

Pill Maker 1341

Chapter 1341: Now Everything Made Sense

Someone came out of the office hurriedly. After coming out of the office, the man raised his head and looked around anxiously. When he saw Min Yu, he quickly ran over and said, "Young Master Min, one moment, please."

It was Director Xi's assistant. He walked over holding a document in his hand and said, "Young Master Min, Director Xi wants you to sign something."

"Huh?" Min Yu narrowed his eyes.

"This is protocol. After all, this researcher works for the Virus Research Institute, so he's considered to be a public official. Without your assurance, it's hard for us to answer to our superiors."

Huo Yao looked up slightly and glanced at the document in the assistant's hand.

Min Yu reached his hand out and took the document. Director Xi's assistant quickly retrieved a pen from his pocket.

After he was done signing the document, the assistant took the document back in relief. Since the lift was here, he nodded reverently to Min Yu. "Young Master Min, have a good day."

Min Yu veered his eyes, held Huo Yao's hand, and entered the lift.

Lei Xiao hurriedly followed behind them. As the lift door closed, he raised his head and caught sight of the people nearby with Yuan Huan in the middle.

When he saw the man in handcuffs right at the center, he found the man to be familiar.

However, he was unable to get a close look since the lift door was closing.

Lei Xiao veered his eyes. When he saw the two of them holding hands from the corner of his eye, he quietly retreated into the corner of the lift.

Meanwhile, inside the ministry.

"What are you waiting for? Hurry up and move along." The law enforcement officers shoved Yuan Huan hard impatiently when he stopped moving.

Yuan Huan staggered slightly before he finally snapped out of his thoughts. He was looking at them vindictively, but he snapped out of his thoughts and composed himself with his fists clenched.

He was unsurprised about seeing the young woman here since she was with the man.

The other man was from the Virus Research Institute. Someone from the Min family had helped him and Huo Yao was also present.

If the Virus Research Institute was linked to the Min family, the Ministry of National Security would have never captured him. This meant, Huo Yao was linked to Lei Xiao and she had asked Min Yu to rescue her friend from the ministry.

The man from the Virus Research Institute was only apprehended by the Ministry of National Security because of Huo Yulin.

Something suddenly struck him. Huo Yulin and Huo Yao went by the same last name.

Yuan Huan was stunned. If they were related by blood, his injuries and his arrest at the National Academy of Medicine... all made sense now.

Yuan Huan could faintly sense the gunshot wound on his chest as he went into a daze. He was surprised by the turn of events.

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Meanwhile, in the car.

Lei Xiao sat in the backseat with his hands on his legs uneasily. He looked in front of the car and asked softly. "If I leave, do I get you in trouble?"

Huo Yao looked up into the rearview mirror. "Even if it will be troublesome, you're out already, aren't you?"

Lei Xiao touched his nose. "Thank you."

Huo Yao straightened her jacket and leaned sideways into the car seat backrest. "You were arrested because of my older brother. I have to thank you for helping me."

The moment she brought up Huo Yulin, Lei Xiao asked worriedly. "Is he okay? Is he still in critical condition?"

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao. "He can get discharged in a few days."

"That's fast." Lei Xiao felt relieved, but he was also amazed.

After all, the person was badly injured.

Huo Yao smiled without explaining in detail.

As she pondered, Huo Yao retrieved her phone from her pocket. She wrote down dozens of Chinese herbs and took a screenshot. After she was done, she opened her WeChat and tapped on Assistant Wang's name. She sent the screenshot to him.

Chapter 1342: Invite Her To Join Them

Huo Yao followed up with another text message after she was done sending the screenshot. She requested Assistant Wang to help her prepare these Chinese herbs.

Assistant Wang was probably busy. After waiting for some time, she did not hear back from him.

Huo Yao did not take it to heart and simply put away her phone.

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Lei Xiao got off the car halfway through. He felt bad about making Min Yu send him all the way back home.

After getting out of the car, Lei Xiao wanted to go straight back to his residence, but he changed his mind and headed instead to the Virus Research Institute.

Director Wang was still thinking about how to get the Ministry of National Security to release Lei Xiao. When he heard Lei Xiao was back in the institute, he was stunned.

"How did you manage to come out?" asked Director Wang quizzically after calling Lei Xiao into his office.

Lei Xiao pondered briefly but decided not to tell his boss about Min Yu's involvement. Instead, he replied. "A friend of mine had the right connections and got someone to vouch for me, so they released me."

"Which friend?" Director Wang could not help wondering about who helped him. "Was it your genius friend?"

Lei Xiao cleared his throat and nodded

"Your friend is certainly well connected then." Director Wang was caught by surprise. In the past, he never asked Lei Xiao about his friend in detail. He had a small interaction with Lei Xiao's friend when Lei Xiao was taken by the ministry.

In any case, Director Wang did not get to see Lei Xiao's genius friend in person.

Lei Xiao's friend was a remarkable researcher and was very well connected. Director Wang paused briefly before he continued. "Oh yes. If you don't mind, I'd like to buy your friend dinner. Since he agreed to help analyze the virus for us, the least I can do is thank him."

Lei Xiao contemplated briefly and said almost to himself, "Would she agree?"

"Why else do you think I will disturb the academy for someone I didn't know?" Director Wang glanced at Lei Xiao sideways.

Lei Xiao went quiet briefly. Huo Yao did not bring up the subject when they left the ministry. After some time, he replied. "I can ask, but I suggest you don't get hopeful. I reckon my friend might not want to do it."

Even though Lei Xiao's boss said it was just dinner, he would probably pounce on the opportunity to hire her permanently.

Lei Xiao might not have had much interaction with Huo Yao, but he knew her personality well enough.

"Uh huh. I won't take it to heart if your friend is against it." Director Wang smiled. He proceeded to drop the subject and asked. "Why were you reading up on radiation?"

Lei Xiao touched his nose without daring to make eye contact with his boss. However, he managed to keep up a solemn look as he said, "I swear I didn't do it."

Director Wang sighed softly, but he did not expose Lei Xiao. "Fine. Go on then."

Lei Xiao sighed and quickly left his office.

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Meanwhile, Min Yu had already gotten back to the estate. When he turned and looked at the front passenger seat, he saw Huo Yao fast asleep with her eyes tightly shut.

He contemplated briefly before driving the car back to his villa.

After parking the car, Huo Yao continued sleeping.

Min Yu frowned. He checked Huo Yao's temperature on her forehead, cheek, and hand. Even though her temperature was a little higher than previously, it was still lower than normal.

Ever since she regained consciousness, her condition had remained the same. Also, she was always tired. He could tell that she had lost some weight just looking at her face.

Min Yu pulled aside some stray hair from her cheek and sighed inwardly. After quietly looking at her for a few minutes, he pulled his hand back and got out of the car.

He opened the front passenger seat door and quickly carried her in. When he leaned sideways, Huo Yao's jade pendant slid out from her collar.

Min Yu lowered his eyes. He quickly placed the jade pendant back under her collar and went home.

After entering the villa, Min Yu paused briefly when he saw a pair of women's shoes at the door. He changed into his indoor slippers and headed inside the villa.

Chapter 1343: Take Care Of Your Girlfriend

Nie Su had been waiting in the villa for over 30 minutes. When she heard someone opening the door, she automatically stood up and headed for the door. "Yu..."

Before she was able to finish her sentence, Nie Su saw Min Yu gesturing at her to stay quiet. She finally noticed a young woman in his arms.

Nie Su was stunned. She came over and looked at Huo Yao's face and asked softly in concern. "Is she sick?"

Min Yu simply nodded without explaining and proceeded to carry Huo Yao upstairs.

Nie Su followed behind him. She could not help feeling surprised when she saw her son carrying a young woman to his own bedroom.

Min Yu disregarded the look on his mother's face. After carrying Huo Yao into the room, he cautiously placed her on the bed and covered her with a blanket.

He was very gentle. From the looks of it, he treated her like a treasure and cared about her a lot.

Nie Su had never seen her son like this, and could not help feeling curious about the young woman in his bed.

Min Yu stood by the bedside for some time before he turned and walked up beside Nie Su. He motioned at her to speak outside.

The two of them headed back downstairs.

Min Yu took two bottles of water from the refrigerator. "Mom, what brings you here?"

Nie Su took the water from him. She was still thinking about the young woman in his room upstairs, so she did not answer him right away. Instead, she asked. "Is she okay?"

Min Yu glanced at his mother and sat down on the couch. "She's fine. It's just a cold. She's sleepy because she took some meds."

"I see." Nie Su knew most cold medicine had a drowsy effect, so she simply nodded and said, "Take good care of her. People tend to feel more fragile when they're sick."

Her? Fragile?

Min Yu acknowledged half-heartedly.

When she was out last night making trouble for someone else, she certainly did not seem to be fragile.

He had secretly followed her out of concern. Otherwise, he might have never learned that she was a sharpshooter.

"Oh yes. Where is she from?" asked Nie Su.

Min Yu raised his brow and said ambiguously, "Didn't you already investigate her?"

Nie Su went speechless.

She glared at Min Yu annoyingly. She was just trying to make small talk with her son!

Min Yu automatically disregarded the look in his mother's eyes. He changed the subject and said, "Why did you suddenly come over? Something must have happened, right?"

"You see. Your father hasn't gotten in touch with us for a long time. I wonder where he has gone," said Nie Su worriedly.

Min Yu narrowed his eyes on hearing this. He retrieved his phone and said, "I'll check."

He promptly called Yang Yi.

"Uh huh," acknowledged Nie Su. "I'm just worried since he rarely does this."

Since he was an archaeologist, it was very normal for him to go without any news for a couple of weeks. This time, though, he had not called home in nearly a month.

Min Yu raised his head and looked at Nie Su after hanging up the phone. "Yang Yi's men don't have news of him either. I heard he entered a region with no signal a few days ago. I think he should be fine."

Nie Su heaved a sigh of relief, but she was still a little worried. "No matter what, find him."

"Uh huh. I'll make arrangements." Min Yu lowered his eyes and started sending text messages.

After he was done with it, he raised his head. "Anything else?"

He did not even offer Nie Su a drink, but here he was hinting at her to leave already. Nie Su still wanted to see her future daughter-in-law before leaving.

"If that's all for me, why don't you go home?" Min Yu stood up and headed to the second floor even while speaking.

Nie Su had a gentle demeanor, but she nearly exploded. How could he treat his mother this way?

Chapter 1344: Are You Jealous?

Min Yu disregarded his mother even as she stared daggers at him and went straight upstairs.

He had spent all his time at the hospital for the past few days, and had a lot of work to take care of.

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By the time Huo Yao woke up, the sky was already dark. Since the light in the room was on, it was not as dark as outside.

The musk smell in the air was refreshing as she gradually woke up.

Huo Yao slowly sat up in bed. The moment she raised her head, she could see a man sitting in front of the computer nearby.

The table lamp reflected Min Yu's face, making his face seem cool and serious. He was dressed in light-colored homewear, so it made him seem a little more approachable. Even though it was quiet in the room, it did not feel suffocating.

Huo Yao's eyes were a little blurry, so she quietly sat in bed for a few minutes. When she had woken up completely, she pulled off the blanket, walked on the carpet without putting on her shoes, and headed to the computer desk.

Min Yu finally noticed she was up and raised his head. "Are you awake?"

Huo Yao nodded. When she got closer, she glanced at the plans on the table. "Are you still working on the institute's project?"

“Uh huh. It’s a little complicated.” Min Yu put down his pen and stood up. He walked up in front of Huo Yao and raised his hand to touch her forehead. “You still seem a little cold.”

He frowned upon sensing this. He walked over to the wardrobe, retrieved his jacket, and went over to put it on her.

Huo Yao reached her hand out and pulled the jacket over her. The thick jacket made her face look even smaller. She replied. “I suppose I’ll recover fully in a couple of days.”

She had used the acupuncture technique previously, but this was the first time she recovered so quickly.

Min Yu did not stop to find out about her low temperatures and simply asked. “Will it have any long-term side effects?”

Huo Yao’s eyes glinted. “If I get enough rest, I should be fine.”

Min Yu scrutinized her, but he was unable to detect anything amiss with her words, so he said, “Why don’t you rest for a few more days before going back to school?”

Huo Yao nodded. “Uh huh. Why don’t you get back to work?”

“It can wait. Let’s go downstairs for dinner first.” Min Yu held her cool hand as he spoke. When they got to the door, he paused and looked at her sideways. “Can you lend me your jade pendant in a couple of days?”

“Huh?” Huo Yao did not stop to ask what use he had for her jade pendant. She simply nodded and agreed to it promptly. “Okay. I can lend it to you now if you like.”

Min Yu smiled. “Just lend it to me in a couple of days.”

Huo Yao replied, “Sure.”

The two of them went downstairs before long.

Nie Su was nowhere to be seen in the living room, but there was an exquisite bouquet of fresh flowers on the coffee table.

Huo Yao suddenly raised her brow when she caught sight of the bouquet. She said, “Tsk ts. Did some suitor send them to you?”

Min Yu also saw the bouquet of flowers and paused briefly. He reckoned his mother must have come back with those. He veered his eyes and came closer to Huo Yao as he looked at her deeply. “Are you jealous?”

Huo Yao pulled her hand back and pushed his face aside. She smiled and said, “Do you think you’re that good?”

The moment she finished her sentence, she headed to the dining room.

Min Yu smiled as he tilted his head sideways watching her walk off with her back straight. She clearly did not mean what she said.

He followed behind her unhurriedly.

After she had taken a seat at the dining table and started eating, Min Yu finally said, "My mother sent those in the afternoon."

Huo Yao was holding the chopsticks, but her hand paused briefly before she nodded calmly. "I see."

Min Yu raised his brow and added, "It's for her daughter-in-law."

Huo Yao did not know what to say.

From the looks of it, she was suddenly having trouble eating.

Huo Yao rubbed her brow.

Chapter 1345: Inexplicably Relieved

Huo Yao sat in the living room, watching the television after dinner.

Her phone rang in her pocket. She checked it and realized that Yuan Xi was calling her.

Huo Yao recalled Yuan Huan was Yuan Xi's brother. She paused for a couple of seconds and pressed the answer button.

"I just found out you're on a few days' sick leave. Are you okay?" Yuan Xi was still coughing as she spoke.

Huo Yao heard Yuan Xi coughing deeply. She looked up and replied. "I'm fine. What about you? Why are you still unwell?"

Yuan Xi coughed a few more times before it finally subsided. She frowned and complained. "I should have recovered already, but I can't stop coughing."

Huo Yao nodded. "Drink more warm water."

"Got it." Yuan Xi smiled as she touched the figurines on her table. Even though she had some baby fat on her face, she had clearly lost a lot of weight. "Oh yes. Are you coming to school tomorrow?"

"I will probably stay home for a couple of days more." Huo Yao paused briefly before she replied.

"I see," acknowledged Yuan Xi.

Since her throat was very dry, she could not stop coughing, so they hung up after exchanging a few words.

Yuan Xi put away her phone and got up to leave her room. As she walked, she kept coughing with her hand covering her mouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Yuan were talking in the living room and the two of them looked very worried. When Yuan Xi came over, they quickly composed themselves.

"Mom, Dad, did something happen?" Yuan Xi had come over to get herself a glass of water. Since something seemed wrong with her parents, she walked over to them.

Mrs Yuan looked at her hesitantly. After some time, she finally said, "Something happened to your older brother."

The moment Yuan Xi heard the news, she stood dumbstruck. "What do you mean something happened?"

Mrs Yuan's eyes looked teary. She had always treated Yuan Huan like he was her own son. "Uh huh. They say he stole research archives and got thrown into the Ministry of National Security."

Mr. Yuan sat on the couch with his back straight rubbing his brow. He looked very worried and powerless. The incident seemed to make him look ten years older.

"How's he doing now?" asked Yuan Xi with her fists clenched.

"We have asked around. They say he has committed a serious crime, so the chances of release are very slim..."

Mrs Yuan continued saying more, but Yuan Xi paid no attention to her. There was only a slim chance for Yuan Huan to get released and the words kept reverberating in Yuan Xi's ears.

A few years ago, she inadvertently caught Yuan Huan dissecting a living man for an experiment. Ever since the incident, she was unable to treat him like a normal person.

She could still remember the cold look in Yuan Huan's eyes. It felt as though human lives meant nothing to him and they were only good for experiments.

Yuan Huan did not care about other human lives and she did not understand why he never got arrested for this. She once wanted to expose him for his pretense, but did not dare to do it.

She could not put her family at risk. In the end, all she could do was run away from Yuan Huan, but no matter how she tried, it was futile.

Yuan Xi covered her mouth and coughed. Something was stuck in her throat and it felt terrible, but she inexplicably felt relaxed.

Her older brother should have gotten jailed ages ago.

Yuan Xi lowered her head. She smiled and inexplicably felt relieved.

Even better if he could not get released. In that case, she would no longer have to live in fear that she might suddenly wake up one day on his laboratory table.

Chapter 1346: A Warning

Mrs Yuan remained terribly worried. Yuan Xi composed herself and made no attempt to ruin Yuan Huan's image in her mother's heart and simply said in a soft voice, "Mom, Dad, I'm heading back to my room."

Mrs Yuan paused and looked at Yuan Xi. She noticed that Yuan Xi was completely unworried and could not help looking at Mr. Yuan.

Sure enough, Mr. Yuan looked furious.

Mrs Yuan promptly felt worried. She knew Yuan Xi had a problem with Yuan Huan and it was probably fine to show it any other day, but she should not have acted this way in front of her father.

Just when Mr. Yuan was about to throw a temper, Mrs Yuan hurriedly explained. "She has been sick for a long time. I'm sure she's very worried about her older brother."

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Yuan Xi smiled sadly. She said nothing and slowly went upstairs.

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After hanging up the phone, Huo Yao opened her WeChat.

She had sent Assistant Wang a text message in the afternoon and he had yet to reply.

Huo Yao rubbed the edge of her phone gently with her legs crossed. She wondered if it was inappropriate for her to keep taking Chinese herbs from the Apothecaries' Association.

Min Yu walked over with a plate of fruit. He placed it on the coffee table and sat down beside her. "What's on your mind?"

Huo Yao turned her head sideways, looked at Min Yu, and said, "It's probably bad to keep taking advantage of others."

"Huh?" Min Yu did not understand what she was driving at. He raised his brow and said, "It really depends who your target is."

Huo Yao's cheek twitched. She bent over to take a cherry from the coffee table and stuffed it into Min Yu's mouth. "I think you talk too much."

Min Yu laughed softly in response.

Huo Yao disregarded his laughter. After she was done eating the food, she checked the time and stood up. "I have something to handle, so I'm going home."

She still had some Chinese herbs remaining at home and wanted to refine medicine for her third older brother.

Even though the Virus Research Institute had helped to cover up for her brother, it would not work forever.

She wondered what her third brother wanted from the academy.

Min Yu did not try to keep her. He stood up and took his jacket. "Okay."

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Meanwhile, at the Apothecaries' Association.

When Assistant Wang came out of the medicine storage room, he ran into Deputy Chairman Qin. He was caught by surprise and automatically placed his hand on his coat pocket tightly.

Assistant Wang quickly nodded to Deputy Chairman Qin. "Hello, Deputy Chairman Qin."

Deputy Chairman Qin pretended not to notice Assistant Wang's reaction. He took a couple of steps forward and glanced at the documents in Assistant Wang's hands. He said in an empathizing tone, "You have been working hard. You didn't have to do an audit on the pills at this hour of the day."

Assistant Wang replied softly with his head lowered. "This is my job. If I keep a close eye on them now, it will be easier for me to conduct the audit at the end of the month."

Deputy Chairman Qin nodded. He looked at Assistant Wang and said, "It's important to keep our books straight. If we make a mistake, we will have trouble answering to the chairman."

Assistant Wang continued keeping his head lowered without saying a word.

Deputy Chairman Qin smiled and said, "We can't afford to lose a single pill."

Assistant Wang finally raised his head and looked at Deputy Chairman Qin.

The deputy chairman was warning him.

Assistant Wang loosened his grip on his coat pocket. After some time, he replied. "Don't worry. Every single pill will be there."

Deputy Chairman Qin nodded satisfactorily. He especially admired smart people, so he dropped the subject and turned to a new one. "Oh yes. I recall that Chairman Wang made someone an honorary deputy chairman of the association..."

Chapter 1347: Tell Her To Come To The Apothecaries' Association

Deputy Chairman Qin paused before he continued. "Since she is a deputy chairman, she has to work. Tell her to come over to the association tomorrow."

Assistant Wang was caught by surprise. Chairman Wang had given clear instructions not to disturb Huo Yao and he had even seen it listed in her contract. "Miss Huo is just a student. Chairman Wang has already agreed that she does not have to be physically present at the association..."

Before Assistant Wang was able to finish his sentence, Deputy Chairman Qin interrupted him. "There were lots of problems with Chairman Wang's previous decisions. Since they were problematic, we should correct them with immediate effect. Just tell her to come over."

Assistant Wang frowned imperceptibly. He could only nod and agree with Deputy Chairman Qin. "Fine. I will call her tonight."

"Uh huh." Deputy Chairman Qin could not help feeling excited just thinking about her prescription. He reminded Assistant Wang again. "You have to make her come over."

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Assistant Wang replied. "I'll do my best."

Deputy Chairman Qin patted Assistant Wang on the shoulder. "Do not disappoint me."

The moment he finished his sentence, he pulled back his hand. He pursed his lips glancing at the door and turned to leave without entering the room.

After he had gone some distance, Assistant Wang finally exhaled. He kept watching until the deputy chairman was no longer in sight and sighed inwardly. He took out the key, opened the medicine storage room door, and entered the room.

He took out a bottle of S grade medicine in his pocket and replaced it in the cabinet.

Deputy Chairman Qin had deliberately mentioned he expected every single pill to be there. He was warning him that he was not allowed to take anything behind his back.

Even if it was intended for Chairman Wang, he was not allowed to take anything.

Assistant Wang smiled sadly as he closed the cabinet. Things were changing in the Apothecaries' Association. If he wanted to save his job, he had no choice but to obey the man.

Deputy Chairman Qin was a cunning man, so it was hard to handle him.

Before long, he left the medicine storage room.

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Assistant Wang drove over to Chairman Wang's residence 30 minutes later.

"Chairman Wang, are you feeling better?" Assistant Wang looked at Chairman Wang worriedly. "I wanted to bring the medicine over but I ran into Deputy Chairman Qin."

Chairman Wang waved his hand as he sat in bed. A lot of things were happening at the association, making him mentally and physically exhausted. "It's fine. We both know what he's like."

Assistant Wang felt guilty. "You are still the chairman, but he keeps doing this to you. How can you recover without medicine?"

Deputy Chairman Qin was standing by and letting the chairman die.

Chairman Wang shook his head and smiled. "It's okay. I'll be fine."

He paused before he continued. "Oh yes. Did you manage to find Mr. Mi?"

"Nope. I can't get him on the phone and he did not reply to any of my texts." Assistant Wang frowned worriedly. He had been trying to contact Mi Wei daily.

Chairman Wang coughed a couple of times and asked. "What did Deputy Chairman Qin say?"

"He asked about Mr. Mi a few days ago and that was it," replied Assistant Wang candidly.

Chairman Wang felt puzzled. Deputy Chairman Qin was a very stubborn man. He would not stop until he found Mi Wei.

Chairman Wang pondered briefly and told Assistant Wang, "Keep an eye on Deputy Chairman Qin and see who he interacts with. I'm worried that Mr. Mi is already in his hands."

Assistant Wang nodded. "Don't worry. I will keep an eye on him. Oh yes. Deputy Chairman Qin wants me to call Miss Huo to come over to the association."

Chapter 1348: He's A Heartless Man

Chairman Wang instantly sat up straight. He frowned and asked. "Why does he suddenly want Huo Yao to go over?"

Assistant Wang told him about Deputy Chairman Qin's instructions earlier when he encountered him at the Apothecaries' Association. "Perhaps he has had an issue with her since she joined the association at your invitation."

Chairman Wang shook his head. He said with a serious look on his face, "If Qin Zheng only had a problem with her because of me, he could always fire her. He doesn't need to see her in person."

Assistant Wang raised his head and looked at Chairman Wang. "Do you think he wants Miss Huo to help refine pills?"

When Huo Yao came for the apothecaries' exam recently, everyone was blown away by the pills made using her prescription.

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Chairman Wang contemplated briefly and said, "It doesn't matter what he wants, just don't tell Huo Yao about it and pretend this has never happened. If Qin Zheng asks you about it, just tell him that she doesn't have time to come over."

The Apothecaries' Association was in chaos and Deputy Chairman Qin was vying for his position. He did not want to implicate Huo Yao in the process.

Assistant Wang nodded. "Miss Huo contacted me today asking me for some Chinese herbs. I wasn't sure about whether I should continue providing her with the herbs, so I haven't gotten back to her yet."

Chairman Wang said, "If she needs Chinese herbs, then just give them to her. I'm still the chairman, so I'm going to stick to my promise."

"Got it."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Chairman Wang. He waved to the assistant and lay back down in bed.

Assistant Wang did not want to disturb the chairman, so he turned to leave. Just as he was about to leave, he asked. "Shall we get Miss Huo to examine you?"

Chairman Wang had closed his eyes, but he opened them and replied. "I am fine. It's no big deal."

Assistant Wang parted his lips. Since it was impossible to convince the chairman otherwise, he stopped trying. "Fine then."

Before long, Assistant Wang left the room.

He Shu stood outside leaning against the wall. When Assistant Wang walked out, he straightened his back and looked inside the room. He asked softly. "Is he asleep?"

Assistant Wang nodded. He said somewhat apologetically, "I was unable to bring the medicine. Deputy Chairman Qin had his eyes on me."

He Shu pursed his lips expressionlessly. "He's a heartless man."

Assistant Wang sighed. "I have to go."

He Shu nodded and said politely, "Thank you for coming to see him."

Ever since things at the Apothecaries' Association got political, no one visited Chairman Wang. He was starting to lose faith in people.

Assistant Wang shook his head and smiled sadly. He wished he could help. "The chairman has been kind to me. I'm sorry I wasn't much help."

He Shu smiled. Even though he spent all his time studying Chinese medicine, he knew how the world worked. Deputy Chairman Qin might not have managed to buy over Assistant Wang, but Assistant Wang was unable to help much either.

Before long, Assistant Wang left. Just as he was about to get into the car, his phone rang in his pocket.

It was a call from Deputy Chairman Qin.

Assistant Wang hesitated briefly before answering the phone.

The call was short and quickly ended.

Assistant Wang held onto the phone with a serious look on his face. He quietly sat in the car for some time before he opened WeChat. He tapped to see Huo Yao's text message.

When he saw her messages, he typed: [Okay.]

Chapter 1349: An Incredible Sensation

Huo Yao called Lei Xiao after having breakfast the next day. She had made plans to meet up with him at his place and told him to prepare his research data.

Before going over to Lei Xiao's place, she was going to visit the hospital. She had refined medicine last night and wanted to give it to her third older brother. Also, he was due for some acupuncture therapy.

"You're recovering well. You can probably get discharged after recuperating for a few days." After taking his pulse, Huo Yao retrieved the sheepskin roll containing her silver needles from her pocket and told her third older brother to lie flat on the hospital bed.

"Uh huh. The doctor said the same thing when he examined me," replied Huo Yulin.

Huo Yao raised her brow. She pressed an acupuncture point on his chest holding a long slender silver needle in her hand. "This is probably going to hurt a little."

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The moment she finished her sentence, she applied the acupuncture needle to the acupuncture point with great accuracy.

Huo Yulin clenched his fists tightly and suppressed his voice even though he was in pain. Didn't she say it would only hurt a little? It was an inaccurate description from his little sister since he was in great pain.

After the initial pain subsided, he could sense energy coursing through the needles into his system. As the energy traveled into his system, it felt a little sore. It was an incredible sensation.

Huo Yao put away the needles 20 minutes later.

As she disinfected her silver needles, she said, "This is the last acupuncture treatment you need. From now on, you just need oral medication."

Huo Yulin exhaled deeply with sweat oozing from his forehead. As he buttoned his shirt, he said, "Something seems different about your acupuncture technique this time."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao as she put away her needles without offering an explanation.

She took out some medicated cream from her bag and placed it on the bedside table. You have to apply this cream once morning and night. This will help you heal much faster."

Even though Yuan Huan was currently the biggest suspect, it would be best if Huo Yulin could recover as soon as possible.

"Okay." Huo Yulin knew that Huo Yao's medication was good. Even though she simply mentioned the cream would help him recover more quickly, it was probably better than that.

Huo Yao raised her hand to check the time and got up. "I have an appointment, so I have to go."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yulin without asking for details.

Before long, Huo Yao drove out of the hospital.

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When she got to Lei Xiao's place, he had just finished organizing the data she needed, and even brought a sample over.

Even though his private laboratory was not as well equipped, it had all the basic equipment.

"Here is the data you wanted." Lei Xiao handed the laptop to Huo Yao.

He had already opened the virus structure diagram filled with annotations in English.

"Let me take a look." Huo Yao narrowed her eyes slightly before she quickly looked at the data.

Lei Xiao did not disturb her. Instead, he placed the virus sample in the airtight glass receptacle under the analyzer.

The analyzer's arms moved automatically and scanned the virus in the glass receptacle before transferring the data to the Biological computer nearby.

Huo Yao only spent 10 minutes reading the files. When she was done, she placed the laptop on the table. She glanced at the data appearing on the Biological computer as she walked up beside Lei Xiao and said, "Did you ever investigate the synthetic source?"

Lei Xiao adjusted his mask and turned to look at Huo Yao. "Huh? The synthetic source?"

"Uh huh." Huo Yao nodded. "The virus keeps synthesizing into new viruses indefinitely, so there is probably some reaction at the bacteria level. If you want to figure out the reason it does so, you need to know exactly what kinds of bacteria are in it."

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Huo Yao paused and said, "I have read your files. Only a few bacteria were listed in them. From the looks of it, there should be more."

Lei Xiao's eyes lit up after hearing this. She was undoubtedly a genius. He nodded and replied. "You're right. We are unable to figure out what other bacteria does it contain."

Huo Yao pondered briefly and said in an unusually serious tone, "Where the hell did you get this from?"

She pointed at the sample in the glass receptacle.

Lei Xiao replied candidly. "We developed it with a foreign academic body and the sample was provided by them."

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Since this was top secret research, he could not go into further detail.

Huo Yao went quiet for a few seconds and said, "Biochemical viruses can synthesize indefinitely."

Lei Xiao opened his eyes in shock. "Huh? A biochemical virus?"

"I don't know why you are researching this, but I suggest you stop it immediately. The moment someone gets infected, it will be a true catastrophe," said Huo Yao firmly.

Lei Xiao looked at the glass receptacle in shock. He agreed that this was no laughing matter, but it was probably harder to cease the project than start a new one.

Huo Yao looked at Lei Xiao as he looked at the sample in shock. She pondered and said, "I can help you find out what bacteria it contains, and that's all the help you're going to get from me. It's down to the institute to make a decision about my suggestion."

The moment she finished her sentence, she walked to the side.

Lei Xiao stood where he was as he watched from behind. No one could tell what he was thinking.

Huo Yao stopped talking. Instead, she picked up her laptop once again.

She had promised the Virus Research Institute to help, so she was not going back on her word, even though she hated biochemical viruses.

For most of the day, Huo Yao kept working on structural analysis, but she did not make much progress.

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Huo Yao received a call from Assistant Wang at 3:00 pm. He mentioned that the Chinese herbs she needed were ready and wanted to send them over to her.

"I'm not in school today. Why don't you give me an address so that I can send someone to collect them?" Huo Yao pondered before saying.

Assistant Wang went quiet briefly before he said, "I have something to say to you in person."

Huo Yao contemplated briefly and replied. "Okay then. Tell me where you are and I'll come over later."

When Huo Yao agreed to see him in person, Assistant Wang sighed in relief. "Do you think you could come straight to the association?"

He paused before he said apologetically, "Things are quite chaotic at the association. Do you mind coming over?"

Huo Yao did not think deeply. Since Lei Xiao's place was relatively close to the Apothecaries' Association, she simply agreed.

"In that case, call me when you get here," replied Assistant Wang hurriedly.

Huo Yao replied. "Sure."

After hanging up the phone, the smile on Assistant Wang's face disappeared. He was unsure if he had done the right thing.

Assistant Wang sat behind his desk for some time and exhaled deeply. He proceeded to stand up and walk over to Deputy Chairman Qin's office.

Deputy Chairman Qin happened to be on the phone. When he saw Assistant Wang standing at the door, he hung up the call and asked. "Did she agree to come over?"