

Fat Wife 761

Chapter 761 Murder And Arson

"Why bring money? It's just a few dollars. You gave me these things. Look at this ginseng and lingzhi. They're so hard to find, so we can't lose them," Qiao Qiang said as he looked at the stuff in the package like it was a treasure.

He counted them one by one and repeated the action many times before he felt satisfied enough to tie the package up with a knot. He even had to hug them when he slept, otherwise he would still feel worried.

Qiao Mei spread some vine seeds on the ground surrounding the house. Once anything happened, she could protect the house immediately. No one would notice those few seeds on the ground at night.

After countless rounds of surveys, Qiao Gui was finally ready to make his move. He took the only ax in the house and looped it at his belt at the back of his waist.

He waited until Wang Qin and the children were sound asleep before he went out quietly. He also took some rat poison from home. This was something very toxic. Even humans would die if they ate it, let alone chickens and ducks.

After making a long detour, he finally arrived at Qiao Mei's backyard. When the chickens and ducks in the courtyard heard Qiao Gui's footsteps, they all looked up in unison in Qiao Gui's direction. Qiao Gui took out the rat poison from his pocket and scattered it all over the courtyard. After hesitating for a moment, the chickens and ducks started eating.

Qiao Mei had wrapped a thin vine around her wrist. The other end extended underground and was connected to the vines around the house. As long as there was any movement around, Qiao Mei could immediately sense it.

Qiao Mei had already sensed Qiao Gui's presence through the vines. She quietly woke Qiao Qiang up and the two of them peeked into the backyard through the window to see what Qiao Gui was up to.

Qiao Mei watched as the chickens and ducks she raised ate the rat poison. Actually, those chickens and ducks would stop if she said something, but that would have appeared too strange. Her heart ached for

them! Among those chickens and ducks were also the experimental chickens she had been feeding with medicinal herbs!

The few thousand dollars had gone down the drain again!

She could raise new chickens and ducks if the current ones died. The most important thing now was to capture Qiao Gui! She wanted to punish this evil person severely!

"Grandfather... what do you think he's doing?" Qiao Mei whispered.

"I think he's preparing to set fire..." Qiao Qiang said as he craned his neck to take a closer look.

Qiao Qiang was right. After the chickens and ducks died from eating the rat poison, Qiao Gui slowly walked into the courtyard, took out a pile of dried grass that he had prepared earlier and scattered them under the house. He even poured some alcohol as an accelerant. He had buried all these in the back mountain two days ago when he was doing his scouting rounds.

Most of the houses in the village were thatched houses. The walls of Qiao Mei's house were made of stone bricks, but the roof was made of wood. Once it was set on fire, the entire house would instantly be engulfed in a sea of fire.

In addition, the weather was dry and the wind was quite strong today. If their house caught fire, the entire forest at the back of the mountain would be affected and the fire would spread very quickly. By then, no one would be able to control it.

Qiao Gui must be crazy!

"Grandfather... should we take action? He's going to light it..." Qiao Mei said nervously as she held the hoe in her hand.

However, Qiao Qiang felt that Qiao Gui seemed to be doing something else. He had already piled up the dried grass but he did not light it for a long time and kept pacing at the door.

Just as Qiao Mei was about to look up to see what Qiao Gui was doing, Qiao Qiang suddenly pressed down on Qiao Mei's head and squatted down as well. The next moment, Qiao Gui walked to the window and leaned against the glass to look into the house.

Qiao Mei held her breath and listened quietly to the sounds outside. Qiao Qiang was indeed a war hero who had fought on the battlefield for many years. He was really good at guessing the enemy's thoughts.

The curtains were drawn in the room. After looking inside for a long time and seeing that there was no movement in the room, Qiao Gui took out the ax from behind his waist and prepared to hack the door lock and enter the house.

How could a pregnant woman and an old fart fight with him? He heard that Qiao Qiang had also suffered a head injury caused by Qiao Fu at that time. He definitely would not have recovered in such a short period of time.

Now was the best time for him to enter the house and steal their money. The house was nothing. The money that Qiao Mei had was the most important thing!

He had heard from Qiao Zhuang that Qiao Mei had at least 5,000 dollars! The betrothal gifts from the man when they got married, the money from selling vegetables during this period of time and Qiao Qiang's past savings surely added up to 5,000 dollars!

A man's heart was insatiable, like a snake trying to swallow an elephant. Once one became greedy, one would no longer be able to suppress the desire in one's heart. Desires could also turn a person into a demon.

Chapter 762 Feeling Warmth

Qiao Qiang gave Qiao Mei a look and the two of them stood on either side of the door. Qiao Mei held the hoe in her hand and Qiao Qiang held the shovel. The two of them just stood at the door without moving.

As soon as Qiao Gui opened the door, they would immediately rush out and knock him out.

Qiao Gui gently pried open the lock and slowly opened the door to the house. He suddenly realized that his feet were unable to move, as if they were being grabbed by something. No matter how he struggled, it was useless.

Qiao Mei instantly rushed out and smashed the hoe against Qiao Gui's neck. If it did not work the first time, she would do it again!

Before Qiao Gui could see who did it, he fell to the ground and the ax in his hand fell onto the stone slab in front of the door with a crisp clanging sound.

"Grandfather! It's done!" Qiao Mei threw the hoe aside and patted the dust off her hands as she looked at Qiao Qiang smugly.

Qiao Qiang knew that Qiao Mei had extraordinary strength, so he was more worried about whether Qiao Gui's life was in danger. What if Qiao Mei's strength had broken his neck?

He bent down to feel around Qiao Gui's nose and found that he was still breathing. He touched the bone on the back of Qiao Gui's neck and noted that it was still intact. It seemed that Qiao Mei had gone easy on him.

"You're too rash. You're a pregnant woman. Your stomach is already so big, yet you're not careful at all," Qiao Qiang said reproachfully.

Qiao Mei touched her head in embarrassment. She had a strong body, and if not for the fact that her stomach was getting bigger by the day, she did not feel like she was pregnant.

He went into the room and took out a flashlight to check on the chickens and ducks in the backyard. None of them was spared. They had all been poisoned to death by Qiao Gui. Even the chickens that he fed separately with medicinal herbs had been poisoned to death.

How hateful! All their hard work for so many days was wasted again!

"Help~ Help~ Murder~ Help~" Qiao Mei shouted at the top of her lungs.

Not long after, all the lights in the village lit up. Qiao Mei's voice was very recognizable and everyone immediately realized that something had happened at Qiao Mei's house.

Li Gui came out the fastest. She did not even put on her clothes properly and only slid her feet into her shoes. She ran out without even wearing her shoes properly.

Even when she was in such a hurry, she had taken a kitchen knife and held it in her hand.

"Mei Mei! Who dares to touch my daughter! Qiao Mei! Qiao Mei, what's wrong! Mom is here!" Li Gui shouted anxiously as she ran.

Qiao Mei looked at Li Gui's flustered expression and tears welled up in her eyes. This was the first time she felt a mother's concern. Whether it was in her other life or in the memories of the original owner of the body, this was the first time ever.

"I'm fine! Why didn't you put on thicker clothes before coming out," Qiao Mei said as she looked at Li Gui with heartache.

Li Gui was so anxious that she stomped her feet. If she could fly over, she would have done so. At this speed, she still found it too slow!

"Oh my! How can I care about that! Are you alright? Let me take a look! By the way, where's your grandfather! How's your grandfather!" Li Gui said in a panic.

Qiao Qiang coughed twice and said, "I'm fine too."

Seeing that the two of them were fine, Li Gui felt relieved. The rest of the villagers gradually arrived at Qiao Mei's house. Some of them came with sickles, while others came with sticks and knives. Auntie Dong was afraid that Qiao Mei would be in danger, so she asked her husband to come along.

Zhao Liang also rushed over with his wife. Basically, everyone in the village was here. Qiao Mei felt a sense of warmth in her heart. She really liked the feeling of affectionate neighborliness in this village.

"Qiao Mei, Uncle Qiao, are you alright? What happened?" Zhao Liang asked.

"Uncle, you're here at the right time. Tonight, my grandfather and I suddenly heard someone doing something in the backyard. We didn't expect it to be Qiao Gui. He poisoned all the chickens and ducks in our backyard and even wanted to set a fire and burn us to death!" Qiao Mei shone her flashlight at the stack of dry grass at the side of the house.

Zhao Liang went forward to pick some up and sniffed it. The strong smell of alcohol had yet to dissipate. If this was lit on fire, it would devour the entire house in an instant. Qiao Gui was really ruthless!

At this moment, Qiao Zhuang brought his entire family to Qiao Mei's house. He raised his butcher knife and shouted, "Return me my son! You harmed my eldest son and now you want to harm my second son!"

Qiao Mei could not help but roll her eyes. All of this was clearly caused by Qiao Zhuang himself, but he was blaming her instead.

Chapter 763 Let's Attack Together

"We didn't harm your eldest son. You better be clear about who's the one in the wrong!" Qiao Mei said fiercely.

Qiao Zhuang did not believe what Qiao Mei said at all. If she had evidence, Qiao Fu would have been convicted long ago. He had been a tyrant for so many years and was not someone who could be easily intimidated!

There was no way she could subdue him with just a few words!

"Quickly hand over my son! Otherwise, I'll kill my way in!" Qiao shouted with the butcher knife held up.

The people around him took a few steps back. They had all seen how Qiao Zhuang could behave unreasonably. His reputation as a village tyrant was not for nothing. No one wanted to be cut down for no reason.

"You want to retrieve your son? That's impossible! Qiao Mei, go and call your Uncle Hu," Qiao Qiang said sternly.

Qiao Qiang would not ask Chen Hu for help casually . If Qiao Mei had not gone to the county city to interact with Chen Hu often, Qiao Qiang might not have kept in touch with Chen Hu for the rest of his life.

When everyone saw that Qiao Qiang was going to get the armed forces department in the county city to take charge of this matter, they instantly stood up straighter. So what if this was the village tyrant? No one could behave domineeringly in front of the armed forces department!

Qiao Zhuang rushed in indignantly, but the knife in his hand was snatched away when he was not paying attention. Everyone punched and kicked Qiao Zhuang together to vent all the anger they had felt over the years.

Currently, Qiao Zhuang only had his disabled eldest son Qiao Fu, and his sensible third son Qiao Wang by his side. Qiao Wang only cared about Jiang Ye and held her tightly to prevent her from getting hurt. He did not care about anything else and could not care less.

"Alright, alright! If you continue hitting him, he'll die!" Qiao Mei shouted at the crowd.

Wang Qin craned her neck to take a look at Qiao Zhuang's condition. She had wanted to take advantage of the chaos to sneak in and check on Qiao Gui, but she was discovered by Qiao Mei who then pushed her out of the courtyard. Even now, her shoulders were still numb!

Qiao Zhuang sat on the ground and pointed at the people around him as he said fiercely, "All of you, remember this! As long as I am alive, you won't have a peaceful life! You must all have been drugged! This girl is going to the capital to enjoy her good life soon! With my brother's health, he won't be able to live for more than a few years. How dare you go against me now! I won't let you off!"

It was indeed as Qiao Zhuang had said. Qiao Mei would be living in the capital in the future. Qiao Qiang was in good health, but he would also go to the capital to live with her. Everyone in the village only dared to go against Qiao Zhuang's family because of Qiao Mei. If Qiao Mei left, these villagers would be the ones to suffer.

This was a beautiful place. Qiao Mei even wanted to develop this area into a tourist resort in the future! If there was such a malignant society tyrant in the village, any good plans would be ruined by him.

This time, she must get rid of Qiao Zhuang once and for all, and make him and his sons pay the price. They must not be allowed to cause any more trouble in their lifetimes.

"You won't let us off? How can you fight so many of us on your own? Let's not talk about the future. You might not even be able to walk out of this courtyard today!" Qiao Mei shouted.

Everyone instantly came to their senses. Since none of them could fight Qiao Zhuang singly, they would attack together! The power of the crowd was great. As long as everyone worked together, they would definitely be able to overcome the difficulties together!

"Yes! We'll beat him up today until he's willing to submit! We'll make him afraid to see us in the future!" Auntie Dong was the first to shout out.

She had long had a grudge with Qiao Zhuang's family. Although they did not fight on the surface, they did not like one another and had been arguing on and off for more than 10 years. Qiao Zhuang bore a grudge and refused to let her family off.

He had done all kinds of sinister tricks. He either threw feces into her family's courtyard when no one was around or peed at their doorstep. These were all despicable tricks.

"Let's attack together!"

"Kill him! Kill him!"

"You've bullied us for so many years. It's payback time!"

In just a short while, everyone gave Qiao Zhuang a few more kicks to vent their anger. No one pitied Qiao Zhuang, not even his own sons and daughters-in-law.

Wang Qin, Jiang Ye and Qiao Wang all stood far away, afraid that they would be implicated.

"Stop hitting him! What if he blames us when something happens! Let's deal with Qiao Gui's matter first! Uncle Zhao, look, he wanted to kill us. You have to stand up for us," Qiao Mei said pitifully.

Chapter 764 Sending To The Police Station

"Nonsense! My son was kidnapped and framed by the two of you vicious grandfather and granddaughter!" Qiao Zhuang quibbled.

Qiao Mei did not want to waste her breath on Qiao Zhuang. She pointed at Qiao Gui's pocket and said, "This pocket is full of harmful things. Uncle Zhao, take off his coat and shake it. You'll see everything once you do that. There's rat poison in his pocket, so don't touch it with your bare hands!"

The rat poison in this era was made by unknown manufacturers and ingredients. Some of the rat poisons were even homemade. What if the rat poison could not be washed cleanly off hands and the poison entered the body of the person who touched it?

Qiao Mei was pregnant, so she was extremely cautious in this aspect. She tried her best not to touch poisonous and harmful substances.

When Li Gui heard that there was poison, she quickly pulled Qiao Mei behind her and stood in front, worried that Qiao Mei would get affected when the coat was being searched.

Zhao Liang took off Qiao Gui's coat and shook it upside down. Matches, some dried grass bits and some remaining rat poison fell to the ground from the pockets.

Everyone looked at Qiao Gui and Qiao Zhuang angrily. These people were not trying to harm just Qiao Mei, but their entire village!

Once the fire started, sparks would fly to other houses. Soon, the fire would spread and the entire village would be lost in a sea of fire.

"And the words 'Qiao Zhuang' are carved on this ax! This belongs to your family!" Qiao Mei said as she picked up the ax from the ground.

Qiao Zhuang's family was full of petty people. They would never allow anyone to take away their things. All the tools in their house had Qiao Zhuang's name engraved on them. It would be obvious if someone stole them.

"Send him to the police station! Punish him severely!" Auntie Dong said angrily as she pointed at Qiao Gui on the ground.

Qiao Mei also supported this view. These people had to be sent to the police station to be punished properly so that they would not bully her casually in the future.

"Don't! Qiao Mei! That's your biological second uncle! Are you going to send him to jail just like that! You're so ruthless!" Qiao Zhuang sat on the ground and wailed.

"Second Grandpa, he's not dead yet. You look like you're at my second uncle's funeral. I also know that he's my biological second uncle, but isn't he all out to burn me and my grandfather alive? Otherwise, isn't he trying to kill us with rat poison like the chickens and ducks in my backyard?" Qiao Mei questioned.

Qiao Zhuang was rendered speechless by Qiao Mei. He could not find any other reason to save Qiao Gui and could only put on a pitiful face to retain Qiao Gui.

"Oh my! My eldest son has his legs amputated and can't move at home! My fourth and fifth sons are very far away from me and not at home! There's only my third son at home! Please be kind! Leave Qiao Gui behind! I only have these few sons!" Qiao Zhuang cried and hit the ground as he shouted, looking like a downtrodden woman.

Qiao Mei almost laughed out loudly. She did not expect Qiao Zhuang to use such a method. If it was anyone else, she might still have some sympathy. However, because it was Qiao Zhuang, there was no way she would be sympathetic.

She would never forget how Qiao Zhuang treated her when she was young. She was no pushover at heart, and she had intended to take revenge slowly and surely.

She was not the one who went looking for all these troubles. This was Qiao Zhuang's retribution! He deserved to pay the price for doing all kinds of bad things.

"Second Grandpa, I'm also in a very miserable state. Why don't you give me the 100 dollars you owe me first? You should also be kind enough to give it to me." Qiao Mei put her palms together and looked at Qiao Zhuang pitifully.

Qiao Zhuang choked up. He had almost forgotten about the 100 dollars. If Qiao Mei did not say anything, he would have pretended that it never happened.

"I'll give it to you when I have money!" Qiao Zhuang said impatiently.

Qiao Mei could not be bothered with him and said to Zhao Liang, "Uncle Zhao! I'll have to trouble you to send Qiao Gui to the county city police station and uphold justice for me."

Zhao Liang nodded. He would handle this well. In his position, he had been bullied by Qiao Zhuang's family for so many years. It was time for him to take revenge!

"Leave it to me! I'll send him there now!" Zhao Liang said as he patted his chest.

Seeing that the matter had come to an end, everyone chased Qiao Zhuang's family members away. The remaining few people stayed in the courtyard to help Qiao Mei deal with the carcasses of the chickens and ducks in the backyard, as well as the dried grass at the side of the house. They sprayed water around to dilute the alcohol.

After cleaning up, everyone went home.

Chapter 765 - 765 Sentence

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"Mei Mei, why don't you and your grandfather stay at my place? It's not safe here," Li Gui said worriedly.

“No worries. Qiao Gui didn’t go into the house and just kept circling outside. You can go back, mom. Xiao Wei and the others are still at home.” Qiao Mei patted Li Gui’s hand to reassure her.

After Li Gui left, Qiao Mei helped her grandfather back into the house to rest. She had gained a lot tonight!

Zhao Liang brought Qiao Gui to the county city overnight. Usually, such matters would be reported to the county city police station, but Zhao Liang was shrewd enough to think that it would be the same whether to send him to the police station or the armed forces department.

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Since Qiao Qiang had said that he wanted to call Section Head Chen of the armed forces department, Zhao Liang would just deliver the culprit there directly so that Section Head Chen would not have to make a trip to the police station.

Qiao Gui remained unconscious in the horse carriage. He still had not woken up when they reached the armed forces department’s compound. Zhao Liang politely told the soldier at the door the reason for his visit and went up to look for Chen Hu.

He was quite lucky that Chen Hu was on duty today.

Zhao Liang knocked on the door and entered the room. “Hello, Section Head Chen. I’m the village chief of Foshan Village. My name is Zhao Liang. Qiao Mei asked me to come and look for you.”

When Chen Hu heard that Qiao Mei had asked Zhao Liang to come, he immediately stood up and asked, “What happened to Qiao Mei?”

“It’s fine. We’ve already subdued the culprit. The person in the courtyard is called Qiao Gui, he’s Qiao Zhuang’s second son. He went to Qiao Mei’s house in the middle of the night to set fire to her house, but we caught him. More than 20 chickens and ducks in Qiao Mei’s house were also poisoned to death by him,” Zhao Liang told the truth.

Chen Hu walked downstairs angrily and gave Qiao Gui a kick with all his strength!

“Men! Lock this bastard up! Get someone to wake him up! What a mess!” Chen Hu roared angrily.

The soldiers dragged Qiao Gui down. Zhao Liang caught up from behind and said, “Qiao Mei is fine. This person was knocked out before he could do anything.”

“Thank you for the hard work, Village Chief Zhao. I’ll have to trouble you to go back and ask Qiao Mei to write a complaint letter. Just say that I’m asking her to write it and she’ll naturally understand. Also, write down the crimes committed by their family and ask all the villagers to put their fingerprints on it. Then leave this matter to me,” Chen Hu said.

It did not matter if Qiao Mei did not know how to write the letter. Chen Hu could help her and then get Qiao Mei to sign it when the time came.

Zhao Liang nodded. It appeared that Chen Hu was going to use his connections to punish the evildoer severely. He quickly rushed back to the village in the horse carriage.

Everyone had received help from Qiao Mei all this while. Besides, Qiao Zhuang’s family had really done all those evil deeds. It was just a matter of signing the statement. Once Zhao Liang reached the village, he gathered everyone to go to the village office to sign off on the statement.

Zhao Liang told Qiao Mei exactly what Chen Hu said. Qiao Mei could not help but smile. As expected of Uncle Hu, he was so thorough.

This matter was also very simple and could be considered to be her profession. In her other life, she had often written such documents. She wrote down everything that Qiao Gui did to her family. She even calculated the number of dead chickens and ducks as she wanted Qiao Gui to pay for each and every one of them!

Particularly those chickens fed with medicinal herbs. They were all meant to be sold to He Ning! One chicken could sell for 10,000 dollars! It was such a loss!

She also made many embellishments about how miserable these people made Qiao Qiang and her. Soon, the complaint letter and the statement from the villagers were delivered to Chen Hu.

Chen Hu could not stop smiling after reading Qiao Mei's complaint letter. This little girl was really smart. These things she wrote were much better than he had expected.

Qiao Mei also stated in the complaint letter that Qiao Qiang was an old war hero and that she was now a military spouse. The higher-ups quickly sent someone to verify this matter.

They found a few key witnesses and checked the scene to confirm Qiao Gui's crime. In less than three days, the matter was settled.

The news reached Foshan Village quickly. Of course, the first person to know was definitely Auntie Dong.

"Mei Mei! Go and take a look at the poster at the village entrance! Qiao Gui has been sentenced to 20 years in jail! He also has to compensate your chickens and ducks with 500 dollars! Come with me to take a look!" Auntie Dong said happily.

Qiao Mei felt that the 20-year jail sentence was not bad, but the amount of 500 dollars was too little. Those chickens and ducks were worth at least 1,000 dollars!

Chapter 766 - 766 Being Cautious

766 Being Cautious

Qiao Mei went to the entrance of the village with Auntie Dong and she immediately saw the big poster with Qiao Gui's crimes written on it. This kind of crime that did not cause any casualties usually received a sentence of around 10 years in jail.

The leaders had discussed among themselves. One thing they took into consideration was that one of the victims was an old war hero like Qiao Qiang who could have his medals hung all over the wall. Furthermore, Xia Zhe was a soldier who was currently serving in the army.

For such a family to be bullied by Qiao Gui to such an extent, he must be severely punished to give everyone else a warning. Even if Qiao Zhuang's family wanted to plead for leniency, it was impossible. The case had already been sent to the provincial city to be dealt with.

"Qiao Mei, why do you still look unhappy?" Auntie Dong looked at Qiao Mei in confusion.

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Finally, Qiao Zhuang's family would not be able to dominate the village anymore. This was a good thing!

Qiao Mei suddenly thought of what Zhao Liang and Qiao Qiang had said back then, about not pushing someone too hard. Now that Qiao Zhuang's eldest son was disabled and his second son was in jail, there was only the third son left in the village to take care of him. If the fourth and fifth sons did not come back at all, would he attack Qiao Mei again?

"I'm just afraid that Qiao Zhuang will fight me to the death. Auntie, you've lived in this village for a long time, so you should know Qiao Zhuang's character. What if he still doesn't give up? What should I do..." Qiao Mei said dejectedly.

Everyone around Qiao Mei comforted her and told her not to worry. They all said that as long as they were around, they would not allow Qiao Zhuang to hurt her.

If everyone worked together, the bad guys would not be able to behave atrociously again.

Qiao Mei and Auntie Dong chatted happily on the way home. When they reached the house, they saw Wang Qin standing at the door with a dark expression and a bamboo basket in her hand. They wondered what was inside.

Auntie Dong immediately stood in front of Qiao Mei warily and shouted at Wang Qin, "What are you doing here!"

Wang Qin actually hated Qiao Mei, but she hated herself more. If she had not come to tell Qiao Mei that day, Qiao Gui would not have gone to jail and she would not have become a living widow. Her life would

become even more difficult in the future. However, she was also a little glad that she would be able to leave Qiao Zhuang's family after Qiao Gui left.

Wang Qin was the one who came up with the money to buy Li Gui's old house and the house belonged to her. As long as she was still breathing, no one could take the house away from her.

"I'm here to give you money. Qiao Gui is my husband and I've brought you the compensation of 500 dollars." Wang Qin took out a small cloth bag and handed it to Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei was about to reach out to take it when Auntie Dong grabbed her hand and said, "You! Open it! Show it to us! We don't trust you!"

Wang Qin had no choice but to do as Auntie Dong said. Seeing that there was no problem with the money, Auntie Dong pointed at a stone on the ground and said, "Put the money on the ground and use that stone to hold it down. Then leave quickly."

"Are you afraid that I'll do something?" Wang Qin said.

"Oh! I didn't say anything! Do you still have anything to say to Qiao Mei? If not, leave quickly! Don't be an eyesore here! Don't come again in the future!" Auntie Dong said fiercely.

Wang Qin turned around and left. Auntie Dong hurriedly went forward and used a tree branch to touch the money. It did not look like there was anything unusual, so she picked it up and handed it to Qiao Mei.

"Auntie Dong, you're so vigilant." Qiao Mei looked at Auntie Dong with admiration.

"You must do the same as me. There's nothing good about Qiao Zhuang's family! What if she had smeared poison on this money? It's better to be safe than sorry. You have to be careful of them! You're pregnant now! You have to be especially careful, understand?" Auntie Dong instructed.

Qiao Mei smiled and nodded. She did not expect Auntie Dong to be so vigilant. She definitely had to learn from Auntie Dong and be careful about everything in the future.

Coincidentally, she had finished drying the seeds in the courtyard. Qiao Mei looked at Auntie Dong and asked, "Auntie, are your seeds ready? I remember that you planted them on the same day as me."

At the mention of the seeds, Auntie Dong could not help but smile. In the past years, she had planted the same amount of seeds and could only produce at most 300 pounds if she was lucky.

In just over a month this year, there were already 800 pounds of seeds! Moreover, they were even more fragrant than usual. Her children all said that they did not want to sell the seeds and wanted to keep them for themselves.

She was also worried that if she kept the seeds at home for a few more days, the children would finish everything. Eating them was a small matter, but eating too much would be too hearty and cause harm to the body!

Chapter 767 Selling Seeds

"It's very good! 800 pounds! But where are we going to sell these seeds? I can't bear to sell such good things for the original price of 20 cents a pound, but I'm afraid that no one will want them if we sell them at 30 cents," Auntie Dong said with a sigh.

Qiao Mei did a quick calculation. In the next two days, everyone's seeds would be ready for harvest and it was almost the end of the year. Every family would have at least 500 pounds of seeds. It was unrealistic for everyone to sell it on their own. If that was the case, everyone would lose money.

"Auntie, can you calculate how much the entire village can produce?" Qiao Mei asked.

In this aspect, Auntie Dong had really already done some calculations. It was not that Auntie Dong was greedy, but she just felt that her family did not have much private land. She was a little jealous that others had bought more seeds from Qiao Mei and their harvest was better than hers. She just wanted to take a look and did not have any other intentions.

"There's definitely 10 tons. There are so many families in our village! Every family has at least 500 pounds. Qiao Mei, quickly help me think of a way. In two days, all those good seeds will be eaten up by my children!" Auntie Dong said with a frown.

With such a large quantity, she would be able to discuss it with the supply and marketing cooperative. The quality that each family produced should be about the same. When she had some free time, she would go around to transmit some energy to these seeds so that they could grow faster.

It was just that the price was not so easy to negotiate. Qiao Mei felt that 30 cents a pound was very cheap. She even wanted to sell it for three dollars a pound!

However, three dollars a pound may seem like an acceptable price in the capital, but in this small county city, it was something astronomical. Three dollars was enough to buy a brand new set of bedding. Who would spend three dollars to buy a pound of seeds!

"Leave this matter to me. I'll go to the county city and ask around. I'll leave the matters in the village to you, Auntie. I still need you to think of a way to get everyone to report the quantity they produced to my mother. If there's a clear number, it'll be easier for me to negotiate the price, right?" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Auntie Dong clapped her hands happily. Leave this small matter to her! She would definitely settle it well!

"Qiao Mei... what's the price that you are thinking of... Do you have an idea?" Auntie Dong asked carefully.

After all, she was asking someone for help. It would be too shameless of her to ask Qiao Mei to raise the price higher. Qiao Mei was already kind enough not to care only about her own returns and was helping the villagers to earn money. However, she still had to support her family. There were so many mouths at home. As long as she did not lose money, anything was fine!

"Auntie, don't worry. I can't promise you anything else, but it will definitely be more than 30 cents a pound. I definitely won't let everyone lose money!" Qiao Mei patted her chest and made a promise.

"Good, good, good! I'm relieved to hear that! I'll go and make the arrangements now!" Auntie Dong went home happily.

Qiao Mei stir-fried all the seeds in her house. She had a total of 1,000 pounds and the fragrance spread to more than 10 miles away. This time, she had to think of a good solution.

The next morning, Qiao Mei took the horse carriage and went to look for Chen Hu. Without anyone's help, she carried the big bag full of seeds to Chen Hu's office.

Xiaobei was dumbfounded as he followed behind. Along the way, he had been worried that something would happen to Qiao Mei. He had been following her since she entered the courtyard, but she refused to give it to him even when he reached out to help her.

"Uncle Hu! I'm here! Guess what great stuff I brought you!" Qiao Mei was not able to use her hands to push open the door, so she had to gently kick it open.

Chen Hu was so shocked that he immediately got up from his seat to welcome Qiao Mei. He could not even lift the bag up, yet Qiao Mei had actually brought it from the village to the county city alone. She was really too strong.

If he did not remember wrongly, Qiao Mei was already seven months pregnant. Due to the fact that she was having twins, the size of her stomach made her look like she was nine months pregnant and about to give birth.

"Why did you carry such heavy things yourself! Xiaobei, what are you doing! You let a pregnant woman carry such a heavy load upstairs!" Chen Hu pointed at Xiaobei and scolded him out of exasperation.

Xiaobei lowered his head aggrievedly. He wanted to help, but Qiao Mei did not allow him to. He wanted to help, but he was helpless.

"Uncle Hu, I didn't allow Xiaobei to help me. If he helps with such a heavy thing and the load is unevenly spread, we might both strain our waists! Look, I'm all fine!" Qiao Mei said laughingly as she touched her stomach.

"Xiaobei, go out and run 20 rounds as punishment! Go quickly!" Chen Hu said as he pointed outside the door.

Xiaobei quietly left the room to carry out his punishment. Qiao Mei noted this as a favor she owed Xiaobei and decided to bring him a lot of delicious food the next time she came!

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Chen Hu waved his hands helplessly and chased Xiaobei out. He frowned and said, "And you. You're not taking good care of yourself. This is so heavy that it's difficult for the men in the army to carry it, yet you come to the county city alone! If you want to do this again, call me! I'll send someone to pick you up!"

"But I can carry it, I'm not that delicate!" Qiao Mei said.

When Chen Hu heard this, he became even angrier. He put his hands on his hips and said, "You still don't take it seriously! When your auntie was pregnant, the doctor told me not to allow her to carry heavy things! I couldn't bear to let her do any chores! I'm even on tenterhooks when she carried a bottle of water! Look at you, this bag probably weighs at least 50 pounds!"

"It's 100 pounds..." Qiao Mei lowered her head and added softly.

Chen Hu was so angry that he could feel his blood pressure rising. He felt that he might collapse if he continued speaking. She was really Qiao Qiang's granddaughter!

There was only one word to use! Stubborn!

"You really! Are you trying to anger me to death!" Chen Hu smacked the table angrily.

"Alright, alright! I definitely won't dare to do it again. I'll definitely listen to you! Uncle, quickly sit down and don't be angry. I don't even dare to talk to you anymore. I still need a favor from you!" Qiao Mei said with a grin.

Chen Hu calmed down and looked at Qiao Mei with a dark expression. He was still angry that Qiao Mei did not care about her health, but when he saw Qiao Mei's cute face, he could not bear to be angry.

If there was anyone to blame, it was himself! He doted on this little girl so much that she ended up being so lawless!

"Speak! What's the matter!" Chen Hu said sulkily.

Qiao Mei opened the bag and grabbed a handful of seeds for Chen Hu. "Uncle, try these first."

The things that Qiao Mei brought were always delicious. Even if he had not tried them, the moment she opened the bag, he could smell the fragrance of the seeds. Upon closer inspection, the size was different from the ones sold in the market. It was obvious that this was some good stuff.

"It's really not bad. Did you plant it yourself? Do you want me to refer you to the supply and marketing cooperative again?" Chen Hu asked.

"Uncle, don't you think these seeds are the best ones you've ever eaten? You've lived in the county city for so many years and you've also been to other places. Tell me the truth. Is it delicious?" Qiao Mei asked seriously.

There were indeed no other melon seeds like them. They were big, thin-skinned and fragrant. If these were put on the market, they would definitely be sold out.

"It's indeed good stuff. If we put it in the supply and marketing cooperative, it will definitely be gone in two days," Chen Hu said.

"I want to sell it for one dollar a pound." Qiao Mei raised one finger at Chen Hu.

Chen Hu stopped eating the seeds for a moment. The most expensive type of seeds in the county city at the moment was 40 cents a pound. Who would buy it for one dollar a pound? Also, that would not meet the standards set by the supply and marketing cooperative.

They had limits when it came to purchasing. They could not just raise their purchasing budget just because of connections. The bean sprouts that Qiao Mei sold the last time were reasonably priced and of top quality. The supply and marketing cooperative was more than happy to confirm the deal.

If not for the fact that the quality of the bean sprouts got worse and worse later on, the supply and marketing cooperative would have wanted to continue working with Qiao Mei.

"Qiao Mei, are you joking with me? One dollar a pound is almost the same price as pork. Are you mistaken?" Chen Hu asked.

"Uncle, do these seeds taste good?" Qiao Mei asked with a smile.

Chen Hu nodded truthfully.

Qiao Mei took a piece of paper from Chen Hu's table and folded it into a pouch. She grabbed a handful of melon seeds and placed them inside before sealing them and placing them in front of Chen Hu.

"Now, see if this is worth one dollar. Later on, we can design the packaging and market it as a way to send gifts to relatives!" Qiao Mei said.

Chen Hu's eyes lit up. In that case, it was indeed feasible! The quality of Qiao Mei's seeds definitely made them very suitable as gifts. Now that there was a lack of supplies, people were not so particular about gifts. As long as something looked exquisite, no matter what it was, everyone would think that it was something nice.

"You're indeed smart! I'll contact someone for you now. I know someone better equipped to do this than the supply and marketing cooperative!" After saying that, Chen Hu made a phone call to his old comrade-in-arm.

He asked the man to hurry over to discuss a big business deal. This person was never absent when there was money to be made. Not long after, Chen Hu's old comrade-in-arm arrived.

"You still keep me in suspense over the phone! What good business deal do you have that requires the factory director to come personally!" He Guang pushed the door open as if he was entering his own office. It was obvious how close he was to Chen Hu.

Chapter 769 Troubling

As soon as He Guang entered the room and saw that there was another person around, he immediately stopped in his tracks and tidied his clothes awkwardly. "Ah... there's someone else... Are you dealing with something? Then I'll come in later."

"What are you talking about! This is the person who wants to work with you!" Chen Hu held his forehead helplessly.

His old comrade-in-arm was good at everything except for his patience. He had been like this for so many years.

Qiao Mei stood up and extended her hand to He Guang. "Hello, my name is Qiao Mei. It's indeed me who wants to work with you."

"Qiao? Your surname is Qiao?" He Guang held Qiao Mei's hand and hesitated for a moment before turning to look at Chen Hu, his eyes filled with questions.

Chen Hu nodded and said, "Yes, it's his granddaughter."

The way He Guang looked at Qiao Mei immediately changed. His eyes were filled with admiration and excitement. The person he had always admired the most was Qiao Qiang. He already admired Qiao Qiang since he was in the army. He really wanted to see with his own eyes the kind of war hero who had his merit medals hung all over the wall. As he had joined the army later and held a civilian post, he did not have the chance to meet Qiao Qiang.

He did not expect to meet Qiao Qiang's granddaughter here. He felt really lucky.

"How's your grandfather? How's his health? How's his energy level? Tell me if you need anything and I'll definitely get it for you," He Guang said confidently as he held Qiao Mei's hand.

This was the second time Qiao Mei had heard something like this. The first time was when she met Chen Hu.

"My grandfather is in good health. If there's a chance, come to my house and I'll stew chicken for you! I can cook very well!" Qiao Mei said.

"Your grandfather doesn't know me. I just admire your grandfather. His reputation was so resounding back then and everyone treated him as a role model! If not for the fact that it involves confidential information, I should really tell you about how suave your grandfather was back then. No one can compare to him," He Guang said.

She did not expect her grandfather to have fans! Furthermore, all his fans were so fanatical! It seemed that her grandfather was really very outstanding back then.

Qiao Mei had really never heard about what Qiao Qiang did in the past. She only knew that he was a hero and a very capable person, but she did not know anything else.

"Alright, alright. Come and take a look at the goods." Chen Hu took out a handful of seeds from his pocket and handed them to He Guang.

He Guang was immediately attracted by these seeds. The texture and taste were simply top-notch! They were 10,000 times better than anything produced in his factory!

"His name is He Guang. You can just call him Uncle He. He's the director of the food factory in our county city. He can do everything you just said," Chen Hu said.

Qiao Mei could not help but take a deep breath. She did not expect Chen Hu to know such a person, and that they were even old comrades-in-arms.

"The quality is not bad, but I've never sold seeds before. I'm not quite sure how to market it," He Guang said as he ate the seeds.

Not long after, the seed skins in front of He Guang had almost formed a small mountain. After he started eating, he could not stop.

Chen Hu snatched the seeds from He Guang's hand and said impatiently, "What nonsense are you talking about! Just tell us if you can do it! You eat so much of such good stuff and still say that you can't do it. You're a factory director after all! Hurry up and make a decision!"

He Guang turned to look at Qiao Mei and asked, "What do you plan to do?"

"I'm thinking of some form of packaging, where we can print a melon seed on it and add some decorations. As for the name... let's call it Foshan Seeds!" Qiao Mei said as she gestured.

He Guang looked at Qiao Mei in satisfaction. She was young but her ideas were very novel. This type of seeds were usually sold loosely and by weight on the market, and very few people would think of putting them in gift boxes. Most importantly, the quality was not up to standard.

"Paper bags will get damp and I can't leave them in the warehouse for too long. If there's too many, I'll definitely lose money. The airtightness of metal boxes isn't very good either. Your idea can only be done using plastic bags, like those imported goods," He Guang said with a troubled expression.

On the market, things like sweets and peanuts were sold in metal boxes and paper bags. The cost of making plastic bags was very high and ordinary factories were unwilling to produce them. In the event they lost money, they would not be able to make ends meet and the factory would face bankruptcy.

Moreover, there were not many factories making plastic packaging. It would be very difficult to put Qiao Mei's idea into practice.

Chapter 770 Waiting For A Reply

"Don't say such useless things! I know you have connections!" Chen Hu said.

"I'm not saying that I can't do it! It's just very hard to achieve! But... since we're all family, then tell me the bottom line. How much do you plan to sell it to me?" He Guang asked as she looked at Qiao Mei.

"One dollar a pound," Qiao Mei said firmly.

He Guang looked at Qiao Mei in shock. This young girl had a big appetite. However, if he packaged it into a gift box, this cost was not considered that high. It was just that it would eat into his profits.

"Can it be cheaper? My labor and other costs are very high." He Guang put on the attitude of a businessman and wanted to bargain with Qiao Mei.

"No, but I can guarantee that the supply chain will last for a long time. Moreover, the price of my one dollar a pound will not increase in the next few years. If there are any changes in the market price, you can change it later. You will have to solve the packaging problem. When you're ready, just show me the design. I just want this one dollar a pound and the rest is yours," Qiao Mei said.

This was a sure-win deal. As soon as everyone knew that Qiao Mei's Foshan Seeds were delicious and the brand became famous enough, there would be an endless stream of customers.

He had sold many types of imported products. For milk candy, the cost was a few cents and he could make a profit of more than 10 times. He could definitely do the same with these seeds.

"Alright! I'll try! I can't guarantee that I'll definitely be able to sell it well. Just pass me this bag of seeds and give me two weeks. I'll give you an answer later," He Guang said.

"Alright, I'll wait for news from you," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

He Guang knew the factory director of the plastic factory in the provincial city. That was his wife's uncle. Not long ago, he had been told that there was a batch of goods that had been returned but no one wanted them. Now, he could just take over. Then, he would find a few printers to print the trademarks and this matter would be settled!

"Alright, I'm going off with the things. I'll call you later." After saying that, He Guang wanted to pick up the bag and leave. He pulled it many times, but the bag did not bulge at all.

Qiao Mei and Chen Hu just stared at He Guang without saying a word. He Guang laughed awkwardly and said, "Hahaha... this... is quite heavy..."

"Heavy? Qiao Mei carried it over from the village herself. Is it very heavy? I'm not aware!" Chen Hu pretended not to know and looked at He Guang as if in confusion.

He Guang's expression became even more unhappy. He gritted his teeth and tried his best to lift it up before leaving Chen Hu's office with great difficulty. How could he be weaker than a pregnant woman!

"Hahahaha, Uncle Hu, you're too naughty. What if Uncle He hurts his waist?" Qiao Mei said as she held back her laughter.

"Hmph, it's his fault for always finding trouble with me when we were in the army and going against me. There's no need to feel sorry for him!" Chen Hu said with a smile.

Qiao Mei looked at the time and felt that it was time to go home. She took out a bag of seeds from her pocket and said, "Uncle, these are spiced seeds. I just fried some to try out. You can keep them for yourself."

"You're still the one who cares about me! I didn't dote on you for nothing! I'll call your auntie now to cook some good food. Don't leave. I'll let your grandfather know later and get someone to drive you back later!" Chen Hu said as he picked up the phone.

Qiao Mei quickly tried to reject the gesture. "I still have work to do at home! Don't trouble Auntie!"

"No! Your auntie scolded me the last time because I didn't ask you to stay for a meal. Just treat it as doing me a favor. Your auntie has prepared a lot of things for you and she's looking forward to meeting you," Chen Hu said pleadingly.

He did not lie to make Qiao Mei stay. This was true. The last time, his wife really gave him a good scolding and was so angry that she ignored him for two days. If Qiao Mei had not asked Xiaobei to send food over, the cold war would have lasted for a long time!

"Then... I'll stay!" Qiao Mei said.

Chen Hu asked Xiaobei to help take over his shift and he brought Qiao Mei home for lunch. The table was filled with so much food that looked like they were celebrating the new year. It was even more sumptuous than the new year meal.

Chen Hu's child was not at home and was in school. There was a canteen in school and his child ate lunch there. It was just the three of them at lunch and there were 12 dishes on the table. There was soup, fish, meat and a lot of other stuff.

There was even a can of canned yellow peaches. Canned food was very expensive these days and usually no one could bear to buy them. This was something that one would only have if they received it as a gift from relatives. This was enough to show how highly she thought of Qiao Mei.