

Fat Wife 881

Chapter 881 Cooperate With Me

"Continue knocking," He Ning said with a frown.

The attendant was about to step forward to knock on the door when Old Madam Fan ran over. As she ran, she shouted, "Brother! Brother, stop knocking!"

Brother? Who is your brother?

He Ning looked at Old Madam Fan with a dark expression. Was she calling out to him or his attendant? Did he look very old? Old Madam Fan looked to be more than 10 years older than He Guo. If his parents were still alive, they would probably be around the same age as her.

"Brother, don't knock on the door. This family won't open the door," Old Madam Fan said breathlessly as she stood in front of He Ning.

"How do you know that they won't open the door?" He Ning asked Old Madam Fan.

She came to Li Gui's house three times a day to knock on the door, during the morning, noon and night. Even her own mealtimes were not so fixed. She had also arranged for Su Yang to guard the door with her. As long as anyone from Li Gui's family came out, they would go up and stop them. They would not let anyone off no matter who came out, even if it was just one of the children.

Old Madam Fan put her hands on her hips proudly and said to He Ning, "Of course I know! Not only do I know why they don't want to open the door, but I also know whether they're at home. I know the timing when they would usually go out. There's nothing in this area that I don't know!"

He Ning was not interested in what Old Madam Fan said at all. There were spies from the He family nearby and he could just ask them about anything. There was no need to listen to a shrew. It was not as if he did not know Qiao Mei as well as this woman did?

He knew very well what kind of person Qiao Mei was. No one knew better than He Ning about the way she handled things.

He Ning glanced at the attendant to indicate that he should continue knocking on the door. He did not believe that Qiao Mei would not let him in today.

"Hey! Hey! Hey! Brother, why don't you want to listen to me! Tell me, is it... is there any enmity between you and her family? I'll help you resolve it!" Old Madam Fan said as she patted her chest.

The flesh all over Old Madam Fan's entire body shook a few times. If not for the fact that the ground was firm, it would probably shake together with her. He Ning felt disgusted when he looked at Old Madam Fan. After so many years, he had seen all kinds of people who came to the He family to ask for help. There were beautiful ones and ugly ones, but he had never seen anyone like Old Madam Fan.

For some reason, looking at her made him feel uncomfortable.

"You can't solve my problem. Get lost quickly," He Ning said with a frown.

His upbringing did not allow him to insult Old Madam Fan in public and teach her a lesson. However, it was really a little troublesome to watch Old Madam Fan press closely to him bit by bit.

Before he came, he did not expect to have to encounter such an embarrassing problem. His spies had told him a few days ago about Old Madam Fan. He heard that she was a shrew who did not care about her reputation at all. Her ability to throw tantrums was far beyond imagination.

Old Madam Fan took two more steps forward and reached out to hold He Ning's hand. "Brother, listen to me. You and I can join forces to deal with their family. Since both you and I have grudges, let's take revenge on their family together. We can definitely take them down in one fell swoop!"

"Don't doubt me! As long as you tell me what kind of grudge you have with their family, I'll uphold justice for you now! I'll demand an explanation on your behalf!" Old Madam Fan said agitatedly.

"There's no need," He Ning said.

He retracted his hand in disdain and wiped his hands repeatedly with the handkerchief in his pocket, as if he had touched something unclean. Then, he gestured with his eyes for the attendant to open the car door. He could not stay in this place for another minute.

If he stayed any longer, he did not know what other earth-shattering things Old Madam Fan could say.

"Hey! Don't go! Listen to me!" Old Madam Fan grabbed He Ning's car door tightly. No matter how hard He Ning tried, he could not move the car door at all.

"Let go," He Ning said sternly.

"You have to cooperate with me!" Old Madam Fan said stubbornly.

He Ning pointed at the car door and said, "If this car door is broken, the repair costs will be very high. Even if you sell your heart, liver, spleen, stomach and kidneys, it won't be enough to repair it."

These words were enough to frighten Old Madam Fan. As long as it was something related to money, she paid very close attention. She also knew that this car was worth a lot of money, so she let go instinctively.

Chapter 882 Returning To The Factory

At that exact moment, He Ning immediately closed the car door and hurriedly asked the chauffeur to drive off quickly. They disappeared into the alley in an instant.

"Mr. He, where are we going now?" the chauffeur asked.

"Let's go home!" He Ning said through gritted teeth.

How unlucky! Not only did he not get any food, but he even got pestered by Old Madam Fan. In the future, he would have to check the almanac to see if it was a suitable day to go out.

Qiao Mei saw everything that was happening at the door using the plants around the courtyard. She could not help but smile and even started humming a song.

She did not expect He Ning to run away so helplessly. It was really interesting. It seemed that this Old Madam Fan could still be quite useful. It was not bad to have a free guard dog.

Old Madam Fan gritted her teeth in anger as she watched He Ning's car drive away. It seemed that she had to settle the matter of taking revenge on Qiao Mei herself. She had thought that she would be able to get some useful information from He Ning. What a pity!

"What's so great about having money! Who are you looking down on! I don't need you to take revenge for me! Who do you think you are!" Old Madam Fan muttered to herself.

The more she looked at Qiao Mei's front door, the angrier she became. Qiao Mei had installed a new door to guard against her!

Old Madam Fan gave Qiao Mei's front door a hard kick, but the thick door did not move at all. Instead, Old Madam Fan fell to the ground from the impact and wailed in pain.

"Ouch! It hurts so much! This family is going to kill someone! They harm my two sons and now they want to kill me! If you're so capable, then come out! Don't hide inside like a coward! Pfft! You even changed the main door! It's useless even if you move away!" Old Madam Fan said as she fell to the ground and held her butt.

"Someone! Come and take a look! This family wants to kill me!"

"I know you're at home! Come out!"

Qiao Mei thought to herself, "Whoever goes out is a fool. You can yell however you want at the door."

In the beginning, the surrounding neighbors would still stand at their doors to watch the commotion, but they were already numb to it now. They felt that it was an affront to their eyes to take another look at Old Madam Fan. They were also afraid that Old Madam Fan would call on passersby to testify for her.

After shouting for a while, Old Madam Fan went home. This was going to be a long battle. She could not waste all her efforts at once. She needed to come and put on a show every day!

Some time ago, Su Yang could still take turns with her to cause trouble for Qiao Mei's family, but he had to return to work in the factory. There was a batch of defective goods in the factory that he needed to deal with personally. No one else could do this except him.

It was not that no one else could do it, but no one was willing to cover for Su Yang. Su Yang's temper was no different from Old Madam Fan's. All the members of this family were equally shameless. It could be said that Su Yang had perfectly inherited Old Madam Fan's temper.

Their workshop specialized in recycling scraps. The defective goods from other workshops would be sent to them to be broken down into raw materials and then sent back to the various workshops. Although this task was not difficult, there was a lot of work and very few people, so they were usually extremely busy.

The thing was Su Yang was a sneaky person. Usually, the workers would help one another so if anyone fell sick, they would help to cover the person's work. Su Yang did not want to help anyone and even mocked the others. He said all kinds of unpleasant things. As time passed, no one was willing to help him.

The wounds on his face covered quite a big area and could not be covered by a mask at all. Moreover, the wounds had become inflamed and festered. Su Yang decided not to hide anymore and just went back to work in the factory.

Many people looked at him quietly. Some people even laughed at him in front of him, saying that he had done all kinds of bad things and finally received retribution.

Before Su Yang reached the workshop, he saw Qiao Yu from afar when he was at the intersection. He quickly raised his hands and shouted at her, "Xiao Yu! Xiao Yu! I'm here!"

Everyone's gaze was focused on Qiao Yu and Su Yang. She hurriedly ran to him and shouted, "Su Yang! Can you not call me that! Eh? What... what's wrong with you? Does it hurt?"

When Qiao Yu got closer to Su Yang, she realized that there were injuries on his face. Qiao Yu did not mock him like the others did. Instead, she sincerely asked Su Yang if his injuries were serious.

She stared straight at Su Yang with her big bright eyes. Su Yang suddenly felt a warm feeling inside. This was the first time someone had truly felt sorry for him!

Chapter 883 Targeted

"I'm fine. It's almost all healed," Su Yang said as he pointed at his own face.

"It's good that you're fine." Qiao Yu sighed deeply and took out 50 cents from her pocket before continuing, "I didn't watch that movie and I don't know how much you paid for the ticket. Take this money as my compensation."

Qiao Yu thought to herself, "Don't accept it! Don't accept it! You'd better not accept it!"

She was giving him 50 cents just for show. This was so that Su Yang would think that she was not a greedy person. What she was doing was called casting a long line to catch a big fish.

If she made Su Yang happy and he bought her more things, then she would have benefited.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Su Yang was too embarrassed to accept the money from Qiao Yu. That day, when he gave her the movie ticket, everyone in the factory knew about it. If he took the money from Qiao Yu now, he did not know what others would say about him behind his back!

Besides, Qiao Yu was so concerned about him. How could she be a bad woman? She must have really wanted to compensate him. He definitely could not accept this money!

"Take it back. The ticket is for you. It's up to you whether you go or not," Su Yang said.

Qiao Yu quickly put the 50 cents into her pocket, afraid that Su Yang would go back on his word and reach out to take it. She said happily to Su Yang, "Then I'm going to go to work. Goodbye."

Su Yang quickly grabbed Qiao Yu's hand and said, "I'll wait for you after work tonight. Let's go and have dinner!"

Qiao Yu agreed to Su Yang's request shyly. She could not miss out on such a good thing. Tonight, she must eat all the meat she missed out in the past few days!

The team leader of the workshop was inspecting the speed at which everyone in the workshop was doing their work. The higher-ups had sent word that they wanted her to teach Qiao Yu a lesson so that Qiao Yu would do more work and not be a busybody.

She was just a minor team leader, so she had to follow all the arrangements made by the higher-ups. The strange thing was that not long ago, Qiao Yu had said that her relatives were prominent people. It had only been a few days, but it seemed that the situation had changed.

"You! Why are you only here now! I'm noting down that you're late," the team leader of the workshop said as she pointed at Qiao Yu who came in late.

Qiao Yu's eyes widened in disbelief as she looked at the team leader of the workshop. There was no one else around who was late. Could she be talking about her?

In the past, the team leader of the workshop would turn a blind eye to such things. She had never been angry with Qiao Yu or deducted her salary. What was going on today?

"Me?" Qiao Yu asked as she pointed at herself.

"Then who am I talking to! Yes, you! Hurry up and return to your position to work! If you can't finish your work in the morning, you can't go for lunch!" the team leader of the workshop said sternly.

Qiao Yu hurriedly ran back to her seat. The others also whispered to one another, no one knowing what was happening.

"Oh my, the tables have turned. I'm afraid somebody's good days are coming to an end! Hahaha!" Sister Li said loudly to everyone.

Qiao Yu turned around to look at Sister Li and said, "Sister Li, you can eat whatever you want, but you can't say whatever you want."

Sister Li threw the shuttle in her hand arrogantly onto the machine and said smugly, "I always eat well! I'm telling the truth. I don't lie!"

"Who lied!" Qiao Yu shouted loudly.

"Who knows who's lying! We're all upright people who have relied on our own abilities to survive in this factory. We all know very well who's up to no good," Sister Li said.

Qiao Yu had nothing to refute. She lowered her head and went back to work. She must do her work quickly, otherwise she would be delayed from going out for dinner with Su Yang tonight.

Seeing that Qiao Yu ignored her, Sister Li also turned around and went back to work.

The situation in the factory also gradually changed. Many people who were afraid of offending Qiao Yu in the past now began to look down on her.

The people who had been taken advantage of by Qiao Yu back then also began to think of ways to get Qiao Yu to return the favor. Even those people who wanted to "woo" her now slandered Qiao Yu behind her back.

People even said that she had offended her relatives and that it had something to do with the news from the dormitory that Qiao Yu had borrowed someone else's clothes to go on a blind date.

Chapter 884 Keeping Up Appearances

Some people even said that Qiao Yu did not want to listen to her relatives who wanted to introduce her to a rich old man. Qiao Yu did not agree, so her rich relatives started to make things difficult for her.

There were also people who said that Qiao Yu did not know how to behave herself and had asked her rich relatives for gifts, so they were unwilling to care about Qiao Yu anymore. When the higher-ups saw that Qiao Yu was no longer useful, they started to think of ways to find trouble with her.

There were all kinds of stories. There were even people who specially went to ask Su Yang about it to see if he was still willing to be with Qiao Yu after knowing about what she was going through.

Su Yang did not react at all, but he actually felt a little happy.

It was not as if he wooed Qiao Yu because she had a powerful backer. He just took a fancy to her because she was young and good-looking and she was a stupid woman without any bad intentions.

By the time it was nighttime, Qiao Yu barely managed to complete all the tasks assigned to her by the team leader of the workshop. She tidied up her clothes and hair in front of the reflective glass and hurriedly ran back to the dormitory to borrow clothes.

"Sister, can you lend me your cotton jacket?" Qiao Yu asked with a smile.

The older woman behaved differently from usual and pointed at her cotton jacket as she said, "You borrow my cotton jacket every day. Is it my clothes or yours? This is a new set of clothes that my daughter bought for me. I haven't even worn it! I didn't even pursue the matter when you dirtied my clothes after wearing it, yet you still dare to come and borrow my clothes! I'm not lending it to you!"

Qiao Yu turned to look at the others. The rest of them had the same attitude as that older woman. Qiao Yu had no choice but to put on her own tattered cotton jacket. The thin layer could not keep her warm at all.

After leaving the room, Qiao Yu muttered softly as she turned towards the door, "If you won't lend it to me, then so be it! What's there to be so smug about! It's just a piece of clothing! What's so great about it, it's not like I can't afford it myself!"

After muttering a few words to vent her anger, she quickly ran towards the entrance of the factory. What if Su Yang waited too long and had already left?

Fortunately, Su Yang was still around when Qiao Yu arrived. He even brought Qiao Yu a small loaf of bread, worried that the journey would be too long and she would feel hungry.

"You didn't wait too long, did you?" Qiao Yu asked with a smile.

"It's fine! I'm fine no matter how long I wait! Why are you wearing so little? I remember you had a red cotton jacket before. Where did it go?" Su Yang asked curiously.

Qiao Yu quickly changed the topic and said, "Um... where are we going tonight?"

Su Yang held Qiao Yu's hand as they walked out and he said, "Let's go and eat something delicious today! My house is nearby and there's a restaurant that serves very delicious food. Let's go and eat there today!"

Qiao Yu quickly looked around to see if there was anyone she knew. She tacitly allowed Su Yang to hold her hand. After all, she had to give him some benefits.

Soon, the two of them arrived at the restaurant. Although this restaurant was not big, it was one of the best in the vicinity. Usually, there were no seats available at this time of the day. Su Yang had even spent one dollar on a phone call to ask the boss to reserve a table for him! It was so that he could come here to eat with Qiao Yu.

Su Yang politely handed the menu to Qiao Yu and said, "Take a look at what you want to eat. Let's eat whatever we want today!"

Qiao Yu hurriedly returned the menu to Su Yang. She could not take on this heavy responsibility. If Su Yang ran away halfway through the meal, she did not have enough money to pay the bill. It was better for Su Yang to order.

"Su Yang, I don't know how to order either. You should order. I eat anything," Qiao Yu said.

Of course Su Yang knew what Qiao Yu was up to, but he was in a good mood today and did not want to be so calculative with her. Coincidentally, he had just received his salary and could eat freely today.

"Boss! Give me a serving of stewed meat, minced meat, braised pork and this steamed fish!" Su Yang shouted out boldly.

When the boss saw that this was a big customer, he served them enthusiastically. The customers at the other tables also looked in Su Yang's direction. These four dishes were all meat dishes. After using the various meat coupons and vegetable coupons, he still had to pay the boss 11 dollars and 50 cents!

Ordinary people would not be able to afford such good food. It seemed that this young man was on a date with his girlfriend and putting on an act in front of her.

Chapter 885 Pretending To Be Innocent

"Comrade Su Yang, did you order too much? We can't eat so much..." Qiao Yu pretended to be in a difficult position.

"No, just eat boldly! It's my treat today!" Su Yang said generously.

As soon as the dishes were served, Qiao Yu could not stop drooling. If not for Su Yang watching her from the side, she would have started eating immediately.

Once everything was served, Qiao Yu started to eat without stopping. Before Su Yang could eat much, there was already not much meat left on the plates. She had already eaten three bowls of rice.

Her appetite was almost as big as two Su Yang. He was dumbfounded as he sat opposite her. If she married into the family, he would need to spend all his money just to feed her.

He had never seen any woman eat like Qiao Yu. When he saw her eating at the factory, she did not wolf down her food like this. It turned out that she had only been putting on an act in the past.

Qiao Yu only put down her chopsticks after finishing the fourth bowl of rice. Her entire mouth was covered in oil and she did not maintain her usual image. Su Yang stared at Qiao Yu in shock.

"Um... did I eat too much..." Qiao Yu said as she lowered her head in embarrassment.

Su Yang came back to his senses and quickly waved his hands. "No, no! It's my treat today. You can eat as much as you want..."

All he wanted to do now was to pay up and leave this place as soon as possible. It was really too embarrassing. Originally, he was feeling proud to have a beautiful and young girlfriend.

How could a girl come out and eat so much? She could eat more than his entire family. He did not eat much of the four dishes today and everything had already gone into Qiao Yu's stomach.

If she married into the family, she would be able to eat up everything in the house. She looked like she had been hungry for three to four months.

Qiao Yu casually took a tissue to wipe her mouth clean. There was still half of the braised pork left. She originally wanted to pack it and take it with her, but when she thought of the way Su Yang looked at her just now, she could only give it up. Even as she was walking out of the door, she still turned around to look reluctantly at the remaining meat on the table. Su Yang saw all of this.

He thought that it was also good if Qiao Yu behaved like this. As long as he brought her here for a few more meals, she would quickly fall into his arms.

Su Yang left the restaurant with Qiao Yu. As soon as they left, he led her straight towards the west. The factory's dormitory was on the east side, so they were now walking in the opposite direction.

"Su Yang, where are you taking me?" Qiao Yu said as she pretended not to understand what was going on.

Why else would he bring Qiao Yu out so late at night? He was definitely not letting her return to the factory's dormitory! It would be best if he could make her stay outside with him. Even if nothing happened, other people would not think so. As long as the others thought that Qiao Yu was his woman, everything would be easy to deal with.

It was easy to solve the problem of food. At most, he would ask Old Madam Fan to go to the countryside to farm. She could then send all the vegetables she harvested back to the house. This way, he would be able to feed Qiao Yu.

Su Yang wanted to get a wife now and have a woman by his side. He was already infamous in this area. If any family had daughters, they would hide the girls away and some people would even send them to their relatives' homes for foster care.

As long as he could trick Qiao Yu, he did not mind spending any amount of money.

Qiao Yu naturally understood what Su Yang was thinking, but she would not let him get his way so easily. Qiao Yu purposefully led Su Yang towards the cinema.

It would be best if she could run into Li Gui. If she did not see Li Gui, she could still trick Su Yang into treating her to a movie. She had never watched a movie before!

"Su Yang, should we go and watch a movie?" Qiao Yu asked with a smile.

"Sure, sure, sure! Let's go!" Su Yang said happily.

The longer he dragged the date into the night, the higher the chances of Qiao Yu staying out with him. Of course he felt happy.

Su Yang had a different look in his eye now when he gazed at Qiao Yu, like a wolf that had been hungry for a long time eyeing a little lamb.

He did not expect Qiao Yu to be such a fool to follow him out just like that. Moreover, she did not seem to want to return to the factory dormitory even though it was late. Could it be that her usual innocence was just an act?

Chapter 886 Wronged!

Soon, they arrived at the square. Qiao Yu immediately saw Li Gui. There were not many peddlers in the winter and she was the only one selling popcorn in the entire square. It would be a pity if she did not scam Su Yang while they were here to watch a movie.

She suddenly grabbed Su Yang's hand and said, "Brother Su~ Can we buy some popcorn to eat at the movie?"

Su Yang did not notice Li Gui at all. All his attention was on Qiao Yu, and the way she called him "Brother Su" made his heart tremble twice.

This was the first time Su Yang had heard her use such a sweet voice and acted so coquettishly! It seemed that the meal tonight was worth it!

He just did not know if Qiao Yu's voice would still sound even more seductive when she was pressed under him...

"Sure, sure, sure! As long as you say so, I'll buy it for you!" Su Yang said happily.

The moment Su Yang turned around, he realized that the person selling popcorn was the woman he had blocked the other night.

He had to hurry home to look for Old Madam Fan. This was such a rare opportunity! They had waited outside the courtyard for so many days and it was not easy for them to get this opportunity. This woman still owed their family the medical fees!

That was a few hundred dollars, which was a big deal.

However, about Qiao Yu... getting married was also a big deal. Su Yang immediately fell into a dilemma. Qiao Yu could also tell that Su Yang had something on his mind and that he seemed to know Li Gui.

"Why... why aren't you going over? Don't tell me you know her?" Qiao Yu pretended to look at Su Yang in confusion.

Su Yang laughed and said, "No, why would I know a peddler? Erm... I have to go home. Can you go back to the dormitory by yourself?"

The corners of Qiao Yu's mouth twitched a few times. Why did he suddenly change his mind? There was definitely something wrong!

"It's already so late... Brother Su, aren't you going to send me back?" Qiao Yu said aggrievedly.

"My mother hasn't had dinner yet. I have to go back and get some food for her," Su Yang said as he looked at Qiao Yu's bulging stomach.

Qiao Yu was so embarrassed that she wanted to find a hole to hide in. He was looking down on her for eating too much! Just now, he said that he did not mind, but he really did not mean what he said.

"Then hurry back and take care of Auntie. I'll go back to the factory myself," Qiao Yu said.

Su Yang did not even look at Qiao Yu. He turned around and ran back home. He had to quickly bring the news to his mother, otherwise Li Gui would leave if he was any later!

Qiao Yu did not return to the factory dormitory immediately. This was also a rare opportunity for her. The snow on the ground was still thick and if Li Gui had to drag her basket, she would definitely not be as fast as when she was on her three-wheeled vehicle. Qiao Yu was sure that she would definitely be able to catch up with Li Gui.

After waiting in the cold wind for a while, she saw a woman and a man pushing a handcart in her direction from afar. There was a person lying on the handcart and the woman was wailing.

As the people got closer, Qiao Yu realized that they were Su Yang and his mother, Old Madam Fan! The person on the cart should be Su Yang's fourth brother, Su Liang!

Did he not say that he was going back to get food for his mother? Why was he back again?

"My son! You're so unjustly injured! It's this woman who caused our family member to be hospitalized! My husband died too soon! How can these people bully a widow and orphans like this! Is there still any justice in this world!" Old Madam Fan pushed Su Liang's handcart towards Li Gui and started crying as she crouched over it.

The people around them who did not know the truth began to criticize Li Gui. Some of them had even bought popcorn from her before! Li Gui looked like a good person, so why would she do such a heartless thing!

However, some people also began to wonder how such a skinny and small woman like Li Gui could beat up two men. It would probably be very difficult for Li Gui to beat Old Madam Fan if the two women fought.

Old Madam Fan's size was equivalent to two Li Gui!

"Did this sister beat up your two sons on her own?" the people around them asked.

Old Madam Fan quickly said, "She asked her daughter and many other people to beat up my son! My family is innocent! Everyone, be the judge! This woman is a black-hearted person! My family is going to die!"

Li Gui was not to be outdone and said, "You have to speak with a clear conscience! Are you the ones who attack us first, or are we the ones who go to look for trouble!"

Chapter 887 - 887 Do You Think I Am Dead

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"I'm telling the truth! It's this b*tch who bullied my family! What if my son can't stand up for the rest of his life!" Old Madam Fan shouted with tears in her eyes.

Li Gui looked at Old Madam Fan mockingly and said, "My son was also beaten up so badly by you! Let's go to the police station now! Let them check who's lying! My family originally wanted to settle with you. Since you don't intend to settle, then fork out my son's 1,000 dollars worth of medical fees. I'll also give you 55 dollars worth of medical fees! Let's settle this matter!"

The moment Old Madam Fan heard about going to the police station, her expression changed. Su Yang slowly loosened his grip on the handcart. If they really went to the police station, there was nothing to gain from it. They might even have to compensate for the 1,000 dollars worth of medical fees.

The people around them looked at all their expressions and quickly knew who was lying. On one side was the medical fees of 55 dollars, and on the other side was the medical fees of 1,000 dollars. It was obvious which family was more seriously injured.

“This must be Old Madam Fan. Her family is a famous family of scoundrels in the area! Her two sons have ruined many nice girls.” A voice sounded from within the crowd. This was a neighbor who lived in that alley and usually received a lot of help from Li Gui’s family.

“Bullsh*t! Who said that? Come out!” Old Madam Fan behaved threateningly as she walked towards Li Gui. She kicked the stall aside and roared at Li Gui, “You must pay for my son’s treatment today! Otherwise, don’t even think about leaving! Don’t even think about continuing with your business!”

Li Gui could not take this lying down either. She would not let anyone bully her! She must also get an explanation for Qiao Mei!

Li Gui rushed forward and started fighting with Old Madam Fan. No one dared to go forward to stop the fight. Some people ran straight to the duty room of the cinema to ask for help.

“Is anyone around! There’s a fight over there!” the crowd shouted as they entered the room.

Cao Gang turned his eyes towards the direction of the commotion outside. That was where Li Gui usually set up her stall! Could it be that the person in trouble was Li Gui! Cao Gang was so frightened that he quickly put on his armband and rushed out with his colleagues.

That was someone who could help him get promoted and become rich. What if something happened!

“What are you doing! What are you doing! Let go!” Cao Gang rushed into the crowd and pulled Li Gui and Old Madam Fan away from each other.

Li Gui was being pressed to the ground and beaten up by Old Madam Fan. Li Gui, who worked hard all year round, only weighed about 100 pounds and was not very tall. Old Madam Fan could knock Li Gui to the ground with a slap.

Cao Gang and his other two colleagues had to use a Herculean effort to drag Old Madam Fan away and save Li Gui out from under Old Madam Fan. If they had come a little later, Li Gui might have been crushed to death by Old Madam Fan!

What they would see would be Li Gui's corpse! They would receive their dismissal letters!

"Who are you! Why are you causing trouble here!" Cao Gang said as he pointed at Old Madam Fan and her two sons. "Do you think I'm a dead person! You're causing trouble on my territory! Come with me to the police station! If there's any issue, we'll settle it there!"

Old Madam Fan slumped to the ground and struggled as she said, "Why should we go! Why doesn't this b*tch need to go! Why can she get out of it! Let go of me! I'm not going to the police station! B*tch, don't even think about leaving!"

Cao Gang did not want to hear the reason for why this whole issue started. All he wanted to do was to quickly chase Old Madam Fan and the others away. They could provoke anyone but not Li Gui.

He really did not know how Li Gui had offended all these people. A few days ago, she had been reported by a young woman and now she was being pestered by such a family of scoundrels.

His superiors really knew how to give him a hard time. Why did he have to keep an eye on such a troublesome person? It would be game over for him if something really happened.

After he reported the matter about someone wanting to report Li Gui, he was praised for it. The leader had even treated him to a meal and he thought that his promotion and salary increase were just around the corner. Why did something happen again?

Cao Gang's two colleagues dragged Old Madam Fan away. Su Yang also dejectedly pushed Su Liang and left with them. Li Gui sat on the ground tiredly and panted. She had already used up all her strength to resist and fight back just now.

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Cao Gang reached out his hand to Li Gui and said, "Sister, let me give you a hand. It's cold on the ground, get up quickly."

Li Gui did not reject Cao Gang's good intentions. With Cao Gang's help, she slowly stood up and did a simple stretch to see if she felt any discomfort.

Other than the fact that her clothes were a little damp from sitting on the ground, she felt fine and did not seem to have any injuries.

"Sister, you should go home and check again. It's so cold now and you might not feel anything even if you're injured. You can take a look after you go home and get some rest for the night. If there's anything wrong, call me and I'll talk to the police," Cao Gang said.

"Director Cao, you're too polite. Thank you so much for what you did today." After saying that, Li Gui looked around and took out some popcorn from the basket. She wanted to give it to Cao Gang.

"No! No! Sister, quickly put it back! It's only right for us to help you. How can we accept your things!" Cao Gang declined.

Li Gui still stuffed the things into Cao Gang's hand and said, "These are just corn that I planted at home. Take it as a token of my appreciation for your help!"

"Sister, we're still at work. How can we take things from you! Hurry up and take them back!" Cao Gang said as he tugged at the armband on his arm.

Li Gui immediately understood. There was still a crowd around. If other people witnessed the gesture, no one knew what kind of rumors would spread tomorrow. Cao Gang might even be branded as a person who took bribes.

It was better to send the gifts after Cao Gang and the others got off work. This way, she could get it done and yet not make things difficult for Cao Gang and the others.

Cao Gang seemed to be able to tell what Li Gui was thinking and quickly said, "Sister, you also can't do it after we get off work! Why don't you give us more the next time we come to buy from you? We like to eat the seeds you sell!"

Li Gui quickly nodded and said, "Fine, fine, fine! I'll keep all the seeds at home aside for you! I'll sell you at the cost price!"

Actually, the remaining seeds at Li Gui's house were meant for everyone to eat during the new year. This way, she would not have to spend money to buy new year goodies. However, Cao Gang had helped her so much, so she had to thank him properly.

After Cao Gang gave Li Gui a few pointers, he asked her to hurry home. Money was not as important as her life.

After what happened today, she would not be able to carry on with the business tonight. Li Gui's clothes were already drenched. If she did not go back soon, she would definitely fall sick. She dragged the heavy basket and walked home.

Qiao Yu noted all of this. She did not know what kind of conflict Li Gui had with Su Yang's family. From what she heard just now, it seemed that Su Yang and Su Liang were injured because of Li Gui, which was why these two families had formed a grudge.

However, why was it that only Old Madam Fan, Su Liang and Su Yang were taken away while nothing happened to Li Gui? It was as if this matter had nothing to do with her at all.

It seemed that the people in charge of the movie theater were all in cahoots with one another. They all sided with Li Gui.

Qiao Yu did not continue to follow Li Gui home. After watching the commotion for a while, she was already shivering from the cold. Li Gui could not run away anyway. If there was really no other way, she would go and ask Su Yang if he knew Li Gui's address. If she did not return to the dormitory soon, she would really freeze to death in the snow.

When Li Gui returned home, her clothes were already slightly frozen. The jacket that she took off could even stand upright on the ground. Qiao Mei looked at Li Gui in confusion. Did she get chased by wolves?

“Mom, what happened to you?” Qiao Mei asked.

Li Gui did not answer Qiao Mei’s question. Instead, she went back into the room to change her clothes. Trembling, she covered herself with a small blanket and squatted by the fireplace to warm herself.

“I got into a fight with someone. My clothes got soaked in the snow,” Li Gui said lightly.

For a moment, Qiao Mei did not know how to digest what Li Gui said. There was too much information. Li Gui actually got into a fight. Her previously weak mother actually got into a fight with someone!

“Who is it? Who bullied you?” Qiao Mei asked angrily.

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“It’s Old Madam Fan and her two sons. I didn’t suffer any losses. She hit me, so I hit her back! Fortunately, the people from the movie theater came to help me. They took Old Madam Fan to the police station and I’m able to come back,” Li Gui said proudly.

Li Gui even felt that she had done a good job in this matter! She was behaving like a little kid.

Qiao Mei frowned. She had thought that Old Madam Fan and the others would give up after a few days, but she did not expect their family to go so far. If this matter was not dealt with properly, there would probably be no end to it. She had to discuss this matter with Xia Wen and they could not delay it any longer.

Qiao Mei went to the kitchen to prepare some shredded ginger and made a bowl of thick ginger soup for Li Gui. The entire courtyard was filled with the smell and it was thousands of times thicker than ordinary ginger soup.

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“Can... can I not drink it?” Li Gui asked as she held the bowl of ginger soup.

Qiao Mei shook her head and even took out a piece of fruit candy from her pocket for Li Gui, as if she was coaxing a child to drink medicine.

Li Gui had no choice but to pinch her nose and drink it in big gulps. After a while, she was covered in sweat.

“Mei Mei, will this matter affect your eldest brother?” Li Gui asked worriedly.

Old Madam Fan would definitely not let the matter rest. Ever since Li Gui followed Qiao Mei around, she began to have some understanding of such things. For something like what happened tonight, Old Madam Fan would be released after being locked up for three days at most. After that woman came out, she would definitely take revenge even more fiercely. No one knew what she would do.

It was just that Old Madam Fan did not manage to find the relevant departments to file a report against Li Gui today. After all, Li Gui was indeed not doing any formal business. If the old woman really reported her for doing private business, Cao Gang and the others would be implicated and Xia Wen would be affected too. What could she do then! She could not implicate the Xia family because of this matter. At most, she would just stop doing business.

“It’s fine. You can rest at home for the next two days. Leave the rest to me,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Actually, if Old Madam Fan really wanted to report Li Gui, the anonymous letter would end up with Xia Wen. This matter would not affect Xia Wen much, but she liked Li Gui’s current attitude towards the Xia family. This meant that Li Gui also treated the Xia family as part of her family.

Before Qiao Mei came to the capital, she was worried that Li Gui would not get along well with the Xia family members and that the two families would end up splitting up. Then, she would be caught in the middle and put in a difficult position. Now, it seemed that her worries were unnecessary.

At night, Qiao Mei slept over at Li Gui's place. She was worried that Li Gui would run a fever again after being in the cold for so long. After all, Li Gui did not take good care during her confinement periods when she gave birth to the four children in the past. Her bones would ache whenever she touched cold water. This time, she had been drenched and frozen in the snow for so long, so Qiao Mei did not know if her body could withstand it.

Before Qiao Mei went to bed, she even put a drop of 100-year-old ginseng juice into Li Gui's glass. Seeing Li Gui drink it bit by bit, she felt at ease enough to go to the side room to sleep.

The next morning, Li Gui's house was bustling with activity. Even Qiao Mei, who always liked to sleep in, woke up early to help Li Gui prepare food.

It had been snowing in the capital for the past two days, but there was not a single snowflake in Li Gui's courtyard. There was not even any frozen area. It was the same for Qiao Mei's huge courtyard.

This was all thanks to the four children. They were worried that Qiao Mei would fall down while walking on the snowy ground. Whenever the snow stopped, they would quickly take a broom to sweep it all up. They even swept up the alley as well.

The neighbors became more and more fond of these children. No family's children were as sensible as these four children. Some families even wanted to send their children to Li Gui's house for two days to learn from these children how to be so obedient.

In the past, no one in the village was willing to play with Zhang Wei and the other children. Later on, everyone became familiar with one another because of the seeds. Qiao Mei recently realized that these few children would sometimes go to the house next door to play. There were also three children around the same age living in the house next door.

Nowadays, the families with children who lived in the alley would let their children play with Zhang Wei and the other children. As the saying went, one would be influenced by the company one kept. These people felt that if their children played with Zhang Wei and the rest often, their children would also become obedient.

Xia He yawned as she walked in from outside. In her hands, she held a lot of fresh vegetables and some fish, meat and fresh prawns that were specially provided for the Xia family.

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All the preparations were to welcome Zheng Peng. Coincidentally, the last dish was ready just as Zheng Peng reached the front door.

Zheng Peng had come with Xia Wen. This was actually not the first time he had heard of Qiao Mei. The first time he learned of Qiao Mei's name was from his mother.

At that time, he had just returned to the country to hold an art exhibition with a few friends. He happened to hear that Zheng Yuan had been demoted in the army. How could his usually outstanding younger sister have been demoted? After asking around carefully, he found out that this matter had something to do with Qiao Mei.

Zheng Peng's parents did not care about him since he was young. They had always felt that he was the family's shame and a sinner. The only person who liked him and cared about him was his younger sister, so he also doted on Zheng Yuan very much. As long as Zheng Yuan wanted something, he would definitely help her achieve it.

He had watched Xia Zhe and Zheng Yuan grow up. Zheng Peng actually looked down on Xia Zhe and had quarreled with Xia Wen over this matter several times. The two of them felt that their respective younger brother and sister were the most outstanding and looked down on the other party.

"Look at the setup at my sister-in-law's house to welcome you. It's almost as grand as during the new year. The only thing lacking are two big red lanterns at the door and a banner with the words 'Welcome to our humble house, Professor Zheng Peng' written on it," Xia Wen said with a smile.

"Hmph, don't use this to curry favor with me. These are separate matters. You know why I'm here," Zheng Peng said.

Xia Wen was not at all worried that Zheng Peng would make things difficult for Qiao Mei. Instead, he was more worried that Zheng Peng would feel awkward when he saw Qiao Mei. In the entire matter, Zheng Yuan was the one who was a little too extreme and it had nothing to do with Qiao Mei.

When Xia He saw Xia Wen, she quickly ran to the door and looked at the two of them carefully. She then went outside to see if there was anything in the car.

"Xia Wen! Why did you come without bringing anything! Are you here for free food! I went to buy all those things early in the morning! You promised to bring me food!" Xia He stood by the car with her hands on her hips and yelled angrily at Xia Wen.

Zheng Peng held back his laughter. He had not seen Xia He for so many years, but she was still as shrewish and forthright as ever.

"I forgot! I'll definitely get it next time. I'll bring you whatever you want. Don't shout like that on the streets. I still want my reputation!" Xia Wen said helplessly.

"You're still scared of your sister," Zheng Peng looked at Xia Wen mockingly.

Xia Wen rolled his eyes and mocked heartlessly, "You make it sound as if you're not."

The two of them were both older brothers, but Xia Wen was a little more miserable than Zheng Peng. Not only was he scared of his younger sister, but he was also scared of his younger brother. Moreover, the tempers of these two little ancestors were each more terrifying than the other. Ever since they were young, Xia Wen had served the two of them like they were his ancestors.

"Come in quickly. The food is ready. It'll get cold if you continue chatting!" Li Gui shouted towards the door.

Qiao Mei arranged the bowls and chopsticks inside the house and scooped rice for everyone. As soon as Zheng Peng entered, he was stunned by Qiao Mei's appearance. She looked different from how his mother described her.

They all said that Qiao Mei came from the countryside and was very ugly. Moreover, she was once a fatty who weighed more than 200 pounds and she dressed like a country bumpkin. There were even people who said that Xia Zhe had gotten drunk and did something wrong, and that the two of them got married because they had a child.

In short, there were all kinds of rumors going around. The rumors were as unpleasant as it could get. However, the person in front of him looked like a completely different person from what he had imagined.

"This... is your sister-in-law?" Zheng Peng looked at Xia Wen in shock.

Xia Wen said proudly, "Yes, that's my sister-in-law. Let me introduce you. This is Zheng Peng, my high school classmate and childhood friend."

Qiao Mei walked towards Zheng Peng in a dignified manner and stood in front of him. She reached out her hand and said, "Hello, I'm Qiao Mei, Xia Zhe's wife. It's our first time meeting and I hope you can forgive us if we're not hospitable enough."

Zheng Peng was stunned for a long time before he held Qiao Mei's hand and said, "Everything's good. Thank you."

How was this person ugly? It was not even an exaggeration to say that this was a beauty that could put the flowers and the moon to shame. Xia Zhe was really lucky. No wonder he had no feelings for their Zheng Yuan.

After exchanging pleasantries for a while, everyone sat down to eat. This meal was no different from their usual meal. The family chatted and laughed and did not treat Zheng Peng like an outsider at all.