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Chapter 1331 Leaving

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'If you miss me, just look up at the sky. The stars are our children and the moon is me; Qiao Mei said with a smile as she pointed at the sky.

"Then what am I? Am i the night sky?" Xia Zhe asked curiously.

"You're the sun! The sun that belongs to me and the children! All of us revolve around you," Qiao Mei said agitatedly.

There was a long night ahead and they did not waste it by staying in the courtyard. The two of them spent a tender night together. The next morning, Xia Zhe left the house when Qiao Mei was still asleep. He did not want her to send him off, otherwise she would cry again. If he had to watch her send him off, he would not be in the mood to return to the army.

When Qiao Mei woke up, she reached out to the other side of the bed out of habit. It was already cool to the touch. She lay on the bed for a long time and remained in a daze until Feng Hua came to wake her up.

Oh... he was already long gone...

Qian'e was washing the vegetables and cooking in the front yard at the moment. It was rare that Li Gui did not need to work these past two days and she could sleep in and rest well. Suddenly, she heard someone knocking on the door.

"Who would come to pay a visit so early in the morning? 'Who are you? Who are you looking for?" Qian'e asked brusquely after opening the door.

She had never seen the man in front of her before. She was familiar with all the neighbors and also all the people whom Li Gui knew. There were only the same few people living in the corn courtyard house

and Xia Zhe did not mention anything about hiring any new staff. There was something suspicious about this man.

Zhao Liu had never been to this area before. He only managed to find Li Gui's house using the address that Zhao Fei had left at home. Zhao Fei had left the house after speaking to them yesterday. The rest of them had then come up with a solution. If they could get Li Gui to relent, this matter would be resolved, would it not?

Perhaps Li Gui and her daughter had only spoken harshly in a moment of anger. After all, women were usually much more amenable after being cajoled and coaxed.

"Are... are you Li Gui?' Zhao Liu asked with uncertainty. No, I'm not. If you're looking for her, then wait here at the door first. go in and ask her After saying that, Qian'e moved to close the door.

Zhao Liu frowned slightly. If this person was not Li Gui, then she must be Li Gui's employee. How dare an employee interfere in her boss's affairs. She must be tired of living.

He reached out to hold the door. Before Qian'e could react, he wanted to rush in. Qian'e shouted, "What are you doing!'

'I'm going in to see Li Gui of course. How can a hired help like you have the cheek to interfere in your boss's business? Move aside quickly. I have an urgent matter to tell her!" Zhao Liu said anxiously.

"What urgent matter! You have to wait until I ask her! Get out! Otherwise, I'm going to call the police!" Qian'e roared at him furiously.

Upon hearing that Qian'e wanted to call the police, Zhao Liu stopped trying to enter the courtyard and stood at the door obediently, waiting for her to pass the message. Qian'e locked the door and went to Li Gui's bedroom.

'Auntie, there's a man at the door and he says that he wants to see you regarding an urgent matter. He doesn't look like a good person," Qian'e said nervously.

"Urgent matter? What urgent matter? Maybe we can let him come in for a chat. There are people from the guard team nearby so we wont be in any danger," Li Gui said.

'Then you wash up first, Auntie. I'll go to the door and tell him' Qian'e returned to the door and opened it, saying, "Come in.'

'Hmph, I already say I have to see her about an urgent matter, but you don't believe me! Get out of my way!' Zhao Liu walked into the courtyard arrogantly. As he entered, he even sized up Qian'e thoroughly. Although this woman had a bad temper, she was very good-looking.

Based on the look in Zhao TAu's eyes, Qian'e was even more certain that this man was not a good person! She definitely must not let him get close to Li Gui, nor let him have any designs on Li Gui.

Li Gui had already washed up and was sitting in the master seat in the living room. Zhao Liu was stunned when he entered. Although Li Gui could not be compared to those pampered women in the city, she was definitely the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Based on his knowledge, Li Gui should be almost 50 years old, yet she looked like someone in her 20s or 30s.

When she stood next to Qian'e, they looked like sisters! He definitely wanted to marry this woman! He could not let such an attractive woman escape from his clutches!

"Who are you? Why are you looking for me?" Li Gui asked in a gentle manner.

Zhao Liu quickly replied, 'My surname is Zhao. I'm here because I want to do business with you.'

Chapter 1332 Do Business Together

"Wait, your surname is Zhao? Then who is Zhao Fei to you?" Qian'e asked with a frown. Li Gui's expression also darkened.

They did not expect a member of the Zhao family to dare to come knocking on their door. Qian'e did not know much about what happened yesterday, but she knew about the messy issues between Zhao Fei and the Zhao family's relatives.

ραndαsNovεl com "I... I... I'm Zhao Fei's uncle," Zhao Liu replied calmly.

"Uncle? Then what's your relationship with the two brothers, Zhao Kai and Zhao Kun! What's your name?" Qian'e asked fiercely.

He knew he had to answer this question carefully. Zhao Kai had already offended Li Gui and her daughter. If he told them the truth now, Li Gui would definitely feel annoyed with him.

"I'm Zhao Kai's uncle. My name is Zhao Si," Zhao Liu said with a smile.

"Who are you trying to fool! If that's the case, then my name is Zhang San! You must be lying to us about your name! How can there be someone called Zhao Si!" Qian'e questioned.

"My name is really Zhao Si! It's my parents who gave me this name," Zhao Liu said aggrievedly. He tried his best to make it sound more convincing so that Li Gui would believe him.

Li Gui was disgusted with all the Zhao family members, but she felt she could not tar everyone with the same brush. There were probably still one or two good people in the Zhao family.

"Then why are you here to look for me?" Li Gui asked doubtfully.

"I'm here to do business with you! I don't know what exactly happened between the few of you, but I'm very sure it must be Zhao Kai's fault! I hear from the neighbors that Zhao Kai's father has already severely punished Zhao Kai! Zhao Kai already knows that he's in the wrong!" Zhao Liu said.

"Since you're talking about doing business, then what do you have in mind?" Li Gui continued to ask.

Zhao Liu told Li Gui about his idea. Since Zhao Fei was only in charge of the popcorn business, he was willing to take charge of the other two food items. Anything was fine as long as he could earn money.

Before he came, he had specially found out more about Li Gui's family background. He heard that Li Gui made very delicious braised meat and it sold really well recently. The moment he heard that, he immediately had dishonest thoughts. I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha \Pi d\alpha$  snovel.com

Qian'e also understood what Zhao Liu meant, but she did not trust anyone from the Zhao family at all. She did not even trust Zhao Fei at the moment.

"How are we supposed to believe you? After what happened with your Zhao family, we really don't think we can trust you," Qian'e said.

Zhao Liu looked at Qian'e impatiently. This woman was so troublesome. She had been picking on him since the moment he entered the house. Li Gui had not even said anything, so how could this employee have any right to make any decision on Li Gui's behalf.

"We've already told Zhao Fei before that we won't work with the Zhao family's relatives. You should go back," Li Gui said calmly.

"But my idea is beneficial to everyone! You just need to take charge of the production at home while I'll take charge of the sales. When the time comes, you can decide on how much money we earn. You just need to collect money at home. Furthermore, there are many people in our village who can help out!" Zhao Liu said.

Li Gui and Qian'e both knew that Zhao Liu's method was very profitable, but they could not just take part in anything that made money. Even if it was their intention to expand their business in the future, they could no longer continue to work with the Zhao family.

"It can't be that all good things must fall into the hands of your Zhao family. Why can't we get help from other people? It's not as if your Zhao family are the only people in the entire capital who know how to do business. Then is everyone else just good-for-nothings?" Qian'e questioned.

"Aren't you Sister Li's employee?" Zhao Liu suddenly asked.

"She's my partner, not my employee," Li Gui corrected him sternly.

"Look, there's a difference between partners and people like us. As you know, partners get a share of the profits, but we only get to earn the difference between cost price and selling price. We'll run errands for you and you just need to give us a little bit of money. I'm sure you're magnanimous enough not to hold grudges. Zhao Kai is indeed too thoughtless. I'll definitely teach him a lesson when I get back!" Zhao Liu said.

"Mr. Zhao, it's better that you leave. We've already made it very clear that we won't be hiring anyone who is a Zhao family relative. I hope you can understand our stand," Qian'e said.

Since it seemed there was no way to salvage the situation, Zhao Liu did not pester them anymore. He had other plans in mind. He could only earn a little bit of money from this business. It was more important to find a way to get hold of Li Gui!

"Alright, I'll go back now. Sorry to disturb you today," Zhao Liu said readily.

Chapter 1333 Do Not Ruin My Plans

Qian'e did not expect him to do that. She had thought that he would pester them about it for a while and she did not expect the about-turn in his attitude.

Could it be that Zhao Liu had some other intention and was just playing hard to get? Did he have some other schemes up his sleeves? The matter was not over yet and they still had to be careful.

After sending Zhao Liu off, Li Gui told Qian'e in detail about everything that happened the other day. Qian'e was so angry that she almost crushed the teacup in her hand.

"This is too much! I don't think the person just now is whatever so-called Zhao Si or Zhang San at all! He's clearly Zhao Kai's father! He even tells us to believe him. This is really a case of a weasel paying a visit to a chicken! He's up to no good! From now on, I'll beat him up every time I see him! How dare such a shameless thing come knocking on our door! I should have beaten him out of the door with a big stick just now!" Qian'e said angrily.

"Do you think so... What if it's really another of Zhao Fei's uncles?" Li Gui said doubtfully.

"Auntie! That person is definitely Zhao Kai's father! Even if he's not, he's still not a good person. You can't believe him! I've met many such people! Don't you believe me!" Qian'e said firmly. She was very sure that she was right.

Previously, when she was in the hospital, she had heard many stories from the women in the surrounding beds. She had seen too many women who had been abused. She had also seen all these women's husbands and the men all looked very different.

It was not as if a fat man with an oily face must be a bad guy. These men came in all kinds with different figures, be it tall, short, fat or thin. There were even those who looked very dignified, but were vicious beasts who beat the women up badly! Ma San was a living example. She did not want Li Gui to have to experience such a thing again.

"Of course I believe you!" Li Gui said firmly.

ραndαsnovεl.com "They are really out of their league! Pfft! He should look in the mirror and take a good look at himself! How dare he come to our place! I'm not done with them about this!" Qian'e said.

"Alright, alright, don't get so angry. At most, we won't work with the Zhao family and let's not work with Zhao Fei either. If Zhao Fei can't handle this matter well and people from the Zhao family still come looking for us, then let's completely terminate the collaboration with him," Li Gui said solemnly.

Li Gui was not in the mood to waste time with the Zhao family. She was a woman who had already been married twice. If strange men kept coming to her house, she was worried that the neighbors would start spreading rumors about her. When that happened, how would the children feel?I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi d\alpha$ snovel.com

There might even be people who would say that she played dirty and relied on unscrupulous methods to do business. If that happened, she would not be able to clear her name even if she wanted to.

On the way home, Zhao Liu bought two bottles of poor quality liquor. He thought that he would be able to gain some benefits by going to Li Gui's house, but he was kicked out in the end!

However, he was satisfied to get a chance to see what Li Gui looked like. This trip was not a total loss!

"You two little brats! You've offended everyone there! It's so embarrassing for me to be there!" Zhao Liu said angrily as he pointed at Zhao Kai.

"What? Do you mean to say that Li Gui even gave you a hard time! What a b\*tch. I think she's tired of living! If there's really no other way, I'll get my band of brothers from the village to go to her house in the middle of the night and smash it up. They won't be able to see our faces if we do it at night!" Zhao Kai said.

"What an asshole! How can I have such an idiot son like you! Don't do anything and don't ruin my plans! I still have things to do!" In the blink of an eye, Zhao Liu had finished an entire bottle of liquor.

Zhao Kai hurriedly grabbed Zhao Kun and ran away. If they stayed any longer, the two of them might very well get beaten up! After Zhao Liu got drunk, he would simply beat people up indiscriminately. Even the heavenly emperor would get beaten up if he came by.

"How can a widow still be so picky! Hmph, I'll subdue you sooner or later! I'll get you to wash my clothes and cook for me every day!" Zhao Liu lay on the bed and muttered to himself.

The one-week deadline arrived very quickly. Qian'e was already waiting at the door for Zhao Fei to appear. Zhao Fei drove up and parked in front of Qian'e with a smile on his face. As the saying went, people would not slap a smiling person. If he maintained a good attitude, Qian'e probably would not scold him.

"What's your uncle's name?" Qian'e asked.

"My uncle? My uncle's name is Zhao Liu and his brother's name is Zhao Ming," Zhao Fei said honestly. He only wanted to protect this business now. Nothing else was more important.

Chapter 1334 Sever Ties

"Is he thin, not very tall and has a scar on his wrist, as well as dark skin and yellow teeth? He likes to sit with his legs crossed and also has a mole on his face," Qian'e said, listing down the details.

Zhao Fei immediately guessed that she was describing Zhao Liu. He still wanted to continue working with Li Gui and the rest and did not want to lose such a good business deal. The relatives from the Zhao family did not matter to him. He would always prioritize Li Gui and the rest over his relatives.

"It's Zhao Liu, Zhao Kai's father," Zhao Fei said honestly.

"So it's your uncle who came here. Since we had previously agreed on the terms, then we have to follow them. Qiao Mei said that you don't have to come and pick up the goods if you haven't settled your family matters properly," Qian'e said.

pαndαsnovεl.com "Sister Qian'e! Give me another chance! I really don't know that they came here on their own secretly! I swear that I really don't know anything about this. I'll go back and talk to them again. At most, I'll sever ties with them. I won't let them come looking for you again!" Zhao Fei raised three fingers and swore to the heavens.

"Alright fine, do you think I'm asking you for your life? Rules are fixed but people are not. I have the final say in the popcorn business now, so I'll give you another day. Go back and settle all the messy stuff. If I see any of the Zhao family members coming here again, don't blame me for not being nice." After saying that, Qian'e walked back into the corn courtyard house.

Zhao Fei drove back to the village at top speed, but he did not return to Zhao Liu's house immediately. Instead, he went to the village office to look for the village chief and told him about everything that had happened. He especially emphasized that Li Gui wanted to terminate the collaboration with them.

The name of this village was "Zhao Family Village". Other than a few families who moved here later, most of the rest were relatives. Even if they were not relatives now, they were definitely related by blood within the past five generations.

The village chief was like everyone's elder and was highly respected in this village. Even the worst-behaved person here would listen to the village chief's advice. Zhao Fei hurriedly helped the village chief to make his way to Zhao Liu's house.

"Oh, why is the village chief here? You brat, why haven't you told us that you're inviting the village chief to our place!" Zhao Liu said.

"Xiao Liu, if I don't come, I wonder if you people are still going to feed this child!" the village chief said jokingly. I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi d\alpha$ snovel.com

"Village Chief, what are you talking about! Why won't we feed Zhao Fei? I treat Zhao Fei like my own son and I definitely treat him no worse than my own son, Zhao Kai!" Zhao Liu said exaggeratedly.

Zhao Fei could no longer suppress the disgust in his heart. He could not stand seeing Zhao Liu's hypocritical look.

"Why don't you listen to me when I tell you not to go to Li Gui's house! Why did you go and look for them on your own! Now they say that they don't want to work with us anymore! What else do you have to say! At most, I won't do this business anymore and will go back to being a scavenger! I'll rather become a beggar than have anything to do with your family!" Zhao Fei said as he pointed at Zhao Liu.

Zhao Liu sneered disdainfully. He did not believe what Zhao Fei said at all. One look and he could tell that Li Gui was a kind person and she would never do such a ruthless thing. Besides, he did not do anything that day. If anyone asked, he would say that he had gone to apologize on Zhao Kai's behalf.

"Who are you trying to trick? Besides, how do you know that I was the one who went? Am I the only one with the surname Zhao?" Zhao Liu quibbled.

"You still don't want to admit it! She looked me in the face and described clearly what you looked like and what you wore! She even mentioned the mole on your face! Let me put it this way. If anyone goes to look for Li Gui and the others again, we'll all drop this business! I also won't return to this village in the future! Even if I starve to death, it's none of your business!" After saying that, Zhao Fei left the house in a fit of pique.

Zhao Liu still wanted to chase after Zhao Fei and teach him a lesson, but he was stopped by the village chief.

"Xiao Liu, just stay at home for a few days. If you feel bored, then come to my place and play chess with me. I have nothing to do all day. Don't leave the village for the time being," the village chief said sternly.

"Village Chief, look at this child. He's simply lawless! He doesn't even listen to me! What he said is not the truth. I really didn't do anything!" Zhao Liu said.

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Chapter 1335 Coming To Ask For Medicine

"Do I need to tell you to focus on the bigger picture? I don't care if you have done it or not. When the matter of the seeds is settled next year, you can do whatever you want. Don't think that I don't know what you're up to. Don't you know best why you don't have a wife?" the village chief questioned.

Qiao Mei had visited this village for an inspection last year and confirmed that the land here was suitable for planting seeds. She had also already agreed on a price with the village chief and they would be signing the agreement when spring arrived. At this juncture, no one was allowed to do anything that would lead to trouble.

Everything must be set aside for the time being. They must focus on the matter of Qiao Mei's deal with the village first.

"Got it," Zhao Liu said sulkily.

Anyway, he was not in a hurry. He would definitely do everything he could to get hold of Li Gui and make her his woman!

With the village chief's intervention, Zhao Liu's family indeed became much more obedient. With that, Zhao Fei and Li Gui continued to work together. Due to the reduction in the number of helpers, the amount they sold every day also decreased a lot.

This was only a temporary situation for now. Once the building in the suburbs was completed, they would be able to do everything they planned. At that time, it would not be a problem to recruit as many people as they wanted!

After a few peaceful days, there was a knock on Qiao Mei's door early one morning. Qiao Mei opened the door groggily and she certainly did not expect to find Liang Lan kneeling at the door. Qiao Mei thought that she had seen a ghost and was so shocked that she almost used the big stick at the side to hit the kneeling figure.

The Liang Lan in front of her looked very different from the Liang Lan in Qiao Mei's memories. She had lost a lot of weight and looked much more haggard than before. Her eyes were bloodshot and her hair was a mess, as if she had not slept for a few days and nights.

"What... what are you doing here?" Qiao Mei asked hesitantly.

"Please save my mother! She already knows she's the one at fault! Can you please give her some 'divine medicine' and save her? You're the only one who can save her now!" Liang Lan begged.

She had been through a lot during this period of time. In the beginning, everyone had agreed to take turns to take care of Liang Shu, but the rest all found reasons not to do it in the end. In order to avoid taking care of Liang Shu, Bai Ming even returned to her maternal home, saying that her mother was also sick and that as the daughter, she had to go back and wait upon her mother. She also said that it was more convenient for her mother to be taken care of by a daughter rather than a son. How could she not stay by her mother's side at such a time? I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi$ d $\alpha$ snovel.com

The meaning between the lines was to remind Liang Lan that she should be the one taking care of Liang Shu. Otherwise, she was an unfilial child! She deserved to be criticized!

Liang Shu was hospitalized for a short while before Liang Lan brought her back to the family's old house. Now that Liang Can had occupied the Liang family's luxurious villa, it was impossible for Liang Shu to go back there.

The old house was at the foot of the mountain in the suburbs and the place had been left vacant for a long time. Occasionally, Liang Shu would arrange for people to come here to tidy up the courtyard and clean the house.

"It's not impossible for me to save her. Has she thought things through by now? Will she scold me again when she sees me? Whatever happened the last time we met is still fresh in my mind!" Qiao Mei asked.

"Absolutely not! She has already thought things through! She's the one who asks me to come and look for you this time round!" Liang Lan said.

Actually, Liang Lan did not know what Liang Shu was thinking. She did not even know when exactly Qiao Mei had gone to look for Liang Lan. She had only heard the nurses at the reception desk mention this incident, and then Xiao Jing had also asked her to come to Qiao Mei's place to ask for the "divine medicine" to try out. She was only here to try her luck.

At this point, Liang Shu could only make whining sounds and Liang Lan did not have the patience to figure out what Liang Shu meant.

Liang Shu had suffered a lot since she fell sick and Liang Lan had clearly explained all the pros and cons to her during this period of time. If they did not beg Qiao Mei for help, then Liang Shu would have to stay in the dilapidated old house for the rest of her life. Liang Can would never let Liang Shu return to the Liang family's luxurious villa. Perhaps Liang Can would even take over all of Liang Shu's assets in the future!

 $\rho\alpha$ nd $\alpha$ snovɛl.com Liang Shu had been at loggerheads with Liang Can for her entire life. She would never allow Liang Can to get hold of her assets so easily. For that alone, she would smile at Qiao Mei even if she had to force herself to do it.

"In that case, you'll have to wait a while." After saying that, Qiao Mei returned to her room to catch up on her sleep.

She asked Xu Kang to first bring Liang Lan to the living room, then to go to the convenience store at the entrance of the alley to make a phone call to Xia He. Under such circumstances, Qiao Mei definitely could not go alone and needed someone to go with her.

Chapter 1336 Soiling Her Pants

Qian'e had to stay by Li Gui's side at all times nowadays. At the moment, Xia He was the only person who could help her out. Once Xia He received the call, she rushed over from Deng Fan's house.

On the phone, Xu Kang did not make it clear why Xia He was needed and only asked her to come to the house. Xia He thought that Qiao Mei was not used to being alone after Xia Zhe returned to the army and was requesting for her company!

She did not expect to see such an annoying person the moment she entered through the door. It really irritated her and ruined her good mood for the day.

"What are you doing here? Haven't you already cut ties with the Qiao family? Why are you here again? Don't tell me you're here to make peace again?" Xia He questioned.

Before Liang Lan could say anything, Qiao Mei heard Xia He's voice and immediately walked out of her room.

ραΠdαsNovel.com "Elder Sister, she has come to ask me for help. Let's go now," Qiao Mei said.

Xia He did not probe further. The few of them got into the car and went to the Liang family's old house. It was only when they arrived that Xia He found out that Qiao Mei was here to deliver medicine. She could have just gotten one of the helpers at home to do that for her. Why did she want to make a trip down personally?

If it was another location, then Qiao Mei would not be interested. However, this place was different. This was the house where Qiao Qiang used to live. Qiao Mei just wanted to take a look at the place where Qiao Qiang spent part of his life.

Qiao Qiang had mentioned to her before that there was a cherry tree in the middle of this courtyard which he planted himself. However, there was nothing in the middle of the courtyard now. The tree had probably been dug up by the Liang family the year that Qiao Qiang left. Otherwise, Qiao Mei would be able to see a lot of things related to Qiao Qiang through the tree's memories.

What a pity.

"It's cold outside, so let's hurry up and go inside! My mother is in this room." Liang Lan warmly brought the other two women towards the room. As soon as they entered, Qiao Mei and Xia He frowned and quickly backtracked. If they moved any later, they would have vomited inside.

Liang Lan said embarrassedly, "Um... perhaps you can wait in the other room first. I'll help her wash up."

She did not expect Liang Shu to soil her pants again while she was not around. Liang Lan pulled off Liang Shu's dirty clothes in a rough manner and washed them carefully before putting on new clothes for her. I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi d\alpha$ snovel.com

"Qiao Mei is just next door. You have to be nice to her later, do you understand?" Liang Lan said.

"Mmmm mmmm!!!" Liang Shu seemed to be very angry and kept mumbling. Liang Lan did not care at all. As long as Qiao Mei could give her the "divine medicine", nothing else mattered.

The one whom Qiao Mei was saving was not only Liang Shu, but also her. If Liang Shu could not get better, then she would be the one who would have a complete breakdown! Even professional caregivers were not willing to come and wait upon Liang Shu.

Liang Lan opened the door and all the windows. Winter was not over yet and the wind outside was bone-chilling. As the cold wind blew into the house, Liang Shu kept shivering. With her illness, it would be detrimental to her if she caught a cold, but Liang Lan did not care at all.

"Just bear with it for a while. Don't forget what I told you. If you miss this chance, there won't be such a good opportunity next time! Then you can just lie paralyzed on the bed for the rest of your life!" Liang Lan said viciously.

Liang Lan went to the other room and invited them to go over. She said gently, "Come. I'm done cleaning up."

At the room door, Qiao Mei and Xia He hesitated for a moment. They did not want to get a whiff of that smell again. Fortunately, there was no hint of any smell this time and the two of them walked in with a sense of relief.

As soon as Qiao Mei entered, her expression changed and she went over to Liang Shu's bed happily, saying, "I'm here to visit you! I hear from Liang Lan that you've thought things through. Is that true?"

Liang Shu still wanted to curse at Qiao Mei, but then she remembered what Liang Lan said to her. She forced out a smile and turned her face towards Qiao Mei with her eyes closed, as if she did not want to face this reality.

"Oh, so you're unwilling to see me. Then I'd better leave so that I won't be an eyesore here." After saying that, Qiao Mei turned around and was about to leave when Liang Lan immediately went forward to stop her.

"Mother! Open your eyes and take a look! Qiao Mei is here to visit you! She's here to treat your illness! Haven't you been hoping that Qiao Mei would come and see you?" Liang Lan specially placed emphasis on the words "treat your illness" and Liang Shu widened her eyes resignedly to look at Qiao Mei.

Chapter 1337 Group Photo

The moment Qiao Mei turned around, Liang Shu felt as if all the blood in her body was frozen. She had never met Qiao Mei before and the previous photos she saw were all taken when Qiao Mei still weighed more than 200 pounds. This was the first time she saw Qiao Mei in her current state.

She felt as if she had seen this face somewhere before, but she could not put her finger on it. After sizing Qiao Mei up carefully for a long time, Liang Shu acted as if she had seen a ghost. She panicked and used all her strength to move backwards. She kept whimpering, but no one knew what she was saying. It seemed as if she was begging for mercy, but also seemed like she was cursing.

"What's wrong with her? Does she have other illnesses? Or perhaps she doesn't want to see me," Qiao Mei asked Liang Lan in confusion.

Liang Lan also did not know what was wrong with Liang Shu. Did Liang Shu ever have such a big reaction before? She had never even reacted like that when she had to meet Liang Can.

"Maybe my mother is too excited to see you. After all, she has been in this state for a long time and it's been very difficult for her. Seeing you is like seeing hope." As Liang Lan spoke, she even wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes with her sleeve.

Liang Lan grabbed Liang Shu's hands tightly and pressed them against the bed, whispering into Liang Shu's ear, "Do you want to get well soon or not!"

Liang Shu struggled for a moment before calming down. She turned her head to the side so that she did not have to look at Qiao Mei, but it was not something that Qiao Mei cared about.

Qiao Mei knew that it was impossible for Liang Shu to like her within a short period of time. She also did not need Liang Shu to like her. Her only purpose in coming here this time was just to take a good look at this house.

Seeing Liang Shu in such a sad state, Qiao Mei felt a little emotional. No matter how strong and stubborn one was, one would not be able to retain any dignity or poise in the face of illness. However, Liang Shu only had herself to blame. If she had treated Liang Lan and Liang Guo fairly, perhaps she would not be in such a situation now. It was all of her own doing.

Qiao Mei saw many photos on the wall, and there was even one from when Liang Shu was a baby! However, she did not see Qiao Qiang among the photos on the wall. There was not a single group photo.

"Isn't there any photo of my grandfather?" Qiao Mei asked.

"Uh... Back then, he was always in the army and did not have time to come home, so he was never around when we took photos," Liang Lan explained.

Actually, they had many photos of him. When Qiao Qiang left the Liang family, Liang Shu had burned all those photos and no one really cared about it. They did not expect Qiao Mei to ask about this today. I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi$ d $\alpha$ snovel.com

"Huh... I thought she was a military spouse and all of you followed him around? You spent all your days together, so how could it be that you didn't get to see one another?" Qiao Mei asked.

Liang Lan gnashed her teeth and looked at Qiao Mei. She did not expect Qiao Qiang to tell Qiao Mei so much about the past. She herself already could not even remember these things clearly.

"Oh right, I remember now! It's because my father doesn't like to take photos! He always hides at the side and watches us as we take photos, so he's not in any of the photos," Liang Lan said.

Qiao Mei knew what Liang Lan said was a lie, but she could not be bothered to expose her. There were many photos of Qiao Qiang at their house in Foshan Village. Qiao Qiang had brought all those back with him and most of the photos were of Qiao Qiang with his comrades. There were also photos of Qiao Qiang when he received his badges of honor. However, those were not well kept and some of the photos were already faded.

"Not even one?" Qiao Mei asked again.

Liang Lan was so anxious that her forehead was covered in sweat. After thinking hard, she suddenly remembered that they seemed to still have a photo of Qiao Qiang at home. However, it was kept in an old box and she needed to go and search for it.

"I'll pass it to you next time once I find it. This house is in such a mess now. I don't even know where the box is," Liang Lan said vaguely.

Qiao Mei simply went to a chair at the side and sat down. She smiled at Liang Lan and said, "There's no hurry. I have plenty of time today. Take your time to search for it. This house doesn't look that big to me and I'm sure you'll be able to find it within the day. If there's really no other way, you can ask your mother. She probably remembers where it is."

Liang Lan clenched her fists and wished that she could give Qiao Mei a tight slap to vent her frustration. Qiao Mei was clearly trying to make things difficult for her! However, Qiao Mei still had what they needed now. If she did not do as Qiao Mei said, it was very likely that Liang Shu would continue to remain like this. Did that mean that she would have to wait upon Liang Shu for the rest of her life?

ραndαsNovεl com As the saying went, a great person knew when to yield and when to stand tall. What was this bit of grievance worth? As long as she could escape from her misery, she was willing to do anything!

"Sure! Then you take a seat here. I'll go and look for it now!" Liang Lan said as she forced a smile on her face.

Chapter 1338 A Ring

Liang Lan had completely no recollection of where Qiao Qiang's photo was kept. Even if she had seen it before, it was when she was about seven or eight years old. She was almost 50 years old now and could not remember anything from her childhood.

However, the house was only so big. She also knew where Liang Shu kept her things, so she was sure she would be able to find it soon. It was just photos and not anything valuable, so it could not be hidden somewhere obscure.

Liang Lan rummaged through all the cabinets and boxes in the house. In the end, she found a rather exquisite wooden box inside a big box in the storeroom. When she opened it, it was indeed filled with old photos and she hurriedly ran back to the room to show Qiao Mei. The earlier she handed these things to Qiao Mei, the more satisfied Qiao Mei would be and the sooner she could be free.

"Look! This is the box. There are many photos inside. You can take a look at them," Liang Lan said happily.

Qiao Mei searched through the photos one by one, worried that she would miss seeing Qiao Qiang's photo. However, no matter how carefully she searched, she could not find any photos of Qiao Qiang. There was not even a group photo with him inside.

The box was completely filled with only photos of Liang Lan and Liang Guo when they were young. There were photos of them at all ages and there were also quite a number of photos of Liang Shu. Qiao Mei did not expect Liang Lan to look so sweet and obedient when she was young. How did she become like this and changed so much!

"Are you messing around with me? Or perhaps your mother has destroyed all the photos and you don't know about it," Qiao Mei asked with a frown.

"No! I've definitely seen it before! Wait!" Liang Lan took the wooden box from Qiao Mei and rummaged through it carefully. As she searched, she muttered to herself, "I can't be wrong... I clearly remember that it's in this box... How can it have disappeared... I definitely can't have remembered wrongly..."

Liang Lan poured everything out of the box and a ring fell to the ground with a crisp thud. When Liang Shu saw the ring, she started to yell violently again. Qiao Mei did not know what she was trying to say, but she felt that this ring must be especially important to Liang Shu.

"You can take this. We have no use for it anyway. I know you really like antiques and this ring should be quite old. Take it as my thank-you gift to you for coming to save my mother," Liang Shu said.

She was no longer sure if the photo was still around or not. If she really could not find the photo, she would have to give Qiao Mei something else to placate her. This way, there was a higher chance of her obtaining the "divine medicine". I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi$ d $\alpha$ snovel.com

The ring was very exquisite and looked as if it was made by a master craftsman. It was not an ordinary item. The butterfly on it was lifelike and made of gold. The wings of the butterfly were embedded with all kinds of gemstones, including many rare gems. In particular, the rubies on the body of the butterfly looked like they could be pigeon blood ruby.

"I can't take this thing. If word gets out, how am I supposed to explain myself? I'm not here to save someone in return for such things," Qiao Mei said.

Not long ago, the grandson of Xia Jun's close comrade, Old Mr. Sun, suddenly came to look for her. He knelt down and begged her for a bottle of "divine medicine". Old Mr. Sun was five years younger than Xia Jun, but no one had expected his health to deteriorate very quickly. Old Mr. Sun was suffering from so much pain that he could not even eat.

Qiao Mei had been very moved by what Old Mr. Sun's grandson did. If Qiao Qiang was terminally ill, she would also do anything to save him. Even if it meant kneeling down to others, she would do it to save Qiao Qiang.

 $\rho\alpha\Pi d\alpha$ sNovel.com If she accepted Liang Lan's gift now, the Sun family might send a big gift to her house in a couple of days. Then did she have to give everyone the "divine medicine" if they brought their family heirloom along when they came to look for her? That would be such a mess.

"Just take it! It's useless to leave it in our house! It suits you! You... you're my father's biological granddaughter after all. We're related by blood, so there's nothing wrong with me giving you a gift," Liang Lan said as she stuffed the ring into Qiao Mei's hand.

"My grandfather has already completely severed ties with your family, so the blood relationship between us is equivalent to nothing. You should take it back." Qiao Mei wanted to return the ring to Liang Lan, but she suddenly felt that something was wrong.

The ring was slowly absorbing her energy. The energy in her body kept getting transferred to the ring through her palm. Her body gradually turned cold as she held onto the ring tightly, unable to move an inch.

Liang Lan just watched on as Qiao Mei stared at the ring in a daze. Even Xia He found her behavior to be a little strange.

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Chapter 1339 Photo From The Past

The ring shone with a faint red light as Qiao Mei gripped it. Of course, only Qiao Mei could see this light. Once the ring absorbed enough energy, Qiao Mei could move her body again and her body temperature slowly rose.

Liang Lan pursed her lips and looked at Qiao Mei disdainfully. Although Qiao Mei kept talking about rejecting the gift, her hands were clenched around the ring tightly, seemingly worried that Liang Lan would go forward to snatch it from her. Yet she still said that she was not interested in it.

She was indeed just a country bumpkin from the countryside. Even if the Xia family managed to dress her up to look like a rich lady, she still behaved like a poor and greedy person.

"Qiao Mei?" Xia He called out to her.

"Oh! Since you insist on giving it to me, I won't stand on ceremony and will accept it." Qiao Mei put the ring into her pocket, then pointed at the bag in Xia He's hand and said, "The 'divine medicine' you want is right there. As long as you find my grandfather's photo, I'll give it to you."

"Mmmm mmm!!!" Liang Shu almost twisted her body as she screamed while still on the bed. She had been shouting for so long that her voice was already hoarse, but yet she still kept yelling at Qiao Mei. It sounded like she was cursing and also like she was shouting out of fear.

"Mother! Why do you still want to keep those things! Money is just worldly possessions. Is money more important than your health?" Liang Lan said as she quickly ran to Liang Shu's bed.

"Mmm mmm!" Liang Shu whimpered as she glared at Liang Lan angrily.

pαndαsNovεl com "I know, I know! I'll go and look for the photo now!" Liang Lan did not even look at Liang Shu's face and completely misinterpreted what she meant.

Even after searching for a long time, she did not manage to find anything. She also could not find anything in the wooden box. Liang Lan almost wanted to smash it open. How could the photo have grown legs and ran away?

At this moment, her fingers suddenly touched a compartment and there seemed to be something inside. Liang Lan slowly took out the item inside the compartment. It was the photo of Qiao Qiang which she was looking for, one of Qiao Qiang wearing his military uniform. There was no such photo at home anymore. In fact, there was no photo of him within the five-year period before and after this photo was taken.

"Look! Is it this one! I told you I've seen it before! I didn't lie to you!" Liang Lan said agitatedly.

Liang Shu turned around and glared fiercely at Qiao Mei and the others, making angry whining sounds. Liang Lan quickly blocked Liang Shu's view. At this moment, nothing was more important than Qiao Mei.I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi d\alpha$ snovel.com

Liang Shu was bent on getting the photo back from Qiao Mei. If not for the fact that she was paralyzed, she would probably have run to Qiao Mei's side and snatched it away.

Qiao Mei did not care so much. She just wanted to take away something related to Qiao Qiang. In the photo, Qiao Qiang looked really handsome. He was dignified and charming and even had the look of a

capable general! If Qiao Qiang could be transported to Qiao Mei's other life, there would definitely be many girls wooing him. He would not have met a woman like Liang Shu, like what he did in this life.

Back then, Liang Shu had only taken a fancy to Qiao Qiang because of his looks. If not for the fact that Qiao Qiang was so handsome, she would not have married him even if she was beaten to death! It was also the reason why Liang Guo and Liang Lan were not ugly and could be considered to look quite pleasant.

"I'll take this photo with me. You won't mind, right?" Qiao Mei held up the photo and asked with a smile.

"Of course you can!" Liang Lan agreed.

Qiao Mei took advantage of the fact that Liang Lan did not think to ask for anything in return and quickly put the photo into her pocket. However, when she touched the photo, she thought that it felt different from anything she had ever seen. Why did it feel like the photo paper used was thicker than what she had seen at other places?

However, she did not have time to think more about this. Perhaps the Liang family had specially gone to the most expensive studio to take photos in order to please Qiao Qiang? Anything was possible.

Seeing that Qiao Mei did not do anything else, Liang Lan immediately reminded her, "About that... medicine..."

Qiao Mei took out a small bottle of "divine medicine" from Xia He's bag. The medicinal effect of the liquid in this bottle was probably the worst out of all the batches that she had ever made.

Not long ago, in order to do more research on the blood-colored ginseng juice, she had filled up her entire secret room with ginsengs. There was even a 1,000-year-old ginseng that she did not keep properly and it went running around the house. Even though it moved very slowly, it was still a creepy sight. Qiao Mei did not want to face such a scene again.

The ginseng juice which Qiao Mei gave Liang Shu was generally made from ginsengs that were only a few decades old and she had even used scraps that were useless. She was not sure if Liang Shu would get better after drinking it, but it was still better than nothing.

"Here you go. Drink it once a day, one spoonful at a time." Qiao Mei simply threw out a random instruction. In any case, the effect would be about the same no matter how much or how little she drank. It was not a bad idea to let Liang Shu suffer a little longer.

Chapter 1340 Ask Someone Else For It

The size of the bottle was completely not what Liang Lan expected. She had thought that Qiao Mei would be very generous and give her many bottles, or at least enough doses to feed Liang Shu for a month.

Such a small bottle would be used up after a few sips. It would not even last a week. Could this thing really cure Liang Shu's illness?

"Is that all?" Liang Shu asked with uncertainty as she kept looking at Xia He's bag. If not for the fact that the bag was in Xia He's arms, Liang Lan would probably have gone forward to open it to confirm that there was really no second bottle inside.

"What do you think this is? Some kind of beverage? Something which is sold widely in the shops? You should feel glad that you can get a share. I don't even have any! If you're not interested, then return it to us. There are many other people who want it!" Xia He looked at Liang Shu, who was making threatening gestures on the bed, and continued, "I don't think your mother wants our help at all. Perhaps you should do as she wishes and return the medicine to us."

"No, no, no! That's not what my mother meant! She's just too excited! She's... she's actually really happy!" Liang Lan hurriedly ran to Liang Shu and lowered her voice as she said, "Mother... Do you really want to lie paralyzed in bed for the rest of your life! Only they can save you now!"

"Mmmm mmm!!!" Liang Shu moaned. Liang Lan tried her best to make Liang Shu shut up and Liang Shu's voice gradually became much softer.

"What... what if there's not enough medicine?" Liang Lan asked as she held up the medicine bottle.

"Then you have to wait. After all, this medicine is not always available. I don't know when there will be another batch. You can only wait," Qiao Mei said.

"I can wait, but my mother can't! Please give us more!" Liang Lan begged.

Qiao Mei leaned against the door and said, "Why not... you go and ask He Ning for some? He has quite a few bottles. All my stock was taken by He Ning back then. The medicine which we gave to Old Mr. Sun had to be portioned out of the Xia family's share."

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There was nothing that a devil like He Ning could not do.

"Then I'll wait for news from you!" Liang Lan said immediately. I think you should take a look at  $\rho\alpha\Pi d\alpha$  snovel.com

Qiao Mei sneered disdainfully and left the Liang family's old house with Xia He.

Before Qiao Mei left, she could not help but turn back to look at the dilapidated courtyard again. After memorizing all the details, she turned around and left.

On the way home, Xia He could not help but ask, "Can that medicine really make Liang Shu better?"

Xia He had personally witnessed how amazing this medicine was. Just one mouthful was enough to bring Xia Mao back to life. The amount they gave those people just now should be enough for Liang Shu to be reborn.

Liang Shu had treated Grandpa Qiao so badly in the past. In Xia He's opinion, Liang Shu deserved what she was going through now! Liang Shu was suffering the retribution from all the evil things that she did

and Qiao Mei did not need to send medicine to Liang Shu at all. It was such a waste to give it to such a person!

"Whether she can recover or not depends on her own luck. This medicine can only help her return to living a normal life but she would not be able to regain her previous physical condition. I just want to make Grandfather feel better as I'm worried that he will think too much. I have no intention of completely curing Liang Shu. I'm not that kind-hearted," Qiao Mei said honestly.

It was only then that Xia He felt relieved. This was still the Qiao Mei she knew. The two of them went home happily.

Liang Lan used a spoon to feed Liang Shu the medicine. Initially, she had her own selfish motives. If Qiao Mei gave them a lot, then she would take the remainder. Was there anyone who would not grow old one day? She could take a small sip every day so that her health could get even better and she could live longer. This way, most of the Liang family's assets would end up belonging to her.

There was so little medicine now that even Liang Shu herself did not have enough, so how could she steal a portion of it? It was still unknown whether Qiao Mei would still be willing to give more medicine to Liang Shu in the future, so she must make full use of what she had.

Not long after Liang Shu drank the medicine, she suddenly said hoarsely, "Photo... ring... photo..."

Liang Lan looked at Liang Shu in shock. She did not expect this medicine to be so magical! It had not even been 15 minutes since Liang Shu drank it, but she could already speak! It seemed that the rumors were true and that this medicine could even revive the dead!