## Fat Wife 451

Chapter 451: Let's Work Together

"There's no need for me to walk into a trap myself. Besides, the enemy of an enemy is a friend. We're on the same side now," Qian'e said.

Qiao Mei thought for a moment and said, "You say that you and He Mei are enemies, but do you have any proof? What's the grudge between the two of you?"

"In the beginning, she was the one who introduced me to Ma San. Later on, He Mei actually asked her younger sister to seduce Ma San! In the end, it was all thanks to her that I lost my child and became infertile! Tell me, how can I not hate her!" Qian'e roared.

She could still feel an ache in her heart when she thought of the past. Her entire life was ruined by He Mei.

Qiao Mei was still worried. After all, if she really collaborated with Qian'e and then Qian'e did something drastic that implicated the Xia family, the losses would outweigh the gains.

"Don't worry. If we work together, I'll tell you everything I know. When the time comes, I'll do whatever you want me to do. After all, I'm really not smart enough. Since you can take down the He family, I believe you can also take down He Mei as well," Qian'e said.

"I still don't trust you. I need time to consider if what you said is true." Qiao Mei looked at Qian'e intently.

It was a good thing as long as she was tempted. Qian'e had plenty of time to wait, but she did not know how much time Qiao Mei had left.

"I'm afraid you don't have that much time," Qian'e said with a smile.

Qiao Mei looked at Qian'e in puzzlement and asked, "Why?"

"He Mei wants to give me a sum of money. She says that she had let me down all these years and asks me to go to her house for a chat. That everyone in her family is gone and she doesn't have anyone to help her now. That she doesn't know how to save her father and her little uncle. That as long as I lie to you, she will have a chance to threaten the Xia family and get them to protect her family," Qian'e said.

This offer of money was very tempting as her mother, Zhao Ni, worried about money every day. The money from the He family would be enough to last the two of them for 10 years, but she wanted revenge more than money.

She wanted He Mei to experience the pain she felt before, and to know what it was like to experience the abuse from neighbors, the accusations from family, the disgust from friends, and the complete subversion of her life.

She was no longer the ignorant fool from before! This time, she must pull herself together!

He Mei must pay the price!

"So you have agreed?" Qiao Mei asked.

"No, I didn't go to see her. This was what she told me over the phone. She asked me to go to her house to look for her, but I refused and said that I didn't have time, and that I would go another day," Qian'e said.

Xia He looked at Qiao Mei nervously. She had never thought that things would get to this point, nor did she expect the He family to still target Qiao Mei even though the family was already in trouble.

"I'll wait until you have met He Mei before I decide if I want to work with you. Bring He Mei to a public place where there's a spot for me to hide," Qiao Mei said.

However, Qian'e shook her head and said, "This won't work. He Mei won't be stupid enough to come out and court danger. There are many people trying to find ways to cause trouble for the He family now. She's currently hiding away in her father's small house. If I want to see her, I can only go there to look for her."

"Just say that you're afraid she'll do something to you since no one can guarantee your safety. Say you want to meet at a public place that's not too crowded to ensure that you'll be safe and she'll be safe. Then I'll be able to hear about He Mei's schemes too," Qiao Mei said.

Qian'e hesitated. It would not be easy to persuade He Mei on this matter, but Qiao Mei would not help her if she did not give it a try.

"Alright, I'll try." Qian'e looked at Qiao Mei determinedly.

Qiao Mei smiled and said, "Then let's do it tomorrow afternoon. When you have fixed a time, let me know in advance. Don't use your house phone to call me or the He family might find out."

Qian'e nodded and got ready to leave the Xia family's house. Xia He sent her to the main door.

She turned around to look at Xia He and hesitated.

"What else do you want?" Xia He said impatiently.

"Elder sister Xiao He, I... It's nothing. I hope you're well. I'm leaving." Qian'e had a bitter smile on her face as she slowly made her way home.

Watching the slender departing figure made Xia He feel bad. She stood there for a long time before she sighed resignedly and closed the door to go back into the house.

Chapter 452: I Want Proof

"Mei Mei, do you think what she said is reliable?" Xia He walked into the house and asked Qiao Mei worriedly.

Qiao Mei smiled indifferently and said, "It doesn't matter if it's real or fake. Elder sister, don't think about it anymore. Let's eat. Why hasn't Second Aunt-in-law come out of the kitchen after so long?"

Since Qian'e arrived, Liu Fen had been very quiet in the kitchen. There were only the three of them having dinner at home, so there was no need for her to prepare too much food. They wondered why she had not come out yet.

Qiao Mei and Xia He made their way to the kitchen quietly. When they opened the door, they saw Liu Fen sitting on a chair and leaning against the wall, fast asleep. Her brows were furrowed and it was clearly restless sleep. She was still holding on to the spatula tightly.

The two of them looked at each other and smiled. They knew that Second Aunt-in-law was very timid, but they did not expect her to have been so frightened.

Xia He went forward and nudged Liu Fen gently. "Second Aunt-in-law... Second Aunt-in-law, wake up!"

Liu Fen woke up in a fright and hurriedly raised the metal spatula and pointed it at Xia He. She opened her eyes wide and stared hard. When she saw that it was Xia He and Qiao Mei in front of her, she relaxed.

"You wretched girl! You scared me half to death! I thought some bad guy had come!" Liu Fen said as she patted her chest.

"Come, Second Aunt-in-law. Let's eat. She has already left." Xia He helped Liu Fen up and led her to the living room to take a rest. Her shoulders must be so sore after sleeping in the kitchen for so long.

The three of them quickly finished their meal and cleaned up before returning to their rooms to rest.

The next morning, Xia He woke up very early. She did not sleep well the entire night and felt flustered whenever she thought about what Qian'e had said. However, Qiao Mei was as calm and composed as if nothing had happened.

Xia He sat in the living room in a daze with dark circles under her eyes. She was very fidgety and only looked forward to the afternoon so that she could know what He Mei was up to. Only then would they be able to find a way to deal with it.

Qiao Mei got up lazily from the bed and walked downstairs with her hair in a messy bun. At this hour, Liu Fen would be out grocery shopping and it would be a long time before she got back.

"Elder sister, why are you up so early? What's with the dark eye circles? Did someone hit you last night? They look really bad." Qiao Mei yawned and slowly walked down the stairs.

"How are you still able to sleep! That He Mei wants to harm you!" Xia He said anxiously.

Qiao Mei shrugged and said, "Don't be afraid. It's not as if she's going to harm me today. Besides, we have someone tipping us off. Elder sister, don't worry."

"Then shouldn't we at least let Xiao Zhe and elder brother know about this matter, so that they can help us think of a countermeasure," Xia He asked.

Qiao Mei shook her head. She did not need Xia Zhe's help to deal with such a small matter. Recently, He Ning had managed to find many people to help him. Now, the men of the Xia family were all busy trying to get He Ning convicted to ensure that it would not be possible for him to make a comeback.

"No need for that. We'll talk about it when the time comes. He Mei has not taken any action yet. Elder sister, don't think about it anymore. We'll find out more in a while," Qiao Mei said.

Xia He had no choice but to do her best to protect Qiao Mei for the moment. She intended to secretly tell Xia Zhe about this later.

Just after noon, the Xia family's phone rang.

Qiao Mei walked over to pick up the phone and said, "Hello?"

"It's me. I've already fixed a time with her to meet at the park. Do you know the secluded spot at the hill behind the park?" Qian'e whispered.

"I know. At that time, I'll watch you from somewhere nearby," Qiao Mei said.

"I hope you keep your word. Don't be a treacherous person when the time comes," Qian'e said.

"That will depend on your sincerity. You have to find a way to make her leave behind some proof. That way, I'll feel more at ease," Qiao Mei said laughingly.

Qian'e had only wanted to go and meet He Mei so that Qiao Mei could hear He Mei's plan for herself. She intended to be the winning third party when the two women fought it out. She did not expect that Qiao Mei did not intend to get her own hands dirty.

"If I do that, she'll become suspicious," Qian'e said as she looked around carefully.

"That will depend on your capability. I can only join forces with you if you get her to leave some proof behind. Otherwise, I won't do anything to her. If I stay inside the Xia family's house and don't come out, what can she do? Don't worry, she's the one who's anxious, not us. As long as you manage to get the proof, we can defeat her," Qiao Mei said.

Xia He looked at Qiao Mei in admiration. She did not expect Qiao Mei to be so thorough in her plans.

Chapter 453: Are You Messing With Me

Qian'e hesitated for a while before deciding to agree to Qiao Mei's request. She said softly, "Alright, I'll try my best."

"What time are you meeting?" Qiao Mei asked as she looked at the clock on the wall.

"Two in the afternoon," Qian'e said.

"Got it." After saying that, Qiao Mei hung up and said happily to Xia He, "Elder sister, grab your things and let's go watch the fun!"

As long as something exciting was happening somewhere, Qiao Mei could not help herself from going to take a look. She was always worried about missing out on a good show.

Xia He hid a short dagger in her clothes. It was something that Xia Jun had given her on her 18th birthday to celebrate her reaching adulthood.

The two of them set off once they were ready. They arrived 20 minutes earlier than Qian'e and He Mei so that they would not be discovered by He Mei.

After Qian'e hung up the phone, she went to the pavilion located at the hill behind the park. Actually, she had already prepared a pen, paper and an ink pad. She was no longer the fool who had been played by He Mei back then! She also knew that she had to keep some proof to make He Mei afraid of her.

The He family had no one to rely on now. He Wei had been taken away after sending He Li to the hospital. He Mei had to handle all the family matters now. That silly He Han could not be counted on at all.

He Mei looked at He Han with disdain and placed some porridge and vegetables on the table. "Come and eat."

After putting down the food, she left. Although she did not like He Han, he was still her younger brother and a member of the He family. She still pitied him.

In the living room, Ma San grinned as he stared at He Mei's chest. His eyes had been fixated on the same spot since she came out.

He Mei covered her chest and glared fiercely at Ma San. "You despicable thing! Where are you looking at! If you continue to look at me, I'll get someone to poke your eyes out! Let's see if you still cherish your cheap life!"

Ma San lowered his head and muttered softly, "Pretentious b\*tch. Your He family is finished. You still think you're some daughter of a rich family ..."

He Mei glared at Ma San but did not say anything. After all, she still had use for him at the moment. Once her little uncle returned, she would definitely make Ma San die a horrible death!

"Ahem... Do you remember what I said?" He Mei asked as she looked at Ma San.

Ma San said solicitously, "I know, I know. I'll speak nicely today and lie to that woman that I want to reconcile with her. She'll definitely listen to me obediently! Don't worry!"

He Mei nodded in satisfaction. She had evidence that Ma San had gone out to party, gamble and solicit prostitutes. She must thank He Li for providing her with all this information.

"Remember all the details and don't make any mistakes! My He family is indeed in trouble now, but it's very easy to drag your Ma family down with us! Don't act rashly!" He Mei said.

Ma San nodded hurriedly and said, "I'll definitely do whatever you say and won't mess it up."

"Na Na just got pregnant recently. You have to take good care of her and don't let her suffer. After this matter is settled, I'll give you 100,000 dollars. I won't tell Na Na what you've done," He Mei said.

Ma San was so excited that he almost knelt down in front of He Mei. Nowadays, he would treat whoever had money to be his parents. As long as they had money, anything was fine.

The Na Na that He Mei was talking about was He Mei's maternal uncle's daughter, Shen Na. Back then, it was He Mei who set it up such that Ma San and Shen Na became a couple, causing Qian'e to end up like this.

He Mei walked to the door and turned around to look at Ma San. She asked, "Will you... rekindle your relationship with Qian'e?"

When Ma San heard the name, he immediately said disdainfully, "No! I feel disgusted just looking at that woman! She's only in her 20s and already looks like my grandmother! Who would like such a woman!"

The two of them took separate cars and soon arrived at the hill behind the park. As soon as He Mei got out of the car, Qian'e rushed over.

"Why are you only here now! What time is it! Are you messing with me!" Qian'e shouted angrily.

"What's the hurry? I was held up by something. Why are you shouting?" He Mei said as she rolled her eyes.

Qian'e wanted to say something else, but when she saw Ma San getting out of another car, she was so stunned that she could not say anything.

"Xiao'e, it's me." Ma San went forward to hug Qian'e excitedly.

Qian'e pushed Ma San away and took a few steps back. She pointed at Ma San and He Mei and said, "So this is your plan! Why is he here!"

Chapter 454: Unable to Hold Back

He Mei looked at Qian'e nonchalantly and said, "Why? I'm helping you. Shouldn't you thank me for bringing your old lover here?"

Qian'e had bloodshot eyes by now. She wished she could tie Ma San up and beat him up before washing his wounds with salt water every day, to let him experience the same kind of pain she went through when she had the abortion!

Ma San immediately went forward and said with a sad expression, "Xiao'e... listen to me. I had my own difficulties back then."

"What difficulties do you have! You heartless man! If not for you, would I have ended up like this! How dare you show yourself in front of me!" Qian'e scolded.

"It's not what you think!" Ma San said.

"I don't want to see you! Get lost! I feel like throwing up if I have to take another look at you!" Qian'e shouted.

He Mei looked at the two people locked in an argument and felt a headache coming on. Ma San seemed to have turned a deaf ear to what she told him at home. He was totally useless!

She said impatiently to Qian'e, "Hurry up and get in the car. I'll take you somewhere nice to talk."

Upon hearing this, Qian'e remembered that she still had something important to do today. She must calm down now and not let Ma San mess up her emotions. She still had a long time to deal with him. She must endure everything now so that she could make He Mei pay a huge price in the future.

A little impatience would spoil great plans.

Qian'e slowly regained her composure and looked at He Mei mockingly. "Why should I go with you? Who knows where you're taking me? Let's talk here!"

He Mei looked around and said, "What if someone hears about our plan? It's better to go to my place."

"Jus say it! Otherwise, get lost and leave me alone!" Qian'e scolded her angrily.

This place was not originally a park. It used to be a mass grave with many dead people buried underground. Later on, the government had asked a sorcerer to conduct a ritual so that they could build a park here. However, many people still felt that it was an inauspicious place, so everyone only walked around the square at the front. Basically, no one dared to come to this spot at the back of the park.

It was better to be safe than sorry. If someone really walked in on their conversation, the He family would be in an even more difficult situation.

The He family was currently at the center of the storm. If anything went wrong because of her, there would be no hope left for the He family.

He Mei frowned and did not know what she should do. Qian'e was currently the only person who could help her get rid of Qiao Mei. If she missed out on this opportunity, Ma San might not be willing to follow her instructions next time.

After much hesitation, He Mei decided to stay.

"Come with me to the pavilion over there. It's tiring to stand and talk." Qian'e walked away first and headed towards the pavilion.

He Mei quickly pulled Ma San back and whispered, "Speak nicely later and let her know that you still have feelings for her. Do you understand!"

Ma San said unhappily, "If you ask me, I think we have come here for nothing today. As if that crazy woman is able to do anything. You might as well think of another way to save your little uncle."

Previously, in order to cozy up to the He family, he had tried his best to find a way to marry the daughter of the He family. When He Mei first came to look for him, he was filled with joy. No one could resist the sight of her voluptuous chest.

He did not expect his marriage partner to be changed to He Mei's cousin later on. However, he did not raise any objections since she was still someone related to the He family. After they got married, everyone in the Ma family received promotions at work, with help from the He family. However, he did not become a valued member of the He family despite working as hard as a slave. Shen Na even ordered him around as if he was a dog!

If not for the fact that the He family was currently in dire straits and the Ma family still had to rely on the He family to have a good life, he would not be doing what He Mei said!

"Shut up! What do you know! As long as something happens to Qiao Mei, the Xia family will definitely be in chaos! When Qiao Mei is in my hands, won't they give me anything I want?" He Mei whispered.

When Qian'e reached the pavilion, she saw He Mei and Ma San still standing next to the cars, muttering to each other and seemingly plotting in secret. She was not in a hurry. He Mei needed to beg her now as no one else could carry out this task except her.

"How much longer are the two of you going to chat to each other! If you don't want to talk, then I'm leaving!" Qian'e shouted.

He Mei used her eyes to warn Ma San not to act rashly and the two of them quickly walked to the pavilion. He Mei sat opposite Qian'e while Ma San sat beside her with a big smile on his face.

Qian'e turned her body to one side and did not look at Ma San.

Chapter 455: Name Your Price

"Xiao'e, you must be tired after waiting for so long. How have you been recently? How are you?" Ma San said with a smile.

Qian'e was so disgusted by Ma San that she could not help but shiver and said, "Stay away from me! You have the cheek to sit beside me when you're such a disgusting person! I find your mouth smelly! Get lost!"

Ma San's expression instantly darkened. He Mei also gestured with her hand and used her eyes to indicate that he should not speak.

At this moment, Qiao Mei and Xia He arrived near the pavilion. They had made their way there by circling around from the back and did not attract He Mei's attention. The two of them slowly moved behind the bushes behind the pavilion, to a spot about 200 meters away from them.

With Qiao Mei's ability, she could go somewhere else to take a rest and simply used the plants to hear what they were talking about. However, she was afraid that Xia He would become suspicious, so it was better for her to follow them in person.

"Alright, alright! Let's hurry up and get down to business!" He Mei said impatiently.

Qian'e looked at the time and guessed that Qiao Mei must be nearby. She said leisurely, "Did you ask me here just to make me feel disgusted?"

"Make you feel disgusted? Why would I do that? I'm here to help you," He Mei said.

Only a fool would believe you! If He Mei could help, then a sow would be able to climb a tree! She was simply full of lies!

If He Mei had not said that this matter was related to Qiao Mei, she would not have been interested in meeting He Mei, as it made her feel nauseous to even speak to He Mei. Since Qiao Mei could bring down the He family, she must be able to deal with He Mei!

No matter how much money He Mei was willing to give her, she would not agree. Instead of money, she would much rather see He Mei kneeling at her feet in a sorry state and begging for mercy.

"Help me? How? Are you going to return my uterus to me so that I can have a child!" Qian'e looked at He Mei mockingly.

Ma San's guilty conscience caused him to immediately turn around to look at the surrounding scenery.

"Calm down, calm down. I have asked you here to discuss something with you. I can give you 20,000 dollars first and 30,000 dollars after it's done," He Mei said.

Qian'e remained unmoved. She was only interested in knowing what He Mei wanted her to do.

"Tell me, what do you want me to do?" Qian'e said nonchalantly.

He Mei clenched her fists and said angrily, "As long as you find a way to make Qiao Mei lose her baby, this 50,000 dollars is yours."

"Qiao Mei and I have already had bad blood in the past. Everyone knows that I quarreled with her in the neighborhood back then. How can it be so easy for me to harm her now?" Qian'e questioned.

"I'll help you think of a way. As long as you make her lose her child, I'll give you money immediately and I guarantee that nothing will happen to you," He Mei said confidently.

Once something happened, Qian'e would be the first person that the Xia family looked for. Once it was discovered that she was the one who killed Qiao Mei's child, she would have to go to jail. At that time, He Mei would only pretend not to know anything and push all the blame solely to her.

"He Mei, do you think I'm still the same fool from back then? This is murder. If things go wrong, it's two lives that might be lost. What if I go to jail? I know that your He family is rich and powerful and doesn't care about this 50,000 dollars, but even if I'm interested in this 50,000 dollars, I have to be alive to be able to spend it," Qian'e said.

He Mei was a little surprised that the previously gullible Qian'e had become so smart. She could actually rationalize so much.

"How would I? You're thinking too much," He Mei said awkwardly.

"I won't do this. You should go and find someone else." After saying that, Qian'e stood up and prepared to leave.

She knew that with the He family in such a predicament, He Mei had run out of options. She was the only one who could help He Mei resolve this big problem. At this moment, no matter what request she made, He Mei would consider it.

"Stop! What do you want! Just name your price!" He Mei said as she blocked Qian'e from leaving.

Qian'e smiled and said, "50,000 dollars is not enough. If you want to do it, you have to show your sincerity."

"100,000 dollars, no more than that." He Mei gritted her teeth and looked at Qian'e.

When the He family first got into trouble, He Ning and He Guo gave her a total of 150,000 dollars and asked her to think of a way to contact all the He family's long-time acquaintances. As the saying went, rats would leave a sinking ship. The people who relied on the He family in the past simply ignored He Mei, completely forgetting about the He family's kindness towards them in the past.

Now, she could only make use of Qiao Mei to negotiate with the Xia family. This was the only method she could think of.

Chapter 456: Tired of Living

"For me, I don't need that much money. If I fail or get caught by the Xia family, I'll be an outlaw and won't be able to spend this money. I only have one request, but I don't know if you'll agree," Qian'e said with a smile. She turned to look at Ma San, who was "watching the scenery" at the side.

He Mei immediately understood what she meant and said, "I can agree to get my sister to divorce Ma San after this is done, so that you can be together again."

Ma San looked at He Mei in shock.?It was totally unexpected that this b\*tch want to use him like that!

"You! What a woman!" Ma San said as he pointed at He Mei.

He Mei gave Ma San a look and he immediately restrained himself. He still had to persevere for the sake of money. As long as there was money, he was willing to do anything.

However, he thought it would be good for him to leave the He family. In any case, he had long grown tired of Shen Na, and he felt they treated him like an animal in the He family's house. It might be better to leave that place, and if he ended up with Qian'e, he would be able to get his hands on the money that He Mei gave her! Then, he would be able to use this money to try his luck in the casino!

This could be a blessing in disguise!

If Qian'e was disobedient, he would just beat her up. In any case, Qian'e would not be able to get pregnant anymore. Nothing would happen to her just from getting beaten up.

Qian'e did not expect this. What He Mei was offering was indeed enough to tempt her. Now, everyone in the neighborhood said that she was a jinx, an indecent person, and a money-losing good-for-nothing who got thrown away by a man.

If Ma San reconciled with her, then all the gossip would disappear. No matter what she had to do to get back with him, she could at least stop others from gossiping about her.

Qian'e sat down slowly and said, "Let me think about it."

Seeing that Qian'e was wavering, He Mei immediately said, "I'll still give you the money, and the man you want as well. As long as you help me get rid of Qiao Mei's child, you don't have to worry about what happens after that."

Qian'e raised her head and looked at Ma San, recalling how he made her lose her child previously. No matter how she begged him, he did not send her to the hospital and took her money to gamble instead. If not for Ma San, she might still be able to have a child in the future...

She did not know how she could have been so blind to fall for such a man back then. She only had herself to blame for the current situation. Even if she got back with Ma San, the gossip would not stop and would only become worse.

Once she thought things through, she felt more at ease.

"What do I need a second-hand good for? To put at home and cause trouble for me? He doesn't even have a proper job, so does that mean he's going to rely on me to support him? I don't want him," Qian'e said.

Ma San looked at Qian'e angrily. He could not take it anymore.

"You slut! You were the one who seduced me back then! You were the one who insisted that you want to have a child with me! Now you're scolding me? How shameless can you be! If you hadn't taken a fancy to my Ma family's wealth back then, would you be with me so wholeheartedly? You're a woman who only cares about money. What right do you have to scold me?" Ma San said as he grabbed Qian'e's collar.

Qian'e widened her eyes and glared at Ma San as she said, "Pfft! You heartless thing! Back then, my family was considered to be a scholarly family. Many people wanted to marry me, but I didn't agree! You say that I took a fancy to your money. How much money do you have! Who do you think you are! Is your family ranked among the top few in the capital!"

What Qian'e said was true. At that time, her mother, Zhao Ni, was famous for being cultured and all-rounded. Not only was she knowledgeable, but she also educated her children well. In those days, Qian'e had also won many domestic and international awards for her piano skills. When it came to her talent, she was definitely ranked at the top in the capital.

Unfortunately, she met a bad person and ruined her life. At the same time, she also brought shame to the Qian family and disgraced them for the rest of their lives. She herself also became a shrew.

"You! I'll beat you to death today! I'll let you know what kind of thing you are!" Ma San raised his hand to slap Qian'e.

He Mei went up to stop Ma San and said, "I think you're tired of living! Don't forget our agreement!"

Ma San's hand froze in midair as he glared fiercely at He Mei.

Money! Money! Using money to threaten him again!

He looked disdainfully at Qian'e, who was suffocating under his grip, and slowly let go.

"Alright, I won't touch her. You'd better keep your word and don't ignore everything for a woman. If your little uncle comes back and finds out about it, let's see who will suffer," Ma San said.

"Of course I know! You don't have to say anything! You don't have to worry about these things!" He Mei snapped at him.

He Ning must not know about all these things!

Chapter 457: Wait for Death to Come

Once He Ning knew what she had done, she would not be able to get her way in the He family ever again.

He Mei had always relied on the fact that she was the eldest and only daughter of the He family to look down on everyone. Even He Ning had to dote on her. If she wanted something, there was nothing that He Ning would not agree to give her.

The reason was because she was not married and had not snagged Xia Zhe yet. They all had the same goals, so they indulged her so much.

If He Ning came back and found out that the Xia family had become an enemy and there was no way the two families could become relatives, she would soon be arranged to marry someone else. At that time, she would not have any choice over the matter.

All this while, she had always understood that she was an object that the He family used to consolidate their status. It was not up to her to decide who she should marry.

"Cough, cough, cough, cough..." Qian'e hid at one side and took deep breaths. She recalled the pain from that day again.

Qian'e touched her stomach subconsciously. Her child was no longer around and her life was already ruined. There was nothing to be afraid of anymore. All she had left was her own life.

"Don't tell me you asked me to come here today so that you can kill me," Qian'e said mockingly as she looked at He Mei.

He Mei felt a little sorry as she looked at Qian'e and saw the red marks on her neck. After all, she had only wanted to teach Qian'e a lesson back then and it was not her intention to ruin Qian'e.

"No, but tell me. What exactly do you want?" He Mei asked as she looked at Qian'e solemnly.

Just now, she only wanted Ma San to leave the He family. Without the He family's support, the Ma family would soon head towards destruction and be finished very quickly, but now...

"For your He family to send himself away to some godforsaken place! And bar him from returning to the capital for the rest of his life," Qian'e said as she pointed at Ma San.

For Ma San, who was used to a life of prosperity and wealth, sending him to the countryside would be akin to sending him to his death.

After being pampered for so many years, he was incapable of any physical chores. If he went to the countryside, he probably could not even survive for three months and could only wait for death to come.

"Are you crazy?" Ma San looked at Qian'e in shock.

Qian'e smiled and said, "I'm not crazy. I just want you to go there and fend for yourself. This way, I won't have to be annoyed whenever I see you."

Ma San looked at He Mei in a panic. If He Mei really sent him there, all the money he took from them would become useless. He had heard stories about how the elders made their fortunes in the old days. When Ma San's father was young, he had to walk more than 20 miles to reach the county city. Ma San did not want to live a life like that.

He Mei tried to get him to calm down.

"I can do that, but can you guarantee success?" He Mei said as she stared at Qian'e.

"Isn't it unrelated to the He family whether I succeed or not? Isn't that your original plan?" Qian'e said.

He Mei laughed and said, "You've become much smarter after leaving my side. 100,000 dollars plus granting you your request. Is that good enough?"

Qian'e nodded.

When Ma San saw that He Mei had agreed to what Qian'e wanted, he immediately became anxious. He pulled He Mei to one side and said, "Are you crazy? You're listening to that crazy woman?"

He Mei turned around carefully and took a glance at Qian'e. She said in a low voice, "She definitely won't be able to come back after this is done. At that time, the Xia family definitely won't let her off easily. What is there for you to be scared of once she is in jail? Don't tell me she can still come out and threaten me?"

Only then did Ma San understand what He Mei had planned, but he was still a little worried.

"No, what if she really comes out? Will you really send me away! I won't agree!" Ma San said audaciously.

He Mei looked at Ma San and gave him a wicked grin. "I do have something on you. Don't forget what you did outside last month. If my sister finds out... do you think you can still stay alive?"

Ma San suddenly panicked. He had been extremely careful back then.?How could He Mei have found out about this?

He was a person who loved money and liked to gamble and womanize. He often went to the red-light districts, where he enjoyed himself by using the money he took from the Shen and He families.

Many women approached him because of his wealth. At first, these women were afraid that the He and Shen families would come looking for revenge, but when Ma San flaunted his generosity, they could not help but be tempted.

Ma San was usually very careful when he fooled around with them. He took all kinds of precautions to make sure that he did not get these women pregnant. Each time, he would check thoroughly to make sure that nothing went wrong.

However, an accident still happened...

Chapter 458: Holding On to Evidence

Last month, a woman came to his door and said that she was pregnant with his child. Of course, Ma San would not believe the words of a call girl. It was impossible to know whose child she was carrying.

Later on, when Ma San realized that she had been with him for the past few months and had not slept with any other man, he really panicked.

He only managed to settle this matter by giving this woman a large sum of money and bringing her for an abortion.

Now that Shen Na was pregnant, he did not dare to do anything to make her angry. He would not be able to bear the responsibility if anything happened to her. Besides, he was looking forward to being a father.

He thought that he had been very careful when he settled this matter, but he did not expect He Mei to be able to grab hold of evidence.

"What... what are you talking about? I don't understand." Ma San looked elsewhere to avoid He Mei's gaze, not daring to look at her directly.

"We both know what I'm talking about. It's not good to say it out loud. If I tell my sister about this, can you guess what will happen?" He Mei said with a smile.

Ma San had no choice but to compromise.

"Alright, I'll listen to you," Ma San said.

He Mei proudly went back to the pavilion with Ma San. Qian'e smiled and said, "Why? Are you going back on your word and not agreeing to my conditions?"

"No, we both agree. But you have to tell me what you plan to do," He Mei said as she sat down.

Qian'e had already put some thoughts to this matter. She already guessed that He Mei would ask her about it.

"If I go to the house and say that Xia Zhe and I are having an affair, that will make Qiao Mei very angry. If she falls down of her own accord when we're arguing, that'll make her lose her child, don't you think?" Qian'e said.

"No! Xia Zhe can't be dragged into this matter. If you do this, you'll tarnish Xia Zhe's reputation! You can only target Qiao Mei," He Mei said agitatedly.

"Looks like you want to be Mrs. Xia after Qiao Mei leaves," Qian'e looked at He Mei derisively.

He Mei did not panic even after her intentions were exposed. It was not as if Qian'e did not know that she had always liked Xia Zhe. There was nothing wrong or shameful with her wanting to be Xia Zhe's wife.

"Yes, please think of another way," He Mei said.

Qian'e thought for a moment and said, "Then we'll trick Qiao Mei into coming out and get her to go to the lakeside. Then, we'll make it look as if she loses her footing and falls into the water. This way, we can kill two birds with one stone. As long as she dies, there's no child to worry about."

He Mei was a little shocked. She did not expect Qian'e to be so ruthless and to find it so easy to talk about fighting and killing someone.

"That's quite a good idea, but Qiao Mei does not go out at all nowadays. How do you intend to do it?" He Mei asked.

Qian'e was also not sure how she could do it, but there was no need to be so precise when she was only trying to fool He Mei.

"Why do you care! Why don't you do it yourself then!" Qian'e said as she pretended to be very angry.

It made He Mei worried that Qian'e would go back on her word after finally agreeing, so she did not ask further.

"Alright, I'll wait for your good news then." He Mei was about to get up and leave when Qian'e reached out to stop her.

"You think all you need to do is to take out some money? Don't tell me I'm doing this all by myself?" Qian'e asked.

As Qiao Mei was still nearby, she had to get more information from He Mei so that Qiao Mei would believe her. Otherwise, all her efforts would go to waste and she would fail on both sides.

He Mei looked at Qian'e in puzzlement and asked, "Do you still have any other issues?"

"Don't tell me you won't help me with anything other than coming up with the money? You have to give me some guarantees to make me believe that you really want to work with me," Qian'e said.

This actually made sense to He Mei. Back then, she was the one who lied to Qian'e, and she even lied several times. It was normal for Qian'e to feel guarded now.

"I'll give you whatever you need. I can provide it to you as long as I have the manpower and resources to do it. You just have to ensure that the matter is done well," He Mei said to Qian'e with a smile.

"Then tell me your request in detail again," Qian'e said.

He Mei looked at Qian'e in confusion. Did she not make herself clear just now? She thought she had already made her conditions, requests and offers very clear.

"Was I not clear enough just now?" He Mei asked.

"I don't quite understand what you want me to do. Whether you want me to kill Qiao Mei or for something to happen to the baby she is carrying. This is a matter of life and death, so we can't be careless," Qian'e said as she looked at He Mei sternly.

He Mei nodded. What Qian'e said made sense. Suddenly, another thought flashed across her mind.

Chapter 459: Put Down in Writing

"If you're able to trick Qiao Mei into coming out, there's no need to hurt her. At that time, I'll send someone to take her away so that I can use her as a bargaining chip to threaten the Xia family. This way, it'll be easy for me to get anything I want!" He Mei could already imagine the successful outcome. By then, as long as she used the situation to threaten Xia Zhe and ask him to divorce Qiao Mei, he would definitely agree!

Qian'e looked towards the grass patch behind her and smiled without saying anything.

Qiao Mei, who was hiding behind the grass, did not react much. However, Xia He was so angry that she almost rushed out to teach He Mei a lesson.

The He family was indeed not a good bunch! They actually wanted to scheme against Qiao Mei and the Xia family like this!

Given her younger brother's character, he would definitely cooperate with the He family to protect Qiao Mei if anything really happened to her. The entire Xia family would also do everything in their power to save Qiao Mei.

Putting aside the fact that Qiao Mei was pregnant with the eldest grandchild of the Xia family, everyone liked her personality and way of conduct after spending such a long time together with her. When the Xia family was in dire straits, Qiao Mei was also generous enough to help them solve their problems.

They were all aware of all this.

"They're really outrageous, thinking about harming our Xia family members! They're tired of living! When I go back, I'll tell Xiao Zhe that we must eliminate the He family and not let them have a chance to make a comeback!" Xia He clenched her fists and glared at He Mei as she whispered.

Qiao Mei smiled and comforted Xia He. "Elder sister, this is a small matter. We're just here to watch the fun. Don't be anxious."

Although she said that, she could not hide the chill in her eyes when she turned to look at He Mei.

She could accept He Mei wanting to take revenge on her and hurt her because of Xia Zhe, but she could not accept He Mei wanting to hurt her children.

This was her bottom line and no one could touch it.

"You want to kidnap her? How can I do that? Look at how skinny I am. How can I restrain her?" Qian'e looked at He Mei suspiciously.

He Mei sized up Qian'e carefully. The Qian'e of the past would still be able to rely on her physical strength to hold Qiao Mei back, but she did look a little weak at the moment.

"I'll arrange for someone to help you. Give me a call when it's time and I'll get a few people to help you. I'll get you a car too. If Qiao Mei doesn't want to come out, think of a way to get rid of her child. If she comes out, restrain her and think of a way to inform me," He Mei said.

Qian'e nodded and took out a pen and paper from her bag. She placed them on the table and looked at He Mei with a smile.

"What's the meaning of this?" He Mei asked.

"Words are useless. What if you find someone to arrest me? At that time, you'll only push all the blame to me. This way, you won't need to use any money and you'll still be able to solve your big Qiao Mei problem. Don't tell me that at the end of the day, you're the only winner?" Qian'e said.

He Mei felt a little nervous for a moment. Everything Qian'e said was exactly what she was thinking.

Her intention was really to frame Qian'e if the plan failed. This way, it would have nothing to do with the He family. Her little uncle would also praise her for being smart and capable. In the future, she might even be able to take over He Li's position. Then, she would be in a position in the He family where she could have a say.

Once her words carried weight in the He family, she would no longer be just a tool for marriage.

If an idiot like He Li could manage the businesses under her family, why not her!

Furthermore, in the past few years, Second Uncle He Wei and He Li had been dividing up the assets of the eldest brother of the family. Although a portion of it was the inheritance of their ancestors, there were also assets that He Guo had worked hard to accumulate. She could not just let it fall into the hands of the second brother.

She must get it all back!

"Don't you trust me? There's no need to write everything down," He Mei said.

"Are you feeling guilty? He Mei, we've known each other for so many years. Don't I know what kind of person you are? You've lied to me countless times, so why should I still trust you?" Qian'e jabbed at the paper on the table with her index finger and said, "You have to give me a guarantee today. Otherwise, I won't believe you and I won't help you."

He Mei had no choice when she heard the harsh words from Qian'e. She took the pen and paper and scribbled a few words on it before handing it to Qian'e.

When Qian'e saw what He Mei did, she laughed out loudly and said, "Do you think I'm not educated? Who are you trying to fool?"

He Mei had written on the paper, "I made an agreement with Qian'e to give her a fixed amount of compensation after the matter is completed.". She did not write anything else.

"Rewrite it. Write down the date, location, what you want me to do, what you will provide me, and how much you're going to pay me after it's done. You also have to sign and stamp it. Otherwise, I won't admit it," Qian'e said as she tore up the piece of paper He Mei had written on and threw the pieces back on the table.

Chapter 460: Studied Calligraphy

He Mei looked at Qian'e in confusion and said, "We've known each other for so many years. Is there a need to write it like this?"

She even wanted to play the pathos card by now, but it was useless!

He Mei's actions only served to remind Qian'e of the pain she had felt in the past. She would never forget how He Mei treated her and she would remember it firmly in her heart forever. This was how she would remain steadfast in the face of any offer from He Mei.

"After we've known each other for so many years, do you still want me to explain everything to you? The grudge between us has been going on for a long time. Don't say so much nonsense to me. Just tell me if you are willing to write it or not," Qian'e said impatiently.

He Mei gritted her teeth and looked at Qian'e. Now that it was the villain holding sway over her, she had to endure it!

"Alright, I'll write." He Mei picked up the pen and started writing.

Of course, she did not intend to be obedient.? What if Qian'e really kept all this as evidence?

"It's done. Take a look." He Mei handed the paper over, but the handwriting was so crooked that it was impossible to tell what was written on it.

Qian'e was furious. She slammed the paper on the table and shouted, "Do you think I'm a child! As if I don't know what your handwriting looks like! Do you want to work with me properly or not? In that case, I'll leave now. Just pretend that you have never come to look for me today."

Qian'e picked up her bag and was about to leave the pavilion when He Mei blocked her way again.

"At this point, do you think you can leave? You have to do this today," He Mei said.

Qian'e smiled mockingly and said, "I've already told my family that if I don't go back before 6 p.m. tonight, they should call the police. Although my family doesn't like me, they still have to rely on me for their survival. Who do you think will end up worse in this situation?"

Actually, she did not tell her family. Notwithstanding that, Xia He and Qiao Mei were nearby. If He Mei wanted to do something to her, the two of them would likely not ignore it.

When Ma San heard that the police would get involved, he panicked. He quickly walked to Qian'e and held her arm as he said, "You... let's talk things over nicely. Don't hurt the harmony between us. It's just writing down a few words. Isn't it, He Mei?"

Ma San gestured crazily at He Mei with his eyes. He Mei pulled a long face and did not want to yield to Qian'e. She sat back down at the table in a fit of pique.

Qian'e shook off Ma San's hand and said, "Don't touch me with that pig trotter of yours! I find it disgusting! Pfft!"

"Don't be so shameless! I'm only saying this now because of our past relationship!" Ma San said.

"As if I won't be able to remember it if you don't make mention of it. Then should I thank you for making my life so miserable? Don't talk so much nonsense! You have to write it too! He Mei doing it alone is not enough!" Qian'e said as she took out another pen from her bag and slammed it on the table.

The three of them looked at each other, stuck in a stalemate. He Mei had no choice but to compromise.

He Mei was about to come up with another trick when Qian'e reminded her, "I know that you've studied calligraphy for many years and was taught by a master in the capital. Back then, you even kept bragging to me about this. You'd better write properly. I can recognize your handwriting."

He Mei had no choice but to follow what Qian'e said.

After everything was done, she would definitely make Qian'e pay the price! When the time came, she would send someone to secretly report Qian'e and make her take the blame for the murder. She would make sure that Qian'e would never be able to recover from this!

By then, she would not only be a piece of trash, she would also be a murderer!

Ma San kept hesitating and was unwilling to write. If the matter was exposed, he would not even have a chance to run away. He did not want to be buried with the He family.

"Why aren't you writing?" Qian'e said as she stared at Ma San.

It was as if he was being stared at by a poisonous snake and it scared Ma San so much that he did not dare to say anything.

In the past, Qian'e had a good temper and good looks. He could bully Qian'e whenever he wanted and she would not dare to say anything. He was the kind of person who was a tyrant at home but would not dare to speak up when he met someone more ruthless than him.

Qian'e was going all out now. She was not even afraid of dying together with them, so what was there to be afraid of?

Ma San had forgotten what people said about how even a rabbit would bite when it was anxious. Besides, Qian'e was no longer the docile rabbit from before.

"I Isn't it enough for He Mei to write it alone? There's no need for me to write" Ma San stam	mered.