

## **Fat Wife 2061**

### Chapter 2061: Ask Your Son to Come Back

Seeing Qiao Mei's unyielding attitude, the old woman suddenly held her chest and slowly sat on the ground as she yelled out, "Ow- Ow, my heart It's caused by all of you! You make me angry! If anything should happen to me! My son won't let you off!"

The community office staff looked coldly at the old woman in front of them. One of the girls walked to Qiao Mei's side and whispered, "This Auntie Sun always uses this method on us whenever she's unhappy. The community office organizes a health checkup for them every year and she's in very good health!"

"Then who's the auntie watching the show over there? Are the two of them sisters?" Qiao Mei asked.

"They're not related by blood, they're just good friends. Auntie Cui is usually amenable, but with Auntie Sun behaving like this, Auntie Cui won't listen to us anymore. The two of them like to sing the same tune!" the girl said.

"Thank you, I'll remember what you say," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

After Auntie Sun lay down on the ground, she realized that Qiao Mei and the rest did not seem to panic at all. She yelled even louder and then asked Auntie Cui to call the police on her behalf.

"Auntie Sun, but you say that you have heart pain! Guys! Call the hospital! Get them to send an ambulance for her immediately! Then call Auntie Sun's son and ask him to come back!" Qiao Mei shouted.

"Hey! M/hy do you need to call my son!" Auntie Sun asked in confusion.

"To ask him to come and take care of you of course! Otherwise, it's so pitiful for you to be admitted alone to the hospital here in Hu City. At a time like this, it's even more important to get your son to

come back! Isn't he supposed to be very filial? Since his mother is sick, then he definitely must come and accompany you!" Qiao Mei said.

Auntie Sun's son would not come back even if she asked him to. Whatever she said just now was just to scare Qiao Mei off. She did not expect that Qiao Mei was not even unthreatened, but she even wanted to disturb her son at work! This must not happen!

"I'm fine! You don't have to ask my son to come back! My son can't take leave! There are so many things to do at the office. What if he takes leave and his colleagues can't handle it! You'll hold up the work of a high-ranking government official! You won't be able to bear the consequences!" Auntie Sun said agitatedly.

"Work is endless! But your lifespan is limited! What if something happens and your son isn't by your side? Don't tell me your son is actually an unfilial person! Then I have to give feedback to the government. People with such character flaws should be fired! We can't let him continue to stay in government services!" Qiao Mei said firmly.

"No, no! I'm fine! I'm all well now! I'm not sick! Don't ask my son to come back!" Auntie Sun quickly stood up and shouted.

Auntie Sun was known to be a "self-proclaimed queen" in this area. Whenever someone made her unhappy, she would cause a huge scene. Even the local police station could not do anything to her. She was so arrogant because she had her son to back her up!

For this type of people, a simple investigation could dig up all kinds of fishy business! It could even lead to a jail term! Auntie Sun knew this very well and was very aware that she could not drag her son down with her.

"Auntie Sun, are you able to move out now?" Qiao Mei asked with a smile,

"Yes! Of course!" Auntie Sun said fearfully.

"Given that Auntie Sun is getting on in years, I'll ask the men from the community office to help you out! Guys, help Auntie Sun shift all her things! Remember to make a list of all the items! List down

everything! Don't let her come looking for us to say that there's something missing!" Qiao Mei shouted towards the community office staff.

"No problem!" the male staff members shouted back in unison.

After settling Auntie Sun, there was only Auntie Cui left. Auntie Cui sat on the steps of the Gao family's old house with a kindly expression and basked in the sun, as if everything happening around her had nothing to do with her at all.

"Auntie, when are you moving out? Are you facing any problem? I can help you solve it," Qiao Mei said.

"What?" Auntie Cui pointed at her ear and shouted at Qiao Mei.

"I said! Auntie, when are you going to move out! If you have any difficulties! We can get someone to come and help you move your things!" Qiao Mei leaned close to Auntie Cui's ear and shouted into it..

#### Chapter 2062: Auntie Cui's Past

Auntie Cui still looked like she could not hear Qiao Mei. It was not until Qiao Mei shouted for the fourth time that she realized that Auntie Cui was actually playing a fool with her.

"Auntie Cui, just let me know if you have any requests. We can have a proper discussion. It's not a good idea to pretend to be deaf and mute," Qiao Mei said patiently.

Auntie Cui was not afraid of anything. She had no children and her husband had passed away a long time ago. She was alone in this world and no longer had anything to worry about. Although this house did not belong to her, she had lived here for most of her life. This place contained all the memories shared by her and her deceased husband.

If they wanted her to move out, she would have to die first!

Qiao Mei did not continue to put pressure on Auntie Cui. She would not be able to get any answers today. Qiao Mei told the community office staff to move the tables and chairs in the courtyard back to their office. Now that Auntie Cui was the only one left in the Gao family's ancestral home, she needed to think of another way.

The next day, Qiao Mei asked someone to go to Auntie Cui's room to take a look at the setup inside and then asked someone else to rent a room nearby that faced the same direction. When everything was settled, Qiao Mei went to look for Auntie Cui to have a chat.

"Auntie Cui, I'm Qiao Mei. I'm here to talk to you," Qiao Mei knocked on the door and yelled out.

Auntie Cui opened the door slowly and gestured towards the room, saying,

"Come in. Only you can come in. No one else."

"Alright." Qiao Mei asked the bodyguards behind her to go downstairs and wait for her. She would handle the matters here on her own.

After entering the room, Qiao Mei closed the door. The room was filled with books and at one glance, all she could see were bookshelves. Some of the books were very old, while others still looked perfect and seemed to have been bought recently.

"Auntie Cui, are you an avid reader?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"My husband likes to read, so I like it too," Auntie Cui said with a gentle smile as she hugged a book.

Auntie Cui's husband was Zhong Tian. Decades ago, he was a teacher at a school in Hu City. Auntie Cui suffered a lot when she was young. She had escaped the mountain area alone and did not even have a place to take shelter in Hu City. During the day, she sold newspapers on the streets and alleys. At night, she sold flowers at the entrance of the bars in the entertainment district.

She had always thought that as long as she worked hard, she would be able to find her place in Hu City. Even a two-square-meter room was something to look forward to.

It was soon winter and she had only one set of flimsy clothes, not enough for her to survive the winter at all. Very soon, she ran a high fever and fainted by the roadside. When Zhong Tian got off work, he found Auntie Cui lying unconscious by the roadside. At that moment, there were also a few hooligans who were trying to take Auntie Cui with them.

Zhong Tian did not know where he got his courage from, but he picked Auntie Cui up and brought her home. After that day, he took her in. She cleaned his house, washed his clothes and cooked for him. After doing the chores, she would go out to work. As the days passed, the two of them gradually fell in love.

"My husband taught me a lot of knowledge. I guess we can say that he's my teacher and I love him very much all my life. I didn't expect him to fall seriously ill and die so young," Auntie Cui said sadly.

"Mr. Zhong seems like a very nice person. Auntie Cui, I have come here today to discuss the matter of the house with you. I won't force you to move out. I

just want to bring you to see another room. Will you come with me to take a

look?" Qiao Mei suggested.

"Alright, then I'll accompany you to take a look," Auntie Cui said.

Qiao Mei asked Auntie Cui to sit in the wheelchair that she had prepared in advance and the two of them took a stroll down the street. Auntie Cui told Qiao Mei many memories from her past.

When they reached the entrance of a small neighborhood, Auntie Cui suddenly realized something. She looked up at Qiao Mei and asked, "Don't tell me... don't tell me you've found me a room here?"

The neighborhood in front of her was the school's family compound. Only teachers from the school could stay in this compound. At that time, Zhong Tian was very determined to marry Auntie Cui. Only

married teachers could apply for a house in the compound. Zhong Tian had put in an application and the school had already approved it.

However, Zhong Tian's family did not want him to marry Auntie Cui and did everything they could to stop them. In the end, Zhong Tian did not have a legitimate spouse in the legal sense, but the love between the two of them was more binding than any marriage certificate..

#### Chapter 2063: Arriving in Shen City

"This is the room that was supposed to be allocated to Mr. Zhong back then. I rented it from the landlord and he has promised me that he will continue to rent it to you until you pass on," Qiao Mei said.

"Really? I hope you're not lying to me!" Auntie Cui said as she looked at Qiao Mei in shock.

"Of course it's for real. I have the official document from the school from back then. Mr. Zhong specially chose this room for you. At that time, you were working in a convenience store. The window in this room faces the direction where you come back from work every day. Mr. Zhong must really love you very much," Qiao Mei lamented as she pointed at the small path outside the window.

Auntie Cui stood by the window and wept silently. Zhong Tian had already been gone for a long time and the neighbors had long forgotten about his existence.

Back then, Zhong Tian had cut ties with his family in order to marry Auntie

Cui. Even Zhong Tian's own brothers probably did not remember him by now.

She was very scared of recalling her past with Zhong Tian. Whenever she thought of him, she could not help but cry. As time passed, her eyesight started to fail, to the extent that she could not even see clearly those books which he had used as textbooks when he was teaching her.

Auntie Cui did not expect this little girl, who was a total stranger to her, to go to this extent for the two of them. She was very grateful to Qiao Mei.

“Thank you, young lady, but the rent for this room must be very expensive. I can’t afford it,” Auntie Cui said.

“The rent here is the same as what you pay for the room in the Gao family’s ancestral home. Auntie Cui, you don’t have to worry. Furthermore, this room is also fitted out in the same way as your current room,” Qiao Mei said.

“Thank you. Thank you so much. Both Zhong Tian and I are very grateful to you,” Auntie Cui said with a smile.

That night, Qiao Mei arranged for someone to help Auntie Cui move to the new place and also gave her an additional 200 dollars. Although the deadline to receive the rewards had already passed, it was worth commemorating the love between Auntie Cui and Zhong Tian.

All the previous tenants had been cleared out and the house solely belonged to the Gao family now. Qiao Mei immediately arranged for the builders to weld the main door shut so that no one could try to get in again.

“Granduncle, I’ll leave this house in your hands now.” Qiao Mei stuffed the key into Gao Lin’s hand.

As Gao Lin looked at the key, his eyes reddened. He raised his head to look at the house and said, “This house contains all those memories of me and my elder sister. Qiao Mei, I’m really grateful to you. If not for your help, I probably won’t be able to come back and live in the Gao family’s ancestral home in this life. I won’t know how to face the Gao family’s ancestors when I die!”

“Fortunately, it’s back in our hands now. I still have work to do. Granduncle, you will have to stay in Hu City to keep an eye on the renovations,” Qiao Mei said.

“Don’t worry and go! Leave this to me! Contact me immediately if anything happens in Shen City. Don’t shoulder any issue alone,” Gao Lin said.

“I’ll remember that,” Qiao Mei said happily.

Lu Huai had joined the delivery team on the trip this time round since Qiao Mei had stressed to him about the importance of these machines. In addition, they were sending the items to Xiang Chen this time round, so he felt that it was more secure for him to do it personally.

Xiang Chen and Wu Duo had already made a name for themselves in Shen City. By now, they had bought more than 10 properties. There were about seven to eight villas, three old bungalows and even three small plots of land. Everyone in Shen City addressed Xiang Chen as “Boss Xiang”.

“Cousin-in-law, you’re finally here! We don’t even know what to do with these machines! You have to tell us what to do next!” The moment Qiao Mei got out of the car, Xiang Chen started telling her everything that had happened during this period of time.

Those machines were really too huge. The small plots of land which he and Wu Duo bought were not too big enough to accommodate the machines and he could not set up the production line at all. The most important thing now was to build a factory or to get a bigger piece of land that was suitable for the setting up of a production line.

Qiao Mei waved her hands and said indifferently, “It’s still too early for all this!

Don’t be so anxious.”

“How can I not be anxious! Second Cousin-in-law is still here!” Xiang Chen said agitatedly.

“Second Cousin-in-law? Who’s Second Cousin-in-law?” Qiao Mei was confused for a moment.

“It’s Lu Huai! He came personally! Don’t you know about this?” Xiang Chen asked, looking puzzled.

This was really beyond Qiao Mei’s expectations. At that time, Qiao Mei had said she wanted Chi Ze to come with the convoy, so she did not expect Lu Huai to come instead..



## Chapter 2064: Buy Land

“Of course I don’t know anything about this. No one told me. Let’s go back and take a look now,” Qiao Mei said.

Everyone was living in one of Xiang Chen’s new villas. The big group of people gathered in the living room noisily and was about to have their meal. Fortunately, this was a villa. If they were in a residential building, the neighbors would definitely complain about the noise.

As soon as Qiao Mei entered, she searched out Lu Huai. She looked at him and said, “Why are you here in Shen City with the convoy? I thought we agreed that Chi Ze would come?”

“Chi Ze has some family issues. His father isn’t doing well, so I ask him not to come,” Lu Huai explained.

“Why didn’t anyone tell me about such a big issue? How’s his father now?” Qiao Mei asked with a frown.

“He’s doing alright. It’s a chronic illness. His health has gotten worse as he gets older. These are all the common illnesses which one gets in old age. Chi Ze says that he has an idea about what’s coming,” Lu Huai said.

“Remember to call him on my behalf later. Tell him to go and look for my grandfather if he needs anything,” Qiao Mei said.

Lu Huai knew that Qiao Mei wanted to give Chi Ze the “divine medicine” to save his father’s life. However, before Lu Huai left on the trip, Chi Ze had told him that he did not want to disturb Qiao Mei because of his family matters. Everyone’s fate was predestined and it should not be forcefully changed. His father had already battled the illnesses for a long time and he respected his father’s wishes.

After resting for the night, Qiao Mei, Xiang Chen and the others began working on their plans to build a factory in Shen City as well as discussed their future businesses.

“The most important thing now is to find a place big enough to build a factory. I’m new here and I’m not very familiar with this place. Do any of you know where the largest piece of land is?” Qiao Mei asked.

“There are plans to develop the south side of the city. The government plans to demarcate it as an industrial zone. Many people are buying land there even though it’s very expensive. Most of the companies which are active there are foreign companies and there are very few domestic companies,” Xiang Chen said.

Qiao Mei knew that location. It would become the most prosperous street in this city in the future. She must seize this opportunity and must not let it slip.

“What are the available plots of land left?” Qiao Mei asked.

“There are still three more plots. One is about 13,000 square meters and the other is about 16,000 square meters. These two plots are very popular and the price is already 13% higher than usual! The last plot is very big and no one has expressed interest to buy it. It’s about 60,000 square meters,” Wu Duo said.

“Not bad, you know this information like the back of your hand. It seems that you’ve been learning well from Xiang Chen,” Qiao Mei said as she looked at Wu Duo approvingly.

Xiang Chen had always wanted to go into business and he also majored in economics in university. He had good business instincts and was in tune with the market, but Wu Duo was different. Wu Duo grew up in the countryside and had never done any business before. It would take a long time for him to catch up with Xiang Chen.

“Since I want to do well, I must not embarrass my mentor,” Wu Duo said.

“Xiang Chen, go and buy that 60,000 square meters plot now,” Qiao Mei said casually.

“Cousin-in-law, do you know how expensive this plot of land is? The price is an astronomical sum!” Xiang Chen said with a slightly trembling voice.

Qiao Mei knew that it would be very expensive, but she must get that plot of land. The money she had earned in the past two years was definitely enough to buy this piece of land in cash. In another two years, the domestic economy would advance by leaps and bounds and money would only depreciate in value if left in the bank. She might as well use it to buy land!

“It can’t cost hundreds of millions, right?” Qiao Mei asked.

“No, not there yet. It’s 20 million dollars,” Xiang Chen said.

“No problem then. Go and negotiate the deal now. It’s now or never. If someone else gets the plot of land, I’ll hold you accountable!” Qiao Mei pointed at Xiang Chen and threatened him.

Xiang Chen picked up his bag and car keys and ran out. The rest of them went off to start hiring engineers and general workers. Qiao Mei told Luo Yu to go to Country M to bring Li Xin and Liu Guang back. She could not just leave the two families there.

The matter with the Huang family could be considered to have come to an end for the time being. The Huang family was in a mess now and their relatives had all gone to settle the score with Huang Quan!

They had heard that Tan Jing had gotten pregnant again some time ago. One month into the pregnancy, Huang Quan beat her up so badly that she had a miscarriage.. This was a very serious issue and Huang Quan was almost sacked from his job because of it!

#### Chapter 2065: Generous Reward

Qiao Mei had originally intended to cause some trouble so that Huang Quan and Tan Jing would quarrel with each other. She did not expect that things would develop to this extent on its own. Tan Shi had already gone to jail. He was sentenced to life imprisonment because of the huge sum of money involved. The Tan family lost one of their sons and Tan Jings parents went to the Huang family’s house every day to create trouble, causing chaos in the Huang family!

Qiao Mei and the Xia family had personally experienced the antics of Tan

Jings parents. With these two people stirring up trouble, the Huang family

and the Tan family would not have a peaceful life in the future. She was relieved to hear that Tan Jing was not doing well.

Li Xin and Liu Guang sent their families back to their hometown first, then they rushed to Shen City without even stopping to take a rest. They were both looking forward to meeting Qiao Mei. They had thought that Qiao Mei would discard them after the task was done, so they did not expect to be able to continue working for her!

To them, this was the most wonderful piece of news! Back then, they had tried to think of ways to become Qiao Mei's trusted aides, but at that time, there was a limit to what they could do and no one thought highly of them. Things were different by now! Since they had completed the task given to them, as long as they worked hard for Qiao Mei, they would have a life of wealth and glory!

"Sister-in-law! What can we do for you this time?" Li Xin said happily.

"Don't be so anxious. The two of you did very well last time, so I must reward you." Qiao Mei took out two small boxes from under the table. She patted the boxes and said, "One for each of you. Open them up and take a look."

Li Xin could not wait to take the box and open it. Liu Guang pressed down on Li Xin's hand and said, "We haven't thanked Sister-in-law yet!"

"Oh, right, right, right! Look at me! I'm so excited that I didn't think of that. I'm really sorry, Sister-in-law!" Li Xin said embarrassedly.

"There's no need to be so polite. We're all on the same team. You can open the box now," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Li Xin and Liu Guang opened the boxes expectantly and all they saw was money! The two boxes were filled with money! The two of them wondered if this moment was real.

Li Xin immediately tugged at Liu Guang and said, "Brother Liu... Slap me... Am I dreaming?"

Liu Guang gave Li Xin a hard slap and Li Xin immediately shouted out in pain, "Ouch! It hurts! It's real! Brother Liu, this is real! It's really full of money!"

Qiao Mei had given each of them 120,000 dollars as their remuneration. In the beginning, Qiao Mei had estimated that the Huang family would lose about two million dollars. By the end of it, she calculated that the Huang family had lost nearly four million dollars! It was double the amount she expected! Once they sold those goods, they only needed to deduct the transportation costs and the rest was pure profit.

Therefore, Qiao Mei did not feel that it was too much to give each of them 120,000 dollars as remuneration. In fact, it may even be too little.

"Sister-in-law! Is all this money really for us? Actually, we didn't do much. It's your plan that's good," Li Xin said.

"What's wrong? You don't dare to accept it? You deserve the money," Qiao Mei said.

"I'm indeed a little scared. I've never seen so much money in my life! If I bring all this money home, my wife may divorce me! She will think that I robbed a bank!" Li Xin said honestly.

In an era where everyone's annual income was only 1,000 dollars, the amount of 120,000 dollars was indeed not a small amount. For one to save up this amount of money, one had to save for 12 years without eating and drinking! "This is just the tip of the iceberg. We'll earn even more money in the future," Qiao Mei said.

Li Xin and Liu Guang put away the money in a secure place. Qiao Mei told the two of them to work with Wu Duo and made them his right-hand men. Moving forward, Wu Duo would have an easier time in Shen City.

Xiang Chen had a very busy day and made some progress on the matter of bidding for the land. He had been secretly observing Qiao Mei over the past few days and realized that Qiao Mei did not seem to intend to hand over all the assets in Shen City to him. He felt a little uncomfortable about that.

“Cousin-in-law, do you have time now? I’d like to have a chat with you,” Xiang Chen said.

“Sure, let’s go into the study.” Qiao Mei led Xiang Chen to the study. She made tea for him first and the two of them chatted about the recent events while drinking tea.

After hesitating for a long time, Xiang Chen finally made up his mind and said, “Cousin-in-law, are you going to give up on me?”

“What are you saying?” Qiao Mei asked as she looked at Xiang Chen in confusion.

“After you came to Shen City, you handed all the tasks to Wu Duo. I can tell that you think very highly of him,” Xiang Chen said..

Chapter 2066: Plan Terminated

Qiao Mei did not hide anything from Xiang Chen and said frankly, “Yes, I do have the intention to give Wu Duo a share of the food factory here.”

“Then what about me? I’m the one who has worked hard to build up the business in Shen City! He’s only been here for a few months and he’s already going to replace me! Cousin-in-law, you can’t do this to me! Didn’t we agree back then that we will make money together? I’m your relative and Wu Duo is just an unrelated party! How can you trust him!” Xiang Chen said agitatedly.

Qiao Mei just looked at Xiang Chen quietly and then poured him a cup of hot tea. Xiang Chen gradually calmed down and lowered his head before he whispered to Qiao Mei, “Cousin-in-law, I’m sorry. I didn’t mean that...”

“Xiang Chen, do you still remember what you told me back then?” Qiao Mei asked calmly.

“Yes I do. I told you that I want to go into business, but my family does not allow me to do it. You’re the only person who agrees with my idea and supports every decision I make,” Xiang Chen said.

“The food factory here is only a subsidiary of the Osmanthus Food Factory in the capital. I’m still the chairman. If you work in the food factory in Shen City, you’ll just be my employee. At most, people will address you as General Manager Xiang. Don’t tell me you just want to be just a management staff working under me and don’t want to become Boss Xiang?” Qiao Mei asked.

“I want to! Of course I want to!” Xiang Chen said.

“Management staff can be easily replaced. For me, capable people always get priority. In my company, only people who have proven capability get the right to speak. Their resume is not important. I have had a look at the properties and land you bought and I think they’re all not bad.”

“It’s not just the assets in Shen City. The assets you bought in the other places are also not bad. I’m here not just for the food factory. I also want to set up a real estate company. What I want to do is for you to be in charge of this company,” Qiao Mei said.

“Really? For me to be in charge of this company!” Xiang Chen said in shock.

“You have to experience certain things on your own. You’ll be more successful if you go through adversity on your own, rather than follow my instructions all the time. I’ll give you two years to put the real estate company into the top 20 list in the country. Once you’re done with the matters related to the food factory, go and write me a proposal,” Qiao Mei said.

“But what if I screw up?” Xiang Chen did not have much confidence. For the past two years, he had progressed slowly based on the instructions in Qiao Mei’s letters to him. He had almost forgotten about his ambitious zest from back then.

Now that Qiao Mei had given him a wake-up call, he recalled how he used to persist in chasing his dreams and ambitions. However, he was still afraid. What if such a big business failed in his hands?

“Don’t worry, if you really don’t know what to do, I won’t stand by and do nothing,” Qiao Mei said.

This seemed to give Xiang Chen the reassurance he needed. He immediately bade farewell to Qiao Mei and went to follow up on the matter of the plot of land. He wanted to resolve the outstanding matters as soon as possible and wished that he could get started on the real estate company immediately.

At noon the next day, Xiang Chen returned dejectedly. He held onto the thick stack of submission forms and could not figure out why the higher-ups had stopped him from making the payment at the final stage of the process?

This plot of land was huge and expensive and most people dared not bid for it. The government had been in a hurry to sell the land and Xiang Chen’s appearance had actually solved this problem for them. Moreover, he was able to pay up in full and did not need to take a loan from the bank. Everything had been going smoothly. However, the higher-ups suddenly gave him a call today and said that they wanted to do a check on his assets.

“What happened that made you so listless?” Qiao Mei asked.

“The land sale process has been halted,” Xiang Chen said.

“Are there any competitors or policies that we’ve overlooked?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Not at all. I’m also very curious as to why everything has suddenly stopped. In the beginning, I got on very well with Director Zhang, but his attitude suddenly changed,” Xiang Chen said aggrievedly.

“Director Zhang? What’s his full name? I’ll get someone to do a check on him,”

Qiao Mei said.

“Zhang Fu,” Xiang Chen said.



Qiao Mei thought for a moment and suddenly realized what was going on. She said helplessly, "There's no need to check on anything. It's a personal grudge."

"Personal grudge? With whom?" Xiang Chen asked as he looked at Qiao Mei confusedly.

Qiao Mei told them about everything that had happened in Hu City recently. This Zhang Fu turned out to be Auntie Sun's son, the one who was a government official. It was such a small world after all..

Chapter 2067: Dinner Appointment

"No way! I want to report him! I want everyone to know what a nasty person Zhang Fu is!" Xiang Chen said agitatedly.

"What reason do you have to report him? In the end, he's still following the rules and regulations. There's nothing wrong with what he's doing at all. Even if you report him, you won't be able to do anything to him," Qiao Mei said.

The team had encountered a difficult situation. Zhang Fu was definitely a

corrupt official, but the people who bribed him were definitely all on his side. After all, they still needed Zhang Fu to be their protector. These people would never show the evidence to Qiao Mei and the rest.

"I have an idea!" Wu Duo said.

"Quick, tell us what you have in mind?" Qiao Mei asked.

"I need our two new colleagues to help with this matter though. The rest of us have been in Shen City for too long and everyone can recognize us, so it's not convenient for us to do anything. It's better if the two of you can take on the task," Wu Duo said to Li Xin and Liu Guang.

“No problem! We can do anything as long as it’s not illegal!” Li Xin said.

The few of them gathered together to discuss the plan. Xiang Chen went off to pester Zhang Fu again. In Shen City, it was a known fact that Xiang Chen was

Xia Jun’s grandson. If a person with such a background was to plead with

Zhang Fu for help, one could imagine how flattered Zhang Fu would feel!

Xiang Chen needed to fan the situation so that Zhang Fu would feel a sense of superiority. Zhang Fu would only slip up if he became too full of himself.

Early the next morning, Li Xin and Liu Guang changed into their suits and looked very professional. The two of them went through a lot of trouble to get to Zhang Fu’s office door. Zhang Fu was in a meeting and they could only go in after the meeting ended.

The two of them waited outside the door for an entire day but Zhang Fu did not ask to see them. It was only when the workday was almost over that he called for the two of them.

“I’m so sorry. I have too many meetings today. I’m really too busy,” Zhang Fu said with a grin.

“It’s fine, it’s fine! We know that Director Zhang is a very busy person! It’s not a problem for idle people like us to wait for Director Zhang,” Li Xin said.

“I wonder why you’re here?” Zhang Fu asked.

“We hear that Director Zhang is in charge of the land in the industrial area. The two of us are in the garment business and want to buy a piece of land there, but Boss Qiao has also taken a fancy to the same piece of land. We’re here to ask if we have any chance of getting it. We hope that Director Zhang can help us,” Li Xin whispered.

Zhang Fu fiddled with his clothes awkwardly and said tactfully, "Well... it's not impossible for me to help. Let me think about it. I'm not very hungry today.

Let's talk about it another day."

When Liu Guang heard what Zhang Fu said, he did not understand what it meant. Li Xin, on the other hand, immediately put down his business card and said with a smile, "Thank you, Director Zhang! This is my business card. We'll make an appointment for tomorrow! "

After saying that, Li Xin pulled Liu Guang out from Zhang Fu's office. Along the way, he hummed a tune with a look of victory on his face.

"Why did you say that just now?" Liu Guang asked in confusion.

"What Zhang Fu said just now was telling us to treat him to dinner tomorrow night! And also to send him some gifts. It's not convenient for him to say it out directly in the office just now," Li Xin explained.

"What a crook! He's so cunning! Yet he looks like an honest official!" Liu Guang said disdainfully.

"If he's an honest official, then pigs will fly! Let's go back and tell Wu Duo about this. We'll have to work together to get the task done," Li Xin said.

After they got back, Li Xin quickly gave Zhang Fu a call and made an appointment to have dinner together tomorrow night at the most luxurious and decadent restaurant in Shen City. One meal there would cost at least 1,000 dollars! That was the same amount as the annual salary of an ordinary person. It was said that Zhang Fu was a regular here and would come here whenever he had any personal meetings.

Time passed quickly and it was finally the appointment time. Li Xin and Liu Guang stood at the door of the restaurant to wait for Zhang Fu. When Zhang Fu arrived, he was dressed casually and in all black, looking completely different from how he looked at work. He was also wearing a mask.

“Director Zhang, you’re finally here! Are you feeling unwell? Why are you wearing a mask?” Liu Guang asked.

“I have asthma, so I will usually wear a mask,” Director Zhang explained..

Chapter 2068: Bribery

“Director Zhang, let’s go in. I’ve already reserved a table! And ordered all your favorite dishes!” Li Xin said fawningly.

Director Zhang looked at the table in front of him and seemed very dissatisfied. He was used to eating in the private room at this restaurant. He did not expect Li Xin to have reserved a table in the main hall!

“I’m so sorry, Director Zhang. We’re here because this is your favorite restaurant, but there’s a wedding dinner upstairs today and all the private rooms are booked up,” Li Xin said apologetically.

“It’s fine. It’s good to be in the main hall. The view is better,” Zhang Fu said.

While waiting for the dishes to be served, Li Xin kept talking about the reason why they wanted to get that plot of land. He talked about all his plans for the future and stressed that his company’s future prospects were very bright.

Zhang Fu did not know anything about doing business. He only cared about money and he was satisfied as long as he was given enough benefits. As for who the owners of the plots of land were in the end, he was not interested at all.

“In this part of Shen City, there’s no one who hasn’t heard of Director Zhangs reputation! Please help us out.” Li Xin took out a stack of money from his bag and continued, “Here’s 5,000 dollars. It’s a gift from us. Once the matter is done, there’s another 5,000 dollars for you. Please put in a good word for us and help us out.”

Zhang Fu immediately became alert and looked around. Fortunately, there were not many customers today and everyone was all seated far away from them. In the past, he had never received any bribe which exceeded 1,000 dollars. This was the first time he was receiving such a substantial “gift”. If he rejected Li Xin, he probably would not be able to sleep well for the next month.

“In that case, I’ll help you out. There won’t be a next time though,” Zhang Fu said as he put the money into his pocket quietly.

“Thank you so much, Director Zhang! Come, here’s a toast to you!” Li Xin said happily.

After three rounds of drinking, Zhang Fu was a little tipsy. He called for the chauffeur to come and send him home. Before he left, he even patted Li Xin’s shoulder and promised repeatedly that he would help with Li Xin’s request and told Li Xin to relax and wait for the news.

The two men watched as Zhang Fu’s car disappeared into the night before they returned to the restaurant. Wu Duo, who had been sitting in the corner, raised up the small video recorder in his hand and said, “Thank you for your hard work.”

“Did you manage to film everything? Are our faces in the frame? Don’t let anyone see that it’s the two of us who bribed him. We still want to continue working in Shen City!” Li Xin said.

“Don’t worry, the equipment provided by Sister Qiao Mei has the most advanced technology from overseas. It’s definitely reliable! Did you manage to record your conversation?” Wu Duo asked.

Just having video footage alone was not enough. Although they had used the small video recorder to record the scene of Zhang Fu taking the bribe, Zhang Fu could always say that he was only borrowing money from Li Xin and Liu Guangz. They needed both the video and the voice recording to prove that Zhang Fu had taken the bribe.

The three of them drove home immediately. Wu Duo took out the evidence confidently and said, “The mission is successful! That bastard Zhang Fu really took the bait!”

“I thought that since we were not in the private room, he wouldn’t dare to accept the money I gave him! When he looked at me, I was so frightened that I broke out in a cold sweat!” Li Xin said.

"I was scared too. If our plan is exposed, our business will be completely ruined!" Liu Guang patted his chest and said fearfully.

"Zhang Fu is a greedy person at heart. He will never be able to let go of so much money," Qiao Mei said.

"Cousin-in-law, what should we do next?" Xiang Chen asked.

"We're going to report him of course! And we're going to take him down! He won't have a good life after this!" Qiao Mei said firmly.

Li Xin and Liu Guang were taken aback by Qiao Mei's ruthlessness. Xiang Chen and Wu Duo recalled the fates of those people who bullied Qiao Mei in the past. All those people came to miserable ends and some of them were even sent to jail.

Only Luo Yu knew that not only did Qiao Mei dare to take revenge on the people who made her angry, but she even dared to kill them! He was the only one who knew how miserably it ended for Zhang Cheng and Liang Jin in Country M.

"Alright, everyone should get a good rest. We still have a tough battle in front of us tomorrow," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

After everyone was done with their work, they returned to their rooms. As soon as it was dawn, Xiang Chen brought the evidence to look for the mayor of Shen City, to report Zhang Fu for corruption and bribery..

Chapter 2069: Gao Lin Is Missing

If this matter had happened in the past, it would not be dealt with seriously. Zhang Fu would at most go to jail for a year or two and then be reprimanded and reeducated. As long as Zhang Fu wrote a letter of repentance in the end, the matter would be closed.

However, Shen City's economy was flourishing at the moment. The government attached great importance to the opening up of the economy and wanted to showcase Shen City as an example of how a city could prosper. At a time like this, the fact that Zhang Fu still dared to take bribes so openly meant that he did not respect the mayor at all!

The process of opening up the economy was a long and tedious one and could not be achieved in a short period of time. All the bad habits of the past must be completely eliminated at the source. There was a full investigation launched on Zhang Fu and all his past misdeeds were dug up. In the end, Zhang Fu was sentenced to jail for 13 years.

When Auntie Sun heard about this matter, she was so worked up that she had a sudden cerebral hemorrhage and passed away.

The mayor of Shen City made arrangements for a new director to take office very quickly. In less than two days, Xiang Chen's application to buy the plot of land was approved. Qiao Mei and the others immediately dived into the intensive construction and renovation phase.

When Qiao Mei first arrived in Shen City, she had already sent the base plan of the plot of land back to Deng Fan in the capital. Deng Fan had worked overtime to come up with the blueprint for the new factory. The blueprint was simple and clear and could be handed over to a trustworthy construction team in Shen City.

When all these things were done, Qiao Mei led the team to move the machines into the factory. She made a call to Gao Ming and asked him to help her find an engineer from Country M who was familiar with the machinery. She wanted the engineer to take a flight to Shen City immediately and it did not matter how much it would cost.

Qiao Mei only remembered how to remove the components from the machines, but it was beyond her abilities to put them back. Moreover, these machines were all her "golden geese" which could make a lot of money for her. If she damaged them unwittingly, the losses would be too great to bear.

After teaching Wu Duo and the others how to use the machines, it was time for Qiao Mei to return to the capital. However, before that, she had to go to Hu City to take a look at the renovation progress of the Gao family's ancestral home, as well as to check on the acquisition progress along the street which Gao Lin had told her about.

When the economy was not doing well earlier, many shops along the street had closed down. It was an easy task to buy them back now and there was no need for much capital at all. Qiao Mei returned to the hotel where Gao Lin was staying.

“Do you still remember me? I stayed here a while ago. My granduncle is still staying in the VIP room here. Can you arrange for my room to be next to his?” Qiao Mei went to the front desk and asked the staff.

“Yes, Miss. I’ve already arranged it for you. Do you need our help with the luggage?” the staff at the front desk asked.

“It’s fine, I can handle it myself.” After saying that, Qiao Mei took her luggage and went to the VIP zone on the fourth floor.

She had rushed back from Shen City on the afternoon train and it was already late at night now. If she went to look for Gao Lin now, they could not chat for too long anyway. She might as well wake up earlier tomorrow morning to give him a surprise!

“Luo Yu, please help me check how many shops my granduncle has bought back by now. I want to see all the details and I also want to know who’s been making the news in Hu City recently,” Qiao Mei said.

“Alright, I’ll do it right away,” Luo Yu said.

Early the next morning, Qiao Mei went to Gao Lin’s room door. She knocked happily and shouted, “Granduncle! I’m back!”

There was no response, so Qiao Mei tried knocking on the door again. It remained quiet inside the room. Qiao Mei immediately ran downstairs and grabbed the staff at the front desk, asking, “Have you seen the guest from room V402?”

“The guest in room V402 hasn’t returned since the day before yesterday, but he didn’t say anything about checking out. He has already paid for one month’s stay, so we didn’t ask,” the front desk staff said.



Qiao Mei instantly realized that something had happened to Gao Lin. She immediately called Yao Nian and asked him to use his connections to check on Gao Lin's schedule for the past week and find out who he had met. She told him to get her all the details, regardless of how minute the detail might be. Qiao Mei also told Luo Yu to go out and try to find Gao Lin.

Gao Lin had only just returned from overseas and there were only a handful of people he knew in this country. Who would want to threaten Gao Lin's life? Could it be an enemy of the Gao family from the past? However, she had never heard Gao Lin mention this before.

Qiao Mei returned to her room and waited patiently for the news. Two hours later, there was a sudden knock on her door. Qiao Mei thought that Luo Yu had returned, but when she opened the door, she saw six or seven burly men blocking the door.

Chapter 2070: Five Million

"Who are you looking for?" Qiao Mei asked.

One of the men with a scar on his face at the door approached Qiao Mei with a sinister smile. Qiao Mei slowly retreated back into the room. The scar-faced man only stopped when everyone had entered the room.

"You don't need to know who I am. You just need to know that your good days are over!" the scar-faced man said happily.

"Is Gao Lin in your hands?" Qiao Mei asked calmly.

The scar-faced man was a little surprised by Qiao Mei's reaction. If it was any other woman, she would have already curled up in a corner and wept loudly, or she would have knelt down and begged for mercy. It was very rare to see a calm and rational woman like Qiao Mei.

Seeing such a beautiful and smart woman, the scar-faced man did not feel like doing anything to Qiao Mei. It would be great if he could bring her back to be his wife! Unfortunately, his client had paid him a lot of money, so he had to take care of his own interests first.

“So what if he’s in our hands? Are you going to pay a ransom for him?” the scar-faced man asked.

“Name your price,” Qiao Mei said.

“Five million,” the scar-faced man said without a second thought as he spread out his hand.

Qiao Mei looked at the scar-faced man in shock. Five million! Such greed. Even the Zhang family in Country M did not have to pay so much money for Zhang Cheng’s ransom.

“Is your target my granduncle or Gao Ying?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Gao Ying? Who’s Gao Ying? We don’t know this person! We only know Gao Lin and you!” the scar-faced man said.

Anyone who grew up in Hu City would know who Gao Ying was. It was obvious that these people in front of her were not locals from Hu City and they were not here to seek revenge on the Gao family.

If it was not about the Gao family, then it must have something to do with her.

“I don’t have that much money. If you accept a lower amount, perhaps we can still talk about it,” Qiao Mei said.

“Rubbish! Have you ever seen a kidnapper bargaining with a hostage! I’m already showing you respect by telling you that Gao Lin is still alive! Go and get the money now! Even if you don’t have this amount, your family definitely does! Do you think you can escape from me?” the scar-faced man said firmly.

“How do you know if my family has money or not? Do you know who my family is?” Qiao Mei asked. If these men knew that Qiao Mei was a member of the Xia family, they probably would not have dared to take on this job.

“I don’t need to know who your family is! Don’t talk nonsense with me! I want money! Money! Your family must be rich! Go and call your family to ask for money now! Otherwise, I can’t guarantee how long your granduncle can stay alive,” the scar-faced man said.

His underling next to him said anxiously, “Boss! Why are you talking nonsense with this woman! Just knock her out and bring her back! It’s more lucrative to have two hostages!”

The scar-faced man raised his hand to knock Qiao Mei out, but she quickly dodged to the side and said, “Don’t touch me! I’m scared of pain! I’ll go with you! I’ll listen to you!”

The scar-faced man revealed a satisfied smile. The truth was that he did not want to have to knock Qiao Mei out and drag her out. A group of men carrying a beautiful woman out of this place would be too eye-catching.

“Go and search her luggage,” the scar-faced man said as he sat on the bed and waved his hand at his underlings.

His underlings went forward to open Qiao Mei’s suitcase. It contained the money she had brought back from Shen City to buy a house, about 50,000 dollars in local currency and 6,000 dollars in foreign currency.

“Oh my goodness! Boss, we’re rich! We’re rich! There’s so much money!” the underling said excitedly as he held up the money.

Even the scar-faced man sitting on the bed looked very excited and this made Qiao Mei very suspicious. They kidnapped Gao Lin and dared to ask for a random of five million dollars, but an amount of 50,000 dollars already made them so happy. No matter how she thought about it, it did not seem right.

“Alright, alright! Let’s take the money and go!” The scar-faced man asked his underlings to stuff the money into their bag and the group headed downstairs to leave the hotel.

When turning a corner at the stairway, Qiao Mei smashed her bangle on the floor emotionlessly and stomped on the fragments, pushing them into a crack in the floor.

This was the imperial green jade bangle that Qiao Mei bought at the antique market. It would be worth tens of millions in the future! It was a pity to destroy it, but it was worth the loss if she could leave a clue for Luo Yu.

The staff at the front desk looked at Qiao Mei and the men curiously. They all knew that Qiao Mei was rich since she could afford to stay in a VIP room. So what was a rich person doing with these fierce-looking men?