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The old concubine in the Song Mansion died, and this didn't even cause a ripple. The servants reported it calmly, and the old lady, after listening, symbolically asked her husband, Old Master Song, how this old concubine should be handled.

Old Master Song, with eyes a bit dim due to age, pondered for a while before remembering that he still had a long-lived concubine living in some corner until now!

Amused for a moment in his heart, Old Master Song didn't care much and waved his hand casually, "Just a concubine, find a simple coffin and bury her." After saying this, he turned around with his hands behind his back to look at his newly acquired thrush, which was quite interesting, with a pleasant song!

Since Old Master Song didn't care, the old lady cared even less about a concubine who had once divided her husband's attention. She casually instructed the servants to go to the accounts room to retrieve twenty silver pieces and then find a place to bury her, no matter where!

If the masters didn't care, then the servants cared even less. The two servants handling the matter were quite unscrupulous, directly pocketing the twenty silver pieces, then wrapping her body up in a tattered mat and carelessly dumped it in a random burial ground, too lazy to even dig a hole!

The two accomplices left happily, each with ten pieces of silver, discussing to first spend the unexpected wealth on a drink, then maybe buy something for their home.

As dusk fell, a few emaciated wild dogs with glowing green eyes surrounded the place, tore open the mat wrapping the corpse, and began to feast on it!

Qin Shuangshuang followed her own corpse all the way, drifting to the random burial ground, and upon seeing her body exposed to the wilderness, being torn apart by wild dogs, she couldn't help but laugh maniacally!

Her whole life had been a joke, one that no one cared to watch! From birth to death, nobody ever cared! It was truly ridiculous!

Qin Shuangshuang laughed so hard that it bent her forward and backward, laughed until it was heart-wrenching! Even though she was just a soul body, she laughed out two lines of bloody tears, resembling a fierce ghost!

"Are you unwilling? Do you want to change your fate?"

Just as Qin Shuangshuang laughed, a cold voice suddenly reached her ears, startling her. But then she remembered she was already dead, so there was nothing to be afraid of and she relaxed.

Looking around, she didn't see anyone, so Qin Shuangshuang thought she might be too old, and was hallucinating?

Before Qin Shuangshuang could finish wondering, she suddenly felt the world spinning around her. The scene instantly changed from a desolate and eerie burial ground to an ocean of blood-red flowers.

A stunningly beautiful woman with an indifferent expression stood before her! The woman wore a luxurious gown of black embroidered with gold patterns, the long hem gracefully spread out behind her, appearing both magnificent and cool.

Qin Shuangshuang didn't know how to describe the woman in front of her, she only felt that never in her life had she seen such a breathtaking, commanding, formidable woman!

Qin Shuangshuang never knew that a woman could possess a powerful presence that she had never even felt in men!

This made Qin Shuangshuang unconsciously yearn, if only she could be like this! If only she could be like this, she wouldn't have suffered a lifetime of bullying, ending up being tossed as a wrapped corpse to be devoured by wild dogs in a burial ground!

"Are you unwilling? Do you want to change your destiny? Do you want to live again?"

This time Qin Shuangshuang heard clearly, the cold and indifferent voice belonged to the powerful, stern woman in front of her.

The woman's words made Qin Shuangshuang freeze for a moment, live again? Unconsciously she recalled her own life, being a girl she was never expected, always having endless chores awaiting her at a young age!

Because of a pretty face, Qin Shuangshuang's life was more painful than other women, being sold by her family, forced to be a concubine by her master, given away several times as a gift, and even her peaceful old age was short of clothing and food, dying in such a pitiful end!

Her whole life, she suffered from the pain and cold eyes of the world, such a desperate life to relive again! In that case, she would rather vanish into ashes!

Qin Shuangshuang's face twisted in pain, permanent resentment in her heart!

The woman on the other side sighed gently, waved her hand lightly towards her, a flash of sunset glow passed by, and Qin Shuangshuang felt her mind suddenly clear and calm, all the resentment and pain seemed to be soothed!

"Letting you relive is not to make you experience pain again, I will give you enough power to protect yourself! Innate huge strength, eidetic memory, these can give you the chance to reverse your life!"

But it's not enough to change destiny with just these, the premise is that your heart must become strong first, otherwise even if you have great power, you can only be a tool in others' hands. Remember, destiny is in your own hands!"

Not sure if it was Qin Shuangshuang's illusion, she felt the woman's voice was not as cold as before but had a trace of compassion and warmth, giving a bit of warmth to her heart that had been frozen for so long!

No longer dominated by resentment, Qin Shuangshuang was somewhat moved by the woman's proposal! Although in the pain she wished to vanish and feel nothing, even ants cling to life; if not for attachment to life, she wouldn't have endured such pain to continue living!

To be able to live another life, to have power, how could Qin Shuangshuang not want it! But having been through much, she never believed that pies would fall from the sky!

"This... Fairy, you give me so many benefits, but what price do I have to pay?"

In the woman's eyes flashed a hint of approval. After all, someone who is not overly greedy and knows propriety is always more likable. The woman said lightly, "I want your heart of faith, from now on, you must willingly revere me as your only belief, establishing a contract of faith with me for eternity!"

Qin Shuangshuang was stunned, she didn't know what faith was, but if this woman could let her go back and change her destiny, she was willing to pay whatever price!

"I am willing to believe in you, just how do I sign a contract with you?"

"These things you don't need to worry about, once you go back and change your fate, our contract will naturally be completed!"

After speaking, the woman raised her hand and pointed a finger at Qin Shuangshuang, the fingertip emanating a ripple that instantly expanded into a grand array, intricate and

beautiful patterns carrying a mysterious color, instantly entering Qin Shuangshuang's spirit, and Qin Shuangshuang lost consciousness...

"After eating so many good things, what an ungrateful one, humph! Just bore a worthless daughter! Three years of no children, finally pregnant and it's still a girl! Can't produce good fruits in salty land, should not have let Xiao Er marry a useless woman like you in the first place!"

Accompanied by scolding, a low suppressed sobbing sound interruptedly echoed in the ears! Qin Shuangshuang's consciousness struggled anxiously and irritably between half-dream and half-awake, wanting to wake up quickly!

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"Cry! You cried because you gave birth to a useless money-loser and still have the face to cry! Hurry up and clean the mess you made! Do you expect me to serve you?"

When Qin Shuangshuang finally struggled to open her eyes and regain consciousness, the first thing she heard was an elderly woman's yelling and cursing! Hearing this voice, Qin Shuangshuang's heart instinctively filled with anger and resentment!

This voice was too familiar because Qin Shuangshuang had spent her childhood under the abuse of this woman! This woman was her grandmother, Old Chen!

Her body felt limp, with no strength in her arms or legs, she could only move slightly, and her vision was a bit blurry, making it difficult to capture things clearly!

Thinking of the previous strange encounter, Qin Shuangshuang easily concluded that she had been reborn back to the time of her birth!

Her brows furrowed involuntarily, Qin Shuangshuang felt a bit depressed. Although rebirth was a good thing, being reborn so thoroughly was also quite frustrating; the life of a baby was stifling just to think about.

However, Qin Shuangshuang didn't feel bad for long before Lord Zhou came and took her to play chess! A big bubble came out of her mouth, which made Mrs. Bai, who had just been scolded and fussed over by her mother-in-law, feel a soft spot in her heart.

Gently patting her sweetly sleeping daughter, Mrs. Bai's tired face showed a tender smile. Looking at her adorable daughter, she couldn't help but lower her head and kiss Qin Shuangshuang's rosy little cheeks, feeling that all grievances and pains no longer mattered.

The days of infancy passed surprisingly quickly. Every day was about eating and sleeping, and now seeing the mother who loved her the most, who had tragically died

when she was six in the past life, made this period of being a baby the happiest time Qin Shuangshuang had ever experienced!

On Mrs. Bai's not-so-broad back, feeling the unconditional love from her mother, Qin Shuangshuang felt truly happy! The memories of the past life were too distant, and the memories of her mother's death too painful. Qin Shuangshuang was always determined to forget those memories!

Over time, those memories were indeed buried deep in Qin Shuangshuang's mind, never to be seen again, to the point that now Qin Shuangshuang couldn't recall how exactly her mother died back then, even if it hurt her head trying to remember!

At this moment, Qin Shuangshuang felt somewhat hateful towards herself for forgetting those memories too completely. Trying hard to recall, she vaguely remembered that her mother didn't seem to die of natural causes.

A trace of ruthlessness and fury flashed in Qin Shuangshuang's eyes! In both her previous and current life, she found just this one person who truly cared for her, and under no circumstances would she allow anything or anyone to take her mother away from her!

In a blink, Qin Shuangshuang was already six months old, able to turn and crawl, with much more strength in her limbs. Mrs. Bai was afraid that Qin Shuangshuang might crawl around and fall off the bed when left alone, so she carried Qin Shuangshuang on her back as she worked every day.

Every time she was carried by Mrs. Bai, Qin Shuangshuang tried not to move too much, fearing it would be a burden for Mrs. Bai.

One day, Qin Shuangshuang's eldest uncle, Mr. Qin, returned home from temporary work in town and brought back a small piece of meat, saying it was a reward from a kind employer after the work was done.

The whole Qin family was very excited, except for Qin Shuangshuang and Mrs. Bai because whenever there was meat at home, the mother and daughter never even got to taste the soup.

Even though she never got to eat the meat, it was always Mrs. Bai who had to cook it because Mrs. Bai was the daughter-in-law with the best cooking skills in the Qin Family!

While cooking, Old Chen sat at the door, watching Mrs. Bai to make sure she didn't sneak a taste, habitually picking fights and cursing Mrs. Bai for no apparent reason. It seemed unless she swore at Mrs. Bai several times a day, Old Chen wouldn't feel comfortable.

Frightened by Old Chen's scolding, Mrs. Bai accidentally cut the meat a bit thick; there wasn't much meat to begin with, so cutting it thin would make it seem more. Mrs. Bai's mistake resulted in a piece thick enough to be sliced into four or five thinner pieces!

Old Chen immediately got furious! "You wasteful woman, cutting it so thick on purpose! Are you upset about me nagging you? You deserve punishment, you unteachable thing..."

As Old Chen spewed abusive words, she angrily stormed to Mrs. Bai's back, trying to smack the back of Mrs. Bai's head without warning!

Qin Shuangshuang was being carried on Mrs. Bai's back, and during this period, she had already been gnashing her teeth with hate for Old Chen's torment towards Mrs. Bai. Now that Old Chen was about to hit Mrs. Bai, Qin Shuangshuang's eyes immediately turned red!

Seeing Old Chen's slap about to land on the back of Mrs. Bai's head, Qin Shuangshuang moved her face up slightly, allowing Old Chen's slap to land on her face instead with a slap.

Before the stunned Old Chen could react, Qin Shuangshuang let out a sharp wailing cry, and her small hand swung fiercely, hitting Old Chen's arm hard!

Qin Shuangshuang remembered that before she was reborn, the woman once told her that she would have tremendous natural strength. Now, Qin Shuangshuang was counting on this to give Old Chen a lesson, perhaps like swelling her hand to the point she wouldn't dare to use it for days.

But who knew Qin Shuangshuang underestimated her strength, for it wasn't just Old Chen's hand that swelled; she was directly sent flying a small distance by Qin Shuangshuang! Then she fell to the ground with a thud! The hand that had just hit Qin Shuangshuang dangled limply, her wrist twisted and turned, clearly broken!

Old Chen sat there dumbfounded for a while, then as the pain slowly kicked in, she began to howl in agony, the pain making her tear up and snot flow!

Of course, Qin Shuangshuang wasn't willing to back down. She too was initially shocked by Old Chen's miserable state; she hadn't even used her full strength, and Old Chen ended up like this! This caused quite a stir, and Qin Shuangshuang panicked for a moment.

Seeing Old Chen weep and snot, howling like she had lost her mother, Qin Shuangshuang also refused to admit defeat and opened her little mouth, letting out a heart-wrenching wail. The infant's voice was sharp and piercing, much more harrowing than an adult's! Enough to scare someone to death if heard at night!

The commotion created by these two was so loud that it might have woken the dead. Soon, Mr. Qin, Qin Shuangshuang's eldest uncle Qin Lao Da, his wife Little Chen, their son Da Lang, Third Lang, and daughter Eldest Lady,

Qin Shuangshuang's father Qin Laoer, uncle Qin the Third, and Qin the Third's wife Mrs. Fang, along with their children Second Lang, Si Lang, and Wulang, all got up, gathering disheveled in the little kitchen.

As soon as they rushed in, they saw Old Chen sitting on the ground, her face covered in tears and snot, wailing, with one hand twisted in a pitiful sight!

Over there, although Qin Shuangshuang was crying pitifully, with a huge slap mark and a swollen face that looked dreadful, no one in the family cared about this money-loser, Qin Shuangshuang. Naturally, no one cared if she was alive or dead; they all rushed over to Old Chen's side.

Mr. Qin looked at his wife's twisted hand, his face dark and severe, and turned to look at Mrs. Bai with a somber expression, coldly questioning, "Mrs. Bai! What is this all about?"

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Mrs. Bai was already stunned by this series of events, completely at a loss for what to do. She just tightly hugged Qin Shuangshuang, her heart aching as she looked at Qin Shuangshuang's half-swollen face, tears streaming down her face!

Now, hearing Mr. Qin's questioning, Mrs. Bai shivered, glanced at Old Chen, and muttered, "I, I don't know either. I was just cutting meat, and then Mother said I was clumsy and cut the meat too thick, so she came over to hit me, but missed, and then I don't know what happened, Mother ended up like this?"

The "Second Lady" referred to is Qin Shuangshuang; this follows the naming order set by Eldest Lady. The name Shuangshuang was given to Qin Shuangshuang by the first family that bought her after she was sold by her family, and she has used it ever since.

"Does Second Brother's wife take us all for idiots? Mother's hand ended up like this, if it wasn't you then was it the Second Lady in your arms who did it? Does Second Brother's wife think we have no brains?"

The one speaking was Mrs. Fang, the wife of Qin Lao Da. This Mrs. Fang was Old Chen's niece and had always been favored by Old Chen. Moreover, having given birth to two sons before her daughter, she was quite confident. Naturally, she was the first to speak out against Mrs. Bai on behalf of Old Chen.

The others all felt that Mrs. Fang was right, and their eyes on Mrs. Bai were sharp. Mrs. Bai was so frightened that she was trembling all over, unable to utter a single word.

The more Mrs. Bai couldn't speak, the more the others felt Mrs. Fang was right; Mrs. Bai was guilty. Especially Mr. Qin, his gaze at Mrs. Bai was growing increasingly icy.

"Seeing Mother injured like this, it must have been Mrs. Bai's doing. Maybe she resented Mother's reprimand and deliberately retaliated, putting on a pathetic show to gain sympathy. How hateful!"

This time it was Mrs. Fang, the wife of Qin the Third, speaking. Mrs. Fang had given birth to three sons and had a good standing in the Qin Family but could not match Mrs. Fang as Old Chen's niece, even though she had one less son.

Mrs. Fang's family was not well-off, lacking support. Even though she had three sons, she had no backing. However, she was good at flattery, fully supporting Old Chen while sticking close to Mrs. Fang. Generally, most chores in the house were left to the so-called "money-losing" Mrs. Bai, allowing the two favored daughters-in-law to enjoy a comfortable life.

Now that Old Chen was injured, and Mrs. Fang was pointing fingers, Mrs. Fang naturally joined in to pressure Mrs. Bai, immediately accusing her of laying hands on an elder.

In these times, people emphasized filial piety. Laying hands on an elder was a grave disrespect and would be condemned by all. Once this accusation was confirmed, even if the Qin family cast Mrs. Bai out, no one would think it excessive.

Mrs. Bai was trembling all over, tightly holding the endlessly wailing Qin Shuangshuang, who was actually also a bit scared inside, only able to shake her head and say, "It wasn't me, I didn't hit Mother! It wasn't me..."

Clearly, no one believed Mrs. Bai's defense. Mrs. Fang and Mrs. Fang took turns criticizing Mrs. Bai, with the background noise of Old Chen and Qin Shuangshuang's mixed crying.

Da Lang, Second Lang, Third Lang, Si Lang, and Wulang, along with the Eldest Lady, a bunch of little ones, were so frightened by the scene that they huddled in a corner like a group of small quails, not daring to make a sound.

Among the men, although Qin Lao Da did not directly scold Mrs. Bai, he pressured Qin Laoer, "Laoer, with your wife having done such a thing, what do you have to say?"

Qin Laoer was holding his head in his hands, crouching on the ground with his shoulders hunched, not looking at either Old Chen or his trembling wife, Mrs. Bai. He kept his head down, remaining silent, looking very weak.

Qin the Third was fanning the flames with a sarcastic tone, "Second Brother, are you trying to cover up for Mrs. Bai? Mother gave birth to you, raised you, and now she's been beaten by your wife. No one could bear this!

If Mrs. Fang dared to do such things to Mother, I would beat her so badly that even her own mother wouldn't recognize her, and then issue her a letter of divorce! Just look at your pathetic state; you don't deserve to be called a man!"

Qin Lao Da's words did not provoke a reaction from Qin Laoer, but Qin the Third's accusation of him not being a man hit a nerve. He stood up suddenly, his eyes blood-red, glaring at Mrs. Bai, who was holding Qin Shuangshuang.

Mrs. Bai looked at her husband with tear-streaked eyes, crying out in her defense, "I didn't, I didn't hit Mother! It wasn't me who hit Mother, please believe me..." Mrs. Bai explained incoherently and tremblingly because of fear, hoping her husband would believe her and stand by her side.

But evidently, Qin Laoer didn't pay attention to Mrs. Bai's fear. He clenched his teeth tightly, the muscles in his cheeks twitching, his hand forming a fist, and then he strode towards Mrs. Bai!

Seeing Qin Laoer coming over, not only did Mrs. Bai get so nervous that her legs started shaking, Qin Shuangshuang's pupils constricted too! Because Qin Laoer's state was all too familiar to her, reminding her in an instant of some forgotten memories regarding her mother, Mrs. Bai...

Qin Shuangshuang recalled that in her past life, Old Chen, Mrs. Fang, and the ever-disruptive Qin the Third loved to provoke conflicts between her father, Qin Laoer, and her mother, Mrs. Bai.

The thing Qin Shuangshuang hated the most was that every time, Qin Laoer would be incited until his eyes were red, and then he would clench his teeth and fists to harshly beat Mrs. Bai! Later, when Qin Shuangshuang grew older, Qin Laoer would give her a few slaps too when he was hitting Mrs. Bai.

When Mrs. Bai was alive, she would hold Qin Shuangshuang and shield her with her body to prevent her from being hit. After Mrs. Bai died, no one protected Qin Shuangshuang anymore, and she became the one who got beaten every few days.

Qin Laoer was considered by everyone in the village as an honest man and a weakling who got bullied at home. He was Qin Shuangshuang's deepest nightmare!

Qin Shuangshuang bit her still toothless gums and fiercely thought if Qin Laoer dared to hit her mother, she'd give him a lesson like she did Old Chen! It was just the right opportunity to prove her mother's innocence. As for her own consequences, overwhelmed by anger, Qin Shuangshuang didn't care anymore.

However, the confrontation between Qin Shuangshuang and her father Qin Laoer was disrupted before it even started by a group of people who suddenly appeared at the Qin house.

The ones who arrived were the village chief and a bunch of villagers eager to watch the drama.

Primarily, it was the powerful wailing duet of Qin Shuangshuang and Old Chen that alarmed the neighbors right from the start. In the countryside, with not much entertainment, any affair in a family was like watching a big performance, everyone eager to listen clandestinely.

The family next to the Qin house listened at the wall for a long time, hearing that Qin Family's second daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bai, couldn't stand her mother-in-law's harshness and beat Old Chen. Hearing Old Chen wail so miserably, this family felt worried.

Furthermore, having listened for so long, they didn't see anyone go inside to call a doctor or anyone from the Qin house coming out, making them worry more. They silently sent their child to fetch the village chief.

As soon as the village chief stepped in, he saw Old Chen looking extremely pitiful, surrounded by a group of people, her eyes swollen from crying! Seeing Old Chen's state, the village chief's eyebrows furrowed instantly.

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Before coming, the village chief didn't believe the messenger's words. Mrs. Bai's reputation was as good as her honest husband's, Qin Laoer!

She was known to be a dough-like person, easily molded into any shape, and never seen angry or loud—how could someone like her suddenly beat her mother-in-law, making her wail loudly? Completely impossible!

But now, having seen Old Chen's miserable state, the village chief had to believe that Mrs. Bai, this dough-like person, had really hit her mother-in-law!

Although Mrs. Bai's reputation was good in the past, daring to commit such a wicked act of beating her mother-in-law, the village chief couldn't help but feel disgusted. Then, he looked at Mrs. Bai and was stunned, with his gaze falling on Qin Shuangshuang, whose half face was swollen and purple in Mrs. Bai's arms.

Seeing the village chief, Qin Shuangshuang felt anxious. As the village chief looked over, she quickly thought up a trick out of panic. She tilted her head, rolled her eyes, and pretended to be beaten badly by the Chen Family!

As expected, the village chief, seeing Qin Shuangshuang's condition, was startled. Looking at Mrs. Bai all trembling and silently crying as she held Qin Shuangshuang, suspicion arose in his mind—he felt Mrs. Bai wasn't someone who would hit her mother-in-law.

The village chief coughed and gently asked Mrs. Bai, "Mrs. Bai, what happened here, how did Second Lady turn out like this? Who beat her?"

While the village chief wanted to find out the truth with his question, the Qin Family, who had already convicted Mrs. Bai, saw it differently—as if the village chief intended to shield Mrs. Bai by not asking about the severely injured Old Chen first and instead asking a mere girl!

The Qin Family inside instantly displayed dissatisfaction. Though they were unhappy, no one dared to speak out. The village chief, though not an official, was enough to deter the villagers, including the cunning Qin Family!

While justifying herself, Mrs. Bai didn't mention Old Chen's failed attempt to hit her but then hitting Qin Shuangshuang instead because she still held the notion of not speaking ill of elders. But now, seeing that remaining silent would not rid her of the label of being unfilial, she could only hold back her tears and explain in a low voice:

"Yesterday, my elder brother returned from town with a piece of meat as a reward from his employer. This morning, my mother asked me to cook it. I cut the meat thickly, and when my mother came to beat me, Second Lady was just behind me, leading to her face being hit. Then I heard them both screaming miserably. Village chief, I really don't know what happened! I didn't hit my mother!"

While Mrs. Bai's explanation was truthful, it obviously lacked coherence, naturally making no one believe it. Even the village chief frowned again, and the villagers outside, watching the spectacle, whispered among themselves, most thinking Mrs. Bai was lying. Only a few believed Mrs. Bai's character was good and assumed she couldn't have done such a thing!

Seeing everyone thinking Mrs. Bai was lying, the Qin Family inside became emboldened and dared to speak out!

Qin the Third was the first to let out a cold laugh, glancing at Qin Laoer, who initially wanted to hit Mrs. Bai but stood still because of the village chief's interruption, and then spoke mockingly:

"To say the Second Sister-in-law, who is known for being so honest, could commit such a rebellious act—it seems she isn't truly honest, right Second Brother? Weren't you just about to teach the unfilial daughter-in-law a lesson? Why stop now? Aren't you sharing the same thoughts as Mrs. Bai? Maybe Mrs. Bai hitting Mother actually suits your mind, Second Brother."

"Second Brother, it's not right for me as an older sister to say this to you, but your wife is too outrageous. As a daughter-in-law, it's unavoidable to be taught by the family-in-law. Why do other daughters-in-law have no issues while only yours feels tormented by the mother-in-law? Such a wife needs to be disciplined. I'm not a man, but if I were you, Second Brother, I'd have disciplined this malicious wife long ago!"

Unlike Qin the Third, who thrives on chaos, Little Chen, although also a troublemaker, didn't agree with Qin Laoer divorcing his wife. Little Chen's agitation aimed more at disciplining Mrs. Bai into submission, best if she always remained cowardly, never daring to resist.

Little Chen's reason for disagreeing with Qin Laoer divorcing his wife was even simpler—because neither Little Chen nor Mrs. Fang, when at odds, had half the competence of Mrs. Bai. If Qin Laoer divorced Mrs. Bai, who would do the work? Little Chen disliked heavy labor for years, having long hated the feeling of daily toil!

Old Chen still lay on the ground wailing, face full of tears and snot. Whereas, the son and daughter-in-law she favored were here playing mind games, surrounding her, yet none thought of calling a doctor for her, truly a retribution!

With Qin the Third and Little Chen together provoking him, Qin Laoer's eyes became red, glaring at Mrs. Bai while grinding his teeth!

Seeing Qin Laoer's expression, Mrs. Bai panicked, immediately discerning that Qin Laoer intended to hit her. She instinctively tightened her grip around Qin Shuangshuang, using her body to shield him, fearing Qin Shuangshuang might be innocently hit by Qin Laoer again.

Mrs. Bai reacted quickly, but Qin Laoer's speed was even quicker. Before Mrs. Bai could completely shield Qin Shuangshuang, he had already stepped forward in front of Mrs. Bai. Amid Mrs. Bai's terrified gaze, he raised his large hand to slap Mrs. Bai's face, cursing, "I'll beat you to death, you unfilial thing!"

Protected by Mrs. Bai, Qin Shuangshuang was boiling with rage, fiercely resolved in her heart. Before Qin Laoer's hand descended, she suddenly cried loudly while pretending to be startled and tried to scramble, raising her little foot to kick hard at Qin Laoer's hand!

If Qin Shuangshuang had used merely seven-tenths of her strength against Old Chen, she employed her full power against Qin Laoer!

Qin Shuangshuang hated Old Chen, hated the Qin Family, but the one she hated most was her father, Qin Laoer. Although Old Chen and the rest of the Qin Family were Qin Shuangshuang's relatives, they were ultimately not her parents, and Qin Shuangshuang could tolerate their harshness.

But Qin Laoer was her real father! Qin Shuangshuang still remembered at eight years old when the village faced continuous natural disasters for two years, leading to barren harvests.

It coincided with the court's decree for relocating civilians to the border. The County Magistrate, in order to force the common people to comply, refused to distribute disaster relief funds and grain, causing many to die of starvation in the village.

When people were starved to extremes, notions of humanity and moral boundaries vanished. After exhausting fish from the water and wild beasts on the mountains, even gnawing tree bark and roots, many were forced to consider cannibalism to survive!

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At first, people only ate some corpses, but as the food shortage increased, people began to be dissatisfied with eating the dead. The stronger ones started catching people who were on the brink of starvation to eat, and some families even chose to exchange children for food!

At that time, the Qin Family, due to an accident, still had some food left at home. However, the Qin Family was afraid that starving people in the village would find out and come to steal their food!

To protect themselves, the Qin Family came up with a viciously cruel scheme: exchange the useless girl in their family, considered a financial burden, with another family's child, to avoid the village people discovering their surplus food!

And Qin Laoer! Qin Shuangshuang's biological father! Under the subtle hints from Mr. Qin, Qin the Third, and Little Chen, Mrs. Fang, in an effort to show his filial piety and please Old Chen and Mr. Chen, took Qin Shuangshuang out voluntarily, even when the family was nowhere near starving!

At that time, Qin Shuangshuang had no idea that when she left home, following a father who rarely showed her a kind face, saying he wanted to take her out to find food, she was in fact stepping into hell!

Her father had actually exchanged her with another family's child by his own hands! Qin Shuangshuang can never forget the fear and despair of almost being slaughtered and cooked like livestock!

This lifetime, seeing Qin Laoer again, Qin Shuangshuang's heart felt soaked in poison, twisting with hatred at every moment. If she hadn't been gently cared for and lovingly nurtured by Mrs. Bai, facing Qin Laoer every day might have driven Qin Shuangshuang mad with resentment!

Already filled with resentment towards Qin Laoer, she now saw him hit her mother, whom she had painstakingly recovered and cherished. Qin Shuangshuang felt her mind buzz; she lost all reason in an instant! Without thinking, she instinctively used all her strength to kick Qin Laoer's hand!

The innate giant strength given to Qin Shuangshuang by that woman was indeed extraordinary. The force of Qin Shuangshuang's kick was tremendous, directly sending Qin Laoer, who outweighed Old Chen by much, flying and coincidentally smashing into Qin the Third, who had been stirring trouble all along!

Qin Laoer and Qin the Third fell to the ground together. Coincidentally, there was a small stool on the ground, the one Old Chen had been sitting on, and Qin the Third's lower back landed precisely on the stool!

If it were an ordinary day, this wouldn't be a big deal, but Qin the Third happened to have the heavy weight of Qin Laoer on top of him, combined with the force from Qin Shuangshuang's kick. Suddenly, there was a cracking sound, and Qin the Third was paralyzed, unable to move, followed by two voices wailing in altered tones from both Qin the Third and Qin Laoer!

Qin Laoer's hand, like Old Chen's, hung twisted at his side, apparently broken similarly to Old Chen's predicament!

Everyone was stunned by the sudden turn of events. The room, originally filled with Old Chen's weak wails, turned into a trio, no, a quartet, including Qin Shuangshuang, who resumed wailing desperately after kicking them!

Everyone was momentarily shocked by the sudden scene, then buzzed! The onlookers outside started whispering again. This time, some people were interested in the strength Qin Shuangshuang exhibited, while others were intrigued by the prior events.

"One kick could cause this? This child must have innate great strength! I had heard of children like this before, but seeing it firsthand today is an eye-opener!"

"With such strength, it would be better if it were a boy. I've been to the county before and heard that the current General Qi, rose from a poor family, and was ennobled as a great general because of his innate divine strength and meritorious military service. If this girl weren't a girl, maybe she could join the army and become some general, but alas, she is a girl!"

"Having strength as a girl is good too. At least it won't be hard for her to work in the future, and she won't be bullied!"

These were people interested in Qin Shuangshuang's innate giant strength. They chatted eagerly, discussing which child they had heard of with great strength, excellent memory, and early development, their conversations becoming heated.

"I initially thought Mrs. Bai was lying, but now it seems she was telling the truth. Old Chen went to hit Mrs. Bai, but Mrs. Bai, with her back to Old Chen and unaware, inadvertently slapped the child second mother was carrying. The child was likely startled, causing the struggle that resulted in Old Chen's hand being broken!"

"That must be it. I was saying that Mrs. Bai, as gentle as dough, could not have done such an outrageous thing. Yet her mother-in-law, Old Chen, is known for being sly and mean, always picking on the honest daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bai!"

"Look at the child's face, so swollen it's unrecognizable. Old Chen hit her so hard. It's her own doing that she ends up like this!"

"The child was carried on the back. Hitting Mrs. Bai from behind would easily cause accidental injury to the daughter. Old Chen always looked down on her granddaughter, completely indifferent to whether the child gets hurt, hitting the daughter-in-law with such heavy hands. She deserves what she gets!"

The Monday morning quarterback group had among them those with daughters who were sympathetic to Mrs. Bai, and others who delight in chaos. Some who just moments ago accused Mrs. Bai of unfilial conduct now turned to scorn Old Chen, forgetting their prior sympathy for her woes!

The people outside were engaged in lively discussion, while inside, the Qin Family was in awkward discomfort. They had just been mocking Mrs. Bai with great joy, and now, in a blink, two more were injured, and they were left unable to argue justly. How could they? Would they reason with a baby who can't even talk, only a few months old?

The beaten were not only unjustified, but in the wrong as well. Judging by people's contemptuous gazes towards Old Chen, it's clear. If Old Chen hadn't struck so heavily without avoiding the child, it wouldn't have come to this!

Even the village chief, who came to mediate, glared at Old Chen with distaste, showing his dislike for such bullying families. Looking at the people on the ground wailing incessantly, he said to Mr. Qin, "Now that it's come to this, hurry and get a doctor from the town!"

Finished speaking, he looked at Qin Shuangshuang with her half swollen and bruised face, adding with further disgust, "This child is only a few months old and got slapped so harshly. Hurry and have a doctor check on her, don't let her suffer any harm!"

In his final words, the village chief couldn't help but sigh at the sight of Qin Shuangshuang's woeful face and added, "Such a good child, this is truly tragic!"