

## Fat Wife 731

### Chapter 731 Taking Care Of Her Forever

"Since you mention the issue of helping out, then let's talk about this. When my daughter and your son got married, our family bought a 140-square-meter house for my daughter in the county city in your hometown. You and your daughter are living in that house now, right? My daughter has never lived there for even a day. She has been living outside in a house allocated by Kong Lu's workplace unit," Xu Lan said.

When Xia He got married, Xia Mao had already sent people to investigate Kong Lu's family situation. All the neighbors did not have anything good to say about Old Madam Kong. At that time, Xu Lan already felt that Xia He should live in a nice house in the county city. Their family could afford to live well and did not want their child to suffer.

Besides, the property prices in the capital were worlds apart from the prices in that small county city that Kong Lu lived in. They did not need to spend much money to buy the 140-square-meter house, but it was still money that the Kong family would not be able to fork out in their lifetime.

Not only did the Kong family not fork out a single cent for this house, they did not even contribute any money for the renovation. After the house was tidied up, Old Madam Kong insisted that there was something wrong with her health, that she could not live in the village anymore and had to go to the county city for treatment.

Kong Lu was a filial son, so he had no choice but to bring Old Madam Kong over. After that, she simply stayed on for many years. In order to get some peace and quiet, Xia He moved to Kong Lu's apartment that was allocated by his workplace.

"What's wrong with that? I've taken care of Xia He for so many years and I'm the one who takes care of her daily needs. Even if I haven't achieved much, I still deserve credit for my efforts. She's been married to my son for so many years but she hasn't given the Kong family a grandchild. We haven't even criticized her for this yet!" Old Madam Kong complained.

Every time Kong Lu went to the army unit, he would be away for half a year to a year. Whenever he could come home, Old Madam Kong would ask to see him so that she could complain to him. Every time Kong Lu came back, Xia He would quarrel with him. Under such circumstances, it would be a miracle if they could have children!

It was true that Old Madam Kong did not fight with Xia He about the issue of having children. This was because Old Madam Kong actually did not care whether Kong Lu had any descendants. Kong Lu was not her biological son at all. He was just a child that she had taken in.

Even if he had children, they would not be considered descendants of the Kong family.

However, in order to make life difficult for Xia He, Old Madam Kong went around crying that she could not experience the joys of family life, and that she felt even sadder when she saw everyone in the neighborhood bringing their children down to play.

This made the neighbors gossip about Xia He. A few people even secretly gave Xia He prescriptions to treat her illness!

"It's a good thing we have no children. Do you think I'm willing to bear children for your family! Take a look at yourself! You make it sound like your other sons have sons! After being married for so many years, they also don't have children!" Xia He muttered.

Old Madam Kong rushed up to Xia He in exasperation and gave her a slap.

Xia He was cursing the Kong family to have no descendants by saying such things!

"You b\*tch! What nonsense are you talking about! My second and third sons can have children! You can't have children, yet you curse my sons! Are you tired of living!" Old Madam Kong roared.

Before Xu Lan could go forward to teach Old Madam Kong a lesson, Liu Fen could not hold back her fiery temper anymore. She went forward and slapped Old Madam Kong.

"Shameless old woman! You dare to behave so atrociously in our house! Who do you think you are! Do you think you can beat up my niece? Do you think you can touch our Xia family members just because you want to? Back then, your son knelt down and begged us to let Xia He marry him. Is this how you treat her now? Our Xia family will never let you off! Get lost!" Liu Fen pointed at the door and shouted.

When Qiao Mei heard this from the other end of the phone, she could not help but cheer for Liu Fen. She had helped all of them to vent their anger.

Xu Lan pressed the button to connect to the security room and asked them to quickly send someone to take the Kong family's mother and daughter away and make sure they boarded the train.

Xia He did not have time to say anything to Qiao Mei and simply hung up the phone. She would call Qiao Mei again after everything was over.

Xu Lan even called Xia Mao's guards and asked them to escort the Kong family's mother and daughter back to the county city. She wanted Xia He to get a divorce right now!

The Xia family did not lack that money they owed. They would never let the Kong family off for bullying Xia He like this.

Liu Fen called Xia Wen and Xia Mao and asked them to return home. The family discussed this matter together and Xia Mao would go ahead to make the arrangements for Kong Lu's transfer.

"Xiao He has been living like this in the Kong family all these years. Let me make my stand. Even if Xiao He doesn't get married for the rest of her life, I can still afford to take care of her. Xiao He can stay at home for the rest of her life," Xu Lan said firmly.

#### Chapter 732 Divorce Agreement

In the past, Xu Lan did not fulfill her duty and responsibility as a mother. Now, she must protect her children well and not let them suffer.

"Alright, Xiao He still has some financial issues with the Kong family, right? Let me handle this matter," Xia Wen said with a smile.

He was best at dealing with such things. Once he found out other issues related to the Kong family, they would never be able to make a comeback in this lifetime. He would get back all the money that the Xia family had spent on them.

"Get a divorce, Xia He. Stay in the capital and don't worry about anything else. If you don't like it here, you can go somewhere else to take a break," Xia Mao said.

Seeing how the situation had changed from everyone objecting to her getting a divorce in the beginning to protecting her and supporting her now, Xia He felt that it was good to be home.

The Kong family's mother and daughter only reached their home at noon the next day. Xia Mao's guards insisted on sending them into the neighborhood complex before they were willing to leave. Along the way, many neighbors came to congratulate Old Madam Kong.

"Oh my, how impressive. Your in-laws even arrange for people to send you back personally," the neighbor said as he pointed at the people in military uniforms outside.

Old Madam Kong cared about her reputation and could only brace herself and say, "Isn't that true. They're worried that it's not safe for us to come back on our own and made special arrangements for someone to send us back."

"How lucky! It's so good to be able to marry the daughter of a rich family in the capital. I'm so envious," the neighbor said.

"That's because my son is so capable. Otherwise, why would she be willing to marry him? Back then, it was my daughter-in-law who insisted on marrying into our family!" Old Madam Kong bragged.

"Hurry up and go home. I hear that your son got promoted and would be rich!" the neighbor said.

"I'm off! Come to our house for dinner another day." Old Madam Kong pulled Kong Li home happily.

As soon as they entered the house, they saw Kong Lu sitting on the sofa with a dark expression. There was a piece of paper in front of him. They were illiterate and only saw a big red stamp on it. They thought that it was Kong Lu's promotion papers.

"Has my son been promoted!" Old Madam Kong said excitedly.

"Yes," Kong Lu replied expressionlessly.

He had taken the initiative to apply to work in the highlands. Although it seemed like a promotion, it was actually a demotion. He had always been a mediocre staff in the army. Due to his relationship with the Xia family, his career path was smooth and no one dared to offend him.

Out of the blue, the leader had called him into the office early this morning and given him a piece of paper with the words "Divorce Agreement" written on it.

It was stated that as the Kong family had been abusing and slandering Xia He for a long time, and even hit her sometimes, Xia He had the right to unilaterally apply for an end to this marriage.

Xia He was also a soldier, being in the military art troupe. She had a military rank in the army and her rank was not lower than his.

He had thought that by returning Xia He the money for Xia Fang's television, he would be able to appease her and she would not divorce him. He did not expect his mother and sister to barge into the Xia family's house and even smash things in their house.

Not only did he lose his wife, but he also lost his job and his house had been taken back. In order to show his sincerity, he took the initiative to apply to work in the Highlands Force.

That place was located in high altitude where oxygen was sparse all year round. It was not a place that ordinary people could go. The environment was very harsh and there was not even a phone there. They could only rely on people to send messages physically.

It was precisely because of the harsh environment that the people who were transferred there would get promoted within a few years. However, no one wanted to go. If they went, they would never be able to come back.

"That's great! Then did your salary increase too!" Old Madam Kong looked at Kong Lu expectantly.

In her eyes, it did not matter what Kong Lu did. The only important thing was money. The more money he earned, the more money he would have to hand over to her.

"Money, money, money. All you know is money. Do you know that Xia He has divorced me because of what you did! What you're holding is the divorce agreement! Who asked you to go to the capital to look for the Xia family! In the past, the Xia family did not do anything because they were unwilling to be so calculative with us. Do you really think they're that easy to bully!" Kong Lu roared.

Old Madam Kong slumped back in her chair weakly. She did not expect Xia He to be so heartless and make a decision so quickly.

She did not know anything about unilateral divorce or promotion in the government sector. She just wanted money.

"I... I just want to ask Xia He to come back... Who knows that the woman would be so heartless..." Old Madam Kong said softly.

Chapter 733 Soul Returning Herb

"You're still lying! She's already gone to the hospital to get her injuries checked. Otherwise, how do you think she can send me a divorce agreement directly! Even if the Xia family has everything under their control, they still need to have real evidence. If you hadn't hit Xia He, she wouldn't have been able to divorce me!" Kong Lu said angrily.

"Then what should we do now?" Old Madam Kong asked as she looked at Kong Lu nervously.

"What should we do? What else can we do? The Xia family has already taken back this house and the apartment allocated by my workplace is gone. I'm leaving for the highlands tomorrow. You should pack up and go back to our hometown. I still have to help you and my younger brothers pay off the debts every month. You're on your own now," Kong Lu said.

Old Madam Kong looked at Kong Lu reluctantly. She used to have 100 dollars a month for living expenses. How did it get to a situation where she could no longer live in the house and her living expenses were gone.

"I'm not going back!" Kong Li said as she tugged at Old Madam Kong's sleeve.

Her second sister-in-law and third sister-in-law in the countryside were both very difficult people. She could not win against them at all. If she went back, she would only be bullied. She had lived a good life for so many years and did not want to go back.

"What else do you want to do if you don't go back!" Kong Lu said angrily.

"Elder brother, think of another way. If not, why don't you send us some money every month. We can rent a room in the city," Kong Li said.

Kong Lu looked at Kong Li in disbelief. These two had caused his family to be broken up and they still expected him to think of a solution for them. Were they still a family?

"Go home. I'll give you five dollars a month for your living expenses. My two brothers have not taken care of our mother for so many years. It's time for them to show their filial piety. Also, return the money you owe Xia He as soon as possible. I heard from the leader that Xia He's brother is searching for evidence. If you don't return the money, you'll go to jail. I don't have any money left. You're on your own." After saying that, Kong Lu left the place with his things.

Old Madam Kong and Kong Li broke down and cried loudly. They also started to pack their things and prepared to leave.

After Xia He was done with her divorce proceedings, she gave Qiao Mei a call, but no one picked up. Today, after Qiao Mei sent the children to school, she went into the mountains with Qiao Qiang.

They usually went into the mountains very early and would return early in the afternoon. Every time, they would only carry half a basket of things and never more than that.

The villagers were understanding of the fact that there was only an elderly man and a pregnant woman in their family, so they did not need to work in the village. They did not get any work points, so this was considered fair to everyone.

However, it was now the autumn harvest season and there were treasures everywhere in the mountains. The other villagers went to work during the day and did not have time to go to the

mountains to pick all these. If Qiao Mei and her grandfather took everything, it would inevitably make people jealous. Therefore, they would deliberately take a long detour at noon before they carried their harvest home.

Naturally, there were less things to be harvested in the afternoon. If anyone went up the mountain during this hour and saw that Qiao Mei did not harvest much, they naturally would not say anything.

"Grandfather, these chestnuts are quite big this year. I suppose we can sell them for a fair bit of money," Qiao Mei said.

"That's right. Look at the many good things in the mountains. I also see many medicinal herbs. Look at this grass, do you recognize it?" Qiao Qiang pointed at a green plant on the ground and said with a smile.

There were also small yellow flowers growing on it and it looked no different from weeds. Qiao Mei really could not recognize it.

"What is this? I've never seen it before!" Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Qiang tugged at his pants and slowly squatted down. "Look, this is called Dendrobium. You don't recognize it, right? I heard about it from someone in the army a long time ago. This thing is very valuable. It also has another name, the Soul Returning Herb. Isn't it interesting?"

The name "Soul Returning Herb" sounded like something that could only be found in martial arts novels. He did not expect it to really exist. The effects were probably different.

"Grandfather, take a look around and see if there are any other herbs. Let's pick them all and sell them to that guy from the He family at a high price. If he doesn't want them, there will be others who will be willing to buy them!" Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Qiang observed his surroundings slowly and found many herbs in the end. Every one of them was priceless. It seemed that this was really a treasure mountain.



Qiao Mei did not know where these herbs came from. It was possible that because she had been cultivating ginseng here often, it had caused the soil quality of this mountain to change and allow precious herbs to grow and emerge one after another.

Fortunately, the villagers here did not know such things and they all thought that it was weeds. Otherwise, what Qiao Mei did would soon be exposed.

#### Chapter 734 Getting A Wife

Qiao Mei carefully identified these herbs. She could plan to grow rare herbs on this mountain in the future. The idea of growing such things actually did not appeal to her.

The money she made from selling ginsengs was enough to buy the entire mountain. Was there a need to spend so much effort to nurture a large number of precious herbs?

What she had in mind was to lead the way for the village's development and let the villagers become rich as well. However, her plan excluded Qiao Zhuang's family, of course.

Qiao Zhuang's family gathered for a family meeting every day. There were too many issues in the family recently. Liu Ying and Qiao Hua had run away. Wang Qin only knew how to come up with bad ideas for the family. Their reputation in Foshan Village had already been tarnished.

At least Qiao Wang and his wife did not create any issues and knew how to share the family's burden. Qiao Liang was useless and only knew how to do manual labor in the fields every day to earn work points.

"It's time to get Qiao Liang a wife. What do you think?" Qiao Zhuang said.

Wang Qin's expression darkened. At that time when Qiao Wang got married, she had to contribute 300 dollars. That was all her savings. She did not want to take out the money but Qiao Zhuang kept urging her.

"Let my family express our opinion first. Father, I've been serving you, our mother and our entire family at home. I don't have much time to earn money. My husband just goes to work in the fields and doesn't have any other skills. We will contribute 20 dollars. This is already all our savings," Jiang Ye said sincerely.

She was telling the truth and Qiao Zhuang knew it in his heart. Qiao Wang's children were still very young and there was no one who could earn money in his family. It was already very generous of her to contribute 20 dollars.

It was Jiang Ye's way of thanking Qiao Liang for helping Qiao Wang when they worked in the fields back then. Otherwise, Qiao Wang would have been permanently disabled. She considered this gesture to be returning the favor.

Qiao Zhuang nodded in agreement and turned to look at his eldest son, Qiao Fu. Although his eldest daughter-in-law had run away, his son should still have some money.

"I... I've gambled all my money... I only have 10 dollars left. I'll give it to you..." Qiao Fu reluctantly took out a crumpled wad of money from his pocket and handed it to Qiao Zhuang.

Qiao Zhuang took it and counted it before agreeing. The fifth son, Qiao Gang, was still in school and did not have any money. Everyone looked at Wang Qin and Qiao Gui.

Qiao Gui did not bother about anything at home. He tugged at Wang Qin's sleeve, not knowing how to reply to Qiao Zhuang. Wang Qin smiled and said, "Father, have you decided whose daughter it's going to be? What's the amount of betrothal gifts that they want?"

"Your fourth brother has long taken a fancy to the daughter of the Huang family. She said that she won't marry for less than 200 dollars," Qiao Zhuang said.

During this time, when people got married in the countryside, betrothal gifts were usually settled in the range of tens of dollars. An amount of 50 dollars was considered a huge sum for betrothal money, so asking for 200 dollars was indeed too much.

Wang Qin had seen the young lady from the Huang family before. She was young and not good-looking. Her face was covered in pockmarks and she could not even walk very well. However, Wang Qin had heard that she was quite good at cooking and her culinary skills were not inferior to Qiao Mei.

"Our family doesn't have that much money either. We can only contribute 20 dollars," Wang Qin said.

Qiao Zhuang looked straight at Wang Qin. He might be old, but he was not stupid yet. For so many years, on the matter of whether Wang Qin had touched any of the family's money, he had an idea of what was going on.

"Your family will contribute 100 dollars," Qiao Zhuang said.

"Father! You're being too unreasonable! Eldest Brother only gives 10 dollars and Third Brother's family gives 20 dollars. Why do we have to give 100 dollars! When Third Brother got married, I was the one who paid for the betrothal gifts. Don't tell me you've forgotten about this," Wang Qin questioned.

"Since you're talking to me about the past, let me ask you. The money that everyone hands over monthly, where is it? Does some money enter your pocket every month?" Qiao Zhuang asked.

As soon as he said that, Wang Qin did not have any retort. She said obediently, "I understand. I'll give it to you tomorrow."

Everyone knew what kind of person Wang Qin was. That money was meant for the old man's retirement and had nothing to do with them. Besides, all of them did not earn much money at all. It was only the eldest and second sons' families who were able to contribute money.

They were people who only knew how to earn work points, so they were not angry at all. They still had to thank Wang Qin for giving them more work points every time!

Chapter 735 Discussing Countermeasures

Qiao Fu returned to his room and looked at the ceiling regretfully. His wife and daughter were gone and he had spent all his money. All these were caused by Qiao Mei. If not for Qiao Mei, his life would not have been so tough.

He must settle this score with her.

Qiao Fu asked Qiao Gui and Qiao Wang to come and discuss countermeasures with him. He felt that they could not let Qiao Mei bully them anymore.

"Eldest brother, why are you looking for us?" Qiao Wang asked.

Qiao Fu looked at the two of them with a grin and quickly invited them into his room. He even brought out the most precious liquor at home.

"Eldest brother! This is the liquor that our father always hides away! You'll get beaten up if you drink it!" Qiao Gui said nervously.

"Don't worry. Drink it boldly," Qiao Fu said nonchalantly.

Qiao Wang sat at one side in silence. He could tell that Qiao Fu wanted them to do something. He probably had a favor to ask of them.

"Say, our family was originally living a good life, so how did a little girl cause so much trouble! Shouldn't we do something?" Qiao Fu said as he looked at his two brothers.

Qiao Wang instantly understood what Qiao Fu meant and said with a smile, "Eldest brother, let's not provoke her. That girl is very capable. I must say that I can't handle her. Let's just live our days well. As long as we have nothing to do with her, we won't suffer any losses."

Qiao Fu slapped his thigh and said angrily, "Coward! To think that you're our father's son. What can a little girl do! Get lost, get lost. Don't be an eyesore in front of me and spoil the mood... Second brother, let's drink."

Qiao Wang hurriedly left Qiao Fu's room and returned to his own room. As soon as he entered, Jiang Ye grabbed him tightly.

"Eldest brother didn't cause trouble for you, did he?" Jiang Ye looked at Qiao Wang nervously to see if he was injured.

"I'm fine. Eldest brother is trying to trick our second brother into finding trouble with Qiao Mei. I acted a little weak so my eldest brother asked me to get lost. We can't get involved in such nasty business," Qiao Wang said.

In this family, the third son, Qiao Wang, was the smartest. The eldest son, Qiao Fu, was ruthless, but he was stupid and very impulsive. The second son was also a simple-minded person. If not for Wang Qin planning everything, he would have starved to death long ago.

Qiao Wang did not intend to get involved in murder for money. It was enough for him to live a peaceful life with Jiang Ye. He did not want to get involved in anything else.

"They're planning to harm Qiao Mei. I left after hearing them say a few words," Qiao Wang said.

Jiang Ye looked at the door uneasily. Although she was a housewife, she also knew how Qiao Zhuang treated the young Qiao Mei back then. It was already good enough that Qiao Mei did not take revenge on him.

Now, the eldest and second sons of this family still wanted to take revenge on her. This was simply unreasonable.

"Do they still have any conscience? They can't blame Qiao Mei for these things. Isn't it all because of Wang Qin's greed? Why are they looking for trouble with Qiao Mei?" Jiang Ye muttered on the brick bed.

Qiao Wang liked Jiang Ye's kind character. She would not harm anyone and she taught their children well. When his two older brothers' children saw him, they did not even address him as Third Uncle and did not have any manners. It would be a real disaster if they grew up to be like those stupid people in their families.

"Alright, you're not allowed to interfere in this matter. Rest early." Qiao Wang blew out the lights and quickly fell asleep.

For the next few days, Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui would wake up early and go near Qiao Mei's house to check out the timing and route of her usual trip up the mountain. They only dared to make a move on the fourth day.

Qiao Wang was afraid that if Qiao Fu really did something bad, it would be difficult for everyone to clean up the mess. He tried to tell Qiao Zhuang both explicitly and covertly, but Qiao Zhuang did not take it to heart at all.

Jiang Ye was really worried and often went to the area near the back mountain of Qiao Mei's house in the afternoon to see if Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui had really gone to cause trouble for Qiao Mei.

Pregnancy was a difficult time for a woman. Giving birth was like hovering around the gates of hell. Back then, when she gave birth, she almost bled out and died. If Qiao Fu did anything outrageous, it was very likely that Qiao Mei would not be able to keep her life.

As soon as Qiao Mei and Qiao Qiang came down the mountain, they saw Jiang Ye. Jiang Ye quickly held Qiao Mei's hand and walked to the side for a chat, but she could not just tell Qiao Mei that Qiao Fu and Qiao Gui were out to harm her.

Jiang Ye was so anxious that she sweated profusely and did not know how to express herself to Qiao Mei.

Chapter 737 - 737 I Am Going to Kill You

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It was also possible that it was because their parents doted on their second son, Qiao Zhuang, so much that he became such a person. Then he brought up his sons to be as bad-tempered as him.

Ever since Qiao Qiang was young, he could not stand the fact that Qiao Zhuang had grown up to be so lawless and he would always ask their parents to discipline Qiao Zhuang. Therefore, in Qiao Zhuang's heart, his elder brother Qiao Qiang was a bad person. He felt that Qiao Qiang disciplined him since he was young because Qiao Qiang did not like him.

"What grudge do we have? I've never caused trouble for your family," Qiao Qiang said as he stared at Qiao Fu.

Qiao Fu had been a bully in the village since he was young and always followed behind Qiao Zhuang while showing off. His scumbag behavior could be said to be even worse than Qiao Zhuang.

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He silently told himself that he was not afraid of this old fellow Qiao Qiang at all! If he did not succeed today, he probably would not be able to live in this village in the future and might even go to jail.

“If not for your granddaughter, I won’t be without a wife and kid! I want to kill your granddaughter, but since she’s not around, I’ll kill you!” Qiao Fu had never thought that the reasons for all this were because of his own cowardice and incompetence, Qiao Zhuang’s tyrannical greed and Wang Qin’s bad intentions.

He only wanted to push all the blame to Qiao Mei, an outsider. Qiao Mei clearly did not do anything wrong, and even helped his wife and daughter to settle down elsewhere, but Qiao Fu did not appreciate it at all.

Qiao Fu took up a sharp piece of stone and pressed forward step by step. Qiao Qiang slowly retreated. When he reached the mountain road, he started to escape into the mountain with all his might, with Qiao Fu following closely behind him.

Although Qiao Qiang had been through hundreds of battles, he was already old and his stamina was naturally inferior to the younger Qiao Fu. Soon, he could not run anymore.

Qiao Fu played with the stone smugly and said, “Hmph, haven’t you fought in many battles? Why are you tired after running a few steps? Run quickly. Perhaps you can still leave this place alive.”

This was a hero who was already in his twilight years. Qiao Qiang had to admit that he was old and was no longer a match for the younger generation. The only thing he was glad about now was that he did not let Qiao Mei stay behind today. Otherwise, Qiao Mei would be the one to suffer.

Qiao Fu gripped the stone in his hand tightly and walked towards Qiao Qiang with a fierce expression. Qiao Qiang retreated repeatedly and tripped over a branch before falling under a big tree. As he fell, he knocked his ribs against a big rock beside the tree.

“I should actually call you uncle. Don’t worry, if you die, I’ll clean up your courtyard for you. You don’t have to worry anymore. As long as you agree to give me your house after you die, I can let Qiao Mei off,” Qiao Fu said greedily with a smile.

“You want my house? I’ve already given my house to Qiao Mei. You can forget about it. The ownership of the house has already been transferred to Qiao Mei. I did this to guard against your family!” Qiao Qiang looked at Qiao Fu mockingly and put on a victorious smile.

Qiao Fu was so exasperated that he smashed the stone at Qiao Qiang’s head. However, he did not use enough strength and Qiao Qiang also managed to dodge most of it. The sharp part of the stone made a cut on Qiao Qiang’s forehead and blood kept gushing out.

Even though Qiao Qiang was injured, and as the blood ran down the left side of his face and his eyes were gradually covered in a layer of bright red, Qiao Qiang continued to stare straight at Qiao Fu. He was not afraid of death at all and was not afraid that Qiao Fu would kill him. Victory and defeat were commonplace in war. Even if he died today, it would not be a big deal.

However, he was only worried about Qiao Mei. He had not yet managed to inform Xia Zhe to bring Qiao Mei back to the capital quickly. If he died, Qiao Mei would be bullied by Qiao Zhuang and the others.

“Since I can’t get the house, then you don’t even think about getting out alive! I’ll kill Qiao Mei later and let the two of you go on your way together! No... Qiao Mei is pregnant with your great-grandchildren. I hear that she’s having two babies. They can forget about staying alive too,” Qiao Fu said.

“If I die, you can forget about having a good life! If you dare to touch Qiao Mei! I won’t let you off when I die and become a ghost!” Qiao Qiang roared fiercely.

That voice was like the angry roar of a demon, causing the birds in the forest to flee in all directions. Qiao Fu hesitated for a moment as he raised the stone to deliver the final blow to Qiao Qiang.

He had underestimated how intimidating a “demon” who had gone to the battlefield and killed countless people could be.

Chapter 738 - 738 Cannot Leave Someone in the Lurch

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Qiao Mei panted heavily as she ran back. Seeing that Qiao Fu was about to kill Qiao Qiang, Qiao Mei mobilized all the energy in her body and snapped the big tree behind Qiao Qiang in half before throwing it towards Qiao Fu.

Just as Qiao Fu was about to make a move, he suddenly saw the big tree in front of him slowly smashing towards him. He hurriedly threw down the stone and fled in a panic. There were many vines and gravel nearby and he could not dodge in time. Qiao Mei controlled the vines on the ground to trip Qiao Fu and the big tree smashed down onto his thighs.

Qiao Qiang remained unscathed under the tree.

He sat in the gap between the fallen tree and the tree stump and watched Qiao Fu groan in pain as he lay on the ground.

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The tree was so thick that even two people hugging it could not touch each other's hands. How could such a thick tree trunk break for no reason?

"Grandfather! Grandfather!" Qiao Mei hurriedly ran to the tree and pulled Qiao Qiang out.

By this time, Qiao Qiang was already very weak. The wound on his head was as long as a finger and the left side of his face was already covered in blood.

"Grandfather... grandfather, don't scare me... grandfather, look at me..." Qiao Mei's eyes were instantly filled with tears. She did not expect Qiao Qiang to be attacked after she left for just a short while.

She should have paid more attention when Jiang Ye reminded her to be careful yesterday!

She had been too obnoxious and felt that she could do anything with her ability. She did not guard against the possibility of Qiao Zhuang's family wanting to kill her and Qiao Qiang.

This was also a warning about Qiao Zhuang's family. She had thought that they would at most be shameless and do something sneaky. She did not expect them to be capable of murder. She must make Qiao Fu pay the price!

"Mei Mei, I'm fine. Don't cry anymore. If you continue crying, your little face won't be beautiful anymore," Qiao Qiang said with a weak smile.

Even though he was seriously injured, he still forced a smile as he did not want Qiao Mei to worry. The front of his clothes was already soaked in blood.

Even a young man in his prime would be very weak after losing so much blood, let alone someone of Qiao Qiang's age. His health was originally already in bad shape.

Qiao Mei hurriedly took out the 1,000-year-old ginseng juice that she had made some time ago. Of course, the human body could not absorb it in its concentrated form. Qiao Mei found a small stream nearby. The water here was from the mountain springs and it was natural and safe. They could drink the water directly from the stream.

She soaked the small handkerchief in the stream and secretly dripped the 1,000-year-old ginseng juice on it. She squeezed the handkerchief and spread the ginseng juice more evenly around. After doing all this, she hurriedly ran back and gently wiped Qiao Qiang's wound.

The small handkerchief covered the wound on Qiao Qiang's forehead and the bleeding quickly stopped. With such a serious injury, he had to go to the clinic for stitches. Her 1,000-year-old ginseng juice could only stop Qiao Qiang from continuing to bleed.

"Grandfather, how do you feel? Does it hurt anywhere else?" Qiao Mei asked anxiously.

Qiao Qiang moved his body slightly and said in pain, "Sigh... I'm old and useless. My ribs on the right side seem to be broken. It should be fine though."

Qiao Mei helped Qiao Qiang up and prepared to leave this place. She wanted to bring him to the clinic for treatment quickly. If his ribs were broken, it was very likely that his internal organs would be injured. If they were not careful about it, he could die. She could not let her guard down. If there was really no

other way, she would bring Qiao Qiang back to the capital tonight and go to the best hospital in the capital for treatment.

“Mei Mei, go and see how he’s doing,” Qiao Qiang said as he pointed at Qiao Fu, who was pressed down by the big tree. If he died in the mountains, it would be difficult for them to explain themselves.

Qiao Mei did not want to look at Qiao Fu at all. If her grandfather really died at Qiao Fu’s hands today, she would not be able to extinguish the hatred in her heart even if Qiao Zhuang’s whole family paid for it with their lives.

“Grandfather, you should be more concerned about yourself. Your injuries were caused by him, yet you still have the mood to care about him!” Qiao Mei said aggrievedly.

Qiao Qiang knew that Qiao Mei was concerned about him, but this was a matter of life and death and he had to ensure that the man was still alive.

“Go quickly. Go and see if he’s still breathing. He wants to kill us, but we can’t really leave him in the lurch. Do you understand?” Qiao Qiang said patiently.

Qiao Mei could not argue against Qiao Qiang and went forward to check if Qiao Fu was still breathing.

Qiao Fu was seriously injured, but Qiao Mei did not go all the way just now. If such a big tree hit Qiao Fu’s head, he would really be dead by now.

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The reason why he was still breathing now was because the tree trunk was still pressing down on him and stopping the blood from flowing out. If the tree on Qiao Fu’s body was removed, then Qiao Fu would be dead soon.

“Grandfather, he simply fainted from the pain. He’s not dead,” Qiao Mei said impatiently. She felt disgusted just by looking at Qiao Fu.

Qiao Qiang turned around and looked at the big tree carefully. This tree definitely had not been chopped and the middle of the tree was also not hollowed out. Why did it suddenly break?

During this period of time, there was neither wind nor rain nor bad weather. Could it be that there were some spirits on this mountain?

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Or was it his deceased relatives protecting him? Was it Qiao Mei's father or Qiao Mei's grandmother?

No matter what, he had managed to survive. At this moment, they had to quickly go down the mountain to find someone to save Qiao Fu. He could not let the man die in the back mountain. If the man died, both of them would not be able to explain themselves clearly.

"Mei Mei, let's go down quickly and find someone to save him." Qiao Qiang waved at Qiao Mei and the two of them, one elderly and one pregnant, helped each other down the mountain.

Usually, at this time, Qiao Mei would have already asked Zhang Wei to go home to do his homework. However, it was almost dark today and nothing happened. Zhang Wei became suspicious and walked down Qiao Mei's usual path to go up the mountain. As soon as he reached the foot of the mountain, he met both of them.

"Grandfather! Elder sister! What happened to you! Grandfather, why is your face covered in blood!" Zhang Wei was so frightened to see Qiao Qiang in this state that his legs went weak.

Back then, it was the same thing with Zhang Miao. She almost could not be saved. He was afraid that Qiao Qiang would fall sick like Zhang Miao.

"Grandfather is fine. Xiao Wei, go and look for Zhao Liang now and ask him to quickly bring people up the mountain to save someone. Tell him that Qiao Zhuang's eldest son has been pinned down by a tree and needs to be saved," Qiao Qiang said as he pointed up the mountain.

“Hey, hey! Then what about you, grandfather!” Zhang Wei looked at Qiao Qiang nervously. He was more concerned about Qiao Qiang’s health than saving someone else’s life.

“Grandfather has me. Go and look for Uncle Zhao quickly. We’ll wait for you here,” Qiao Mei said.

Zhang Wei knew that he would not be of much help if he stayed around, so he quickly followed Qiao Mei’s instructions and went home to ride his bicycle to the village office to look for Zhao Liang.

Qiao Mei helped Qiao Qiang to sit down by the roadside. At the moment, they could not leave yet. They had to wait for Zhao Liang to bring people over so that they could let Zhao Liang know Qiao Fu’s approximate location. Otherwise, they would waste a lot of time looking around.

Very quickly, Zhao Liang brought a group of people to the foot of the mountain. Many people came with tools, including chainsaws and door panels that could serve as stretchers.

Their village was surrounded by mountains on all sides. Every year, there would be people who rolled down the mountains and got injured, but this was the first time they had heard of someone behind pinned down by a big tree.

“Uncle Qiao! What happened to you!” Zhao Liang looked at Qiao Qiang in shock.

Everyone panicked when they saw Qiao Qiang. How could the battle-hardened Qiao Qiang be so seriously injured? Could it be that he had encountered wolves, tigers or leopards on the mountain?

The mountains had been around for a long time, and it was very common to see wolves in the depths of the mountains. It was said that someone had even seen wolf carcasses before, but no one knew if it was true or not. As the rumors spread, everyone believed that there were wild beasts in the mountains.

“I’m fine. Quickly go and save Qiao Fu. He’s being pinned down by a very big tree. Hurry up and save him.” After saying that, Qiao Qiang wanted to get up and go with the rest of the team. It would be faster for him to lead the way.

Zhao Liang hurriedly got a few people behind him to bring Qiao Qiang to the clinic at the entrance of the village. He still wanted to go up the mountain to save someone else when his own face was covered in blood. He was indeed an old hero who cared about the common people.

"You should hurry to the clinic. We've all lived around the mountains for so long and know the general location. Go quickly," Zhao Liang said worriedly.

"That's right, Uncle Qiao Qiang. Your injuries are so serious and you still want to go and save someone else. You should take care of yourself first!" Wang Wu said as he looked at Qiao Qiang nervously.

"Why not I go with all of you," Qiao Mei volunteered.

Of course she did not want to save Qiao Fu! She was just worried that Qiao Qiang would insist on going up the mountain himself. It would be better for her to go in place of Qiao Qiang.

Everyone was very touched. Qiao Qiang and Qiao Mei still wanted to go and save someone else even though they were injured. They were both such nice people. Given that Qiao Zhuang's family often bullied the two of them, the villagers did not expect that not only did they not bear a grudge, they even wanted to save a member of that family.

"You don't have to go either. Accompany your grandfather to the clinic. We'll go and save him," Zhao Liang said.

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Under everyone's persuasion, Qiao Qiang agreed to go to the clinic. Wang Wu rode his three-wheeled vehicle and sent Qiao Mei, Qiao Qiang and Zhang Wei there.

When they arrived at the clinic, the doctors started to wash the blood off Qiao Qiang's face. With their skills, they could only clean up the wound on Qiao Qiang's face, stitch it up and apply medicine. However, they really could not treat the injury to his ribs. For this, they had to go to the hospital in the county city.

"Mei Mei, let's not go to the hospital. I'll just take care of myself. Previously, when I was on the battlefield, I had so many knife wounds but I didn't go to the hospital at all. Aren't I still alive and well? Let's go home," Qiao Qiang said as he held Qiao Mei's hand.

He was most afraid of going to the hospital. He was not afraid of getting injections or taking medicine, but he was afraid of knowing the details about his condition. If he was told that he had only a few days left, it would only bring him despair.

He knew his own health very well. Many years ago, a doctor had told him that if he did not cherish his own health, he would not be able to live beyond eight years. It was already the seventh year. Although he felt that his health had improved, he was still afraid that something would happen.

If one had no worries, one would not be afraid of death. However, with Qiao Mei and his two great-grandchildren with him, everything had changed.

"Grandfather, we have to go. This time, you have to listen to me. Even if I have to tie you up, you must go!" Qiao Mei said fiercely to Qiao Qiang.

"I'm not going! Don't force me to go! I know my own body best! Don't persuade me! It's already good enough that I'm here at the clinic!" Qiao Qiang said stubbornly.

Qiao Mei stood at the side angrily with her hands on her hips. She had already said all kinds of nice things, but it was useless. She had no other way to persuade Qiao Qiang to go to the county city hospital.

Zhang Wei also looked at Qiao Qiang nervously from the side. His hands trembled as they gripped the corners of his shirt. Although this person was not his biological grandfather, after they spent so much time together, he had long placed Qiao Qiang in a very important position in his heart.

Although they were not biologically related, it felt like their relationship already went beyond that.

Zhang Wei knelt on the ground with a plop and hugged Qiao Qiang's legs tightly as he said, "Grandfather! Go to the hospital! Please!"

Qiao Qiang immediately understood what Zhang Wei was thinking. He was the one who had taken care of Zhang Wei all this while. He knew what Zhang Wei was most afraid of. Ever since Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin were kidnapped, this child had become very uptight. Qiao Qiang saw it all.

"Good child, get up quickly. The ground is hard, don't hurt your knees by kneeling!" Qiao Qiang patted Zhang Wei's shoulder with heartache. He could not bend down now and could only do this to ask Zhang Wei to get up.

Zhang Wei ignored Qiao Qiang. He would only get up from the ground when Qiao Qiang was willing to go to the hospital.

"Grandfather, just listen to us. We'll only be at ease if you go to the hospital to get checked out!" Qiao Mei persuaded anxiously.

Qiao Qiang had no choice but to agree with Qiao Mei and Zhang Wei. The village clinic quickly made arrangements for a horse carriage to send the three of them to the county city hospital.

Zhao Liang and his group also found Qiao Fu. At this moment, Qiao Fu's breathing was very weak and his face was pale. Even his hands were cold, as if he was about to die.

"Come on, let's hurry up and save him!" Zhao Liang shouted.

Everyone worked together to think of a way to save Qiao Fu. Some people sawed through the wood on Qiao Fu's body, while others looked for useful vines. They thought that binding Qiao Fu's injured leg could also have the effect of stopping the bleeding. With everyone's tireless efforts, they quickly cut up the fallen tree into smaller pieces and threw them to the side. Only at this moment was the full extent of Qiao Fu injuries revealed to everyone.

Many people could not stand this kind of shock and directly hid at one side to throw up. Even Zhao Liang could not bear to look at Qiao Fu's miserable state.

Qiao Fu's legs had been smashed into a bloody mess by the tree, leaving only a few bones and tendons that were still connected. The blood had already dyed the ground red. As soon as the tree was lifted, blood flowed out uncontrollably.

"Hurry, hurry! Put him on the board! Quickly apply the ashes from the stove pit to the wound! Hurry up! Don't just stand there! Let's save him!" Zhao Liang shouted to get everyone's attention.



The ashes in the stove pit were the ashes of plants and wood, and which could help to stop bleeding. This was a type of local remedy. In such a resource-poor place, it was the only method they knew.

Everyone took turns to carry the door panels and carried Qiao Fu to the horse carriage at the foot of the mountain. The village clinic could not treat such serious injuries and they must send him to the county city hospital.