

## Fat Wife 581

### Chapter 581 Divorce Before Leaving

"Wang Qin, are you sure that there's really so much money? If you confirm it, Liu Ying will have to fork out this amount of money," Qiao Zhuang said.

What Wang Qin said was all a lie. The box at home only contained 30 dollars, but not long ago, she had taken 50 dollars from the village accounts. Liu Ying would now have to take the fall for it.

"Yes, it's about 120 dollars!" Wang Qin said.

Qiao Zhuang looked at Zhao Liang and asked, "My eldest daughter-in-law stole our family's money. Am I still not allowed to put my foot down!"

Zhao Liang was in a difficult position. He really should not interfere in this matter, but if he did not do anything, someone might die!

"Qiao Zhuang! Enough is enough! If she really stole the money, just ask her to give it back. Just keep it within the family since it's not an outsider who stole it. Or do you intend to call the police?" Qiao Qiang said.

When Qiao Zhuang heard Qiao Qiang speak, he immediately went up and put on a pitiful act as he said, "Big brother! You must stand up for me! There are so many people in our family. How can so many of us survive without this money!"

"What can I do for you? But it's not right for you to beat up someone. If she has stolen something, you can hand her over to the police. Why are you beating her up here on your own?" Qiao Qiang said.

Qiao Zhuang was about to say something when he was interrupted by Liu Ying, who was crouching on the ground. Liu Ying said agitatedly, "Brother Zhao! Please! Just take me away and hand me over to the police! I did steal that money! It's because this group of people wants to sell my daughter to the Guo family!"

Qiao Zhuang went up and gave Liu Ying a hard kick. The Guo family was here to marry her daughter! What did she mean by selling! It was simply nonsense!

"When did we want to sell your daughter! Don't talk nonsense! The Guo family has already given us the betrothal gifts and they just want to see Qiao Hua. What do you mean by selling her! The Guo family is so rich, she will get to enjoy life over there!" Qiao Zhuang shouted.

Everyone present knew what kind of wolf den the Guo family was. Which daughter of a good family would want to marry into their family!

No one wanted this kind of "blessing"! Staying alive was more important!

Zhao Liang immediately went forward and pulled Qiao Zhuang away, keeping a distance between him and Liu Ying to prevent him from attacking Liu Ying again. Looking at Liu Ying's current situation, she must have already been beaten up once.

"Let's talk things out. I'll definitely get it settled for you. Don't get physical," Zhao Liang said calmly.

"I just want Qiao Hua to come back with the money! Nothing else!" Qiao Zhuang shouted angrily.

Liu Ying pointed at Qiao Zhuang and shouted, "In your dreams! If you have time to waste on me, you might as well think about how to marry Qiao Yu into the Guo family!"

Qiao Zhuang wanted to go forward and hit Liu Ying again, but Zhao Liang stopped him. Of course, he knew that the most important thing now was to resolve the matter with the Guo family, but he just could not take it if he left Liu Ying undealt with.

Furthermore, there were so many people watching. If he let Liu Ying off now, how would others view him in the future?

When the news reached the Guo family's ears, it would sound like he was not much of a village tyrant and this marriage would be even more impossible.

"Brother Zhao, arrest me! Let me go to jail! I'd rather go to jail than live with such a family!" Liu Ying said to Zhao Liang in a lowly manner.

Everyone could understand what she was doing. She was a child bride whom Qiao Zhuang picked up for free and she had worked hard in the family for so many years. Moreover, Qiao Fu was no less ruthless than his father, Qiao Zhuang.

Whenever they had any money in the family, Qiao Fu would take it and gamble. It was already considered humane of him not to use his child as chips.

"Do you really want to go to jail?" Zhao Liang asked.

Liu Ying nodded. There was food and drinks in the prison, and she did not need to do so much hard work. She only had to work for a few hours a day and the rest of the time was downtime.

Compared to her current life, prison was like heaven!

Zhao Liang hesitated for a moment before turning to ask Qiao Fu, "Do you agree too?"

Qiao Fu said indifferently, "Just divorce me first before leaving!"

He did not care about how much Liu Ying had sacrificed for this family all these years. He only cared about himself. He did not want to be a lonely married man after Liu Ying left!

Who knew how many years she could be locked up! A few months would already be unbearable! Absolutely not!

After this, he could marry any woman and have her stay at home and do the housework. Moreover, when he married Liu Ying back then, he did not have to fork out a single cent, so there was no loss even if he got a divorce now.

He wanted this divorce!

## Chapter 582 Rebate

"So be it if you want a divorce! Do you think I'm afraid of you! I just want my daughter! I don't want anything else!" Liu Ying said.

"Alright! Let's go now!" Qiao Fu quickly returned to the room to get the marriage certificate issued by the village from when they first got married.

They only had one daughter. It was meaningless for the Qiao family to keep a money-losing good-for-nothing who was going to get married sooner or later. There was no point in keeping her.

It would be better to get another wife and have a son in the future!

Let this "jinx" get lost with the "burden"!

"Then I'll bring the two of them to the county city for a divorce and then bring her to jail. Is that alright?" Zhao Liang asked.

Qiao Zhuang did not say anything and left the courtyard with a cold snort. This matter was considered closed.

However, the problem of the money had not been resolved yet!

Wang Qin said agitatedly, "Then what about the money she stole! We're such a big family, we can't go hungry!"

"Wang Qin, don't you have any conscience! I heard that the matchmaker from the Guo family is very close to you. Didn't you take her money? Just take out that money and your family will be able to survive!" Auntie Dong stood at the door and shouted inside.

Wang Qin looked at Auntie Dong in shock. She had done this very discreetly. How could anyone know about it!

Qiao Zhuang also stopped in his tracks and turned around to stare at Wang Qin. He had never heard of this before. Could it be that it was like what Liu Ying had said, that the Guo family did not take any fancy to his influence in the village at all, but that Wang Qin was the one behind it all?

Qiao Mei covered her mouth and giggled. Auntie Dong was indeed the know-it-all of Foshan Village. Nothing could escape her eyes.

Actually, it was an open secret that matchmakers privately gave money on the side. Whenever there was a difficult match, they would give the bride's family some money to persuade them to marry off their daughter.

Back in the past, Auntie Dong was also a matchmaker so she was a competitor too. Auntie Dong was a reliable and honest person, and everyone was willing to go and get her to be their matchmaker.

Therefore, Auntie Dong naturally knew what the matchmaker could get up to!

"I! I didn't! Don't talk nonsense!" Wang Qin said in a panic.

"You didn't? Do you dare to swear to the heavens that you really didn't take her money! Do you dare to swear to the heavens that you have no selfish motives! You're really shameless! How will your children view you in the future! Don't you feel guilty as a mother!" Auntie Dong shouted agitatedly.

These words struck a chord in Qiao Mei's heart. As a mother herself, she understood what Liu Ying was going through.

If it was her, she would also choose to send her children out of this hellish home.

"Don't come here and tell lies! What evidence do you have to prove that I took money from the matchmaker! Don't tell me you're jealous that our Qiao Yu can marry into the Guo family!" Wang Qin said.

Auntie Dong said mockingly, "You're so black-hearted that you apply your black-hearted logic to everything! My daughter will definitely marry well in the future! Who fancies the Guo family! It's you

who needs to keep an eye on your own daughter! To put it bluntly, don't let the Guo family take a fancy to your daughter after Qiao Yu is gone in a few years' time!"

"Hahahaha!" All the onlookers could not help but laugh out loud.

Auntie Dong really lived up to her reputation as the number one sharp-tongued person in the village!

"You! You!" Wang Qin was so angry that she could not speak. She also knew that she was in the wrong.

Auntie Dong was not afraid that Wang Qin would plot against her behind her back. It was just a matter of work points! Her husband worked harder and was more capable than anyone else. She was confident that Wang Qin would not dare to do anything behind her back!

If her family's work points were lower than others, then Wang Qin would just be shooting herself in the foot!

Anyone with a discerning eye could tell at a glance if there was any cheating.

"Alright! Everyone, disperse! Quickly get back to work! Everyone, stop watching the commotion!" Zhao Liang dispersed the crowd and brought Qiao Fu and Liu Ying to the county city to get a divorce. The procedures were completed quickly.

Qiao Fu parted ways with them after leaving the county city office. He still wanted to go to the casino in the county city to take a look. It was such a rare opportunity to come out and he did not want to miss out on the chance!

Zhao Liang brought Liu Ying to the armed forces department. Liu Ying looked at Zhao Liang in confusion and asked, "Brother Zhao, aren't we going to the police station? What are we doing in the armed forces department?"

Zhao Liang took out a letter from Qiao Mei and said, "Go in and look for someone called Chen Hu. After he reads this letter, he will understand everything. Just stay here for now."

Chapter 583 - 583 Be A Slave

Liu Ying opened the envelope. The handwriting in the letter was neat and tidy. Although it was not beautiful, it looked good to someone like her who could not read.

“Qiao Mei... wrote this?” Liu Ying asked suspiciously.

Back then, when the people from the armed forces department came to the village, they chatted happily with Qiao Mei. Now it seemed that they really knew one another. No matter, Qiao Mei was the only person in the entire village who could help her contact a place like the armed forces department.

“Yes, you still have to thank your Qiao Hua for this. Qiao Hua has always been nice to Qiao Mei and Qiao Mei has always remembered it. Qiao Mei is the one who finds this job for you. When you join the armed forces department, you’d better behave yourself and not show your face in public. You owe Qiao Zhuang’s family money now. If they find out about this, even the armed forces department won’t be able to protect you,” Zhao Liang said.

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Tears welled up in Liu Ying’s eyes. When she thought about how she had bullied Qiao Mei in the past, she felt very guilty.

She did not expect Qiao Mei to be the one to help her in times of danger.

“I understand! Brother Zhao, go back and tell Qiao Mei that I’ll definitely repay her if I have the chance in this life. I’ll be her slave in my next life!” Liu Ying said agitatedly.

Zhao Liang smiled and nodded. At least Liu Ying could be considered a grateful person, unlike the other ingrates in Qiao Zhuang’s family who would not spit out the bones even if you gave them meat!

“No need to be a slave, but you just have to take good care of yourself. Don’t let Qiao Zhuang’s family find out about this and cause trouble for Qiao Mei,” Zhao Liang said.

“Yes! Thank you! I’ll definitely be well! Then my daughter...” Liu Ying said hesitantly.

“Qiao Mei has also secretly made some arrangements for someone to take care of your daughter. She’s living very well now and is already married to the family you mentioned. From now on, as long as she lives her life well, she’ll be fine,” Zhao Liang said.

Liu Ying nodded, feeling touched. As long as Qiao Hua was settled down, she could finally feel relieved.

“I’m leaving. Take care.” Zhao Liang drove back to the village.

Qiao Mei helped Qiao Qiang back home slowly. The three of them sat in the house happily munching on melon seeds.

Over the past two days, Qiao Mei had a good harvest of melon seeds. She made a full pot of stir-fried melon seeds and gave a portion to the women in the village. She also wrapped up a portion and sent it to Xia He in the capital.

Previously, Xia He had been clamoring for Qiao Mei to get her some melon seeds. Qiao Mei was happy to fulfill her wish now.

At night, Qiao Zhuang’s family held a meeting to talk about Qiao Yu’s future. By right, she should be the one marrying into the Guo family, but the Guo family did not seem to like her.

“Father, what should we do now? What if the matchmaker comes over tomorrow to ask for the betrothal gifts to be returned?” Qiao Fu said anxiously.

Qiao Zhuang glanced leisurely at Qiao Fu and said, “I’m not even anxious, so why are you so anxious? Don’t tell me you’re eyeing this 1,000 dollars?”

Qiao Fu laughed awkwardly and said, “What are you saying? Why will I do such a thing? I’m just worried.”



Qiao Zhuang ignored Qiao Fu and turned his attention to Wang Qin. He had taken what Madam Dong said earlier in the day to heart and specially went to ask around. He realized that the Guo family had always used this matchmaker to find new wives for Old Master Guo. Very few people would agree to do such an immoral thing.

Those who “sold” their daughters to the Guo family all admitted that someone in their family took money from the matchmaker.

“Wang Qin, don’t you have anything to tell me?” Qiao Zhuang said.

Wang Qin smiled and said, “Father, what do you want me to say?”

“About the rebate and why the box containing the money for family expenses has 120 dollars in it,” Qiao Zhuang said.

“Well... the matchmaker did give me 100 dollars. I was too embarrassed to take it all myself, so I put all the money in the box to supplement the family’s expenses. I thought that there was nothing much to say about this matter, but I didn’t expect Liu Ying to steal the money...” Wang Qin said.

Now that Liu Ying was in jail, she could just accuse Liu Ying of anything! Anyway, it was impossible for anyone to get hold of Liu Ying now and ask her if she had done all these things.

Qiao Zhuang nodded doubtfully. He had never asked for details about that box at home and only Wang Qin knew about it. Naturally, it was all up to her to say. Even if he suspected something, he had no evidence.

“Father, there are only boys and a few seven or eight-year-old girls at home now. If Qiao Yu gets married, there’s no one to do the chores,” said the fourth son, Qiao Liang.

“Are all your wives just for show! Did I give you so many betrothal gifts to marry into my family so that you can sit there like deities we pray to!” Qiao Zhuang roared angrily.

Chapter 584 Mother Cannot Leave

Now, there was only Shen Ge, Wang Qin, Jiang Ye and Cao Zhi, the fourth son's wife, left in the house. Among them, Wang Qin did not do any chores. After all, this had been the rule for many years. If she was asked to do housework, the entire family would be turned upside down.

"But we have so many children at home. Even if all our wives chip in, they can't do everything. Moreover, I have three sons at home. My wife already can't cope," said the third son, Qiao Wang.

Jiang Ye looked at Qiao Wang, feeling touched. She was a stupid person by nature and did not regret marrying Qiao Wang. Qiao Wang was smarter than her and did not beat and scold her like what his father did to his own wife. He took good care of her too.

Compared to the rest of the family, she was already very lucky.

"Let's talk about the future later! Where did Qiao Yu go?" Qiao Zhuang looked around the house but could not find Qiao Yu. Even Shen Ge had disappeared.

"Don't tell me Qiao Yu has run away!" Wang Qin shouted.

"Why are you shouting! Didn't I tell you to keep an eye on her! What is this!" Qiao Zhuang shouted fiercely.

Wang Qin lowered her head silently and did not dare to say anything else. She was in the wrong in this matter. In the afternoon, Qiao Zhuang had reminded her to lock Qiao Yu up properly. At that time, she was very unhappy with what Auntie Dong said and forgot about this matter.

Shen Ge had long slipped away through the back door with Qiao Yu and they were now making their way to the train station in the county city, not daring to delay any longer.

The two of them walked for the entire afternoon until dark, but they still had not managed to reach the county city.

"Mother... let's take a break. I can't walk anymore!" Qiao Yu said breathlessly.

"No. Xiao Yu, you have to reach the county city before dawn. Hang in there. We're almost there," Shen Ge said.

Qiao Yu really could not walk anymore. She had not eaten anything for many days. Now that she had walked for an entire afternoon, she simply did not have any strength left.

If they did not manage to reach the county city by dawn, they would be captured by Qiao Zhuang and would have made a wasted escape attempt.

"Let's go... let's push on," Qiao Yu said.

The two of them supported each other and walked for another two hours. Qiao Yu was really exhausted by then and sat by the roadside to rest. Shen Ge took out the steamed buns she had stolen from home and handed them to Qiao Yu.

"Eat something," Sheng Ge said.

Qiao Yu broke the steamed bun into two and handed one piece to Shen Ge. "Mother, you should eat too."

Shen Ge smiled and shook her head as she pushed the steamed bun back. Feeling consoled, she said, "I'm not hungry. You can eat it all."

Qiao Yu's eyes instantly welled up with tears. She had heard this sentence countless times since she was young. Sheng Ge would give her any food she had and would always say that she did not like it or that she was not hungry yet.

She had heard such lies countless times.

On such a quiet night, the two of them leaned against each other. Shen Ge stared intently at Qiao Yu, afraid that she would never see her again after tonight.

"Mother, why are you looking at me like that?" Qiao Yu asked curiously.

Shen Ge wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes and said, "I just feel that I've let you down. I gave birth to you in the Qiao family and you've suffered so much. Now, you still have to live your life as a runaway."

Qiao Yu put down the steamed bun in her hand. She felt that her life was tough, but she blamed everything on the Qiao family, not Shen Ge. She had always been grateful to Shen Ge for giving her life and doing her best to protect her.

"It's not your fault. It's all my father's fault and has nothing to do with you. Mother, come with me. As long as we work hard, we can make a living. You're courting death if you go back," Qiao Yu said.

If Qiao Zhuang and the others found out that Shen Ge had let Qiao Yu go, they would definitely not give up even after Shen Ge went back. It would be good enough if they did not beat her to death.

It would be better for the two of them to leave this place together and settle down somewhere else. No matter how tough it was, could it be worse than being at Qiao Zhuang's house?

"Mother won't be able to leave in this lifetime. I'm old. If I go out, I'll only be a burden to you. Don't worry, Qiao Zhuang won't do anything to me. Now that you're gone, and Qiao Hua and Liu Ying are also gone, there's no one else to do the chores at home. He won't beat me to death," Shen Ge said with a smile.

That smile looked very glaring to Qiao Yu, like a needle stabbing into her eyes.

The two of them had just rested and were about to leave when they heard the sound of a car behind them. They hurriedly ran into the cornfield at the side and stayed motionless.

Chapter 585 - 585 Seduction

585 Seduction

After taking a closer look and realizing that it was not Qiao Zhuang and the others, the two of them relaxed.

“Let’s continue on our way.” Qiao Yu and Shen Ge set off for the county city again.

The next morning, Qiao Zhuang borrowed someone else’s three-wheeled vehicle and left with Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui to look for Qiao Yu. In a few days, he would have to give the Guo family an answer. If they lost Qiao Yu now, who could they send over to get married!

Even if they had to call the police, they must find her!

“Qiao Yu! Qiao Yu!”

“Qiao Yu, come out!”

“Qiao Yu, where are you! Go home quickly!”

Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui shouted out all the way, but they still did not see any traces of Qiao Yu and Shen Ge. They did not manage to find anything even when they drove into the county city.

“Father, they have not left, have they?” Qiao Fu asked.

Qiao Zhuang said in exasperation, “Hurry up and find them! Even if you have to dig three feet into the ground, you have to find them! Go to the train station and stop them. They definitely don’t have any other way to leave this place!”

The two brothers quickly ran to the train station to stop them. Qiao Zhuang drove around the city angrily, not letting go of any clues.

Qiao Yu and Shen Ge hid in the alley and did not move. It was still early and there were not many people at the train station. They immediately noticed Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui.

“What should we do now!” Qiao Yu asked in a panic.

Shen Ge did not have any idea either. Her mind was blank. When she came out, she did not expect such an outcome at all and was only focused on sending Qiao Yu away.

She only had enough money on her to buy a train ticket.

“Don’t be anxious, they won’t stay here for the entire day! I’ll go lie to them and say that you’ve already left. Wait here and come out only after they leave,” Shen Ge said.

Qiao Yu held Shen Ge’s hand tightly, not wanting to let go. She was afraid that she would never see Shen Ge again.

“Mother... come with me... please...” Qiao Yu begged.

Tears welled up in Shen Ge’s eyes. She held back the reluctance in her heart and shook off Qiao Yu’s hand. “Take good care of yourself. Mother is going back. You have to live on your own from now on. Don’t contact me, otherwise your father will find out. Don’t worry, Qiao Zhuang definitely won’t do anything to me.”

Qiao Yu nodded reluctantly. The two of them looked at each other intently one last time before Shen Ge turned around and rushed into the crowd towards Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui.

In the dark alley, Qiao Yu covered her mouth tightly to prevent her sobbing from being heard. When she saw Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui take Shen Ge away, she still did not dare to go out. Now was not the time. She had to wait until they were really far away.

“Mother, where’s Qiao Yu?” Qiao Fu asked.

“I don’t know where Qiao Yu is. I just came out for a walk,” Shen Ge said evasively.

“Think about it carefully. Don’t lie to yourself here. Father already knows everything. If you don’t tell the truth now, you’ll definitely get beaten up,” Qiao Gui said with a frown.

Although Shen Ge had doted on Qiao Yu the most when her children were young, she still took care of Qiao Gui the most. After all, he was her second child and she had more experience by then. Her eldest son, Qiao Fu, was not grateful to her at all. Instead, he hated her deeply.

“Why are you asking her here! Let’s just go back! She’ll tell us everything after a good beating!” Qiao Fu said disdainfully.

“How can you talk to your mother like that! Even if mother did something wrong, you shouldn’t speak like this...” Qiao Gui muttered softly.

Qiao Fu glanced sideways at Qiao Gui and asked, “Why? Are you also involved in Qiao Yu’s matter?”

“No! Eldest brother, how can you think that way!” Qiao Gui said nervously.

He had been beaten up by Qiao Fu many times and been bullied by him since he was young. After he grew up, he became even more afraid of Qiao Fu, who took all his money to gamble. He did not dare to tell Wang Qin about these things.

“Alright, hurry up and go look for father. Let father decide on this matter. Otherwise, we’ll get blamed for it later,” Qiao Fu said impatiently.

He was thinking that if he had enough time, he wanted to go to the casino in the county city. He did not have time to waste on Qiao Yu and Shen Ge.

Now that he had no children and no wife, he was a bachelor and his family did not depend on him. There was no point in keeping any money, so he might as well spend it on gambling to buy some happiness.

What if he won! Then he would never have to worry about anything again!

At that time, he could choose any beautiful woman he wanted! There was no need to worry about not having a wife.

## Chapter 586 - 586 Please Take Me With You

### 586 Please Take Me With You

After squatting for a while, Qiao Yu fainted in the dark alley out of exhaustion. Even a burly man could not withstand such physical exhaustion.

By the time she woke up, it was already dark. She did not know how much time had passed, but the contents of her bag was scattered around her. It was obvious that someone had searched through her things. The money that Shen Ge had given her was all in her undergarments. Unless the thief took off all her clothes, no one would be able to find this money.

"I'm so hungry..." Qiao Yu looked at her flat stomach and muttered to herself.

As soon as she walked out, she saw Xia Zhe on his way to the train station. Qiao Yu quickly picked up her bag and ran over.

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"Hey! Wait!" Qiao Yu shouted weakly.

Xia Zhe looked around in puzzlement. He seemed to have seen her somewhere before, but he could not quite remember.

"Are you calling me?" Xia Zhe asked curiously.

"Yes, don't you remember me?" Qiao Yu said sadly.

She thought that Xia Zhe would remember her. Although she had been quarreling with Qiao Mei at that time, Xia Zhe was right there. He should have an impression of her!

"Do we know each other? I don't remember," Xia Zhe said.



"It's fine. I'm Qiao Mei's aunt. My name is Qiao Yu." Qiao Yu smiled weakly.

She did not even have the strength to smile now, but she still had to show her gentle side in front of Xia Zhe. It would be even better if Xia Zhe took pity on her and developed a good impression of her!

It may be a good thing that he did not remember her. After all, there was nothing good to remember about that occasion when they met.

"Oh, you're Qiao Zhuang's daughter," Xia Zhe said calmly.

At the mention of Qiao Zhuang, Qiao Yu's expression instantly turned unhappy.

"Yes..." Qiao Yu lowered her head and admitted.

"Why are you looking for me?" Xia Zhe asked sternly.

There was still a long time before his train departed. Before he left, Qiao Mei specially asked him to come out early, afraid that he would miss this train. There was only this one train from the county city to the capital every night.

He needed to go to the capital to report his work before going to his own army unit.

"Can you take me with you? If I go home, I'll get beaten to death by them! Please take me with you." Qiao Yu suddenly knelt down and begged.

Everyone around and looked at her strangely. Although it was nighttime, there would always be a lot of people gathered at the train station at any hour.

"Get up first. I can't help you with this matter. You should go home," Xia Zhe said.

“If you don’t agree, I won’t get up! I can’t go home! If I go home, I’ll definitely be beaten to death by my father! I’ll even have to marry that old man! I beg you to save me!” Qiao Yu cried.

Xia Zhe did not want to talk to her anymore. He reached out to help her up and said, “I’m going to the county city now to get my documents. Follow me there.”

Qiao Yu thought that Xia Zhe had agreed to her request and did not think too much about it. She said happily, “No problem! I’ll go wherever you go!”

Xia Zhe walked in front silently, not caring that Qiao Yu was too weak to keep up with him. Although Qiao Yu felt resentful about that, it was not easy to get Xia Zhe to take her with him so it would probably seem too much of her to ask for anything else now.

It did not take long for them to reach the entrance of the armed forces department. At this hour, everyone was resting and only a few patrolling soldiers were waiting outside for their replacements to turn up.

“Hello, comrade. I’m from the troops in the capital. This is my identification card. I would like to look for Commander Chen Hu. Just tell him that I’m Qiao Mei’s husband and he’ll understand.” Xia Zhe took out his identification card from his pocket and handed it to the guard at the door.

The guard carefully verified Xia Zhe’s identity and went inside to look for Chen Hu. Soon, Chen Hu ran out of the building with a smile on his face.

“You’re here! There’s no such a term as commander between us. Qiao Mei calls me uncle. You can follow her and just call me Uncle Hu!” Chen Hu said generously.

Back when Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin were kidnapped, Chen Hu had helped them a lot. Xia Zhe had seen Chen Hu’s attitude and methods in handling matters and respected him very much.

“Alright, Uncle Hu. I’m here to ask you for a favor,” Xia Zhe said awkwardly.

Chen Hu looked at Xia Zhe happily. As long as it was something related to Qiao Mei's family, he would do his best to help. For so many years, Qiao Qiang did not take the initiative to contact him and he did not have the chance to help them. Now that he had the chance, he would definitely do his best.

"Tell me quickly! I'll definitely help you if I can!" Chen Hu said agitatedly.

#### Chapter 587 Affair

Xia Zhe glanced sideways at Qiao Yu who was standing behind him. Chen Hu immediately understood that it was about this woman, but why was he with another woman? Could it be that he was having an affair outside!

"Commander Chen Hu... Uncle Hu, this is Qiao Mei's youngest aunt, Qiao Zhuang's daughter. Her family is forcing her to marry an old man. I understand that it's a high-priced betrothal deal and she has nowhere to go. I hope you can help," Xia Zhe said sternly.

Only then did Chen Hu feel relieved. As long as he did not fool around behind Qiao Mei's back, anything could be discussed!

However, he also knew what kind of person Qiao Zhuang was. Asking him to help Qiao Zhuang's daughter was akin to asking him to die. He still remembered how Qiao Zhuang treated Qiao Mei back then.

"No, this person bullied Mei Mei previously. I won't help her," Chen Hu said stubbornly as he secretly pulled Xia Zhe over.

He remembered this person. Back then, the betrothal gifts that Xia Zhe had given Qiao Mei had all been taken by this girl using a trick. If he had not asked his team to follow Qiao Mei to get them back, the things would already belong to Qiao Zhuang!

He would never help such a person!

"Uncle, just think of it as helping me. Otherwise, she will continue to follow me." Xia Zhe looked troubled.

Chen Hu looked at him and then at Qiao Yu behind him. He patted Xia Zhe's shoulder confidently and said, "Leave it to me. I'll definitely help her well. You should go on your way quickly."

Xia Zhe smiled and nodded. He saluted Chen Hu and got ready to leave. Qiao Yu hurriedly went forward to grab Xia Zhe's hand.

"Are you going to abandon me like this! Didn't you say that you would bring me with you!" Qiao Yu's teary acting would melt the hearts of many men.

If not for the fact that Chen Hu knew the inside story, based on what Qiao Yu just said, many people would definitely misunderstand that Xia Zhe was a sanctimonious person.

Xia Zhe frowned and avoided Qiao Yu's hand. He said, "Please respect yourself. I didn't say that I would bring you with me. This is all I can do for you. As long as you explain the issue to Chen Hu properly, he will help you."

"Don't go!" Qiao Yu wanted to continue chasing after Xia Zhe, but Chen Hu immediately sent someone to block her way.

As long as he was around today, he would not let this "vixen" ruin Qiao Mei's happiness!

He would tell Qiao Mei about this matter later and take credit for it. At the same time, he would also tell her about how infatuated Xia Zhe was with her. It would be killing two birds with one stone. This way, if Qiao Mei was happy, she may give him a few more portions of pickled vegetables!

"Miss Qiao, it's too late for us to help you resolve this matter now. Come in with us and sit for a while. We'll send you back at dawn," Chen Hu said with a dark expression.

Qiao Yu hugged the bag in her arms tightly in fear. There were only men in their troop. If she went in with them, would she still be able to come out?

"Don't be afraid. As long as we're around, no one will hurt you. I've briefly heard about what happened just now. It can be considered that your father broke the law. As long as you tell us everything properly, we will help you," Chen Hu said.

Qiao Yu had no choice but to follow them into the lounge.

The lounge was located on one side of the main entrance of the courtyard. It was specially prepared for the two teams who patrolled at night. During their break time at night, they could even take a nap here.

Qiao Yu hid in a corner of the room in fear. Chen Hu did not care about what she did as long as she remained in the room.

There were only a few men chatting inside the room.

"You guys go out for a while. I have something to ask this young lady," Chen Hu said.

The men hurriedly took their things and went out to stand guard. They did not know why Chen Hu brought a woman back in the middle of the night, but based on Chen Hu's character, he would definitely not do anything rash.

"Young lady, tell me about it," Chen Hu said as he sat on the chair.

Qiao Yu cowered in the corner and replied shakily, "I... I'm fine..."

"Why are you so afraid? Don't worry, we'll help you if you have any difficulties," Chen Hu said.

"I don't have any difficulties. Let me go," Qiao Yu begged.

"Then why are you following him?" Chen Hu asked.

Qiao Yu immediately put on a pitiful expression and leaned against the wall with tears in her eyes. She acted as if Xia Zhe had done something unspeakable to her.

#### Chapter 588 Special Fetish

Chen Hu wondered why Xia Zhe was not tempted by Qiao Yu, who looked like this. Although Qiao Mei could be considered to be very beautiful now, she was a big fatty who weighed more than 200 pounds back then!

Could it be that Xia Zhe really had some special fetish? Chen Hu could not help but shudder.

However, this was also good. From now on, he would not have to worry about Xia Zhe doing anything to let Qiao Mei down. After all, it was hard to find the type of woman that Xia Zhe liked.

During this era, there were not many fat people. If one really saw anyone who was fat, it meant that this family was very economically well off.

"I... he said that he would treat me well! He even said that he would always protect me!" Qiao Yu said embarrassedly.

Chen Hu's expression darkened even more. One could be irresponsible about what one ate, but one could not be irresponsible with one's words.

He believed that Xia Zhe would definitely not do anything to let Qiao Mei down, but if word got out that Qiao Yu was behaving like this, it would cause a misunderstanding.

Chen Hu called all the men in the team to gather in the courtyard for additional training tonight!

"Boss, why are you looking for us?" Xiaobei asked as he rushed over.

"Nothing much. It's just that we have to do extra training tonight. Bring this young lady along," Chen Hu said as he pointed at Qiao Yu.

Qiao Yu looked at Chen Hu in shock. She was not a soldier under Chen Hu, so why did she have to train with them?

"In a while, there will be supper in the canteen. After everyone is full, let's get ready for training. You can follow suit and take it as a form of exercise!" Chen Hu said generously.

No one could understand why he was doing this, but they had to listen to whatever Chen Hu said.

Now that she was in Chen Hu's territory and Xia Zhe had already boarded the train, she would not be able to survive if she really left this place.

So what if she had the money that Shen Ge had given her. It was only about 10 dollars in total. The money would be gone after buying a train ticket and having a few meals.

After everyone had their fill, they started their training. Qiao Yu could not keep up with them at all. By the time they got to part to lift the wooden stakes, Qiao Yu was so tired that she could not speak.

Chen Hu got someone to carry Qiao Yu, who was drenched in sweat, back to the lounge near the main door. They walked very slowly along the way and there were many people around.

Everyone's clothes were drenched in sweat. From outside, it looked as if more than 10 burly men had done something to Qiao Yu.

Chen Hu nodded in satisfaction. Everyone stayed in the lounge for the whole night. Some people played poker while others played mahjong. The rest were tired and went next door to sleep for a while.

They left Qiao Yu at a corner and ignored her.

That night, she spent the whole night in the same room as more than 10 men and was even carried into the room in a sorry state. If others saw her or heard about it, she would probably be too embarrassed to say anything.

Early the next morning, Chen Hu woke Qiao Yu up and brought a team of soldiers to Foshan Village to ask Qiao Zhuang for an explanation.

This matter could not be blamed on Qiao Yu. Qiao Zhuang's family had to pay the price.

Previously, when Liu Ying came to his place, he had bought a bus ticket for her on account of Qiao Mei and wrote her a letter of recommendation to go to another government department to be a cleaner.

He had heard that the people there were very satisfied with Liu Ying's performance and said that she was very efficient in her work and was quiet and polite.

As soon as the police vehicle entered the village, it attracted the attention of countless people.

"Where is this police car going?"

"Look! They're all carrying guns! Did someone commit a crime!"

"This direction... can it be Qiao Zhuang's house!"

"Could it be that they killed someone? How did the matter reach the police station?"

The old men and women at the entrance of the village were all discussing why the police vehicle had come to the village. Some of them had very good eyesight and could see Qiao Yu in the vehicle at a glance.

"Look! Isn't that Qiao Zhuang's sixth daughter!" an old man shouted as he pointed at the police vehicle.

Everyone looked closer and saw that it was Qiao Yu. A large group of people followed the police vehicle to Qiao Zhuang's house.



Qiao Zhuang and the others hid in the house out of fear and secretly looked out through the gaps in the windows. They had been behaving themselves recently, so what could have happened?

Among them, Qiao Fu looked most afraid. He had gone to gamble yesterday and owed a lot of money. Could it be that those people had called the police?

No way. These people were all from underground casinos. Such things were not in the open. They would not be so brazen as to ask the police to help get their money back.

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“Qiao Zhuang! Come out and take a look! Is this someone from your family!” Chen Hu held his gun and shouted towards the house.

There was silence in the courtyard and no one answered. Chen Hu knocked on the railing impatiently.

The people in the vehicle came out and lined up one after another. In the end, Qiao Yu slowly got out as well. When Qiao Zhuang saw Qiao Yu, he walked out in relief.

“Officer, what’s wrong? Did our child do something wrong? Why are you here personally?” Qiao Zhuang said obsequiously.

“Are you sure this is your child?” Chen Hu asked again.

Qiao Zhuang nodded affirmatively. Even if he lied and refused to admit it, they would find out once they investigated it. Besides, Qiao Yu worked at home every day and did not have much contact with the outside world.

He would believe it if someone said that his sons had caused trouble outside.

Qiao Yu, this coward, would never do anything that would alarm the armed forces department.

“Yes, this is my daughter, my sixth child,” Qiao Zhuang said firmly.

Chen Hu smiled and said, “Alright. She came to my place yesterday to report you! She said that you’re involved in the trafficking of women and even abused her. If she’s disobedient, you won’t give her food or water. Is there such a thing?”

Qiao Zhuang was stunned. He never dreamed that Qiao Yu would go and report him.

He had thought that he would be able to find out Qiao Yu’s whereabouts after capturing Shen Ge yesterday. He did not expect Shen Ge to be so stubborn that she would not say anything no matter how hard he hit her.

He thought that Qiao Yu had already left this place, but he did not expect her to report him!

“There’s no such thing, sir. There’s no such thing,” Qiao Zhuang said with an awkward smile.

Chen Hu tilted his head and said to Qiao Yu, “Repeat what you told me last night. Don’t be afraid. With the few of us around, he won’t attack you. Tell us about the time he locked you up in the woodshed.”

Qiao Yu was completely disheartened. She did not expect Chen Hu to be such a cunning person!

He was revealing that she had already told Chen Hu the truth since he could even talk about the woodshed.

Qiao Zhuang’s gaze towards Qiao Yu gradually turned cold. After Chen Hu left, he would definitely teach Qiao Yu a lesson!

Now she had grown up, she was so capable! She actually dared to go to the armed forces department to report her biological father!

Since Qiao Yu did not leave, then he would not hold back! It was only right for a father to teach his biological daughter a lesson!

“It’s just that the child was insensible and made a mistake. So she was locked up in the woodshed to repent,” Qiao Zhuang said.

“Oh? Is that so? Then what’s going on with your eldest daughter-in-law, Liu Ying, and your granddaughter, Qiao Hua? Is everything Qiao Yu said fake? I heard that you forced them to run away. If you’re not lying, then ask them to come here to confront me,” Chen Hu shouted as he pointed at the house.

Qiao Zhuang looked at Qiao Yu resentfully. He did not expect Qiao Yu to have told Chen Hu all this.

Qiao Yu looked at Qiao Zhuang in panic. She could already imagine how miserable she would be after Chen Hu left.

Damn Qiao Mei! It must be her idea! Qiao Yu knew that Chen Hu was related to Qiao Mei’s family. She had not said a word about these things, and when Xia Zhe spoke to Chen Hu, she was right next to him.

Liu Ying had already been sent to the police station by Zhao Liang. How did Chen Hu know so much when he was from the armed forces department?

Qiao Mei must have told Chen Hu all these! That was definitely the case!

She hated Xia Zhe for heartlessly leaving her at the armed forces department! However, she hated Qiao Mei, the instigator, even more!

If not for Qiao Mei, she would not be leading such a miserable life! She would not have experienced so many things! She would also have a husband like Xia Zhe to accompany her for the rest of her life!

Why did she not have what Qiao Mei had! Everything should belong to her!

“They... they went back to their maternal home!” Qiao Zhuang said with a guilty conscience.

"Rubbish! Liu Ying is an orphan! How can she have a maternal home!" Chen Hu roared.

Qiao Zhuang had nothing to refute and could only accept his fate of having to admit to everything. Chen Hu brought Qiao Zhuang to the village entrance for an "open meeting".

The term "open meeting" meant a censure meeting. When Qiao Mei heard about this, she quickly went to the village entrance to join in the fun. She heard from Auntie Dong that the last "open meeting" was many years ago.

In her other life, she had heard about the term "open meeting" from others, but she did not know what it was like. Moreover, in a few years' time, everyone would think that the custom of having an "open meeting" was not good, so there would no longer be such a thing as an "open meeting" in the future.

Chapter 590 Someone Backing Her Up

Chen Hu spotted Qiao Mei the moment she arrived.

Chen Hu ran over enthusiastically and said, "Mei Mei, you're here!"

"Uncle Hu? Why are you here?" Qiao Mei asked Chen Hu in surprise.

"I'll tell you about these later. Are you here to join in?" Chen Hu asked.

"I heard that something happened to their family, so I came over to take a look. I didn't expect Uncle Hu to be the one in charge. This is very surprising," Qiao Mei said.

"By the way, how has your grandfather been recently? Is he angry with me because of them?" Chen Hu asked nervously.

This time, the arrival of the Liang siblings made Chen Hu see through their intentions clearly. Back then, he had mistrusted them and caused so much trouble for Qiao Qiang.

"Grandfather won't dwell on it. Don't worry, Uncle Hu. He has a sharp tongue but a soft heart. He won't really get angry with you," Qiao Mei said.

"Then what's your grandfather's attitude towards them? I hope they didn't anger the old master," Chen Hu asked hesitantly.

Qiao Mei noticed that people around were looking at them and said in a low voice, "Let's talk about this when we get home. Grandfather's anger has already subsided."

Chen Hu nodded and went back to deal with Qiao Zhuang's matter. When everyone saw the way Qiao Mei and Chen Hu chatted, they now knew that Qiao Mei had the backing of the armed forces department.

What happened at Qiao Zhuang's house today was actually a show of support for Qiao Mei!

Let's see who else in this village would dare to lay their hands on Qiao Mei and Qiao Qiang!

After everything ended, Chen Hu asked his team to head back in the vehicle. When he was ready to go, he would contact Xiaobei to pick him up.

"Uncle Hu, you're in for a treat today. I'll make you a dish of stewed goose!" Qiao Mei said happily.

Chen Hu could be considered a highly paid employee in this region. Not only did he get food stamps and cloth stamps every month, but he also received all kinds of subsidies during festive seasons. He was paid 60 dollars a month and should have no worries about his daily expenses.

However, after Chen Hu's wife gave birth, she had not been in good health and became sickly. Chen Hu had even asked someone to bring her medicine from the capital.

In addition, Chen Hu's wife still had to stay at home to take care of the children. His expenses were high, so he did not have the spare money to eat meat often.

"Mei Mei is so generous! But your Uncle Hu just needs to eat some of your pickled vegetables. I won't eat the goose," Chen Hu said, feeling consoled.

Nowadays, a big goose could sell for 10 dollars! For ordinary rural families, 10 dollars was enough to support a family for more than three months.

It would be good to keep this goose for Qiao Qiang to nourish his body. It was going to be winter soon and the road to the county city would be even more difficult to walk on. It was better for them to hold on to whatever good things they had.

"Don't worry, Uncle Hu. We can't finish all the chickens, ducks and geese we have at home! I have many!" Qiao Mei whispered.

No one in the village knew about this. They only knew that Qiao Mei's family raised pigs, but they did not know that Qiao Mei also had more than 20 domestic fowl at the back of her courtyard. Just the eggs laid by the hens provided her family with countless eggs to eat every month.

When Chen Hu heard what Qiao Mei said, he did not stand on ceremony with her.

"Then do you have cabbages and mushrooms at home! I like to eat goose stewed in a big pot. The taste is simply delicious!" Chen Hu was almost drooling as he spoke.

Qiao Mei smiled and said, "Yes, we have whatever you want to add!"

She had intended to make more food tonight and to ask Li Gui and the four children to come over to eat. However, now that Chen Hu was also around tonight, it was awkward for him to sit at the same table as Li Gui. Otherwise, the past would embarrass them both again. When the food was ready, she would ask Zhang Wei to bring some back.

As they chatted while they walked, they soon reached the courtyard door. Chen Hu stood at the door and did not dare to take another step forward. Seeing this, Qiao Mei pulled Chen Hu into the courtyard.

Chen Hu looked at Qiao Mei in shock. He did not expect a pregnant woman to be so strong! He was not even able to resist!

"Grandfather! We're back!" Qiao Mei returned home happily.

Chen Hu walked into the courtyard with a frightened expression. Qiao Qiang was originally smiling when he walked out of the house, but the moment he saw Chen Hu, his face instantly fell.

"Oh, Chen Hu is here," Qiao Qiang said coldly.

"Aye, I'm here. How have you been recently?" Chen Hu said awkwardly.

Qiao Mei stood at the side and watched the weird greeting between the two men. Those who did not know better would think that this was the first time they were meeting each other.

"Grandfather~ Look, it's not easy for Uncle Hu to come by. Why are you still like this? Uncle Hu already knows his mistake. Don't be angry," Qiao Mei said sweetly.