

## Fat Wife 531

### Chapter 531 Blocking The City Gate

Qiao Mei laughed and said, "I know Uncle Hu is the best. I'll leave this matter to you!"

"Alright, take good care of yourself too. I'll arrange for someone to go now." After saying that, Chen Hu hung up the phone and arranged to send a van to the village. He then sent a small team to Li Gui's house to search for clues.

Qiao Mei searched ward by ward and finally found the one Zhang Wei was in. Li Gui was bent over Zhang Wei's bed, crying silently.

"I've made arrangements with some people in the county city to transfer Zhang Miao to the hospital there. Someone will come and pick her up in a while," Qiao Mei said softly.

"Thank you, Mei Mei. I don't even know how to thank you. I'll go and ask Zhang Qian for money to save Miao Miao now!" Li Gui said.

"There's no need to thank me. She's also my younger sister. Later, you should also go together with Zhang Miao. Spend more time with Zhang Wei now. I'll call grandfather and ask him to come over and keep an eye on Zhang Wei. Later, I'll also go to the hospital in the county city to take care of Zhang Miao," Qiao Mei said.

"It's better not to let the old master come. It's already so dark and he's not in good health. I'll stay here and keep an eye on the boy. Your auntie will also be here soon," Zhao Liang said.

He had just asked his wife to prepare food and send it over. His wife knew that he was a warm-hearted person and would help anyone who needed help, so she did not blame him.

However, Li Gui was still a married woman. Even if she did not have a husband, she was still a woman. If Zhao Liang helped her too effusively, it was inevitable that there would be dirty-minded people who would gossip about it.

Zhao Liang's wife would stay behind with Zhao Liang to take care of Zhang Wei tonight.

If not for the fact that Zhao Liang had such a good wife supporting him, he would not have been able to devote himself to helping the village and working hard to build it up.

"That's fine too. Sorry to have to trouble you, Uncle Zhao," Qiao Mei said.

"Thank you so much, Brother Zhao. I won't forget how you take care of my entire family! I will definitely repay you well in the future!" Li Gui said as she continued to weep.

"We're all fellow villagers, there's no need to be so polite. All of you can go and visit Zhang Miao. When the car comes later, don't forget to bring all your things. You have me taking care of things here," Zhao Liang said with a smile.

Qiao Mei went out to take a look at the items on the three-wheeled vehicle and retrieved Zhang Wei's clothes.

"Are you sure you want mom to go to the Zhang family on her own?" Xia Zhe said with a frown.

Of course Qiao Mei was worried. She knew that Zhang Qian was not someone to be trifled with. Old Madam Zhang held the purse strings in the family and it would be a waste of Li Gui's time to go there.

However, if Qiao Mei did not allow Li Gui to do it, she would never give up. Instead of letting her live in a dream, she might as well force her into a desperate situation and let her see what the Zhang family was like when something happened to their children.

"This is her own business. I don't care. I just need to take good care of my younger siblings," Qiao Mei said.

Xia Zhe understood what Qiao Mei was thinking, but he felt that it would be better if the mother and daughter could talk things out. It would be too risky to let Li Gui put herself in danger.

"Alright, don't think about this anymore. You don't know what Zhang Qian did to her in the past. I just want her to understand that if she doesn't get a divorce, these children won't be able to survive," Qiao Mei said resignedly.

Xia Zhe brought down all the luggage from the vehicle and helped Qiao Mei down.

"You should go home and rest tonight. Someone has to take care of grandfather too. I'll take care of Zhang Miao tonight. Why not you come and take over from me tomorrow?" Xia Zhe said gently.

Qiao Mei leaned quietly against Xia Zhe. She was still very concerned about Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin. She wondered if they would get beaten up and if some bad guys had taken them somewhere to kill them. In her other life, she had often seen cases of people buying and selling children's organs as well as selling children to earn money.

She did not know if the injured Zhang Miao would be able to survive the night, if Zhang Miao's broken ribs would affect her life in the future, and if Zhang Miao would end up with any psychological trauma that would affect her for the rest of her life.

She really did not dare to imagine how what happened today would affect these children in the future.

At the same time, she had a trace of delusional hope. She hoped that Zhang Qian still had some humanity and could come to the hospital to visit Zhang Miao and help look for the two missing children.

"I think I'd better go with you. I'm worried that Uncle Chen Hu will ask for details about the children. He's currently sending people to search for them," Qiao Mei said worriedly.

Chen Hu had already sealed off the entrances and exits of all the train stations and bus stations. Anyone bringing children of between two to fifteen years old in or out of the stations had to undergo strict screening.

Chapter 532 Worthless

Zhang Qian walked back to Chu Xin's house happily. When he reached the door and realized that it was already closed, he knocked patiently.

He did not have the key to Chu Xin's house. Chu Xin would open the door for him every time, and no matter what time it was, Chu Xin would always be at home.

He had never been curious about how Chu Xin managed to maintain her lifestyle, nor was he curious about where she came from. All he could think about was being intimate with Chu Xin.

"Xin Xin! Open the door!" Zhang Qian shouted.

Chu Xin quickly hid the money in the room and brought the intact-looking bags back to the living room. She tidied up her clothes and walked foxily to open the door.

"I was in the toilet just now, so I'm a little slow to get to the door," Chu Xin lied flawlessly without batting an eyelid.

"It's fine, it's fine. I already sent all of them off. Don't worry," Zhang Qian said flatteringly.

"I'll go cook you something. You've been busy all this time and haven't eaten yet!" Chu Xin said with a smile.

Zhang Qian looked at Chu Xin's busy figure in the kitchen and happily helped to collect the cups in the living room. He remembered Chu Xin saying that the cups used by others must be washed properly.

He had never done these things at home, but when he was here, he actually felt that it was his duty.

"Why are you doing such things? Put them down and let me do it. Go and help me count the money in the bags and see whether the amounts are right. I haven't had time to count it after they gave it to me!" Chu Xin said.

Zhang Qian's eyes lit up when he heard about counting money.

He had already caught sight of the two bags of money, but he did not dare to take action on his own without Chu Xin's permission. The last time, when he could not find his clothes and went to look into the closet, Chu Xin ignored him for two whole days!

"Fine, fine, fine! I'll go take a look now!" Zhang Qian hurriedly ran to the sofa and opened the bags happily.

Previously, he had secretly looked into Old Madam Zhang's cloth bag where she hid her money. There was 600 dollars in it! That was the most money he had ever seen in his life.

He did not expect to be able to see more than 10,000 dollars in his lifetime!

"Hahaha, 100! 200! 300!... 1,000! Hahahahaha, I'm rich, I'm rich!" Zhang Qian threw all the money on the ground and counted them one by one, looking as happy as a child who had received candy.

Chu Xin leaned against the kitchen door and stared at Zhang Qian with interest. She had met many men like him in her life. Nowadays, due to either pressure or the need to join hands in business, there were many consanguineous marriages among the rich people, resulting in many children being born dim-witted or with disabilities.

Sister Jiang from earlier was one of these people.. Her child was dim-witted, but he was not born with it. She had accidentally dropped the child when she carried him. Coupled with the fact that the child was too young and no one took good care of him, he developed a high fever which affected his brain.

That was why Sister Jiang asked her to find a sensible and capable girl who could help her take care of her dim-witted son.

As for the couple who adopted Zhang Chao, it was said that they came from a scholarly family. Both of them were highly educated people, but they were unable to have children due to an accident, so they found a way to contact her about buying someone else's child.

Chu Xin brought out the dishes and said with a smile, "Let's count it later! Come over to eat! There's so much money, you won't be able to count it all even if you do it overnight!"

"Hahahaha, do you know! I never even dreamed of having so much money!" Zhang Qian ran over excitedly with the money.

Chu Xin smiled and nodded. "Put it down quickly. Wash your hands and eat!"

Zhang Qian listened to Chu Xin obediently. After packing everything away, he sat at the dining table and pondered. These two children were sold for 25,000 dollars. If he sold the remaining two children, did that mean he would have another 25,000 dollars!

"Xin Xin, since these two children can be sold for 25,000 dollars, I still have a son and a daughter. Can we sell them for a good price too!" Zhang Qian said excitedly.

Chu Xin was a little surprised. She did not expect Zhang Qian to get on this wavelength. However, for a father to be so enthusiastic about selling his children, he was truly also one of a kind.

"It's possible, but your eldest son is already so grown up and it won't be easy to get a good price. If only your youngest daughter is a boy, then she would be worth 25,000 dollars herself. Young girls don't fetch high prices," Chu Xin said regretfully.

Zhang Qian's dream of getting rich was shattered just like that. For the youngest one, if it was not profitable to sell her at a young age, then he could sell her when she was older! As for Zhang Wei, he would leave him to Li Gui. The worthless money-losing good-for-nothing and the jinx could have each other.

A perfect match!

Chapter 533 Leave The Money With Me

"It's fine, it's fine. After we get married, we'll go fetch that girl Zhang Miao and raise her ourselves. We can sell her once she's older. There's no difference," Zhang Qian said with a grin.

Chu Xin pouted and said, "Married? You still have the cheek to say that word. You want me to be with you even though you have not gotten a divorce?"

Zhang Qian slapped his head and said in frustration, "Oh my, it's my fault, my fault! Don't be angry! I'll go and divorce Li Gui now!"

With that, Zhang Qian stood up to go and look for Li Gui, but Chu Xin quickly stopped him.

"We'll talk about it in a couple of days. It's not like I'm in a hurry. Besides, it's already so late now. Where are you going? I'm afraid of being alone at home~," Chu Xin said daintily.

Zhang Qian liked it when Chu Xin wheedled like this! Moreover, compared to Li Gui, Chu Xin was capable and beautiful. The most important thing was that she understood him!

No matter how much money Chu Xin spent, he was willing to let her!

"Fine, fine, fine, little precious. I'll listen to you! As long as you're happy! I'll do whatever you want!" Zhang Qian said with a smile.

"Then... I want you to hand over all this money to me for safekeeping! The moment you marry me! That's when I'll give you the money!" Chu Xin said.

This demand stumped Zhang Qian. After all, those were his children, even if Chu Xin was the one who contacted all the buyers. He could share a portion of the money with her like what he was going to do with Zhang Cong.

If he gave her the entire 25,000 dollars, he would lose everything if she did not marry him!

Just as Zhang Qian was hesitating, Chu Xin silently covered her face and cried. She said softly, "I really have a tough life! I lost my parents when I was young and wandered around alone for so many years. It wasn't easy for me to get married, but my husband died not long after! I thought that meeting you was a gift from the heavens, but I never expected you to be such a heartless man!"

"I'm not! Xin Xin, don't cry! I haven't said anything yet!" Zhang Qian's heart ached as he pulled Chu Xin into his arms.

"You're truly a heartless man! Do you think I will take your money and then say that I don't know you! I still have this house! This is the house my ex-husband bought and it's in my name now. Where else can I go! When we get married in the future, it will be in your name too!" Chu Xin said as she sobbed.

She actually wanted to give him the house! He did not expect her to love him so much.

Zhang Qian looked at Chu Xin lying in his arms. For the first time in his life, he felt that he should protect a woman well. Ever since he was young, he saw his parents quarreling, being suspicious of each other and scheming against each other. What they had was not love, but they were just two people living together.

In addition, Old Madam Zhang was not in good health. After giving birth to him, she did not have any more children. She gave Zhang Qian all the good things she had and spoiled him from a young age. That was why he was a selfish person who never cared about other people's feelings.

Zhang Qian said remorsefully, "I'm sorry, Xin Xin. I'm too calculative. It's all my fault, I shouldn't have doubted you! I'll leave this money with you. We'll use it to buy new furniture when I marry you!"

After all, after he married Chu Xin in the future, even this house would belong to him, let alone the 25,000 dollars. Chu Xin would also belong to him! He could live however he wanted and do whatever he wanted!

In that case, he had to thank Chu Xin's ex-husband who died young. Otherwise, he would not have the luck to meet Chu Xin.

"So you promise that you will marry me!" Chu Xin looked up at Zhang Qian with tears in her eyes.

Zhang Qian nodded vigorously and said, "Yes! I promise I'll marry you!"

"Then I'll believe you. Tomorrow, go and look for Li Gui and divorce her! Otherwise, I won't believe what you say!" Chu Xin said willfully.



"No problem! I'll agree to anything you say! Even if you want the moon in the sky now, I'll pluck it for you!" Zhang Qian raised three fingers and swore.

Zhang Qian promised Chu Xin everything. Even if Chu Xin asked him to sell Zhang Cong now, he would do it!

"Alright, stop hugging me. Hurry up and have your meal!" Chu Xin said laughingly.

"Then little precious, have you forgiven me? Don't be angry anymore, alright?" Zhang Qian asked cautiously.

At this moment, Chu Xin was his cash cow. He was still counting on Chu Xin to sell Zhang Miao for a good price!

"Alright, alright, I'm not angry anymore. Eat quickly. I still have to clean up!" Chu Xin said unhappily.

"Don't worry, you don't have to do anything. I'll do it myself! I definitely won't let my little precious suffer!" Zhang Qian said.

Chapter 534 Some Clues

A vehicle came by quickly to pick Zhang Miao up from the village. Chen Hu always did things very efficiently.

In order for Zhang Miao to be able to lie down properly, Chen Hu specially made arrangements for a military truck. The stretcher could fit in the back of the truck so that Zhang Miao could lie down. Moreover, the back of the truck had a covering that could block out the wind and sand.

During this time of the year, the dew was heavy at night and the wind was also stronger, so they needed more blankets. Inside the truck, there were many military blankets, military coats and iron thermo bottles that were filled with hot water.

Qiao Mei noted everything she saw. She did not expect Chen Hu to be such a meticulous person.

“Hello, Qiao Mei. I’m a soldier who reports to Chen Hu. Just call me Xiaobei,” Xiaobei said to Qiao Mei with a grin.

“Hello. Do you need us to do anything now?” Qiao Mei asked.

“Let’s carry the child up first. My boss has already contacted the hospital. If we send her over now, she can receive treatment right away. The hospital has the best specialists,” Xiaobei said.

“Great, I’ll go and make the arrangements now.” After saying that, Qiao Mei went into the room to find someone to make the arrangements.

When Zhang Miao was carried out on a stretcher, Qiao Mei could no longer suppress the anger in her heart.

The small little child’s face was very pale without a trace of color in it. She lay quietly on the stretcher, and even her breathing was extremely weak.

What kind of beast could do something so evil to such a young child!

“Mom, put on the military coat and sit at the back to take care of Zhang Miao. Xia Zhe will accompany you,” Qiao Mei said calmly.

At this moment, Li Gui could no longer hear anything. She crouched helplessly next to Zhang Miao’s stretcher and wept loudly.

Out of her four children, this was the child she loved the most. This child was usually sunny and cheerful, always filling her with joy. If it was not for this child, she definitely would not have been able to survive those difficult days.

“My daughter! Why are you like this?! Get up and look at Mom!” Li Gui wailed.

Qiao Mei helped Li Gui up so that the stretcher could be lifted into the truck. She did not want to miss out on the golden time for treatment.

“Mom, calm down. Zhang Miao needs everyone to be supportive now. We have to rush to the hospital to save her. If we delay any longer, Zhang Miao’s life will be in danger,” Qiao Mei said.

Li Gui gradually calmed down. The most important thing now was to save Zhang Miao.

She had to persevere and not fall apart. She still had to go and look for Zhang Qian and ask him for the money to save Zhang Miao’s life!

“Yes! I still have to ask Zhang Qian for money! Let’s go! Let’s send Zhang Miao to the hospital quickly!” Li Gui stumbled up the truck.

After Xia Zhe set down their things properly and Qiao Mei left behind some instructions, they set off for the hospital.

There was someone at the entrance of the hospital to receive them. After being carried down from the truck, Zhang Miao was sent into the operating theater.

“Mei Mei, I’ll go and look for Zhang Qian. Can you both stay here and help me look after Miao Miao?” Li Gui pleaded.

Qiao Mei held Li Gui back and said, “There’s no hurry to do that. We can talk about it later. The most important thing now is to make sure Zhang Miao is settled down. When Zhang Miao’s life is out of danger, you still have to go back and look after Zhang Wei. There’s no hurry to ask Zhang Qian for money now.”

Li Gui had no choice but to listen to Qiao Mei. Chen Hu gave Qiao Mei a call at that moment.

“Hello, Qiao Mei, it’s your Uncle Hu. I’ve already sent people around to find the whereabouts of the two children, Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin. Don’t be too anxious. How’s Zhang Miao? I heard from Xiaobei that he has already sent you to the hospital,” Chen Hu said.

Qiao Mei said in a low voice, "She's still undergoing emergency treatment. Thank you very much, Uncle Hu. If it's not for you, this child would have lost her life."

Chen Hu laughed heartily and said, "Hahahaha! You're being so polite! If it weren't for your grandfather back then, I might have lost my life! There's no need to be so polite between us!"

Qiao Mei quietly walked to one side and asked, "Uncle Hu, tell me the truth. Have you gotten any clues by now?"

Chen Hu suddenly fell silent. It was not that he did not notice anything weird about this matter, but he was still unsure. He suspected that the children had been sold.

He had been stationed at this area for a long time. He would hear of similar incidents of children getting stolen, but it was usually the families who had sold off their children themselves. Some families had too many children and could not afford to feed them, so they sold their children in private.

As long as both parties accepted these things and no one reported the case, the authorities would not be able to get involved. What if the children's parents did not want them when they were found? After all, the children's parents did not want to look for them. What could the authorities do even when they found the children?

Chapter 535 Caregiving

"We're still investigating this matter. When Li Gui has some time, ask her to come and look for me. We need to question her," Chen Hu said.

"I also asked her about it today. At that time, she was working in the fields and there were only the four children at home. There was no one else around," Qiao Mei said.

Chen Hu hesitated for a while before he asked the question that he was thinking.

"How is Li Gui's relationship with these children? What is their father like?" Chen Hu asked.

"She loves these children very much and I usually help to take care of them too. Their father's name is Zhang Qian and he works in a factory in the county city. He doesn't usually care about the children and doesn't treat them very well," Qiao Mei said.

It was already good enough if Zhang Qian did not come to harm the children!

"Alright, I'll go and investigate Zhang Qian's background before contacting you again. Don't stand on ceremony with me. If you need anything, just let me know. If you can't find me, then look for Xiaobei. I've arranged for him to be with you in the next two days," Chen Hu said.

"Thank you, Uncle Hu. I'll make some delicious food for you next time!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Ever since the guys in the troop tasted the pickled vegetables and meat sauce made by Qiao Mei the last time, they had been clamoring for Qiao Mei to be their chef. They were even willing to pay for it themselves.

The food prepared by the cooks in the army was really quite inedible. It was already not bad if all the ingredients were cooked properly and not left raw!

"Sure, sure, sure. Those guys in our troop are counting on you to make some more meat sauce! The food you made for me the last time was all gone before I could bring some home to give your auntie a taste! Next time, you have to make more and prepare a separate jar for your auntie. Otherwise, your auntie will tell me off when I get home!" Chen Hu said.

"No problem! When I've settled this matter, I'll definitely make more!" Qiao Mei said.

"It's a deal! I've got to go get busy now. Contact me if you need anything!" Chen Hu hung up after saying that.

Qiao Mei sat along the quiet corridor of the hospital and watched the people coming and going. What Chen Hu said just now seemed to be his reminder to her to be wary of Zhang Qian.

It was already close to dawn by now. Qiao Mei had been on the go for an entire day and she was almost out of energy by now.

Staring at the red light outside the operating theater, she prayed that Zhang Miao would be safe and sound and that she could grow up healthy and happy.

"Do you want to rest for a while? You've been up all day," Xia Zhe said as he hugged Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei shook her head. Her thoughts were all on Zhang Miao now and she would not be able to sleep well at the moment.

"I want to wait until Zhang Miao comes out and make sure she's fine before taking a rest. Don't worry, I'm fine," Qiao Mei said as she pointed at her own face.

The light outside the operating theater suddenly went out. Not long after, the doctor pushed Zhang Miao out on the bed.

Li Gui, Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe gathered at the entrance of the operating theater and looked anxiously at Zhang Miao.

"Doctor, how's the child?" Li Gui asked.

"The child is fine now. She will need to recuperate for a long time. Her ribs show signs of cracks and there are also fractures in some parts. Fortunately, her organs are not affected. She's fine now and just needs to recuperate properly. You should hospitalize her for a period of time," the doctor said.

The moment they heard that Zhang Miao was fine, the three of them were finally able to relax.

Qiao Mei arranged for Zhang Miao to stay in the best ward in the county hospital. The setup and fittings here could not be compared to that in the capital, and the room was also very small and narrow.

Xia Zhe went downstairs and bought two caregiver beds. The guest house in the county was very far from the hospital. If they wanted to have a good rest, they would need to make do in the hospital for the night.

People who had no money chose to sleep on the floor along the long corridor of the hospital. There were people lying around on all the different types of seats. Some were sleeping on the chairs with their test results, while others stood around in the corridor and waited for their beds with their luggage.

"How did you manage to buy the caregiver beds? I don't see many people using this type of bed in the corridor," Qiao Mei asked curiously.

"There aren't many people in the county who are willing to see a doctor. After they use up all their money to treat their illnesses, they can't bear to spend money on caregivers at all. Moreover, I've asked around and found out that the guest house is 10 kilometers away from here! There are also some people whose workplace would reimburse them for their treatment, but not for caregivers, so they can't bear to spend the money too," Xia Zhe explained.

"You've never lived in the county city before, so how do you know about this?" Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Zhe looked at Qiao Mei in embarrassment. If Qiao Mei knew how he found out about this, he might be the one sleeping in the corridor outside.

Chapter 536 I Quit

It was the lady boss manning the shop at the moment. When she saw Xia Zhe, her eyes were almost fixated on him. She kept asking Xia Zhe about his birth date, age and his family background. She even wanted to marry her daughter off to Xia Zhe.

If Xia Zhe had not paid fast and ran away quickly, he would probably still be held back by the lady boss and interrogated!

"I... I was held back by that lady boss... Then, she told me a lot of things..." Xia Zhe stammered.

There was a hint of murderous look in Qiao Mei's eyes. She had thought that she would be able to avoid Xia Zhe's romantic debts after leaving the capital. She did not expect that Xia Zhe would still be as popular as ever after coming to the county city.

He was simply too well liked by both men and women, young and old!

"I never expect the same thing even when I return to the village..." Qiao Mei muttered softly.

Xia Zhe liked Qiao Mei's jealous look very much. It made her look very cute and playful. The more jealous Qiao Mei got, the happier he was.

This meant that Qiao Mei loved him and cared about him.

"I didn't say more than what was necessary. I just took my things and left! I've asked the doctor for a few unused blankets. Zhang Miao's blanket is also here. I've made the bed for you, so go and sleep now," Xia Zhe said.

Qiao Mei sat down slowly on the caregiver bed. The bed, which was originally only a piece of canvas supported by a few pieces of steel, was now tightly wrapped up with blankets by Xia Zhe. It felt as if she was sitting on a big cotton puff.

"What about you? Aren't you going to rest?" Qiao Mei asked.

"I'll keep an eye on Zhang Miao tonight. Mom is sleeping on the hospital bed next to Zhang Miao. I'll rest if I feel tired later," Xia Zhe said as he squatted beside Qiao Mei.

"Then wake me up when you're tired. I'll take over and keep an eye on her," Qiao Mei said.

Xia Zhe nodded and turned off the lights in the ward, leaving only a small table lamp switched on in the corner. Soon, everyone fell asleep.

Nothing much happened in the hospital, but something big happened to the Zhang family.



Zhang Qian slept through the night and returned to work the next morning. Ever since he received the money from selling the children, he felt refreshed and no longer cared about the people at his workplace.

"Zhang, did you pick up money or win the lottery? Why are you so happy today? Tell us and make everyone happy," the security guard at the door said with a smile as he held on to a large tea jar.

Zhang Qian tilted his head and did not even look at the guard as he walked into the factory arrogantly. The people around him sighed, not knowing what was wrong with Zhang Qian.

"Hey! Why is he ignoring me! Didn't he see me!" the guard stood up angrily and yelled at Zhang Qian.

Everyone in the surrounding area pulled him back to sit down and handed him some melon seeds. "Brother, why are you angry with him? Maybe he has done something bad and is too embarrassed to say it!"

"Hahahaha! Is it because that young widow doesn't like him?"

"In the end, she ended up with the factory manager! He even promoted Zhang. Zhang now has to serve tea to the factory manager every day! I don't know how he can tolerate it! If I'm Zhang, I would definitely quit!"

"That's right! His lover was snatched away and he still has to serve tea to her husband. I have to say that Zhang is really a big picture person!"

"His wife is also a remarried woman. Zhang just likes to interact with widows. I wonder what's so nice about this widow that Zhang can't forget her!"

"Why? Do you want to experience it too? But you don't have Zhang's luck!"

"We have to get Zhang to tell us how he does it! So that everyone can learn from him!"

"Hahaha!"

Everyone burst into laughter. Zhang Qian was already tired of hearing these chitchat. Ever since the young widow married the factory manager, he was mocked all the time.

However, he would not let himself be insulted anymore from today onwards! He had long wanted to quit this job!

Zhang Qian walked back angrily and said, "You don't have to sit here and laugh at me! I'm going to resign today! I quit! You can say whatever you want!"

"Brother, why are you so angry? Isn't everyone just joking? Why are you taking it so seriously?" the other employees laughed and said.

"I've had enough of this lousy place for a long time! What's so great about being a factory manager! I'll quit after today! Just wait and see!" Zhang Qian shouted.

"Why don't you just leave now? Are you saying it for show?" the guard said sarcastically.

Zhang Qian also felt like leaving now, but how was he going to break the news to Chu Xin? When he left earlier, she even told him to work hard and said she would cook a feast for him tonight.

Chapter 537 You Still Have The Cheek To Come Back

"When I leave is none of your business! I'm already here, so how can I go back empty-handed! I must get paid for today!" Zhang Qian said.

He would not leave if his pay was short of even a single cent. How could the factory manager snatch his woman and still deduct his pay?

Not a single cent less! He must get the full sum!

"Zhang, did you make a fortune? If you have any new opportunities, don't forget us!" the guard said mockingly.

Zhang Qian did not say anything else to them. Chu Xin had told him that the fewer people who knew about this matter, the better. Otherwise, they would not be able to continue doing this business in the future.

After finishing his work, he went to the accountant to get 24 dollars and left the factory.

When he walked out of the factory door, he felt that even the air smelt fresher. He still felt a little reluctant to leave this place where he had spent most of his working life.

However, there was a beautiful woman waiting for him at home and she also had endless money for him to spend. There was nothing to miss about life in the factory!

After buying Chu Xin's favorite apples and a few meat buns from the shop at the main door, he went home happily.

"Xin Xin! Open the door!" Zhang Qian knocked on the door and shouted happily.

After shouting for a long time, there was still no response from inside the house. The puzzled Zhang Qian leaned his ear against the door and listened for the sounds of movements inside.

"Xin Xin! Are you home! Open the door!" Zhang Qian gradually became irritable and kicked the door fiercely.

He made so much noise that the neighbor next door opened the door and scolded, "Who are you! Who knocks in this manner! It's so noisy!"

"How I knock on my house door is none of your business! Who do you think you are to talk nonsense here! Mind your own business and don't disturb me!" Zhang Qian shouted back at the neighbor.

"Even if you tear down the door, there's no one inside!" the neighbor said.

"What do you mean? Isn't there someone living here?" Zhang Qian asked in puzzlement.

Zhang Qian took a closer look at the unit number and the decorations on the door. He did not go to the wrong place. This was Chu Xin's house. Then where did she go?

"They moved out early this morning. It's empty inside now. I don't know what's going on, but they barely lived here for half a year," the neighbor said.

"Wait a minute! What did you say just now! Half a year! Isn't this house previously occupied by a woman and her husband? How can it be half a year!" Zhang Qian was a little confused by now. Back then, Chu Xin had told him such a complete story and she said this house belonged to her husband, did she not?

"This house was vacant for a long time. A woman moved in half a year ago and there are always men coming to the house. You're not the first one, but you're the one who comes most often," the neighbor said.

Could it be that Chu Xin had lied to him? She was not a widow at all! She was a scammer!

"Did you remember wrongly! Think about it carefully!" Zhang Qian asked as he looked at the neighbor nervously.

"How can I remember wrongly? I've lived here for so many years. Of course I know who lives opposite me. There's no mistake," the neighbor said confidently.

Zhang Qian did not believe what the neighbor said. He threw the fruits he was holding to one side and slammed on the door with all his might, causing so much noise that everyone from upstairs and downstairs came out to criticize him.

"Who is it! Here to collect debts or something! Or is someone going to die!"

"Who exactly are you looking for! That family has already moved out today, why are you still knocking!"

"Our child is studying! How can our child study if you behave like this! If you can't find whoever you're looking for, go to the police. What's the use of knocking on the door now!"

Zhang Qian ignored everyone and continued banging on the door. He must see Chu Xin today, otherwise he would not leave!

"Eh? This is the Zhang family's son, right?"

"It seems to be... it's really him!"

"Why is he here?"

Someone recognized him and even went forward to take a good look at his face.

"What are you looking at! Haven't you seen a visitor before! Get out of the way, get out of the way!" Zhang Qian hurriedly pushed away the surrounding neighbors and fled in a panic.

If anyone found out that he had been having an ambiguous relationship with Chu Xin all this while, it would be reported and printed on posters to be put up everywhere and he might even have to go to jail.

Zhang Qian walked home dejectedly. As soon as he pushed open the door, Old Madam Zhang threw a glass at him and it fell to the ground with an ear-piercing crash.

"You still have the cheek to come back! You have totally embarrassed the Zhang family! Are you having an ambiguous relationship with the woman next door! Someone already came to tell me about this! Don't you have any shame!" Old Madam Zhang scolded.

Chapter 538 Cannot Call the Police

"What! What's wrong with me looking for her! She doesn't need any status! I'm going to divorce Li Gui now! I can't take it anymore!" Zhang Qian roared.

Old Madam Zhang scolded him angrily, "Who will give you money if you leave Li Gui! Don't tell me you're going to raise those children yourself!"

At this moment, Zhang Cong had also returned from work. The news of Zhang Qian and Chu Xin having an ambiguous relationship had spread throughout the neighborhood. Now that Chu Xin had run away, it was obvious that Zhang Qian had been scammed.

"Dad! I just came back from the factory! Why did you quit?" Zhang Cong asked as he rushed in.

When Old Madam Zhang heard that Zhang Qian had resigned, she stood up shakily with her walking stick and said, "You! You actually resigned from your job at the factory! Do you want your entire family to starve!"

Back then, this job was handed over to Zhang Qian after Old Master Zhang retired. The people in the factory were already unhappy with Zhang Qian because he lazed around all day long and even stole things from the company. Now that Zhang Qian resigned on his own, it was like a slap in the face for the Zhang family.

"You unfilial son! Are you trying to anger me to death!" Old Master Zhang shouted.

Zhang Qian sat on the chair indifferently and said, "I don't want to work there anymore! I don't believe that I won't be able to survive after leaving the factory!"

Hearing the commotion outside, Sun Yan quietly walked out of the bedroom and stood at the side to join in. Ever since she married into the family, this was the first time she had seen the family arguing so fiercely.

Only then did Zhang Cong realize something. Now that Chu Xin had left, what about his 1,000 dollars reward?

"Where's my 1,000 dollars! Where's Chu Xin! Give me my 1,000 dollars!" Zhang Cong shouted as he pointed at Zhang Qian.

“What 1,000 dollars? Where did you get so much money?” Sun Yan asked curiously.

Old Madam Zhang also stared at Zhang Cong. All the money belonging to the family, no matter the amount, had to be handed over to her. She wondered what kind of windfall Zhang Cong had to have to be able to save up 1,000 dollars.

“His lover sold Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin for a lot of money! His lover promised me 1,000 dollars as compensation for the hard work. I just heard from the neighbors downstairs that his lover ran away early in the morning with all her luggage! She has probably left the city by now!” Zhang Cong said.

When Old Madam Zhang heard this, she almost fainted from anger. It was fine if he sold Zhang Qin and Zhang Miao, but no matter what, Zhang Wei and Zhang Chao were still sons of the Zhang family!

After Li Gui brought them up, they would be grown men who could earn money for the family. At that time, the money they earned would have to be handed over to Old Madam Zhang.

Old Master Zhang raised the smoking pipe in his hand and wanted to throw it at Zhang Qian. That kid was part of the continuation of the Zhang family’s lineage! How could he sell the boy!

“Return Zhang Chao to me! Go and get Zhang Chao back for me! That’s a male Zhang family member! He’s a descendant of our Zhang family! How can you sell him just like that!” Old Madam Zhang cried.

Sun Yan was also shocked when she heard this. Everyone told her that she was expecting a boy whenever they saw her. If her son was taken away by Zhang Qian to be sold after she gave birth, that would be like killing her!

No! She could not stay in such a family anymore! She wanted to go back to her parents’ house!

“What’s with all the noise! How would I know that she’s a scammer! Besides, what if it’s because she has something urgent to do in her hometown! And she doesn’t have time to tell me!” Zhang Qian said vaguely.

"Do you believe what you're saying! As if she didn't scam you! As if you know where her hometown is! Call the police quickly! Find my grandson!" Old Madam Zhang said.

When Zhang Qian thought about it carefully, he realized that he actually did not know where Chu Xin's hometown was. He recalled that he had never seen any of Chu Xin's identification documents, not even any of her money. After living together for three months, other than knowing how Chu Xin behaved in bed, he did not know anything else about her.

"I... I don't know..." Only then did Zhang Qian realize that Chu Xin did not even like him at all, but was only after his children.

She specialized in seducing men so that they would bring their children to her to sell them. This way, there was no loss to her and yet she got to keep all the money.

It was possible that her name was not Chu Xin at all! Chu Xin was just a fake name!

"Then what are you waiting for? Call the police now!" Old Master Zhang shouted anxiously.

"No! We can't call the police! If we call the police, my father and I will have to go to jail! We're the ones who brought the children here, not Chu Xin," Zhang Cong shouted nervously.

Chapter 539 Throwing His Weight Around At Home

"Can't call the police! If we can't call the police, how can I find my grandson! Also, even if my grandson can't come back, we have to get the money. After all, he's the grandson that our Zhang family raised for more than 10 years. How much did he sell for? The money from selling the children should be given to us!" Old Madam Zhang said self-righteously.

"She has already run away! The money is definitely gone!" Zhang Qian said.

"Then... how much are these two children worth?" Old Madam Zhang probed.

She would give up if these two children were not worth much money. Even without Zhang Chao, there was still Zhang Wei! Moreover, Zhang Wei was two years older and could start work earlier. He would be able to hand over his salary to them earlier.



"A total of 25,000 dollars for two children..." Zhang Qian said softly.

"What! How much! 25,000! Oh my heavens, the children are actually worth so much money!" Old Madam Zhang said in shock.

Zhang Cong was also very shocked. No wonder Zhang Qian agreed so readily when he said that he wanted 1,000 dollars as a reward. This bit of money was nothing to him.

"What's the point of saying all this now! Chu Xin has already run away, the money is gone, my job is gone, and the children are also gone!" Zhang Qian said.

"You still have the cheek to vent your frustration on your family because of that woman! You're the one who can't control yourself! You even quit such a good job just like that! Who are you to throw a tantrum once you get home!" Old Madam Zhang shouted.

Sun Yan had already quietly packed her things and got ready to leave the Zhang family. She could not stay with such a family for even one more day. If Zhang Qian could sell his biological children for money, Zhang Qian might take away her child to sell once he or she was born.

She must protect her child well. In the worst case scenario, she would divorce Zhang Cong! She did not want to stay with this family for even one more minute!

"Yan Yan, where are you going?" Zhang Cong looked at Sun Yan's luggage and asked nervously.

"I can't stay here anymore! I want to go back to my parents' house!" Sun Yan said.

Zhang Qian pointed at Sun Yan and shouted, "How dare you! Do you think you can leave just like that after marrying into our Zhang family! Do you still regard us as elders! You're now pregnant with our Zhang family's grandson! Who says you can leave! You must stay put."

The more Zhang Qian talked like that, the more afraid Sun Yan became. They were all just eyeing her baby.

Without this child, her situation in this family would be even more miserable!

"Yan Yan, you should go back into the room. Don't let anything affect the pregnancy and hurt your own health," Zhang Cong said as he held Sun Yan.

"I want to go back! I want to go back to my parents' house and look for my parents! It's useless no matter what you say! You just want the baby I'm carrying! You don't care about me at all!" Sun Yan shouted hysterically.

Before they got married, Zhang Cong gave in to her all the time and listened to her about everything. He definitely did not dare to disobey her parents then.

After she married into the family, he treated her coldly and sometimes did not even return home at night.

If she asked too many questions, she would be reprimanded by Zhang Cong. He would say that her figure was out of shape after she got pregnant and that she was a parasite attached to him.

Old Madam Zhang also made things difficult for her in every way. In the past, she had never suffered like this at her parents' home.

Zhang Qian went up and gave Sun Yan a slap. Anyway, he no longer had a job. So what if Sun Yan's parents were government officials? As if they could make things difficult for him?

Right now, he had the final say in this family. He could do whatever he wanted!

"I'm not dead yet! How dare you talk back to me!" Zhang Qian roared.

Sun Yan covered her face and looked at Zhang Cong and Zhang Qian in disbelief. She ran back into the room while crying. Zhang Cong looked at Zhang Qian with a complicated expression.

Although he despised Sun Yan's figure, he did not want to divorce her. It would sound too outrageous if word got out.

Could it be that he would eventually end up marrying a widow like Zhang Qian? Then he would become the joke of the entire county city!

"Then what should we do now?" Old Madam Zhang asked.

"What do you mean by what we should do! Let's just pretend that the children are dead! And that Chu Xin has never appeared! Anyway, it's good that we no longer have the two younger children! The older ones can still earn money! When the time is right, we'll sell Zhang Miao too!" After saying that, Zhang Qian returned to his room and slammed the door shut.

"Why is he throwing his weight around now... When he was being scammed by that whore, he didn't even want to return home. Now, he still has the cheek to come back..." Old Madam Zhang muttered unhappily.

Chapter 540 Physical Recovery

Zhang Cong hugged Old Madam Zhang's arm ingratiatingly. Not that Zhang Qian was no longer able to give him that 1,000 dollars, someone had to give him some money.

"Grandma~ Look at how hard my father hit Sun Yan just now. Can you give me some money to buy some fruits ~" Zhang Cong said.

"Fruits? What fruits? You still have the cheek to ask for money! If you know about this, why haven't you told us earlier! If I know about this, how will our family not get a single cent! We really raised those two children for nothing for so many years! How much of the food I paid for did they eat! Just thinking about it makes my heart ache!" Old Madam Zhang said with a pained expression.

Zhang Cong pointed at the room Sun Yan was in and said, "Yan Yan is pregnant with your great-grandchild! You're going to be a great-grandmother! Just now, my father almost sent Sun Yan to the hospital with that slap! You can't just care about those two children and not care about your great-grandchild!"

Right now, Zhang Cong was the only person in the family who had a job and was earning money. If she made him unhappy and he left home like Zhang Qian, she would not be able to live her life well!

Old Madam Zhang walked into her room slowly and closed the door tightly, afraid that Zhang Cong would be able to peep through the gap and see where she hid her money.

After much consideration, she decided to give Zhang Cong five dollars. Five dollars was enough for him to buy all the good fruits from the stall!

“Here you go! Don’t spend too much, do you hear me! I’m buying it for my great-grandson!” Old Madam Zhang said unwillingly.

Zhang Qian took the money with a smile and turned around to go back into the room to coax Sun Yan.

After a day, there was also good news from the village. Zhang Wei had woken up!

The doctor at the clinic gave him a simple checkup and agreed to let him leave only after confirming that there were no problems.

“Xiao Wei, your mother and elder sister are both taking care of your youngest sister in the county city. Why don’t you come to auntie’s house to stay for a couple of days and go home only when your mother comes back,” Zhao Liang’s wife said.

Zhao Liang also chimed in, “That’s right. We’re also worried about you being at home alone. Come home with me and play at my house.”

Zhang Wei missed Zhang Miao very much. He wanted to go to the county city, but he felt like he had already troubled Uncle Zhao Liang enough. He would feel bad if they even had to bring him to the county city.

“Uncle Zhao, is grandfather at home?” Zhang Wei asked.

“Yes, yes, he’s at home. Your grandfather has already come over three or four times. Seeing that you’re still not awake, he went home to make chicken soup. He’s using fresh chicken!” the auntie said.

Zhang Wei hurriedly jumped up from the bed and wanted to rush home. Zhao Liang grabbed Zhang Wei and said, “Wait, wait! Your auntie and I will send you back! Look at how anxious you are!”

Zhao Liang drove the three-wheeled vehicle and sent his wife and Zhang Wei to Qiao Qiang’s house.

Before they reached the house, they could already smell the strong fragrance of chicken soup from afar. Smoke rose from the chimney as Qiao Qiang stood in front of the firewood in the courtyard to chop up the wood.

As soon as the vehicle stopped, Zhang Wei jumped down and ran straight towards Qiao Qiang.

He could no longer suppress the longing in his heart. Compared to his biological father, he preferred this grandfather who was not related to him by blood.

“Grandpa! Grandpa! Grandpa, I’m back!” Zhang Wei rushed over and knelt on the ground, hugging Qiao Qiang’s legs.

“Get up quickly. What’s wrong? Hurry up and get up! Grandpa still has an ax in my hand. What if I hurt you.” Qiao Qiang hurriedly put the ax aside and helped Zhang Wei up from the ground.

At this moment, tears were streaming down Zhang Wei’s face. He felt aggrieved, sad, but also grateful to Qiao Qiang. At the same time, he was traumatized by what happened.

“Don’t cry anymore. Come into the house with me. I’ve made some delicious chicken soup for you. I even put some ginseng root in it! You need some nourishment!” Qiao Qiang said as he patted Zhang Wei’s shoulder.

Zhao Liang carried the wash basin and thermos and walked into the courtyard. He smiled and said, “Uncle Qiao! The doctor says that Xiao Wei is fine and is a lot better. He just needs to rest at home.”

Qiao Qiang hurriedly went forward to hold onto Zhao Liang. If not for Zhao Liang's help yesterday, these two children would probably have it much worse.

All these years, Zhao Liang had been willing to help him with everything, no matter big or small. Even when he did not have any money back then and Qiao Mei was young, unruly and willful, Zhao Liang did not mind at all.

When he was bullied by Qiao Zhuang's family, Zhao Liang had also stepped forward to speak up for him. After so many years, he had long treated Zhao Liang like part of his family.