

Fat Wife 1521

Chapter 1521 Cleaning Pig Intestines

At the thought of this matter, Qiao Mei could not hide her amusement. It was really too gratifying. Qiao Mei only wished that she could be at the scene to see the expressions on those two younger cousins' faces.

Xia Lu and Xia Yan had arrived on time at Qiao Mei's factory to start work. Qiao Mei had no intention to greet them personally, but had asked Mao Hang to show them to their workplace.

"You must be the newcomers. My name is Mao Hang and I'm the supervisor of this workshop. You can just call me Brother Mao. If you need anything, just come and look for me," Mao Hang said politely.

"Hey, you there. Xiao Mao, right? What task did my cousin-in-law ask you to give us?" Xia Yan said smugly.

"Who's your cousin-in-law?" Mao Hang pretended to ask them in puzzlement. The truth was that Qiao Mei had already told him about these two people's identities, otherwise he need not have come to greet them personally. Such matters were all handled by that... human resources department nowadays.

"Qiao Mei! Your factory director! Don't tell me you don't even know the factory director. But then again, how can someone of your level come into contact with someone like the factory director?" Xia Yan said disdainfully.

The two of them were so full of themselves. It was not that long ago when they looked down on Qiao Mei for her poor family background, but now they were eagerly showing off that they were her younger cousins.

"Oh, I see. Then come over behind the workshop to start work." Mao Hang handed an apron each to Xia Lu and Xia Yan and brought them into the workshop.

The moment they entered, they smelled a horrible stench. They saw a group of people working around a big basin of raw intestines and there were even piles of excrement around. The two of them had never seen something like this before and they immediately rushed out of the door and started gagging.

Mao Hang shook his head in disdain. These guys were so delicate. He did not understand how a man could not handle this.

"What is this place? Why is it so smelly!" Xia Lu asked as he threw up.

"Here? This is the place where we clean pig intestines. Although it's smelly here, the salary is very high. In this factory, only the technicians are paid higher than us. Not everyone can work here!" Mao Hang said proudly.

"Qiao Mei actually wants us two university students to clean pig intestines! Is she crazy! She's doing this on purpose to take revenge on us!" Xia Yan said angrily.

"Our factory director has arranged for you to work in the department with the highest pay, which means that she thinks highly of you. Our workshop is actually already fully staffed. The factory director had a long chat with me before I agreed to let both of you join us. Come in if you can do the work, otherwise you should leave as soon as possible!" Mao Hang said angrily.

The base salary in the other workshops was 60 dollars, but the workers here were paid a base salary of 80 dollars. There was also a commission that was calculated separately. Whenever they held interviews, many candidates expressed interest to enter this workshop!

Qiao Mei did not show the same level of kindness to just anyone! Who did they think they were! How dare they say that Qiao Mei was crazy! They were the true lunatics!

In a fit of anger, Mao Hang pulled the aprons off Xia Lu and Xia Yan, slammed the workshop door shut and went back to work. This workshop did not need these two useless cowards here! These two were not needed even if they were willing to pay to work here!

Xia Lu and Xia Yan ran home and told Zhou Luo about what happened. Without another word, Zhou Luo got on her bicycle and rode to Qiao Mei's house. Before she entered the house, everyone could already hear her loud voice from afar.

"Qiao Mei, get out here! You black-hearted thing! I must be blind! How can I let you enter the Xia family! Even if I had to die back then, I should have made sure that you get a divorce! I should have made sure that you don't have such a good life!" Zhou Luo cursed angrily.

Xia You stood up in a flash and rushed out so quickly that Qiao Mei and Lu Huai could not stop her. Fortunately, the soundproofing in the children's room was the best in the whole house. Otherwise, the two children would definitely get woken up.

"Hey, hey, hey! Who are you and how can you rush in! Get out! This is private property!" Da Zhuang said as he blocked Zhou Luo.

"You still have so many men here! It sure looks like you're an indecent person! I must let Xia Zhe see your true colors! And let the Old Master know what kind of slut you are! Shameless thing! Get out here!" Zhou Luo became more and more worked up as she cursed and even smashed the flower pots in Qiao Mei's courtyard.

Those were treasures which Qiao Mei had bought from the antique market. They would be worth a lot of money in the future! Zhou Luo destroyed them just like that!

Chapter 1522 Mixed Martial Arts Champion

"Why are you shouting! Do you think there's no one at home! How can you behave so atrociously here! Who do you think you are! You should get lost!" Xia You ran over angrily and shouted at her.

"Oh, you're here too. I thought all of you say that you don't covet her things? Then why do all of you come here all the time? You're all so guarded against our family and don't even allow us to come here. Yet all of you can come and stay in this house, except for our family!" Zhou Luo said as she pointed at Xia You.

"Your family? Your surname is Zhou! How are you related to us! You're not even the one who married into our Xia family, so what right do you have to say that you're part of our family! You're the most shameless person here! You eat the Xia family's food and use the Xia family's things. The family has already split up and you still want to come to our Xia family to get benefits! Your younger sister has already divorced my third uncle! Third Aunt-in-law doesn't even care to eye the Xia family's things! Yet, as her elder sister, you come here every day to take advantage of us!" Xia You said.

Lu Huai held his forehead helplessly. Qiao Mei patted Lu Huai's shoulder and gave Xia You a thumbs up. Whenever they gathered at Xu Lan's house, Xia You had been suppressing her dissatisfaction and anger towards Zhou Luo out of consideration for Xia Jun's feelings. Now, she finally had a chance to vent her frustration.

Zhou Luo was so taken aback that she could not speak. She stammered for a long time but could not say even one word.

"Where's that aggressive stance of yours from just now? Where's that imposing manner you speak with? How dare you come here and behave so atrociously! You think you can bully us just because we always give in to you! Let me tell you, I'm going to tell everyone in the Xia family about this incident! Including Third Uncle! From now on, no one in the Xia family will give you the time of the day. I swear to that," Xia You said.

There was nothing impossible about what she said. After all, the person whom Zhou Luo had offended was Qiao Mei. Even Xia Jun did not even come to Qiao Mei's place often in order to give her some peace and quiet. Who did Zhou Luo think she was?

"Go ahead! If you're so capable, then go ahead! There are so many men inside this house! Who can explain what's going on!" Zhou Luo pointed at Da Zhuang and the others.

Da Zhuang and the other men took out their passes and said helplessly, "Auntie, we're the guard team sent here by the Old Master. Even if you lodge a complaint with the heavenly emperor, no one will pay any attention to you."

Zhou Luo was left completely speechless this time. Her imposing manner from just now disappeared in an instant. However, even if she wanted to leave now, Xia You had no intention of letting her get away.

"What else do you have to say? Qiao Mei is kind enough to find jobs for those two kids in your family. That's the highest paying job in Qiao Mei's factory and yet you're still not satisfied! What else do you want?" Xia You said.

"That's not a job for humans. You're all just bullying me on purpose! Why don't you go and clean the pig intestines then!" Zhou Luo said.

When Xia Zhe heard that Qiao Mei had arranged for Xia Lu and Xia Yan to clean pig intestines, his eyes widened to twice their normal size. Qiao Mei scratched her neck in embarrassment. She was not someone who allowed herself to be bullied. She was already nice enough to only ask them to clean pig intestines. There was other even more nasty work that she could have allocated to them!

Qiao Mei had just said that Xia You was amazing, but it looked like she was the more amazing one.

"Not a job for humans? Then does it mean those working in that workshop are ghosts! Why is it that other people's children can do the job, but not yours? Why do I have to clean pig intestines! My husband can afford to pay for me and I can even start a company myself. I'm not like you! Your husband only knows how to eat, drink, whore and gamble! You have two sons who are not your own and they turn out to be such a disappointment!" Xia You questioned.

"You! How dare you say that about me! Your mother gave birth to you but your father didn't bring you up well! I'll beat you to death!" After saying that, Zhou Luo went forward to beat Xia You.

Qiao Mei was so worried that she wanted to rush forward to help, but both Lu Huai and Xia Zhe stopped her at the same time. Xia You gave Zhou Luo a punch in the stomach and she fell straight to the ground.

"Xia You is a mixed martial arts champion. She's even better than Xia He. Even if I fight with her, it's hard to say who'll win," Xia Zhe explained softly.

Xia You had liked all those combative stuff since she was young. Back then, Xia Jun even said that if Xia You was born in his era, she would definitely have become a female general with outstanding military achievements!

It was a pity that Xia You's interests were always short-lived. As soon as she managed to gain some achievements in a subject, she would not study or persevere anymore. This was also why other people always thought that Xia You was someone who did not know anything.

Chapter 1523 I Am the Shrew

"All of you work in managerial positions. Why should Xia Lu and Xia Yan be lowly workers! They're also members of the Xia family. Why are they being treated differently!" Zhou Luo said as she lay panting on the ground.

"Do they have any special skills? Do you want me to say out loud how the two of them got their results? The rest of us are older and have worked for so many years. Is there a problem with us being in managerial positions? These two kids have only just graduated and already want to be managers. Then why don't you use your own money to start a company!" Xia You said furiously.

Zhou Luo had never seen Xia You behave like this before. Usually, Xia You would tolerate everything thrown at her. Looking at the way she behaved now, it would not be an exaggeration to call her a shrew. However, Lu Huai really liked this side of Xia You. What she was doing was protecting the people she cared about in her own way.

"Let me tell you! You'd better get lost! Otherwise, I'll get someone to drag you out! Disappear from our sight immediately and don't let us see you again!" Xia You said as she pointed at the main door.

Zhou Luo wept as she ran out. Xia You looked on with satisfaction at Zhou Luo's departing figure. When she turned around, she saw Xia Zhe, Qiao Mei and Lu Huai standing behind her, giving her a row of thumbs up.

"What are you laughing at! There's no need to idolize me," Xia You said laughingly.

"I never knew there's such a side to you. You're simply too cool! I'm no match for you!" Qiao Mei said as she went forward and hugged Xia You's arm.

"This is nothing! I didn't even ask her to compensate you for the flower pots! But she probably can't afford it, so it's useless to even ask. There were moments where I could have scolded her more. I feel like dragging her back to redo the whole fight," Xia You said.

"Hahahaha, if you do it again, Auntie Zhou will probably break down! Beware that Second Aunt-in-law might give you a call tonight to scold you," Qiao Mei reminded her.

"I'm not afraid! It is the right decision to make!" Xia You said.

Qiao Mei asked Xia You and Lu Huai to stay for dinner. She had just finished cooking when Xia He rushed in with Deng Fan, holding a big stick in her hand. Even the usually good-tempered Deng Fan looked fierce.

"Where is she! Where's that shrew! Qiao Mei, are you alright! Where's everyone!" Xia He walked into the courtyard aggressively.

"What are you doing?" Xia You asked in confusion.

"Cousin, are you alright? I heard from the neighbors that someone was causing trouble at Qiao Mei's house. There was a shrewish woman who cursed in the courtyard for a long time. She even hit someone! I rushed over as soon as I got off work. Which one of you got beaten up?" Xia He said anxiously.

Xia You did not know how to explain it. Was she supposed to tell Xia He that the shrew was her? That did not sound too good...

Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe covered their mouths and did not dare to laugh out loud. In the end, everyone looked at Lu Huai, who said resignedly, "Auntie Zhou came in the afternoon and went home after Xia You taught her a lesson. The neighbors probably misunderstood the whole situation."

Xia He reached out and pinched Xia You's forearm and then her bicep, saying, "Tsk, how long has it been since you last exercised? You've lost more than half your muscles. With those teeny arms and legs, how much damage can one punch do to her?"

"Don't look down on me! I exercise often! There must be a bruise on her stomach right now! As if I can really give her a hard punch? What if she dies? Then I'll have to compensate her!" Xia You said with heartache.

"Fine, fine, fine. I've wronged you. Come and sit down to eat." Xia He pulled Xia You to sit at the dining table. Ever since the Xia family split up, they seemed to get along even better. Perhaps it was Qiao Mei's arrival that had finally brought some warmth to the family.

The following days were peaceful. Xia You and Lu Huai were busy with buying the piece of land next to Qiao Mei's factory to build a parking lot, while Xia He and Deng Fan went about their own work respectively.

Zhao Fei bought a small place in the capital. It was similar to the apartment that Xia Wen used to live in. There was only one bedroom and a small living room. The kitchen and toilet were shared with other occupants, but he was already very glad to have a place to call his own.

Recently, Qian'e and Zhao Fei had been working together on the popcorn business. The sales had continued to increase and they were doing quite well. After leaving that cumbersome family, Zhao Fei was in much better shape than before and was able to work even more efficiently.

Chapter 1524 I Do Not Know You

It was going to be Zhang Wei's birthday soon and Xia Wen had already made a call to the school. The school agreed to let Zhang Wei go home for two days this weekend.

After Li Gui finished her work at the company, she went to take the small bus back to her house in the city. As soon as she reached the bus station, she saw a person that made her feel disgusted.

"Li Gui! Long time no see!" Zhao Liu shouted excitedly, causing everyone to turn and look at the two of them.

There were no other factories nearby, so most of the people waiting for the bus were Qiao Mei's factory staff. Everyone knew Li Gui and some of them were even her subordinates!

"I don't know you," Li Gui said coldly.

"Why are you so heartless? We've met before and I even said that I wanted to date you! How can you not remember anything?" Zhao Liu shouted loudly.

The people around them gasped. They did not expect Li Gui to do such an... immoral thing at her age! She looked so decent.

In this era, people were all very reserved. Even husband and wife had to maintain a distance from each other when walking on the streets. They could not hold hands, let alone say anything mushy to each other. Otherwise, they would be criticized using posters!

"What nonsense are you talking about! I don't even know you! Stay away from me!" Li Gui said with a frown.

Even when Li Gui was young, no one had spoken to her like this on the streets. She was at a loss as to how to deal with this matter.

Zhao Liu did not get angry. After all, beautiful women all had their own tempers. How could he succeed in wooing a woman with just one sentence? If he could, then that woman must be indecent and wanted to gain something from him.

The bus arrived at the station soon after. Li Gui took advantage of the moment when Zhao Liu was distracted to quickly run up the small bus. She even dropped an extra 10 dollars into the payment box when she boarded.

As long as she could avoid Zhao Liu, she did not care even if she dropped 100 dollars. He was really too scary! He was like a haunting ghost!

Li Gui only wanted to go home now and returned to Qiao Mei's side as soon as possible. She always felt much more at ease when she had Qiao Mei by her side. However, she did not dare to tell Qiao Mei about this in case it made Qiao Mei angry.

She walked home dejectedly and did not even hear Xu Kang greeting her. She just walked in through the main door of Qiao Mei's house, through the backyard and into her own house.

This was not something that a normal person would do. One look at Li Gui and Xu Kang could tell that she had something on her mind. Xu Kang quickly informed Qiao Mei about this, worried that Li Gui might get hurt.

"Mom!" Qiao Mei hurriedly ran to Li Gui's house and shouted out.

"I'm here! Why are you in such a hurry..." Li Gui said woodenly.

"I heard from Sister Xu that you don't seem well, so I'm here to take a look. What's wrong? Did something happen at the factory?" Qiao Mei asked patiently.

Li Gui shook her head. Qiao Mei thought for a moment and said, "Did that person from the Zhao family come looking for you again?"

Li Gui was stunned and said in surprise, "How do you know about this? I didn't tell anyone! Did the people in the factory tell you! What else did they say!"

"It's just a guess. There aren't too many things that can affect you like this. If anything happens to my four younger siblings, I'd definitely be informed. This is the only thing that I won't know about," Qiao Mei said.

Li Gui had no choice but to relate whatever happened just now. Qiao Mei frowned. She did not expect the Zhao family to start causing trouble again so soon after she let them off.

"Alright, I understand. You should stay at my house during this period of time and help me take care of the children. Don't stay here alone," Qiao Mei instructed.

Everyone was very busy every day. Zhang Chao and Zhang Qin were both staying over at Qiao Qiang's place, so Li Gui's house had been left vacant for a long time. It was not safe even if she stayed there with the two children. Qiao Mei would feel more at ease if Li Gui moved in with her.

Li Gui packed her things quietly. Qiao Mei called for the chauffeur and went straight to the factory in a fit of anger. Along the way, Qiao Mei thought about ways to refute the rumors about the relationship between Li Gui and Zhao Liu.

If she simply fired the employees who spread the rumors, it would make the others suspicious instead. However, if she let the rumors run wild, then if Zhao Liu came looking for Li Gui again, her mother and her would be caught in an even more passive situation.

It looked like she had to teach the Zhao family a lesson eventually.

Chapter 1525 Buy a Courtyard House

Qiao Mei asked Qian'e to come to the office to discuss countermeasures. When Qian'e heard about what happened to Li Gui, she flew into a rage and wished that she could catch hold of Zhao Liu and chop him into pieces!

"It's really too much! He'll definitely come and look for Auntie again. When that happens, I'll get Brother Chi to find a few burly men to tie him up and give him a good beating! I'll avenge Auntie! I'll break his legs!" Qian'e said resentfully.

"Do you think we're bandits! How can we do such a thing? It would be terrible if the Zhao family bites back. I have my own way of dealing with it. Don't worry, but I'm afraid we can't continue to do business with Zhao Fei," Qiao Mei said regretfully.

"I heard that Zhao Fei and those people from the Zhao family have already split up. They have nothing to do with one another now. Zhao Fei has also worked very hard during this period of time," Qian'e said.

"The Xia family has also split up! But did everyone just stand by and do nothing when Third Uncle faced trouble? Some time ago, Zhou Luo even came to my house to cause trouble. Blood is always thicker than water! Who can say for sure when it comes to family matters? If he wants to blame someone, he can only blame himself for being born into such a terrible family. There's nothing we can do. We can't sacrifice our own interests to make others feel better," Qiao Mei said helplessly as she spread out her hands.

"Alright, I'll tell him about this tomorrow. He has many delivery men under him though. Once we lose them, I don't think we have enough people to make up for it. We need to find some new employees," Qian'e said.

Not long ago, Xia Zhe had already helped Qiao Mei find another dozen or so capable retired soldiers. When everyone heard about the high salary, they all wanted to come and give it a try. In addition, it was their ex-brother-in-arms' wife that they would be helping, so they were even more keen to work here.

It was just that they had a lot of things to settle at home before they could come. It would take about five days before they could come to the capital. Qiao Mei reckoned that the factory could hang on for these five days while waiting for these new workers to turn up.

Those people whom Qian'e hired previously were all not good enough. Some of them liked to pilfer and there were also some who did not do any work at all. Qian'e had already fired these people and she had been so worried that she was starting to have white hair!

"Let's take it slow. There are so many things going on now that I'm getting wrinkles! I've saved some money recently and I want to buy a house. Do you have any recommendations?" Qian'e asked.

She knew that Qiao Mei liked to buy and sell houses. Qiao Mei was the one who sold Xia He her current house. She did not need such a big house since she was alone. She just wanted a house with three rooms.

"Don't buy an apartment! Buy a siheyuan courtyard house! How much money do you have? I can give you some advice. Buy one near my house. In the future, you can also help me fetch the children to and from school," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Such wondrous wishful thinking! It's not enough to have Xia He and her husband around you, but you want to persuade me to stay there as well. Is your next step to ask Xia Wen to move to the area as well?" Qian'e said disdainfully.

"You're right! It's just that my eldest brother is so stubborn! How about this, I'll buy you a big color television and a big refrigerator! Take it that I'm bribing you!" Qiao Mei said.

"Alright, you can't go back on your word! I'll leave it to you to get me a suitable house. When the time comes, I'll ask Brother Deng to handle the renovations. Let me know how much and I'll pay you back," Qian'e said familiarly.

"No problem, leave it to me!" Qiao Mei patted her chest and said confidently.

She would slowly persuade them one by one! The best choice was to buy a siheyuan courtyard house! In another two years, the occupants in the surrounding apartment buildings would be relocated. It did not

matter that one small apartment would get two small apartments in exchange during the relocation exercise. Those apartments only cost a few hundred dollars now. It was not worth it at all!

The apartments were definitely not as valuable as siheyuan courtyard houses. As long as the courtyard house was well-preserved, its future value would be immeasurable! Moreover, occupants of siheyuan courtyard houses would not get relocated. There was no such thing as devaluation!

What Qian'e said made Qiao Mei feel like buying a house again. She decided to buy another siheyuan courtyard house while she was helping Qian'e with the purchase.

Early the next morning, Qian'e informed Zhao Fei about their decision. Zhao Fei expressed his understanding about why it had to be done this way and left Qiao Mei's factory dejectedly. He did not even know how to explain this to all his buddies. He reckoned that life would be tough for them for a while.

Qiao Mei did not know about Zhao Fei's difficulties. She was not a Buddha who was here to save the world and could not be overly kind to everyone.

Chapter 1526 Coming to Ask for Medicine

Qiao Mei had already given Zhao Fei countless chances. It was a known fact that he was unable to control those people in his family. However, he was also unable to completely sever ties with that family.

As for the Zhao family... the heavens would punish the evildoers. Qiao Mei would settle the score with them when the time was right. It was not the right time to attack them now. There were still a lot of seeds in their hands. Once the next batch of seeds matured, she would destroy them.

The factory's business slowly got on track. Even if Qiao Mei was not at the factory, it did not affect the operations much. Han Chen still caused trouble for Qian'e from time to time. As long as he did not do anything overboard, Qiao Mei did not intervene. She believed that Qian'e could handle all the issues in the factory.

At the beginning of July, the weather gradually became warmer. Qiao Mei started to plant grapes in the courtyard again. Every day, Xia Zhe would buy her a big watermelon and chill it in the well water. It came out colder than if they had put it in the fridge!

"Don't eat so much! It's too cooling for the body and not good for your stomach!" Xia Zhe reminded her.

"Then how about I just eat another piece?" Qiao Mei asked as she looked at Xia Zhe pleadingly.

Xia Zhe really could not say no to Qiao Mei when she looked at him that way, so he took out a piece of watermelon from the basin and handed it to Qiao Mei. He reminded himself to further train his self-control and not let this little girl bully him so unconscionably all the time.

"By the way, you have been confirmed as a military spouse. I will be stationed at the camp for a long time soon. Do you want to come with me?" Xia Zhe asked.

"Let me think about it. I hear from Sister Feng that the children will start crawling around in another month or so. By then, there must always be someone around to keep an eye on them!" Qiao Mei said worriedly.

In any case, it was still early and they could discuss it slowly. There was no hurry to decide what to do next.

"Knock, knock, knock..." There was someone knocking on the door. Qiao Mei checked the date and knew who it was even without needing to open the door.

"Qiao Mei! Open the door! It's me!" Liang Lan shouted from outside the door.

"Do you want me to open the door?" Xia Zhe lowered his head and asked Qiao Mei.

"Wait a moment. I'll open the door and meet her." Qiao Mei returned to the study, took a bottle of medicinal wine and put it in her pocket. With Xia Zhe by her side, she went to the main door and opened it.

"Xia Zhe, you're at home too..." Liang Lan said sheepishly.

"You're here to ask for the medicine again? Hasn't your mother gotten better?" Qiao Mei questioned.

"No, she's still the same," Liang Lan said with an awkward smile.

Xia Zhe also knew a little about this matter. Liang Shu was only suffering from a stroke and it was not something too serious. He had heard from Qiao Mei that Qiao Qiang even recovered from his gastrointestinal ulcers after drinking the green ginseng juice. In that case, how could the medicine have no effect on a case of stroke?

Qiao Mei kept feeling that there was something fishy going on. She had to go and take a look for herself.

"Let's go. I'll go and take a look at her." After saying that, Qiao Mei called for the family chauffeur and Xia Zhe also went along.

Liang Lan was so happy that she clapped her hands. People may not know that Qiao Mei was the Xia family's daughter-in-law, but everyone knew who Xia Zhe was. If Xia Zhe was seen going in and out of the Liang family's house, it could only be beneficial to their family!

When they arrived at the Liang family's old house, the courtyard was dank and lifeless. Although it was already the month of July, it looked like it was winter in the courtyard.

As soon as they pushed open Liang Shu's room door, a stench wafted out. It was not a strong smell, but enough to make one feel nauseous. Once Liang Shu saw Qiao Mei, she started to curse loudly, but it was the same as before. She could not speak clearly, but judging from her expression, she must be saying something nasty.

Liang Lan quickly wheeled her into the room next door and told her not to disturb Qiao Mei and her husband.

"As you can see, my mother is still the same..." Liang Lan said sadly.

Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe looked at each other. Xia Zhe had previously used the green medicine to help his comrades recover from serious injuries on the battlefield. Liang Shu definitely did not look like someone who had drunk the medicine.

Qiao Mei had already given the Liang family a total of three bottles of medicine. Liang Shu had been given three-quarters of the first bottle and half of the second bottle. By the third bottle, she did not even get a sip. At this rate, she would be paralyzed for the rest of her life!

"So? Are you asking me to continue giving your family the medicine? I've already given your family three bottles. This is an amount that no one else can even dream of," Qiao Mei said sternly.

Chapter 1527 Speaking

"What... what's so bad about it? My father is the one who dug out this ginseng. What's wrong with using it to treat my mother's illness?" Liang Lan said.

"Your father? Your Liang family has long cut ties with my grandfather! Stop claiming to be a relative! Who wants to be related to your family!" Qiao Mei scolded angrily.

"How can you say that? It's Qiao Qiang's blood that flows in my body. He'll have to admit to this fact until the day he dies!" Liang Lan said forcefully.

"Then drain out all your blood. I'll pay for your transfusion. Do you think my grandfather wants you to keep his blood? Stop putting on an act here," Qiao Mei said disdainfully.

"You have to give me the medicine! My mother is suffering from a stroke because of all of you. You have to take responsibility! You can't just sit back and do nothing!" Seeing that Qiao Mei was unmoved by both force and persuasion, Liang Lan could only tell Qiao Mei to hand over the medicine.

Qiao Mei would not fall for this. Even if she came alone today, she would not be afraid of Liang Lan's threat. Moreover, she had Xia Zhe with her today.

"Then go to the police station and tell that to the police! Don't talk to me about all these! Do I owe your family anything? Does my grandfather owe your family anything? How can you have the cheek to

negotiate terms with me? I've already done my best by giving your family three bottles of medicine! Outsiders can't even get any even if they beg for it!" Qiao Mei looked at Liang Lan mockingly.

Qiao Mei patted Xia Zhe's hand and asked him to go next door to wheel Liang Shu back in. All the walls in the Liang family's house were very thin and they had spoken so loudly just now, so she was sure that Liang Shu overheard their conversation.

"In front of your mother, tell us honestly who you gave the medicinal wine to," Qiao Mei said as she looked at Liang Lan.

"Don't try to frame me! I fed all the medicine to my mother!" Liang Lan said agitatedly.

"Is that so?" Qiao Mei questioned.

Qiao Mei really did not want to say anything else. Liang Lan could always come up with more than 100 reasons to talk back. The best solution now was to let Liang Shu recover.

She took out a small bottle of medicinal wine from her pocket, forced open Liang Shu's mouth and poured everything in. After Liang Shu drank it, she suddenly felt comfortable all over. The taste of this medicinal wine was the same as what she usually drank.

When Qiao Mei entered the house earlier, she was actually scolding Qiao Mei. At first, she could not move at all. After drinking Qiao Mei's medicine, she could sit up again. However, by the second month, the taste of the medicine had become very faint and by the third month, there was completely no taste.

Liang Lan treated her worse than a dog at home and her condition continued to worsen. She had thought that there was something wrong with the medicine and that Qiao Mei had given her fake medicine. Now, it seemed that it was Liang Lan's doing all along!

"You heartless thing! You actually gave the medicine to someone else!" Liang Shu pointed at Liang Lan and scolded her angrily.

Qiao Mei nodded in satisfaction. This was how her medicine was supposed to work. The effect was immediate. Whatever happened next was the Liang family's private matter and had nothing to do with her anymore.

She grabbed Xia Zhe and hurriedly ran out of the Liang family's house. She did not speak along the way, occupied with thoughts about who Liang Lan had sold the medicine to.

"Is your little head still filled with thoughts about their family?" Xia Zhe said as he tapped Qiao Mei's head.

"I'm wondering if they sold it or gave it away as a gift," Qiao Mei said with a slight frown.

It was still alright if they had given it away, but if Liang Lan had sold it, it would definitely attract attention and bring trouble to the Xia family.

"Some time ago, there was news that the Old Master of the Song family was critically ill, but then he suddenly recovered. Taking into account what Song Dan did some time ago, I think the Liang family gave the medicinal wine to the Song family to claim some form of credit," Xia Zhe analyzed.

"No wonder Song Dan keeps pursuing Elder Sister! These people are too vicious! The Liang family has really opened my eyes. They don't even care about their own mother's life and actually treat Liang Shu in this manner in exchange for their own future," Qiao Mei said angrily.

She was only feeling sad and angry for Qiao Qiang. As for Liang Shu, her current situation could be considered her retribution. Back then, she had done all kinds of nasty things. Now that she was old, her children only wanted to scheme against her and make use of her.

"Grandfather doesn't care about those people and things at all. He doesn't take things so hard!" Xia Zhe said with a smile.

"You're right. It's time to ask Grandpa Xia to come to our house. The fight between the two of them has already lasted a few months. If this continues, it will soon be a year since the two of them stopped talking to each other," Qiao Mei said.

Chapter 1528 Decide to Become a Military Spouse

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It was not a problem for her to take care of one child, but it was probably beyond her ability to take care of two children at the same time.

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After thinking about it for a few days, Qiao Mei decided to become a military spouse and bring the children along with her. As long as they could stay by Xia Zhe's side, it was worth the effort no matter how tough and tiring it was.

The most important thing was for the family to stay together. After seeing what Xia Guang and Zhou Hua went through, she could tell what a painful experience it was for a family to live apart all year round. Qiao Mei also did not want the children to become distant from Xia Zhe.

"There are two types of housing for a military spouse to choose from, an apartment or a single-story house. The single-story houses are more rundown and we will need to do the repairs ourselves. The apartments are all new," Xia Zhe said.

Qiao Mei wanted the single-story house for sure! The apartment buildings in this era were not very well-built and both the workmanship and materials used were fairly slipshod. The soundproofing and sturdiness were also not good. As the children grew up, they would become more and more mischievous. What if they cried at night and disturbed the neighbors? It would not reflect well on Xia Zhe then. She was also worried that loud noises from someone else's house would affect her children.

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He did not want other people to be able to see Qiao Mei every day! He also did not want those people to hear Qiao Mei's sweet voice. He did not want Qiao Mei to hold back all the time.

It was more difficult to apply for a single-story house than an apartment, but Xia Zhe's rank was high enough for it not to be a problem. Qiao Mei wanted to go over and take a look as soon as possible. She was worried that those people would use inferior furniture and paint materials in order to complete the repairs quickly. Such lousy things were not good for the children's health, so she would rather spend her own money to do the renovations.

Xia Zhe's vacation break was not over yet, but Qiao Mei really wanted to go there to carry out the repair works. Therefore, the two of them packed their things and left the capital. Xu Lan and the rest could not bear to part with Qiao Mei. The thought of having to part with the two children made them sad as well.

However, it was not as if Qiao Mei was never coming back. In the event that she could not get used to life there, she could apply to go home at any time.

The living conditions in the army were definitely tougher than in the city. In order to let the military wives live more comfortably, the single-story houses came with exceptionally big courtyards. There might be nothing much in this place but land was definitely in abundance.

Qiao Mei had thought that it would be like the small tiled house they had in Foshan Village. She did not expect the house to have four big rooms and that they were the sole occupants. The extent of damage in each room was different and she decided to do the repairs slowly when she had more time.

Most importantly, Qiao Mei realized that the water quality here was quite good and the land was also very suitable for growing fruits and vegetables. She had even specially brought along a lot of modified seeds! She also had some flower seeds with her. When the time came, she would mark out a spot in the courtyard and ask Xia Zhe to make a swing for her. She wanted to create a beautiful garden!

After entering the house, Qiao Mei realized that the tables and chairs inside were very badly damaged and the corners of the tables were all very sharp. What if the children knocked into them? However, these were all standard furniture supplied by the military and she did not know if they would allow her to change it out.

"Don't worry, we can buy whatever we want," Xia Zhe said as he put his arm around Qiao Mei's shoulder. He could tell at a glance what Qiao Mei was worried about.

"That's great! I'll call Xia He later and ask her to go shopping. Then we can ask Lu Huai to send the things here!" Qiao Mei said as she looked at Xia Zhe.

Chapter 1529 Sisters-in-law

The military base was likely very strict about who can enter and exit the area. Even if they bought furniture from the capital, what if they were not allowed to transport it in?

"I took a look just now. The road is wide enough for a big truck. However, do we need to get an entry pass? Are vehicles from outside allowed to enter this area?" Qiao Mei asked softly.

"Leave these issues to me. You just need to tell Xia He what you want her to buy," Xia Zhe said with a smile as he patted Qiao Mei's head.

Qiao Mei was about to take a look around the courtyard when she spotted a few women not far away, walking towards them in a group. There were four of them but only three held baskets full of vegetables. The last woman had very few items in her basket. It was a really interesting sight.

They were all of different ages. The oldest woman should be in her 40s while two were in their 30s. The woman with almost nothing in the basket should be around 25 years old. Even the youngest among them was still older than Qiao Mei.

"Oh! I heard from my husband that someone is moving in near us soon but I don't know where exactly. They have asked for a single-story house!" one of the older women said.

"A single-story house? It's strange that they want to live in a single-story house rather than an apartment," another woman said.

When they saw Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe, they stopped in their tracks. Qiao Mei immediately noticed that the baskets in their hands did not look store-bought, but more like something they had made themselves.

Based on Xia Zhe's rank, they should be the ones greeting Qiao Mei. However, based on age, it was only proper for her to greet them first and address them as sisters-in-law since they were the wives of Xia Zhe's brothers-in-arms.

"Hello, sisters-in-law. I'm a newcomer here. My name is Qiao Mei and this is my husband, Xia Zhe. Please take good care of me in the future!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

The women did not immediately respond. They sized Qiao Mei up, noting her fair skin and beautiful face. When Qiao Mei and Xia Zhe stood together, they looked like a match made in heaven. However, it did not matter if a man was good-looking or not. If he was not capable, he was still useless!

It was a different story for women though. When a woman was good-looking, she would make other women envious! This was particularly true for someone as good-looking as Qiao Mei! Those women felt that Qiao Mei, wearing a white dress at the moment, was an indecent woman! She was exposing her fair-skinned calves! She must be trying to seduce men! Also, she did not even bother to wrap a piece of cloth around that ample bosom of hers to flatten it!

As they sized up Qiao Mei, she was also sizing them up. They were dressed like villagers and spoke with a local accent. None of these really matter. What Qiao Mei cared about the most was the way they were looking at her.

They were all women and she could immediately tell what they were thinking. Qiao Mei could not be bothered with them. As long as they did not cause trouble for her, it was not a big deal.

"Hello," they answered coldly. The oldest woman gave the youngest woman a push and said, "Song Zhi! Go! Harvest all the vegetables in the courtyard!"

Song Zhi was the name of the woman who had almost nothing in her basket. She was so skinny that all her bones were all protruding out. When that woman pushed her just now, she almost fell down.

Qiao Mei was not a busybody. She had only just arrived and did not know anything about the situation. If she offered help rashly, she would cause trouble for Xia Zhe. On the other hand, Xia Zhe also understood that it was not convenient for a man like him to interfere in the conflicts between women.

Song Zhi walked silently to the vegetable patch at the side to harvest the vegetables. When Qiao Mei entered earlier, she did not even notice that there was a vegetable patch there.

"Sister Qiao, I hope you don't mind. We noticed that the land around here has been left untouched for a long time. It's such a waste to leave it unused, so each of our family occupied a courtyard to grow some vegetables. We'll harvest everything in the next two days, but these vegetables are still ours. We'll return the place to you once we're done," the oldest woman said.

"Sure thing. I hope you can get it done as soon as possible. I'm a clumsy person and might accidentally touch something. It'll be hard to explain if there's something missing or spoiled," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

The oldest woman frowned. She did not expect this little girl to be so sharp-tongued at such a young age and even know how to talk back! It looked like this girl was not an easy person to get along with.

"Sure, I'll remember that," said the oldest woman.

Chapter 1530 I Am a Villager

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