

Pill Maker 1191

Chapter 1191: A Mastermind Behind It

Huo Yao raised her brow and asked when she did not hear any sound from Liu Qian. "Mr. Liu?"

Sure enough, Huo Yao was really different from the rest of them. Liu Qian cleared his throat. He answered calmly. "I just wanted to tell you about it. Have an early night. See you at 9:00 am at my office tomorrow."

The moment he finished his sentence, he hung up the phone.

He was afraid that he would not be able to keep up his façade since he had a lot to say about her unenthusiastic reaction.

Huo Yao raised her brow and put down her phone.

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Ji Kaiyang returned to the Ji residence with a heavy heart.

Song Qi was waiting in the living room. When she heard a sound coming from the door, she walked over. "Welcome home."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Ji Kaiyang. He took off his coat and gave it to Song Qi.

"How is the company doing?" asked Song Qi.

Ji Kaiyang changed into a pair of clean slippers and walked in exhaustedly. "For some reason, more investors pulled out their funds."

Song Qi frowned. She asked as she followed behind him. "What's gotten into them? We have the best rate of returns in the industry. Do they have a problem with money or something?"

Ji Kaiyang rubbed his brow. He walked up to the couch and sat down without saying a word. His face clearly looked exhausted.

Song Qi waved at the butler to send a glass of warm milk. She asked him again. "Is the firm deeply affected by the loss of investors?"

"A little." Ji Kaiyang did not speak further about the business. He kept thinking about how the department managers thought about the situation.

Based on their analysis, someone was deliberately causing trouble for the company.

Song Qi took her phone from her pocket to check out the investment firm's financial situation. Since she was not a financial expert, she had shallow knowledge of the business.

Song Qi raised her head and glanced at Ji Kaiyang. Expectedly, he was not in the mood to talk and looked to be deep in thought. She stood up and went upstairs.

Ji Ya was always good with numbers. Perhaps she could tell Song Qi what the problem was.

The butler came over with a glass of warm milk and gave it to Ji Kaiyang.

Ji Kaiyang only took a few sips of warm milk before placing the glass on the table. He leaned against the couch's backrest and sat for over ten minutes before standing to go upstairs.

The butler was straightening out the cabinet when he noticed a parcel inside. He took it out for a look. Since Ji Kaiyang was going upstairs, he quickly handed the package to Ji Kaiyang. "Sir, this is Madam's package. I think she must have forgotten about it. Mind passing it to her?"

Ji Kaiyang nodded. He reached his hand out to take the package and quickly went upstairs.

When he got to the room, Song Qi was not there. He tossed the package onto the coffee table and went to the bathroom.

After Song Qi left Ji Ya's bedroom, she went downstairs. When she realized that Ji Kaiyang had gone to the room, she went back upstairs.

Ji Kaiyang was already done bathing. Song Qi told him what Ji Ya had to say after seeing the numbers.

"Did she say someone was behind it?" Ji Kaiyang put down the hairdryer and looked at Song Qi in shock.

Song Qi nodded. "You know she is good with numbers. I trust her. You should call your men to investigate this."

Ji Kaiyang narrowed his eyes. He took out his phone and called his assistant.

Song Qi stood by the side and listened as he spoke on the phone without disturbing him. Then, she took her pajamas and went to the bathroom.

When she came out, Ji Kaiyang was done with the phone. He glanced at the package on the coffee table and said, "Oh yes. The butler mentioned that you have a package."

He pointed at the coffee table.

Chapter 1192: An Eye For An Eye

Song Qi had just sat down in front of the dresser. She glanced at the package and recalled the butler telling her about it the previous morning. Since she was busy throughout the day, she forgot about them. She said, "Can you help me open it?"

Ji Kaiyang nodded. He walked over and took the package. Before long, he opened the small parcel. He spoke as he extended his hand to take out its contents. "Looks like some pictures are in here."

Just as he was about to speak, he caught sight of the first picture on top of the pile and stopped mid-sentence. A serious look appeared on his face.

Song Qi had just applied a mask on her face. When Ji Kaiyang stopped mid-sentence, she asked. "What photos?"

However, there was no reply.

Song Qi raised her head and looked in the mirror. She could see Ji Kaiyang's every reaction and the solemn look on his face. An ominous feeling suddenly arose in Song Qi's heart.

She recalled that she did not buy anything online recently.

Song Qi stood up and quickly walked over to her husband. "Kaiyang..."

Ji Kaiyang looked infuriated while holding the pictures tightly. Before Song Qi could get a close look at the pictures, he exploded furiously and hurled the photos at her. In an instant, dozens of pictures fell on the ground.

"Song Qi, how could you?"

Ji Kaiyang roared so angrily that Song Qi trembled. She bent over and picked up a photo. When she saw the image on the picture, her hand trembled and the picture fell to the ground once more.

Where did these photos come from?

Song Qi's mind went blank. She lowered her eyes looking at the pictures on the ground. For a moment, she did not dare to reach her hands out to pick them up or defend herself.

When Ji Kaiyang saw her reaction, he knew that the photos were authentic. "Who is that man?"

Song Qi finally snapped out of her shock when Ji Kaiyang questioned her. She raised her head and looked at him before she tried to explain. "Kaiyang, these are not real. Someone sent fake photos to frame me for infidelity. We have been married for so long. Shouldn't you know me better? Don't you know best that I am a woman of integrity?"

Ji Kaiyang laughed coldly. He was furious that his wife had betrayed him. "An unwarranted accusation?"

Ji Kaiyang took a few pictures and held them in mid-air. He pointed at the high-resolution and high-quality pictures. "Do you think I am an idiot?"

Song Qi shook her head. Even though her mask had fallen off her face, she did not care. She said anxiously, "That's not true. That woman really isn't me."

Ji Kaiyang scoffed gently. He found her absolutely repulsive at this moment. He turned to leave the room without saying a word.

Song Qi hurriedly reached her hands out to hold his arm. "You have to believe me. This really isn't me."

Ji Kaiyang did not bother listening to Song Qi's explanation. Instead, he flung her hands aside and walked off without turning back.

Song Qi ran after Ji Kaiyang, but he ignored her and walked off. Before long, he drove off in his car and left the villa.

Song Qi went back to their room in a daze. Ji Ya was writing her thesis in her bedroom, but the commotion was too loud, so she opened the door and walked out.

Chapter 1193: Regret

Ji Ya halted briefly before entering her parents' room. Dozens of pictures were scattered on the ground. She bent over and extended her hand to pick them up, but Song Qi's voice suddenly came from the door.

"Ya!"

Ji Ya was startled. She automatically stood up and looked at her mother standing at the door.

Song Qi hurriedly walked over. She pulled Ji Ya to the door before standing in front of Ji Ya so that she could not look inside the room. She looked straight into Ji Ya's eyes and asked. "When did you come over?"

"Just now." Ji Ya looked at her mother quizzically. She glanced sideways behind Song Qi. "What are those pictures?"

Since Ji Ya looked normal, Song Qi knew that Ji Ya had yet to see the photos. She felt slightly relieved. "Nothing. Why did you come to my room?"

Ji Ya went quiet briefly before asking. "Did you get into a fight with Dad?"

Song Qi veered her eyes and replied. "Stay out of it. Just go back to your room."

"Is Dad gone?" asked Ji Ya.

Although Song Qi's mind was in chaos, she did not throw a temper. Instead, she nodded. She simply wanted her daughter to leave this place right now. "Doesn't this happen every time we get into a fight? Just give us a few days. Everything will be fine. I am exhausted, so I really want to rest."

Ji Ya looked at Song Qi worriedly. Her lips parted hesitantly. Just as she was about to speak, she changed her mind. "Okay then. Have an early night. Good night."

Song Qi nodded. After Ji Ya had left, she closed the door and stood leaning against the door for two minutes. She inhaled deeply before walking toward the photos.

Song Qi looked at the pile of pictures on the ground. She slumped onto the ground powerlessly with her face bereft of color.

If she knew these photos were in the package, she would never have told Ji Kaiyang to open it.

Ji Kaiyang was a perfectionist, so he would probably divorce her soon.

Song Qi's hands trembled as she picked up each picture. A look of self-ridicule emerged in her eyes. She found herself another man because Ji Kaiyang kept thinking about Song Ning.

If anyone was at fault, it was her older sister. Despite being driven out of the Song family, Song Ning continued to obstruct Song Qi's path.

Song Qi tightened her grip on the photos. She hated Song Ning with all her heart. After some time, she finally suppressed the repugnance she had for Song Ning. She turned to look at the parcel placed nearby. She got up and walked over to retrieve it.

There were no details about the sender on it.

Song Qi looked annoyed. A piece of paper with a message fell from the parcel. She narrowed her eyes and picked it up.

It read: 'An eye for an eye. Did you like my gift?'

Now that Song Qi had seen the note, she would be an idiot if she did not know who the sender was.

Song Qi had sent Huo Yao those damning photos of Song Ning previously. Was she doing this to get back at her using the same trick?

Song Qi was furious, but she was quickly filled with remorse.

She lowered her eyes and looked at the stack of photos in her hands. If she had not sent Huo Yao those pictures of Song Ning, perhaps this would never have happened.

Song Qi stumbled powerlessly. She did not want to think about it any further. The more she thought, the more she regretted it.

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Huo Yao went to Liu Qian's office the next day at 9:00 am sharp.

Dai Jie and the others were already there. When Huo Yao entered the office, they were doing their utmost to encourage each other. Her cheeks twitched the moment she saw this scene.

She looked at them and said, "Aren't we just going to the National Research Institute of Science and Technology? Do all of you have to be so nervous?"

Chapter 1194: Would He Take It Out On Her?

Dai Jie cleared his throat and said, "You don't get it. The National Research Institute of Science and Technology is full of academic wizards. Even if our project was chosen, we can't compare ourselves to real professionals."

He paused before he lamented. "Since the institute has taken an interest in our project, I should feel proud of myself."

Huo Yao raised her brow. She pulled up a chair and sat down. "Shouldn't you aim higher?"

Dai Jie smiled and shook his head. He knew himself well. He simply was not good enough. "I think you are our only real hope."

Dai Jie, Tang Jun, and Wang Jing felt the same way. Huo Yao's contribution was the sole reason that the National Research Institute of Science and Technology would take interest in their research project. Just the other team members and the teacher alone could never have come up with the AL framework so quickly.

"Everyone has different specialties. You are too modest." Huo Yao genuinely meant what she said.

Dai Jie's strength was biomimetic data analytics, Tang Jun was good at genetic screening and Wang Jing had keen insight in genetic molecular architecture. Since they were a team, every single member mattered and contributed by doing what they were good at.

Liu Qian walked into the office while they were chatting. When he saw everyone on the team present, he said, "Let's go. The car is waiting downstairs."

Liu Qian quickly went downstairs along with the team.

He had already reported the institute's interest in the project to the school. Since the Bioinformatics department had not produced any new research project in years, the university took this project very seriously.

The university even made arrangements to assign an external affairs representative to visit the National Research Institute of Science and Technology with the research project team to help communicate with the institute.

Other than Liu Qian, Prof Liu had made arrangements for someone else also to come along with them.

When Dai Jie got into the large MPV and saw the man sitting in the front passenger seat, he frowned. Before getting into the vehicle, he turned to look at Huo Yao.

The person Prof Liu had sent was none other than the head of Biology, Qi Hui.

Dai Jie recalled Mr. Qi getting into an argument with Huo Yao and Mr. Liu over Jiang Mingyue. If Mr. Qi got involved with the project, would he take the opportunity to seek revenge?

Huo Yao caught Dai Jie looking at her in concern, but she simply smiled and got into the car calmly. She did not seem uncomfortable that Qi Hui was joining them as a part of the team.

Since Huo Yao seemed perfectly comfortable, Dai Jie was relieved.

Before long, the car left Tsing University and headed to the National Research Institute of Science and Technology.

Tsing University and the National Research Institute of Science and Technology were some distance apart, and it was a 1.5 hour ride. Huo Yao leaned into the seat backrest and rested her eyes.

Dai Jie, Wang Jing, and Tang Jun kept gossiping about Qi Hui in their group chat, but Huo Yao paid no attention to it.

The car finally arrived at the National Research Institute of Science and Technology around 11:00 am.

A three meter tall robot stood at the institute's entrance. It was made of special black metal material with a gold metal ball hovering from its palm. The ball spun slowly due to the magnetic field emitting from its hand.

It was clearly made with very advanced technology.

It was Dai Jie, Tang Jun, and Wang Jing's first time seeing a robot like this, so they were blown away by it.

"I heard that this robot was installed with a smart system and is even programmed to shoot automatically," said Tang Jun as he looked out of the car window.

Chapter 1195: Huo Yao Seemed To Know A Lot

Wang Jing was astonished. "Really?"

"The institute is full of geniuses. I am not surprised that they could come up with this," replied Dai Jie.

"Since they do smart systems research, why did they research AL separately? Shouldn't they have higher success rates of succeeding in AL research?" asked Wang Jing quizzically.

Tang Jun shook his head. "I don't know either. Smart systems and AL systems are a little different. Perhaps the data they need is simply too complex."

Huo Yao rapped her fingers on her knees gently as she listened to them. She looked out of the window and responded. "AL and smart systems are very similar, but the AL system's level is far higher. By implanting it with human consciousness, it is as good as cloning someone. A project like this cannot be completed with just engineers alone."

This research could be done single handedly. Professionals and researchers from different fields had to come together to achieve this.

The moment Huo Yao finished her sentence, Wang Jing turned around from her seat in front and hugged the seat backrest. She looked at Huo Yao and said, "I have always had a feeling that you know a lot about AL systems, right?"

From the moment the research team was formed, she kept inadvertently guiding them. If she had not been well versed in this subject, it was impossible for them to have established the framework so quickly.

Even though Wang Jing spoke softly, almost everyone in the vehicle could hear her. The moment she finished her question, Qi Hui pricked his ears, listening intently from the front passenger seat waiting for her answer.

Ever since Jiang Mingyue's fiasco, he had complicated emotions about Huo Yao, especially since he had personally kept her out of his department.

She was extraordinarily talented and no one of her caliber had ever existed in the department.

Sadly, Qi Hui had messed it up.

Qi Hui suppressed his regret. He raised his head and looked into the rearview mirror, waiting for Huo Yao to speak.

Huo Yao looked into Wang Jing's eyes and blinked as she replied. "You just have to read more."

Wang Jing's face twitched. "That's such bullshit."

Huo Yao sighed. "I mean it. That's the only thing I like."

Liu Qian was sitting in front of the vehicle. He turned toward Huo Yao and smiled ambiguously as he chimed in. "Is that so? I have a lot of things you might be interested in reading. When we get back, remember to collect them from me."

Huo Yao instantly felt that she had dug a trap for herself and almost wanted to curse out loud angrily.

Wang Jing laughed uncontrollably when she caught Huo Yao's strange expression.

Liu Qian sneered before veering his eyes. One of these days, Huo Yao was going to get it from him.

Qi Hui watched everyone from the front seat. When he saw the smug expression on Liu Qian's face, he felt very uncomfortable.

He felt Liu Qian was deliberately showing off in front of him.

Qi Hui veered his eyes frustratedly and stopped looking at the rearview mirror.

Before long, the car drove into the National Research Institute of Science and Technology. After stopping at a designated parking lot, everyone got off the vehicle.

The man from the National Research Institute of Science and Technology in charge of the project was called Wei Yong. He had been expecting them. He glanced at Liu Qian and the others mildly. He frowned slightly when he noticed that girls were also on the project team.

Wei Yong was unacquainted with Liu Qian, so Wei Yong looked at the teacher in charge of external affairs and Qi Hui and nodded to them. "Good to see you, Mr. Jin and Mr. Qi."

Chapter 1196: The Experiment Plan Was Not Detailed Enough

"How do you do, Mr. Wei?"

Mr. Jin and Qi Hui nodded to Wei Yong and greeted him politely.

Wei Yong did not make small talk with them and did not ask Mr. Jin and Qi Hui to make any introductions to Liu Qian and the students on the research team. Instead, he took them straight to the laboratory.

"This guy is so distant and cold. He did not even look us in the eye," whispered Wang Jing to Huo Yao as they walked.

Huo Yao and Wang Jing were walking right at the back. She looked up in front before she said nonchalantly, "Isn't this normal? He doesn't have to interact with us anyway."

Academic researchers often thought highly of themselves.

Wang Jing pursed her lips. "I just think his attitude is wrong. After all, this is our project."

"Since it is our project, they can't keep up this behavior for long." Huo Yao replied mildly as she patted Wang Jing on the shoulder.

Wang Jing instantly caught Huo Yao's drift. She glanced at Huo Yao and said, "You make sense."

Huo Yao smiled.

Before long, they arrived at a spacious laboratory.

A few other researchers and laboratory staff dressed in laboratory coats were working inside. The biological computing systems inside the laboratory were far better and more advanced than the ones that the research group had used at school. They were the best in the market. Even the LED screens were very impressive.

Huo Yao glanced at the laboratory and felt slightly surprised.

Wei Yong simply told them about the rules inside the laboratory before getting straight to the subject. He addressed only Mr. Jin when he spoke. "Where is the detailed experiment plan? Show it to me."

Mr. Jin nodded. He turned to look at Liu Qian and gestured for him to give him the experiment plan.

Dai Jie had written the experiment plan and Liu Qian had helped to revise it a few times. He took it out from his briefcase and handed it to Wei Yong courteously.

Wei Yong was the person in charge of the branch of study in the institute. He took the experiment plan and flipped through it. Since it only consisted of a few pages, he was done reading it before long.

When he got to the last page, he frowned. He closed the folder, raised his head, and looked at Liu Qian with his face frowning. He said, "Didn't I tell you that I want a detailed experiment plan? This is just a simple framework and makes no mention of the system core."

Huo Yao raised her head and glanced at him.

Liu Qian was stunned. He quickly replied. "This is all we have. We are only at the first level of testing, so we only have this framework."

"I want a detailed experiment plan which includes every single step of the experiment. This will make it easier and more efficient for us to take over. This way, no one has to waste any time," explained Wei Yong.

Time was precious to researchers.

They did not want to waste time trying to figure out what they had to do and end up delaying the entire project.

Liu Qian looked at the experiment plan in Wei Yong's hands. He wanted to speak, but Qi Hui stepped forward and said, "I am sorry. If this does not work for you, we can amend it. We will do our best to meet your requirements."

Since Qi Hui spoke politely, Wei Yong nodded. "It's fine. They can revise the experiment plan tomorrow after the testing."

Qi Hui smiled. "Uh huh. The students are still young and this is their first experiment, so they lack experience. It really can't be helped."

Chapter 1197: Did The Institute Want To Steal The Work?

Liu Qian frowned when he heard what Qi Hui suddenly said. Since the people from the National Research Institute of Science and Technology were present, he suppressed his fury. How could Qi Hui insult his students?

Wei Yong randomly placed the experiment plan on the table and said, "Why don't you upload the framework onto the computer first before we continue doing testing?"

He pointed at the main computer by the side.

"Sure." Qi Hui looked at Liu Qian and gestured for him to do it.

Qi Hui acted as though he was the leader of the research group.

"Mr. Qi is shameless. He isn't on the team, yet he is ordering us around." Wang Jing could not resist complaining about Qi Hui to Dai Jie softly.

"The experiment plan was very detailed, but Mr. Qi snubbed us for our work because it did not suit the institute's needs. I am really starting to suspect that he is a spy from some other laboratory. How could he insult people from his own university?" Tang Jun was deeply infuriated by Qi Hui.

Even if the experiment plan did not meet the institute's needs, he should not have spoken ill of them in front of outsiders.

It was no different from slapping the university in the face and insulting it.

"Just forget it. There is no point getting mad. Mr. Qi is a despicable man and it is not his first time stepping over other people to get ahead. Just focus on our work here," said Dai Jie calmly.

Since the students were standing some distance from Qi Hui and the others, they were not worried about getting overheard.

Huo Yao said nothing. She simply kept looking at the screens as her mind wandered.

After some time, she finally asked Dai Jie, "Oh yes. Did we sign a contract with the National Research Institute of Science and Technology?"

Dai Jie did not understand why Huo Yao was suddenly asking about this. He replied after a moment. "I don't know either. From the looks of it, I guess not."

Huo Yao nodded. "Okay."

"Huo Yao, is there something you would like to share?" Dai Jie knew Huo Yao would never have asked this question for no reason.

Huo Yao raised her head and looked at him as she smiled and said, "Your experiment plan was very well written."

Dai Jie's lips twitched. "Are you praising me or mocking me? Didn't the guy just say it was no good?"

Huo Yao raised her brow and said profoundly, "It's perfectly fine, but he wants something else out of it."

The institute seemed to want to steal their work. She certainly did not see this coming from a reputable establishment.

Dai Jie did not understand what Huo Yao was driving at. Just as he was about to ask, Liu Qian waved at them telling them to run the system.

Dai Jie could only shut his mouth and go over.

As they sat in front of the computers, Wei Yong stood by the side with his arms crossed. He asked Qi Hui standing beside him. "Mr. Qi, did these students really come up with the system?"

Mr. Qi did not know the details of the research project since he was not directly involved. He was only here as a university representative. He cleared his throat and replied. "That's right."

Wei Yong thought about the experiment plan and commended the students. "You have some talent in the Biology department."

The moment Mr. Qi heard what Wei Yong said, he froze for a few seconds before he finally answered. "You are too kind."

Wei Yong smiled without talking anymore.

He glanced at Dai Jie and the others before looking at Huo Yao's computer. He narrowed his eyes and walked over standing right beside her.

He said nothing as he looked at the numbers jumping on her screen.

Chapter 1198: A Confidential Research Project

Wei Yong was well versed in artificial intelligence, so he had some knowledge of AL systems, but he did not specialize in the subject.

Initially, he quietly watched Huo Yao work. Before long, he was quickly impressed.

Wei Yong had never seen anyone import data using her method. He had never seen anyone do synthetic computational modeling this way.

Wei Yong glanced at Huo Yao and found her interesting.

Roughly ten minutes later, a virtual brain stimulation could be seen on the computer screen at the center of the laboratory.

Other than the brain simulation, code was jumping on both sides of the image under the AL system heading.

When Liu Qian saw the data on the screen, he inexplicably felt teary-eyed. It felt as though he finally saw hope.

The Bioinformatics department had gone without any major contribution in ten years. People kept making trouble for them and looking down on them. Now that they had managed to build the AL system, it meant those days were about to be over.

Even though they were still in the preliminary stages of AL research, it was enough to win academic recognition.

Liu Qian inhaled deeply before he turned to look at Wei Yong and said, "This is our first level framework. You can connect the system to an analog intelligence drive."

Wei Yong kept looking at the screen. The moment Liu Qian brought this up, Wei Yong snapped out of his daze and hurriedly said, "In that case, please leave the laboratory."

The moment Wei Yong finished his sentence, he waved his assistant over without explaining to Liu Qian. He told his assistant to walk Liu Qian and the others to the lounge to rest.

Liu Qian did not dare to probe and simply left with his students.

Huo Yao followed behind them slowly. She turned back to glance at Wei Yong calmly as he started with the testing.

She quickly veered her eyes. She glanced at the experiment report lying on the small table by the side and halted briefly to retrieve it before leaving.

After she left the laboratory, the door closed automatically.

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Wei Yong's assistant showed them to the lounge and left them there. Other than exchanging a few perfunctory words, he said nothing.

Huo Yao pulled out a chair and took a seat looking completely relaxed.

Dai Jie sat down beside her. When he saw the document in Huo Yao's hands, he could not help looking at her. "Why did you bring this with you?"

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao. She added. "I doubt they will have any use for it anyway."

Dai Jie thought about the lackluster feedback Wei Yong had given for his work. He smiled sadly and replied. "That is true."

"I am more curious about why they told us to leave first." Tang Jun was puzzled. They had created the system. Why couldn't they hang around to watch them work?

"This project is probably confidential, so they asked us to leave," explained Liu Qian.

If the projects were deemed confidential, no one else had access to it. Sometimes, the researchers working for it even had to sign non-disclosure agreements. Liu Qian seemed unsurprised by the institute's arrangement.

Tang Jun adjusted his spectacles and said, "Fine."

"Just be patient," said Liu Qian to them encouragingly.

After chatting with Mr. Jin briefly, Qi Hui raised his head and glanced at Liu Qian. He reminded them out of the kindness of his heart. "Since Mr. Wei says the report is not detailed enough, you should use your free time to work on it."

Chapter 1199: Sign The Contract

Liu Qian felt a little annoyed, but he could not argue. After all, Wei Yong had genuinely mentioned it earlier. He paused briefly before he responded. "The experiment report cannot be corrected overnight. The students can think about it when they get back."

Qi Hui pursed his lips. "Whatever. I was just making a suggestion. I don't want to lose this chance to partner with the institute just because the experiment report was lousy."

"Even if we do not get to work with the institute, it is their loss and not ours," said Liu Qian stiffly.

Qi Hui laughed softly before veering his eyes. He could not be bothered arguing with him.

He was just trying to be nice.

The lounge went quiet since no one continued talking

After 30 minutes, Wei Yong's assistant came out of the laboratory. He said politely, "Mr. Wei is still busy working. Allow me to show you to the canteen so that you can eat."

This was common in the testing phase. If things went smoothly, the results could be ready in a matter of minutes. Sometimes, when things didn't go well, it might take a few hours.

Mr. Jin checked his watch and said, "Okay. we will go grab a bite first."

The assistant nodded and gestured for them to follow him before he showed them the way.

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Meanwhile, Wei Yong was busy doing testing on the computer.

They wanted to use third-generation robots to conduct deep-sea exploration. By combining AI and AL, they aimed to lower the difficulty of deep-sea exploration. Also, this would be a real breakthrough in the field of study.

This was the reason Wei Yong had worked hard on integrating an AL system.

Even though the testing was taking a long time, the data was above his expectation.

Others in the field had researched AL systems, including some renowned scientists. However, no one was able to make any breakthrough, but these undergrads from Tsing University had done the impossible.

Wei Yong felt excited inside. If the research got patented, it would be major news in the academic world.

Wei Yong finally finished testing at 1:00 pm.

"Even though the system is only at its first level, it scored 70% success rate in testing. After they are done working on it, I am sure it is going to be mind-blowing," remarked a colleague.

"I suggest signing a contract to work with Tsing University," said another colleague.

Wei Yong contemplated briefly before he nodded. "Since everyone feels the same way, I will discuss this with them."

"Uh huh. Oh yes. Where is the experiment report? Can we take a look?" asked another colleague.

Wei Yong turned to look at the table nearby, but nothing was on it. He paused briefly before he said, "The students might have taken it with them. I will get it from them later."

The moment he finished his sentence, he walked out of the laboratory.

Meanwhile, Huo Yao and the others had come back from the canteen after having lunch. Qi Hui and Mr Jin had encountered some familiar faces, so they did not return to the lounge with them and simply stood outside and chatted.

When Wei Yong went outside, he saw Qi Hui and Mr. Jin. He recalled that they were in charge of external university affairs, so he invited them to his office for a chat.

Wei Yong poured them water when they got to the office. He said, "The system looks good. I would like to sign a contract with the university."

The moment Qi Hui heard what Wei Yong said, he tightened his grip on the glass. He had already seen this coming, but complicated emotions still ran through his heart.

Chapter 1200: Something Might Be Wrong

In the past, the university had collaborated with the institute before. However, the institute had never agreed to it so quickly.

Since Wei Yong wanted to sign the contract with them so quickly, it could only mean that the AL system framework was very good.

Qi Hui felt a little jealous while he sipped water. If Bioinformatics had the opportunity to collaborate with the institute, the department would finally be in the limelight.

Mr. Jin did not come armed with a contract today. He cleared his throat and said, "We don't mind signing the contract with you, but I did not come prepared. I will sort out the paperwork and sent it over to you."

Wei Yong nodded. "Fine. Can you get it done in a couple of days?"

Mr. Jin looked at Qi Hui. "Mr. Qi, what do you think?"

Qi Hui raised his head. "It should be fine. I will speak to Prof Liu after we get back."

"Good. It's settled then." Wei Yong reached his hand out to shake hands with Qi Hui and Mr. Jin. "Happy working with you."

Qi Hui smiled forcibly as he shook hands with Wei Yong.

"Oh yes. Did you take the experiment report earlier?" Wei Yong did not forget about the report.

Qi Hui knew what he was talking about. He nodded. "The students took it."

Wei Yong pondered and said, "Can you pass me the experiment report so that my colleague can go through it? If we need anything, we will get in touch with you."

The three of them chatted briefly about the collaboration before settling on a few things.

Qi Hui went out of Wei Yong's office to retrieve the experiment report.

When he got to the lounge, Dai Jie and the others were chatting excitedly. The moment they saw him enter the lounge, they stopped laughing and shut their mouths.

Qi Hui did not know how to react.

He paused for five seconds before he finally continued walking in. He glanced at the students and looked at Liu Qian and finally said, "The test results are out. Mr. Wei is very happy with the AL system. He wants to sign a contract with the university to work with you. Congrats, Prof Liu."

Despite his natural tone, it was clear that he sounded a little cold.

Liu Qian lost his cool and stood up. He said excitedly, "Do they want to sign a contract with us?"

"That's right." Qi Hui did not feel like looking at Liu Qian's face now. He simply said, "Give me the experiment report, so I can pass it to Mr. Wei. If he needs us to expand on it, he will get in touch with you."

Liu Qian asked Dai Jie to give him the experiment report immediately.

When Dai Jie handed over the experiment report, Huo Yao raised her head and looked at Qi Hui. She asked him. "Are you sure they are signing the contract with us?"

Qi Hui frowned when he heard Huo Yao's question. He spoke a little angrily. "Who do you think I am? Do you think I would joke about such matters?"

Even if he did not get along with Huo Yao, this was work. He would be an idiot if he tried to get back at Huo Yao at a time like this.

Huo Yao nodded. "Fine."

She lowered her head lazily after finishing her sentence.

Perhaps she was mistaken and the institute had no intention of stealing the project.

Qi Hui was insulted.

Before long, Qi Hui left with the experiment report.