

Pill Maker 1011

Chapter 1011 - Determined To Deny

Dai Jie glanced at Huo Yao before he said, "Since we are not welcome, then we will make ourselves scarce."

Jiang Mingyue undoubtedly wanted Huo Yao to leave. However, why did it sound as if Dai Jie was not interested in helping them with data analysis?

Jiang Mingyue frowned. She did not want to offend Dai Jie, so she eased up on Huo Yao and explained. "Dai Jie, I think you are mistaken. I have a personal vendetta with Huo Yao, but that does not mean you are not welcome on the team."

Dai Jie was the best student in Bioinformatics. She naturally did not want to get on his bad side. After all, she was bound to need his help in the future.

Dai Jie pursed his lips. He had personally brought Huo Yao over. If Huo Yao was not welcome, it was as good as saying he was not welcome.

Moreover, Huo Yao was not the type to pick a fight. Instead, Jiang Mingyue undoubtedly had a lot of potential to get into a conflict unilaterally, judging from her proud tone of voice. It was impossible for anyone to like Jiang Mingyue.

Dai Jie pursed his lips and said, "I suggest you get someone else to help you with data analysis."

The moment he finished his sentence, he looked at Huo Yao and said apologetically, "Huo Yao, my bad. I should have told you about this earlier. Now, I have wasted your time by dragging you here."

Dai Jie genuinely felt sorry towards Huo Yao. Huo Yao had offered to help but ended up meeting the last person she probably wanted to see.

Huo Yao raised her brow and glanced at Dai Jie. She was rather surprised by his reaction. She smiled and said, "I wouldn't call it an entirely wasted trip."

Dai Jie wanted to say, 'let's go'. The moment he heard what Huo Yao said, he was briefly stunned and did not quite understand what she was driving at.

Huo Yao tilted her head. "If I didn't swing by today, I wouldn't have learned about someone stealing my idea."

"Huh? Stole your idea?" Dai Jie was even more puzzled.

"Uh huh." Huo Yao looked at Jiang Mingyue. "Right, Mingyue?"

Jiang Mingyue's hands trembled as her face instantly turned pale. Since they were involved in academic research, stealing an idea was no different from plagiarism.

If people found out about it, the bad name would follow her for life.

"I suggest you watch what you say. What do you mean by saying I stole your idea? Are you the only person on earth who is capable of deciphering the genetic code? In that case, does it mean no one else

in the world is allowed to conduct any research on the subject? You certainly are hilarious!" said Jiang Mingyue sharply.

No way on earth would she admit to stealing the idea.

Just because Huo Yao had brought it up in passing, it did not mean that it was her idea.

This was simply preposterous.

Huo Yao was very impressed. Jiang Mingyue was determined not to admit to plagiarism. Also, she was able to defend herself eloquently. She could genuinely pass off as a sweet and honest soul any day.

"You are certainly eloquent. However, theft is theft. No matter how you try to copy my work, you will never understand its true essence," sneered Huo Yao.

Jiang Mingyue sneered. "If I could understand the true essence, I would be a famous scientist by now and not just a student."

The moment the rest of the research team members overheard the conversation at the door, they hurriedly stopped working. They walked over, and stood behind Jiang Mingyue.

Everyone knew exactly what had happened previously. They looked at each other and spoke up before Jiang Mingyue could continue.

They had to settle this argument as soon as possible.

Chapter 1012 - Stop Being So Self-Righteous

"In the academic world, it is normal for the same theory to get tested repeatedly. I hardly think it's a big deal."

"That is true. Just for Gene Classification alone, there are dozens of theories. Even if you came up with the idea, it doesn't mean you can stop people from using it, right? In such a case, you are simply being unreasonable."

"Enough. We did not steal anything from her. Rather than waste time arguing about it, we should really just focus on doing our research. Since we are all from the same university, there is no reason for us to make things ugly."

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Dai Jie frowned the moment he heard what everyone said. He raised his head to look at Jiang Mingyue's fellow team members. Every single one of them was getting increasingly unreasonable.

What did they mean by making things ugly?

If Jiang Mingyue did not steal Huo Yao's idea, did Jiang Mingyue have anything to fear?

They had already plagiarized, how could they be so unreasonable now? It was simply repulsive.

Dai Jie felt he had wasted his time going all out helping them with their data analysis.

"You people are a joke. You have already plagiarized without the slightest shame. Don't you even feel the least bit guilty? If you had any conscience, you would have explained yourself. She hasn't even made any demands in response to your actions, yet you shamelessly attacked her with all this ridicule trying to make her the villain."

Dai Jie was so angry that he laughed. He paused before he said, "Are you bullying her because she is a freshman with no one to back her?"

The rest of the research team instantly looked annoyed. Just as they were about to speak, Jiang Mingyue said coldly, "Dai Jie, stop talking to us so self-righteously. No one has bullied her. She was being unreasonable to begin with."

Jiang Mingyue paused before she continued. "Since you do not want to help us with data analysis, we won't insist. Whatever it is, thank you for helping."

By now, Jiang Mingyue had already gradually calmed down from the initial shock of seeing Huo Yao.

Her fellow team members were right. In the history of Biology, plenty of major subjects had gotten repeatedly tested and her thesis and experiment were no different.

Whatever guilt Jiang Mingyue had still suffered finally dissipated thinking about this.

Jiang Mingyue did not want to continue talking to Dai Jie, so she turned to go back into the laboratory. "Let's go. We shouldn't let unreasonable people hold us up."

The thesis was almost due for submission. Rather than waste time arguing, it would be wiser to continue working.

"You lot are absolutely disgusting." Since Dai Jie was unable to argue his way out of this, he turned to Huo Yao. "Plagiarism is a very serious matter. Why don't we report it to the department?"

Jiang Mingyue suddenly halted and turned to look at Dai Jie. She smiled and said, "Be my guest. You are welcome to report this to the school. Let the teachers decide whether any plagiarism was committed."

Everyone knew that her teacher was the Biology department head, Mr. Qi. Also, he was very close to the department fellow. They were welcome to report the matter. Did they have any chance of winning?

Jiang Mingyue scoffed before slamming the laboratory door shut altogether.

It suddenly dawned on Dai Jie that Jiang Mingyue was Mr. Qi's student.. Even though such matters were not directly under Mr. Qi's jurisdiction, would he stand aside and do nothing if his student got accused?

Chapter 1013: Destined To Fail

Dai Jie looked annoyed. No wonder Jiang Mingyue had the guts to insist upon her innocence. From the looks of it, she had nothing to fear since she was Mr. Qi's disciple.

Dai Jie had heard about Mr. Qi before. He was the toughest character in the faculty. Someone was forced to quit school for all kinds of reasons after offending Mr. Qi.

If Mr. Qi genuinely got involved, Huo Yao would end up losing her reputation even though it was her idea which had been stolen. She might even get bullied by the other teachers in the faculty.

Dai Jie looked worried thinking about this. He regretted speaking so rashly.

Even though she had suffered plagiarism, she would get over it in time. If the other teachers in the faculty decided to pick on her, it would be a fate worse than plagiarism.

They could really ruin her if they wanted to do it!

Dai Jie looked at the door quietly for a while before he turned to look at Huo Yao. He opened his mouth and said with great difficulty, "Huo Yao... why don't we forget it?"

"We can't afford to offend Mr. Qi." Dai Jie smiled sadly. He wanted to protect Huo Yao, but he was powerless.

That was how the world worked. People with powerful allies always had the last laugh.

Huo Yao noticed how bad Dai Jie felt and suddenly smiled and asked. "Did you ask me over to take a look at your work because there were problems with their calculations and you were unable to have any success with the comparative testing?"

Dai Jie did not know why Huo Yao suddenly asked about this. He simply nodded. "I have been helping them with this recently. I am not a calculation expert, but they think everything was right. In that case, I must have made a mistake with the data analysis."

This was the reason he wanted to seek Huo Yao's help.

He felt his data analysis was correct.

Huo Yao nodded. She gestured at Dai Jie for them to leave and said, "Were you only able to achieve 97% success no matter what you tried?"

Dai Jie followed behind Huo Yao and looked at her profile in surprise. "That's right. I kept getting stuck at that."

Huo Yao looked calm. She walked over to the lift and pressed the lift button. "There was nothing wrong with the data or your calculations. You were simply missing some core data."

Dai Jie was stunned.

Huo Yao entered the lift when the door opened. When Dai Jie finally realized the lift was here, he hurriedly followed behind her. "Core data?"

Huo Yao acknowledged softly. She raised her head and looked at the panel over the lift as the lift came downstairs. There was a profound look in her eyes.

Despite copying all her calculations, Jiang Mingyue was unfortunately not good at data analysis, so she was oblivious to some core data which she had entered while performing the comparative testing.

This was the reason that Huo Yao could achieve 100% during the comparative test while Dai Jie could only get 97% accuracy.

The key problem here was the lack of understanding of the topic.

If Jiang Mingyue worked hard enough, it wasn't impossible to notice the core data. Sadly, sometimes people were so stupid that they were unable to achieve success even after they went as far as plagiarizing.

The lift chimed when they arrived on the ground floor and the two of them walked out one after another.

Dai Jie had trouble absorbing what Huo Yao had just said.. After walking some distance from the laboratory block, he finally looked at Huo Yao. "You mean no matter what, they are destined to fail?"

Chapter 1014 - A Battle Of Advocates!

Huo Yao glanced at Dai Jie sideways and raised her brow. "It can't be helped since she's a dunce."

Dai Jie's cheeks twitched. Although he knew Huo Yao was referring to Jiang Mingyue and her research team, he unexpectedly felt that Huo Yao was making fun of him too.

Dai Jie cleared his throat. A thought crossed his mind and his voice got serious. "Although they did not achieve 100% accuracy, 97% accuracy is equally high. Moreover, she plans on submitting her thesis to a journal and it stands a high chance of getting selected."

He knew which journal Jiang Mingyue planned on making the submission to. It was an internationally recognized journal from a reputable research association. They only accepted applications once every two years. It was a great affirmation for articles to get accepted. Also, it was the foundation for rising to great heights in the industry.

Even though Jiang Mingyue did not achieve 100% success for the comparative test, journals mainly cared about the scientific value of each paper and not just the outcome.

Huo Yao simply smiled as she shook her head. "Sorry. It won't get accepted."

Dai Jie noticed the confidence on Huo Yao's face. He could not help scratching his head and asking quickly. "Why are you so sure?"

Huo Yao replied airily. "Just a gut feeling."

The moment she finished her sentence, she continued walking. She raised her hand and waved it in midair. "Thank you for everything today. I am going back to the department."

Dai Jie watched as Huo Yao gradually left. After some time, he finally snapped out of his daze. For some reason, he suddenly felt Huo Yao had a particularly mysterious aura.

After standing where he was for some time, Dai Jie pondered before he took out his phone and made a call instead of going back to the department. He chatted briefly before he turned for the administrative block.

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Meanwhile, at Liu Qian's office.

The moment Liu Qian heard what Dai Jie said, he looked incredibly angry.

No wonder Jiang Mingyue had surprisingly stopped asking for his help with data analysis. She was probably afraid that he would find out about the plagiarism.

"Mr. Liu, Jiang Mingyue is Mr. Qi's disciple, so there is nothing we can do about her. Now that this has happened, I am worried Huo Yao will have a hard time at school."

Dai Jie had not reached out to Liu Qian for justice. Instead, he simply wanted to see if there was any way Liu Qian could protect Huo Yao.

Despite knowing Huo Yao only for a short time, he could see she was upright in nature. Moreover, they were from the same division, so it made absolute sense for him to help her.

Liu Qian glanced at Dai Jie. In reality, he felt very happy. Anyone else in the same shoes would have feared incurring Qi Hui's wrath and would never have spoken the truth.

Liu Qian inhaled deeply. He clenched his fists and pounded the office table. "Since Jiang Mingyue was shameless enough to plagiarize, how can we allow her to get away with it? This isn't over yet!"

The moment Dai Jie saw his reaction, he thought that he had expressed himself wrongly, so he said anxiously, "Mr. Liu, we cannot afford to offend Mr. Qi. I told you about it hoping you could..."

Liu Qian raised his hand and interrupted. "Dai Jie, I know what you mean, but I know what to do. There is no need for you to get involved in it."

Jiang Mingyue had the gall to do this simply because she was Mr. Qi's disciple.

She might have a backer, but she was not the only person with a strong advocate.

Liu Qian pondered deeply. After his recent interaction with Zhao Lian, he could tell Huo Yao and Zhao Lian were closer than they seemed. Otherwise, Zhao Lian would not have specially come to help when Qi Hui accused them of stealing the archives.

Liu Qian picked up his phone from the side table.

Chapter 1015 - Prof Zhao's Disciple?

Could Qi Hui surpass Zhao Lian?

Even if Qi Hui had the support of Prof Liu, he could not compare to Prof Zhao in terms of authority and reputation in the academic world.

Liu Qian sneered in his heart. After the call got through, he told Prof Zhao about how Jiang Mingyue had stolen Huo Yao's idea. "... Okay. In that case, I'll be waiting for you."

Before long, Liu Qian hung up the phone. Although he was so furious that he nearly exploded, he gradually composed himself after hearing Zhao Lian's answer.

Dai Jie was gobsmacked when he overheard Liu Qian calling Zhao Lian. Even though he could not hear the other side's response, he was shocked enough to know Liu Qian had called Prof Zhao.

There were quite a number of professors in the department, but Zhao Lian had the highest authority. Also, all the students idolized him. Dai Jie had spent almost five years studying at Tsing University, but he had only seen Zhao Lian a handful of times and only from a distance.

Dai Jie swallowed nervously as a bold notion arose in his mind and he turned to look at Liu Qian. "Mr. Liu... don't tell me Huo Yao is Prof Zhao's disciple?"

Last year, he heard about Zhao Lian wanting to accept a new disciple. Considering Huo Yao's talent and her performance in the research team, the chances were rather high.

The moment Liu Qian heard this, he went into a brief daze before he said, "I don't know either. I simply know Prof Zhao and Huo Yao are acquainted. Neither of them has ever mentioned whether she is his disciple."

However, judging from Zhao Lian's attitude towards Huo Yao, she was as good as his disciple.

After all, Zhao Lian never cared for interdepartmental conflicts, let alone something like this at the student level.

Dai Jie remained in a daze. Everything seemed so surreal to him.

When they left the laboratory block, he was worried that they would have a hard time at school since Jiang Mingyue was Mr. Qi's disciple and he was the department head.

Since Zhao Lian and Huo Yao knew each other, Qi Hui was nothing!

No wonder Huo Yao was capable of staying so calm. She had been saving a killer move for this.

Dai Jie instantly felt believed and upset.

It was Zhao Lian!

It was Zhao Lian they were talking about!

Just having the chance to see Zhao Lian from a distance was great fortune!

"So is Prof Zhao going to take care of this?" Even though Dai Jie felt upset, he had to check.

"Uh huh. Prof Zhao is coming over in a minute." Liu Qian nodded. He pulled out his chair and sat back down with his face looking completely normal.

Dai Jie exhaled in relief. However, a thought crossed his mind and he quickly felt worried again. "We are talking about plagiarism here. Without solid evidence, it is hard to prove it."

Liu Qian tapped his fingers on the table and suddenly smiled coldly. "Who says she doesn't have evidence? I witnessed everything!"

Whatever it was, the computer in the laboratory had data records that could make strong evidence for Huo Yao's case.

Dai Jie looked at Liu Qian in surprise. "You?"

Liu Qian cleared his throat. He did not want to talk about how Qi Hui forced him into helping Jiang Mingyue conduct comparative testing by holding the funding over his head. It was simply too embarrassing.

"I am certain we can find evidence." Liu Qian waved his hand impatiently. "Enough. You have nothing to worry about. Just go back."

Huo Yao had the backing of Zhao Lian, but Dai Jie had no one, so it was no point getting him involved.

Chapter 1016: Call Them Over!

Dai Jie touched his nose. Although he was curious, he knew he was not in the position to ask to stay any further.

Before long, he left the office.

An hour later, Zhao Lian arrived at the department.

After chatting with Liu Qian, he said, "I have seen Qi Hui's student's thesis previously. The first time I saw it, it was about genetic engineering and wasn't very good. Then he showed me a revised version. It was about genetic code decipherment just like you mentioned. Her arguments and calculations were a lot better."

Zhao Lian paused before placing the glass of tea on the coffee table. "Does this mean Huo Yao was behind the second thesis?"

The first time he read the article, he felt that Jiang Mingyue was a gifted student for being able to come up with a completely novel and solid concept in such a short span of time.

After all, the research thesis was harder to write than normal articles. Just the research alone and experiments demanded a lot of time.

In that case, it was entirely possible for Jiang Mingyue to have resorted to plagiarism.

Liu Qian did not expect Zhao Lian to have seen Jiang Mingyue's thesis. In that case, wouldn't it mean they were closer to proving Jiang Mingyue had stolen Huo Yao's idea?

Liu Qian gathered his thoughts and nodded. "Remember what I told you about Huo Yao taking a few minutes to come up with the 3D rendering? If I am not mistaken, Jiang Mingyue must have written her article using Huo Yao's calculations."

Since Jiang Mingyue was a very good student, it was easy for her to come up with the same equations after seeing them previously.

"In reality, it is not considered accomplete theft for Jiang Mingyue to use Huo Yao's idea for her article. However, it is unethical for her to use it without asking Huo Yao. If she gets away with it, other students will start doing the same thing. Then it would be really bad."

Zhao Lian tapped his fingers on his knee solemnly. After some time, he finally said, "Why don't you send for them?"

"Yes, Prof Zhao," acknowledged Liu Qian before he quickly left the office.

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When Jiang Mingyue was notified to come over, she was still in the laboratory.

A student from the department came over to inform her.

She could not help feeling flustered when she was asked to head to the office immediately.

At this hour, why else would she get called to the office other than to talk about the thesis?

Her teammates were in a similar mood as her. Everyone looked at her with complicated expressions on their faces. Everyone had been hesitant about using Huo Yao's idea initially, but they could not say no to the temptation of fame and fortune.

"Mingyue, she unexpectedly reported it to the teachers. That's bad news."

"We simply used Huo Yao's idea. It's not like she holds the patent to her idea. Why does she refuse to let you off?"

"Uh huh. I have never seen someone as persistent as her."

Everyone stood around Jiang Mingyue worriedly.

Jiang Mingyue did not answer her teammates. She quietly sat in the chair for five minutes until she became slightly more composed. She walked up in front of the computer and located the data records and selected permanent deletion.

After she was done, she turned to look at her teammates. "It was our idea."

The moment they heard this, they instantly knew what she was driving at.

"Mr. Liu was around when it happened.. Even if we delete the data records, he was really here," said one of her teammates.

Chapter 1017 - Get Her Teacher To Settle The Problem

Jiang Mingyue tightened her fists before letting them go. All the worry on her exquisite face promptly disappeared as she said unhurriedly, "Continue working on the experiment. I am going to talk to my teacher."

Now, she could only get her teacher to help her make them drop the issue.

After all, her teacher was the department head while Liu Qian was just an ordinary teacher in the department.

The moment her teammates heard this, their initial anxiety inexplicably calmed down.

She was right. They had forgotten that Jiang Mingyue's master was the Biology department head, Mr. Qi. What would they have to worry about with him around?

Jiang Mingyue left the laboratory block and went over to Qi Hui's office.

Qi Hui happened to have only one class today, so he had just come back to the office when she came over.

Jiang Mingyue told Qi Hui about her using Huo Yao's idea without coming entirely clean with him.

Qi Hui frowned when he heard this. He looked at Jiang Mingyue. "Didn't you say you and your team members came up with the second thesis?"

The first time he saw the thesis, he was pleased with his disciple's talent. Now, she was telling him the thesis was created using the suggestions from a freshman.

Jiang Mingyue did not dare to look at Qi Hui. Instead, she kept her head lowered and squeezed her hands nervously. "I am sorry for disappointing you, Mr. Qi. I felt Huo Yao's suggestions had more research value, so I changed my original thesis."

Qi Hui touched his forehead. "Are you saying Huo Yao is insisting that you plagiarized because of this?"

Jiang Mingyue's eyelashes trembled slightly before she nodded. "It was my fault. I didn't ask for her permission when I changed my thesis."

"What permission? All she did was give those suggestions. Did she write the thesis? Did she come up with the calculations? Since she did nothing of the sort, how could this be considered copying?"

Despite his anger for not being told sooner, Qi Hui was far angrier with this unreasonable student.

Rather than make trouble, it was about time Huo Yao learned a thing or two about respect.

Jiang Mingyue did not dare to answer. She could not tell him the calculations were done by Huo Yao. Otherwise, Qi Hui would lose all faith in her. Also, her teacher would stop caring about her.

In any case, she had deleted the data records from the computer. If she refused to admit it, even with Liu Qian's help, it was impossible for them to obtain any evidence.

Qi Hui cast a disappointed look at Jiang Mingyue. He sighed deeply. "Okay. I will take care of this. You had better be smarter next time. If you continue being so nice, people are just going to push you around."

The moment Jiang Mingyue heard what Qi Hui said, she finally felt relieved. She raised her head and looked as though she was on the brink of tears with her eyes misting over. "Thanks, Mr. Qi. I will be more careful from now on. I won't make the same mistake ever."

Qi Hui noticed how sorry she looked and could not bring himself to reprimand her.

Even though she was a gifted pupil, she was simply too kind for her own good.

Qi Hui waved his hand before he said, "Let's go over to Liu Qian's office."

Jiang Mingyue wiped the tears from the corner of her eye before she nodded. She thanked him repeatedly and followed behind him.

Just as Qi Hui was about to leave through the door, he halted and turned to look at Jiang Mingyue and said solemnly, "I will ask you one last time. Are you sure your thesis was based only on her suggestion and nothing else?"

Chapter 1018: Zhao Lian Was Her Backer

Jiang Mingyue made eye contact with Qi Hui. She clenched her fists tightly as they hung from the sides of her body before she said decisively, "Yes. That's all."

Since Qi Hui did not notice anything amiss in Jiang Mingyue's eyes, he veered his eyes. "Okay."

As long as that was all there was to it.

Ever since his research archives got leaked, Prof Liu was very unhappy with his performance. If anything else went wrong on his watch, his job as the department head would be at risk.

Before long, Qi Hui and Jiang Mingyue arrived at Liu Qian's office.

The moment they saw Zhao Lian in the room, Qi Hui was stunned. He could not wrap his mind around it. It was just a minor matter. Why was Prof Zhao involved in it? Was he planning on helping to defend an unreasonable student?

Qi Hui frowned briefly. He had repeatedly asked Jiang Mingyue about the situation. Even if Zhao Lian was here, there was no escape for Huo Yao.

Qi Hui did not turn to look at Jiang Mingyue standing behind him. If he had even stopped to check once, he would have caught on to the paleness of her face which was a clear indication of guilt.

Jiang Mingyue's mind had gone completely blank. She felt weak and it seemed as though she was hanging on the edge precariously.

She did not understand. What was Prof Zhao doing here?

Was he not rarely in school?

Then why was he around...

Jiang Mingyue suddenly recalled how Zhao Lian also came over when he found out about the leaked archives. Did this mean he genuinely knew Huo Yao and was here to support her?

Initially, she felt Huo Yao only had Liu Qian to serve as a witness. As long as Mr. Qi was around, she did not have a problem handling it. Now that Zhao Lian was involved, things would get complicated.

Jiang Mingyue bit her pale lips as she followed Qi Hui.

Since she had already lied to Qi Hui, it was too late to retreat. There was no way she could admit to this.

After all, they had no evidence to back them up.

Without evidence, no one could pin it on her.

Qi Hui had already walked up in front of the office desk. He greeted Zhao Lian courteously before he looked at Liu Qian and got straight to his point. "Mr. Liu, I heard your student went to the laboratory and kicked a fuss insisting that Jiang Mingyue stole her idea. Is that true?"

Since Zhao Lian was present, Qi Hui did his utmost to control his tone.

Liu Qian automatically frowned when Qi Hui questioned them without even checking the facts. He glanced at Jiang Mingyue standing beside Qi Hui. Jiang Mingyue had her head lowered and looked indignant.

Jiang Mingyue was in the habit of complaining while Huo Yao had a nonchalant personality. Sure enough, the likes of Jiang Mingyue were far more cunning than people like Huo Yao.

If he did not know the truth, he would have assumed that Jiang Mingyue was the victim here.

Liu Qian suddenly scolded Huo Yao in his heart. Wasn't she always ready to pick a fight with him? Why wasn't she doing it now when it was needed the most?

Liu Qian exhaled angrily before turning to look at Qi Hui. "Mr. Qi, don't you think you are being unreasonable? Jiang Mingyue was the one who stole Huo Yao's idea. Also, my student didn't go to the laboratory. She was asked to help do comparative testing when she found out Jiang Mingyue stole her idea."

Jiang Mingyue had already told Qi Hui about this, so it did not cross his mind that Jiang Mingyue was not entirely truthful.

"Plagiarism? Does Huo Yao have the copyright for it? Has she published it in an article? Just because she was able to come up with the idea, doesn't mean no one else can do the same, right?" Qi Hui sneered, "Stop wasting our time.. If you cannot produce evidence, it is pure slander."

Chapter 1019: Complete Denial

Liu Qian already expected Qi Hui to say such things, so he looked at Jiang Mingyue. "Do you dare to show us your thesis?"

By then, Jiang Mingyue had already composed herself. She looked into Liu Qian's eyes completely unperturbed. "I wrote the thesis, so what do I have to fear?"

Jiang Mingyue was in the habit of bringing her USB drive around. All her original articles were saved on the disk. She retrieved a USB drive from her bag and handed it to Liu Qian. "It is the document entitled 'Genetic Code Decipherment'."

Other than Huo Yao's previous calculations, she had painstakingly finished the rest of the paper on her own.

She was completely unafraid.

Liu Qian took the thumb drive, printed her article, and returned it to Jiang Mingyue. He went through the paper quickly before he pointed at a diagram on it and said, "Look at this 3D rendering. Isn't this the same one which Huo Yao created while she was at the laboratory?"

Jiang Mingyue looked at the figures Liu Qian was pointing at and pursed her lips. "Of course not. Our research team came up with this on our own."

Jiang Mingyue paused before she continued. "I agree with Huo Yao and feel that genetic code decipherment has more scientific value, so we took her suggestion. However, we will never admit to plagiarism. This is complete hearsay. After all, she did not come up with any calculations."

Liu Qian did not expect Jiang Mingyue to deny everything. He instantly looked annoyed. Just as he was about to speak, Qi Hui beat him to it.

"Hang on. Mr. Liu, you asked to see my student, but did not even call Huo Yao over. How could this be right? Since we are here to settle a problem, it makes sense for both parties involved to be present."

Liu Qian frowned. "Says who? I was in the laboratory when it happened. Have you forgotten? You asked me to assist your student during the experiment."

He did not call Huo Yao because he could not bring himself to see her standing here getting accused by them.

Qi Hui glanced at Zhao Lian who had remained silent all this time. Although Qi Hui did not know how Zhao Lian thought about this, it was better this way. He turned to Liu Qian. "Since you are her teacher, you are naturally on her side. Your words have no place here."

Qi Hui paused briefly. He took out his phone and called the administrative department. He told them to call Huo Yao and send her over without giving Liu Qian the chance to say no.

After hanging up the phone, Qi Hui leaned against the office desk and said, "Don't you remember what she specializes in? How could a freshman be capable of doing something as complicated as 3D rendering?"

Even though he was not speaking particularly loudly, it was undoubtedly audible to everyone in the office.

Zhao Lian glanced at Qi Hui as he sat there. He shook his head and continued drinking his tea.

Huo Yao came over roughly ten minutes later.

She glanced around inside the office calmly. She nodded to Zhao Lian before looking at Liu Qian unhurriedly. "Mr. Liu, did you want to see me?"

Liu Qian nodded and got straight to his point. "Regarding the plagiarism, Jiang Mingyue refuses to admit to it."

Qi Hui was standing with his back facing Liu Qian. The moment he heard what Liu Qian said, he scoffed. Here, they were still putting on an act.. This was starting to get intriguing.

Chapter 1020: Not Easy To Keep A Low-Profile!

"Since she refused to admit it at noon, she naturally isn't going to do it now," replied Huo Yao mildly.

Liu Qian's face twitched. Was this what he wanted to hear?

Couldn't she take a leaf out of Jiang Mingyue's book and pretend to be vulnerable?

Liu Qian touched his forehead. Never mind. He raised his head to look at Qi Hui. "You might not believe me, but the computer data log can't lie, right?"

All the computers in the laboratories contained three months' worth of data records, so Liu Qian was unworried.

The moment Liu Qian finished his sentence, Huo Yao glanced at him quietly.

Mr. Liu was certainly adorably naive today.

Qi Hui finally turned around. He had already checked repeatedly with Jiang Mingyue and was certain that Huo Yao did not do any prior calculation, so he simply waved his hand. "Then find it."

This was simply annoying. Did they have to go through all this fuss just for using an idea?

Qi Hui composed himself and added. "If we are unable to find it, then you have to answer for this. It just so happens Prof Zhao is around to serve as a witness."

"That goes without saying. What are you going to do about it when we finally prove that your student has plagiarized?" Liu Qian was no longer afraid of Qi Hui.

He had already offended Qi Hui before. Would it make a difference to completely tear off his face now?

Qi Hui initially did not take it to heart, but he could not help narrowing his eyes when he detected Liu Qian's confidence. He raised his head to glance at Jiang Mingyue once more.

Jiang Mingyue clenched her fists before she gritted her teeth and said, "I came up with the calculations on my own. There was no such thing as plagiarism."

Qi Hui looked at her profoundly before shifting his eyes. He said calmly, "In that case, let's go to the laboratory and settle this once and for all."

The moment he finished his sentence, Qi Hui walked out.

Liu Qian furrowed his brows.

From the moment Qi Hui and Jiang Mingyue came in, they refused to admit the truth. Even after they were told about the data records, they were unafraid. The same thing must have crossed their mind as well.

They had probably deleted the data record!

“Hang on,” said Liu Qian.

Qi Hui halted in his steps briefly before turning to look at Liu Qian. “What now? Are you having trouble keeping up the act?”

“You must have deleted the data record, right?” asked Liu Qian deeply.

Qi Hui touched his brow. “You were the ones who brought up the data record, but now you insist it was deleted. Enough already!”

Qi Hui acted as though he was having a headache. He walked up to Zhao Lian altogether. “Prof Zhao, you must say something. Do you think it makes sense for a year two student to steal an idea from a first year student?”

Zhao Lian slowly put down the teacup and did not answer Qi Hui. Instead, he looked at Huo Yao as she stood there and said airily, “I don’t get it. Just look at what they are doing to you. Aren’t you even going to put up a struggle?”

The moment he finished his sentence, Qi Hui was stunned.

What did Zhao Lian mean by that?

What did he mean by what they were doing to her? What did he mean by putting up a struggle?

Before Qi Hui could wrap his mind around what he said, Huo Yao sighed deeply.

Her exquisite features looked relaxed. She was dressed in a black sweater. Her sleeves were rolled up to reveal a bit of her wrist with her fingers moving slightly. “It certainly isn’t easy to sit around and do nothing.. Even if I try to stay low-key, people are out to get me.”