

Fat Wife 901

Chapter 901 - 901 Leaving the Factory

901 Leaving the Factory

Qiao Yu walked back to the dormitory in a daze. She did not know what she had done to offend the Xia family. Why did the Xia family want to chase her away?

At this moment, it suddenly struck Qiao Yu that Qiao Mei was likely the one behind this! The Xia family must have told Qiao Mei that she was here, and that made Qiao Mei unhappy enough to ask the Xia family to think of a way to fire her.

It was all Qiao Mei's fault!

"Qiao Yu, did you offend your relatives? What have you done?" one of the older women in the dormitory asked.

"That's right. Why don't you just eat humble pie and go plead with your relatives?" another older woman said.

Everyone thought that Qiao Yu had been going on blind dates during that period when she went out often. Qiao Yu must not have liked the arrangements made by her relatives or she might even have offended someone. That was why her relatives wanted to take her down a notch.

The women in the dormitory still did not dare to speak too harshly. After all, Qiao Yu and her relatives were still related by blood. The moment this issue blew over, Qiao Yu might still be of help to them.

"Maybe they have arranged a better job for Qiao Yu!" said the older woman from the upper bunk.

Qiao Yu smiled and did not say anything. Others might not know what was going on, but she knew very well that this matter was definitely related to Qiao Mei.

Before Qiao Yu could think further, the dormitory manager brought a middle-aged woman to their room. The manager's attitude had undergone a 180-degree change. Back then, when she found out that Qiao Yu was recommended by the factory director, she had respectfully brought Qiao Yu around to view all the rooms until Qiao Yu found a bed she was satisfied with.

"You, move out quickly. This spot will be hers from now on," the manager said as she pointed at the middle-aged woman beside her.

"What? You want me to leave now! It's already dark. Can I leave tomorrow morning?" Qiao Yu pleaded.

The manager said firmly, "No, this is an instruction from the higher-ups. You have to move out immediately. We don't have any spare space here. Where can she stay if you don't leave?"

Seeing that there was no room for negotiation at all, Qiao Yu reluctantly started to pack her things. She did not have many things and could fit them all in a cloth bag. The bedsheet and blanket were all provided by the factory and the bedding belonged to the dormitory. All these things did not belong to her. After packing up, Qiao Yu left in a sorry state.

None of the women in the dormitory sent Qiao Yu off. As soon as Qiao Yu left, laughter could be heard coming from the dormitory, especially from the older woman in the lower bunk. She was overjoyed that no one would borrow clothes from her anymore.

Qiao Yu carried the big bag on her back and walked away from the factory. Along the way, many people looked at her strangely. They were all waiting to see what would happen next.

Su Yang already knew that Qiao Yu was leaving and had been waiting at the entrance of the factory. When he saw Qiao Yu, he waved his hands and shouted, "Xiao Yu! I'm here! Where are you going!"

Qiao Yu quickly walked forward, wanting to avoid Su Yang. He stopped her and said, "Why are you avoiding me? It's already so late. Where are you going?"

He knew where Qiao Yu's relatives lived. Qiao Yu had previously told him herself. That place was very far from here and she would only be able to reach that location late at night if she took the bus. Instead of

going to such a far place, she might as well go to his house! Not only was his house close by, it would also bring them closer.

Back when Qiao Yu's relatives were backing her up, she was like a woman with a noble status. If he married her, he would also have wealth and status!

At this moment, even if Qiao Yu had lost her relatives' support, she was still a woman. He could marry her and make her his wife. Su Yang also knew what kind of reputation he had. Girls from good families would not like him at all. Therefore, he was not picky at all. If he helped Qiao Yu when she was down, then he could easily make her his woman!

Qiao Yu could also tell what Su Yang was thinking. She said stubbornly, "I'm going to go and stay with my relatives."

Back when she came to the capital and was penniless, the Xia family had found a place for her to stay. Even if she could not enter the Xia family's house, she could at least get access to a nicer guest house. Having a place to stay was the most important thing.

Su Yang said warmly, "Then I'll send you there! You have so much luggage, let me help you!"

Qiao Yu did not reject his gesture. It was a good opportunity for Su Yang to see how rich her relatives were.

Chapter 902 Freeloading

On the way to the bus stop, Qiao Yu kept staring at the restaurants by the roadside. She had felt so uncomfortable after she saw the notice at noon that she had not eaten yet!

Her stomach was already growling from hunger. Moreover, the finance department had only given her half a day's salary just now. They had only given her the salary and nothing more. If she was heading to the Xia family's house on her own, she would not be thinking about food. However, things were different now that Su Yang was around.

The timing of her dismissal was too coincidental. Why did she have to be fired at this time when it was almost the new year? Qiao Mei was really spiteful enough to make life difficult for her during the new year.

Su Yang obviously noticed Qiao Yu's gaze as well. He knew that this woman must be thinking about scamming him of another sum of money. However, Qiao Yu was homeless now. It would be good if he could give her some benefits, then she might even go home with him!

Soon, they arrived at the restaurant where Su Yang had treated Qiao Yu to a meal previously. Su Yang realized that Qiao Yu's pace had clearly slowed down a lot and she began to look towards the restaurant, sighing from time to time.

"You haven't had dinner yet, right?" Su Yang asked.

Qiao Yu looked at Su Yang in embarrassment and said, "I haven't eaten all day. Since noon, I was busy with the arrangements to leave the factory. You haven't eaten either?"

"I'm a little hungry too. Shall we go in and eat something?" Su Yang said with a smile.

"Sure!" Qiao Yu was so excited that she almost jumped up. Before Su Yang even moved, she rushed into the restaurant, worried that Su Yang would go back on his word if she was too slow. She did not even leave the door open for Su Yang, even though he had his hands full with her luggage.

"Tsk, this greedy woman is really not easy to feed..." Su Yang frowned and walked in with the luggage.

Su Yang ordered four meat dishes, the same as previously. He spent 12 dollars this time round, which was not much different from the last time. After they finished eating, Qiao Yu and Su Yang took the bus to the Xia family's house.

After having had two meals with Su Yang, Qiao Yu's attitude towards him had also changed a little. The Su family's financial situation did not seem as bad as what Qiao Yu saw when she went round. For Su Yang to have so many meat coupons and be able to spend more than 20 dollars to treat her to meals within a month, it was obvious that his family had money. It was just that Old Madam Fan was so shrewish that she did not leave all the money to her two sons.

The amount of 20 dollars was equivalent to half a month's salary for Su Yang!

In reality, Su Yang had stolen all these things. Old Madam Fan had been busy taking care of Su Liang recently and did not have the time to deal with the matters at home. Su Yang was not afraid that Old Madam Fan would blame him. If he managed to marry Qiao Yu without needing to spend too much money, Old Madam Fan would definitely be happy about it.

Along the way, Su Yang kept observing Qiao Yu's expression. He did not know if these relatives that Qiao Yu spoke about were real or simply a fabricated lie.

By the time they reached the entrance of the Xia family's neighborhood, it was already dark. As soon as he got down from the bus, Su Yang was shocked by the scene in front of him. In the past, he only knew that the people living in this neighborhood were all prominent people in the capital, people whom he would never get to meet in his life. If he could become related to them, he would have nothing to worry about for the rest of his life.

He did not expect Qiao Yu to be capable enough to know such people. What she said at the factory was true!

These houses were like palaces to him. He had never seen them before. How blissful it would be to be able to live in one!

However, when he approached the entrance of the neighborhood, Su Yang realized that the guards here all wore military uniforms and were armed with guns. He was so frightened that he almost wet his pants. He often caused trouble and was a frequent guest at the police station. By right, he should be very familiar with such things.

Perhaps it was the guns which scared him.

Qiao Yu looked at Su Yang and rolled her eyes. She did not expect Su Yang to be so timid that he would become so frightened when he saw guns. However, she had forgotten that she was just as frightened as Su Yang when she first set eyes on these guards.

She walked forward in a familiar manner and provided the Xia family's house number, her own name and the reason for her visit. She had memorized the procedure from the last time she was here. The guard at the door quickly went to check in with the Xia family members.

Su Yang looked at Qiao Yu differently now. All his life, his dream was to find a rich young lady who lived in such a house. He would then be able to have whatever he wanted and would not have to ever worry about his livelihood again.

Chapter 903 Do Not Misunderstand

However, he had heard that the daughters of rich families were brought up to be accomplished and smart. They definitely would not have eyes for someone like him. If any of them could fall for someone like him, then it could only be because the Su family's ancestral grave was blessed. The only reason why a young lady from a rich family would take a fancy to him would be because his ancestors had accumulated enough good deeds in their previous lives.

He felt that someone like Qiao Yu was the best choice for him. Although she satisfied his wish to marry a young lady from a rich family, she had grown up in a family which was lacking. She was illiterate, greedy and short-sighted and was a woman who was easy to control. The main thing was that she was still young and her smooth skin looked much better than any of those older women!

As long as he could manage to woo Qiao Yu, everything would be fine! At this point in time, he was willing to treat Qiao Yu to any amount of meat.

Qiao Yu waited anxiously for the Xia family members to appear. It did not matter who it was, even the housekeeper was fine. As long as it was someone from the Xia family's house, she would have achieved her goal. If the Xia family did not care about her situation today, then she would be a liar in Su Yang's eyes. He would definitely badmouth her when he returned to the factory!

In the future, Su Yang would not bring her out to eat meat anymore.

Pfft, pfft, pfft! What had it got to do with Su Yang? The person she wanted to marry in the future was Xia Wen! She wanted to be the Xia family's daughter-in-law! Otherwise, she would only marry someone from a family which had similar status and influence as the Xia family! She would not consider someone like Su Yang!

Qiao Yu waited for a long time but no one from the Xia family came out. She was quite sure that the Xia family would not really leave her in the lurch and let her freeze to death by the roadside. If really no one came out, she would lie on the ground and throw a tantrum. By then, the Xia family members would definitely come out when they could not take it anymore. They would definitely want to protect their own reputation.

As soon as Xia Wen saw the guard, he knew that Qiao Yu was here. He was already prepared for it. Qiao Yu would never go back home on her own. Based on her temperament and character, she also would not go to the guest house by herself.

She was also an unregistered person who did not have a household register in the capital or any identification documents. No one would be willing to take her in no matter where she went. Her only choice was to come to the Xia family's house.

"Why are you here to look for us?" Xia Wen said coldly as he stood in front of Qiao Yu.

Qiao Yu quickly pretended to feel weak and wanted to fall into Xia Wen's arms. Xia Wen originally thought that Qiao Yu only had designs on the Xia family, but he did not expect her to have such intentions as well. He was still not prepared enough.

After all, if Qiao Yu previously had ulterior motives towards Xia Zhe, she would naturally do the same to him. Qiao Yu's goal was to marry into a rich family and it did not matter to her who she married.

Xia Wen nimbly dodged Qiao Yu and she fell into the arms of the burly man behind Xia Wen. The feeling of the firm chest made Qiao Yu blush and her heart beat faster. The burly man was dressed in black and it was very difficult to notice him in the darkness of the night. If not for Qiao Yu colliding with him, no one would have noticed his presence!

"Ouch!" Qiao Yu pouted.

The burly man did not show any expression on his face. Instead, it was Su Yang who became anxious and went forward to pull Qiao Yu away from the burly man's arms. "What are you doing! How can you touch my girlfriend!"

Qiao Yu's face turned pale as she looked at Su Yang with hatred. She shook off Su Yang's hand and said, "Don't touch me! Who's your girlfriend!"

It was not the burly man's feelings that Qiao Yu was concerned about. She was only worried that Xia Wen would misunderstand and it would affect his judgment and feelings for her.

If Su Yang prevented her from being with Xia Wen, she would kill him now!

Su Yang stood rooted to the spot and looked at Qiao Yu in disbelief. Could it be that this burly man was the blind date that Qiao Yu's relatives had introduced to her? Could it be that Qiao Yu was really going to date someone else?

παndα nova | com Su Yang wanted to go forward and continue speaking, but Xia Wen glared at him fiercely. The guards beside Xia Wen also stood protectively beside him to prevent Su Yang from going forward and hurting Xia Wen.

That sense of authority immediately scared Su Yang so much that he did not dare to move. He almost had the urge to put his hands over his head and squat down.

"Why are you here?" Xia Wen asked again patiently.

Qiao Yu said softly, "I haven't been in good health recently and I've been sleeping poorly. The clothes I'm wearing are also very thin, so I'm a little sick. My work performance hasn't been very good recently and the factory fired me. I don't have anywhere to go now..."

"He'll send you to the guest house. You can follow him." After saying that, Xia Wen headed back to the Xia family's house without even looking at Qiao Yu.

Chapter 904 Like A Romantic Movie

παndα nova | com The burly man took Qiao Yu's luggage from Su Yang and walked domineeringly in front of Qiao Yu. She also followed behind the burly man in an arrogant manner while taking small steps.

She was under the care of the Xia family again. It seemed that the incident at the factory was not instigated by the Xia family and had nothing to do with Qiao Mei. Otherwise, why would the Xia family still find a place for her to stay and even get someone to send her there in a private car?

Initially, she had wanted to come and stay with the Xia family. However, it was obvious from Xia Wen's expression that there was no hope for that. She would have to try and impress the other Xia family members later. As long as she was able to enter the Xia family's house, even deities would not be able to force her out.

It was not too bad a situation to stay at the guest house. After Qiao Yu came to the capital, she had also stayed at that guest house. She did not know what it was like elsewhere, but what the Xia family had arranged for her must be the best. That had always been what she felt.

When Su Yang saw that both the guard and Xia Wen were leaving, he quickly ran after Qiao Yu. As he ran, he shouted loudly, "Xiao Yu! Where are you going! Are you really seeing this man! Then what am I supposed to do!"

Qiao Yu was both angry and uncomfortably embarrassed. She quickly turned around, pointed at Su Yang and shouted, "Don't spout nonsense! We have nothing to do with each other!"

If the burly man reported what he heard to Xia Wen, she would not be able to be part of the Xia family for the rest of her life! She did not want to marry someone like Su Yang!

Su Yang looked at Qiao Yu pitifully and said, "How can there be nothing! We had meals together and went to work together! We even went on a date and watched a movie together! You even held hands with me! Aren't we already a couple?"

"Nonsense! What evidence do you have! Don't accuse me of something without any evidence!" Qiao Yu shouted anxiously.

"Everyone in the restaurant can be a witness! Let's go and confront everyone and see if anyone remembers seeing you having a meal with me. There's a ticket seller at the cinema entrance. Once we check the movie tickets, it'll be clear whether we have been there! We even held hands! Everyone in the restaurant saw it. There's still oil from the food we ate at the corners of your mouth!" Su Yang said.

Qiao Yu rubbed the corners of her mouth with her sleeve in regret. Su Yang had hosted her warmly at the restaurant tonight and the meat dishes were very delicious. She did not stop Su Yang when he held her hand. After all, she had already eaten two free meals. She thought it was fine to let Su Yang hold her hand and take a little advantage of her. If she let him do it, she would be able to eat meat many more times in the future!

The burly man looked at Qiao Yu and Su Yang with a complicated expression. This was the first time he had seen the Xia family met with such a dicey situation. It was really an eye-opener for him.

Su Yang thought that the burly man was feeling jealous and continued to say to Qiao Yu, "If you don't say anything, then you're admitting it! Come with me now. Where are you going with this man so late at night?"

The burly man decided to put on a show as well. Anyway, his purpose for being there tonight was also to deceive Qiao Yu. He grabbed the luggage tightly and spoke tenderly to Qiao Yu, "Let's go. The weather is too cold and I'm worried that you'll catch a cold. Let's go into the car first."

This car was an official vehicle that the government had allocated to Xia Wen. It was specially used to send Xia Wen to various places on his business trips and inspections. Qiao Yu did not know anything about cars, but looking at its brand new appearance and stylish design, she instinctively knew that this car was definitely not cheap.

Since the burly man was able to stand right next to Xia Wen, he was definitely not any ordinary person. She was willing to build a good relationship with the burly man, but she had to first find out more about the burly man's identity. It would be a waste of her time if he was just a chauffeur.

Qiao Yu got into the car happily. The burly man stepped on the accelerator and they left Su Yang's line of sight. Su Yang stood by the roadside angrily and shouted in the direction of the departing car, "Qiao Yu! I like you! Don't leave me! Qiao Yu!"

The guards standing at the side all held back their laughter. In this area, apart from the people who lived in the neighborhood coming in and out, they had never seen any strange or special people. Work had always been very boring every day and this was the first time they had seen such an interesting scene. It was as if these people were filming a romantic movie.

Su Yang could also tell that the guards were laughing at him. If he was in his own neighborhood, he would already teach these people a lesson. However, he could not afford to provoke them here. These people had guns. What if they became angry and shot him to death?

Su Yang left the Xia family's neighborhood dejectedly and slowly walked home.

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Chapter 905 Sending Off

Qiao Yu sat in the car happily and enjoyed this short period of time when she could behave like a rich person. This was the first time she had ever sat in a private car. The last time Xia He brought her to the guest house, they took the bus.

The Xia family had chauffeurs. Xia Jun, Xia Mao and Xia Wen all had their own cars and full-time chauffeurs. The Xia family also had two other cars for Xu Lan and the rest to use. As long as they informed the guards at the entrance of the neighborhood, there would be someone who came to pick them up.

Xia He was worried that Qiao Yu would dirty the family's car if she sat in it. It would be troublesome to repair and wash the car, so it was better to take the bus!

Qiao Yu behaved in an ignorant manner and reached out to touch all the fixtures in the car. Ever since she got into the car, she had not been idle. The burly man was the one who had fitted out the car. It was winter now and there was furry seat cushioning wrapped around all the seats. The fragrance in the car was also his favorite smell.

The burly man said helplessly, "Miss Qiao, I'm driving. Please don't touch these buttons. It won't be good if anything happens to the car."

"I... I see... I'm sorry... I'm just a little curious." Qiao Yu lowered her head aggrievedly and gripped the seatbelt tightly in her hand.

They had been traveling for quite a while, but they had not reached the guest house yet. The amount of time it took seemed different from when Xia He brought her to the guest house. By right, it should be faster to get there by car than by bus.

Qiao Yu felt that the burly man looked like an earnest person and that she could ask him some questions. She probed carefully, "Big brother... Are you a friend of Brother Xia?"

"Yes, I'm a good friend of his. I used to be in the same army unit as him," the burly man said calmly.

What the burly man said was true. He was indeed a good friend that Xia Wen had made when they were both in the army. The two of them had even fought side by side before. Later on, he had suffered a serious waist injury during a mission, so he could not continue to serve in the army and was transferred back to work in the government sector.

He was not an ambitious person. He just wanted to find a simple job in the government and live a peaceful life. In the beginning, he was a security officer in the government compound and his job was to patrol the vicinity every day. It was quite an easy job. When he heard that Xia Wen was going to work in the government compound, he quickly applied to his superiors to be Xia Wen's bodyguard and chauffeur. His superiors approved the request soon after.

He liked working with Xia Wen very much. To him, Xia Wen was a very grounded person, unlike some people who liked to take cheap shots to hurt others behind their backs.

Qiao Yu was overjoyed. Even if she could not marry Xia Wen or Xia Zhe, it was good enough for her to marry any of their friends. For young masters like them, their friends must be of similar status to them. Otherwise, if the difference in status was too big, they would not be able to get along.

Qiao Yu slowly leaned towards the burly man and held his hand in an unseemly manner. She said coquettishly, "Big brother, what's your name? How old are you? Does your family live in the same neighborhood as Brother Xia? Do your parents know the Xia family?"

"My name is Chen Mu. I'm the same age as Xia Wen and I don't live there," Chen Mu answered truthfully.

Chen Mu knew exactly what this woman was up to. He had seen what she had just done to Xia Wen at the entrance of the neighborhood. Such an improper issue must be resolved as soon as possible to avoid causing trouble for the Xia family.

Qiao Yu looked at Chen Mu with some sense of disappointment. It was such a pity that he was not from that neighborhood.

Qiao Yu withdrew her hand casually and leaned against the window to look at the scenery. She did not say anything else after that.

She would not like people who lived anywhere else. She only wanted to know people who lived in the same kind of high-end neighborhood like the Xia family. It would be best if they lived next door to the Xia family. This way, when Qiao Mei came around, she would be able to go out and hang around so that Qiao Mei could see her at all times.

She would try her hand at anything that could annoy Qiao Mei. If her life was not easy, then Qiao Mei could also forget about living a good life! If Qiao Mei could marry into a rich family, then there was no way that she could not!

She definitely wanted to marry into a rich family and then return to the village arrogantly to show off to her brothers who looked down on her back then, as well as her father who wanted to sell her off. She must make them regret what they did!

Chapter 906 Escape

It did not take long for Qiao Yu and Chen Mu to arrive at their destination. The surrounding buildings were lit up and there were more lights around. The thing was that Chen Mu did not send her to the guest house but to the train station.

Qiao Yu stiffened in her seat and did not want to get out of the car. She looked at Chen Mu nervously and asked, "Big brother... Are you at the wrong place? Aren't we going to the guest house?"

Chen Mu replied firmly, "I haven't sent you to the wrong place. This is our destination. You're going back tonight. The tickets are ready."

Qiao Yu still wanted to try and resist. She smiled awkwardly and said, "Give me the ticket and I'll go by myself. It's already late. You should go home soon."

If not for the fact that Chen Mu knew Qiao Yu's true colors, he would really have thought that she was concerned about him. If he did not know that this was a person who could kick up a fuss at the Xia family's door, he might have felt very touched!

"I'm sending you back. I'm coming with you," Chen Mu said as he unbuckled his seatbelt and got out of the car.

Qiao Yu never dreamed that Xia Wen would be so ruthless as to send her back. She did not want to return to that mountain village!

It was not easy for her to escape from that place and find a place to stay in the capital. Was she really going to lose everything?

If she went back, Qiao Zhuang definitely would not let her off. He might beat her up and break her bones, or even sell her off to be someone's wife. She definitely did not want to go back and live this kind of life. She would rather die than go back!

"Get out of the car. I'll send you off." Seeing that Qiao Yu refused to get out of the car, Chen Mu simply pulled her out in a rough manner.

Chen Mu had brought her to the train station that was furthest from the city. Even if Qiao Yu wanted to shout for help, no one would hear her. There were no more than 10 passengers in the entire train station.

This was also what Xia Wen had asked him to do. Xia Wen was the one who made all the arrangements.

Qiao Yu looked around in fear. It would be a miracle if anyone could save her at this train station in the wilderness! Soon, Qiao Yu realized that there was a washroom nearby.

"Big brother! I... I have a stomachache... Can I go to the toilet?" Qiao Yu asked fearfully.

Chen Mu looked at Qiao Yu in silence for a while and then said with a smile, "I'll give you three minutes. If you don't come out by then, I'll rush in to look for you. There's no one in this place. I'm not worried about going in there."

Once Chen Mu finished speaking, Qiao Yu rushed into the washroom. Although this was an isolated location, this was still a proper washroom with a window. It was no longer the old type of squat toilet but a properly partitioned toilet area.

During this year, the government had given monetary grants to every public facility to build new washrooms, and this had turned out to be advantageous for Qiao Yu.

Just as Qiao Yu was thinking of a way to climb out through the window, she heard Chen Mu talking outside.

"One, two, three..." Chen Mu said slowly.

Qiao Yu's movements became even faster. It took her a lot of effort to climb up the wall before she realized that she could not fit through the window. During this period of time, Su Yang had fed her too well. If this was in the past, she would definitely be able to get out of this window easily.

"60, 61... 73, 74..."

Time was running out. Qiao Yu pushed with all her might and finally managed to squeeze out after making a Herculean effort. In doing so, she even tore a huge hole in her cotton jacket.

She ran forward without any sense of direction. Even knowing that all her money and luggage were still with Chen Mu, she did not dare to look back at all. With Chen Mu's stamina, he would definitely be able to find her easily.

"160, 161... 179, 180." After saying that, Chen Mu looked at the watch on his wrist and then slowly walked into the women's washroom. By then, there was already no one inside.

Chen Mu did not seem surprised at all. He went to the workstation at the train station and showed his work pass, then used the phone at the workstation to call the Xia family.

"Hello?" Xia Wen picked up the phone and asked.

"Qiao Yu has run away," Chen Mu said calmly.

Xia Wen did not say much. He gave Chen Mu a few simple instructions and also gave him a day off tomorrow. After that, he hung up the phone. Everything was going according to his plan.

Qiao Yu squatted in the bushes nearby and waited for a long time. She did not come out until she saw Chen Mu's car driving off. However, even if she managed to hide from Chen Mu in this remote place, she still would not be able to escape.

Chapter 907 - 907 Getting Rich Together

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When Qiao Yu was running around, a lot of cotton stuffing had fallen out from the hole in her cotton jacket, and she was left with only the stuffing around her shoulders and chest. It became even colder later in the night. Qiao Yu had no choice but to return to the washroom while trembling. She closed the window and stayed inside so that she could at least be protected against the cold wind outside for a while.

As time slowly passed, Qiao Yu squatted in a corner of the washroom and gradually fell asleep.

The next morning, Li Gui made 60 pounds of popcorn. Her three-wheeled vehicle and basket could only hold about 20 pounds at a time. Sometimes, when the weather was good, she could sell about 50 pounds by herself. When the weather was bad, she could only sell about 20 pounds.

In order to do business with Zhao Fei, she went to buy another three-wheeled vehicle and asked Zhang Wei and Zhang Chao to deliver the goods with her.

At the designated time, Li Gui and the two children arrived at the place where they had agreed to meet Zhao Fei. He was already waiting there.

"Auntie! I'm here! I'm here!" Zhao Fei waved his hands and shouted at Li Gui.

Zhao Fei had even brought his younger brothers along. It had not been easy for Zhao Fei to ask them for help! Zhao Fei had promised them that he would give them 50 cents a day and that they just needed to help him with the vehicles every morning and night. They did not need to do anything else.

His two younger brothers did not have much to do at home anyway and it would be good for them to come out and earn some money. The driving force was that their father had asked them to come and help. They really could not say no to him.

“They are...” Li Gui went over to Zhao Fei and asked nervously as she looked at the two people behind him.

After all, what they were doing was still illegal. The more people who knew about it, the more trouble there might be. She was not worried about anything happening to her, but she was worried that Xia Wen would be implicated and get into trouble.

Qiao Mei was about to give birth and Li Gui did not want her to worry as it could easily affect her pregnancy. Qiao Mei was having twins, so her risk was twice that of others.

“Auntie, don’t worry! These are my two younger brothers, my biological younger brothers! I earn money to support them! They definitely won’t tell anyone about this!” Zhao Fei said confidently.

Li Gui took a serious look at Zhao Fei and the two young men. They indeed looked quite alike. What Zhao Fei said should not be a lie. Moreover, Qiao Mei also said that she had to trust... her business partner!

If you could not trust someone, you should not work with them. If you worked with someone, you should not distrust them.

“You can do a check. It’s a total of 60 pounds,” Li Gui said as she pointed at the popcorn.

“Sister, I trust you! I’m sure there’s no problem. So I’ll send the vehicles back at 6 p.m. tonight. Don’t forget to come!” Zhao Fei said.

It was obvious that one of these vehicles was newly bought. He had seen Li Gui’s vehicle before and it was already scratched up all over. This vehicle was so new that it looked a little dazzling, which was enough to show him how much importance Li Gui placed on this matter.

The three brothers quickly got on the three-wheeled vehicles and left the place. This place was not too far from Li Gui's house and just a short walk away. Li Gui wanted to go and buy chicken to make a stew for Qiao Mei. Over the next few days, she must cook more nourishing food for Qiao Mei so that she would have more strength to give birth.

Zhao Fei did not ride the vehicles to the cinema or train station. With so much popcorn, they would not be able to sell everything at just these two places. Zhao Fei went to the vicinity of the children's playground. It was winter break now and many parents would bring their children here.

Such a sweet smell would definitely attract the children's attention. So long as the children wanted to eat, the adults would buy a lot for the children to bring home.

Children also like to compare among themselves. They all wanted to have what other children had. The popcorn was not something expensive and all parents could afford to buy it.

However, it was still not enough to only sell it here. Zhao Fei had grown up in the slum and he still knew many people there. A few days ago, Zhao Fei had asked them to gather to discuss the matter of earning money.

Zhao Fei was the only person from the slum who had done well for himself. Therefore, everyone trusted him.

"Brother! Why are you looking for us! All the brothers are here!" The guys ran towards Zhao Fei excitedly.

"I'm here to introduce some business to everyone. I just don't know if everyone is willing to get rich together with me!" Zhao Fei said with a smile.

Chapter 908 Setting The Rules

"There's no reason for us not to want to get rich together with you! You don't have to ask. We'll definitely follow you!" Xiao Zhu said excitedly.

Xiao Zhu was closest to Zhao Fei among them. Usually, Zhao Fei would think of him first whenever there was anything nice. When Zhao Fei was young, he had always followed Xiao Zhu around to play and Xiao

Zhu had always taken good care of him. Now that he was doing well, he also wanted to take good care of Xiao Zhu.

It was just that these people did not have any proper jobs. Even when they found jobs, the work would be very tiring, where they had to do manual labor and yet did not get paid much. Some of the guys were also immature when they were young and went around stealing and robbing when they did not make enough money to support themselves. After they were arrested, they ended up with criminal records, so many places were unwilling to hire them.

"I have a batch of goods here. It's too tiring to sell everything myself, so I want to ask you to help me sell them. Of course, you're not doing it for free. There are a total of 11 people here. I will give each of you five pounds of popcorn and you can then find a crowded place to sell them. I'll pay you five cents per pack sold," Zhao Fei said as he held up five fingers.

Zhao Fei took out a pack of popcorn that he had prepared in advance, so that everyone could take a look at the size of one pack as well as do a taste test. Zhao Fei had calculated that one pound could yield 10 packs of popcorn, which meant that these guys could earn about two dollars and fifty cents a day. That was 75 dollars a month, which was not a small sum! Even people who worked in the factory might not be able to earn so much money.

"We'll do it! Brother, we'll do it! Give me however much you have! I'll definitely be able to sell it for you!" Xiao Zhu shouted enthusiastically.

"But what if we can't sell everything!" someone in the crowd asked.

Five pounds meant 50 packs. How could they sell 50 packs a day? How many people would they have to find to sell 50 packs?

Zhao Fei said confidently, "If you don't believe me, then just try it out for a day first. I won't force you. Wait and see how long it will take for you to sell five pounds of popcorn a day. I'm just worried that you'll ask me for more after you sell out today!"

They looked at one another, but they still chose to believe Zhao Fei. They had never done business before and were not familiar with these business matters. If Zhao Fei said that there was no problem, then there must be no problem.

"You just need to sell five pounds a day. Everyone will be given 50 packs of popcorn and not a pack more. Everyone gets the same amount. I'll pay you at the end of the day. Every evening at 4 p.m., come to the park to get money from me. If you exceed the time limit, your money will be deducted. You have to come back on time, do you understand?" Zhao Fei said sternly.

He had grown up with them and was very familiar with the situation of everyone here. He could not give these people a lump sum of money, otherwise they would get lazy. He would have to give them a bit every day. If they had more money, they would not save it up and would definitely spend it on drinks. Within a day, they would definitely not have much money left.

After they got used to the work, he would make them pay first before he would give them the goods. This way, Zhao Fei would be able to take on less risk.

"Understand!" the guys shouted.

Zhao Fei thought for a moment and continued, "One pack of popcorn is 50 cents each. Don't bargain or give any discounts. It is simply 50 cents a pack. Even if the deities come, don't change the price! Do you understand!"

"Understand!" the guys shouted in unison again.

Li Gui had specifically reminded him about the issue with the price. This was also what Qiao Mei had instructed Li Gui, although Qiao Mei also did not know where she was going with the business. In the future, if she opened a shop, she might want to create another separate branding.

If Zhao Fei raised the price, it would be akin to deceiving the customers and it would cause trouble for others. If Zhao Fei lowered the price on his own accord, then Li Gui would not be able to go out to sell them after the matter with Old Madam Fan's family was settled.

Therefore, she had to set the rules for them now. The price was fixed and could not be changed.

"If everyone agrees, then follow me to get the goods. We'll start today. If you don't want to do it, I won't force you. It's all voluntary." Zhao Fei turned around and left after saying that.

Xiao Zhu followed closely behind Zhao Fei and said all kinds of nice things, hoping that Zhao Fei would give him more.

Chapter 909 Wanting To Get A Wife

He wanted to get more and earn more so that he could save enough money to get married! He was already 26 years old this year and was considered an over-age single man in the current society. If he still did not get married, he would really become an old man that no one wanted. Nice girls would not want to be with him.

Young girls around the age of 17 or 18 would usually look for young or successful men. Who would be interested in a poor and unsuccessful old man?

He had his own goals in life as well. At the very least, he wanted to have a wife who knew how to lead a good life. As the saying went, marrying a good wife would bless three generations with riches! Xiao Zhu's parents passed away when he was very young and he had been scavenging since he was 13 years old to support himself. He did not want his children to have a tough life.

He only understood these things after he saw Zhao Fei succeed in life.

"Xiao Fei, just give me a bit more. I don't need much, just give me another five pounds! Two pounds! One pound is fine too! Seriously, Xiao Fei, please help me," Xiao Zhu whispered to Zhao Fei.

Zhao Fei did not think the same way. If Xiao Zhu could make 75 dollars a month, as long as he saved up properly, he would definitely be able to rent a small house within a year and live a stable life. Then there would definitely be nice girls who would take a fancy to Xiao Zhu. If there was really no other way, he would ask Li Gui to introduce one of the young ladies from her village to Xiao Zhu so that he could bring her to the city to live a good life!

As long as Xiao Zhu put his mind to work hard, he would share whatever he had with Xiao Zhu.

This business could only grow bigger and bigger. Last night, he even dreamed that he had become a leader who worked in the office! Many people treated him with respect.

"No, I've already spoken to all the guys. Everyone gets the same share. If you say such things to me again, I won't let you sell it!" Zhao Fei said coldly.

Xiao Zhu was so frightened that he quickly shut up. He decided that he would never mention this matter again.

At the entrance of the children's playground, Zhao Fei gave them a simple briefing on the different areas where it would be easier to sell the popcorn. There were also rules when it came to doing business. Since Zhao Fei was the one who gave them this lead, they could not operate in Zhao Fei's territory in the future.

They all had to go elsewhere to do their sales. How much they could sell would depend on their own capability. Anyway, if there was any popcorn left by the time they returned at 4 p.m., Zhao Fei would sell the remainder at the cinema. He would definitely be able to sell all the popcorn.

After the guys enthusiastically took their share of the popcorn from Zhao Fei, he specially instructed everyone to check their own stock clearly and not to say that they had lost the popcorn when they came back to pay for it. These problems and excuses would not work with Zhao Fei.

When it came to doing business, the most basic requirement was trust. Only when there was trust between customers and merchants could there be recurring business. If a merchant had a good reputation, people would come back to buy his goods. Businessmen also needed to trust one another. Only when everyone worked together to earn money could the road ahead get better and better. Anyone who wanted to monopolize the market would not last long.

After working through the entire morning, Zhao Fei had almost sold all his stock. During this period of time, many guys had already progressively come back to pay money to Zhao Fei. Everyone had happy smiles on their faces. This was the first time they had seen so much money for a long time!

"Brother Fei! Look! I sold everything in just half an hour! It's simply too amazing, Brother Fei! Even though the popcorn packs are sealed, the sweet smell is still very obvious. As soon as I got there, many people came to buy it! Everything happened so fast!" one of the guys said excitedly to Zhao Fei as he handed over the money.

All these were within Zhao Fei's expectations. Back then, Li Gui also did a roaring business. If not for the fact that it was winter now and the weather was too cold, Zhao Fei would have wanted to sell everything himself. He would not have given them a share at all.

"See, I was right. Yet you didn't believe that you could sell everything. This is your money. If you still want to do it tomorrow, wait for me at the alley at 7.30 a.m. The quantity is still 50 bags each," Zhao Fei said with a smile.

The young man agreed repeatedly and almost wanted to bow to Zhao Fei.

Even though the guys were told to be back before 4 p.m., everyone came back by around 1 p.m. and they all paid up. Many of them asked Zhao Fei to make more popcorn as they felt that they could sell more.

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Chapter 910 Treating Him Well

Zhao Fei also wanted more, but Li Gui was doing the production alone and there was only so much she could do. Furthermore, she could not teach the technique to outsiders. He had no other choice but to wait patiently.

He did not want to be too greedy either. The more people were involved in this, the higher the risk. Zhao Fei had instructed these few people not to tell anyone about the matter. It would not be good if more people wanted to come and take a share as well. None of them was willing to let others take their money away. They did not even have enough to sell themselves, so how could they have any excess goods to share with others?

After being done for the day and putting away the money, Zhao Fei did not go home immediately. He chose to take a ride around to see which were the areas where crowds gathered and would be suitable for them to do business. He had been doing this for so many years. If not for the fact that he did not have nice things to sell like Li Gui did, he would have made a fortune long ago.

When it came to money, it was definitely the more the better. No one would ever think that they had enough money.

Li Gui, Zhang Wei and Zhang Chao arrived at the agreed location before 6 p.m. She thought that it was not good to always let Zhao Fei wait for her. The weather was freezing cold now and Zhao Fei had already been selling goods outside for a long time. He must be feeling very cold by now. She felt bad if he had to waste time waiting for her.

Coincidentally, Zhao Fei was returning from the other end of the alley at the same time. From afar, she could tell that Zhao Fei's entire face was already all red from the cold. He was panting heavily and it was so cold that the breath he exhaled immediately turned into white smoke and disappeared into the air.

"Auntie, I'm here! Why did you come so early to wait for me? Come later next time. It's such a freezing day. What if you catch a cold!" Zhao Fei said with a frown.

He did not have his mother around when he was young. After his mother gave birth to him, she ran off to live with another man and left him and his father behind. He was actually a little hostile towards women, but Li Gui was very nice to him and showed care and concern for him. Therefore, he also wanted to treat Li Gui well.

"What if I come late and you catch a cold!" Li Gui said.

"I'm young! I'm fine!" Zhao Fei pounded his chest and continued, "This is the money I earned today. Auntie, do a count and see if the amount is right."

Li Gui simply put the money into her pocket and told Zhao Fei and the others to go home to get warmed up. She trusted Zhao Fei and was not worried at all.

Zhao Fei also did not stand on ceremony with Li Gui and immediately turned around to run home. He was also eager to get home! He still did not know how much he had earned today!

Li Gui was not idle at home during the day. She already finished making the popcorn that she was going to give Zhao Fei tomorrow. She made 30 pounds more than today! She would definitely earn more than today.

The first thing Li Gui and Zhao Fei did when they returned to their own homes was not to warm themselves by the fire, but to quickly count the money! In this aspect, the two of them thought alike.

Qiao Mei sat quietly by the heater to make tiger-headed shoes for the two babies. She had learned how to make them from the neighbors next door. The tiger-headed shoes she made for the children previously looked silly and dull and did not portray the liveliness of a tiger at all. Since she had nothing to do, she decided to try making two more pairs.

"Ah!!!" Li Gui suddenly jumped up from the stool and yelled as she held up the money in her hand. She danced around the house excitedly.

Qiao Mei was shocked by Li Gui's actions, but she did not stop Li Gui. Who would not be happy after earning so much money? It was good that Li Gui felt so excited now. In the future, she would have to open a shop and do an even bigger business. It would be common to make tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, or even a few million dollars when the time came. At that time, she would view money differently and would no longer be as excited as she was today.

It was not a bad thing to have such happy moments.

"Oh my goodness! 210 dollars! Qiao Mei, quickly take a look and see if it's true. This is 210 dollars! If I make the same amount of popcorn every day, won't I be able to earn 210 dollars every day? Then I'll have... 6,300 dollars a month! That's a lot!" Li Gui said to Qiao Mei with her eyes wide open.

Even when they worked from early morning to late night originally, they did not earn so much money. After all, they could not go out if the weather was bad, and they had to run away if the city enforcement officers came to make arrests. Although they were earning money, their bodies and minds were exhausted at the end of each day.

It was so much better now. She could earn money easily and have a stable income!

"You'll be able to buy this house from me after two months! I don't think you need to worry about the children's tuition fees at this rate. The money you make this month will be enough for these four children to spend for half a year," Qiao Mei said.