

Fat Wife 1761

Chapter 1761 A Talking Pigeon

Yan Xi quickly rejected the gesture, saying, "No, no! This is too expensive a present! You've already given a big gift to the students of Sixth High. I can't accept another gift from you."

"This has nothing to do with the school! This is to thank you for teaching Zhang Chao so well. It's all thanks to you that my younger brother is so outstanding. I don't know how to appreciate this painting and it's a waste for me to hold on to it. It's better for me to give it to someone who can appreciate it so that this painting isn't relegated to being just a normal piece of paper."

Since Qiao Mei said so, Yan Xi had no choice but to accept the painting. Qiao Mei and Yan Xi then chatted about the future plans for the school and equipment which the school needed the most at the moment, so that Qiao Mei could send a team to start the preparation work. It was not an easy task to construct a building.

Qiao Mei also intended to ask Han Chen to donate to the school as well. She could not be the only patron, otherwise she would attract too much attention.

Deng Fan was an architect, so she would ask him to be in charge. She did not care about how much it cost, as long as the parking lot was built as quickly as possible.

After Qiao Mei returned home, she had some free time so she took out the luminous pearl which she had sneaked back from the mountain near the Mo family's house. After being nourished by the ginseng juice for so many days, the luminous pearl no longer emitted foul air.

"What exactly is this thing? Does it work like the brooch?" Qiao Mei poked the luminous pearl curiously.

She could feel an energy surging inside the luminous pearl, but how should she harvest this energy?

Qiao Mei gently touched the luminous pearl with her fingertips. She tried to inject energy into the luminous pearl, but it seemed to be a bottomless pit that kept absorbing Qiao Mei's energy without giving her anything in return.

Just when Qiao Mei was at her wits' end, she suddenly heard a voice saying, "How stupid! Staring blankly at a pearl! I don't know why my master wants to work for this family, causing me to be trapped here."

Qiao Mei looked around for the source of the voice. She suddenly thought of something and looked up to stare at the fat pigeon. Could it be this bird talking?

"What are you looking at? Haven't you ever seen such a handsome and suave bird? Hmph, if not for the fact that you won't let me return to my master's side, I won't be living in such a small cage. There are so many female pigeons at home waiting for me to go back! Perhaps there are even my sons among those pigeon eggs. I wonder if they miss me," the pigeon said sadly.

Qiao Mei slowly approached the pigeon. She poked into the cage and asked, "Do you really want to go home?"

The pigeon tilted its head, looked at Qiao Mei and said in puzzlement, "What's going on? How can this woman know what I'm thinking about? No, no! This woman must have found her conscience! She wants to send me home! But... but the probability of such a thing happening is about the same as a volcanic eruption happening here. It must be my imagination!"

"It's not your imagination. I'm really asking you, do you really want to return to Yao Nian's side?" Qiao Mei said.

The pigeon was so frightened that it quickly hopped a few steps back. This was the first time a human could understand its thoughts.

"I... Of course I want to! But how can a woman like you hear me? Are you a demoness! You're not human! You're... you're a pigeon spirit! Tell me how you cultivate and become a human! I also want to become an immortal!" the pigeon asked Qiao Mei with bright eyes.

Qiao Mei rolled her eyes resignedly and said, "I'm a human! I'm not transformed from a pigeon! You're really as stupid as I expect. I might as well stew you and get some nourishment."

"You crazy woman! I'm a brave and skillful carrier pigeon! I've sent more letters than the number of books you've read! I'm also the leader of our pigeon team! My master thinks highly of me! You actually want to kill me! You must be blind! I'm going back to look for my master! Let me go!" The pigeon kept cooing and was much louder than usual.

This room was fully soundproof and no one outside could hear the pigeon at all. Qiao Mei smiled and said, "Save your strength. Only I can hear you. If you make any more noise and my family members catch hold of you and stew you, don't blame me~"

The pigeon shut its mouth obediently and leaned against the far edge of the cage. This was the furthest it could get from Qiao Mei.

Chapter 1762 Communicating With The Children

Qiao Mei continued talking to the pigeon, but it ignored her. It even hid itself, curling up into a ball and burying its head in its wings. It seemed to be telling Qiao Mei that it did not care even if she skinned or killed it.

Seeing this, Qiao Mei did not force the pigeon to communicate with her anymore. In the future, she still had to rely on the pigeon to send messages for her! She did not want to annoy it too much now.

Going back to this luminous pearl, it was really quite a treasure. It could actually allow her to hear animals' thoughts and communicate with them without any barriers. She just did not know how to trigger the ability. It looked like she still needed to explore it slowly.

Qiao Mei put the luminous pearl back into the ginseng juice to continue to soak and nourish it. When she had time, she would study how to use it.

The next day, Qiao Mei arrived at school on time as usual. Today, the teachers did not ask Qiao Mei to go up and lecture in class, but then again, Qiao Mei did not have the patience to sit through the class either. She knew everything that the teachers taught and could even draw more inferences than they could teach. She felt like asking Yan Xi if she could be a student of the class in name only and just turn up on the day of the examination.

Obviously, this could only be Qiao Mei's fantasy. If she really did this, not only would Xu Ju have a hold over her, but all the students in the class would also protest.

After school, Qiao Mei walked towards Xia Fang's house. Before the school's new laboratory building was built, she still did not have an exclusive parking space.

Wu Duo suddenly came to Qiao Mei's side and whispered, "Where are you going? Are you going home?"

"What's the matter?" Qiao Mei asked Wu Duo impatiently.

"Can... can I go to your house?" Wu Duo asked.

"Do you even think that's appropriate? If you have something to say, just say it here," Qiao Mei said as she stopped in her tracks.

She was a married woman, so it was definitely not appropriate for her to bring a male stranger home, especially since Xia Zhe was not at home now. What was so important that he had to go to her house to say it? Why was it that he could not just talk to her in school?

"It's inconvenient for me to say it here! This matter... this matter is something very serious!" Wu Duo said.

"If you don't want to tell me, then forget it. I'm leaving. Don't bother me anymore." With that, Qiao Mei quickly left the school. Wu Duo could only watch helplessly as Qiao Mei left.

On the way home, Qiao Mei wondered what unspeakable thing Wu Duo wanted to tell her. All these people were really strange.

The next two days were the weekend and Qiao Mei could finally relax at home. It was rare for her to have a break and she wanted to interact more with the children. Perhaps there would be some unexpected gains?

Qiao Mei hugged Xia Fan and said, "Tuan Tuan, talk to Mom. You can say anything. Just say one word and Mom will reward you with some mushy cabbages. How about that?"

This was also something that Qiao Mei had accidentally discovered. Xia Fan did not really like to eat vegetables, even if she mashed it up. Although he would still eat it, he did not eat much. He only had a soft spot for mushy cabbages and would never get tired of eating it no matter how much he ate. He would even pester Feng Hua for it and one time, he even vomited from eating too much.

Xia Fan covered his mouth with his small hands and shook his head. Qiao Mei was amused by how cute he looked. This was the first time she saw him expressing his reluctance to do something he really did not like.

"Alright then, I won't force you, but when you grow up a bit more, you have to start talking to me! Otherwise, I won't let Auntie Feng cook your meals for you," Qiao Mei said dotingly as she reached out and tapped Xia Fan's little nose.

Xia Fan nodded with a pitiful look. For Xia Fan, food was more important than anything in this world. If he could not eat, he would rather that she kill him!

Qiao Mei turned her attention to Xia Xing. This little girl had always been very talkative. As soon as Qiao Mei hugged Xia Xing, she started to babble non-stop, as if she was telling Qiao Mei what had happened in the past two days. Unfortunately, Qiao Mei could not understand a word of what Xia Xing was saying.

"Yuan Yuan, slow down. Can you speak clearly, one word at a time?" Qiao Mei asked.

Xia Xing tried her best to communicate with Qiao Mei, but no matter how hard she tried, Qiao Mei still could not understand her. Xia Xing was so worked up that she hit Qiao Mei's chest with her small hands and her tiny face was scrunched up like a bun.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry! It's all Mom's fault. Mom can't understand Yuan Yuan. Mom will definitely try my best to understand Yuan Yuan in the future, is that alright? Don't be angry," Qiao Mei quickly said to Xia Xing.

Chapter 1763 Chase Her To Her House

Feng Hua gave her interpretation from the side. "Children are like this. In the beginning, all they want to do is to express their needs to the adults. Perhaps Xia Xing is hungry now or wants to play with you, which is why she's making those sounds so eagerly."

Qiao Mei and Xia Xing looked at Feng Hua confusedly, as if neither of them understood what Feng Hua meant.

Xia Xing thought to herself. I... I was trying to tell my mother just now that my brother snatched my toy yesterday. I didn't ask my mother to play with me!

Qiao Mei also thought to herself. Although I can't understand what the children are saying, the children can understand what you're saying. Is that really what they mean?

At this moment, Xu Kang ran to the room door and said while panting, "Mei Mei, there's a man at the door. He says that he's your classmate and is here to visit you. Do you want to go out and meet him?"

"Classmate? Did he tell you his name?" Qiao Mei asked with a slight frown.

"His name is Wu something... I can't remember! That name is quite hard to remember. Why don't you come with me to take a look? If you don't want to go out, I'll go and ask him to leave," Xu Kang asked.

"It's alright, let's go over together. Sister Feng, take good care of the children." After saying that, Qiao Mei went to the main door. It was a rare rest day for her and yet she had to host a visitor. She wondered which inconsiderate person was here to disturb her peace and quiet.

Wu Duo stood at the door, feeling uneasy. He already expected Qiao Mei's family to be very rich. When he got her address from Wu Li, he already felt that she was not from an ordinary family, but he certainly did not expect her house to be so grand.

When Qiao Mei saw that it was Wu Duo, her face darkened. It was one thing for him to chase after her in school yesterday, but now he had actually chased her all the way to her house.

"How do you know my home address?" Qiao Mei questioned.

"I asked our homeroom teacher for it..." Wu Duo said embarrassedly.

Qiao Mei nodded in understanding and said, "Alright, I understand. When we go back to school, I'll report the homeroom teacher for leaking a student's personal details. I'll report you for it as well. Go back now."

"Hey, hey, hey! It's not like that! I really have a favor to ask of you! This matter has nothing to do with my uncle! You must not report him!" Wu Duo said agitatedly.

Qiao Mei sized up Wu Duo and said, "You come to my house empty-handed even though you say you have a favor to ask. I don't think you're sincere about asking for help."

"I was in too much of a hurry and forgot to bring it! I'll definitely make it up to you next time!" Wu Duo said firmly.

Qiao Mei stood at the door and looked at Wu Duo quietly. Wu Duo also stared back at Qiao Mei. After a moment of stalemate, Qiao Mei said, "Alright, come in."

Qiao Mei gave Xu Kang a look. Xu Kang quickly went to the backyard to ask Li Gui to come to the front yard to accompany Qiao Mei. At the moment, Xia Zhe was not at home and Qiao Qiang had gone out to exercise with the other elders since early in the morning. It would be difficult for Qiao Mei to explain herself if people heard that she and Wu Duo were alone in the same room. There must be someone else present.

After entering the house, Wu Duo finally understood what it meant to be from a rich family. He had never even seen those fixtures and fittings in the courtyard before. Although he was not very knowledgeable, he could still tell the difference between high and low statuses.

Qiao Mei led Wu Duo to the living room. Xu Kang made tea for Wu Duo as Li Gui carried Xia Fan and came to Qiao Mei's side.

"This is my mother and that's my child," Qiao Mei said to Wu Duo by way of introduction.

"Hello, Auntie. It's our first time meeting and I'm really sorry for not bringing anything with me. I'll definitely make it up to you next time!" Wu Duo said.

"You're too kind. Please take a seat," Li Gui said.

Qiao Mei took a sip of tea and asked, "You said that you have something to tell me, so tell me."

Wu Duo looked at Qiao Mei and stammered, "It's not convenient for others to know about this. I can only tell you."

"Then go out. You're not welcome here," Qiao Mei said coldly.

It looked like Wu Duo was really too inflexible. Qiao Mei had rejected him so many times, but he still did not know his limits and even crossed the line now.

"Alright, alright, alright! I'll talk! I'll talk, alright!" Wu Duo begged for mercy.

It was quite an embarrassing matter. When Wu Duo just graduated, he was in the prime of his youth and had obtained his village's only admission slot to Capital University. His parents and teachers thought highly of him and his parents even held a banquet in the village to celebrate him becoming a student at Capital University.

Chapter 1764 Start a Tuition Class

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Just as Wu Duo was happily waiting for school to start, he suddenly heard from his teacher that he had lost the slot. After some investigation, he found out that the person who snatched it was none other than his girlfriend, Cui Hua. (F) (r) (e) (e) (w) (n) . (c) (o) (m)

Wu Duo and Cui Hua had grown up together and were very close. Their parents were also family friends and had already agreed on an arranged marriage for the two of them when they were still young. Wu Duo looked forward to marrying Cui Hua once they grew up.

After hearing the news, he was not angry but just a little puzzled. It did not matter if he could not go to Capital University. As long as Cui Hua could study there, it was not a loss to him. After all, the two of them would be a family in the future and it did not matter which of them received the admission slot.

However, what Wu Duo did not expect was that Cui Hua had given the admission slot to another man. Only then did Wu Duo know that Cui Hua no longer had any feelings for him. While he was busy at school, Cui Hua was seeing another man. By then, she was already two months pregnant. Wu Duo did not know about this at all.

In a fit of anger, Wu Duo went to settle the score with the other man. However, because of the huge difference in their physiques, that man beat Wu Duo up to the extent that he could not get out of bed for more than a month. Because of this matter, Wu Duo's parents were mocked and shamed by the villagers. Wu Duo had never felt more humiliated in his life. He wanted to make this indecent couple pay for what they did!

Qiao Mei listened to the story patiently but could not tell what this matter had to do with her. Both Li Gui and Qiao Mei looked at Wu Duo confusedly.

"I... I just want to take back everything that belongs to me! I want them to pay the price! I want everyone in the village to see it," Wu Duo said firmly as he looked at Qiao Mei.

"Then how do you want to take your things back? What does this have to do with me?" Qiao Mei asked.

"I... I saw your test papers the other day. You're really knowledgeable. I want to sit closer to you during the college entrance examination. Can you let me copy your answers?" Wu Duo said embarrassedly.

Qiao Mei had thought that Wu Duo was an honorable young man who wanted to rely on his own efforts to take back everything he deserved. She did not expect Wu Duo to say so much but it was all just empty talk. In the end, his plan was to cheat! Qiao Mei had really thought too highly of Wu Duo.

"You really overturn my understanding of life and morals..." Qiao Mei said helplessly.

"Don't you see I don't have a choice? I know my own capability very well. I definitely won't be able to pass the college entrance examination, so that's why I'm asking you to help me," Wu Duo said.

"I thought you understood Mr. Yan Xi's explanations the other day?" Qiao Mei asked suddenly.

"That's because Mr. Yan Xi did a very good job explaining it, but I really don't know anything else. I can't even understand the questions in the test paper. Can you help me? I really need this opportunity," Wu Duo pleaded.

Qiao Mei thought for a moment and said, "I can help you, but I won't help you to cheat. This is a matter of principle and it's not acceptable to me. However, I can teach you and explain the questions to you. You're a smart person. As long as you study hard, you will definitely be able to pass the examination. This is all I can do. Nothing else."

"Of course! Of course I have no problem with that! It's just that this will take up a lot of your time. You can't teach for free. Name your price. Let me know how much you want to charge per class. I'll go home and get the money!" Wu Duo said sincerely.

Qiao Mei did not want to charge any fees. She did not need this money. Besides, it would not be good if it was discovered by others. People would definitely gossip about it.

She only wanted to help Wu Duo get into university. All her current connections in the capital were related to the Xia family. Even the factory was inseparable from the Xia family. Qiao Mei wanted to have her own connections. In this era, university students were still very valuable and had very good prospects ahead of them.

Qiao Mei was taking a gamble. She was betting on Wu Duo being a grateful person and that he would not forget her kindness when he made a name for himself in the future. She had nothing to lose in this matter. If he made it, then she would have another "general" in her team in the future. It did not matter if he failed. She would only have wasted some time.

"I don't want money, but you can't be the only one who benefits from this. We need a few more people to make up the class," Qiao Mei said.

"Alright! No problem!" Wu Duo said happily.

After Wu Duo left, Li Gui said worriedly, "Mei Mei, will this affect your health? It all seems a bit too hasty."

Chapter 1765: Rapid Improvement in Results

“Don’t worry, I know what I’m doing. By the time it’s close to my due date, these people will be able to study on their own. By then, I won’t have to keep an eye on them all the time,” Qiao Mei said.

Qiao Mei picked out a few people in the class of similar aptitudes to Wu Duo. Now, the group consisted of two female and two male students. They all did not have a good family background, but they had the desire to study and improve themselves. In addition, they did not slander Qiao Mei nor participated in that matter where she was accused of cheating.

The other male classmate, Wang Wei, looked at Qiao Mei and asked, “Why do you choose me?”

They all sat on the chairs and looked at Qiao Mei. They were all curious as to why Qiao Mei chose them instead of the rest.

“Because you have never said anything bad about me and you’re not hopeless. It’s also quite boring for me to study alone at home so I want to find study mates. These are the reasons why I’m helping you,” Qiao Mei said. (f)(r)(e)(e)(w)(n).(c)(o)(m)

Qiao Mei could not possibly tell them that it was because they had great potential to be good pawns in her hands in the future, right?

Other than the fact that they all came from poor families, they also had another thing in common. As long as they worked hard, they would be able to get into university. They were all quite talented. Qiao Mei did not want to spend her time and energy on people with lousy results, who had no hope of getting into university. That would be such a waste of effort.

“But can we really get into university?” one of the girls, Li Xue, asked.

“Of course you can. All of you have a lot of potential and I think very highly of you. As long as you study hard, it’s not a dream for you to get into university! Even if you don’t believe in yourselves, you have to believe in me,” Qiao Mei said firmly.

Everyone believed what Qiao Mei said. After all, she was a rich and successful person. What could she want from them? As if there was money to be made from them at the end? She lived in a grand house and drove a luxury car. Money was like dirt to her.

If they managed to get into university, Qiao Mei would earn a great reputation in the local area. She would have personally helped four students to enter university. There were only a few teachers in the capital who could boast of this!

Qiao Mei’s tuition class officially started after school that day. Every day after school, Qiao Mei would drive them to her house and they would only go home after tuition.

At Sixth High, there were weekly examinations. At first, it was still not obvious that this group of people were doing better in class, but after half a month, their results had improved by leaps and bounds. All the teachers of the various subjects realized this.

The other students began to feel jealous of these four people because they occupied most of Qiao Mei’s time. Even if the rest wanted to ask Qiao Mei questions about schoolwork, they did not have the chance to do so. These four people were always surrounding Qiao Mei.

When it was almost time for Sixth High’s first mock examination, everyone began to feel nervous. Some people bought fruits for Qiao Mei, hoping to learn something from her. Qiao Mei was not that easy-going. She already did not have enough time to teach those four people. She would not waste her time on anyone else right now. It was not as if she was lacking in fruits at home.

No matter how hard these people tried to suck up to Qiao Mei, it was useless. She was not impressed by such things at all.

After the first mock examination, Qiao Mei again scored full marks for everything except politics. Those four people were all ranked behind Qiao Mei and their group took the top five places in their class and even among the students of the same year.

Qiao Mei did not take the second mock examination. With her results, it did not matter if she took it or not. She had to go to the hospital for a prenatal checkup that day since the baby was due in a few months. During this period of time, she had to take care of her health and not work too hard.

The results of the checkup were the same as before. Everything was normal and the baby was very healthy. As long as she took good care of herself, it would not be a problem for her to have a smooth delivery.

Qiao Mei drove and went a few rounds around the capital, but she was not just driving around idly. She was checking out new locations to buy properties.

Recently, the factory had taken on another big order and made a lot of money. She had spare cash to buy houses again.

After thinking hard, Qiao Mei still felt that the villa neighborhood close to He Nings house was the most cost-effective. It had a good geographical location and would be connected to the subway in the future. Properties there would definitely appreciate in value!

However, the thought of becoming neighbors with He Ning made her feel very uncomfortable. She decided to observe the situation for a while longer. Perhaps she could go and take a look in other cities when the weather was nicer. She might even be able to open a branch office or something..

Chapter 1766: One Month Break

The results of the second mock examination were released very quickly. Since Qiao Mei did not participate, Wu Duo and the other three students took the top four spots among their cohort. Many people were very jealous and wanted to be Qiao Mei's fifth student.

Every time Qiao Mei came to school, she would be surrounded by a big crowd. Even after school, she would also be surrounded by many people. Everyone wanted to ask one more question, as if asking one more question could improve their scores.

Qiao Mei really did not want to be surrounded by people every day as it was very suffocating. All she could hear was people shouting out questions. After discussing it with the school, she finally got her wish when Yan Xi agreed to give her a one month break. She could rest at home and recuperate in peace.

The college entrance examination had been brought forward. In her other life, the college entrance examination was usually held at the beginning of June, but since this was the first year after resumption, no one really had any idea about what was going on.

The Education Department had informed everyone that the examination would be held in the last week of December over three days and they would be tested on all nine subjects.(f)(r)(e)(e)(w)(n).(c)(o)(m)

It was October now, so there was still some time before the examination. Qiao

Mei was not worried at all. The students in her tuition class also did not feel any pressure at all. They were all full of confidence to face this college entrance examination, especially Wu Duo. He looked as if he was determined to rank second in the city.

Qiao Mei found it very boring to stay at home. Every day, she either took care of the children or pottered around in the courtyard. Suddenly, she remembered that she had a house in Lian City which she had not seen yet!

She immediately packed her things so that she could take advantage of the cool weather and go to Lian City to take a look. She asked Xia Wen for the keys to the house and set off. This time round, she did not go out alone. In order to reward Qian'e for her conscientious work in the factory, Qiao Mei brought her along for a vacation.

“You live a carefree life outside every day and do whatever you want. You’ve completely stopped caring about factory matters. Do you know what kind of life I lead every day! Do you still have a conscience! Has your conscience been eaten by the dogs?” Qian’e said as she looked at Qiao Mei angrily.

“Of course I think about you all the time! Does Manager Qian feel that life is too tough? If it’s too tiring to manage the factory. do von want me to find someone else to manage it?” Qiao Mei looked at Qian’e and asked jokingly.

“Shoo, shoo, shoo. I haven’t earned enough money yet! Let me tell you, I recently bought a courtyard house next to your house. The layout is exactly the same as yours. I want to get Brother Deng Fan to renovate it for me! But he’s really too busy. Can you let me jump the queue so that he can renovate the house for me first. Or give him a break so that he doesn’t have to keep worrying about the experimental field,” Qian’e asked.

Qiao Mei shook her head and said, “It’s not as if you don’t know that this experimental field is funded by the country. If we mess it up, it’s the country that will be embarrassed, not our factory. Haven’t you noticed that our factory’s business has been especially good recently? That’s all because of the experimental field! When everyone sees that we are working with the government, they all want to do business with us because they think that we are about to become a state-owned company.”

“Then do you want the factory to be state-owned? Recently, many people tried to ask me this question, but I didn’t answer them. I want to hear your opinion first. It’s not my decision to make,” Qian’e probed.

Qiao Mei said firmly, “That’s impossible. I don’t want it to become a state-owned factory. That would reduce our profit. Although we don’t have to worry about being short of workers anymore, the quality of many things needs to be very high. With our current standard, it’s impossible for us to achieve that. When the time comes, you won’t be the only one who has to work non-stop in the factory all year round. I will even have to go back and work!”

“At the end of the day, you’re just saying that it’s too troublesome! You just want to enjoy life at home!” Qian’e said.

“Who doesn’t like to enjoy life? My children are still so young. There’s one more on the way, so I don’t have any energy left for the factory. If there’s nothing important, you can solve it yourself. There’s no need to ask me. I’m now bringing you on a free trip to relax! You have to thank me properly!” Qiao Mei said.

“Oh please. Just drive properly. I totally deserve this vacation! Don’t change your mind! As for what you said, I’ll consider it. I’d better issue a notice in the next two days to stop the people in the factory from letting their imagination run wild,” Qian’e said.

Qiao Mei just smiled. Qian'e had indeed contributed a lot to the factory. Qiao Mei even wanted to give some of her shares to Qian'e..

Chapter 1767: The House in Lian City

However, Qian'e rejected Qiao Mei's idea. She only wanted to be Qiao Mei's employee. She did not want to be the factory director as that would be too burdensome. She felt that she was not that capable yet. If there was a suitable opportunity in the future, she would seize it then.

Lu Huai's company was doing very well. At first, no one believed that Lu Huai's transportation company could safely deliver the goods to the designated locations. However, as Lu Huai and his staff worked tirelessly to prove themselves, their reputation became better and better. They even became the leader of the transportation industry in the capital!

The company started with three trucks and six drivers. By now, it had expanded to 20 trucks and more than 30 drivers. They were making more and more money and even the company's premises kept expanding. Lu Huai and

Xia You had also bought a house in the capital's city center that was more than 100 square meters in floor area! Lu Huai even wanted to open a branch office in another city, which coincided with Qiao Mei's idea.(f)(r)(e)(e)(w)(n).(c)(o)(m)

Lian City had a mild climate and nice scenery. Qiao Mei's house was located by the sea. Xia Wen had told Qiao Mei that it was a big villa, but now that she was here, she realized that it was a huge manor.

In Qiao Mei's other life, she always dreamed of having her own garden. Her dream had finally come true! However, the things in the manor courtyard had been in disrepair for a long time and there was a need to do an extensive renovation. After doing some careful calculations, she realized that it was not a small sum. Just the replanting of the plants in the garden would cost more than 10,000 dollars.

“Are you kidding me? This is practically every girl's dream castle! Why are you so lucky to be able to get such a house! Sigh... What can I offer the country? I also want such a nice house! It's impossible to buy this house even if you have money!” Qian'e said enviously.

“If you like it, I can lend it to you for a while. Anyway, I have many houses and I won’t live here all the time,” Qiao Mei said.

“You don’t want to live in such a nice house? Don’t tell me you want to go back and stay in the siheyuan courtyard house. Although that house is not bad, this is a manor. It’s so big that you can fit three siheyuan courtyard houses here! Xia Zhe is always not around, so it’s more relaxing for you to stay here,” Qian’e said in shock.

“No, I won’t stay here. At least not for the time being. The children are still young and I don’t really want them to know that their family is well-to-do. I

want them to live a simple life. When the children are older and have their own careers, Xia Zhe and I will move here after we retire,” Qiao Mei said seriously.

Qian’e stared at Qiao Mei helplessly. For a moment, she did not know what to say. The children’s father was a military chief and the children’s mother was the rich director of a factory. Their great-grandfathers were war heroes and their families had been highly decorated for generations. Just the merit medals received within the last three generations could fill up an entire house. If the children’s mother converted all her assets to gold bars, she could fill up an entire siheyuan courtyard house with them.

With such a family background, Qiao Mei still could say that she wanted the children to live a more simple life? Qian’e really could not imagine how simple it could get. Did she want them to eat steamed buns while sitting on a pile of money?

“Then I can only hope that your wish can come true...” Qian’e said.

After Qiao Mei and Qian’e finished walking around the garden outside, they finally arrived at the main door of the “castle”. Qiao Mei took out the key and inserted it into the lock. The heavy door creaked open to reveal a house that was filled with dust and spiderwebs. When a slight gust of wind blew past, Qiao Mei and Qian’e could not even keep their eyes open.

The two of them had no choice but to get out of the “castle” first and stood at the door to think of a plan.

“Are we able to hire helpers here? Let’s spend some money and find a few helpers to clean up the house,” Qian’e said as she looked at the castle in disdain.

“I took a quick look at the things inside just now. Many of them are really expensive! It’s not an easy task to find helpers who know how to clean up these valuable items. We are not familiar with this city, so how do we find reliable helpers?” Qiao Mei said with a sigh.

“Isn’t Feng Hua from your house very capable? Why don’t you give her more money and ask her to come here? It will only take her about a month to clean up the courtyard. Get both Sister Xu Kang and Sister Feng Hua to come over. The two of them will definitely be done with the whole place in two months. You can leave the children with your mother-in-law during this period of time,” Qian’e said..

Chapter 1768: State Banquet Chef

“No, this plan is not workable. Sister Feng Hua’s son is getting married this year. How can she come to Lian City because of me? They already need all the help they can get at home. Forget it, I’ll think of another way. Let’s go and find another place to stay first,” Qiao Mei said with a sigh.

In any case, there was no hurry to live in the Lian City house. After being abandoned for so many years, it did not matter if it was abandoned for a few more months. Qiao Mei and Qian’e found a local guest house to stay the night and unpacked before driving to a famous local restaurant for a meal. They had heard that the chef in this restaurant was very good. He was even a state banquet chef!

Every month, this chef would set aside three days to specially cook for the guests who booked a private room. No matter how difficult the dishes were, he could make them. Furthermore, he would also come up with different menus for the guests according to their preferences. This could be considered the highlight of this restaurant.

Qiao Mei ordered a few of the restaurant’s signature dishes. The two of them did not like crowds and chose a table by the window. However, their beauty had already caught the attention of the entire restaurant.

One was beautiful and charming, while the other was as pretty as a flower. It was already good enough that no one came to approach them. Qiao Mei was still worried that someone would disturb their peace!

"It's really too difficult to get a reservation at this restaurant. There are no slots for the private rooms for the next month. We'll have to miss out on the chefs cooking today. Just make do with the meal today. When I manage to get a private room, I'll drive you here to eat," Qiao Mei said regretfully.

"So there are still reservations that you can't get. Is it because you did not tell anyone about your identity and just called up to ask casually? If you say that you're the Xia family's daughter-in-law, there'll surely be many people who are willing to give up their private room to you," Qian'e said with a laugh.

"When have you ever seen me use this identity? It's better to keep a low profile. If we ask for special treatment all the time, won't that just attract unwanted attention? It's not like I'm dying to eat in the private room. I think it's not too bad out here. If there's any dish you want to eat, I can make it for you. I think my cooking is not too bad too," Qiao Mei said confidently. (f)(r)(e)(e)(w)(n).(c)(o)(m)

"I also think that your cooking is nicer, but we should still book a private room for dinner next time. Look at how the people around keep looking at us. Fortunately, the security in this cafeteria is quite good, so the men dare not come close and cause trouble. Otherwise, there will definitely be a commotion. It's your fault for being so beautiful," Qian'e said proudly.

"You're not too bad yourself," Qiao Mei said as she raised her eyebrows.

Just as Qiao Mei and Qian'e were chatting, two familiar faces suddenly appeared at the door. To be precise, it was one familiar face coming in with her partner.

Through He Nings introduction, Tan Jing managed to hook up with the new police chief, Huang Quan. Coincidentally, Huang Quan's mother celebrated her birthday a few days ago and Huang Quan took the opportunity to bring Tan Jing back to his hometown to meet his family. Huang Quan's parents were very happy with their future daughter-in-law and even urged Huang Quan to marry Tan Jing quickly.

In order to make Tan Jing happy, Huang Quan had put in a lot of effort to book a private room in this restaurant. The moment Tan Jing entered, she was stunned by what she saw. She never imagined that she would run into Qiao Mei in this place. This woman was like a lingering spirit.

Huang Quan looked at Tan Jing in confusion and asked, "Why are you standing here? Go in!"

As soon as he spoke, he followed Tan Jings line of sight and saw Qiao Mei. He had never seen such a beautiful woman in his life. She looked like a budding rose and he found her to be very attractive. The dishes on Qiao Mei's table cost more than 300 dollars, which was not something that ordinary families could afford. Such a young and beautiful woman from a wealthy family should be his partner!

He had thought that Tan Jing was quite good-looking. After all, she led a pampered life in the Xia family for so many years, so she was definitely much prettier than those women outside who had to earn their keep. He only tolerated Tan Jings arrogant temper because of that.

Now that he saw Qiao Mei, he forgot about all those things. He did not care about the engagement or buying a house anymore. He only wanted to get Qiao Mei's contact information immediately.

When Tan Jing saw the look in Huang Quan's eyes, she really felt like killing Qiao Mei. Back then, Xia Wen had been charmed by Qiao Mei's children and now, Qiao Mei had suddenly appeared to charm her fiancé..

Chapter 1769: Special Fetish

Qiao Mei and Qian'e also saw Tan Jing. They did not expect Tan Jing to dress better after leaving the Xia family. She looked 10 years younger. It was true that clothes made the man. The current Tan Jing really looked like a rich lady.

Tan Jing was wearing a light yellow dress, white high heels and had wavy hair. She looked sultry and enchanting and could be considered a beauty.

Qiao Mei had asked Yao Nian to continue keeping tabs on the Tan family. If Tan Jing was not doing well, then Qiao Mei would not do anything to the Tan family. However, if Tan Jing started to do too well for herself, then Qiao Mei would have to resort to some underhanded means. Just because Xia Wen was unable to do these things did not mean that she was unable to do them as well. (f)(r)(e)(e)(w)(n).(c)(o)(m)

If it was in the past, Qiao Mei might have been able to spare Tan Jing. However, ever since Tan Jing went to look for He Ning and wanted to use the Xia family to exchange for a rosy future, Tan Jing was destined not to have a good life for the rest of her life.

“Is that your ex-sister-in-law? She looks like a different person. She looks different after piling on the gold and the silver,” Qian’e said teasingly.

“Maybe or maybe not. Let’s just eat our food and ignore others. The food won’t taste good when it gets cold,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

“Do you know the man beside her? Something happened to the Du family some time ago and this is the man who took over the position held by Old Master Du. His surname seems to be Huang and his family seems to be somebody. He Ning strongly supports him,” Qian’e muttered softly.

Qiao Mei covered her mouth and laughed. “I didn’t expect you to have time to know such gossip. Looks like I have to let the factory get busier so that you don’t have time to go around listening to all these things.”

“Are you a tyrant? Let me tell you, a boss like you will eventually be overthrown by your workers. You have to be careful. If I can’t take the pressure anymore, I will rise up to replace you as chairman. Don’t cry then!” Qian’e said with a laugh.

“I can give you this position now,” Qiao Mei said eagerly.

“I don’t want it!” Qian’e immediately said.

The two of them chatted and laughed, sounding like they were talking about something joyous. Tan Jing was furious and hugged Huang Quan as they approached the two women. Huang Quan quickly distanced himself from Tan Jing and pushed her away.

“This is a public place! Be more mindful!” Huang Quan said in disgust.

Some time ago, he kept trying to touch her when there was no one around, but she kept rejecting him. Yet she was suddenly so proactive in public. Could it be that she had some special fetish? She did not like to be intimate in the dead of night in private, but preferred to show off in front of everyone.

If this had happened earlier, Huang Quan might have been overjoyed and even bought gifts for Tan Jing. However, now that he had seen Qiao Mei, he was no longer in the mood to be intimate with Tan Jing. It would not be good if Qiao Mei saw it and misunderstood him.

“We’re already engaged! What’s wrong with a hug!” Tan Jing said unhappily.

“Think about who I am! Don’t tell me you want others to criticize me? I don’t want to be laid off not long after I take up this position!” Huang Quan found a random reason to muddle through.

Tan Jing naturally knew what Huang Quan was thinking. Since that was the case, she would fulfill his wish. It would be worth it to watch Huang Quan mess with the Xia family and make sure that they did not have peaceful days.

It would be even better if Huang Quan managed to get hold of Qiao Mei. Then,

Xia Zhe would divorce Qiao Mei and Qiao Mei would get a taste of the pain she

Huang Quan was not good-looking and was quite old. He had already divorced two to three wives and even had two sons. Tan Jing had no interest in a man like this! Huang Quan could not even compare with Xia Wen’s toes. There were many men like him outside, so there was no need for her to be hung up over him.

Tan Jing obediently went to the table next to Qiao Mei’s and sat down. Huang Quan hurriedly followed her. It looked like Tan Jing was quite sensible and knew what to do.

Qiao Mei and Qian’e exchanged glances. Since Tan Jing did not greet them and pretended that they did not know one another, they did not want to say anything. They decided to eat quickly and return to the guest house.

Huang Quan thought for a long time and finally mustered his courage to look at Qiao Mei and asked, "Hello, this is my first visit here.. Can I ask what's good here? What do you think is the best dish?"

Chapter 1770: Make an Offer to Buy the Bangles

Qian'e could not even hide the disdain on her face. Ever since she learned how to dress up, she had met many men who tried to hit on her. However, this was the first time she had seen such a stiff approach.

Even the "annoying" Han Chen had never been so stiff when wooing her. At least he knew how to send her many nice gifts.

"They're all delicious," Qiao Mei said mildly.

"Is that so? Let me take a closer look at what you're eating," Huang Quan said as he slowly pulled his chair closer to their table when they were not paying attention.

Qian'e immediately yelled out, "Mister, if you want, you can ask the waiter to serve you the exact same dishes. If you move your chair any further, you're going to drop into our plates. How are we supposed to eat then?"

This shout made everyone around turn to stare at them. Huang Quan was just one move away from moving his chair to their table. He immediately felt a little embarrassed and stood up with a whoosh. He looked at Qian'e and shouted angrily, "What are you saying! I just want to see what dishes you ordered!"

Many people were waiting to watch the commotion. The Huang family was a regular of this restaurant and the security guards all knew Huang Quan's identity. For a moment, they did not know if they should go forward and dissuade him.

Huang Quan immediately realized that everyone around was looking at him. He quickly put on a fawning expression and looked at Qiao Mei as he said, "I'm so sorry for not being able to control my temper. I actually... actually just want to ask you where you bought your silver bangles. I really like them very much.

It's going to be my mother's birthday soon and I want to give her a pair of bangles. "FREEWN.COM

Huang Quan came up with a random reason to talk to Qiao Mei. He did not want to return to his own table with his tail between his legs.

However, in Tan Jings eyes, it was like he just told the biggest joke in the world. His mother had just celebrated her birthday and he was lying about everything. She did not expect him to really have designs on Qiao Mei. In that case, she would take advantage of the situation and help him.

"It's one-of-a-kind. There are no other pieces," Qiao Mei said.

This pair of silver bangles was something Qiao Mei had casually bought at the antique market and only cost her 10 dollars. The special thing about the bangles was that they did not look like typical bangles. They were weaved with an ancient method to look like two dragons playing pearls, making them look very lively and interesting.

Qiao Mei bought this pair of bangles precisely because of their uniqueness. Moreover, this method and the craftsmanship was probably going to be lost soon. In the future, the price of this pair of bangles might even be comparable to the price of a villa!

"I really like this pair of bangles. How about I buy them at a high price? I'll pay 100 dollars," Huang Quan said.

Qian'e had the urge to beat up Huang Quan. He wanted to buy the bangle from Qiao Mei for 100 dollars and he even called that a "high price". He was really too condescending. The bill for their meal today was already more than 100 dollars!

"No. I also like this pair of bangles very much. Forgive me for not being able to let you have them," Qiao Mei said politely.

"My mother's birthday is really coming up. She will definitely like this pair of bangles. I'll give you 500 dollars so that I can show my love for my mother. Please let me have them," Huang Quan said pleadingly.

No one would believe that a pair of silver bangles was worth 500 dollars. The sum of 500 dollars was more than enough to buy a pair of gold bangles!

“It’s a no go for 500 dollars and we won’t agree even if you pay 1,000 dollars!” Qian’e angrily grabbed Qiao Mei to leave. Before she left, she even glared fiercely at Tan Jing.

Huang Quan t s eyes widened when he saw them getting into a brand new jeep. People who had cars nowadays must be of very high status. He did not even have his own car and needed to borrow a car from his workplace unit. Every time he wanted to borrow a car, he had to fill in many declaration forms. It was extremely cumbersome.

This made Huang Quan even more determined to get Qiao Mei. He quickly chased after her and got into his car to follow her, leaving Tan Jing sitting alone in the restaurant. No matter how Tan Jing yelled out at him, he turned a deaf ear to her.

The food which Huang Quan ordered just now was even more expensive than what Qiao Mei ordered! It cost more than 500 dollars! It was equivalent to her salary for five months! Her money was gone just like that! Sooner or later, she would get Huang Quan to return her this sum of money!

Qian’e pointed at the rearview mirror and said, “Qiao Mei, look! That person is following us!”