Fat Wife 2081

Chapter 2081: They Have Escaped

Xia Zhe went forward to take a look. After confirming that there was no possibility of saving the man, he shook his head helplessly and said, "He's gone."

"What about Huang Quan? How is he? Do you have any way to wake him up?" Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Zhe reached out and pressed hard on Huang Quan's philtrum, and then waited for a reaction from Huang Quan. After a while, Huang Quan slowly woke up. When he saw Xia Zhe, he was shocked and looked as if he had seen a ghost.

"You Why are you here! Shouldn't you be already dead! How can you still make it back alive! How can this be! You should have died over there!" Huang Quan said in a panic.

"You must be very disappointed that I'm not dead, but you're the one who's going to be dead very soon. No, you're going to face a fate worse than death," Xia Zhe said mildly.

"I don't want the money anymore! I still have 30,000 dollars! I'll give you everything I have! Please let me go! Give me a way out!" Huang Quan begged.

"What do I want your money for? You hurt my wife and kidnapped her relative. This debt can't be settled with money," Xia Zhe said.

"I know it's wrong to do that! But but she also took all those goods and machines from me! Those things are worth more than 5 million dollars in total! You guys have already recovered your capital! Let's let's call it even!" Huang Quan said.

Qiao Mei rolled her eyes at Huang Quan. He was the one who started this whole thing. She was just teaching him a lesson and taking back what belonged to her at the same time. How could he talk about "calling it even"?

Xia Zhe also did not intend to waste his breath on Huang Quan. He grabbed the rope around Huang Quan's wrist and dragged Huang Quan towards the inner part of the warehouse. As they walked, Huang Quan kept apologizing to Xia Zhe. When he realized that it was useless, he started cursing the Xia family and the Qiao family.

Xia Zhe covered Huang Quan's head with a sack, as he found Huang Quan's twisted face to be very disgusting. Then, Xia Zhe raised his leg and forcefully kicked the lower part of Huang Quan's body. The intense pain made Huang Quan lose his voice in an instant and he did not even have the strength to scream. Then when Huang Quan recovered from the pain, Xia Zhe gave him another hard kick. Huang Quan's screams kept echoing in the warehouse, each one more miserable than the last.

On the other side of town, Brother Bin and Lao Mo successfully received five million dollars from Luo Yu. Just as Brother Bin was about to drive back, the wolf fang bracelet on his wrist suddenly broke.

"Brother Bin! This" Lao Mo's heart sank. This bracelet was Ah Kun's birthday gift to Brother Bin and Brother Bin had always treated it like a protective talisman. Now that it was broken, could it be that something had happened to Ah Kun

"Let's go We have to leave Hu City," Brother Bin said firmly after a pause.

"Shouldn't we go back to look for Ah Kun? What about Ah Kun?" Lao Mo said agitatedly.

"In this situation, we can't go back there anymore. If he can, he will definitely come and look for us. You have to believe in Ah Kun. We'll wait for him at our usual place!" After saying that, Brother Bin floored the accelerator and headed towards their secret base at full speed.

Luo Yu's men chased them for a long time but lost track of them in the end. Everyone felt very vexed. They did not expect Brother Bin and Lao Mo to be so slippery. They had underestimated their enemy.

"Big Brother, we didn't manage to catch them" Luo Yu said dejectedly.

"It's fine. They won't be able to escape from us. Let's go and look for Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei first," Xia Wen said calmly.

The men composed themselves and set off. Xia Wen sent out a team to continue tracking down Brother Bin and Lao Mo while the rest of them went to the abandoned warehouse together. Xia Zhe watched over Huang Quan while stealing glances at Qiao Mei. She was leaning against Guo Lin and taking a nap.

When Qiao Mei heard the sounds of the men coming in, she immediately woke up. She quickly ran up to Xia Wen and asked, "Where are they? Have you caught them?"

"No, they have escaped," Luo Yu said.

"Then what about my money?" Qiao Mei asked again.

"It's also in their hands," Luo Yu replied.

Qiao Mei's heart sank. That was five million dollars! Although this was money she had pilfered from Huang Quan, she had also worked very hard during this period of time! She would rather throw the money into the sea than let this money go to the Huang family!

"Little money-grubber, don't worry. I've already sent people out on a massive manhunt. It's very dangerous for them to be on the run with such a big sum of money. We will probably get news soon," Xia Wen said.

Chapter 2082: Being the Boss

"Hubby, do you know if the Huang family has any secret base! Or a treasure vault or something like that! Let's raid their nest secretly!" Qiao Mei went to Xia Zhe and whispered to him.

Xia Zhe smiled dotingly and said, "I'll go back and ask around for you."

Although Xia Zhe did not know how Qiao Mei hid away most of the Yang family's treasures back in Country M, he knew very well that his gal had all kinds of means and ways. So long as it was something that Qiao Mei wanted, he would let her do whatever she wanted. He would take care of any mess that arose after that.

The head of the criminal police team on the scene was Wu Jia. He had trained at the special forces training base for a period of time, and he and Xia Zhe were from the same batch. If not for the fact that Wu Jia had to leave the special forces training base because of health issues, he might have become Xia Zhe's buddy, like Zhuang Hua and the rest.

"Long time no see," Wu Jia said with a smile.

"That's true. I haven't seen you in a long time. I didn't know you're the head of a team now," Xia Zhe said happily.

"You're not doing too bad either," Wu Jia said as he looked at Xia Zhe with admiration.

Wu Jia's team was in charge of all the confidential issues. They needed to remember the information of all the important cadres in the military, as well as the names and faces of their family members. Their mission was to protect the families of these important cadres so that these cadres could serve the country without any worries.

As the head of this criminal police team, Wu Jia naturally knew what Xia Zhe had been doing in the past two years. He was very envious of Xia Zhe and at the same time, felt motivated to become more outstanding. He missed those old times very much and hoped that he could go to the capital to work closely with Xia Zhe in the near future.

"This must be Sister-in-law. Hello, my name is Wu Jia. I'm his former comrade-in-arms." Wu Jia extended his hand politely to greet Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei shook Wu Jia's hand graciously and said, "Hello, Brother Wu! It's a pleasure to meet you!"

"Alright, let's cut the small talk. Luo Yu, you drive Old Master Gao back to the criminal police department first. Wu Jia had already made arrangements for us to stay in the criminal police

department's dormitory. Before those two men are caught, let's stay there for now," Xia Wen instructed.

"Then what about Huang Quan?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Leave him to us. The Xia family is one of the parties involved this time, so it's not suitable for you to handle this matter. Otherwise, no matter what the punishment is, there will be people who will be dissatisfied with it. It's most appropriate to hand it over to us," Wu Jia said.

"The criminal named Ah Kun had committed suicide by taking poison. Huang Quan is in the deepest part of the warehouse," Xia Zhe reported calmly.

"The few of you! Go and bring them out! Let's finish up quickly so that we can leave early!" Wu Jia waved at the subordinates behind him and shouted.

Wu Jia's subordinates immediately ran towards Huang Quan. At this moment, Huang Quan was already unconscious. He had head injuries and his legs were twisted in an odd angle. From the looks of it, he had fractures in his hands and legs.

"Do do we need to report this to Captain Wu? This guy is so seriously injured. What if he dies during the journey?" Captain Wu's subordinate said fearfully.

"What does that have to do with us? Let's just follow the procedure. We just need to be careful when we carry him out," another subordinate said.

They were all lamenting internally that Xia Zhe had beaten the man up too badly. They did not expect the dignified Third Young Master of the Xia family to have a fetish for violence!

After exchanging a few words, all of them went their separate ways. This was not a good venue to have a catchup session. Before leaving, Wu Jia said to Xia Zhe, "I'll ask you out for drinks if I go to the capital! Don't pretend that you don't know me!"

"Don't worry! I'll definitely give you a warm welcome! Just come over!" Xia Zhe said.

Xia Wen gave Xia Zhe a car and put some money inside. Given that Xia Zhe was finally back from overseas, the young couple must have a lot of catching up to do. He would let the two of them have their private time! He could handle the rest of the matter.

Xia Zhe drove back to the hotel where he was staying. The owner of this hotel was his former comrade-in-arms who had retired from the army to go into business, so it was very safe for him to stay here.

After Qiao Mei entered the room, she climbed straight into the bed. So many things had happened in the past two days and she had to remain very focused. She had not slept well for the past few days and she needed to have a good rest now.

Chapter 2083: About to Give Birth

"Sigh I'm so tired" Qiao Mei said wearily.

"No worries. Just lie there. I'll change your clothes for you." Xia Zhe took out Qiao Mei's pajamas from the luggage and changed her clothes for her. He also took a warm towel to wipe Qiao Mei's face and limbs and gave her a massage to help her relax after these few tiring days.

Qiao Mei was very pleased to have Xia Zhe taking care of her. He was very busy with work in Sky City and it had been half a year since they last met. She wondered how long he could stay with her this time round.

"Did Eldest Brother ask you to come back?" Qiao Mei asked.

"I have already made plans to come back next week, but since something so serious has happened to you, I set off right away. Anyway, everything is already settled over there, so I don't have to worry about anything," Xia Zhe said.

"Does that mean you don't have to go back anymore?" Qiao Mei asked expectantly.

Xia Zhe could not guarantee that his superiors would not send him on missions to other countries or to return to Country M to take charge again if there was a crisis in the future. At the moment, his superiors asked him to stay in the country and just take on his real identity as the "Third Young Master of the Xia family".

"I'll be spending most of my time here so we'll have a lot of time together," Xia Zhe said neutrally.

Qiao Mei jumped up from the bed excitedly. Xia Zhe could finally have a lot of time for her! Their family was finally reunited! Feeling happy about the news, Qiao Mei hugged Xia Zhe and fell asleep. She only managed to wake up at noon the next day.

Xia Zhe looked tenderly at the person in his arms. It was fortunate that he had returned in time, otherwise he might have lost Qiao Mei. Xia Zhe's current rank in the army was senior enough for him to have a personal guard team. He planned to get Luo Yu to train a few people from the current guard team to be Qiao Mei's bodyguards and protect her 24 hours a day.

"Ring, ring, ring" The hotel phone suddenly rang. Xia Zhe quickly went over to pick it up, worried that the ringing sound would wake Qiao Mei up.

"It's me, Xia Wen. I just want to ask when you're coming home?" Xia Wen asked.

"It'll be a while longer," Xia Zhe said.

"I can only give you four days. It's not that I want to deprive you of your alone time, but Mother has given you an ultimatum. Mo Zhu is due to deliver in four days. Mother hopes that the whole family is around when she gives birth," Xia Wen said.

"Alright, I understand. We'll go back as soon as possible," Xia Zhe said.

Xia Wen told Xia Zhe about the progress with Huang Quan's case. After saying what he needed to say, he hung up the phone. Qiao Mei had also woken up by now. She rubbed her eyes and asked, "Who called?"

"It's Eldest Brother. He said that Eldest Sister-in-law is about to give birth and wants us to go back." Xia Zhe summarized the conversation he had just now.

"Oh my goodness! Eldest Sister-in-law is about to give birth! How can I forget such a big thing! I haven't bought a gift for the baby yet!" Qiao Mei said nervously.

"It's fine. Let's pack up in a while and then go to the nearby mall to buy some gifts for everyone," Xia Zhe said.

Qiao Mei nodded in agreement. Gao Lin's acquisition project in Hu City was not done yet. Even though the matter with Huang Quan was over, he would still need to stay in Hu City for a while. Xia Zhe asked Luo Yu to stay by Gao Lin's side to protect him. It was enough for Qiao Mei to have him by her side.

The two of them went to the mall to buy a gold choker and a pair of gold bangles for the unborn baby. Xia Zhe bought many things for their children and only stopped after the car boot ran out of space.

It was a six-hour drive back to the capital from Hu City. Taking a train or a plane might expose Xia Zhe's identity, so it was best for them to drive back themselves.

They did not go home directly, but headed to the military family compound instead. Xia Zhe needed to go back for a debrief and he also wanted to take the opportunity to let everyone know that he was back so that no one would gossip about Qiao Mei.

"Hey! Whose car is that?" When Qiao Mei arrived, Liu Yun and the others were chatting under the tree.

"Isn't that Qiao Mei! Qiao Mei is back!" Zhang Cai was the first among them to see Qiao Mei. She stood up excitedly and pointed at the car as she yelled out.

"Qiao Mei! Oh my goodness! Qiao Mei is back!" Liu Yun immediately ran towards the car. As soon as Qiao Mei got out of the car, she hugged Qiao Mei excitedly and shouted, "You're finally back! Do you know how much I've missed you!"

"Long time no see, Sister Liu! I miss you too!" Qiao Mei said happily. Chapter 2084: Back at the Family Compound There were a few newcomers at the military family compound. These women did not know Qiao Mei, but they had been here long enough to have heard of her. Liu Yun held Qiao Mei's hand and said proudly, "Let me introduce you! This is my Sister Qiao Mei! She stays in that house!" "Hello, my name is Li Hui. I live in the house at the very end," Li Hui said in a gentle tone. "I'm Zou Lu! I'm probably a little younger than you," Zou Lu said cheerfully. Zou Lu's older brother was in the army and their parents had passed away a long time ago, leaving the two siblings to rely on each other. Therefore, the army specially approved Zou Lu's application to live in the military family compound. "Have you completed your studies overseas? Why have you suddenly come back?" Zhang Cai asked curiously. They all already knew everything about Qiao Mei's endeavors. Everyone in the capital knew about her. Ever since Liu Yun and the rest found out that Qiao Mei had gone overseas to study, they all felt very proud as well! After all, they were the neighbors of the top scorer in the college entrance examination in the capital! "I have completed my studies both here and overseas. I've already graduated," Qiao Mei said with a

smile.

"It's good to have graduated! As a graduate, you'll definitely be assigned a good job! Don't blame me for talking about you next time. I have to show off to others that I have a sister who's very capable!" Liu Yun said.

"Then I'll have to work harder," Qiao Mei said.

She did not tell Liu Yun and the others about her company and the factory, not because she wanted to hide these things from them, but because she did not want to cause unnecessary trouble. After all, the winds would always howl around the highest peaks. It was better to be careful and avoid attracting trouble.

What if any of them wanted to recommend their relatives to Qiao Mei? Then Qiao Mei's company would become a charity shelter!

Qiao Mei took a look around and realized that Miao Le was standing at the back of the crowd with a young baby in her arms. The baby looked to be about one year old. However, Zhuang Zhuang should be three years old by now. So who was the child in Miao Le's arms?

"Let's not chit chat anymore! I need to talk to Qiao Mei! You guys have fun!" Liu Yun grabbed Qiao Mei and pulled her away from the crowd.

Xia Zhe quietly took out everything from the car and into the house. They had not been back for so long and the whole house was covered in dust. He would need to take some time to clean it up.

Liu Yun led Qiao Mei to her house to have a chat. Qiao Mei immediately saw the greenhouse behind the house. When she left, Liu Yun had not built the greenhouse yet! It seemed that Liu Yun had been doing quite well for the past two years.

"Sister, this is what I want to talk to you about. After you left, I took care of your courtyard for you and I realized that the vegetables grown in your greenhouse were of very good quality. Therefore, I made the decision to build a few more greenhouses on your land and also at my house," Liu Yun said embarrassedly.

"It's fine! I still have to thank you! After all, it's a waste not to make good use of all the land," Qiao Mei said.

Seeing that Qiao Mei was not angry, Liu Yun could finally feel at ease. The moment they walked into Liu Yun's house, Qiao Mei could see there were many new household appliances inside. There was a refrigerator, a television, a radio and a sewing machine, among other things. These items were all the latest models.

"You've been doing well for yourself!" Qiao Mei said happily.

"It's all thanks to you! The vegetables grow very fast in the greenhouse, so I can make a lot of money during the winter! I'll go and get the money for you later. I've made sure to do the accounts properly for the past two years!" Liu Yun said.

"No hurry, no hurry! I have something to ask you. Whose child is Miao Le carrying? It doesn't seem to be Zhuang Zhuang," Qiao Mei asked.

Liu Yun said with a look of disdain, "You don't say! That's her own child! Not long after you left, Tian Jun chased Miao Le home and asked another of his distant cousins to come and take care of Zhuang Zhuang. However, no one knows how Miao Le managed to seduce Zhao Da from the apartment upstairs! The two of them got married very quickly. This child was also conceived last year."

"Who's Zhao Da? I don't seem to have heard of him before," Qiao Mei said.

"It's a long story. You should go back and ask your husband. They all know what kind of person Zhao Da is. Zhao Da is already 36 years old! He can even be Miao Le's father! He's really shameless!" Liu Yun said disdainfully.

It seemed that there was more to this story and Qiao Mei became even more curious about this relationship. When she had time, she would get Yao Nian to investigate Zhao Da and Miao Le.

"Sigh! Let's not talk about these disgusting things! Let's count our money!" Liu Yun said.

Liu Yun took out a metal biscuit tin from the cabinet. It was obvious that it was very well-used. Qiao Mei had also seen such a biscuit tin at Li Gui's place. It seemed that everyone stored important items in the same way.

"Here's a total of 3,500 dollars! It's all the money I earned from selling the vegetables over the past two years! Here you go!" Liu Yun said excitedly.

"But I didn't do anything at all. You are the one who grew the vegetables and built the greenhouses. I only supply the land. You don't have to give me so much money," Qiao Mei said.

"Take it! This sum of money is yours! I still have so many greenhouses at home! This amount of money is from selling the vegetables grown at your house. I have my own! Don't stand on ceremony with me! Otherwise, I won't be able to face you in the future!" Liu Yun said sternly.

Seeing Liu Yun's firm attitude, Qiao Mei accepted the money and said happily, "Thank you so much."

"What are you saying! I should be the one thanking you!" Liu Yun said.

In the past, her own family did not really like her. Although Liu Dong worked in the army and it was considered a very good job in everyone's eyes, Liu Dong's position was very junior and his salary was quite low. His salary could barely support his entire family.

Liu Yun had given Liu Dong two sons. Based on their financial situation, it looked to be very difficult for her sons to get married in the future. They lived on a very tight budget and could not even bear to buy meat to eat. They would only be willing to buy a small piece of meat during the new year and festive season.

After Qiao Mei came to the military family compound, Liu Yun's life had improved greatly. Now that the economy had opened up, she could go out to sell vegetables without any fear and could even earn more money than Liu Dong in a year. The relationship between her and her family had also gotten better and better. Her parents' attitude towards her had changed a lot and she felt that she could now face everyone with a sense of pride.

She had Qiao Mei to thank for all these. If not for Qiao Mei "showing her the world" and widening her horizon, she would probably still be living the same life as before. She did not mind even if she had to give Qiao Mei all the money she had earned from farming both plots of land in the past two years!

"Since you put it this way, I'll accept it. I have brought some sweets and chocolates for your children, as well as clothes for you and your husband. I'll get Xia Zhe to pass them to you later," Qiao Mei said.

"Oh my, you still think about our family even though you're away from here! Don't buy so many things next time. It just adds weight to your luggage! Don't tire yourself out. I'm very happy as long as you come back," Liu Yun said sincerely.

"When your husband has some time, you can come to the capital to look for me. I'll bring you out to have a good time," Qiao Mei said.

"Sure!" Liu Yun agreed readily.

After a simple catch-up, Qiao Mei returned to her own house with the money. Xia Zhe was stunned when he saw the amount of money in Qiao Mei's hand. He did not expect her to be able to earn so much from selling vegetables in the past two years.

"Why did you start cleaning up without me?" Qiao Mei quickly kept the money and joined him in doing the chores.

"It's nothing too difficult. Let's just clean up quickly and then head home. Otherwise, Mother and Eldest Brother will feel anxious," Xia Zhe said.

By the time they finished cleaning up, it was already late at night. The two of them drove back to the courtyard house in the capital. The first thing Xia Zhe did when he got home was to go and take a look at the children. By this time, the children were already fast asleep. He sat quietly next to their beds and looked at them. Time seemed to have stopped at this moment.

"Why are you staring for such a long time?" Qiao Mei came to Xia Zhe's side and whispered to him.

"The children have all grown up in the blink of an eye. Xia Fan and Xia Xing are already five years old, and Xia Yue is already more than two years old. We've also been married for five years," Xia Zhe said emotionally.

"That's true. Time really flies. In a while, the children will be all grown up and we'll both be old with white hair," Qiao Mei said.

"You won't be the one with white hair. I'll age faster than you," Xia Zhe said with a smile.

Qiao Mei's eyes instantly reddened. Even if she fed Xia Zhe ginseng juice every day, they could not live forever.

"Don't cry! Let's not say such depressing things now that we are reunited. Let's go out and let the children have a good night's sleep." Xia Zhe carried Qiao Mei back to the bedroom and the two of them spent the night cuddling together.

Chapter 2086: The Children's Future

Early the next morning, the children ran out and played in the courtyard. Xia Zhe appeared in front of them suddenly and the three children stared at him with wide open eyes.

Xia Fan found it hard to believe that his father, the person whom he had been missing day and night, was right in front of him. He rubbed his eyes forcefully to make sure that he was not seeing things and then started crying loudly. Xia Xing ran up to Xia Fan and covered his mouth as she said, "Papa is back, so why are you crying! Don't make so much noise!"

"I'm just too happy! I'm not sad!" Xia Fan said as he sobbed.

Xia Zhe squatted down and pulled Xia Fan and Xia Xing into an embrace. "Are you happy to see Papa? Papa was very busy with work for a while, that's why I couldn't come back. I'm so sorry about that."

"It's alright! Mama said that Papa is doing something very heroic! Papa is a hero! So we don't blame Papa!" Xia Xing said proudly.

Xia Zhe did not expect Xia Xing to say this. It was enough to make the 30-something man so touched that his eyes reddened. Xia Yue had only seen Xia Zhe a few times. When they were in Country M together, Xia Yue was still a little baby! He probably could not remember any of his experiences.

"Yue Yue, go over there too. That's your papa," Feng Hua said as she patted Xia Yue, who was hiding behind her.

"He looks exactly like Papa in the photo. Is he Papa?" Xia Yue asked as he blinked his big eyes and looked up at Feng Hua.

"Yes he is. Go and tell Papa what you've been up to recently. Don't you have a lot of things to tell Papa?" Feng Hua said as she gently pushed Xia Yue towards Xia Zhe's direction.

Xia Zhe squatted down and spread out his arms as he looked at Xia Yue expectantly. Xia Fan and Xia Xing also encouraged Xia Yue to go over. In the end, under everyone's expectant gazes, Xia Yue slowly walked up to Xia Zhe. However, he did not say anything and only kissed Xia Zhe lightly on the cheek.

"Papa, I miss you so much," Xia Yue whispered.

"I miss you too." Xia Zhe hugged Xia Yue tightly. He accompanied the three children back into the room to play with building blocks. Xia Yue demonstrated amazing construction skills. He was able to use the building blocks to construct a playground and could also introduce every feature in a clear and proper manner.

"Yue Yue, who taught you all these things?" Xia Zhe asked curiously.

"Uncle taught me this. Uncle also bought me many building blocks and wooden houses! I like them very much!" Xia Yue said excitedly.

Initially, Xia Zhe had thought of sending Xia Fan and Xia Yue to the army to train for a few years, just like how Xia Mao had sent him and Xia Wen there in the past. However, he did not expect Xia Yue to have a talent for building construction.

Xia Fan definitely should join the army. This boy was very observant and his emotions were very stable, so he was a very suitable candidate to follow in Xia Zhe's footsteps. However, Xia Zhe did not want to force Xia Fan to do anything. If Xia Fan wanted to do something else, Xia Zhe would allow it too.

He had not thought about Xia Xing's future yet. He did not have that much expectations for a girl. He just wanted her to grow up healthy and happy and thrive in a blissful family environment.

Qiao Mei only woke up in the afternoon. This was the best sleep she had had since she returned from overseas. She would head to Xu Lan's courtyard house with Xia Zhe in a while. This was the first time she was going there since she returned! She wondered what it looked like after the renovation.

"Should we bring the children?" Qiao Mei asked as she stood at the door, carrying the gifts.

"Let's not bring them along for the time being. Let the children stay with Grandfather. I'm worried that we'll be too busy later to take care of them," Xia Zhe said.

"Alright, let's go to visit Mother and Father now." The two of them walked along the alley while holding hands and many families stuck their heads out to take a look.

Ever since Qiao Mei moved here, they rarely saw Xia Zhe with her. If not for the fact that Xu Lan and the others often went to Qiao Mei's house to visit her, they would have thought that Xia Zhe had abandoned her!

Xu Lan's house was only a 15 minutes' walk from Qiao Mei's house. Xu Lan's house was not overly renovated. The structure looked similar to Qiao Mei's house, but the interior decoration was completely different. Qiao Mei liked wooden furniture and a vintage style, while Xu Lan had always lived in a modern-style house and found it difficult to accept a house that felt old-fashioned.

Xu Lan had set aside three rooms for the three children in the front yard. Each room was decorated in a style similar to their current rooms. Deng Fan was the one who came up with this idea.