

Fat Wife 1541

Chapter 1541 Injured Arm

Xia He stared at Liu Jia for a long time. Liu Jia was indeed not lying. The Qian family was not the one who printed the fliers. She had already guessed as much.

"How much do you want?" Xia He asked calmly.

Liu Jia said smugly, "10,000!"

"Why? Does Old Madam Qian need a new heart or a new brain? Why do you need so much money? I won't pay a single cent for her treatment. However, if you're the one doing a brain transplant, I might consider paying for it," Xia He said mockingly.

"You! You! You asshole! How dare you scold me! See if I don't beat you to death today!" Liu Jia could not outtalk Xia He, so she wanted to go forward and hit Xia He. In the blink of an eye, Xia He grabbed Liu Jia's arm and bent her wrist with one quick move.

Liu Jia let out a howl like a pig being slaughtered. Xia He took the chance to twist Liu Jia's entire arm after that. Liu Jia looked like a marionette, with her arm dangling by her side.

"Ah!!!" Liu Jia fell on the ground and held her arm as she screamed in pain.

Huang Meng had never seen such a violent scene before. She had never dreamed that a woman could easily dislocate another person's arm in an instant.

Zhao Ni was also stunned and rooted to the spot. She did not expect Xia He to be such a violent person. Yang Mei had also never seen something so scary and almost ran away.

"She... Will she kill us... Quick, go and talk to her! Isn't that your daughter!" Huang Meng said shakily as she hid behind Zhao Ni.

"That's not my daughter," Zhao Ni said calmly.

She was scared but even more so, she was comforted by the fact that someone had done what she could not do. She knew how powerful the Xia family was. If Xia He dared to do this, it must mean that she already knew she would not get into trouble for it.

"What? She's not your daughter! Then why didn't you say so earlier!" Huang Meng said in surprise.

"Neither of you asked me," Zhao Ni said self-righteously.

"I want to call the police... I want to get the police to arrest you! Ah..." Liu Jia said in pain.

Xia He squatted down and looked at Liu Jia. "Great. I want to call the police too."

She called Yang Mei over and asked her to call Zou Ming to come and round up everybody involved. She also asked for Zou Ming to bring along a team from the hospital. She only knew how to dislocate someone's arm, but she did not know how to fix it. It would have to be left to the medical professionals.

Yang Mei hurriedly went to make the call. She did not expect Xia He's method to be so drastic.

"You hit me first just now, so I was just acting in self-defense. I have witnesses, as many as you want. You'd better not let me see you again or I'll beat you up every time I see you. I have plenty of money to spare," Xia He said arrogantly.

Liu Jia moved back in fear. Even though it was hard to move with her arm in extreme pain, she still wanted to stay alive.

After Zou Ming arrived, he rounded up everyone at the scene in line with police procedure and also sent Liu Jia to the hospital for treatment. Then, he brought Xia He straight to his office.

After Xia He entered the office, she behaved like she was in her own house and sat down in Zou Ming's chair.

"Miss, can you please not go around causing trouble for me?" Zou Ming said helplessly.

"But this will boost your year-end results, right?" Xia He said playfully.

"I don't need this kind of results! I'll call your eldest brother and ask him to come over now! I'll tell him to bring you home immediately and teach you a lesson!" Zou Ming said angrily.

"Why are you calling my eldest brother and not my husband?" Xia He asked.

"Don't mention your husband! Why should I ask him to come! To bring you home? He's so soft-hearted! He's always so tolerant when it comes to you. What's the point of asking him to come here!" Zou Ming said.

"Alright~ Then go and call my eldest brother. I haven't seen him for a long time anyway. Hurry up and ask him to come and send me back. There's still a lot of work to be done in the factory," Xia He said, pretending to be anxious.

Zou Ming sighed resignedly and said, "Do I owe your Xia family something in my past life? The three of you are equally as audacious. Even Xia Zhe's wife is the same!"

"This is what they mean by birds of a feather flock together," Xia He said proudly.

"You can still be so proud of this!" Zou Ming said in disbelief.

"Of course. That's because you never managed to become one of us," Xia He said laughingly.

Chapter 1542 The Troublemaker Sister

Zou Ming and Xia Wan even had a history together but without the fairy tale ending!

Back in the past, Zou Ming and Xia Wan studied in the same junior high school and the two of them could be considered childhood sweethearts. Zou Ming liked Xia Wan very much, but Xia Wan had no

interest in dating at that time. Even after Zou Ming professed his liking for her, Xia Wan simply rejected him calmly.

Zou Ming was so devastated that he transferred to another school. After they both grew up and Xia Wan got married, Zou Ming was finally able to let go of what happened back then. The two of them became friends again and were able to hang out like they used to.

"Stop talking! I'm going to deal with some matters first. Stay in my office obediently. You're not allowed to go out without my permission and don't open the door for anyone." After saying that, Zou Ming left the office and returned to the meeting room downstairs.

This was the first time that Huang Meng had been to the police station. She squatted in a corner in fear and nervously tugged at the corner of Zhao Ni's shirt, very scared that the police would come in and take her away.

As soon as Zou Ming entered the room, Huang Meng hurriedly pounced on him and grabbed his trouser leg tightly as she said, "Officer! Officer! I didn't do anything! Let me go! As long as you let me go! I can do anything you want! I'm not involved in anything!"

"Let go of me first. I haven't even said whether this matter has anything to do with you! Sit over there so that we can have a proper conversation," Zou Ming said sternly.

Huang Meng let go of Zou Ming as instructed. She had taken the opportunity to cop a feel of his calf muscles just now. His calves were so firm! This was the kind of muscles a man should have! As she thought about the man waiting for her at home, she felt disgusted. Zou Ming did not even steal looks at her. Such men were the most suave!

Her thoughts were all on Zou Ming and she completely forgot about the interrogation process. If not for the fact that there were other people in the room, she would already have gone forward to seduce Zou Ming. She did not believe that there was any man who would not fall for her. All the men in their village were enamored with her, including Qian Wang.

Huang Meng thought that Zhao Ni was really a fool. Her husband was a good-for-nothing and her daughter did not care about her at all. She herself was also a stubborn person and did not have a good life in her maternal family. After getting married, she continued to suffer at her in-laws' house.

Zou Ming asked his assistant to come in and interrogated the two women for an hour before he managed to figure out the whole story. In the end, Zhao Ni and Huang Meng had to apologize to Xia He reluctantly before they could go home.

Liu Jia was seriously injured and could not apologize to Xia He personally. Then again, Xia He did not care to see Liu Jia again. Liu Jia would have to bear her own medical expenses and with that, the case was considered close.

Zou Ming could have released Xia He, but he insisted on waiting for Xia Wen to come and pick her up. In the end, Xia He was dragged back to Qiao Mei's house in an unglamorous manner.

"Look at you! Do you know how old you are! I still have to go to the police station to get you out! Can you stop giving me trouble! Even Xia Fan and Xia Xing are less worrisome! The two babies are so much more well-behaved than you!" Xia Wen said angrily.

"It's not like I'm trying to cause you trouble ... It's clearly those people who came and provoked me. You did not even protect me and yet you have the cheek to reprimand me... When I go home, I'm going to tell Grandfather and Father about this. Let's see who the two of them will scold in the end!" Xia He did not dare to talk back to Xia Wen loudly and only muttered softly at the side.

Xia Wen was not an old man who was hard of hearing, but there was nothing he could do except look at Xia He with both anger and amusement. He could not hit or scold her. Why did Xia Mao give him a younger sister? Xia He must have been sent by the heavens to torture him!

Xia He suddenly noticed that there was a new decorative hanging on Xia Wen's briefcase. It looked like a... bamboo segment! Xia Wen would never buy such impractical things. It must be a girl who bought it for him!

"Tell me! Did Mo Zhu buy you that decorative item!" Xia He questioned.

"We're talking about you now! Why are you questioning me instead! Hurry home with me. Don't embarrass yourself here!" Xia Wen pulled Xia He and quickly ran home. The people living in the area were already used to them bickering noisily all the time.

Qiao Mei was planting grapes in the courtyard while basking in the sun. The weather had been very good recently and she also felt much better. She wanted to do some exercises in the courtyard as it would help with the baby's development.

"Why are the two of you arguing again? I can already hear your voices from afar," Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Chapter 1543 Small Bamboo Decorative Hanging

"He doesn't act like an older brother at all! And he even says that I'm disobedient! Those people came to find trouble with me! It's not as if I went to provoke them. What kind of older brother is this! Who else should I look for if I get into trouble in the future! If I don't look for my own brother, then should I look to someone else for help!" When Xia He heard what Qiao Mei said, she remembered what had just happened and started complaining.

While Xia He was complaining non-stop about Xia Wen, he looked at Qiao Mei and shook his head. He did not know how to deal with Xia He anymore. Qiao Mei immediately understood what he meant.

"Then we don't need Eldest Brother anymore. Our family should split up as well," Qiao Mei said.

"Split up! No way!" Xia He said quickly.

Qiao Mei asked curiously, "Why not? Didn't you just list so many of Eldest Brother's shortcomings? Isn't it the best choice for us to split up? Now that we're all grown up, splitting up doesn't affect anyone's lives. We might all even do better! You also don't have to worry about Eldest Brother nagging you all the time."

Xia He had no such intention at all. She was just... just being haughty and spoiled... Other older brothers doted on their younger sisters very much. If the younger sister wanted the stars in the sky, the older brother would always find a way to pluck them for her.

However, this older brother of hers was like a fatherly figure! He was always reprimanding her about some issue. Although Xia Wen had also praised Xia He before, for some reason, Xia He could only remember his bad side.

Xia He could not think of a rebuttal so she quickly pointed at Xia Wen's bag and changed the topic. "There's something else! Look at that small bamboo hanging on his bag! He must be dating Mo Zhu! See, I was right!"

If Xia He did not mention it, Qiao Mei would not have spotted it! It was indeed not something that Xia Wen would buy for himself. It looked like a frivolous item that a girl would buy.

Speaking of which, she had not seen Mo Zhu for a long time. She wondered if Xia Wen and the girl had made any progress lately. When would Mo Zhu become their eldest sister-in-law?

"Oh my~ Eldest Brother, tell us the truth. Otherwise, the two of us will have to tell Mother about this," Qiao Mei said wickedly.

"It's nothing. There was this day when I worked overtime to help her with a document. She said that this is a thank you gift. She was so enthusiastic about it that it was hard to reject her, so I accepted it," Xia Wen said awkwardly.

"Too enthusiastic to reject? Mo Zhu doesn't look like such a proactive person! Are you sure?" Qiao Mei asked suspiciously.

Xia Wen was rendered speechless for a long time, like a piece of machinery that suddenly stopped working. He would admit that he was indeed always very patient when it came to Mo Zhu, but it was only because this girl was very hardworking and diligent. There were no other feelings involved and it was definitely not like what Qiao Mei and the others imagined.

Mo Zhu was a nice girl. He was so much older than her and had already been married before. He did not want to hold her back.

"Alright, alright, I won't tease you anymore." Qiao Mei looked at Xia He and asked, "Why exactly did you get sent to the police station?"

"I... I got into a fight..." Xia He said tactfully.

Zou Ming had already called Qiao Mei and told her about everything that happened. The truth was that Qiao Mei knew everything that happened in the factory during this period of time. She did not know what came over Yao Nian, but he had been working very hard recently and did not miss out on even the most trivial piece of information. Qiao Mei was a person who liked to hear gossip, so she simply let Yao Nian investigate everything.

Qiao Mei even knew that He Mei was the instigator of this entire incident. She had asked Yao Nian to go around and find out interesting information about other people's families. She paid him according to the shock factor of the gossip, the rates being 50 dollars for mundane news, 100 dollars for fairly interesting news and 200 dollars for explosive news.

Yao Nian was very willing to take on this job. He was going to run out of money otherwise.

"Alright, you should sleep here tonight. I'll go to the factory with you tomorrow to see what we can do," Qiao Mei said.

Huang Meng and Zhao Ni returned home dejectedly. They had gone out very early in the morning. It was almost midnight now. It had been a really long day!

Old Madam Qian had been left hungry at home for the entire day. None of her three sons were dependable. They went out to feast around and left her alone at home to eat noodles. This was all her daughters-in-law's fault!

Chapter 1544 Many Men

"So you still know your way home! Why don't you just die outside! Why are you away for so long! Are you deliberately trying to starve me to death!" Old Madam Qian roared angrily.

Zhao Ni was already used to this. She pretended not to see Old Madam Qian and quickly went into the room to change her clothes and wash up. Huang Meng, on the other hand, had never encountered such a situation before and was so frightened that she quickly hid inside the room.

Old Madam Qian had not been in good health recently and could only move around slowly. Therefore, she simply sat in the living room and cursed loudly at her family members. At first, the neighbors would come to the Qian family's house to ask them to keep their voices down, but they were all scolded by Old Madam Qian. As time passed, all the neighbors in the vicinity moved away.

Zhao Ni and Huang Meng hid inside the bedroom and did not go out. Huang Meng was still a little scared that Old Madam Qian would barge into the room suddenly, so she armed herself with whatever she could find and stared at the door warily.

"Sister-in-law, is this your daily life?" Huang Meng asked as she pointed towards the outside.

"Yes, you'll get used to it," Zhao Ni said.

"Haven't you ever thought about separating from Brother-in-law? There's no point in living with such in-laws," Huang Meng said.

Zhao Ni looked at Huang Meng and said, "You also chose to marry into the Qian family. We're both the same. Then why don't you get a divorce?"

Huang Meng said nonchalantly, "Because Qian Cai gives me money and I don't need to wait on my mother-in-law. I just stay at home and do some farming. I have a lot of freedom and don't have to face all these difficult situations like you."

Zhao Ni lowered her head and did not say anything. This was all her own doing. If she had not been so harsh to Qian'e back then and also stopped Qian'e from marrying Ma San, she might not have ended up like this.

However, there was no way to go back in time to relive one's life. She had to live with whatever she did.

"To be honest, if you get a divorce now, you can still remarry! Why don't you want to leave?" Huang Meng asked curiously.

"Why do you keep persuading me to leave?" Zhao Ni asked suspiciously.

"Because I feel that you're pitiful. I've never seen such a person with such a miserable life and I feel quite shocked. Besides, Brother-in-law is not even a nice person. He's also not good in that aspect, at least not as good as Qian Cai. What's the point of keeping him around," Huang Meng said disdainfully.

Zhao Ni immediately understood what Huang Meng meant. She did not even feel angry, only shocked and disgusted. She and Qian Wang had slept in separate rooms since a long time ago and their marriage existed only in name. She did not care if Qian Wang cheated on her, as long as he did not do it blatantly in front of her.

It was just a little hard to accept the fact that he actually had an affair with her sister-in-law.

"Does... does Qian Cai know what you're doing?" Zhao Ni asked, suppressing the disgust in her heart.

Huang Meng sat on the bed and swung her legs leisurely as she said, "Maybe? Maybe not? Anyway, he's just like all those other men. He only likes me for my looks. There's no difference."

Zhao Ni really could not understand what Huang Meng was doing. She sat at the other corner of the bedroom and did not look at Huang Meng. Her actions did not matter to Huang Meng. She told Zhao Ni all these things on purpose. It would be quite a thrill if she could cause chaos in the Qian family. Unfortunately, Zhao Ni's reaction was really boring and she behaved completely differently from the other women in their village when they heard such news.

Qian Cai and Qian Sheng came back from having drinks. When they saw that their mother was alone in the living room, they became a little angry. Qian Sheng asked, "Mother, they're not back yet?"

"They're back! Two black-hearted people came back! And the two of you heartless things! You went out to have fun and eat good food! You left me alone at home!" Old Madam Qian said sadly.

Qian Sheng ignored what Old Madam Qian was muttering about and went into the room to look for Liu Jia. Huang Meng suddenly rushed out of the room at the same time. She did not stop to see who it was standing at the door, but simply rushed into his arms and said sweetly, "Hubby~ I've suffered a lot today! You have to stand up for me!"

Qian Sheng was stunned as if he had been electrocuted. Liu Jia was a skinny woman without any curves. She was very bony and had a boyish figure. Huang Meng, on the other hand, was so curvaceous. Her soft chest was now pressed hard against his chest, causing him to almost lose control!

Chapter 1545 I Will Never Come Back

"You vainpot! Take a look at who's in front of you!" Qian Cai said angrily.

Huang Meng straightened up unhurriedly and looked at Qian Sheng with a look of surprise. She then went to Qian Cai's side shyly and said aggrievedly, "I assumed that you'd come to look for me immediately once you returned home... I was too agitated and mistaken that it was you..."

Qian Mo felt a little guilty when he heard what Huang Meng said. He hugged her and said, "What's wrong? Who bullied my wife? Tell me and I'll avenge you."

"It's that Qian'e! No, not really... Anyway, we went to look for Qian'e, but this other woman came out and even injured Youngest Sister-in-law. She's still in the hospital! She's at Eldest Brother-in-law's hospital!" Huang Meng said.

"What! How dare that person hit my wife!" Qian Sheng hurriedly rushed out of the house to go to the hospital. Qian Cai hugged Huang Meng and listened intently about what happened today. Zhao Ni sat at the side and did not dare to move.

After hearing the entire story, Qian Cai frowned and fell into deep thought. This matter was not as simple as it seemed. Although he was obsessed with beautiful women, he was not a fool. If a person could beat up someone in the capital, get arrested and still leave the police station unharmed, then this person must have a powerful background. His family definitely could not get involved in this mess.

However, even though he could not afford to offend this enemy, he could attack a fellow Qian family member!

"Alright, I see. Eldest Sister-in-law, then shouldn't you give us some compensation?" Qian Mo said to Zhao Ni.

"Compensation? I didn't do anything. Qian'e also didn't do anything," Zhao Ni said.

"My wife has never been arrested and sent to the police station before. If not for your Qian'e, would she have been so frightened? Even if that person is not Qian'e, she must be an imposter sent by Qian'e. You have to compensate us or I'll go to the police station and report you," Qian Cai said unreasonably.

"One must put the saddle on the right horse. You can go and look for whoever owes you this debt. I don't know anything about this," Zhao Ni said equally as unreasonably.

Qian Mo stood up to leave but then he stopped next to Old Madam Qian and said, "Mother! You can continue to stay here! We're leaving! We can't stay here anymore! Eldest Brother and Eldest Sister-in-law don't welcome us at all. If we stay another two days, we may even end up in jail! Just let us go! We won't come back again!"

Old Madam Qian liked her second son the most. She had not seen him for so many years and missed him very much. Now that he was leaving in anger because of Zhao Ni, Old Madam Qian felt even more upset.

"Apologize to my second son now! Compensate them! Ask Qian'e to come back as soon as possible!" Old Madam Qian said agitatedly.

"I can't find Qian'e," Zhao Ni said stubbornly.

Seeing that Qian Cai was about to turn and leave, Old Madam Qian immediately took out the rattan cane and whipped Zhao Ni forcefully, causing her skin to split open and her body to be covered in wounds.

Old Madam Qian only stopped when Zhao Ni was almost on her last breath. She slowly walked to Qian Cai and said, "Son, I'll uphold justice for you tomorrow. I'll definitely bring Qian'e back! Don't leave."

"Alright. Thank you, Mother." After saying that, Qian Cai hugged Huang Meng and returned to the bedroom. Zhao Ni lay in the living room for the entire night.

The next morning, Qian Wang did not even look at Zhao Ni when he went to work. It was as if Zhao Ni was invisible.

Zhao Ni endured the intense pain all over her body and slowly made her way to the kitchen to cook for the entire family. After she prepared the meal, Old Madam Qian even criticized that the food was disgusting and swept everything to the floor.

This was just a typical day for her. The only difference was that she had to go with Old Madam Qian to settle the score with Qian'e today.

At Qiao Mei's house, the chauffeur was already waiting at the main door. Qiao Mei had asked the chauffeur to live near the alley so that she could use the car at any time. Otherwise, she would always have to make an appointment in advance and she would not be able to use the car in the event of an emergency situation.

Qiao Qiang was a little worried about Qiao Mei and walked over to the front yard from the backyard. This was the first time Qiao Qiang had taken the initiative to come over to the front yard to look for Qiao Mei after he moved in.

"Mei Mei, where are you going?" Qiao Qiang asked.

"Grandfather, I want to go to the factory to take a look at Qian'e. My mother is at home taking care of my younger siblings now and Qian'e is the only one holding the fort in the factory. She's not doing too well recently, so I want to go and see her," Qiao Mei said.

Chapter 1546 Fired Immediately

"You're not in good health either. Get someone else to go. There are so many people in our family and any one of them can go to the factory. If there's really no other way, I'll go there to take care of things for a few days," Qiao Qiang said with a slight frown.

"It's fine, I have ginseng with me! Don't worry, Grandfather!" After saying that, Qiao Mei left the house with Xia He.

Qiao Qiang still felt unsettled. This was the second time he had been so flustered. The first time was when Qiao Mei was attacked at home.

Xia He thought for a moment and then said, "Qiao Mei, why don't you go along with what Grandfather says? It does make sense. You still have me at the factory!"

"My main purpose is to take a look at Qian'e. The people from the Han Corporation have been very difficult recently. I'm worried that they'll take the chance to come looking for trouble at this time," Qiao Mei said as she massaged her temples.

"Are you still feeling unwell?" Xia He asked worriedly.

"I'm fine. It's not a big deal. It's normal to feel like this when pregnant, just that it's more pronounced this time round. I asked Aunt about this a couple of days back and she said that the baby is very healthy and that I may be feeling this way because I didn't manage to recover the energy I used up when giving birth to Xia Fan and Xia Xing," Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei drank water mixed with ginseng juice every day and her physical condition was getting better. As long as she did not overwork herself, she would definitely be fine.

When they arrived at the factory, Qiao Mei could feel that the work environment had gone downhill. It was like a chaotic black market. No one was working seriously and they kept whispering to one another as they carried out their tasks.

"What you see is only a part of it. Some people don't even do any work and just chat among themselves. We have already made a list and we'll decide on whether to keep these people after this matter blows over," Xia He said.

"There's no need to wait. Tell them to get lost now. We don't need these people," Qiao Mei said domineeringly.

"But the matter with Qian'e isn't resolved yet," Xia He said worriedly.

"I know your concerns, but we still have to ensure that the production volume is on target. It can't get to the point that we are unable to produce the normal amount," Qiao Mei said seriously.

In any case, the whole issue with Qian'e was already a foregone conclusion. No matter how well they wanted to hide it, they could not stop other people from wanting to announce it to the world. Rather than trying to block it, it was better to take drastic measures and make these people shut up once and for all.

However, Qiao Mei still needed permission from Qian'e before she could implement her solution.

Qiao Mei pushed open the door to the office door. The entire room was dusty and the curtains were drawn. It had been a few days since anyone came in to clean up and there was a musty smell in the air.

"Qian'e, I'm here," Qiao Mei said as she knocked on the lounge door.

When Qian'e heard Qiao Mei's voice, she immediately got up to open the door. The moment she saw Qiao Mei, she could no longer control her emotions. She stood there and wept loudly, like a lost child who had finally found her way home.

This was the first time Qiao Mei felt that her maternal aura must be very strong. Looking at how pitiful Qian'e looked, her heart went out to her.

"Alright, alright, don't cry. I'm here now, aren't I? Go and take a shower now. You stink!" Qiao Mei said disdainfully.

Qian'e obediently returned to the lounge to take a shower and change into new clothes. After dressing up, she slowly walked out. When she saw that there was only Qiao Mei and Xia He in the room, she felt much more at ease.

"You look so much better now. Come and have your meal. I'll talk to you after you eat," Qiao Mei said sternly.

Qian'e sat on the small stool and picked up the bowl and chopsticks. She ate very quickly and half the bowl of rice was gone in an instant. Qiao Mei immediately said, "Eat slowly! Chew properly before you swallow! Otherwise, I'll get angry!"

Qian'e immediately took smaller mouthfuls.

"It's so amazing. Why do you listen to her but not to me? All my hard work for so many days can't even compare with one visit from Qiao Mei," Xia He said as she glanced at Qiao Mei with a look of jealousy.

"You're about to put her on a drip. How can she not be afraid of you?" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

"Isn't that a common method used in the army? Otherwise, how can we make sure that she stays alive? I'm not an immortal who can bring the dead back to life," Xia He said helplessly.

"Actually, I know everything you've done. I just... just feel very at ease when I see Qiao Mei. She understands how I feel after all that we've been through together," Qian'e said softly.

Chapter 1547 As Dumb as a Pig

"I..." Xia He was at a loss for words. She suddenly realized that she must have hurt Qian'e a lot back then. Otherwise, Qian'e would not be so afraid of her. She decided to apologize to Qian'e solemnly.

"I'm sorry. I was too extreme back then. It's all my fault. I want to apologize to you. I hope that we can become very good friends in the future," Xia He said seriously as she looked Qian'e in the eyes.

Qian'e stared at Xia He for a long time and then said with tears in her eyes, "It's alright, we're already good friends."

After Qian'e finished her meal, it was time for them to get down to business. Xia He told Qian'e about everything that had happened during this period of time. Xia He spoke very minimally about the matter related to the Qian family, worried about agitating Qian'e. Qiao Mei also told Qian'e everything she knew and emphasized that the whole issue was definitely related to the He family.

"He Mei... It's He Mei! Why is He Mei doing this to me!" Qian'e said furiously.

"She feels that what you did to her was a form of revenge. Since she's having a hard time now, she probably wants to find someone to suffer alongside her. It's no skin off her back to drag someone down with her," Qiao Mei explained.

Qian'e was silent for a long time. She did not know how to apologize to everyone about this or how to put an end to the entire situation. It was as if she would cause trouble for Qiao Mei and Xia He and everyone else simply by being there.

"Perhaps I should leave the factory... During this period of time, many people have come to talk to me about terminating their contracts with us. I'm very concerned about this. If I leave the factory, then these issue will be easily resolved," Qian'e said.

"Absolutely not! How can you leave! This place can do without me! It can also do without Deng Fan, but not you!" Xia He said anxiously.

"Have you ever thought of being open with what happened in the past? Tell everyone about all those things done by the Ma family, the Shen family and the He family. You can even tell only part of the story. Whoever caused the trouble should be the one to clean up the mess," Qiao Mei said.

"But those issues..." Qian'e felt hesitant. She was still very afraid of the past being dug up again.

"All your pain is caused by others. You're the victim and the ones who should be punished are them, not you," Qiao Mei said sternly.

"Alright! I'll take your advice! At this point, I'm not hung up over anything anymore! Otherwise, I would have died long ago. I wouldn't have been able to make it until today!" Qian'e said firmly.

Qiao Mei invited reporters from all the major television stations to come to the factory for a visit and to do an interview. People were very curious about Qian'e at the moment. Qiao Mei announced that in one week's time, they would disclose to the public the identity of the perpetrator who caused Qian'e to have to suffer such a tragic life. At the same time, they would tell the complete story of what happened to Qian'e in the past.

With all the publicity from the television stations, the news quickly reached He Ning. He turned towards the door and looked at Jia Zhong, asking, "Why didn't you tell me that such a major thing was happening over there?"

Jia Zhong quickly walked to He Ning's side and said fearfully, "I also only just received the news. My men did not do their job well. Please punish me, Boss!"

He Ning narrowed his eyes and looked at Jia Zhong. He was He Ning's right-hand man. His subordinates were all talents who went through a rigorous selection process. These were elite soldiers who would die for the He family. There could not be any traitors among them. Qiao Mei's message was clearly meant for him, telling him that the only way he could be unaware of an incident was if it was committed by one of his own.

He Ning never dreamed that there would be a traitor among his people.

"I'm not blaming you. Go and find out which one of our men has interacted with He Mei," He Ning said.

"It's Zhou Dun! I saw him going to Miss He's place some time ago. At that time, I thought he was on patrol and did not feel that anything was wrong. Now that I think about it, he was behaving quite suspiciously," Jia Zhong said.

No wonder... He Mei really could not stay idle for even a day. She would not give up until she created some problem for him. Her pregnancy was already a sore point for Qiao Mei and now her stupid behavior had just made things worse.

How could the He family have such a stupid descendant! It might have been better to raise a pig!

This was the first time that He Ning did not know how to stop Qiao Mei from taking action. If the He family took the initiative to go and look for Qiao Mei, it would mean admitting that the He family was the one who was behind this.

Chapter 1548 Television Broadcast

The He family and the Xia family currently had an agreement not to make trouble for each other for five years. If he did anything to breach the agreement, the Xia family would definitely go all out and fight the He family.

If this was the Xia family from last year, He Ning would not be afraid of them. Even if they tried their best, they would not be able to defeat the He family.

However, the Xia family was now active in politics, business and the military and doing very well in all three fields. The He family was now the much weaker party.

The current Xia family could do a lot of damage with very little effort!

He Ning was so angry that he kept coughing. His progressively recovering health had worsened again. Everything he had planned for so long was now ruined!

"Set aside all your work for now. Your health is most important. We don't have much ginseng left. If your condition worsens and Qiao Mei refuses to help, then you'll be out of options," Huo Gao said.

Back then, they had bought three ginsengs from Qiao Mei. Now, they had only two left. They were still purchasing ginsengs dug out by the villagers, but these ginsengs were between 10 and 20 years old.

This was quite normal. It was impossible for a mountain to be filled with 100-year-old ginsengs. After all, 100-year-old ginseng was a rare thing. They had heard that those in Qiao Mei's possession were family heirlooms passed down to Qiao Qiang from her ancestors. This was the only reason why she had so many.

"It's that idiot in the backyard! Is she willing to let me rest? I planned everything for her so wholeheartedly, but she created such a big mess for me. It's already good enough that I haven't killed her! If I had known this would happen, I would have just married her off to a butcher back then! Then there won't be so much trouble now!" He Ning said angrily.

"She's just a child. How are you so angry with her? At most, we'll just let them tell everyone about what happened. The He family was only involved in a small part of the whole matter. The real grudge is between the Ma family, the Shen family and the Qian family. The He family's involvement is just circumstantial. At most, they can only say that we played the role of the matchmaker," Huo Gao said as he analyzed the situation.

He Ning felt that what Huo Gao said made sense, but the Ma family and the Shen family had already fallen into decline and gone bankrupt. Currently, only the He family was still standing strong. The reporters from the television station would definitely target them. That smart little girl, Qiao Mei, would also focus on talking about the He family.

Most of the He family's endeavors were not above board. Over the years, He Ning had bribed many people so that he would not get reported. Even if he was, the news would not reach the ears of the

higher-ups. However, Qiao Mei wanted to break this rule now. This was what He Ning was most afraid of.

What Huo Gao mentioned were only those superficial issues. Who would care about those things?

Since they did not know how to go about solving this issue, they decided to leave it in the hands of someone who was willing to go all out.

Old Madam Qian walked shakily towards the factory. She was determined to see Qian'e today. Otherwise, Qian Cai and Qian Sheng would leave her again. It had not been easy for her to trick her two sons into coming to the capital. She could not let them go back so soon.

At that moment, Qian'e was getting ready to go home with Qiao Mei after work. She had heard from Deng Fan that the renovation works at her newly purchased house were coming to an end but there were still many details which he wanted to discuss with her. She was going to go and take a look at the house today and wanted Qiao Mei to come along and give her some advice.

She did not expect to run into Old Madam Qian the moment she stepped out of the factory. Qian'e covered her face and held Qiao Mei's hand, wanting to leave quickly. However, Qiao Mei was pregnant and could not walk so fast, so she had no choice but to face Old Madam Qian.

"What are you doing here?" Qian'e said.

"Can't I come here to see my granddaughter? You don't even come home nowadays and you fool around with men outside! You've embarrassed our family! Come home with me now!" Old Madam Qian shouted loudly, attracting a lot of attention.

"I've already cut ties with all of you. You have no right to ask me to go back," Qian'e said.

"I have no right? Look carefully! I'm your grandmother! This is your mother! We're your family members! How can you cut off blood ties just like that? You haven't been home for so long and you don't even transfer money to the family! Don't you care about our lives!" Old Madam Qian questioned.

Qiao Mei rolled her eyes helplessly. What did their lives have to do with Qian'e? They were all able-bodied people and it was not as if they could not support themselves.

Chapter 1549 Pretend to Faint

Qian'e glanced at Zhao Ni, who was standing behind Old Madam Qian. Zhao Ni looked very different from when Qian'e left the family. She had lost a lot of weight and looked ill. She was also trembling uncontrollably. When Old Madam Qian grabbed at her just now, she seemed to look pained. She had probably been beaten up at home recently.

Qian'e could not bring Zhao Ni with her now, nor did she have a way to help Zhao Ni leave the Qian family. She was in a dilemma. If she did not leave, Qiao Mei could be in danger. However, if she left now, Zhao Ni would definitely get another beating at home later.

Although Zhao Ni was very harsh to her in the past, it was all because of Old Madam Qian. Anyone would go crazy living with such a family. After Qian'e left the Qian family, Zhao Ni did not allow anyone from the Qian family to look for her. She was well aware of this.

Qiao Mei patted Qian'e on the shoulder and gestured to her that they should leave. There would not be any desirable outcome even if they continued to argue here. To Old Madam Qian, this action looked like a provocative move, as if Qiao Mei wanted to forcefully take Qian'e away from them.

"You're the woman who led our Qian'e astray! You must be one of the reasons why Qian'e suddenly disobeyed us! What exactly do you want with our Qian'e! Are you deliberately taking revenge on us!" Old Madam Qian rushed in front of Qiao Mei and poked Qiao Mei's shoulder with all her might.

Qiao Mei suddenly turned her body slightly to the side to dodge the attack. As Old Madam Qian was attacking with all her strength, she fell forward towards the ground. Fortunately, Qian'e reacted quickly and held on to Old Madam Qian. Otherwise, Old Madam Qian would have extorted a large sum of money from them.

"You! You're bullying an elder!" Old Madam Qian said.

"But you're bullying a pregnant woman!" Qiao Mei stood at the side and muttered softly.

This was an issue between Qian'e and her family and it was not appropriate for Qiao Mei to say anything. No one could completely cut ties with their parents. Everyone wanted their parents to love them.

Zhao Ni had been so strict with Qian'e when she was young because it was Zhao Ni's way of loving her. It was a pity that everything turned out so badly and it was too late even if Zhao Ni regretted it now.

"For the last time, I'm not going back. We have nothing to do with one another anymore. It's absolutely impossible for you to get any money from me. I won't give you a single cent," Qian'e said stubbornly as she looked into Old Madam Qian's eyes.

Old Madam Qian went forward in exasperation and gave Qian'e a slap. Qian'e took the opportunity to fall to the ground and did not get up again. No matter how Old Madam Qian yelled and cursed, Qian'e ignored her.

"Qian'e! Qian'e, what's wrong! Qian'e, wake up!" Qiao Mei shouted in a panic.

Zhao Ni also rushed forward and hugged Qian'e tightly at that moment when Qian'e fell to the ground. She cried and shouted, "Xiao'e, wake up! Don't scare me! Look at Mom! Xiao'e, open your eyes!"

Qian'e had mixed feelings inside. This was the first time Zhao Ni cared so much about her after she grew up. Qiao Mei reached out towards Qian'e, pulled open her eyes and observed them for a while and then checked the temperature of her palms, among other things. Qiao Mei only felt at ease after confirming that Qian'e was pretending.

Ever since Qiao Mei became a mother, she was able to diagnose minor illnesses and could easily deal with minor incidents. This was probably a skillset that all mothers were forced to have. After all, children did not know how to speak yet, but they could get all sorts of discomfort and a mother needed to be alert at all times.

Qiao Mei asked the security guard to quickly make a call to Xia Fang and tell her everything that happened at the scene so that she could be prepared. If Qian Mei sent Qian'e to another hospital, it would be hard to explain the situation.

Old Madam Qian did not believe that Qian'e would fall down unconscious with just a slap. She went forward and gave Qian'e a few kicks with all her might.

"Little girl! You're just pretending! You still want to hide it from me! I'll hit you so hard until you scream! Let's see how long you can tolerate it!" Old Madam Qian said viciously.

Zhao Ni did her best to protect Qian'e and used her own body as a shield. If Old Madam Qian wanted to hit someone, Zhao Ni decided she would take the brunt of the blows.

Qiao Mei really could not stand it anymore. Just as she was about to step forward, she remembered what Qiao Qiang said to her. Xia Zhe had also repeatedly reminded her not to take action alone.

She called Chi Ze and the other men to come over and surround Old Madam Qian. They just needed to surround her and not fight her.

Chapter 1550 Multiple Illnesses

If Old Madam Qian scratched them, Qiao Mei would bear their medical expenses and any followup treatments and also give each of them a bonus sum. Before Zou Ming arrived, they must not hurt Old Madam Qian at all. They must not even touch Old Madam Qian.

If there was anything wrong with Old Madam Qian, they must immediately call the hospital to come and send her for treatment. Chi Ze's men were only responsible for keeping an eye on Old Madam Qian and did not need to care about anything else.

"What are you doing! Are you getting so many people to beat me up?" It was rare for Old Madam Qian to look so scared.

Qiao Mei said mockingly, "How would we dare to hit you? Don't worry, these people are here to protect you. They won't touch you. They'll leave when the police come to take you away."

"You asshole! You want to send me to the police station! Who do you think you are! It's not your place to interfere in our family matters!" Old Madam Qian said angrily.

Qiao Mei turned a deaf ear to her yelling. Although she was not worried about Qian'e, she was a little frightened when she saw blood slowly staining Zhao Ni's clothes. How badly had this woman been beaten up for the blood to seep out like this?

"Auntie, let's bring Qian'e to the hospital first. If we stay here, Qian'e won't be able to get treatment," Qiao Mei said patiently.

Zhao Ni got up with some difficulty and said with a pale face, "Thank you. Can you please bring Qian'e to the hospital for a checkup?"

She did not have any money on her or at home. If she went along to the hospital, not only would she cause trouble for Qian'e, but she would also cause a misunderstanding. It was better for her to go home. Qiao Mei was a good person and would not hurt Qian'e.

"I'm just her friend. I can't make decisions for Qian'e. You're her mother, so you have to come and sign off," Qiao Mei said, lying to Zhao Ni.

Zhao Ni believed what Qiao Mei said and Qiao Mei brought the two women to Xia Fang's hospital. Xia Fang was in charge of the obstetrics and gynecology department and head injuries were out of her care. However, she had instructed the department director of the neurology department to prioritize this case and to give Qiao Mei whatever she needed.

After being tagged as a hospital VIP, Qian'e received treatment very quickly. She had a full-body checkup done and the doctor confirmed that there were no major problems, saying, "It's not too serious, just some soft tissue contusions. She'll recover quickly."

Qiao Mei blinked her big eyes and said, "Uncle, she was hit in the head and there are also many injuries on her body. Can you take a look again?"

The doctor immediately understood what she meant and said, "That's true! Head injuries are the hardest to treat. Some symptoms take time to develop, sometimes after a few hours. We should keep her in the hospital for further observation."

"Yes! It's settled then! Thank you, doctor!" Qiao Mei said with a smile.

This girl was really like how Liu Yang described. She was indeed full of strange ideas.

Qiao Mei sent Zhao Ni for treatment as well. After all, it was Qian'e who was paying and Zhao Ni's current condition indeed looked very serious.

Zhao Ni had not done any checkups since the Qian family went into decline. It was such an ironic situation. Qian Wang was a doctor in this hospital. Every year, the hospital gave their doctors two complementary full-body checkups as well as two slots for each doctor to bring their family members for a simple checkup. However, Qian Wang had never brought Zhao Ni in.

For women of Zhao Ni's age, the common illnesses were anemia, hypoglycemia, high blood pressure and gynecological issues. These were easy to treat but she also had other more difficult issues to deal with. There were many infected wounds on her body and the infection sites were all quite large. She also started running a high fever.

In the end, the doctor assigned to Zhao Ni turned out to be Qian Wang.

"I don't believe that you can treat her properly. I want a change of doctor," Qiao Mei said as she looked at Qian Wang sternly.

"The other doctors are all busy. I'm also a doctor. I can treat her," Qian Wang said.

There were also a few Qian Wang's patients in the same ward. An old woman said kindly, "Young lady, you have to believe in Doctor Qian. He's the one who cured my illness! He's a very skilled doctor! He's also an easy-going person. Don't worry and leave your mother to him."

The nurses in the ward also advised Qiao Mei to let Qian Wang treat "her mother".