei said.

“Sure, sure, sure! That’s good too!” After saying that, Zheng Juan quickly went further into the room to get changed. She even asked Gao Le to go and change into nicer clothes as well.

Gao Lin only looked at them but did not say anything. He already guessed that

Gao Hai’s family must not be doing well all these years, so it was not surprising that they demonstrated such behavior..