

Chapter 1271: I Have the Room Ready

Due to Xia Xibei's tough attitude, what followed was quite peaceful, and the patriarch even gave her a house.

Their Qi family had been developing for so many years, it was only normal for them to have houses in the imperial capital.

Other people struggling for a lifetime could not buy a house, yet they had a lot of houses on hand and could give them out.

However, Xia Xibei's expression was very calm.

Although she did not have a house in the imperial capital, she had the means and funds to buy one if she wanted to.

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The old man also regarded her highly, seeing she was so calm.

This was how their Qi family's children and grandchildren should look!

As for Qiao Yanjue, the old man didn't say anything.

In his opinion, Xia Xibei was still young and immature in terms of relationships.

If they were forced to break up, it would make her rebel.

When she grew up and saw the difference between the Qi family and the Qiao family, she would naturally know that the two were not compatible.

When the time came, they would naturally break up, without the need for others to stir up trouble on the sidelines.

After the conversation ended, Xia Xibei wanted to take Qiao Yanjue and go home.

Seeing that they were leaving, Qi Zhiqiang immediately got anxious.

“Aren’t you staying?”

“No,” Xia Xibei shook her head, “I have a place to stay outside.”

“Where are you living? Can it be better than home?”

Qi Zhiqiang frowned and looked at Qiao Yanjue again.

“She’s staying at my house,” Qiao Yanjue finally spoke up, his eyes calm, steady, and strong.

When these words came out, Qi Zhiqiang’s face darkened, “Staying at your house?”

How old was Xia Xibei and how dare she move into Qiao Yanjue's house?! How could she not take herself seriously?!

What kind of girl offered herself like this?!

Sensing Qi Zhiqiang's meaning, Xia Xibei swept him a glance, "I live in his house quite well, you do not need to worry."

"But..."

Qi Zhiqiang was anxious.

It was too early for Xia Xibei to have a boyfriend, and she was living in the man's home?! How embarrassing!

Xia Xibei interrupted him, "I have my ideas of what's appropriate, you do not have to worry."

Although she was only 18-years-old physically, her mental age was already old enough.

In her opinion, as long as she was physically and mentally mature enough to take responsibility for her own decisions, she could do anything.

Therefore, she did not care.

After being looked at by Xia Xibei, Qi Zhiqiang's mouth opened and all of his intended words could only be swallowed back.

"Actually, we have already prepared a room for you, and the room is very nice," Ling Xiao walked over and said to Xia Xibei.

After finding out that Xia Xibei was Qi Zhiqiang's daughter, Ling Xiao stepped in to help.

It couldn't be helped that Xia Xibei was indeed Qi Zhiqiang's daughter, but an illegitimate one.

Qi Zhiqiang's wife was very resistant to this matter and not willing to acknowledge Xia Xibei's identity at all, so she was not even present today.

In this case, she would not come forward to arrange these things.

Therefore, Ling Xiao had to take the lead.

Although Xia Xibei was an illegitimate daughter, something Ling Xiao usually hated, Xia Xibei was her life-saver, so the situation was different.

Unexpectedly, Xia Xibei did not stay, but instead wanted to go back with Qiao Yanjue.

Ling Xiao's feelings were very complicated. A girl going to live with a man...

Seeing Ling Xiao speak up, Qi Xin came over, took her arm and smiled, "Mom, don't worry, she must have a sense of proportion."

Xia Xibei smiled at Qi Xin, "Yes, I have my own way."

Xia Xibei's smile made Qi Xin feel a little ominous for some reason.

Chapter 1272: Second Identification Results

After coming out of the Qi compound, Qiao Yanjue breathed a sigh of relief.

"Did I behave badly today?" he asked Xia Xibei.

"No," Xia Xibei shook her head, "You did well."

"You aren't lying to me?"

"Of course not," Xia Xibei smiled and gave him a kiss. "Today is my home turf, of course I'm the one who should step in to handle it."

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If Qiao Yanjue stepped in, it would instead make things more troublesome. After all, his status was different and not suitable for talking.

Besides, as long as she believed Qiao Yanjue was extraordinary, she didn't need to convince others.

“Qi Xin’s attitude was a bit strange.”

Qiao Yanjue didn’t say much, but he wasn’t idle and bored either.

While they were discussing things, he was observing everyone’s reactions.

He noticed that Qi Xiangyuan and Qi Xin were acting a bit agitated when the old man gave the house to Xia Xibei.

Especially Qi Xin, as the smile on her face had disappeared.

Moreover, Qi Xin had hidden animosity toward Xia Xibei.

“I also noticed it,” Xia Xibei nodded.

When she was talking to Ling Xiao just now, it was obvious that Qi Xin was nervous and came over to interrupt them.

It looked as if she was afraid that something would happen with her and Ling Xiao.

“She’s weird,” Qiao Yanjue said, jumping to conclusions.

“She does seem odd. However, we have to deal with this matter first.”

Xia Xibei took out a few short hairs from her pocket.

Just now, when she and Qi Zhiqiang were hugging, she pulled off a few strands of his hair.

Although the results of the paternity test said that she and Qi Zhiqiang were father and daughter, how could she be sure that the sample was correct?

Anyway, she would not admit it until she saw the results herself.

“Hmmm.”

Qiao Yanjue looked at the hairs in her hand and wasn’t surprised.

When he saw Xia Xibei and Qi Zhiqiang hugging each other just now, he knew something was up.

“You have a way, right?”

“Yes.”

Qiao Yanjue had been here for so long, how could he not know how things worked around here?

Soon, Qiao Yanjue took Xia Xibei to an identification agency.

Qiao Yanjue found someone, and the two of them personally handed the sample to the researcher.

If it wasn't already late, they probably would have waited for the results to come out.

After handing over the stuff, the two went back.

The next day, the results arrived.

The results indicated that the two were indeed biological father and daughter!

After receiving the results, Xia Xibei's gaze dropped slightly, hiding the coldness in her eyes.

After they left, another call was made.

Only after making sure there was no problem on this side did Qi Xin breathe a sigh of relief.

When she hung up the phone, the corner of Qi Xin's mouth took on a mocking smile.

She had been watching Xia Xibei, and she noticed that Xia Xibei had done something when she was hugging Qi Zhiqiang.

After that, Xia Xibei took Qi Zhiqiang's hair to a hospital for a new identification.

Luckily, she didn't let down her guard and was able to take action in time when they tried to act up.

Now, the report that Xia Xibei received was naturally also faked.

After this time, Xia Xibei should no longer have doubts. After all, she personally verified it.

Thinking of this, Qi Xin finally relaxed.

She was just feeling relieved when the phone rang again, startling her.

After seeing the number on it, her face turned ashen.

She waited for the phone to ring persistently for a while before she finally picked up.

"What's the matter?"

Her tone was a bit abrupt, as if the person on the other side was her enemy.

Chapter 1273: Biological Mother and Daughter

The other end heard her agitated and unpleasant voice and was silent for a while before speaking, "Xinxin..."

"Don't call me that!" Qi Xin turned down her face and interrupted in a sharp voice. "I don't know you that well!"

"Xinxin, don't be angry!" The other end was anxious. "Mom knows-"

"You're not my mother! Don't call me that!"

Qi Xin's face was ashen; it was as if a black cloud covered her.

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Two days ago, when Xia Xibei's identity was discovered, Qi Xin received an unfamiliar phone call.

At that time, she had thought it was some kind of harassing phone call, and did not want to answer it.

However, the phone rang persistently, so she had to pick it up.

Then, her life changed forever.

The woman on the other end of the line said she was her real mother!

When she heard this, Qi Xin almost smashed the phone.

What kind of scammer was this?! Did she have a death wish?!

However, the words on the other side made her heart sink.

The caller said that she was indeed her real mother because she was Ling Xiao's half-sister, Ling Juan.

This statement confused Qi Xin.

Ling Juan's words didn't stop there.

Ling Juan said that back then, she and Ling Xiao had children together and the babies were both daughters, so she exchanged her biological daughter for Ling Xiao's biological daughter.

In other words, Qi Xin was Ling Juan's biological daughter!

This news was like a thunderbolt from the sky, and almost blew Qi Xin's mind.

She had never thought that she was not the biological daughter of Ling Xiao and Qi Zhi'an!

She was instead the biological daughter of Ling Juan and Qi Zhiqiang!

The information contained here was so huge that Qi Xin almost didn't survive.

In the end, she managed to hold on.

This was because Ling Juan said that if she revealed anything, her identity would be discovered, and then everything she had done all these years would be gone!

It was this statement that made Qi Xin grit her teeth and hold on.

She absolutely could not admit defeat!

Eighteen years down the line, she had already considered herself as the Qi family's own daughter and future heir.

In this situation, if her identity was discovered, then all of that would be gone. She absolutely could not let that happen!

So, after that, she followed Ling Juan's instructions and turned Xia Xibei's hair into her own hair.

The results that came out after that made her heart go cold.

She really was Qi Zhiqiang's daughter!

At that time, her body was cold.

However, Qi Zhiqiang didn't know this, and was so excited to take Xia Xibei as his own daughter.

Looking at Qi Zhiqiang's excited and smug look, and how he was unable to hide his calculating look, Qi Xin felt sarcastic.

Her real father was this kind of person?

Qi Xin had always hated Qi Zhiqiang, her eldest uncle.

Although Qi Zhiqiang was the eldest son of the Qi family, he was simply too hopeless.

He was several years older than Qi Zhi'an and had enjoyed more years of resources and support. He clearly could have done better, but he was so stupid that he wouldn't develop himself at all, and he just let himself go!

Qi Xin felt like the sky was falling!

How could she be the daughter of such a person?! She should be the daughter of Qi Zhi'an and Ling Xiao!

When she figured out what was going on here, she hated her even more, especially Ling Juan.

Why was she her mother? Why would she find such a man as her biological father?

Was the woman blind? Even if she wanted to have a child, couldn't she put some effort into finding a good man?

Still, no matter how angry Qi Xin was, her identity could not be changed.

No, she could change it!

Chapter 1274: Comparable

Qi Xin did not react in order to conceal her identity.

Now, Xia Xibei was certainly Qi Zhiqiang's daughter, and the identification result was released, so it could not be changed.

So, Xia Xibei was Qi Zhiqiang's daughter, and it had nothing to do with her!

Of course, Qi Xin did not believe that Xia Xibei would accept this matter so quickly, so she continued to remain vigilant.

Moreover, Ling Juan also said that Xia Xibei was quite conceited and not that easy to deal with.

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So, she found out that Xia Xibei really did not accept this fact, but found someone to retest.

Luckily, she had prepared for it early on.

No matter which hospital Xia Xibei went to, the final result was the same.

Xia Xibei should not be suspicious anymore after this identification result. This was the end of the matter.

However, Qi Xin did not relax.

Ling Juan came out of nowhere, shattering her formerly peaceful life and making her very annoyed.

“Xinxin.”

Ling Juan, on the other end, had mixed feelings.

Her daughter, whom she had worked so hard to give birth to, was so distant from her and so discontent, so how could she be in a good mood?

However, she had asked for it.

If she hadn't switched the babies back then, she wouldn't be facing such pain now. However, if she hadn't done that, Qi Xin wouldn't be living such a good life right now.

Although the mother and daughter were now strangers, she was relieved to see Qi Xin doing so well.

However, her motherly love didn't move Qi Xin, and Qi Xin only felt annoyed.

"Didn't you say you wanted me to have the best life possible? I'm already living it now, so don't contact me. If you get found out, you'll be in trouble then!"

Qi Xin impatiently drove Ling Juan away.

Ling Juan's smile became even more bitter, and her heart couldn't help

but ache.

It was simply too hard for her own daughter to dislike her like this.

However, she pulled herself together.

"I... I won't bother you, but things are not that simple."

Ling Juan's words made Qi Xin's heart jump and her expression changed slightly.

“What did you say?”

“With Xia Xibei’s strength, things aren’t going to end so easily,” Ling Juan let out a sigh.

She had tried to hurt Xia Xibei a few times before, but none of them had been successful.

At first, she thought it was just an accident, or maybe it was because of Qiao Yanjue’s help. Then she realized that all of this had to do with Xia Xibei!

Although she didn’t know how much power Xia Xibei had, she was sure that the girl was not to be messed with.

Ling Juan, no matter how reluctant she was, had to admit that Ling Xiao and Qi Zhi’an’s daughter was not so simple.

Thinking of this, Ling Juan became even more jealous.

She grew up competing with Ling Xiao, and by now, Ling Xiao was not as strong as she used to be, she was just an ordinary woman. However, Ling Xiao had a powerful husband and such an excellent daughter...

Ling Juan could not let go of the resentment in her heart.

She must make her child become the head of the Qi family!

No matter how much she had to pay, she was willing to do it!

“What exactly do you want to say?”

Qi Xin was impatient.

“If you continue to allow Xia Xibei to be here, when the time comes... Can you be sure she won’t take your position?”

Ling Juan’s words made Qi Xin’s face sink, “She wouldn’t dare?!”

Xia Xibei was just Qi Zhiqiang’s daughter, how could she compare with her?

However, just thinking about the lotus flower on Xia Xibei’s forehead, Qi Xin’s heart couldn’t help but tell itself.

They really were comparable!

Chapter 1275: Check Again

With the talent Xia Xibei had shown, she could really become an important person in the Qi family.

After all, no one could match such a talent.

In the Qi Family, whoever was the strongest was the most important.

As long as one's fist was big enough, one could naturally gain more.

Qi Xin was like that at first.

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Her talent was the strongest among her peers. Together with her parents' status, she was the most honored young princess of the Qi family.

Now, Xia Xibei had arrived.

Although Xia Xibei's current status was nothing more than that of Qi Zhiqiang's illegitimate daughter, she was too strong!

With such a strong talent, even the old man's attitude had changed.

If this continued, Xia Xibei would rise in the family sooner or later.

Being reminded of this by Ling Juan, Qi Xin's face became even more ugly.

"Then what do you think we should do?" Qi Xin asked with a grim expression.

“Of course, she can’t compete with you!”

Ling Juan had no problem coming up with ideas.

“How do we do it?”

“Don’t worry, I’ll help from my side too. If we work together, she won’t be able to get away!”

Ling Juan was utterly dedicated to her daughter.

Although she was never around Qi Xin, that didn’t mean she didn’t care about her.

On the contrary, she was very concerned about Qi Xin.

She also kept in touch with the people around Qi Xin in order to always be aware of Qi Xin’s progress.

Due to this, she was able to know that Xia Xibei entered the Qi house on New Year’s Day and that unexpected circumstances had occurred, so that she could make timely adjustments.

Otherwise, Xia Xibei’s identity would have been exposed by now.

For the sake of her daughter, Ling Juan did a lot of things that no one would think of.

“How can we cooperate?”

Although Qi Xin hated Ling Juan, when it was about her own interests, she wasn't so stupid as to push her out.

Seeing that she had softened her tone, Ling Juan immediately perked up.

The two of them talked for a while before Qi Xin hung up the phone.

However, just after hanging up, another call came in.

She frowned, “What's the matter?”

On the other end was one of her underlings, who she had sent to keep an eye on Xia Xibei.

“What?”

The words on the other end made her frown, “They've gone to another agency?”

On the phone, the man told Qi Xin that Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue had gone to another identification agency.

This confused Qi Xin.

Didn't they already find out the results? Why did they have to continue?

Sure enough, as Ling Juan had said, Xia Xibei was cunning!

Luckily, she didn't let her guard down and had someone keep an eye on Xia Xibei. Otherwise, she would have missed the news right now.

"Keep an eye on the situation over there!" Qi Xin immediately gave the order. "Just do what I told you before."

Qi Xin's expression was a bit gloomy hanging up the phone.

Could it be that Xia Xibei had discovered the problem?

No way!

Xia Xibei probably just wanted to be sure.

It was like being diagnosed with cancer but not wanting to give up, so you went to more hospitals for tests.

Xia Xibei probably had this mentality, and Qi Xin could understand it.

After all, when she first found out that Qi Zhiqiang was her father, she had the same incredulous reaction.

Qi Zhiqiang was scum! It was simply unacceptable that such a person was her father!

So it would make sense that Xia Xibei would go for more checks, but no matter what they did, the results wouldn't change!

Soon, Xia Xibei got the results again.

The results, of course, remained the same.

The person keeping an eye on Xia Xibei watched her expression change, breathed a sigh of relief, and then reported to Qi Xin.

Chapter 1276: Basically Determined

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue looked at the report in their hands, and the corners of their mouths couldn't help but show mocking smiles.

The reason Xia Xibei came back to check again was not because she didn't believe the result, but because she wanted to use it to find out who was behind it.

Moreover, she was sure that she and Qi Zhiqiang were definitely not father and daughter!

This was because the first time she handed over the sample, it was her and Qiao Yanjue's hair!

However, the final result came out saying that the two were father and daughter.

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This was ridiculous!

Hah! So Qiao Yanjue was her father?!

Oh my God, were they a "father-daughter" couple?!

How could Qiao Yanjue have had her when he was just a few years old?!

The result also confirmed Xia Xibei's suspicion that there was something wrong behind it!

So, she came back again to confirm the suspicion in her mind.

This time, the hair she gave was still hers and Qiao Yanjue's, but the result was still the same.

Then, with this incident, she managed to find the person who was stalking her.

Xia Xibei changed her appearance, carefully following the man to find out where he went, then confirmed his identity.

This young man was indeed connected to Qi Xin!

This allowed Xia Xibei to successfully verify her suspicions.

In the room, Qiao Yanjue held her in his arms.

“At least we have a clearer direction now.”

In fact, as early as a few days ago, they had doubts about this.

With Ling Juan’s character, how could she send her own daughter to a family worse off than hers? The baby must be swapped to have a better life!

Moreover, Ling Xiao also said that several of them gave birth in the same hospital at that time, and it was a bit confusing at that time.

With such a convenient situation, how could Ling Juan not do something about it?

However, Xia Xibei was curious about how exactly Ling Juan had managed to avoid the Qi family’s guards.

After all, the Qi family was not an ordinary family, where it was so easy to find loopholes.

Of course, this was a question that needed to be unraveled later. Now, they had to learn about the birth parents first.

Xia Xibei had now basically determined that she was the daughter of Ling Xiao and Qi Zhi'an, and Qi Xin was the daughter of Qi Zhiqiang.

All of this could be confirmed once they got a final result.

However, Xia Xibei did not act rashly.

"If I go directly to them and say that I am their real daughter, what will happen?"

She buried her face in Qiao Yanjue's chest, her voice muffled.

Although she was strong and had reached the point where she was oblivious to things outside of herself, this kind of thing still made her a bit exhausted.

After jumping through all these hoops, she finally found her biological parents...

It was really too hard!

"It..." Qiao Yanjue gently stroked her hair. "What will happen is that they will still have compassion for Qi Xin."

After all, Qi Xin was raised by Ling Xiao and Qi Zhi'an for many years, and she was loved as their daughter for many years. How could her not being their biological daughter erase all those feelings?

At that time, as soon as Qi Xin cried, they would certainly be heartbroken and soft-hearted, and they'd feel that Xia Xibei was too aggressive.

If Xia Xibei acknowledged Qi Zhi'an and Ling Xiao as her parents now, it would bring a different result.

"Then what do you think should be done?" Xia Xibei continued to ask in a muffled voice.

"You know yourself." Qiao Yanjue patted her back to give her strength, "No matter what you want to do, I will be on your side."

"OK."

Xia Xibei circled his waist and buried her face in his chest.

Chapter 1277: No Contact

Xia Xibei was vulnerable for a while, but quickly regained her spirits.

She still had to find Ling Juan, who was behind Qi Xin.

If it weren't for Ling Juan, she wouldn't have been out in the world for so long.

She should have been the young lady of the Qi family, living a life of luxury!

It was a world away from her previous life!

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Therefore, Xia Xibei hated Ling Juan and Qi Xin very much.

Ling Juan was the mastermind behind everything, while Qi Xin benefited. The two of them were mother and daughter, so naturally they had to take all the responsibility together.

However, Xia Xibei did not act impulsively.

Although she was talented and well liked by the patriarch, she had just returned and was no match for the well-established Qi Xin.

Even if she jumped up now and said she was Qi Zhi'an and Ling Xiao's real daughter, it wouldn't do much good.

So, she endured it.

Besides, she was past the point of needing help and was doing quite well in her own life, so she could take her time.

Moreover, she believed that Qi Xin's side would not give up and would definitely make their next move.

She waited for the next move.

The two of them held each other for a while, then Pan Yan's call came.

Xia Xibei had been in the imperial capital for a few days now, and it was time to go back to work.

Moreover, in a few days, she would have to take her final exams.

After the final exams, she had to attend various activities.

So, she didn't have time to be sad.

"By the way, has anyone contacted you?"

"Huh? Who?" Pan Yan froze for a moment. "Who contacted me?"

Xia Xibei frowned, "A girl, I asked her to contact you."

"No!" Pan Yan denied. "I haven't received such a call in the past few days. Are you sure?"

Xia Xibei frowned, “How could that be? I told her to contact you, didn’t I? She is the assistant I hired.”

“No,” Pan Yan still denied. “Maybe something happened and she was delayed?”

Xia Xibei thought about it, and figured that could be the case.

Maybe there was something delaying Zhuang Xiao’an.

Of course, it could also be that Zhuang Xiao’an found another job, so she didn’t want to be her assistant anymore.

However, this latter idea was refuted by Xia Xibei.

If Zhuang Xiao’an had found another job, she would have taken the initiative to say so, and would not have said nothing.

Maybe something had happened...

Xia Xibei couldn’t help but think of Gu Lan’s case.

Gu Lan’s previous accident was also due to a problem at home.

Now, Zhuang Xiao'an may also have had something happen at home.

Before she left, Xia Xibei decided to go over and take a look.

It took her a little time to find Zhuang Xiao'an's address.

She also wanted to see what kind of person Zhuang Xiao'an really was. After all, Zhuang Xiao'an was going to be her assistant, so if she didn't know more about her, what if something happened later?

So, Xia Xibei wore a disguise and went to Zhuang Xiao'an's place.

Zhuang Xiao'an lived in the suburbs of the imperial capital, far from the city, and the demolition had not yet reached here, so it was a bit remote and chaotic.

Xia Xibei walked calmly to the location, and when she took a good look inside, she couldn't help but stop.

It was a rather dilapidated house with a small restaurant below, but now it was a mess.

Tables and all kinds of pots and pans were knocked over on the floor, there were a lot of food scraps on the floor too, and everything had been trampled on.

Inside the house, sounds of crying came out faintly.

Xia Xibei frowned and walked in, and saw Zhuang Xiao'an jerking her head up.

Her eyes were teary as she angrily shouted at her, "What else do you want to do?!"

Chapter 1278: Bad Timing

Zhuang Xiao'ai was angry and sad, so she yelled at Xia Xibei, who came in. Her small stature made her look more like a pissed off kitten, showing her teeth but with not much aggression.

Zhuang Xiao'ai thought the bad guys were the ones who came in, but when she saw who it was, she froze.

"Who are you?"

Xia Xibei had changed her appearance and looked much more ordinary, so Zhuang Xiao'ai couldn't recognize her.

"I... I heard that there is good food here, so I came over..."

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Xia Xibei's mind worked quickly and she immediately came up with a good excuse.

Before, Zhuang Xiao'ai had said that she had good cooking skills, and with the pots and pans outside, this was likely a small restaurant selling food.

This reason made Zhuang Xiao'ai frown.

“How do you know?”

“I heard about it from others,” Xia Xibei explained casually.

“Oh.” She didn’t think too much about it, and she could only nod. “But you’re in the wrong place today, we’re a little busy and we’re not open.”

She wiped her tears away, her demeanor a bit wilted.

“Did something happen?” Xia Xibei couldn’t help but ask.

“It’s nothing, just a little trouble. You’d better go back now and come later... Forget it, there is no later.” Zhuang Xiao’ai showed a bitter smile, “If it’s meant to be in the future, I will make you a meal.”

These words made Xia Xibei raise her eyebrows. It seemed the situation was much more troublesome than she had expected.

While they were talking, an old lady came out from the inside.

The old lady was probably in her sixties, with white hair and wrinkles on her face, but her eyes were kind.

Her hands and feet were obviously a bit unsteady, but when she saw Xia Xibei, she still showed a gentle smile.

“Hi! What are you doing here?”

“Grandma, I’m here to eat.”

Xia Xibei’s words made the old grandmother’s smile become brighter, like that of a blooming flower.

However, when she thought of what happened at home, her smile froze again.

“Sorry, we can’t make food now.”

“It’s okay, I came at a bad time!” Xia Xibei hurriedly laughed.

“Grandma! Go sit down!” Zhuang Xiao’ai helped Grandma to sit down while admonishing her, “Didn’t I tell you to rest inside? Why did you come out again?”

“It’s you who should rest.” Grandma patted Zhuang Xiao’ai’s hand, “You’ve been tired for days! It’s time to take a break!”

She looked at the chaos outside, her eyes a bit sad.

“As for these things outside, we don’t need them. Grandma has lived for many years. It’s enough, so don’t wear yourself out.”

These words made Zhuang Xiao’ai’s eyes turn red.

“Grandma, what are you talking about?! You haven’t lived long enough! You’ll be with me for many more decades!”

Grandma laughed, patting her arm, and didn’t argue with her anymore.

She knew that this child was stubborn and would not listen so easily.

“Sorry to interrupt, but what’s wrong with Grandma’s health?”

Xia Xibei spoke carefully.

Grandma smiled, “Nothing’s wrong, just some little problems.”

Zhuang Xiao’ai didn’t nod, but she didn’t deny it either.

Seeing that they did not want to talk to her, a stranger, Xia Xibei did not continue to ask.

“Grandma, you sit down first. I’ll go pack up the things outside.”

Zhuang Xiao'ai walked out and started to clean up the things that were knocked over on the floor, with Xia Xibei following suit.

There was a spilled pot on the table, and when she turned it over, there was some marinated meat underneath, still a little warm.

Xia Xibei reached down and picked up a piece, putting it in her mouth.

After a few chews, her eyes lit up.

Delicious!

Chapter 1279: Offended People

Although this marinated meat dish was no longer hot, it still tasted good!

Xia Xibei's own cooking skills were also good, but compared to such craftsmanship, there was still a bit of a gap.

She could only make some home-cooked meals. Even if they were good, they were not up to the standard of a major feast.

However, these marinated meats tasted particularly good.

You could sense that a lot of effort was spent here.

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Looking at the ground covered in marinated meat, Xia Xibei felt a special kind of pity.

Who would waste such delicious food?!

It was ridiculous!

Zhuang Xiao'ai was cleaning up and had just turned around to see that Xia Xibei was actually eating the marinated meat, so she got anxious.

"Don't eat it! It's dirty, and I'm afraid you'll get sick later!"

Xia Xibei, however, was very calm, asking, "What are you going to do with the marinated meat?"

"We will wash it later, re-cook it, and keep it for ourselves."

Of course, such food could not be sold to customers.

Even if the taste didn't change much, they couldn't do such a thing.

"Then, I'll buy some."

“No way,” Zhuang Xiao’ai shook her head, “I can’t give it to you. It’s already dirty.”

“It’s not dirty, it’s quite clean.”

Zhuang Xiao’ai still shook her head, “Maybe next time.”

Seeing that she was so determined, Xia Xibei could only reluctantly draw back her hand.

The food was so delicious! It was too bad!

Zhuang Xiao’ai continued to clean up the dirty mess on the floor, her face showing anger.

“Who did this?” Xia Xibei asked.

“Bad people!” Zhuang Xiao’ai cursed. “Grandma and I were doing a good job here, and someone came over and messed everything up!”

What was even more hateful was that she didn’t know who had done it!

Those people knocked the dishes over and then ran away. They looked like they were venting about something.

“Aren’t you guys going to call the police?”

“What’s the use of calling the police?” Zhuang Xiao’ai smiled in derision. “There is no surveillance here, there is nothing. Even if we call the police, when they come, we won’t be able to find anyone.”

If she could call the police, she would have already done so.

However, she also had a feeling that even if she called the police, it would not necessarily have any good results.

Those people were clearly prepared.

“How many times have they come?”

“They’ve come over the past two days,” Zhuang Xiao’ai picked up the things on the ground while answering, “And different people came over each time!”

That made it more hateful.

She didn’t know who they had offended to be treated with such malice!

She was living with her grandmother and had never offended anyone, so why couldn’t people tolerate them?

Xia Xibei looked around. There were several small restaurants nearby, but they did not dare to go near here, as they were afraid of being affected.

Although this was a normal attitude, it was a bit sad in the current situation.

“Then why don’t you move?” Xia Xibei asked.

“I want to move, but we don’t have any money!”

If they had money, they would have moved out long ago. They wouldn’t need to stay here.

Besides, Grandma’s health was getting worse.

Originally, she would not let Grandma continue her business. She would just go out to work and make money.

However, her grandma came here to work secretly.

Well, she had to work with her grandmother here.

Unexpectedly, someone came to make trouble!

They were making it impossible for them to live!

Thinking about it, Zhuang Xiao'ai wanted to cry.

Ever since she was little, she had never had a good life.

It was not easy for her to grow up a little and have a bit of hope, but then her grandmother got sick.

Watching Zhuang Xiao'ai wipe her tears, Xia Xibei was also silent.

While they were silent, a couple of people came over.

Seeing them, Zhuang Xiao'ai immediately exploded.

"You're here again?!"

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Xia Xibei looked over and saw it was a few youngsters, probably in their teens and twenties.

Young men like these, uneducated and dodgy, liked to think of themselves as the mafia. They liked to bully people.

It was a pity that they were bullying ordinary people.

The young men ambled over, “Yo, how come someone is one step ahead of us? You sure have offended a lot of people!”

These words upset Zhuang Xiao’ai even more.

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When did they ever offend anyone?

Well, they had indeed offended some people.

However, they were hiding so far away. Why didn’t those people let them go?

Thinking of this, Zhuang Xiao’ai wanted to fight these people to death.

The young man in the lead looked at the chaos on the ground and waved his hand at the people behind him.

“We’re all here, let’s not waste time. Let’s go!”

A few people behind him followed suit, “Yes!”

“What do you want?”

Zhuang Xiao'ai became anxious right away.

Earlier, a group of people came and smashed things in the front of the shop, but the destruction was not too bad. At least a little bit was left.

Now these people came here again? Wouldn't they completely destroy things?

Thinking of this, Zhuang Xiao'ai became more anxious and reached out to stop them.

"Get lost- Aah!"

The young man wanted to push Zhuang Xiao'ai away, but saw a shadow in front of his eyes as a figure appeared. Then he experienced a pain in his chest, his body felt light, and he flew straight backwards.

Several other people looked at this scene and immediately drew in a breath.

They fixed their eyes and saw a woman even younger than them had kicked their boss!

"Who are you?! How dare you?! Mind your own business! Do you have a death wish?!"

They immediately got angry.

“Hah!”

Xia Xibei laughed and didn't wait for them to make a move, but fought her way forward.

Zhuang Xiao'ai watched dumbfounded as the teenagers were quickly taken care of by Xia Xibei with one punch and one kick.

Zhuang Xiao'ai was stunned upon seeing them on the ground.

Where did this hero come from?! She was too powerful!

Xia Xibei knocked several people to the ground, then brought the boss back.

Watching her lift the man with one hand, Zhuang Xiao'ai couldn't help but swallow.

This strength... It was awesome!

Moreover, she was a girl who beat these boys! She was really too powerful!

Xia Xibei grabbed the leader of the group, threw him to the ground in front of Zhuang Xiao'ai and stomped on his chest.

“Tell me, who told you to come over?”

“I-”

“Say it!” Xia Xibei’s foot stepped harder, directly choking back his words.

The man almost vomited blood. He was not refusing!

After being beaten like this, how did he still dare to resist?

Seeing that Xia Xibei was going to continue to use force, he immediately became anxious.

“I’ll talk!”

“That’s how you behave.”

Only then was Xia Xibei satisfied and eased off.

The man looked at the foot on his chest and wanted to say something, but did not dare to say so.

“Who told you to come and make trouble?”

Zhuang Xiao'ai was dumbfounded, but she also knew that this was the time to say something and immediately stepped forward.

The man didn't dare to resist and immediately nodded his head and admitted, "It's true that someone paid us to come."

"Who told you to come?"

Zhuang Xiao'ai's face changed as she thought of something.

"We are not sure who it is, but the man said we just have to come over every day to make trouble, so that you can't run your business. He said it's... It's to teach you a lesson!"