

## **Pill Maker 1331**

### **Chapter 1331: A Taste Of Death**

Yuan Huan turned himself sideways slightly after pulling his hand back. As he adjusted his posture, he inadvertently glanced into the rearview mirror.

In an instant, Yuan Huan spotted a pair of cold eyes looking at him.

Why was someone in his car?

Why didn't he notice when he first got into the car?

The intruder was able to get into the car undetected and he had failed to notice the person's presence in the car. The intruder was undoubtedly very special and dangerous.

Since the light in the car was off, he was unable to see the intruder's face clearly.

"Who are you?" asked Yuan Huan deeply. As he spoke, he tightened his right hand into a fist, placed it at his waist, and got ready to fight.

The intruder sitting in the back seat said nothing. Those bright eyes just kept looking at him intently like a grim reaper.

The atmosphere in the car felt eerie.

Yuan Huan was tense. He had his hands on the weapon hanging on his belt. In a split second, he turned swiftly and raised his gun in midair. He placed his finger on the trigger as he pointed the gun at the intruder.

Even though he could not see the intruder clearly, he could still figure out where the intruder was in the backseat.

"Tell me. Who are you?"

Yuan Huan spoke sternly. He finally regained control after picking up his gun.

The intruder sitting in the backseat simply scoffed gently.

Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes on hearing the voice.

Was it a woman?

"Why do you have a death wish?" said the woman coolly. Her voice sounded airy and light. Even though she was speaking softly, a murderous aura radiated from her inexplicably.

Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes. His survival instincts were kicking in as he pulled the trigger.

Moments later, Yuan Huan discovered that he was unable to move his hand. Even though he just needed to pull the trigger gently, he was unable to move it.

Also, he was unexpectedly unable to move a muscle at all!

"You..." Fear finally emerged in Yuan Huan's eyes. He parted his lips wanting to speak, but all he could utter was a single word.

A familiar sensation coursed through his body. Judging from the situation, he could tell he was drugged.

Only drugs could make him react this way.

Yuan Huan did not expect someone to successfully drug him.

Since his body was immune to a lot of medicines, ordinary drugs were ineffective against him!

The car continued driving unhurriedly in the street since it was on autopilot mode. He did not have to worry about getting into an accident.

The woman sitting in the back seat was none other than Huo Yao.

She pursed her lips and glanced mildly at the gun muzzle trained to her forehead. In a split second, she reached her hand out and took the gun unhurriedly.

A clicking sound could be heard as someone pulled the safety. It was quiet in the car, so it could be heard clearly.

The moment he heard the sound, Yuan Huan felt scared, and sweat instantly oozed from his forehead. The roles were reversed and the gun was now trained on his forehead.

The cold sensation coming from the gun made his blood turn cold.

Huo Yao tilted her head sideways. Since she was wearing a black mask, most of her face was covered leaving only her deep eyes open to perusal. She pursed her lips before pulling the gun away from his forehead.

She did not want to allow him to go away so easily.

For the first time in his life, Yuan Huan had a taste of impending death and what it was like to be in real danger.

### **Chapter 1332: I Played With Guns Before**

Just when Yuan Huan thought it was over, the intruder pushed him back into the driver's seat. He looked straight ahead with his eyes glazed over. Gunshot could be heard and he could sense something piercing through his chest.

Yuan Huan looked up at the windshield and could see a hole in it.

It was a penetrating shot.

Yuan Huan opened his eyes wide in horror.

He was now able to move, so he lowered his head slowly and stared at his chest, only to see blood gushing from it.

Yuan Huan automatically raised his hand to clutch his chest but the blood simply trickled down through his fingers and his face turned pale slowly.

The car automatically pulled up. Huo Yao pursed her lips as she glanced at the hole in the windshield expressionlessly. She smiled before she opened the car door and got off.

The wind gusted in the night leaving some stray hair fluttering on her forehead. Her beautiful eyes could be seen behind the mask.

Yuan Huan had lost consciousness. He leaned against the car door limply. He watched the woman disappear into the darkness through the rearview mirror with his eyes glazed over. It felt as though he had just encountered the grim reaper.

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Meanwhile, inside the car. Huo Yao leaned against the seat backrest quietly.

Chen Ming was driving. He was tailing Yuan Huan's car from a distance. When he heard the gunshot, he was petrified.

He kept looking at Huo Yao through the rearview mirror quizzically. After hesitating for some time, he finally stammered. "M-miss Huo, do you know how to use a gun?"

It was quiet in the car, so Chen Ming's voice could be heard clearly. Huo Yao was looking out of the car window, but she slowly veered her eyes. Her eyes remained bright and clear. She paused briefly before she replied candidly. "I played with guns when I was young."

Chen Ming's lips twitched. Did she play with guns when she was young?

Shouldn't children play with toy guns?

It sounded like she was lying to him again.

Chen Ming cleared his throat and changed the subject. "What about Yuan Huan..."

"He'll live."

Huo Yao shrugged. She thought about the methods of torture available at the Ministry of National Security. It would be a pity if Yuan Huan could not try them for himself.

After all, he nearly got her third older brother killed a second time.

Chen Ming cleared his throat and said, "Shall I send the surveillance footage to the Ministry of National Security later?"

"You don't have to."

Huo Yao had already recovered the academy's surveillance footage earlier in the day. Since Yuan Huan had attempted to scapegoat others for his crimes, it would not be nice if she did not react in kind.

This gunshot was considered a gift from her and it would officially make him a suspect.

Didn't he keep saying the intruder was injured in the chest?

In that case, she was happy to create evidence.

Huo Yao pursed her lips.

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The next day at the National Academy of Medicine inside President Cao's office.

Shortly after President Cao arrived at the office, his assistant anxiously entered the room.

"Is someone from the Virus Research Institute looking for me?" President Cao looked at the assistant and felt puzzled. He had just gone over to the Virus Research Institute yesterday, but things did not end pleasantly.

"Uh huh. Director Wang looks very serious this time. He's demanding an explanation from you," replied the assistant.

President Cao frowned. An explanation? Why?

He must be insane.

He paused before he continued. "Fine. Send him to my office then."

"Okay."

Before long, the assistant sent Director Wang to President Cao's office.

Director Wang slammed the document in his hands on the president's table hard. "President Cao, please take a look at this. I didn't want to mention it, but the academy is too much. I gave it a long hard thought last night. Let me make things clear. We won't allow the institute to be made into a scapegoat."

### **Chapter 1333: New Leads**

President Cao could tell that Director Wang was very agitated. He proceeded to pick up the document on the table.

After opening the file and reading its contents, the expression on his face changed dramatically.

Director Wang leaned against the office desk as he glanced at President Cao every now and then. Even though he knew these were lies, he had to look confident.

"Huo Yulin already knew Lei Xiao a long time ago and he often helps us. R virus research is very important to us since it's an unusual virus. We're at the most critical part of our research now. Also, we have signed a NDA with an academic establishment overseas. When you sent Huo Yulin to the medical conference, I asked him to communicate with our foreign counterparts on our behalf. This was the reason he did not attend the medical conference until the fifth day."

Director Wang paused before he said apologetically, "I did not expect the delay to bring so much trouble. President Cao, I assure you this is the truth. If you can't take my word for it, you can always make a call to our foreign counterparts and verify the truth."

Since the project was top secret and it was unethical to dig further, President Cao did not continue reading the document. He had heard about the R virus research project before. Since it would directly affect the well-being of their citizens, it was a top-secret research project.

"Why Huo Yulin though? He's not a virus expert, right? How could he help the institute?" asked President Cao.

When Lei Xiao wanted to come over to the academy to ask Huo Yulin for assistance, the question was already on his mind, but he kept getting interrupted.

Director Wang came prepared, so he promptly replied. "Virus research is naturally related to his expertise. After all, viruses can attack the nervous system..."

He had done a lot of homework before coming over to the academy, but the doorbell went off, interrupting him.

Director Wang paused mid-sentence. Before long, the security guard captain quickly entered the office. "President Cao, we have recovered the missing surveillance footage for the night."

The moment the president heard what he said, he stood up from the chair and looked at the security guard captain coldly. "What did you see in the footage? Any new leads?"

The security guard captain nodded. He retrieved his phone from his pocket and tapped on the recovered video file before handing the phone to the president.

Director Wang narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. He walked around the table, stopped beside President Cao, and looked at the phone screen.

Director Wang was feeling worried about getting exposed today, but he promptly felt better when he saw the video footage.

Lei Xiao's colleague came to see him yesterday with Huo Yao's offer. Director Wang was genuinely tempted by the offer. After considering the proposal all night, he finally agreed to help.

It was easy enough to secretly aid in her cause. He just had to come up with a good story.

A few minutes later, a stern look emerged on President Cao's face after watching the video. He kept rewinding the footage and watching it a few times before he returned the phone to the security guard captain. "I don't get it. Why is it Yuan Huan?"

He certainly did not see this coming.

When the people from the Ministry of National Security came over for a meeting, he even invited Yuan Huan to join them. It would be a huge mistake if he was genuinely the thief.

"Investigate Yuan Huan's background immediately." President Cao narrowed his eyes as he spoke to the security guard captain.

"Yes, President Cao." The security guard captain paused before asking. "Shall we notify the Ministry of National Security?"

President Cao contemplated briefly. In order to avoid misunderstanding, he shook his head and said, "Not yet..."

Before he could finish his sentence, Director Xi's voice could be heard coming from the open door. "Why wait? If you have any potential suspects, we have to investigate them."

President Cao froze briefly before raising his head to look at the door.

Director Xi strode in with an authoritative aura radiating from him.

### **Chapter 1334: Clear Him Of Suspicion**

Director Xi glanced at President Cao mildly. "I received the news. Something's up with Yuan Huan."

President Cao frowned imperceptibly and said, "Director Xi, have you sent someone to arrest him?"

"Do I look like an idiot? I will never let him know I'm coming," scoffed Director Xi. "He has been keeping a low profile as a senior researcher in the academy for eight years. Someone must have made him do it."

"What are you planning to do about it?" President Cao looked at him as he spoke.

Director Xi walked up to the couch and sat down. He asked instead of answering. "Is he at the academy yet?"

"I'll check." President Cao walked over to the side and used the landline.

"Uh huh," acknowledged Director Xi.

Director Wang pondered for a couple of seconds before he walked up to the couch and sat down across from Director Xi. "Director Xi, since we have new leads, does this mean you can release Lei Xiao?"

Director Xi opened his eyes. "Not yet. We haven't caught Huo Yulin yet, so we have to continue investigating all possible suspects."

"To be honest, Huo Yulin is not in the country at the moment." Director Wang told him about the conversation he had with President Cao this morning. "Since this research project involves other countries and it's top secret, I can't give you more details."

"Oh really? Did he happen to go abroad again?" Director Xi did not believe in coincidences.

Director Wang smiled. He retrieved a piece of paper from his briefcase unhurriedly and handed it to Director Xi. "Here are the immigration records proving he is not in the country. I suggest sending your men to check it thoroughly."

Director Xi paused briefly before taking the document. A few seconds later, he pressed the mike on his collar and uttered a string of numbers to his subordinate.

Director Wang lowered his eyes upon hearing this.

In reality, Director Wang did not know if the immigration records were legitimate. After he agreed to help Huo Yao, she sent him these documents first thing in the morning.

Before long, Prof Gao rushed into the office after receiving a call from the landline.

He glanced at Director Xi and nodded politely before he looked at President Cao in disbelief. "President Cao, did Yuan Huan really steal the research archives?"

President Cao acknowledged softly, "Uh huh. A portion of the surveillance footage from that night was recovered, so Yuan Huan is now a key suspect."

Even though he was not 100% sure, he knew it was probably Yuan Huan.

Prof Gao automatically defended Yuan Huan. "We were together discussing work all night. When we went to the laboratory, we happened to run into the intruder and he even fought the guy."

"What if they were colluding with each other?" President Cao glanced at Prof Gao.

"Even if it was collusion, it makes no sense for him to destroy the research..." Prof Gao paused mid-sentence as he spoke.

When the medical solution was destroyed, Yuan Huan did not react as agitated as the other professors. Shortly after they discovered the academy research archives were wiped out, he offered to lend them his personal notes.

After reading the notes, he had a feeling there was something different about them. Since he was focused on trying to recreate the medical solution urgently, he did not think deeply about the matter.

Thanks to the notes, they were able to recreate the medical solution successfully. Also, Yuan Huan suggested they use it on human test subjects immediately. However, the effects of the new solution were clearly different from their previous testing.

In hindsight, the more Prof Gao thought about it, the more suspicious he felt.

### **Chapter 1335: Met An Expert**

Prof Gao finally snapped out of his thoughts after some time and reiterated the things he witnessed that night. "I was very worried about the things in my lab, so I paid no attention to Yuan Huan. He offered to give chase and genuinely disappeared for a few minutes."

He knew the academy inside out, so a few minutes was more than enough for him to steal the research archives.

President Cao narrowed his eyes. "Do you know what time he's coming in today?"

Prof Gao shook his head and replied. "I don't know either. Shall I call him and tell him to come over?"

"No, you can't," interrupted Director Xi from the side. "He's a cautious man. If you call him out of the blue, it will only raise his suspicions."

President Cao looked at Director Xi. "What should we do then?"

Director Xi rapped his fingers gently on his knee with a stern look on his face. He was unable to come up with any good ideas for now.

The office instantly went quiet.

Prof Gao had changed his mind about Yuan Huan's innocence and his mind was in chaos. He suddenly recalled the new batch of medical solutions sitting in the laboratory. He promptly raised his head and suggested. "I think I have the perfect excuse to make him come over voluntarily."

Since Yuan Huan had provided the notes for the new medical solution, it made complete sense for Prof Gao to keep Yuan Huan in the loop. It would serve as the perfect bait without raising any suspicion.

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Meanwhile on the other end.

Yuan Huan had just woken up with his face ghastly pale.

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He kept thinking about the scene in the car last night.

A tall man was standing by the bedside. Since he was wearing a mask, only his blue eyes could be seen.

After Yuan Huan opened his eyes, the man remained quiet. He simply plunged a needle into Yuan Huan's arm artery and injected Yuan Huan with something calmly.

As the translucent solution entered Yuan Huan's system, he automatically clutched the blanket tightly and seemed to be in great pain. After the needle was removed, he gradually let go of his hand.

After resting for a couple of minutes, Yuan Huan slowly got off the bed. As he stood up, the blanket slid off and his topless upper body could be seen. He had already handled the gunshot wound in his chest, and it was wrapped in bandages.

There were other old scars appearing on his body as well.

Yuan Huan lowered his eyes and said hoarsely, "Thanks."

The man glanced at him mildly before tossing the syringe into the trash can. "Someone drugged you using poppy root essence. It can paralyze your nervous system. You must have encountered an expert."

Yuan Huan's face froze when he heard that poppy was used. No wonder he was powerless against the drug.

He knew his body was immune to most drugs. How could he get doped?

"I don't know either, but it was a very young woman."

The man tilted his head sideways. His blue eyes looked nonchalant, but he seemed slightly intrigued now. "Did you say a young woman?"



"Uh huh. I was unable to see her face clearly." Yuan Huan spoke with his eyes narrowed. He never expected a woman to do this to him. During the process, he did not even get to see her face.

His phone could be heard ringing in his room.

When Yuan Huan heard the ringtone, he knew it was a call from the academy. He supported himself using the bed and got up. He slowly walked up to the wall, bent over to retrieve his coat, and took the phone out from his pocket.

Prof Gao's land line was displayed on the caller ID. Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes wondering the purpose of this call. He quickly answered the phone. "Yes, Prof Gao?"

His voice remained gentle and refined. He sounded completely normal.

### **Chapter 1336: Take The Bait**

Yuan Huan hung up the phone after a couple of minutes.

He leaned against the wall gently as he contemplated. He glanced at the first aid box on the table nearby before walking over.

There was still one vial of medicine in the first aid box. Yuan Huan paused before picking up the syringe.

When the man nearby noticed what he wanted to do, he said in a mild voice, "I suggest you don't go out."

Yuan Huan did not even raise his head. His hand was still trembling from the previous injection, but he suppressed the pain and quickly injected the medicine into his arm's artery. "We have made progress with the medicine, so I have to check it out."

"Whatever." The man did not budge. After adjusting his mask casually, he walked out of the room. "Take care of yourself."

"Uh huh." Yuan Huan closed his eyes.

He could sense burning pain coming from the gunshot wound on his chest owing to the injection before it slowly subsided.

Meanwhile, the man paused when he got to the door. He turned his head sideways a little. "What about the target?"

Yuan Huan opened his eyes and looked at the man from behind. "It's hard for me to get close to him. I need more time."

"I have been waiting for too long," said a man softly. He clearly sounded annoyed.

Yuan Huan instinctively trembled. He said softly, "This time, you won't have to wait for long."

The man said nothing and simply walked off.

Only Yuan Huan was left in the room. He walked up in front of the wardrobe and retrieved a clean set of clothes.

After getting changed, Yuan Huan removed the gauze from his chest. When he checked the injuries, he could see a scab forming and it was already healing nicely.

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Yuan Huan arrived at the National Academy of Medicine 40 minutes later.

He took the lift straight to Prof Gao's office. Shortly after entering the room, he frowned when he saw the other people in the office.

An ominous feeling emerged in his heart.

People wearing uniforms suddenly flooded in from behind Yuan Huan and surrounded him.

They were Director Xi's men.

Yuan Huan lowered his eyes. He turned to look at Prof Gao and the others and said in shock, "Prof Gao, what is the meaning of this?"

Prof Gao looked at Yuan Huan with complicated emotions running through his heart. "Why did you steal the research archives?"

Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes. He had no idea what went wrong, but he remained calm on the surface. "What do you mean? There must be some mistake here."

"The surveillance footage was recovered. You were the only person who accessed the 7th floor."

President Cao paused briefly before he said in a disappointed tone, "You have been working here for eight years. Why would you do this? Are you working for someone?"

The moment Yuan Huan heard what he said, he put on an innocent look. "I admit going to the 7th floor, but I did not steal the research archives. Everything was very chaotic that night, so I just wanted to check whether everything was fine in the archives room.

When Yuan Huan refused to admit to his actions, Prof Gao said, "In that case, why did you offer to share those questionable notes with us? Why did you try to mislead us?"

"Those were just my personal notes. I was not involved in making the medical solution at all. Only you were involved in making the solution. How could I do anything funny?" Yuan Huan's words seemed to make complete sense and sounded justifiable.

Prof Gao parted his lips wanting to speak, but Director Xi wasted no time. He stood up and interrupted Prof Gao altogether. "Enough. We'll find out soon enough whether it's him."

The moment he finished his sentence, he ordered Yuan Huan to be taken away.

## **Chapter 1337: Take Him**

Yuan Huan frowned. The two law enforcement officers had already grabbed him by the arms without giving him the chance to retaliate.

The ministry officials had pulled him hard, and Yuan Huan could sense his chest starting to ache. He was in so much pain that his face turned pale as he arched his back out of instinct.

The security guard captain nearby naturally caught on to his reaction. He paused and said, "Hang on."

The law enforcement officers turned back to look at him.

The security guard captain went up in front of Yuan Huan, extended his hand, and pressed Yuan Huan on the chest.

Yuan Huan moaned in pain and stepped back instinctively.

When the security guard captain noticed Yuan Huan's reaction, he promptly pulled up Yuan Huan's shirt. The moment he pulled up the shirt, the gunshot wound on Yuan Huan's chest could be seen. Also, it was clearly a penetrating wound from his chest to his back.

"It's you," said the security guard captain firmly.

He had fired on the intruder previously. Judging from the location of this injury and the rate it was healing at, the person was him.

When Yuan Huan made eye contact with the security guard captain, he suddenly realized why the mysterious woman did not kill him with a single shot last night.

She had designed this ruse. The gunshot wound decisively would prove that he was guilty of stealing academy research archives.

Even if a lot of things did not make sense in reality, the gunshot wound was enough to distract everyone.

Moreover, he had just pumped himself with special medication from Mirage Base to help speed up his recovery. Since scabs were already appearing on his gunshot wound, no one would believe him even if he told the truth.

If he had just suffered a gunshot wound last night, it made no sense for him to recover so quickly.

Before long, Yuan Huan was taken away by the law enforcement officers.

Just as Director Xi was about to leave, Director Wang called after him hurriedly.

"Do you want me to release Lei Xiao?" Director Xi turned to look at Director Wang and smiled. "As I understand, he was involved in researching radiation. He has openly disregarded protocol. How could you have the cheek to demand his release?"

Director Wang frowned. "This is just a misunderstanding."

Director Xi did not want to continue with the subject. He raised his hand and stopped Director Wang from talking. "I don't know if this is a misunderstanding, but there's no way I'm going to release him. I have a lot of work waiting for me, so I have to go."

The moment he finished his sentence, he left the office.

Before long, Director Wang left the academy with a sad look on his face.

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Huo Yao did not like the smell of the hospital, so she got herself discharged that day.

Shortly after leaving the hospital, she received a call from Lei Xiao's colleague while she was on her way home.

As she spun her phone, Huo Yao looked sideways at the driver of the car. "I want to pick up Lei Xiao from the Ministry of National Security. What's it going to take?"

Min Yu raised his brow and said, "If someone else was asking, then yes, conditions are required. As for you, I can help you unconditionally."

Huo Yao quietly veered her eyes. "In that case, shall we go over now?"

"Okay." Min Yu nodded.

Min Yu made a U-turn and headed toward the Ministry of National Security.

The car arrived at the Ministry of National Security 20 minutes later.

Huo Yao had been to the ministry only once, so it was not entirely new to her.

After getting out of the car, she walked beside Min Yu.

When the guards saw him, everyone nodded and greeted him reverently.

Huo Yao tutted upon seeing this.

Min Yu glanced sideways at her. He retrieved a black access pass from his pocket, swiped it at the lift and the lift doors opened.

The main office and detention rooms were both located on the third floor.

When they got to the third floor, law enforcement officers were already waiting to receive Min Yu at the atrium.

The law enforcement officer promptly walked over when Min Yu got out of the lift.

## **Chapter 1338: No Visitors**

"Young Master Min, welcome!" The law enforcement officer greeted him reverently and turned to glance at Huo Yao quizzically.

He had never seen women in such close proximity to Min Yu before.

Min Yu glanced at him and said mildly, "I'm taking him now."

The law enforcement officer hurriedly veered his eyes and looked at Min Yu worriedly. "I... I... It can't be done for now..."

"Why not?" Min Yu narrowed his eyes coolly.

The law enforcement officer lowered his head and explained. "Director Xi just got back and gave the order that no visitors are allowed."

Lei Xiao was not even permitted to see visitors. How could they take him away?

Min Yu narrowed his eyes intimidatingly.

The law enforcement officer quickly changed his tone and said, "Young Master Min, if you want to see the detainee, I'm sure that won't be a problem."

Min Yu paused briefly before he turned to say to Huo Yao, "I'm going to Director Xi's office. You..."

Huo Yao had yet to recover fully, so her face still looked a little pale. She waved her hand. "I'll go check on Lei Xiao."

"Okay." Min Yu nodded. He reached his hand out to straighten her coat and instructed her softly. "Call me if you need me."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao.

The law enforcement officer noticed Min Yu's reaction, and immediately knew that they had to be nice to her.

After Min Yu had gone to the director's office, the law enforcement officer spoke to Huo Yao courteously. "Allow me to show you the way."

Huo Yao nodded politely.

Before long, the law enforcement officer showed Huo Yao to Lei Xiao's detention room.

When they were almost there, Huo Yao asked randomly. "Is my friend's crime considered serious?"

The law enforcement officer knew Lei Xiao was suspected of stealing academy research archives, so he replied. "Not really."

"Since it isn't a serious crime, why isn't he kept in an ordinary detention room?" Huo Yao tilted her head sideways quizzically.

The law enforcement officer was caught by surprise and did not see the question coming. He paused briefly before he continued. "I don't know either. Those were the orders."

As they spoke, they arrived at the detention room.

Huo Yao did not continue probing.

No one was standing guard at the entrance. The law enforcement officer retrieved an access pass and swiped it on the lock. A beep could be heard before the door opened. "If you need me, you can press the bell inside. I'll be at the door waiting for you."

Huo Yao nodded and thanked the man before entering the room.

After she had entered the detention room, the law enforcement officer closed the door behind her.

The detention room was not very big and there was a square table and a small bed inside. After entering the room, Huo Yao could see someone lying in bed with his back facing the entrance.

She raised her brow and pulled up a chair from the table to take a seat. "From the looks of it, you have no trouble getting used to the place."

Lei Xiao hastily opened his eyes on hearing her cold voice. He flipped over and saw the young woman sitting in the detention room. He quickly caught up from bed and said happily, "What are you doing here? I can't believe they permitted you to enter in here."

"There is such a thing as taking the back door," explained Huo Yao unhurriedly.

Lei Xiao's lips twitched. He nearly forgot she was friends with someone from the Min family!

"Oh yes. Didn't you say no one knew about the radiation research?" Huo Yao looked at Lei Xiao and smiled ambiguously.

Lei Xiao covered his face powerlessly. "I didn't see it coming either."

He should not have gotten overconfident. Now, it was a real slap in his face.

Huo Yao nodded and asked. "Did they make life difficult for you?"

The smile on Lei Xiao's face disappeared. He looked at her solemnly and said, "Not really. I think you shouldn't hang around here. Why don't you go back?"

### **Chapter 1339: A Familiar Face**

Lei Xiao had an outspoken personality, and had rarely looked this serious. Huo Yao glanced at him. "Did they torture you?"

Lei Xiao shook his head. "Nope."

He made no mention of the fact he was transferred here only ten minutes ago.

The person in charge of the transfer even treated him with contempt.

Huo Yao nodded. She believed Lei Xiao. Min Yu had requested for the ministry to take good care of him earlier. Since the people at the ministry treated him with deference, she felt they would not try anything funny behind his back.

Lei Xiao pointed at the door and kept urging her. "I mean it. Why don't you leave? Don't ever come here again."

Lei Xiao was very worried, but Huo Yao remained relaxed and did not move. She said unhurriedly, "I'm not leaving. Instead, we are leaving together in a few moments."

Lei Xiao got up from the chair, walked up to the door, and looked outside through the glass panel. There was no one outside, so he walked back and said, "Let me be candid. People say that detainees who get sent to this room can forget about leaving."

He knew the Min family had high status in the capital, but there were many other powers in the capital as well. Moreover, the government body was split into many opposing factions and things could get very complicated and political.

Since there was often collateral damage when things got muddy, Lei Xiao wanted Huo Yao to leave while she could.

The Ministry of National Security came on very strong, so someone was clearly telling them to do this. Even if they had the help of the Min family, it was not going to be easy.

Huo Yao empathized with his concerns, but she simply said in a calm tone, "You did not do anything, so you have nothing to worry about."

"This has nothing to do with my crimes..." Lei Xiao scratched his head powerlessly. For a moment, he did not know what to say. "Just take my word and leave while no one is around."

Huo Yao glanced at Lei Xiao without saying anything.

Meanwhile, the door could suddenly be heard opening.

Lei Xiao instinctively raised his head. He could see someone standing at the door holding a whip in his hand. Lei Xiao instantly looked worried.

When he was thrown into detention yesterday, this man wanted to torture him, but someone stopped him.

Lei Xiao found out later that the Min family had given the order not to touch him, so the man held back.

If Lei Xiao was kept in an ordinary detention room, the chances were high that nothing would happen to him. Now that he was transferred to a new place, he was not as sure anymore.

Huo Yao failed to notice the expression on Lei Xiao's face. She tilted her head casually and looked at the man at the lead and suddenly smiled. "Long time no see."

When the man in the lead saw Huo Yao's face, the aggressive aura radiating from him instantly disappeared. His hand froze in mid-air while he held the whip. For some time, he did not move.

He did not expect to run into this terrifying woman here.

If the law enforcement officer standing guard outside had mentioned her presence, he would not have taken the risk to enter.

Team Leader Liao could sense pain running through his body just by looking at her. She was the last person he wanted to see.

Huo Yao pulled out another chair from under the table. She kicked her legs gently and said, "Do you want to have a seat?"

Team Leader Liao went speechless.

When Lei Xiao witnessed their interaction, he was at a loss. This was not what he imagined. He turned to look at Huo Yao and asked automatically. "Do you know him?"

Huo Yao nodded and said softly, "Let's just say we exchanged a few pointers before."

Team Leader Liao instantly remembered the pain Huo Yao had inflicted on him and went quiet.

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Lei Xiao touched his nose. He did not quite understand what Huo Yao meant, but it was the wrong place to probe the matter any further.

In a split second, Team Leader Liao inhaled deeply and turned to leave.

He was unable to fight the woman in the detention room, and had developed PTSD just by looking at her.

No way was he entering the room!

Team Leader Liao and his men had entered the room aggressively, but were leaving quietly now.

Before long, the door closed behind them.

Lei Xiao looked at the door for some time before he finally snapped out of his shock. He could not believe his eyes. "Did they just leave?"

Many scenarios kept running through his head, but none of them happened.

Huo Yao looked sideways at him. "Then, what were you expecting? Should we have fought again?"

"A fight? Again?" Lei Xiao's lips twitched. "Did you really fight before?"

Huo Yao retrieved her phone from her pocket and shook her head modestly. "Of course not. Just look at me. I'm a vulnerable woman. How could I fight him?"

Even though these words made complete sense, Lei Xiao could tell that those law enforcement officers were terrified when they entered the detention room. It seemed as though there was something scary in the room. There must be something more to this.

Lei Xiao pulled out the stool and sat down. After the little episode, he stopped telling Huo Yao to leave.

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The detention room door opened again 10 minutes later.

This time, it was not a law enforcement officer standing outside.

When Lei Xiao looked over, he saw Min Yu at the entrance. He tapped on the table and told Huo Yao, "Time for you to go."



Huo Yao glanced at Lei Xiao before she raised her head and nodded. "Yes, it's time to go."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Lei Xiao. He sat on the chair smiling without any intention to leave.

Huo Yao walked up to the door. "All settled?"

"Uh huh," acknowledged Min Yu. He asked her. "Did anything happen while I was gone?"

Huo Yao smiled. "Well, I saw a familiar face."

The moment she finished her sentence, the law enforcement officer at the entrance veered his eyes.

Min Yu raised his brow and said, "Let's leave."

"Okay." Huo Yao nodded. After taking a step, she noticed Lei Xiao was not following behind. She turned her head and saw him sitting in the detention room like an idiot.

Huo Yao raised her hand and rubbed her brow. She said annoyingly, "Do you plan to sit in there forever?"

Lei Xiao did not quite understand what she meant and simply looked at the entrance.

"He has gone daft." Huo Yao shook her head. After calling his name again, Lei Xiao finally snapped out of his shock.

He hurriedly stood up and walked over quickly. "Are you saying I can leave?"

"If you want to continue staying here, I won't stop you," said Huo Yao before ignoring him and walking off with Min Yu.

Lei Xiao scratched his nose. He had certainly made friends with the right person. She could really do anything.

Lei Xiao hurriedly followed behind them and caught up.

Before long, they walked past the security and arrived outside the atrium.

When they were waiting at the lift, a group of people came in from the other corridor heading for the atrium. Yuan Huan was at the center, surrounded by those men.

Huo Yao was standing in front of the lift with her head lowered. She was staring at her feet and did not look around.

The law enforcement officers kept holding Yuan Huan as they proceeded even though he was already in cuffs.

He felt a little agitated about getting arrested and clearly looked upset.

From the moment he was brought to the Ministry of National Security, he was quite agitated.

When they got to the atrium, he inadvertently saw three people standing at the lift.

Yuan Huan was stunned when he saw a familiar profile.