

Fat Wife 1451

Chapter 1451 Changed After Becoming A Mother

Qiao Mei took the list given by Xia Wen and carefully checked each child's requisite items twice. After confirming that there were no mistakes, she stuffed another 50 dollars into each child's school bag.

"Hey! Why are you giving them so much money! Even if they need money, I should be the one giving it to them! I'm no longer short on cash now. Quick, take it back!" Li Gui said anxiously.

"This is my gift to them. This way, even if they lack something, they can go out and buy it. We don't have to worry about them in the event that they forget to bring what they need," Qiao Mei said with a smile as she stroked the children's school bags gently.

"Aren't you worried that these children will spend money recklessly?" Li Gui said worriedly.

"They've been going around with us to earn money since they were young, so they definitely know how difficult it is to earn money. I believe they won't waste money," Qiao Mei said.

Zhang Miao looked at Qiao Mei in confusion and asked, "Elder Sister, what does it mean to waste money?"

Zhang Miao, who was the youngest, did not actually know how she should spend money. However, Li Gui had previously taught her that she should only buy necessities, and necessities referred only to things that she could not do without!

"To waste money means you don't cherish money and simply buy whatever you want without any restraint. It's not right to be so unrestrained. You can buy whatever you like or want and that's not considered a waste of money. However, if you go around buying things no matter whether you like it or not, and those things are not even useful, then it's a waste," Qiao Mei said after thinking for a long time.

Zhang Miao looked at Qiao Mei but she did not quite grasp the concept. She still did not understand what Qiao Mei meant, but she understood the principle that money must be spent wisely!

"I understand!" Zhang Miao said earnestly.

Qiao Mei called all the children to come over and gave every child a whole list of instructions. She really wished that she could split herself into four parts and go to school with each of the children.

For some reason, she could not help but feel nervous when she looked at children now. She had never felt this way before. Perhaps she had changed after becoming a mother and her thoughts were all about all children's well-being now.

"You must hide whatever money you have. Don't let other people find out that you have a lot of money. Nowadays, two dollars is a lot of money to most people. The money I have given you is meant for emergencies. You must not show it to others, do you understand?" Qiao Mei reminded them. I think you should take a look at

"Got it!" the four children replied in unison.

After saying that, the children went out to play. They were about to start school and did not have much time left to play around. There was no point in asking them to read those boring textbooks for now, so the adults were inclined to let the children have fun for now.

After work, Xia He went to the changing room and changed into the clothes which Qiao Mei had matched for her. Everyone was very envious of Xia He's outfit.

"Sister Xia He! Where did you buy such huge pearl earrings! Look at this ring full of diamonds. This is the type which can only be found at auctions!" Xiao Nan said as she looked at Xia He in shock.

"Oh, you actually know about auctions! You haven't studied much, but you sure know a lot!" Bai Dian said to Xiao Nan with a grin.

"Hmph, I still know about such things!" Xiao Nan said smugly.

"My sister-in-law gave these to me. She likes all these things," Xia He lowered her head and said embarrassedly.

Li Hua stood at the side and looked at Xia He with a jealous expression. The Li family was unknown in the capital and just a very ordinary family. Li Hua's family had to scrimp and save to buy her dance clothes and dancing shoes. Her entire family was waiting for her to become a big star!

She had entered the industry in the same year as Xia He, but she still only received mediocre roles now. She was indignant that Xia He could so easily get the female lead role!

"What is so rare about this that you have to fawn in this manner? Such a bunch of ignorant country bumpkins! How ignorant!" Li Hua said disdainfully.

"Gosh, such sour grapes! Have you ever seen such a big pearl! I don't think you've ever seen anything like this before! If you're so capable, then bring one and show us! You don't have anything valuable on you, yet you're still criticizing others!" Xiao Nan said as she looked at Li Hua mockingly.

Xia He did not want to get into any argument with the others and tugged at the corner of Xiao Nan's clothes to stop her from talking. However, Li Hua was not going to let them off just like that.

Chapter 1452 Without A Trace

"Who knows if it's her family members who gave her this thing? It might be from the man at the door that day! Some people look cool and aloof on the surface, but who knows what despicable things they can do behind everyone's back!" Li Hua said.

"You'd better watch your mouth!" Bai Dian said as she glared at Li Hua.

"Did I say who it is? Did I say this person's name? Why are you able to make the connection! Don't tell me you have a guilty conscience!" Li Hua said softly.

Xia He patted the dust off the bottom of her skirt with a cold expression on her face. She put away her training clothes and dancing shoes and locked them in the cabinet. Then, she carried the clutch bag which Qiao Mei made for her and stood in front of Li Hua.

"Everyone knows very well who you're talking about. Don't pretend to be clueless. You may be a fool, but no one else is. This is the second time you're spreading false rumors. If there's a third time..." Xia He poked Li Hua in the shoulder fiercely and said, "I'll make sure you die and disappear without a trace!"

Li Hua sneered and said, "Heh! Who are you trying to scare! Do you dare to kill me?"

"Then make a guess whether I dare to do it or not," Xia He said after staring into Li Hua's eyes for a long time. It made Li Hua break out in cold sweat.

Xia He's stare was like that of a cheetah on the hunt and she was the prey targeted by the cheetah. No matter how she tried to escape, she would not be able to escape Xia He's grasp.

Xia He did not continue to argue with Li Hua and turned to leave the changing room. Li Hua was so frightened by Xia He that her legs went weak and she collapsed to the floor. Xiao Nan and the rest also got off work one after another.

As soon as Xia He left the building, she saw Song Dan waiting near the door. He was wearing a white suit with a red rose in the breast pocket of his suit and holding a huge bouquet of red roses in his hand. Xia He pursed her lips in disdain.

It was not that his clothes did not look good, nor was it the flowers in his hands which did not look good. Xia He could tell at a glance that the clothes were made by an established brand in the capital. The material used was also good quality silk, but it was just that this person... was not suitable for this suit.

Song Dan was very tanned and also not very good-looking, so when he wore white clothes, it made him look even more tanned and highlighted his shortcomings. If Song Dan walked about in the dark, everyone would probably only see a white suit moving around. They would not be able to see the person wearing the suit and would think that there was a ghost around!

"Xia He! You're finally here! Let's go now!" Song Dan said happily.

"Erm... didn't I say that I would go on my own?" Xia He said helplessly. I think you should take a look at

"But I really want to come and fetch you. Consider this my apology to you. You haven't allowed me to make it up to you for what happened last time," Song Dan said.

Xia He could feel goosebumps appearing all over her body. She had a fiancé now. If she took Song Dan's car, she might find herself being the subject of rumors. It was better for her to find her own transport.

However, before she came out today, she did not inform the Xia family's chauffeur about this event nor did she have time to tell Qiao Mei. How was she going to find her own transport now?

Just as Xia He was hesitating, the Xia family's car suddenly appeared from afar and stopped in front of her. Chen Mu, dressed in a neat black suit and wearing white gloves, got out of the car elegantly and stood in front of Xia He. He bowed slightly and said, "Eldest Miss, I'm here to pick you up."

Although this opening line sounded very awkward, the corners of Xia He's mouth only twitched slightly as she said, "Alright... let's go."

Chen Mu helped Xia He into the car, then he turned around and said to Song Dan, "Mr. Song, we'll take our leave first. Goodbye."

"Wow... Who is this handsome guy?" Xiao Nan said as she looked at Chen Mu with stars in her eyes.

"This must be the Xia family's chauffeur. I remember that Xia He's brother has a designated driver," Bai Dian said.

"Don't pretend to know something you don't. Why would such a handsome man be willing to work for the Xia family as their chauffeur?" Li Hua questioned.

"The Bai family is a good friend of the Xia family after all. Have you been to the Xia family residence before? My elder brother and Brother Xia are colleagues. Don't tell me you know more about these things than me?" Bai Dian said as she rolled her eyes.

Li Hua was rendered speechless by the retort.

Song Dan stood rooted to the spot and clenched his fists. This was the first time he had been humiliated like this. With his current status in society, many women would want nothing more than to pounce on him. Only Xia He ignored him and even mocked him.

Song Dan swore in his heart that he would definitely get his hands on this woman, Xia He! He would do it no matter the cost!

Chapter 1453 A Shabby Restaurant

Chen Mu was not just the Xia family's chauffeur. Similar to Luo Yu, although both of them worked for the Xia family, they were considered members of the Xia family. They were both trusted aides and also good friends with Xia Wen and the others.

"Eldest Miss, why are you still so unhappy? Do you want me to sing you a song?" Chen Mu teased.

"Shoo, shoo, shoo! You still dare to call me Eldest Miss. I was so shocked just now that my eyes almost fell out! You came at the right time though! But... how did you know to come and pick me up?" Xia He asked curiously.

"Qiao Mei gave Xia Wen a call. She said that you were in trouble and asked me to hurry over to provide you with support. That's why I rushed over to pick you up. You've caused me to miss out on a date with a girl!" Chen Mu said sadly.

Xia He smiled faintly. Qiao Mei really knew her the best and knew that she would be in trouble tonight, so she specially found a "divine soldier" to come and save her!

"On account of the fact that you haven't forgotten about your friends after having a lover, I'll get my eldest brother to give you an additional bonus next month! However... which family's daughter is willing to accept an old bachelor like you! What a joyous occasion it is. When the time comes, I'll definitely give you a fat red packet!" Xia He said happily.

"I save you and yet you still call me an old bachelor! Do you believe that I can send you back now and let that man torture you?" Chen Mu threatened.

Xia He immediately said, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry! I won't dare to do it again. Don't send me back!"

"Who's that kid? It can't be the Deng Fan that your brother told me about, right? He's too... not very good-looking. Why do you fancy such a guy? What are you thinking?" Chen Mu said disdainfully.

"Nonsense! That's not Deng Fan! My fiancé is handsome and suave. He doesn't look like that! That's an insult to him!" Xia He said angrily.

"I'm just joking..." Chen Mu said fearfully. The combativeness of a woman in love was very scary. He could not even pass a few casual remarks. However, based on Xia He's taste, her partner's looks would not be too bad. After all, Xia He had taken a fancy to Kong Lu because of his good looks back then and had been so charmed by that scumbag.

Chen Mu drove carefully and soon arrived at the venue of the class reunion. It was not a very fancy place, just a simple little restaurant. It was even hard to tell if it was big enough to accommodate all those old classmates!

"Is... is your class reunion really being held here?" Chen Mu asked in disbelief as he pointed at the small restaurant.

Xia He was also a little stunned. She had thought that they would be dining at one of the top 10 restaurants in the capital. After all, their classmates from back then were all doing quite well now. I think you should take a look at

"I don't know... Let's not criticize someone else's choice..." Xia He said helplessly.

"Do you need me to come and pick you up later? I'm worried that it's not safe for you to go back by yourself," Chen Mu said, frowning as he thought of the man from earlier.

"It's fine. I'll call you if I need anything, but I have to trouble you to go to my workplace to bring my bicycle home. I still need it to go to work tomorrow!" Xia He said with some frustration.

"Got it. Be careful." After saying that, Chen Mu watched Xia He enter the small restaurant and then went to move the bicycle back to Qiao Mei's house as Xia He had instructed.

Xia He looked at the clothes that she was wearing. She had wasted all the time she took to pick out such nice clothes.

"Who is this person?"

"Is she on our list?"

"I don't know. Do any of you know her? Is she anyone's family member?"

The people there looked at Xia He as they talked among themselves. Xia He had transferred out from the school a long time ago and did not make many good friends when she was in this class. Her friends were all people she met later in the art school.

Xia He stood nervously in the middle of the hall. She felt like a clown that everyone was laughing at. She was sure that no one would remember her even if she told them her name.

Song Dan had probably lied to her. No one seemed to remember her, so why would anyone invite her?

"You are all already here!" Song Dan walked in happily from the main door. Xia He remained standing without turning around until Song Dan came to her side.

"Why haven't you found a seat? Come and sit over there with me!" Song Dan said warmly.

Chapter 1454 A Discerning Man

Although everyone did not like Song Dan because he was ugly and also a very crude person, he was the most successful among them. They all wanted to get to know Song Dan better and become his good friend so that they could tag on his connections! There were many things which Song Dan could help them with.

Song Dan did not allow just anyone to call themselves his friends. He remembered everything that happened in the past and did not intend to make it easy for anyone who bullied him in the past. He was not the kind to take the initiative to stir up trouble though.

As the saying went, how could one spend time dancing on hornets' nests and not expect to be stung? Whenever Song Dan could get a hold over someone, he would not let that person off easily!

"Song Dan, why didn't you inform us that you got married! We didn't even get to eat any wedding candy!" a man said agitatedly.

"Married? When did I get married?" Song Dan frowned and asked a little unhappily.

"Then who is this beautiful woman beside you? Who else can she be but our sister-in-law?" the man asked as he pointed at Xia He.

Song Dan smiled with a meaningful look on his face. At first, he thought that this man was mocking him for not being able to find a wife! He did not expect this man to know the right thing to say!

What was his name again... Ah! The youngest son of the Tang family, Tang Chuan! It was said that his father gave him this name because he liked to eat candied haws when he was young.

"Don't spout nonsense! This is our classmate, Xia He!" Song Dan said as he held back his smile.

Everyone looked at one another, but none of them could remember who Xia He was. However, Tang Chuan managed to react quickly and suddenly rushed forward to hold Xia He's hand and said, "Oh, it's you! Goodness, it's so true that women change a lot once they grow up! You look completely different from before! You're such a beauty now! If we're on the streets now, I won't even dare to call out to you!"

Song Dan nodded in satisfaction. This person named Tang Chuan was quite a discerning guy. Du Miao seemed to have told him before that Tang Chuan's son did poorly in school and often got into fights and caused trouble. Not long ago, he was even sent to the juvenile detention center for fighting with people outside school.

The reason why Tang Chuan came to the gathering this time round was to talk to Song Dan about this matter and asked for help. Song Dan was very satisfied with the man's performance so far and would definitely settle the matter regarding his son! Song Dan could solve this issue with a snap of his fingers. Given his good mood at the moment, he decided to reward Tang Chuan!

"Is that so..." Xia He retracted her hand awkwardly. I think you should take a look at

"What do you do now? Why didn't you keep in touch with us after graduation?" a woman in the crowd asked.

"I know! I know! Are you in the art troupe! I saw the name Xia He on the posters at the big theater! There's a musical starting in two days and the main lead is Xia He!" another woman said excitedly.

Everyone started discussing Xia He's work and family and she became a little annoyed. What did her personal issues have to do with these people? They were more concerned about her issue than their own.

However, such was human nature. There was always a possibility that Xia He could be useful to them in the future. They naturally had to make a choice now on whether they wanted to get to know Xia He better.

"Alright! Everyone, let's sit down and eat! Let's chat while we eat!" Song Dan said.

Xia He realized that all these people did whatever Song Dan asked them to do. It would not be an exaggeration to say that they were like Song Dan's dogs. Could it be that... Song Dan was the one who organized this class reunion?

Back then, there were a total of 24 people in their class, but only 16 people came today! There was definitely something strange going on!

"You're Xia He, aren't you..." A drunk woman sauntered over to Xia He's side.

"Hello," Xia He said coolly.

"Hmph, my name is Mao Lu. I'm sure you don't remember me," Mao Lu said as she sat on the chair next to Xia He.

Xia He shook her head. It was not just Mao Lu. She did not know anyone present today. Song Dan was already surrounded by a large group of people and everyone wanted to give him a toast. If he continued to drink like this, it would not take long before he became drunk.

"Aren't you going to save Bureau Chief Song from drinking too much? Say, what kind of girlfriend are you? Don't you care about your man?" Mao Lu said with a frown.

Chapter 1455 Currying Favor With The Bureau Chief

"He's not my boyfriend. We're just classmates. Don't misunderstand," Xia He said as she looked at Mao Lu seriously.

Mao Lu held on to her wine glass and stared at Xia He for a long time before she suddenly laughed and said, "Who are you trying to fool? Who doesn't want to become Bureau Chief Song's wife? He's the youngest bureau chief ever! Who doesn't want to curry favor with him!"

Mao Lu was only half right. Everyone really wanted to curry favor with Song Dan, but none of the women wanted to marry him. Who would want to marry such an ugly man? There were even rumors going around that Song Dan did not seem to enjoy the company of women, but seemed to like men! This made the women even more afraid to marry Song Dan.

Even if they had such an ulterior motive, they had no chance with him if he was not interested!

Xia He looked at Mao Lu with a hint of mockery and confusion in her eyes. She did not understand why a person had to live in such a lowly manner, but then again, she did not have the right to criticize others. Even though she did not have a luxurious life growing up, she never had to worry about money.

After she grew up, Xu Lan had already paved the way for her. Her life had been smooth-sailing so far. Although those days of daily dance practice were very tough, it was something that she had to go through. If not for the fact that she had been so stupid back then and insisted on marrying Kong Lu despite her family's objections, she might already have three or four children by now.

At the thought of her failed marriage, Xia He sighed resignedly.

"What kind of look is that? Don't you want to win Bureau Chief Song's favor?" Mao Lu asked suspiciously.

"No, I don't. I just want to be myself. Besides, will my life be any different if I know him better?" Xia He said.

"Tsk, so high and mighty!" After Mao Lu said that, she walked away from Xia He while carrying her wine glass. Xia He sat alone in the corner and continued drinking. At this moment, Song Dan was already so drunk that he could not be bothered with Xia He. She was fine with the entire situation since that meant he would not bother her when he had nothing to do.

Xia He did not know why she had inexplicably agreed to come to this place today. Perhaps it was because she hoped to have more friends. She had lost touch with her old friends in the capital because she rarely returned to the capital after she got married and did not even keep in contact with them.

She longed for one or two friends to accompany her, but then again, it seemed that friends were not that important to her anymore. She had Qiao Mei, family members who loved her, as well as Luo Yu and Chen Mu, who were like her brothers. All these were enough.

Most importantly, she now had a partner who had loved her deeply for many years. She wondered how he was now and if he had sat down for proper meals. They had not seen each other for half a month by now...

At the end of the evening, everyone sent the wobbly Song Dan to the door. Xia He stood alone by the side of the street, waiting for Chen Mu to come and pick her up. She had already used the phone in the restaurant to contact Chen Mu. I think you should take a look at

Acting under the influence of alcohol, Song Dan rushed over to Xia He and grabbed her arm tightly. "Come! Let's go home! I've asked the chauffeur to come and pick us up!"

"Let go of me! Are you crazy! Who's going home with you! Let go of me now!" Xia He said as she struggled.

Mao Lu looked at Xia He's prim and proper manner and felt a little nauseous. Xia He had clearly come to the restaurant with Song Dan, but now she was rejecting Song Dan's invitation. She really did not know what was good for her!

"Xia He, let's go! Go home! Don't you remember the way home?" Song Dan said groggily.

Xia He found it hard to break free from Song Dan's grip. People who were drunk were exceptionally strong and they also seemed to weigh a lot more. Xia He had been on a diet recently to lose weight in order to look good on stage, so she did not have much strength to fight him.

At this moment, a pair of hands suddenly hugged Xia He and slapped Song Dan's hands away. "There's no need to trouble Bureau Chief Song. I'll send Xia He home."

Xia He was very familiar with this embrace. It was the person she had been thinking about day and night.

"Why are you here?" Xia He asked as she looked at Deng Fan.

"I'm here to bring you home, you idiot. Why didn't you tell me about this?" Deng Fan whispered.

Song Dan grabbed his own hands which were in pain and yelled out loudly. He looked at Xia He and Deng Fan in disbelief and said, "What an indecent couple! Why are you hugging each other on the street! How improper!"

"Oh! It's one thing for you to seduce Bureau Chief Song! But you even have another man!" Mao Lu yelled as she pointed at Deng Fan.

"What in the world is going on?" Deng Fan said with a frown.

Chapter 1456 People Can Fly

Deng Fan would never believe that Xia He would betray him. He knew very well what kind of person Xia He was. Even if there was truth in this rumor, then it must be this "Bureau Chief Song" who seduced Xia He.

"Let's go. They all had too much to drink. I don't want to waste my breath on them," Xia He said tiredly.

Just as Deng Fan and Xia He turned around to leave, Mao Lu suddenly rushed in front of them and gave Xia He a hard slap when Deng Fan was not paying attention.

"B*tch! I must avenge Bureau Chief Song today!" Mao Lu shouted.

When Deng Fan realized what was going on, he gave Mao Lu a hard kick, causing her to fall to the ground. Mao Lu held her stomach and lay motionlessly on the ground. It looked like Deng Fan had used all his strength in that kick.

"Are you alright! Let me take a look!" Deng Fan looked at Xia He nervously.

Xia He stood rooted to the spot. She was not frightened, but stunned. Xia He did not expect Deng Fan to be so strong. She had just seen Mao Lu fly out with her own eyes...

The one in trouble now was probably not her, but Mao Lu, who was on the ground, and Song Dan, who was lying unconscious in the crowd...

"Let's call the police. Erm, no, call an ambulance," Xia He said as she pointed at Mao Lu.

Deng Fan was worried about leaving Xia He alone outside, so he pulled her back into the small restaurant to make the phone call. By the time Chen Mu arrived, there was already no one at the venue.

Chen Mu hurriedly drove Qiao Mei and Xia Wen to the police station to pick up Xia He and Deng Fan. It was the first time any of them had encountered such a situation.

The members of the Xia family had all learned martial arts techniques and knew how to control their strength. However, even the battle-hardened Xia Zhe had never beaten someone up to the extent that the person needed to be sent to the hospital.

"Where's my younger sister?" Xia Wen rushed into the police station and asked the person at the front desk.

"Who's your younger sister?" the front desk staff asked in confusion.

Zou Ming hurriedly came out of the room and said, "Brother, why are you here only now? If you come any later, everyone inside will be eaten alive by your younger sister and brother-in-law!"

"What's going on? What exactly happened?" Qiao Mei asked. I think you should take a look at

Zou Ming gave them a summary of what had happened. Du Miao was now sitting inside the room and waiting for Zou Ming to give him a reasonable explanation.

Song Dan had been diagnosed with alcohol poisoning at the hospital and was already sent to have his stomach pumped. He had been too emotional before he fainted and since he already suffered from high blood pressure, it was quite a dangerous situation for him to be in. He might even suffer a stroke!

As for... Mao Lu, it did not seem too bad. She seemed to have two broken ribs. Du Miao did not care about Mao Lu at all. He did not even know who Mao Lu was.

"Deng Fan is really amazing! He's simply too cool! I've never seen Deng Fan fight before! I never expected such a refined person to know how to fight!" Qiao Mei said excitedly and almost wanted to applaud Deng Fan!

"Lower your voice! There's still someone sitting inside!" Zou Ming said helplessly.

"I want to see my elder sister first. We'll talk about the rest later. Whatever they say is one-sided. We have to know what exactly happened to Xia He," Qiao Mei said.

"Only one of you can go in," Zou Ming said.

Qiao Mei forged ahead. She turned around and whispered to Xia Wen, "Eldest Brother, you go and meet that person called Du Miao. Leave Xia He's issue to me."

"Alright, go ahead," Xia Wen said.

When Qiao Mei entered the room, she saw Xia He sleeping soundly in Deng Fan's lap, with Deng Fan's coat draped over her. Initially, Zou Ming wanted to give the couple two blankets, but Deng Fan said that it was not good to be too conspicuous and that it would easily get them into trouble. They had already caused trouble for Zou Ming and did not want him to be implicated further.

"I'm here to save you. Not bad, I didn't expect Brother-in-law to know how to fight!" Qiao Mei said as she looked at Deng Fan in admiration.

"I'm really... sorry to have caused you trouble. I didn't even want to tell you about this at all," Deng Fan said embarrassedly.

His parents were getting on in years. Moreover, he was an obedient child in everyone's eyes and had never done anything out of line. If his parents knew that he had gotten into a fight and was sent to the police station, it would be equivalent to telling Deng Rui that Deng Fan had killed someone.

"This is nothing. You only did it to protect my elder sister. Eldest Brother is dealing with the situation in the other room. Just wait a while. It will be over soon," Qiao Mei said relaxedly.

Chapter 1457 We Are a Family

"Can Eldest Brother handle it alone? I heard that Song Dan's friend is not an ordinary person," Deng Fan said with a frown.

He had found out more about the situation from Zou Ming just now. This Du Miao was not even afraid of the police and it was as if nothing could suppress him. He did not know if Xia Wen could deal with that man.

Qiao Mei raised her eyebrows and said, "Do you not trust Eldest Brother, or do you not trust me, or do you not trust the Xia family?"

When Deng Fan heard this, he laughed relaxedly and said, "I don't know if I should feel apologetic or grateful now."

He was originally just an ordinary person who lived a normal life. It was already a blessing for him if his parents lived a long and healthy life. He had no intention to curry favor with the Xia family. He only wanted to take care of Xia He in whatever way he could.

Actually, when he and Xia He were talking about getting married, Xia Mao had met him in private once. He would never forget that experience for the rest of his life.

Xia Mao took out the title deeds for two properties and a bankbook with 10,000 dollars in the account. Xia Mao did not want Xia He to live a hard life with Deng Fan. In addition, Xia He had already been married once and her reputation was already tainted. Although the Deng family was not a prominent family, they were still a good family with a clean background.

Xia Mao just wanted Xia He and Deng Fan to live a more comfortable life. It was not his intention to look down on Deng Fan. Deng Fan knew what Xia Mao was thinking and rejected him politely. Based on his current capability, it was not a problem for him to support Xia He. Even if Xia He did not go to work and just stayed at home, Deng Fan was still able to support Xia He and let her buy whatever she wanted.

However, if Xia He wanted to live in a big house like Qiao Mei, then she would have to wait a few more years. He would definitely let Xia He live in a spacious big house within the next five years.

After seeing how determined Deng Fan was, Xia Mao finally felt at ease to let him take care of Xia He.

"You should feel at ease!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Why?" Deng Fan looked at Qiao Mei in confusion.

"Because you're a member of the Xia family! We're all your family members. If we don't care about you when something happens to you, then who should do it? Don't worry, leave the man in the neighboring room to Eldest Brother and me. Just take good care of Xia He." With that, Qiao Mei went over to the other room.

Qiao Mei originally wanted to put on a fake smile to deal with the situation, but she did not expect Xia Wen and Du Miao to already be sitting together and chatting happily. If the two of them had a bottle of liquor in front of them, it would not be long before they called each other brothers!

If she did not know that this was Xia Wen's usual ploy, she would really have gone out to buy some liquor!

"Oh my! Is this Xia Zhe's wife? I was so shocked when he got married back then! I thought he would marry that little girl from the He family. That girl has liked Xia Zhe since she was young. I didn't expect it to be this woman in the end. But it's no wonder that Xia Zhe likes her. She's so beautiful that no man will want to give her up," Du Miao said as he sized Qiao Mei up.

Qiao Mei clenched her fists slightly. This Du Miao was indeed not someone to be trifled with. He had a sharp tongue and said such mean things with a cheerful look on his face.

"I'm afraid you outsiders don't know about this. Our Xia Zhe and Qiao Mei have been engaged for a long time. My grandfather had instructed Xia Zhe to go and discuss the matter of marriage with Grandpa Qiao. After that, you all know what happened. Qiao Mei came to the capital to live with us," Xia Wen explained.

"Oh? Is that so? Then why did that little girl from the He family kick up such a big fuss?" Du Miao pretended to be puzzled and asked.

"This is one of Xia Zhe's romantic debts! Don't you know how talented and good-looking my younger brother is?" Xia Wen said as he stared at Du Miao.

Qiao Mei realized that Du Miao looked like he had choked on a dead fly. Could it be that there was some story between Xia Zhe and Du Miao in the past? After they settled this matter, she must ask Eldest Brother about it in detail!

"Cough, cough..." Du Miao coughed twice and then said, "It's getting late. Let's get to the point. Song Dan is still lying in the hospital and the prognosis is unclear. I heard that Xia He was the one who kept urging him to drink. You should give us an explanation for this."

Qiao Mei sat down on the chair beside Xia Wen and said, "You already said that you 'heard' about it. It's better not to say too much about these things if you don't have any evidence."

Chapter 1458 Saving People With Medicine

Du Miao looked at Qiao Mei furiously and questioned her, "What right does a woman have to sit here and talk to me! Your eldest brother is still sitting here. When did the Xia family start to be represented by a woman with a different surname?"

Xia Wen looked at Du Miao unhappily. Before he could speak, Qiao Mei looked at Du Miao mockingly and said, "What era is it now? Don't tell me that the women in your family can't eat at the dining table? Do they need your permission to speak? Then I'll get the women's association to do a proper investigation and check on the women in your family to see if they have been treated inhumanely."

Du Miao was about to retort when Xia Wen said, "You don't have to worry about our Xia family's matters. Qiao Mei has free rein in our family and can do whatever she wants. Even if Qiao Mei wants the moon in the sky, everyone in the Xia family will do their best to fulfill her wish."

Qiao Mei looked at Xia Wen, feeling touched. It definitely felt good to have family members protecting her!

Du Miao's breathing became heavier. He was a little angry, but he could not act rashly. Qiao Mei had saved Xia Mao's life and she was now very precious to everyone in the Xia family. He could hurt any other Xia family members but not Qiao Mei.

He immediately changed the topic and said, "There were so many people present at the event tonight. We can ask them to come over and ask them one by one to find out the truth."

He had carefully chosen each of those people. In fact, many of them were not Song Dan's former classmates but were people hired to put on an act. After losing touch for so many years, everyone had long forgotten about one another. As long as it was mutually beneficial, what did it matter if someone else pretended to be them?

"That doesn't mean anything! Who knows if you've bribed them! You said that Xia He kept urging Song Dan to drink, so don't you think that the person who urged him to drink should also drink as much as him? Why is Xia He perfectly fine, but Song Dan ended up being hospitalized?" Qiao Mei questioned.

"Song Dan must have been bewitched by Xia He and listened to her!" Du Miao said firmly.

"Is that so? I heard from others that Song Dan has never been close to women. No matter how beautiful a woman is, he doesn't care about her. Moreover, the more beautiful a woman is, the more annoyed Song Dan gets. Everyone in the capital knows about this all these years," Qiao Mei said.

"What do you mean by this?" Du Miao asked.

"If he doesn't like women, why would he listen to Xia He? He must have been too happy and drank too impulsively. It has nothing to do with anyone else," Qiao Mei said.

Du Miao smacked the table angrily and pointed at Qiao Mei. "You! You're talking nonsense!"

"I'm talking nonsense? If Xia He urged him to drink, then her fingerprints must be on the wine glass and bottle. We'll know once we get Officer Zou to get these things tested. Oh right! Mr. Du, you're also a police officer, so you should know that these procedures are always fair and just," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Xia Wen looked at Qiao Mei with admiration. There were many things that Qiao Mei could handle very well now and there was already no need for him to be the one to deal with issues. Even if he had to leave the capital to attend to urgent matters, Qiao Mei could be counted on to protect the Xia family when needed.

After thinking about it, Du Miao decided to reach a settlement with Xia Wen and Qiao Mei and see if he could get some other benefits out of this. Qiao Mei was the owner of that "divine medicine". If he

angered Qiao Mei and the Xia family, it would not help Song Dan when he needed the medicine to save Grandpa Song in the future.

Forget it... Grandpa Song treated him very well. He would swallow his anger today. There was still a long way to go. When there was a chance, he would teach Qiao Mei and the Xia family a lesson!

"Right now, Song Dan is at death's door in the hospital. I understand that you can save him. Since what happened tonight was caused by Xia He and that... that kid surnamed Deng, you have to save Song Dan," Du Miao said.

Qiao Mei smiled. No wonder he had said all those things just now. After going around in circles, the fact was that he wanted the medicine which she had. It must have been hard on Song Dan and Du Miao to have to go through so much trouble.

"I don't have any medicine left. Everyone knows about this. Don't tell me you don't know?" Qiao Mei said.

"Your family must have kept some for yourselves. Don't tell me you gave everything away? Don't take me for a fool!" Du Miao said.

Qiao Mei rolled her eyes and thought to herself, "I think you're really a fool! If it's meant for my family, then why will I give it to others?"

Chapter 1459 We Will Pay for the Medical Expenses

"It's a fact that I don't have any medicine left, but I know someone who definitely has some. I just don't know if that person is willing to give it to you," Qiao Mei said with a sly smile.

Xia Wen immediately guessed who Qiao Mei was talking about and he shook his head resignedly. He did not know if it was a boon or bane for He Ning to be Qiao Mei's acquaintance, given that she made him take the blame for everything.

"I suppose you're talking about the third young master of the He family," Du Miao said.

"Since you already know, then go quickly. If he finishes everything he has, I don't know if you can still save Song Dan," Qiao Mei said, pretending to be worried.

He Ning, who was currently at home in the suburbs, suddenly sneezed twice. Huo Gao immediately asked, "What's wrong with you? Don't tell me you caught a cold during the change in seasons!"

He Ning was very weak and they could not overlook any sickness. For others, it might just be a small cold, but in He Ning's case, it may even lead to pneumonia!

"I'm fine..." He Ning did not feel any discomfort, but he just suddenly felt a chill down his spine. It was probably some little asshole who had thought about him.

Du Miao was not a fool. He had already checked on all the "divine medicine" which Qiao Mei had given away. Even if he was willing to snatch it from someone, he could not take it from He Ning. That would be like trying to take that man's life!

"I heard that you've known him for a long time. Why don't you ask him for it? He won't reject your request," Du Miao said.

"Who told you that I have a good relationship with him? I only sold him the medicine. Other than that, we didn't interact much," Qiao Mei said sternly.

In this era, based on what Du Miao just said, anyone with ulterior motives would definitely be able to make a big deal out of it and make it sound like she had a sordid relationship with He Ning. If that happened, she would not be able to explain herself even if she had more than one mouth to speak.

"Why does Young Master Du keep asking us for that 'divine medicine'? Is Song Dan's condition really so serious at the moment? The doctors are all very capable nowadays. If there's really no other way, you can transfer Song Dan to my Aunt's hospital. There are many experts there and I believe that they will definitely be able to treat Song Dan," Xia Wen said.

"Don't you trust the hospital we're currently using?" Du Miao said with a slight frown.

"That's not what I mean. Song Dan is your good brother, so you will definitely take good care of him. However, I also want to play safe. Although what happened today has nothing to do with our Xia family, we are willing to bear all the medical expenses in view of the relationship between our families. What do you think, Young Master Du?" Xia Wen asked.

Du Miao lowered his head and pondered for a long time. Given that Xia Wen had already put it this way, it would be useless no matter how hard he tried to ask for that "divine medicine". Instead, it would seem like he was being deliberately difficult.

It looked like he would have to let Song Dan suffer for a while for now. He would take good care of Grandpa Song during this period of time.

Qiao Mei brought Xia He and Deng Fan back to her place to rest while Xia Wen and Du Miao went to the hospital to settle the outstanding issues. Along the way, Xia He looked unhappy and pulled a long face the entire time. If not for Deng Fan holding on to her, she might have jumped out of the car and returned to the police station to teach Du Miao a lesson.

"Are you still angry?" Qiao Mei asked cautiously.

"How can I not be angry! These people actually plotted against me! We even need Eldest Brother and you to clean up the mess for us! I think Eldest Brother will nag me again when he comes back later..." Xia He pouted and said aggrievedly.

"If someone really wants to harm you, do you think you can detect it? Furthermore, you were really plotted against, so there's no point for you to take it to heart. Just be more careful next time," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Deng Fan quickly echoed, "Qiao Mei is right. Actually, it's all my fault for being too impulsive this time. It's also my fault for being too busy recently and not noticing what's happening with you."

"Hey! Stop, stop, stop! If we continue like this, it'll be my turn to say that it's all my fault! No one is at fault in this matter! It's all those bad guys' fault!" Qiao Mei quickly waved her hand to dispel all the thoughts that Deng Fan and Xia He had.

"By the way, Elder Brother-in-law! You must come and watch Elder Sister's musical! I'll give you a day off that day!" Qiao Mei said as she patted her chest.

"I had wanted to talk to you about this too. Given what you just said, I won't stand on ceremony with you!" Deng Fan said happily.

After they reached home, they immediately went to rest. Xu Kang brought Deng Fan to Xia Wen's room in the backyard to stay for the night.

Chapter 1460 Ticket Scalper

Xia He left the house with Deng Fan the next day to go to work. When she returned at night, she had a pile of tickets in her hands. Those who did not know better would think that she was a ticket seller!

"Qiao Mei! How many tickets do you want! There's definitely enough for you here!" Xia He asked as she waved the tickets in her hand excitedly.

"Oh my goodness... Are you going to book the entire place since you have so many tickets? Did you buy all these?" Qiao Mei asked Xia He in shock.

Xia He scratched her head in embarrassment and said, "Ticket sales haven't even started yet. I asked the supervisor for 50 tickets. I'll pay him based on the lowest price for the number of tickets I take. This is not a lot given that there are so many seats in one show! I'll return the rest of the tickets which I don't need and they can sell them later."

"Are you sure this is not a lot..." Qiao Mei said helplessly. She did not know whether to praise Xia He for being smart or for being honest.

"Quick, tell me! How many tickets do you want!" Xia He said domineeringly.

Qiao Mei counted the four children, Li Gui, Qian'e and Qiao Qiang. After adding herself, that was already eight tickets. She decided to leave out the employees in the factory. Grandpa Zhou treated the Xia

family's children like his own children, so they should also give him one ticket. In total, she needed nine tickets!

"Give me nine tickets. I'll also pay for the other tickets that you're giving away," Qiao Mei said.

Those tickets were basically meant for the Xia family's third son's family and they were still part of the family. Qiao Mei never felt the pinch when she spent money on her own family.

"How can I let you spend money! We agreed that I would treat everyone to the musical," Xia He said as she pouted.

"What I'm doing is called boosting your sales! We're all on the same side. My money is your money. Don't stand on ceremony with me. Quickly go into the house to wash your hands! Auntie Xu made many dishes tonight and said that she wants to celebrate!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Will Auntie and Qian'e be here too? You should ask the children to come over for dinner," Xia He said.

Qiao Mei curled the corners of her lips and asked teasingly, "Why? Are you starting to like the sight of Qian'e? That's not what you used to say."

Xia He stood at the door, feeling a little helpless. She had really hated Qian'e, but that was all in the past. The current Qian'e was positive and no longer troubled by issues with men. She was also very devoted to Qiao Mei and this family, so there was nothing for Xia He to pick on her. I think you should take a look at

Not long ago, when they were all seated at the dining table, Xia He had mentioned in passing that her bicycle seat was a little bumpy. Two days later, she suddenly realized that there was a light purple soft cover on the bicycle seat. This was Xia He's favorite color.

On that day, there were only a few of them. Li Gui would never do such things, and Xu Kang and Feng Hua were not there. Later on, after Xia He observed carefully, she realized that it was Qian'e who did it. It seemed that Qian'e wanted to repay Xia He for saving her back then, but in fact, Xia He already did not remember the matter.

"When... when did I say that I don't like her... Don't forget to ask her to come for dinner! Don't say that I'm the one who asks her to come!" After saying that, Xia He ran to her room to wash up.

During dinner time, Qiao Mei took advantage of the fact that everyone was around and asked Xia He to give the tickets to them one by one so that everyone would feel happy about it. Instead of Qiao Mei distributing the tickets, it would be more meaningful for Xia He to do it herself.

"Thank you, Elder Sister! Wow! This ticket is so beautiful!" Zhang Qin said excitedly as she held the ticket with both hands.

"I've never watched a musical before! Elder Sister, are you... are you the lead actress?" Zhang Miao asked after thinking for a long time.

Xia He smiled and patted Zhang Miao's head. "That's right. In the future, you can also stand on stage and become the main lead. I think very highly of you ~"

"Next time, we'll be getting tickets from Zhang Miao! Just thinking about it makes me look forward to it!" Qiao Mei lamented.

When Xia He passed Qian'e her ticket, Qian'e was slightly stunned. Although the two of them saw each other often, they had not spoken for a long time. Qian'e always remembered that Xia He hated her. Every time she saw Xia He, she would take a different route, worried that she would make Xia He annoyed.

"Do I get a share too?" Qian'e whispered.

"If... if you don't have time, then forget it..." Xia He said awkwardly.

"Of course I have time! Thank you!" Qian'e looked at Xia He gratefully. Xia He quickly went to Li Gui's side to avoid that burning gaze from Qian'e.

After the family had an enjoyable dinner together, Qiao Mei brought Qian'e to the study to discuss some issues related to the factory.

