

## Fat Wife 491

### Chapter 491 Inconvenient to Move About

He Ning glanced at Ma San nonchalantly. Back then, when He Mei wanted Ma San to marry Shen Na, he had objected to it. He had many friends who owned casinos. After asking around, he knew that Ma San was not a simple person and was a regular at the casinos.

He also knew that He Mei was a very jealous person and always wanted to put others down. This was the case with Qian'e, and it was the same with Shen Na. He had wanted to find an honest and obedient man to stay by Shen Na's side so that the Shen family would be under the He family's control. He did not expect He Mei to act on her own and introduced Ma San to Shen Na.

He had then decided to leave the matter to He Mei. If he had known that it would lead to so much trouble, he would rather Shen Na remain single for the rest of her life.

"Stop making so much noise! You're giving me a headache! You don't even seem to like Shen Na that much, so why are you being so affectionate now? I don't have the final say in this matter. Let's talk about it when Shen Na comes over later," He Ning said as he rubbed the spot between his eyebrows.

"Little Uncle, you can't give in to that vicious woman, Qian'e, on this matter! Little Uncle, you also know what she's like back then! Our Ma family has always done our best for the He family!" Ma San said.

"I still have some patience left to listen to you now. If you continue to nag, I'll get someone to throw you out!" He Ning roared.

Ma San immediately shut his mouth. He could only wait for Shen Na and the others to come.

He Mei followed He Ning's instructions and asked Shen Na as well as her own family members to come over. Shen Na was pregnant and it was inconvenient for her to move about, so it took her a long time.

"Mom... can I not go? I don't want to see He Ning's face!" Shen Na whispered.

He Man covered Shen Na's mouth. The driver in the car was sent by the He family to pick them up. If He Ning heard this, he would blame her again.

"Na Na, bear with it. We'll be at your uncle's house soon." He Man felt uncomfortable looking at Shen Na's distressed expression. Everything was tougher for a pregnant woman to do, but they did not dare to disobey He Ning. She was told over the phone that the matter was important, so she could only ask Shen Na to endure it for now.

"Yes, I'll bear with it for now." Shen Na sat in the car with a livid expression.

She was at the stage of pregnancy when she threw up badly all the time. She particularly felt like throwing up when she caught the smell of gasoline from the car. When she reached He Ning's place, she definitely wanted to give Ma San a piece of her mind. If not for him causing trouble, she would not have had to go through the discomfort of traveling by car.

The car finally arrived at the He family's house. He Man had not returned to this house for a long time. Ever since she married into the Shen family, she had not been back. Her brothers were all doing better than her. Even if she came back, no one would bother with her. She would have a more peaceful and quiet life by choosing not to return.

"He Ning, I'm here with Na Na," He Man said as she helped Shen Na into the house.

He Ning nodded slightly and gestured for them to sit down. He Mei wanted to give Shen Na a heads up, but Huo Gao stopped her.

"Miss, please sit opposite Miss Shen. It's more convenient this way," Huo Gao said.

He Ning only spoke when everyone sat down.

"I've asked you all here for just one thing. I want Shen Na and Ma San to get a divorce," He Ning conveyed his request simply and crudely. Shen Na even thought that she had heard wrongly.

“He Ning, are you joking? You want our Na Na to get a divorce from Ma San? Our Na Na is pregnant now. What will happen to the child if she gets a divorce?” He Man asked.

“When the time comes, there will be someone to raise and take care of the children. Ma San and Shen Na must get a divorce. There’s no way out of this. You all have to pay for your own sins. I’m going in to take my medicine and rest. Huo Gao will stay here and help you.” He Ning handed the messy situation to Huo Gao and left. This was his usual way of doing things.

As soon as He Ning left, Shen Na could not sit still anymore. She looked at Qian’e provocatively and said, “Isn’t this the jinx who lost her child and her husband? Why is she here? Uncle Huo, how can a piece of trash like that be let in so casually? What an eyesore. It’s not easy for me to make a trip out of the house, and I end up bumping into such an unlucky thing.”

“I don’t want to see you either! However, pregnancy is quite tiring, isn’t it? So you have to protect this baby well. Don’t end up like me. That will really be retribution,” Qian’e said.

“The appearance of a jinx like you will make my child unhappy! Get lost quickly!” Shen Na slammed the table and shouted.

Chapter 492 Cuckold

Qian’e was indifferent to it. She just wanted to achieve her goal, and others could say whatever they wanted.

“Miss Shen, please take a look at these two photos.” Huo Gao handed the photos on the table to Shen Na. After Shen Na saw them, she angrily tore them up and threw the pieces at Qian’e.

“You dirty whore, don’t tell me you’re still eyeing this man? You’re really incorrigible and only know how to covet another person’s husband! Since you’re so capable, go and look for one yourself! What’s so good about snatching someone else’s husband!” Shen Na scolded.

Qian’e glared fiercely at Shen Na. If Shen Na had not snatched Ma San away back then, she would not be where she was today. Yet, Shen Na was actually accusing her of snatching someone else’s husband.

“Snatch someone’s husband? Miss Shen, you’re really forgetful. Don’t forget that you and He Mei worked together to make me abort my child back then and then you snatched this person away,” Qian’e said with a smile.

“I snatched him? Do I, Shen Na, need to snatch a man? Besides, take a look at this man yourself. No matter how bad my situation is, I won’t need to look for such a man myself. He clearly came offering himself. Don’t push the whole thing on me!” Shen Na said disdainfully.

“I offered myself? Shen Na, can you make more sense when you say such things! You were the one who kept seducing me back then and wanted to sleep with me. If He Mei hadn’t told me that you were pregnant, I wouldn’t have married you so quickly!” Ma San pointed at Shen Na angrily.

“But the child was lost because of you in the end! Can you have some conscience! If not for the fact that I was pregnant back then, I wouldn’t have married you!” Shen Na said in exasperation.

“You guys sure have a lot of stories to tell. Ma San, don’t you know that the child she was carrying back then was not yours?” Qian’e smiled and looked at Ma San.

“Not mine? What do you mean?” Ma San was stunned to the spot.

Shen Na used to spend her days drinking and partying and fooling around with different men. She did not even know who got her pregnant and when it happened. At that time, she only told He Mei about it, and they decided to look for Ma San in the end. By doing that, they could hurt Qian’e and help Shen Na at the same time, killing two birds with one stone.

Ma San liked Shen Na very much the moment he saw her. Although Shen Na was not tall, she had a voluptuous figure and he thought that her bosom and butt were exceptional. This was the main reason why he dumped Qian’e.

He Mei kept telling Shen Na that Ma San was an honest person and had a good family background. Otherwise, Shen Na would not have decided to accept Ma San. Even if she was anxious to find a father for her baby, it was not as if any mediocre man would be allowed to become part of the Shen family.

As for Ma San, even up to now, he still thought that Shen Na ended up with him because she liked him.

“How did you know about this!” Shen Na stood up and glared at Qian’e.

“You guys harmed me back then, so how can I not investigate you? I’ve also worked in the hospital before. Don’t you think I have my own friends after so many years? Besides, He Mei went around talking about this matter everywhere. It’s difficult not to know about it,” Qian’e said as she shrugged.

He Mei had always disliked Shen Na. Although Shen Na’s family background was not as good as hers, Shen Na behaved arrogantly and looked down on her. She even had to pretend to have a sisterly relationship with Shen Na. If not for He Ning, she would have cut ties with Shen Na long ago.

It had not been easy for her to get hold of something over Shen Na, so she naturally wanted to publicize it.

“You all! You! He Mei! I’ve always treated you like my own sister! How can you harm me like this!” Shen Na looked at He Mei in disbelief.

“You’ve misunderstood! I really didn’t say anything about this. Perhaps it was the doctor who examined you back then? It’s really not me, Na Na. We’ve hung out together for so many years, don’t you believe me!” He Mei said.

“You! You! Don’t pretend to be nice to me!” Shen Na said as she held onto the table.

As Shen Na got agitated, she suddenly felt some discomfort. She reached out and gently stroked her stomach twice.

Ma San also saw this action. What happened to that child was indeed his fault. If he had not accidentally pushed Shen Na down the stairs when he was drunk, the child would not have been lost.

Back then, he kept blaming himself. He did not gamble or party for a year because of this matter and only focused on taking care of Shen Na at home. He did not expect that the child was not his! No one even knew who the real father was!

Chapter 493 Resistance

“Well done, Shen Na. You two sisters really put on a good show! Whose child is it now! Don’t tell me it’s another bastard child!” Ma San said as he pointed at Shen Na’s stomach.

“You asshole! What do you mean by bastard child! This child is really yours!” Shen Na said anxiously.

“How can I believe what you say! I feel nauseous just thinking about it now! I’ll go for a physical examination tomorrow! A whore like you might have infected me with whatever disease you have!” Ma San spat on the ground after saying that. He felt sick just thinking about those days and nights that they spent together.

Qian’e watched happily from the side. She had been waiting for this scene for many years. From the moment she lost her child, she had been looking forward to it. It had finally come true!

“Disease? I’m the one who should be afraid that you may have some disease! Don’t think that I don’t know about that Xiaohong you have outside! You have kept this woman for more than three months! Do you think I’m blind and don’t know that! Do you think you’re anything good! Stop trying to make yourself out to be a moral person! You’re not so clean either!” Shen Na pointed at Ma San’s nose and scolded him.

He did have another woman outside, but it was not that different from what Shen Na did! What right did she have to scold him!

Ma San thought about how he had worked so hard for the Shen family for so many years and always behaved gingerly in front of Shen Na. They were all jackals from the same lair, so what was with all this pretense about being moralistic!

“You’re such a stupid pig! If not for the fact that your Ma family is still acceptable! How do you think you can be part of our Shen family! Can you have some self-awareness! Also! I will not get a divorce! I’m pregnant with your child now, so how can I get a divorce!” Shen Na was lost in her own ramblings, completely unaware that Ma San had already walked up to her.

When Shen Na turned around, she immediately became nervous. She could see that Ma San’s eyes were already bloodshot from anger and his breathing had started to quicken. She could also see the bulging veins on his neck clearly.

“You... What are you trying to do... Let me tell you, this is the He family’s place! No matter what, I’m still He Ning’s niece! If you dare to touch me, He Ning won’t let you off!” Shen Na pointed at Ma San with a trembling finger.

When He Mei saw the look on Ma San’s face, she went forward to stop him and said, “Don’t be rash. Little Uncle is still upstairs! Let’s talk things out nicely!”

Ma San slowly turned to look at He Mei and said, “If you don’t speak, I would have forgotten about you. Back then, you were the one who kept persuading me to be with Shen Na. I’m sure your intentions were not pure, right? However, I don’t intend to pursue the matter with you today. You’d better get lost.”

He Mei still wanted to go forward to say something, but Ma San pushed her away forcefully and caused her to hit her head against the corner of the cabinet.

“Ah! My face!” He Mei shouted in pain as she covered her face.

There was already blood slowly flowing out from between her fingers.

“Ma San, you’re too much!” Shen Na was about to rush over to check on He Mei when Ma San grabbed her arm and flung her back.

Shen Na’s lower back was slammed against the table by this action and she suddenly felt great pain in her stomach. She held her stomach with one hand and used the other hand to support herself against the table. It was so painful that she could not even shout out.

“Stop pretending. You can’t even protect yourself now, so why are you putting on a show of sisterly love? We must get a divorce today. I don’t even know if this baby is mine, so don’t try to push it on me! Also, your Shen family must give me money once we get the divorce. Otherwise, I won’t let you live your life well. I’ll tell everyone about your past. Let’s see how you can get married in the future!” Ma San said as he grabbed onto Shen Na’s arm.

Shen Na was in so much pain that tears flowed down her face. If not for Ma San grabbing her arm forcefully, she would probably be lying on the floor now.

“Ma San... If you have a conscience, quickly call an ambulance... I can’t take it anymore...” Shen Na said in pain.

“Ambulance? As if you’re worthy! Tell me the truth before you leave! Are you lying to me?” Ma San said.

He Man had just finished comforting He Mei when she turned around and saw her daughter being jerked around by Ma San. There was already blood flowing down Shen Na’s legs.

“Ma San! You animal, let go of Na Na! She’s bleeding!” He Man hurriedly rushed over to hug Shen Na and she collapsed weakly into He Man’s arms.

#### Chapter 494 Same Ending

Ma San stared blankly at the blood on Shen Na’s legs. He had thought that she would be fine. He did not use much strength, so how did this happen?

“You... don’t scare me! This is not my son! I don’t care! It has nothing to do with me! Don’t even think about blaming this on me!” Ma San said as he left the living room out of fear, but he was caught before he could reach the door.

Huo Gao looked at Ma San, who was tied up like a pig about to be slaughtered, and he wanted to laugh. He said to the attendants, “Bring him to the back and hold him down for now. After we’re done with these matters, we’ll hand him over to Mr. He. You know what to do.”

The attendants nodded and picked up Ma San from the ground before carrying him to an empty spot in the backyard.

“Huo Gao! Put me down! What right do you have to tie me up! You’re breaking the law! Help! Huo Gao, you’re just He Ning’s dog. What right do you have to attack me!”

“Wait!” Huo Gao picked up a cloth from the flower rack, one that was usually used to wipe the flower vases, and stuffed it into Ma San’s mouth.



After being left outside for a long time, that piece of cloth was already dirty and smelly. At this moment, Ma San could not even express his disgust even if he wanted to.

“Alright, this way it won’t disturb Mr. He. Take him away!” Huo Gao said as he looked at his handiwork with satisfaction.

The ambulance arrived quickly at the He residence to take Shen Na and He Mei away. He Man also got into the ambulance, leaving only Qian’e and Huo Gao in the house.

“Miss Qian doesn’t seem to care about whatever happened? Are you still not satisfied?” Huo Gao asked.

Qian’e did not know why she did not feel happy to see Shen Na lying in a pool of blood today. She had clearly imagined this scene many times in her mind, but when it really happened, she found that she did not look forward to it as much.

Perhaps it was because it made her recall her past experiences again. At this moment, she felt as if she and Shen Na had overlapped, as if the person lying in a pool of blood was her.

However, a person like Shen Na was not worthy of pity. She deserved what she got.

“All this has nothing to do with me. Will the He family give me what I want?” Qian’e said as she looked at Huo Gao.

“I think that after what happened today, Mr. Ma will not only get the treatment you wanted. He might even be punished by the Shen family and the He family. However, before that, I would need you to stay here in the He family’s house.” Huo Gao had no intention of letting Qian’e go. If she went to ask the Xia family for help during this period of time, the He family would be attacked from both ends.

He could not watch the He family collapse, nor could he watch He Ning collapse.

“Do you intend to imprison me?” Qian’e said.

“If we report what Miss Qian did, you’ll definitely be in jail. In order for us to cooperate better in the future, Miss Qian should stay in the He family’s house for a while. As for the Qian family, we’ll explain the situation to them,” Huo Gao said.

“It’s already past 7 p.m. The agreements are supposed to reach the Xia residence at 8 p.m. If my mother doesn’t see me in one piece, I can’t guarantee that they won’t appear in the Xia residence,” Qian’e said threateningly.

Huo Gao had no choice but to let Qian’e go back first. At the same time, he sent a few people to follow her secretly to monitor her whereabouts at all times.

By the time Huo Gao arrived at the hospital after dealing with these family matters, the situation was similar to what he had expected. Shen Na’s child could not be saved, and He Mei’s facial injury needed six stitches. She would probably have a scar in the future.

“Mr. Huo, my daughter can’t get hurt for no reason! He Ning needs to get justice for my daughter!” He Man said as she wept.

Huo Gao lowered his head slightly and said, “We also feel very sorry for this matter, but this is a matter between the Shen and Ma families, so it’s not convenient for us to interfere. Ma San is already under my control. How do you want to deal with it?”

He Man’s status in her family was even lower than a nanny. Shen Na’s father had three other sons. These three sons were not He Man’s children, but were children he had from his previous extramarital affairs. Shen Na had inherited her temper and character from her father.

“This... I think we should let He Ning handle this. It’s not something for the Shen family...” He Man said hesitantly.

“Let’s talk about this when Mr. He wakes up. I’ll go and see He Mei.” After saying that, Huo Gao went looking for He Mei.

Chapter 495 Eating Too Much

He Mei's face was as important to her as her life. Now that her looks were marred and the whole matter had been messed up, she knew that she would definitely be reprimanded by her little uncle when she went home. If he simply found some random family for her to marry into, her life would be over!

At the same moment, Qiao Mei was lying on the hospital bed with her heels kicked up and eating delicious food. Her current lifestyle was simply the most ideal in the world. She did not have to do anything every day. She had a husband who loved her and family members who cared about her. She could eat whatever she wanted.

She would not mind if she stayed here for the rest of her life!

"Hey you, don't eat so much! You're only eating and not exercising now. What if your health is affected if you have to keep staying here?" Xia He looked at Qiao Mei's stomach worriedly.

Her stomach looked a little bigger than when she first entered the hospital. It must be caused by all her eating in the past two days!

"Alright, I hear you. Did father and grandfather blame you?" Qiao Mei asked.

Of course they blamed her! However, they viewed Xia Zhe as the main culprit. She was only an accomplice and they had been lenient with her punishment. In comparison, Xia Zhe did not have it so easy.

After he got home, he had to carry out military training like he was back in the army. She did not dare to imagine how that must have felt.

"No, they vented their anger on your husband. Of course I'm fine," Xia He said gloatingly.

"You can still laugh about it! He's your own younger brother! Hmph, be careful or I'll tell him," Qiao Mei said daintily.

"That's also your husband, yet you don't feel sorry for him. He's actually taking the blame for you. Don't act recklessly just because grandfather and father like you. They said that they would only turn a blind

eye this time. If there's a next time, they'll break your legs!" Xia He used her hands to gently chop at Qiao Mei's legs.

"Hahahaha. Elder sister, don't scare me. I also want to get out of here soon. It's so boring here. I only eat and sleep every day, I don't even dare to go out for a walk. If mother and Second Aunt-in-law see me, the truth will be exposed," Qiao Mei pouted and complained.

Not many people in the family knew about this matter for now. In order not to raise any suspicions, they did not tell Xu Lan and Liu Fen about it, afraid that the two women would do something wrong and ruin the plan.

For the past few days, the Xia family had been sending tonics to the hospital as if everything was free. Every day, Qiao Mei only ate chicken soup and nothing else.

"By the way, where's brother-in-law?" Qiao Mei asked curiously.

Xia He was peeling an apple and her hand paused when she heard the question. After Kong Lu completed his work in the capital in the past two days, he had gone home with Kong Li. If they continued to stay in the capital, they would probably run out of money.

"I don't know. I haven't been in touch with him recently. I don't know what he's up to," Xia He said perfunctorily.

Qiao Mei knew that this was only Xia He's excuse to hide the fact that she was unwilling to face the issue. However, it was still better for her to be in the capital than in the small county city that the Kong family lived in. At least she felt more at ease at her own home.

"Then Old Madam Kong didn't force you to go back?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Her? What right does she have to force me? If she's so free, she should think about how to return the money to me. Their family is in a mess now and I don't want to get involved. I refuse to answer her calls. They can come and look for me when Kong Lu has raised the money," Xia He said.

For now, she had nothing to do and felt carefree. She was sure that everything would stabilize after her transfer to work in the capital was completed in two days' time. However, the most important thing now was to take good care of Qiao Mei, and deal with the He family so that they could no longer have any ulterior motives towards the Xia family.

"How's Qian'e? Is there any news of her?" Qiao Mei asked worriedly.

Ever since she was hospitalized, there had been no news of Qian'e. Xia He also did not manage to find out anything about her either. They thought that she was probably safe and sound and that the He family would not dare to cause trouble for her.

"I've asked around and nothing has happened so far, but I can't seem to get in touch with her. I think the He family is monitoring her movements and it's not convenient for her to contact us now. However, the He family is aware that Qian'e has evidence, which means they won't do anything that threatens her life. So don't worry," Xia He said.

Qiao Mei ate the apple that Xia He had peeled and looked at the scenery outside the window in a leisurely manner. She had heard from Xia Zhe that the two older sons of the He family would be released within the next two days. The He family would definitely still get up to something. She would let them get busy for a few days first. After a few days, she would go and find trouble with the He family and increase their workload.

Chapter 496 Returning to the He family

Huo Gao had just brought He Mei back to the He family's old house when he bumped into He Guo, He Wei and He Li, all three of whom had just been released.

"What happened to Xiao Mei? Let me take a look!" He Guo looked at He Mei's face nervously.

"Father, you're finally back! Look, Ma San did this to my face!" He Mei said aggrievedly.

He Guo wished he could kill Ma San now. He Mei's good looks were the most valuable resource in his family. Now that her good looks were marred, how was she going to get married? What if He Ning became unhappy and married her off to a poor and remote village!

“Why are you so careless! How would this happen if you know how to be more careful!” He Li said sarcastically.

He had always hated the way He Mei bullied others. She could do that just because their little uncle liked her. What was so great about her? Now that she did not have this pretty face, she was just a defective piece of eye candy. She did not know how to run a business, and even needed to depend on the family’s help to keep her position at her workplace.

“You! How can you say that! That’s your elder sister!” He Wei said as he pointed at He Li.

“Alright, stop arguing. Go into the house quickly. Don’t you think the He family has been embarrassed enough for now!” He Guo said softly.

He Ning sat on a chair in the main room and drank his medicine. Today was the day his two brothers were released, so he had to take good care of them.

“My brothers, you are back. Sit down and take a rest,” He Ning said with a smile.

After they left, the He family’s house was also turned upside down. The situation at their house was no worse than what happened at the Xia family’s house. Huo Gao had to find many craftsmen and spent a lot of money to repair the house in such a short period of time.

“Youngest brother, you look so full of vigor and vitality. Do you know the kind of life we have inside!” He Wei said.

“Brother, are you blaming me? Are you blaming me for not getting you out earlier?” He Ning asked with a smile.

“So you know! Tell us what you’ve been doing! How long have you been out! Aren’t you worried at all that we’re still inside?” He Wei questioned.

He Ning slowly put down the bowl of medicine in his hand. He had not even settled the score with them yet, and he did not expect them to come and question him accusingly as soon as they returned.

They were only able to be released so early because he had spent a lot of money and asked for help from many people. Just the matter of selling firearms was enough to keep them locked up for the rest of their lives.

“I only manage to save all of you after pulling some strings. It seems that my brother thinks I’m not powerful enough. There’s already nothing more that I can do. Second brother can take over all the family matters. I’m tired too,” He Ning said.

He Wei had to swallow what he wanted to say when he heard what He Ning said. At this moment, everyone knew that the He family was nothing without He Ning. Even the beggars on the roadside might not think too highly of their family.

“Xiao Ning, don’t be angry. Your second brother is just joking with you,” He Guo said with a smile.

“Eldest brother, come to think of it, I have almost forgotten about something. Why didn’t you listen to what I told you back then? If not for the fact that the two of you still insist on doing the business done during our father’s generation, the Xia family wouldn’t have been able to find the evidence!” He Ning said.

“Aren’t we doing it all for the He family? It’s not like you don’t know the amount of expenses incurred by such a big family. I’m also forced into a corner,” He Guo said awkwardly.

He Ning smiled disdainfully. In the past, when he was still in good health, he was the one who managed the family business. Even if he did not do those things they did, he could cover all the expenses and still make a lot of profits. Even during the economic downturn, he did not really lose money.

“Eldest brother, when you’re free, why don’t you think about why the business started going downhill after I handed it over to you?” He Ning said.

He Guo was rendered speechless by his retort. After He Ning left the business, many connections were also gone with his departure. Losing many clients meant that the earnings were also reduced. He also had no choice.

“And that stupid daughter of yours, I haven’t even settled this matter yet and your daughter goes around to find someone to kill the child that Qiao Mei is carrying. Now that person still has a written agreement signed by your daughter. If it’s handed over to the Xia family, what do you think we should do, eldest brother?” He Ning said as he looked at He Guo.

“What!” He Guo could not believe his ears. In his eyes, He Mei had always been an obedient and adorable daughter and she had never done anything out of line.

As a girl who grew up pampered, she inevitably had a temper, but he did not think that she would go so far as to commit murder.

#### Chapter 497 Disrespectful

“Eldest brother, don’t you believe what I say? She has already brought the evidence and she wants 100,000 dollars from me,” He Ning said teasingly as he looked at He Guo.

An amount of 100,000 dollars! 1,000 dollars was already considered a huge sum of money for an ordinary family, but she actually asked for 100,000 dollars!

“Did something really happen with the Xia family?” He Guo asked apprehensively.

He Ning nodded and said, “Although the staff from that hospital are more tight-lipped and they’re all the Xia family’s people, my people have gone in to take a look. Qiao Mei is indeed feeling very weak every day and her stomach has also become much smaller. The attitudes and behaviors of the Xia family members also seem to be real. I don’t think there’s anything untrue about this matter.”

He Guo turned to look at He Mei and reprimanded her, “Xiao Mei, do you know that what you did will harm the entire He family!”

He Mei was so frightened that she knelt on the ground with a plop sound. Tears streamed down her face as she grabbed He Guo’s trouser leg tightly and said, “Father, save me! I did all these to save Little Uncle and all of you! I was really at my wits’ end. Now, Qian’e says that we just have to hand Ma San over to her! Father, save me!”



Speaking of Ma San, He Guo already had the intention to settle the score with him. He was the one who disfigured He Mei's face, so he was already a lost cause.

"Xiao Ning, how do you plan to deal with Ma San?" He Guo asked.

"Ma San is tied up and in the backyard right now and I've already gotten someone to teach him a lesson. He Mei promised Qian'e that she would send Ma San to a remote area and never allow him to come back. As for the rest, it's up to you," He Ning said.

"My brothers, I don't think this matter can be resolved just like that. Have you thought about how we can explain ourselves to the Shen family? Eldest brother and I have already heard about what happened today. It appears that the baby Shen Na is carrying can't be saved," He Wei said.

He Ning had no intention of thinking about this matter at all. Every injustice had its perpetrator. No matter how anyone looked at it, this matter could not be blamed on him.

"Eldest brother should be the one thinking about this matter. I've only just gotten back and I'm still feeling weak. I don't have the energy to do so many things." He Ning put on a show of picking up the bowl of medicine.

"Xiao Ning, this is considered our He family matter. What if we become enemies with the Shen family at this point in time?" He Guo asked worriedly.

He was not afraid of losing the Shen family's help, but he was worried that He Man would have a hard time in the Shen family. When they were young, he doted on He Man the most. However, for some reason, both He Wei and He Ning had always ignored her.

After their parents passed away, as the eldest brother, he had to go out to pursue his career. He left He Man behind to take care of their two younger brothers at home. When he returned home after finally making a name for himself, he realized that his two younger brothers were not close to him at all. Even He Man started to avoid his gaze and was unwilling to have a heart-to-heart talk with him.

Every time he asked them what had happened in those years, they would avoid answering him.

“Eldest brother, you should think about your own issues. He Mei probably can’t get married because of what the Shen family did, yet you still have the mood to worry about your younger sister,” He Wei muttered disdainfully.

He Guo was so angry that he smashed the tea bowl on the table. He pointed at He Wei’s nose and scolded, “That’s your elder sister! How can you say that!”

“Don’t involve me in this. She’s your younger sister and has nothing to do with Xiao Ning and me,” He Wei said.

He Li did not know about what happened in the past. He quietly went next to He Wei and whispered, “Father, what’s with He Man? Why are you so angry at the mention of her name?”

It was not his intention to be disrespectful and not address He Man as his aunt. It was just that when he was young and addressed her in this manner, He Wei gave him a hard slap and told him to shut up. He Wei told him never to address this woman in this manner ever again, or He Wei would beat him until he got the point.

In the kids’ opinion, He Man was a nice person. When He Man first married into the Shen family, she still had some standing in that family. She often brought them delicious food and fun toys, and also bought them all kinds of fashionable clothes.

Little did they know that she was so nice to them only as a form of compensation to He Wei and He Ning.

“You little brat, get lost. You’re everywhere!” He Wei reached out and slapped He Li’s hand. The back of He Li’s hand immediately turned red from the slap.

He Li covered the back of his hand in pain and sat back down obediently, not mentioning this matter again.

“Younger brother, what deep hatred do you have for He Man? Our children have already grown up. Can’t we forget what happened in the past?” He Guo asked in puzzlement.

Chapter 498 Please Help Eldest Brother

Forget? What should they forget?

The thin coats they had to wear during winter? Or the fact that the two of them did not even have meat to eat for an entire year? Or the fact that He Wei had to piggyback the seriously ill He Ning from house to house back then to beg people to help send him for treatment?

Each of these incidents caused them to be unable to forgive He Man. She deserved to be in her current situation and it had nothing to do with them.

“Alright, Second Brother, let’s not talk about what happened back then. Eldest Brother, if you’re free enough to ask Second Brother and I about what happened back then, you might as well use the time to think about how to deal with the mess He Mei created. After all, He Mei is your biological daughter.” He Ning fiercely emphasized the words “biological daughter”.

He Guo slumped back in his chair weakly. He felt as if all his memories were false, and that everything seemed to be faked by these two women.

He was incompetent and did not have the ability to protect his daughter, nor did he have the ability to shoulder the heavy responsibilities of the He family.

“Xiao Ning... take it that I’m begging you. Even if you don’t care about the Shen family, on account that He Mei is your biological niece, can you help me?” He Guo said.

He Guo’s pleading words stung He Ning’s heart. He Ning knew in his heart that his eldest brother had been very nice to him for so many years. It was not that he did not want to help, but he was just unwilling to clean up after his eldest brother again and again. For so many years, he had been the one handling all the matters in the family, both big and small.

Although He Wei was neither astute nor resourceful, he was loyal and ruthless and could be considered to be quite famous in their industry. Usually, no one would be able to find any proof of his wrongdoings. Even if he was involved in any dirty business, everyone in the industry would protect him.

He Guo was different. He was quite smart, but soft-hearted and indecisive. Everything in the family seemed to have nothing to do with him, but he was actually the one who created all sorts of mess.

If not for him indulging He Mei and allowing her to be so arrogant since she was young, she would not have been brainless and always ready to cause trouble.

“Eldest brother, do you remember how many times I’ve helped you over the years?” He Ning stared intently at He Guo.

“I... Of course I remember everything. I have always remembered everything you have done for me,” He Guo said nervously.

Beads of sweat rolled down He Guo’s face. He Mei behaved herself and knelt on the ground, not daring to make a sound.

Every word that He Ning said now was related to whether she could stay in the He family or not. Her fate was in He Ning’s hands.

“Eldest brother, what do you want me to do?” He Ning asked.

He Guo thought that He Ning had agreed to his request. He stood up agitatedly and started voicing his opinion.

“I think that we should give that woman 100,000 dollars first. No, no, no! Give her 150,000 dollars! Ask her to take this money and leave the capital to go somewhere far away. We have many business associates in other cities. It will be very easy to get them to help find her a good job.”

“As for the Shen family, I think we should severely punish Ma San. However, this matter is considered the Shen family’s family matter and it’s not convenient for us to interfere. Let’s give Ma San a good beating and then hand him back to the Shen family to be dealt with.”

“No, no... I think we should break his legs before we send him to the Shen family, so that he leaves this marriage with nothing! He won’t get a single cent more from the Shen family and the He family anymore!”

“This matter was caused by He Mei, but He Mei’s face is already injured. I don’t think the Shen family will make things difficult for us. Xiao Ning, when the time is right, you can find a good man from among your connections and ask him to marry Shen Na. This way, everyone will benefit. I don’t think Shen Na will reject that...”

He Guo spoke non-stop, as if he was a leader giving a speech. The only thing he lacked was applause and flowers.

He Wei and He Ning looked at each other and then turned to look at He Guo. The way they looked at him was as if they were looking at a clown in a circus.

“Why... why are you looking at me like that?” He Guo paused and asked.

“I just think that eldest brother has really interesting ideas. Since eldest brother has already thought it all through, what else do you want me to do? Just do everything according to your plan,” He Ning said with a smile.

“That’s right, eldest brother. Why are you telling Xiao Ning so much now?” He Wei said.

Actually, what He Guo wanted from He Ning was money. After his role in the arms deal was exposed, all his savings were confiscated and he had to close his shop. He even pawned all the jewelry in the family to repay the money. He did not have any more money left.

#### Chapter 499 Exchange “Life” for Money

He Ning ran a thriving business and many people must have given him gifts over the years. He must have a lot of savings.

“I don’t have that much money now...” He Guo said embarrassedly.

“I don’t have much money on hand either. I’ve given whatever I have to He Mei to pay for your release. I still owe money to people outside and I still need medicinal herbs to keep myself alive. I really don’t have any extra money,” He Ning said.

Medicinal herbs!

He Guo's eyes lit up. He looked at He Ning excitedly and said, "Youngest brother! You have medicine! If you sell your ginseng and lingzhi and stuff, you can probably get more than 200,000 dollars!"

He Wei looked at He Guo with disdain. It was no wonder that He Guo would feel sorry for He Man. The two of them were the same kind of people, so of course they appreciated each other.

"Eldest brother, be more humane! That's medicine which can save He Ning's life! You want to use your brother's life to exchange for money! Do you have any conscience!" He Wei said agitatedly.

It was only at this moment that He Guo realized what a shameless thing he had said. Even if he had to sell off everything else, he could not take He Ning's medicine.

"I... I don't mean that!" He Guo explained anxiously.

He Ning waved his hand. He did not want to waste any more time here and did not want to hear more about how his life could be exchanged for money.

"Alright, let's end this matter here. No more discussion. I'll settle He Mei's issue. Now I'm going home to rest. If there's anything else, contact Huo Gao." He Ning dragged his ailing body slowly towards the door. His skinny frame made him look very pitiful.

By now, Huo Gao also saw the true colors of the He family clearly. No matter how harmonious they were in the past, when it came to matters of life and death, everyone only knew how to hurt others' interests, or even lives, for their own benefit.

"Actually, you can stay out of this matter," Huo Gao whispered as he supported He Ning.

He Ning sneered. Of course he knew that.

“If I don’t do anything, do you think Xia Wen won’t come and take revenge on me? The Xia family just has no time to deal with me now. If I don’t settle Qiao Mei’s matter properly, Xia Wen will come knocking on my door to denounce me,” He Ning said.

“Qian’e didn’t tell the Xia family about this, did she? Why would they come and find trouble with us without any substantial evidence?” Huo Gao asked.

“Even if she didn’t, this whole matter arose only because of that stupid He Mei. With the existence of that three-year agreement, it can only be the He family’s fault. I have to settle our family matters first before dealing with the outsiders. After we get back, go check on the Xia family’s recent activities,” He Ning said.

“Alright, I’ll arrange for someone to do that,” Huo Gao said.

At the hospital , some people came to visit Qiao Mei every day. Of course, it was not just the Xia family members, but also Liang Guo and Liang Lan.

They had also heard gossip that Qiao Mei had almost lost her life after being pushed into the river. If not for the fact that someone had passed by, Qiao Mei would definitely have lost her life. People even said that Qiao Mei had been knocked down by a car and left on the road, and that she would never be able to have children again.

There were all kinds of rumors going around. They did not know who to believe and could only come over personally to take a look.

If what other people said was true and Qiao Mei had become infertile, then she was no longer useful to them. Which wealthy family would treat an infertile daughter-in-law well since she could not carry on the family line for them?

Moreover, Xia Zhe was the future successor of the Xia family. If he did not have an heir, he would not be able to bring the Xia family to greater heights and hand down the achievements of his ancestors.

By then, it was even possible that the Xia family would dump Qiao Mei!

They had to seize the opportunity to take a look at Qiao Mei's current situation and then observe how the Xia family was treating her. This way, they would also know how to deal with what would happen next.

"Mei Mei, the Liang siblings have been waiting outside the door for two days. Should we let them in," Xia He said helplessly.

"I also know that they come here every day. If I let them in, they'll definitely fake their concern and ask about me for a long time. Just say that I can't see them now and that the doctor said I'm not in a good mood and I may go crazy at any time." Qiao Mei buried herself under the blanket in annoyance.

Xia He had no choice but to go out and persuade the Liang siblings to go back. "Don't come again. This won't be good for Qiao Mei's recovery."

"Then how's Qiao Mei's health? Can she still have children?" Liang Lan asked.

Xia He suddenly felt that Qiao Mei was right. These two people did not come here for a simple purpose.

Chapter 500 Unable to Give Birth Anymore

"She? She can't get pregnant anymore. Everyone in the family doesn't care about her anymore. Only an elder sister like me still feels sorry for her. Otherwise, why would she be in the hospital by herself," Xia He said with her hands on her hips.

"This..." Liang Lan and Liang Guo looked at each other. The worried expressions they had on their faces earlier had now disappeared.

"Why? Are you here to take care of Qiao Mei? It costs so much money every day and I still have to clean up after Qiao Mei. If you want to help out, then come in quickly," Xia He said disdainfully.

Liang Lan's expression instantly turned awkward. If it came down to taking care of Qiao Mei, the task would definitely fall to her. How could Liang Guo, being a man, take care of Qiao Mei? It was such a dirty and tiring chore that she was unwilling to do it!



It was better to leave such things to the Xia family. As for the matter with Qiao Qiang, they would have to think of another way to bring the old man back.

“No, we’re just here to visit her. This is a small token from us. Please accept it on behalf of Qiao Mei. We’ll come back another day.” Liang Lan smiled, handing the fruits and tonics to Xia He before turning around and leaving with Liang Guo without looking back.

Xia He placed the things on the floor and said happily, “You’re right! Didn’t I act well just now! When they heard that someone has to take care of you, they left without looking back!”

“I know they are up to no good. Let’s give the things they brought to other patients later. I saw a little girl when I went out for a walk earlier, we can give those things to her,” Qiao Mei said.

That little girl was so pitiful. She was tormented by the pain of illness at such a young age and Qiao Mei hoped that she could recover soon.

Qiao Mei got up from the bed and stood by the window, staring blankly at the grapevines in the garden downstairs. It was currently the harvest season for grapes and she wondered about the situation back in her own home.

It had already been two months since she traveled out. Her grandfather, mother and the children would have finished all the vegetables they had at home. She did not know if the newly sprouted vegetables still contained her energy. What if her grandfather ate vegetables that had no energy in them and his condition returned to normal?

Her grandfather definitely would not bear to use the ginseng and lingzhi he had. He knew that these things were precious and he would only use them when he felt especially uncomfortable. She had to practically force him to eat them previously. These two months that she was away, he definitely would not bear to eat them.

For the past two months, she could only hear her grandfather’s voice on the phone and she had never stopped being worried. Most of the time, her grandfather was not even at home and she could only get news about her family from Uncle Zhao.

She did not know whether Qiao Zhuang and the rest went to her grandfather's house to bully him. Her younger siblings were still young and could not possibly handle all these things on their own. She had to go back and take a look as soon as possible.

"Elder sister, I want to go home," Qiao Mei said sadly.

"Go home? Then I'll get Xia Zhe to come pick you up? Later, I'll talk to Aunt and see if she can let you be discharged. I wonder to what extent elder brother has repaired your courtyard house. If the repairs are not finished yet, you'll still have to stay at mother's place for a while," Xia He said as she peeled an apple.

She realized that Qiao Mei especially liked to eat the apples that she prepared. Every day, she would peel and cut them for Qiao Mei. She heard from the nurses outside that pregnant women should be given more nutrition and fruits were indispensable.

"No, I want to go back to Foshan Village," Qiao Mei turned around and said calmly.

Xia He was stunned for a moment and cut her finger with the fruit knife.

"Ah!" Xia He quickly placed the things in her hand on the table to prevent Qiao Mei from touching them and getting hurt.

Qiao Mei did not expect Xia He to have such a big reaction. It was her lack of attention that caused Xia He to get injured.

"I'm sorry, elder sister! I don't know that you are peeling an apple. Let me take a look!" Qiao Mei said as she blamed herself.

Xia He wiped the blood clean with a piece of tissue paper. The wound was not very deep and the bleeding stopped very quickly.

"Don't worry, it's not your fault. I'm the careless one. I'm just surprised that you want to return to the village," Xia He said with a smile.

Qiao Mei pulled Xia He's hand over to carefully disinfect the wound and wrapped it in a bandage before she felt at ease.

"I'm worried about my grandfather. I've been away from home for so long and I want to go back and take a look," Qiao Mei said.

"Then have you told elder brother and the others about this?" Xia He asked.

Qiao Mei shook her head. She had already discussed this matter with Xia Zhe previously. After all, Xia Zhe's vacation was almost over and they wanted to go back and visit her grandfather.