

Fat Wife 1951

Chapter 1951: Stake the Company in a Bet

Xia He tugged nervously at the corner of Qiao Mei's top and whispered, "If this goes on, we're going to lose to that brat opposite us!"

"Don't worry, I'm here," Qiao Mei said calmly.

This time, Qiao Mei staked all the chips she had, a total of 330,000 dollars. She looked at Shen Zhou and said, "It's late and almost time for me to go home. I see that Young Master Shen has about 350,000 dollars worth of chips and I

have 330,000 dollars here. Why don't we play one last round and see which of us will lose everything."

"Let's do it! Do you think I'm afraid of you!" Shen Zhou pushed all his chips onto the gambling table. The dealer in front of them did not dare to handle such a big bet. He was only a Class C croupier and must report any bet which totaled more than 500,000 dollars to his boss. A more senior croupier would then be assigned to shake the dice cup.

Shen Zhou said obnoxiously, "I hear that there's a woman named Bella working here and that she's very beautiful! I've already met many beauties in Sky City, so I must also meet her today! Let's see who's more beautiful, this beauty in my arms or Bella from this place! Go and ask her to come down!"

"I'm sorry, Young Master Shen. Sister Bella is our boss. Based on the total bet amount, it will be handled by a Class B croupier," the Class C croupier came over to Shen Zhou and whispered to him.

"Are you saying your boss won't show me any respect? What is this Class A or

Class B! I don't know anything about these! If I say I want Bella, then I want Bella! How much money do I need to stake to get Bella to come over! Give me a number!" Shen Zhou said arrogantly.

In the casino, most of the gambling tables were fronted by Class C croupiers. If the total bet amount did not exceed 500,000 dollars, there was no need to submit a request to change a croupier. If the bet

amount was between 500 ,000 and 5 million dollars, a Class B croupier would take over. Anything above 10 million dollars would be handled by a Class A croupier. Bella would only come and shake the dice cup if the bet involved a property or vineyard or other such items.

Although the Shen family was not one of the four prominent families in Sky City, they could be considered an up and coming contender in recent years. Shen Zhou's father had sharp business acumen and managed to rise above the rest in just six years. However, his son was really a disappointment. Not only was he addicted to gambling, but he also liked to go after beautiful women. He already had as many as eight illegitimate children by now.

"I will stake my company in the bet! Is the bet big enough for your boss to come down now!" Shen Zhou said excitedly.

Shen Zhou's female companion said fearfully, "Young Master Shen, let's just accept a Class B croupier."

"I have already won so many rounds! My luck is good now! Don't be such a spoilsport!" Shen Zhou said as he looked at his female companion in disdain.

"Young Master Shen, are you sure you want to stake your company in the bet?" The Class C croupier wanted to make sure he was serious.

"Yes! I'm sure!" Shen Zhou said.

"Then we invite Young Master Shen and this young lady to the room upstairs to wait for a while," the Class C croupier said.

"There's no need for that! Why should we go through so much trouble! I have so many things here and I don't want to move! What if the gambling table upstairs is tampered with? I want to gamble in front of everyone! Let everyone be my witness!" Shen Zhou shouted towards the crowd.

"That's right! We'll all bear witness for Young Master Shen!" everyone shouted back in unison.

Most of them just wanted to watch the show. It did not matter who won or lost. What was important was that there was going to be a good show today!

Qiao Mei smiled with satisfaction. Everything was progressing steadily in accordance with her plan.

When Bella received the news, she came down from the second floor very quickly. She had been watching everything that was happening downstairs in the surveillance room. From the moment Qiao Mei deliberately lost to Shen Zhou, she already knew that Qiao Mei was setting him up. This little girl was really a smart one.

Bella was wearing a strapless dress which exposed a lot of skin today. Due to the fact that she had to go on assassination missions all year round, she kept herself in very good shape. Shen Zhou's eyes widened when he saw her. This was the first time he had ever seen such a woman.

"Hello, Young Master Shen. I'm the person you're looking for. This is the agreement for the bet. Which company of the Shen family are you staking? We can conduct a valuation now," Bella said.

"I... Let me think carefully..." Shen Zhou's eyes never left Bella's body. He only came back to his senses when his female companion nudged him..

Chapter 1952: Complete Victory

Shen Zhou took the agreement and wrote down the name of the subsidiary company under him. He pushed the agreement in front of Qiao Mei and said, "I've staked my company. I wonder if this lady has anything which is of the same value as my company?"

"No, I don't. But Young Master Shen, you can think about what you want. As

long as it's something you want, then I will give it to you," Qiao Mei said

playfully.

“Then I want you to wait upon me for 10 years! Be my slave! Even if I ask you to sleep with someone else! You have to endure it!” Shen Zhou said smugly.

Bella and Xia He instantly pulled long faces. They did not expect Shen Zhou to be even more despicable than Yang Tian!

“You’ve only staked a subsidiary company! How is it equivalent to 10 years! That’s not fair!” Xia He said furiously.

“Young Master Shen, please consider it carefully,” Bella said sternly.

Shen Zhou did not care at all. He looked at the people around him, then looked back at them and asked, “Am I asking for too much? You’re the ones who want to bet with me! If you can’t accept the stakes! Then don’t play! Everyone can disperse now!”

“That’s right! I think Young Master Shen’s request is very reasonable!” “I also think it’s very reasonable!”

“Young Master Shen, if you win, let us have a taste of this beauty too!” Shen Zhou waved at the crowd and said, “Definitely, definitely!”

“Who says that I can’t accept the stakes,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

She looked at the company name stated on the contract, then at the disgusting Shen Zhou in front of her. After that, she signed the contract coolly. Everyone standing around was stunned. They did not expect there to be such a woman in the world, one who did not hesitate when facing a choice which could affect her life.

The waiter took the agreement to the casino’s notary office to make copies and all the procedures were soon completed. Bella shook the dice cup in her hand for a bit and then placed it on the gambling table. She smiled and said, “Please place your bets.”

“I’ll bet small,” Qiao Mei said confidently.

“Then I’ll bet big!” Shen Zhou said expectantly.

Everyone’s eyes were focused on the dice cup in Bella’s hand. Bella opened it slowly, then Xia He jumped into Qiao Mei’s arms excitedly and shouted, “We won! We won!”

“How is this possible! How can this woman win! You! You must have done something fishy! I don’t believe it! I want to bet again!” Shen Zhou stared fixedly at the dice cup and shouted like a mad man.

“Young Master Shen, the rule here is that a loser must always admit defeat. Since you’ve already lost, you should hand over the things you promised to this lady. The casino staff will contact you to discuss the transfer of the ownership of the company,” Bella said with a smile.

Shen Zhou still found it hard to believe that Qiao Mei had won this round. Everything had gone smoothly just now, so how could this happen!

“It’s you! You did it on purpose! You deliberately lost to me! You wanted me to give you the company!” Shen Zhou picked up the pile of chips on the table and threw them at Qiao Mei. Xia He hurriedly hugged Qiao Mei tightly and all the chips hit Xia He on the back.

“Elder Sister!” Qiao Mei exclaimed.

“I’m fine... It’s just a few small chips. It’s not a big deal,” Xia He said while enduring the pain.

Qiao Mei immediately took out her gun and pointed it at Shen Zhou as she said, “Young Master Shen, don’t test my limit. I’m already showing you respect by not making you lose all the Shen family’s assets.”

Shen Zhou was just bluffing. In reality, he was a very timid man. When he saw Qiao Mei taking out the gun, he cowered in his seat in fear and said, “I... I understand... I’ll give it to you...”

Under the “escort” of Bella’s subordinates, Shen Zhou left the casino and returned home to get the ownership documents of the subsidiary company to pay off his gambling debts. Bella brought Qiao Mei and Xia He to the infirmary.

“Julie, come and take a look at them. They were injured downstairs just now,” Bella said.

“Oh- My poor child- Quick, let me see which little darling is injured-” Julie walked over quickly from behind the screen.

She was an unlicensed doctor in her 60s and a benefactor to Bella and Jack. They would not be where they were today if Julie had not given them money to start the casino in the first place.

“It’s my elder sister. She was hit in the back,” Qiao Mei said.

“Let me take a look. Hmm... the injury isn’t very serious. I’ll just put some medicinal wine on it,” Julie said with a smile.

When Qiao Mei heard about the mention of medicinal wine, she became very interested and asked curiously, “What kind of medicinal wine?”

Chapter 1953: The Same Kind

“It’s my own secret formula~ My personal medicinal wine~ Since Bella brings you here herself, she must see you as one of us. In that case, I can give you a little bit. You’ll be better in two to three days after applying this medicinal wine!” Julie said.

Qiao Mei’s medicinal wine was also her own secret formula. She wondered if Julie had the same superpower as her.

After applying the medicine, Xia He felt much better. She no longer felt any sharp pain when she stretched. She looked at Julie genially and said, “Thank you.”

“Alright- I’m going to head home with my husband now. You guys take your time to chat- I’ After saying that, Julie picked up her bag and left.

“Julie has always been like this. Don’t mind her,” Bella said.

“It’s alright. I like Auntie Julie’s character very much,” Qiao Mei said sweetly.

Bella pretended to be angry and looked at Qiao Mei as she said, “Let’s not talk about anything else for now. Let’s talk about you first. What you did today was really too risky! If you lose, how are you going to clean up the mess? Is this how your Mr. Fang indulged you?”

“Since I dare to gamble with him, I definitely have the confidence to beat him. Besides, didn’t you give me a hint just now?” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Bella sighed resignedly. She had indeed tampered with the dice in the last round and also informed Qiao Mei what to bet on. However, Qiao Mei had already made her choice without even seeing her gesture, so her worries were unnecessary.

“Don’t do that again, do you understand?” Bella warned.

“Got it! I’ll be more low-key next time!” Qiao Mei said.

“Be careful that I don’t complain to Mr. Fang. You won’t even be able to enter my casino anymore,” Bella said.

Qiao Mei pouted and said unhappily, “Alright, I’ll listen to you. It won’t happen again. ”

Xia He stood beside Qiao Mei and stared at Bella as she said, “Thank you for bringing me here to get treatment, and thank you for taking care of my younger sister.”

“You’ve never told me that you have an elder sister,” Bella said with a tinge of jealousy.

“My elder sister usually stays at home with our parents and rarely comes out. I’m much more mischievous and always cause trouble for my elder sister,” Qiao Mei replied quickly.

“Hello, my name is Pu Lan. I’m Pu Nan’s elder sister,” Xia He said politely as she reached out her hand.

Bella shook Xia He’s hand politely. The two of them looked very awkward, as if they were at a formal business meeting.

It was almost dawn and time for Qiao Mei and Xia He to go home. However, Qiao Mei did not come to the casino this time to gamble with Shen Zhou. It was completely unexpected to run into a person who was so eager to give her money. Qiao Mei’s real purpose was to ask Bella for two tickets to the auction to be held in Sky City the day after tomorrow.

“Can’t Fang Chen get the tickets for you?” Bella said disdainfully.

“He’s been very busy recently and I don’t want to trouble him. Besides, I have you- Good sister, please help me-” Qiao Mei held Bella’s hands and said coquettishly.

Bella could not help but smile as she said, “Alright, I understand. I’ll get someone to send the tickets to Mr. Fang’s house tomorrow. Just wait there.” “Yay! I know you still dote on me, Sister Bella!” Qiao Mei said happily.

Qiao Mei handed all the money she won to Bella, so that Bella could arrange to send everything over with the auction tickets tomorrow. After Xia He reached home, she crawled into bed and fell asleep immediately. She was really tired.

Qiao Mei went to the bedside and picked up the medicinal wine which Julie had given them. She opened the bottle and poured out a little bit to take a look. It did not seem to be anything special and the ingredients used were also very ordinary, only that the ratio of the ingredients was different from the common medicinal wine sold in the market.

Qiao Mei reached out and dipped her fingertip into the medicinal wine. She infused some energy into the medicinal wine and tried to sense if there were any changes in it.

Not long after, Qiao Mei suddenly widened her eyes. She had discovered a trace of another energy. It was very faint and could not be detected unless one searched carefully.

If Qiao Mei's energy was gold in color, then Julie's energy was light green and it was gentle and delicate. It appeared that there were other people in this world who had the same superpower as her. If Julie was one of them, then there must be others with different kinds of superpower.

"The road ahead is really full of unknowns and challenges..." Qiao Mei muttered to herself as she looked at Julie's medicinal wine..

Chapter 1954: Planning to Go to the Auction House

Bella was extremely efficient. While Qiao Mei and Xia He were still sleeping, the auction tickets, Qiao Mei's winnings and the ownership transfer documents for Shen Zhou's subsidiary company were all delivered to the house.

Da Dong had never seen such a big pile of money in his life. The bodyguards' monthly salary was only 1,500 dollars each, which was just slightly higher than a normal worker's salary. If they wanted to earn the amount of money piled in front of them, it would probably take them a lifetime...

"Heavens... Did Miss Pu win all this on her own? Why don't we go to the casino to play a few rounds too? If we can also earn as much money as Miss Pu! Won't that mean that we can quit and go home!" Da Dong said in shock as he looked at the money on the table.

"Forget it! Gambling can lead to bankruptcy! I'm guessing that this is only the tip of the iceberg. That document must be the main highlight!" Xiao Bei said excitedly as he pointed at the document file.

"All of you don't know anything. Yesterday, our lady boss won a bet against Young Master Shen. She not only won money, but also Young Master Shen's company. It's said that Young Master Shen still doesn't dare to go home up till now, scared that his father will break his legs!" Xiao Xi said happily.

“How do you know so much?” Da Dong asked curiously.

“I know a lot of things! You must not have noticed the badge our lady boss is wearing at the waist!” Xiao Xi said.

“Who will look at the lady boss’s belt for no reason! I must tell the boss about this! That you’re always staring at the lady boss’s jewelry!” Da Nan said.

“Please! Am I that kind of person? I only looked at that badge! That’s the badge of that demoness, Bella! And it’s the gold one! Our lady boss is even more powerful than our boss! I’ve only heard some stories about Bella from my seniors, but this is the first time I’ve seen the actual badge with my own eyes,” Xiao Xi said excitedly.

Bella rarely gave her badges away, but people talked about it all the time. Bella’s badge came in a total of four colors, namely gold, silver, copper and iron. These four colors corresponded to the four different ranks in her organization.

All the members of Bella’s organization had a tattoo of a spider rose on the favorite part of their bodies. Every year, there would be an assessment, which was also known as the martial arts competition. The members would be ranked after the competition and each member would be given a badge corresponding to their rank to give to the person who was most important to them.

This also represented Bella’s promise to them, that she would always protect the most important and beloved person in their lives.

Bella had put aside a badge for Jack, but he felt that it was too cumbersome to wear it, so he returned it to Bella. Even without the badge, everyone knew that Jack was under Bella’s protection.

Qiao Mei only woke up in the afternoon. The weather outside was quite good and Qiao Mei thought about getting a dog so that she could bring it out for a walk with the children. It would be quite nice to sit on the lawn with Xia Zhe and watch the children playing with the dog.

“Have you had your meal?” Qiao Mei asked the bodyguards as she walked downstairs.

“Yes we have! Auntie Zeng has already made dinner for you. Do you want to eat now?” Dadong asked earnestly.

“Not for now. Please get me a glass of warm milk.” When Qiao Mei turned around and saw the table full of money, she was a little stunned and thought that she was dreaming.

She did not expect Bella to give her money in such a simple and crude manner.

Perhaps she had given Bella the wrong impression yesterday, making Bella think that she liked to feel filthy rich.

“Deposit all the money into the bank account tied to the bank card which Fang Chen gave me. You can go tomorrow since it’s already too late today. Also, please notarize this document for me,” Qiao Mei said as she signed on the document.

“Yes, Miss Pu,” Da Dong replied.

Xia He only woke up an hour later. She felt refreshed after a good night’s sleep and her stomach was growling. She walked downstairs and said, “How long have you been awake?”

“Not too long,” Qiao Mei said as she looked at the list in her hand.

This list contained all the items which were up for auction tomorrow. It clearly stated the base price and where each item was sourced from. This was Qiao Mei’s first time participating in an auction.

“Are these the things sent by the person named Bella?” Xia He asked.

“Help me keep those tickets on the table. If I forget all about it, neither of us will be able to enter the auction tomorrow. Take a look at the list and see if there’s anything you like. I’ll give it to you as a present,” Qiao Mei said..

Chapter 1955: Entering the Auction House

“Alright. Are we really going to the auction house tomorrow? What’s an auction house for?” Xia He asked curiously.

The Xia family had been in the military for generations and a few of them went into politics. It was only after Qiao Mei married into their family that the Xia family started doing business and gradually understood some business matters. Back home, the situation was generally different from other countries and private transactions were not allowed. Coupled with the fact that the country was very protective of antiques and confiscated most of it from private owners, Xia He had never come into contact with a large-scale auction like this one.

“It’s a place where precious jewelry, antiques or land are auctioned. The highest bidder gets the item. Most of the items that are being auctioned off are very valuable and priceless. Due to that, the auction house will only admit people who are of a certain financial standing,” Qiao Mei explained.

Xia He hurriedly walked up to Qiao Mei and asked softly, “The last time you came home, you gave me a ruby the size of a pigeon egg. Did you buy it here

“No, but if that gemstone of yours is up for auction, it can sell for at least 5 million dollars. If there’s anyone who particularly likes that ruby, then it won’t just be worth just 5 million dollars. Even if it’s 10 million dollars, there will still be people who are willing to pay for it,” Qiao Mei said with a laugh.

Xia He gasped and said, “Oh my goodness, 5 million! It’s more than what I earned in the capital! It’s more than 10 times the amount! Where did you buy it? Don’t tell me you got it through some illegal means?”

“Of course not! That’s... someone used it to pay off the gambling debt the last time I played at the casino. It’s probably a family heirloom,” Qiao Mei said.

Xia He believed what Qiao Mei said and no longer had any doubts about this matter. She started to study the list of items carefully, checking to see if there were any jewelry that she liked. She thought about buying a set as a gift to Xu Lan.

The next morning, Qiao Mei and Xia He put on their most beautiful dresses. Xia He chose a navy-blue fishtail dress which swished as she walked and made her look sultry. This was the first time Xia He had worn something like this.

“Put on a black fox cloak too. You look so beautiful! Wear this set of emeralds as well!” Qiao Mei said excitedly.

“Hurry up and get changed! We’ll be late if you don’t go and get ready!” Xia He said.

Qiao Mei wore a tight white dress with a white fox cloak over it. She accessorized with a set of pigeon blood ruby jewelry and looked very eye-catching.

Da Dong drove the two of them to the auction house in the minivan. Qiao Mei and Xia He attracted everyone’s attention just by standing at the entrance of the auction house. Many rich ladies in Sky City had come to take part in this auction and there were many elite members of society with them. To them, Qiao Mei and Xia He were still unfamiliar faces.

“Who are those two people?”

“I’ve never seen them before either. Are they the children of some noble family?”

“It doesn’t seem like it! It’s possible that they’re some men’s mistresses. I wonder whose wives are caught in such a miserable situation.”

“Be careful! What if it’s your family!”

“Hahaha, you really know how to joke.”

A few rich wives gathered around to gossip about Xia He and Qiao Mei and their background. Qiao Mei and Xia He did not care about this. Their goal was only the auction and to bid for the things they liked today.

The seat numbers were distributed by the auction house in advance. The richer one was, the closer one was seated in front. Under everyone's watchful eyes, Qiao Mei and Xia He sat down in the first row.

"Heavens! Do you see that! The two of them are actually in the first row! Those are seats for people with a net worth of more than 100 million dollars!" one of the rich ladies exclaimed.

"There aren't many people in Sky City with a net worth of more than 100 million dollars. Who exactly is their backer?" another rich lady asked curiously.

Xia He gradually overheard some of the gossip. She lowered her head and whispered, "Does Fang Chen really have that much assets?"

"Not at first, but with the Shen family's company which I won and those winnings, the total amount is probably about there. It's just that these are all news that hasn't been made public yet, so they don't know anything about it," Qiao Mei explained.

"Can we afford all the things on this list? There are a few things which I like very much," Xia He asked.

"Bid for whatever you like. I have a lot of money with me," Qiao Mei said with a smile as she patted the handbag in her lap..

Chapter 1956: The Yang Family's Villa

"Then I won't stand on ceremony with you!" Xia He said excitedly.

Most of the people there had already taken their seats. It was soon time for the auction to start and the bidding exercise officially commenced.

The auction house would usually start with a few small items as a form of warmup and entertainment. Many rich ladies bidded enthusiastically to fire up the atmosphere. Xia He looked at the jewelry being presented without any interest and even yawned at some point.

In the photos attached to the auction list, the jewelry looked so bright and beautiful, but they did not look as nice in real life. Xia He was quite disgruntled about this.

"I don't think this whole thing is impressive at all. Are you lying to me about all this?" Xia He complained.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg. They're just fooling around now. The good stuff will only appear later. Don't fall asleep yet," Qiao Mei informed her in a low voice.

"I'll believe you one more time!" Xia He said as she tried her best to keep her eyes open.

After the warmup session ended, it was time for the midpoint auction. This time, the auctioneer did not bring anything onto the stage. Instead, he switched on the television in front of him. The image which appeared on the screen was that of the Yang family's villa.

Qiao Mei's eyes lit up. This was the house she wanted!

On that day, before Qiao Mei left, she had buried many treasures underground.

The value of those things far exceeded the value of this piece of land. As long as Qiao Mei could get this piece of land, it would be like living on a pile of money in the future!

"What exactly is this auction house doing! Why are you putting up such a lousy house for auction! Aren't you just wasting our time?" a woman sitting in the second row yelled out. Qiao Mei turned around and looked at her. She seemed to have met this person before. This was Young Master Shen's female companion from yesterday. Her name seemed to be... Amy?

"How jinxed! Remove it and move on to the next item!" the other people also shouted.

“Everyone, don’t be so anxious. Let me introduce this item. This is item number A7346, a villa in the suburbs. We’re auctioning the land and the house on it today. The starting price is 50,000 dollars and each bid is for 5,000 dollars! Let’s start now!” the auctioneer said.

Everyone fell silent. Everyone knew about the incident of the Yang family’s villa being burned down. Although this matter had been quickly swept under the carpet, they heard that more than 30 corpses had been removed from the place during that time! Since so many people had died here, this place was so inauspicious! Moreover, the house had already burned down and it would cost a lot of money to rebuild it.

Moreover, the location of one’s house was always an indication of status. That area used to be a desirable location only because of the Yang family. Now that such a thing had happened and all the rich businessmen living nearby had moved away, this place was just a haunted house! Even if the price was 10,000 dollars, no one would want to buy it!

“I offer 55,000 dollars!” Qiao Mei said as she raised the sign in her hand. “Miss A03 has bid 55,000 dollars for our item number A7346! Is there anyone else who wants to bid! 55,000 dollars going once! 55,000 dollars going twice, 55,000 dollars going thrice! Congratulations to Miss A03 for successfully winning item number A7346 for 55,000 dollars!” the auctioneer shouted excitedly.

If not for the fact that each bid was 5,000 dollars, Qiao Mei would have bought it at the base price. She could not bear to spend even a single cent more!

Amy looked at Qiao Mei and snorted coldly before saying, “What a fool. I wonder how such a fool manages to defeat Young Master Shen.”

“Sister Amy, don’t be angry- The next item is more interesting!” Tina, the woman beside Amy, said.

The next item was a set of loose pigeon blood rubies. There were three uncut gems of various sizes on the tray. When Xia He saw the items, she immediately became more awake. This was the item she liked. They were all about the same size as the ruby which Qiao Mei gave her. If she could get these three, she could make a headdress with them!

“This is item number A7347, a set of beautiful pigeon blood rubies. Without further ado, let me announce the base price! 100,000 dollars and each bid at 10,000 dollars! Let’s start now!” The moment the auctioneer finished his sentence, many rich women scrambled to raise the signs in their hands.

Very quickly, the price of this set of pigeon blood rubies had already reached 360,000 dollars. Xia He only set aside a budget of 200,000 dollars. She could not bear to pay too high a price.

“It’s alright, just bid if you like them. They’re worth it,” Qiao Mei reminded her softly.

Xia He raised the sign in her hand excitedly and shouted, “400,000 dollars!”

There was a moment of silence.. Suddenly, Amy raised her sign and shouted, “450,000!”

Chapter 1957: The Last Item

Xia He turned around to look at Amy, only to see Amy looking back at her mockingly and saying, “Hmph, you’re just so-so. Here I am, thinking that you people are flushed with cash.”

Qiao Mei did not turn around. She looked at the item on the stage and shouted, “600,000 dollars.”

Amy instantly looked at Qiao Mei in surprise and said, “Stop joking! How can these three lousy stones be worth 600,000 dollars? Besides, do you even have that much money? Don’t tell me you’re using your winnings from yesterday to buy these stones?”

“What does it have to do with you whether we have money or not? The people from the auction house will naturally check on such issues later. If you are so rich, then continue bidding! Don’t spout nonsense here if you don’t want to buy it! Are you unable to afford it? If you can’t afford it, then why are you mocking others? You’re like a clown, playing to the gallery,” Xia He said as she looked at Amy in disdain.

Her voice was not loud, but it could still be heard by everyone around her. The look which everyone gave Amy gradually changed. The dignified Second Young Master Shen’s lover did not even have 600,000 dollars to spend. If so, it meant that Amy was not the Second Young Master Shen’s favorite lover. Amy looked at Xia He and Qiao Mei with annoyance.

Amy wanted to raise the sign in her hand again, but Tina quickly grabbed Amy's hand and whispered, "Elder Sister, if we bid for this, we won't be able to buy anything else. Young Master Shen said that we must get the next item..."

"Don't stop me! It's not like I can't afford it! 650,000 dollars!" Amy raised the sign in her hand and shouted.

"Congratulations to Miss A49 for bidding 650,000 dollars for item number A7347! Is there anyone else who wants to bid for item number A7347?" the auctioneer asked.

"Go on!" Amy said as she looked at Xia He and Qiao Mei smugly.

Unexpectedly, Qiao Mei turned to look at Amy and said with a smile, "I'll let you have it."

"You!" Only then did Amy realize that Qiao Mei was playing a trick on her!

Qiao Mei had deliberately raised the price to make her buy it! Neither she nor Young Master Shen could escape the trap Qiao Mei set for them.

"Congratulations, Miss A49 m " Xia He said happily.

"Elder Sister, what should we do now... We don't have enough money..." Tina

said fearfully.

"Shut up! Why didn't you say anything just now! Why do you open your mouth only now!" Amy said angrily. She vented all her frustration on Tina. After tonight, Second Young Master Shen would have a different female companion by his side the next time he appeared.

The next items were all very exquisite and Xia He successfully bid for a few sets of jewelry. Gradually, all the items on the list were sold and everyone prepared to leave.

“Please wait a moment! We still have the last item of the day!” the auctioneer shouted.

Generally speaking, the last item in the auction was always something priceless. Everyone here was always on the lookout for such treasures. The previous item, a piece of imperial green jade, was sold at a high price of 860,000 dollars and was already the most expensive item in the entire auction. What kind of treasure could be more valuable than the previous item?

Everyone looked at the auctioneer expectantly, but they did not expect him to bring out something quite disappointing.

The tray was filled with many miscellaneous items. Most of them were worn-out jewelry and gold accessories.

“What’s going on with this auction house today! What kind of junk is this! Are you trying to insult us?”

“You can buy such things at any jewelry shop!”

“The admission ticket is so expensive, yet you show me this type of trash!”

Does this auction house still want to continue operating in Sky City!”

The rich ladies at the last few rows were all very angry but the auctioneer did not dare to refute anything. This auction item was from a friend of the auction house’s owner. Their boss seemed to owe this person a huge favor.

The auctioneer was just an employee. He could not decide on the items being put up for auction today, nor could he decide which items could be auctioned or not. He could only brace himself and introduce the last item.

“This is item number B73. The starting price of the entire set of jewelry is 20,000 dollars. Every bid is 1,000 dollars! Let’s start now!” The auctioneer did not introduce the items on the tray in detail and just started the bidding session..

Chapter 1958: Jewelry Belonging to an Old Friend

Qiao Mei was already on the way out with everyone else, but then she spotted two to three very exquisite pieces of jewelry on the tray. The design and style made them look like jewelry from her home country and those pieces seemed to look quite similar to her brooch. Could it be that they were from the same set of jewelry?

Qiao Mei was not the only one who became interested in the jewelry on the tray. Two other people in the crowd were also attracted by the jewelry on the tray.

“Can I go forward and take a closer look?” Qiao Mei quickly raised her sign and asked.

“Yes! Of course!” the auctioneer said excitedly.

All the businessmen and rich ladies below the stage looked at Qiao Mei in disdain. They thought of her as a nouveau riche who did not know anything. The items on the tray were not even half as valuable as those small items put up at the warmup session of the auction!

Qiao Mei pretended not to hear the conversations in the surroundings and only focused on the jewelry in front of her. On the tray, she spotted a family tree necklace as well as a ring shaped like a young plant shoot and inlaid with emeralds. These two pieces bore the same workmanship as the brooch in her house! There was a high chance that they were from the same jewelry set!

“Miss A03, these items really suit you a lot! Your skin is even fairer than snow. You’ll look so beautiful if you wear these jewelry!” The auctioneer kept praising her with all his might.

Before the auction began, the owner of these jewelry had begged the auctioneer to sing praises of his treasures. These were items which could save lives! The higher the selling price, the better! His family needed money urgently!

Qiao Mei pointed at the family tree necklace and said to the auctioneer, “Can you flip it for me? I want to see the design at the back.”

The auctioneer was stunned for a moment before he flipped the family tree necklace with a smile. Ever since Qiao Mei entered the venue, the other people had not stopped talking about her. The auctioneer had memorized the name and seat of every VIP and he was filled with curiosity about Qiao Mei, who was at the auction house for the first time. He did not expect Qiao Mei to be so knowledgeable, unlike what they said.

Occasionally, there would be VIPs who wanted to view the auction items up close before bidding for them. Some VIPs would simply pick up the items to inspect them and subsequently caused damage. Under such circumstances, they would have to compensate the auction house.

Qiao Mei could see that there was a small word engraved on the back of the necklace. It was clearly the word “Gao”, but in cursive form. People who did not know calligraphy would not be able to decipher this word. Qiao Mei then asked the auctioneer to turn the ring around for her to take a look. Just like the necklace, the word “Gao” was engraved on the inside.

These two pieces of jewelry had exactly the same word as the one on the back of Qiao Mei’s brooch. These three pieces must be a set!

“I offer 30,000 dollars,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

“Wait a minute!” An old man with a head full of white hair raised his hand and said, “Can I come forward and take a look?”

“Oh my, I didn’t expect Old Mr. Zhang to be here today! Of course you can!” the auctioneer said excitedly.

Old Mr. Zhang was a wealthy businessman in Sky City and was known as “the most talented businessman”. There was no one richer than him in Sky City.

Usually, Old Mr. Zhangs secretary would attend the auctions on his behalf. The auctioneer did not expect Old Mr. Zhang to personally come to the auction house this time round. It was really an honor for them!

Old Mr. Zhang walked slowly to the front of the stage and Qiao Mei made way for him. Old Mr. Zhang was old and his eyesight was a little blurry. After he put on his glasses and looked at the jewelry in front of him, he picked up the family tree necklace excitedly.

“That’s strange... Why did Old Mr. Zhang break the rules?”

“That’s right. What’s so charming about this thing? It can actually make Old Mr. Zhang go forward to take a look at it.”

“I want to go and take a look too! Do you think I should bid for it later?” “How dare you snatch it from Old Mr. Zhang. Do you still want to stay in Sky City!”

Everyone was curious about the kind of treasure which had attracted Old Mr. Zhang so much. The auctioneer immediately said, “Old Mr. Zhang, based on the rules, you can’t touch the necklace.”

“Oh, oh! I’m so sorry... I lose my composure the moment I see my old friend’s belongings. I’m sorry, I want these jewelry! I offer 50,000 dollars!” Old Mr. Zhang said excitedly.

An old friend’s belongings? Could it be that this person was also related to Grandmother?

“I offer 70,000!” Qiao Mei said quickly.

Old Mr. Zhang glanced sideways at Qiao Mei. He was familiar with all the members of the prominent families in Sky City, but Qiao Mei was someone he had never seen before and he could not even find any information about her. Now that he looked at her carefully, she seemed to look a little familiar..

Chapter 1959: Not For Sale Anymore

“Young lady, a noble person will not snatch another’s beloved item. I really like this set of jewelry. I’ll offer 100,000 dollars for these. I’ll just take this necklace and ring and you can have the rest. What do you think?” Old Mr. Zhang looked at Qiao Mei and said mildly.

He did not want anything but the necklace and the ring. Could it be that this person knew about the secret behind this set of jewelry?

Qiao Mei sized up the person in front of her carefully. She suddenly spotted a navy blue gemstone cufflink on one of Old Mr. Zhang's sleeves and then looked at the ring on the tray again. Anyone with a discerning eye could tell that Old Mr. Zhang's cufflink and the things on the tray were also from the same set.

Qiao Mei still did not know what powers the family tree necklace and the plant shoot ring possessed, and whether their powers were different from the butterfly ability. Even though Qiao Mei was standing so close to them, she did not sense any energy coming from the necklace and the ring. However, Qiao Mei was more interested in Old Mr. Zhang's cufflink now. She was very drawn to the power hidden inside it.

Old Mr. Zhang definitely knew the secret behind this set of jewelry!

"Old Mr. Zhang, I also like this set of jewelry very much. Besides, I took a fancy to them first. Please forgive me for not being able to give it to you." After saying that, Qiao Mei said to the auctioneer, "I offer 120,000 dollars."

"130,000 dollars," Old Mr. Zhang said.

"150,000 dollars," Qiao Mei quickly shouted.

"180,000!" Old Mr. Zhang said as he looked at the auctioneer calmly.

"200,000!" Qiao Mei continued to up her bid.

The people below the stage discussed animatedly. They all felt that Qiao Mei must be crazy to want to fight with someone like Old Mr. Zhang, and for just some random jewelry at that.

“Wait! I’m not selling it anymore!” An old man suddenly rushed up from below the stage. This old man looked completely different from Old Mr. Zhang. People would easily believe that he was a beggar on the streets.

The auctioneer knew this old man and said nervously, “Uncle, are you really not selling it anymore? The current price is really good. If you don’t want to sell it, you’ll have to compensate us with 10% of the highest bid just now.

That’s 20,000 dollars! Uncle, have you really thought it through?”

As the old man was standing too far away just now, he could not see Qiao

Mei’s face clearly. When he got onto the stage, he looked at Qiao Mei in shock. Qiao Mei looked exactly like the woman in his memories. They looked too alike! How could there be two people who looked so alike in this world!

“I’m sure! I’m not selling it anymore!” Gao Lin said firmly as he looked at the auctioneer. After saying that, he took a glance at Qiao Mei.

Qiao Mei immediately understood what the old man, Gao Lin, meant and quickly said, “If you take back this set of jewelry, I’ll immediately transfer 230,000 dollars to you! I’ll also pay the compensation of 20,000 dollars!”

Gao Lin nodded in satisfaction. This little girl was quite smart and quite a talent.

“Gao Lin! Do you have to do this?” Old Mr. Zhang said.

“Even if I don’t sell it to this young lady, I won’t sell it to you!” Gao Lin looked at Old Mr. Zhang furiously and roared at him.

Although most of the people below the stage could not hear what they were saying, they could guess from the expressions on their face that Gao Lin and Old Mr. Zhang knew each other. However, the two men had fallen out for some reason.

“Gao Ming needs the money to treat his illness! Don’t be so stubborn at this time,” Old Mr. Zhang persuaded softly.

At the mention of “Gao Ming”, Gao Lin became even more agitated. He pointed at Old Mr. Zhang and berated him, “Even if our Xiao Ming dies! I won’t use a single cent from your Zhang family! You know better than me why Xiao Ming is in the hospital! Stop putting on an act here!”

“What happened to Gao Ming has nothing to do with me. What you heard are all lies. We’ve known each other for so many years. Don’t you believe in me?” Old Mr. Zhang explained.

“Pfft! You shameless thing! Don’t talk to me about our friendship! I find it disgusting! It’s best if nothing happens to Xiao Ming. If anything should happen to him! I’ll definitely come and settle the score with you! Even if I have to die! I’ll make you pay the price for it!” Gao Lin roared.

“Let me explain...” Before Old Mr. Zhang could finish speaking, Gao Lin looked at the auctioneer and said, “I want to take it back!”

After saying that, Gao Lin carried the tray containing the jewelry and walked towards the backstage area. Qiao Mei followed closely behind him. Old Mr.

Zhangs bodyguard wanted to rush to the backstage area to stop Gao Lin, but Old Mr. Zhang stopped him..

Chapter 1960: Successful Purchase

“I’ll go personally. Wait here.” After saying that, Old Mr. Zhang walked backstage with heavy steps.

The auctioneer turned around to look at all the distinguished guests in front of him and said, “All the items available today have been auctioned off. Thank you for coming to our auction house in Sky City. See you next time.”

Backstage, Gao Lin proceeded with the procedures for taking back the items. Qiao Mei took out a check and quickly wrote it out for 250,000 dollars, worried that Gao Lin would go back on his word and refused to sell her the jewelry.

“Gao Lin, we’ve known each other for most of our lives. Why are you doing this?” Old Mr. Zhang said as he looked at Gao Lin sadly.

“Zhang Cheng, don’t you feel ashamed saying such things? Even if you don’t find it embarrassing, I do!” Gao Lin said angrily.

How could Gao Lin not be able to remember the friendship they used to have? It was precisely because he valued this relationship too much that Zhang Cheng was able to hurt him so deeply.

In the past, Gao Lin and Zhang Cheng were the same kind of rich young masters who spent money freely. Gao Lin used to be even more of a spendthrift than Zhang Cheng. The Gao family was extremely well-to-do in the past. If not for the fact that Gao Lin’s elder sister passed away suddenly, his parents would not have decided to move to another country. They did not want to see anything which reminded them of his elder sister.

However, after coming to Country M, their family did not do as well as before. It felt as if they faced great obstacles in everything they did. It had now even gotten to a point when he could not even afford his grandson’s medical expenses!

Gao Ming had previously told Gao Lin that the Gao family’s spate of bad luck was very likely related to Zhang Cheng, but Gao Lin did not believe Gao Ming. He even felt that those were only the words of an insensible child and could not be taken seriously.

It was not until something happened to Gao Ming that Gao Lin came to his senses and found out about the kind of terrible things Zhang Cheng had done to get his hand on the jewelry belonging to Gao Lin’s elder sister.

“Your top priority now is Gao Mings medical fees. I’ll give you 300,000 dollars if you give me those jewelry,” Zhang Cheng said.

“Get lost! Stop being so hypocritical here! If you really want to help me and save Gao Ming, you will have helped us long ago! why are you putting on an act here? I feel disgusted whenever I see you!” Gao Lin said in disdain.

Zhang Cheng looked at Gao Lin dejectedly. He had indeed been too careless in this matter. In fact, on the day when Gao Ming was hospitalized, Gao Lin had gone to borrow money from Zhang Cheng, but Zhang Cheng did not agree because he still had his eye on the jewelry. He had been plotting to get these jewelry for most of his life and it had not been easy for him to get rid of these people from the Gao family one by one. At this moment, he was just one step away. He could not tolerate it!

Given his social status, he felt that it was beneath him to request Gao Lin to use the jewelry as collateral to borrow money from him. Therefore, he took a risk and decided to force Gao Lin into a corner so that Gao Lin would eventually sell all his assets. This way, he could get a hold of the jewelry quietly.

No matter how he did it, Gao Lin would eventually find out about the kind of person he was. In that case, he did not want to pretend anymore.

“Young lady, these jewelry are yours now.” Gao Lin stuffed the tray into Qiao Mei’s arms.

Qiao Mei hurriedly opened her bag and poured all the jewelry inside, worried that something adverse might happen. At this moment, Xia He and Da Dong and the rest had also come backstage. Now that Qiao Mei had her own people around, she was no longer afraid of Zhang Cheng.

“Grandpa Gao, keep this money well.” Qiao Mei handed the check to Gao Lin. After confirming that the check was real, Gao Lin proceeded to leave the backstage area. However, he stopped when he reached the door.

Given Zhang Chengs modus operandi, he would definitely make things difficult for Qiao Mei. The Gao family was already plagued by bad luck and he did not want to let Zhang Cheng hurt anyone else.

“Young lady, why don’t you come with me!” Gao Lin yelled out at Qiao Mei and the others.

Qiao Mei had the same intention. The group of them quickly followed Gao Lin all the way to the auction house’s car park. Gao Lin turned around and sized Qiao Mei up carefully, his eyes filling up with tears.

“Grandpa Gao, what’s wrong?” Qiao Mei probed.

Gao Lin quickly wiped his eyes with his sleeve and said, “I’m fine! I just think that you look like someone I know. May I ask what you plan to do with my jewelry?”

“I like these jewelry very much. I intend to keep them as my family heirloom and pass them down for generations,” Qiao Mei said with a smile.

Gao Lin nodded in satisfaction. She said they would be her family heirloom.

The fact was that these jewelry were really the Gao family’s heirloom. As Gao Lin’s elder sister was the eldest daughter, his mother had given this set of jewelry to her. Now that this set of jewelry was handed over to someone who looked like his elder sister, he had no regrets..