

Pill Maker 1351

Chapter 1351: Deputy Chairman Qin Wanted To See Her

Assistant Wang lowered his eyes as he replied. "She said she will come over once she's done with her work."

Deputy Chairman Qin nodded satisfactorily upon hearing this. "Good. Assistant Wang, I knew you wouldn't disappoint me."

Assistant Wang pursed his lips. He had no choice to begin with.

"Oh yes. I have something for you." Deputy Chairman Qin opened his office drawer. He retrieved a bottle and placed it on the table. "Since Chairman Wang is unwell, I'm sure this will be good for him."

Assistant Wang tightened his fists as he looked at the bottle on the table. After suppressing his anger, he walked over to the table, picked up the bottle of medicine, and said politely, "Thank you, Deputy Chairman Qin."

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"No worries. I also hope Chairman Wang will recover soon." Deputy Chairman Qin smiled genially.

Assistant Wang did not look at Deputy Chairman Qin. He simply replied unhurriedly. "In that case, I'm going out to wait for Miss Huo."

"Go on then." Deputy Chairman Qin waved his hand.

After Assistant Wang had left the office, he opened his drawer and took out a piece of paper. He smiled looking at the powerful handwriting on it.

Everyone wanted good prescriptions.

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Meanwhile, on the other end.

When Huo Yao answered the phone, she took the call right in front of Lei Xiao, so he heard the conversation as well. He stopped working and turned to look at Huo Yao. "If you have somewhere to go, then carry on."

Huo Yao placed her phone back in her pocket. She glanced at the structural analysis on the laptop and continued typing. "It's fine. I want to finish this structural analysis first."

In any case, she was ahead of time.

"Okay then." Lei Xiao did not try to stop her.

Even though he agreed this was a serious matter, he wanted to see the structural analysis report before deciding the next steps he would take.

30 minutes later, Huo Yao clicked save and stood up. He told Lei Xiao to come over and take a look at her analysis. "I only managed to come up with half the analysis. I will work on the rest when I get back."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Lei Xiao before taking the laptop.

Huo Yao checked the time and said, "Here you are. I have to go now."

Lei Xiao wanted to walk Huo Yao out, but she stopped him.

Before long, Huo Yao left Lei Xiao's place.

By the time she got to the Apothecaries' Association, it was already 5:00 pm.

After parking the car, Huo Yao walked up to the security guard booth. Assistant Wang was already waiting for her there.

"Miss Huo, thanks for coming." Assistant Wang told the security guard to swipe the door and let her enter.

Huo Yao nodded politely. She entered the gate without noticing the hesitant look on Assistant Wang's face.

Assistant Wang showed Huo Yao into the association. As they walked, he said apologetically, "Sorry about making you come all the way here."

"It's fine." Huo Yao waved her hand without taking it to heart.

The association was giving her free Chinese herbs. Even if she had to come to collect it, it was well worth it.

Before long, the two of them arrived at the lift. When the lift got to the ground floor, Assistant Wang swiped his access pass and the lift door opened. He gestured for Huo Yao to enter first.

Huo Yao looked at the lift panel as the lift went upstairs with her hands in her coat pocket. "Assistant Wang, what did you want to say to me?"

"Oh that..." Assistant Wang was at a loss. He raised his head and looked at Huo Yao as he parted his lips hesitantly. "I'm not the one who wants to see you."

Huo Yao asked. "Is it the chairman then?"

The lift had already reached the third floor, but Assistant Wang did not answer Huo Yao. Just as they were walking out of the lift, he reached his hand out to hold the door open and waited for Huo Yao to exit before letting go.

After walking some distance, they stopped in front of an office. Assistant Wang looked at Huo Yao and said, "Deputy Chairman Qin wants to see you."

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Chapter 1352: You Don't Have A Choice

Huo Yao did not know Deputy Chairman Qin, and her eyes narrowed when she heard him.

Assistant Wang took a long time to reply to her text messages yesterday. Also, he was very hesitant while speaking to her today. He even made an excuse so that she would come to the Apothecaries' Association to collect the Chinese herbs without telling her the true reason. From the looks of it, it was premeditated.

Assistant Wang detected Huo Yao looking at him intently, so he automatically veered his eyes and did not dare to make eye contact with her. Instead, he raised his hand to knock on the office door.

"Enter."

Assistant Wang finally turned the doorknob and pushed the door open.

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Huo Yao stood where she was without moving. She paused briefly before asking. "Where is Chairman Wang?"

Assistant Wang looked hesitant before he finally looked at her and said, "Please go in."

He wanted to tell her the truth, but it was no use.

Even Chairman Wang was powerless against Deputy Chairman Qin, let alone a young student like Huo Yao. If she got into an argument with Deputy Chairman Qin, he could make her life hard.

Rather than oppose him, it would be wiser to comply.

Huo Yao glanced at Assistant Wang as she pondered. She stepped into the office without asking out loud.

Assistant Wang prayed to himself. He certainly hoped Deputy Chairman Qin would not try to do anything funny today as he closed the door.

Assistant Wang stood outside the door after closing it.

He felt a little bad about this. After standing outside for a couple of minutes, he retrieved his phone from his pocket, opened WeChat, and swiped down to He Shu's chat.

He proceeded to send He Shu a text message: [Miss Huo is at the association.]

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This was Deputy Chairman Qin's second time seeing Huo Yao. He first saw her at the apothecaries' exam. Also, she seemed to be close to Min Yu.

He was of the impression that she was a proud young woman.

Deputy Chairman Qin stopped scrutinizing her and smiled genially as he got up from the desk. He pointed at the coffee table and said, "Why don't you take a seat?"

Huo Yao glanced at Deputy Chairman Qin calmly as she sat down. "Why did you want to see me?"

Huo Yao was distant and blunt, but Deputy Chairman Qin acted obliviously. He simply continued to make tea at the coffee table.

“Nothing big. I just wanted to inform you about some new rules in the association.”

Huo Yao leaned against the seat backrest casually with her hands on her knees. Her dark coat made her seem even cooler.

She gently flicked some nonexistent dust in the air and said unhurriedly, “Oh really? What kind of new rules?”

Deputy Chairman Qin served some tea before he stood up and walked back to his desk. He opened his drawer and retrieved a document. He proceeded to return back to Huo Yao and handed her the file.

Huo Yao raised her brow when she saw the document. After pausing for a couple of seconds, she took the document from him.

Deputy Chairman Qin got back to his seat and took a sip of tea and said, “The contract you signed with Chairman Wang was no good. He wrote the contract without consulting any of us.”

Huo Yao only spent half a minute reading the contents of the file in her hand. She raised her head, looked at Deputy Chairman Qin, and smiled ambiguously. “Do I have to sign this new contract instead?”

“Considering your performance during the apothecaries’ exam, you are good enough to be a deputy chairman,” said Deputy Chairman Qin unhurriedly. He paused briefly before he continued. “Do you really want to be just an honorary deputy chairman?”

Chapter 1353: You’re Just The Deputy Chairman

In Deputy Chairman Qin’s opinion, Chairman Wang had probably invited her to join the association knowing that she possessed ancient prescriptions. Maybe, out of convenience, Chairman Wang offered to make Huo Yao an honorary deputy chairman.

The title might have a nice ring to it, but the person was no different than an ordinary apothecary in the association.

An honorary deputy chairman’s authority was worlds apart from the real deal.

Deputy Chairman Qin had just given her the association’s protocol manual along with a contract to be an official deputy chairman at the association, complete with all its perks.

His offer was undoubtedly far better than whatever the chairman had offered her.

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Anyone would be tempted to take his offer.

Deputy Chairman Qin was confident that he could get this young woman to work for him.

As Deputy Chairman Qin contemplated, Huo Yao nodded and replied nonchalantly. "In fact, I'm happy to. Why not?"

She could get her hands on an endless supply of Chinese herbs for free. Otherwise, she would have never agreed to become an honorary deputy chairman. If not for the free flow supply of Chinese herbs, she would never have taken up the post, even if they wanted to make her the chairman.

Deputy Chairman Qin was stunned and could not believe his ears.

After some time, he finally calmed down and spoke a little more loudly in disbelief. "Do you know what you're saying? Did you look at the document closely? I'm offering to make you an official deputy chairman!"

This was unfathomable. Why was she unmoved?

Was she silly?

Huo Yao noticed Deputy Chairman Qin looking at her as though she was an idiot. She pursed her lips and said, "You want my prescriptions. In exchange, you're giving me the position of deputy chairman. Is this how the association runs its business?"

It was true that the perks were far better than Chairman Wang's offer, but she had to give him ten ancient prescriptions in return.

Physicians would never divulge even their normal prescriptions. It was a trade practice. Moreover, he was demanding ten ancient prescriptions, no less. She had never seen anyone as shameless as him.

Deputy Chairman Qin looked at Huo Yao. He could instantly tell that she was being sarcastic. He composed himself and said with a straight face, "Trust me. You get to a much higher post if you give up the prescriptions. Trust me. It's a good deal."

Huo Yao put on a fake smile. "My bad. What can I say? I don't care about status and money."

Deputy Chairman Qin could tell she was patronizing him. His voice became increasingly cold. "Does this mean you aren't going to consider my offer?"

"Isn't it obvious?" Huo Yao nodded without the slightest fear in her eyes.

Deputy Chairman Qin narrowed his eyes. "Do you know the consequences of saying no to me?"

Huo Yao looked up. "I don't care about consequences. I just have one question for you. Aren't you just a deputy chairman?"

A serious look emerged on Deputy Chairman Qin's face. Huo Yao had mentioned he was just a deputy chairman, and had struck him where it hurt.

"Since you're just the deputy chairman, you have no right to talk to me about policy and contracts," said Huo Yao.

She was a deputy chairman as well, even if it was just an honorary post.

Deputy Chairman Qin looked at Huo Yao coldly. No one had ever dared to take this tone with him, even Chairman Wang had to speak to him cordially.

Was she cocky because she was friends with the Min family?

After looking at her for some time, Deputy Chairman Qin finally said, "I tried to ask nicely. Even if you don't like it, you are going to sign the contract."

Chapter 1354: Plenty Of Ways To Make Someone Disappear

Huo Yao tilted her head sideways and looked at him with intrigue. "Are you going to make me?"

Deputy Chairman Qin laughed coldly. "I'm just giving your fair warning. It's a mistake to offend the Apothecaries' Association. Since you were willing to give prescriptions to He Shu, I don't see why you can't give more. This does not have to end this way."

Wouldn't it be better if they both helped each other?

"Why should I give you my prescriptions? Are you some big man?" scoffed Huo Yao in a soft tone.

"Threats don't work on me."

Deputy Chairman Qin had never met someone as stupid as her. She was infuriating and hilarious at the same time.

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Deputy Chairman Qin shook his head. He was lowering himself by getting into an argument with this young woman, so he composed himself and said mildly, "It was not a threat. It's your duty to hand over your prescriptions. After all, you have signed a contract with the association and you can't afford to breach your contract."

The Apothecaries' Association was very powerful and there were plenty of ways to make her disappear.

Huo Yao nodded. "This will be the first. You want to steal my prescriptions, so you claim it's my duty to surrender them to the association. Now, you have really triggered my curiosity. I seriously want to see what you can possibly do to me."

Deputy Chairman Qin laughed in anger. It was the first time in his life he had encountered anyone as stubborn as her. It did not matter since he had plenty of time. It was just a matter of time before he got his hands on her prescriptions.

For a moment, neither of them spoke and the atmosphere in the office felt suffocating.

The office door could be heard opening loudly and it slammed against the wall.

Deputy Chairman Qin frowned at the interruption. He raised his head and looked at the door only to see He Shu entering the office, smelling like Chinese herbs.

"Don't you know you have to knock before entering?" asked Deputy Chairman Qin coldly.

He Shu was Chairman Wang's disciple, so Deputy Chairman Qin did not like He Shu either. Moreover, Fu Cheng kept losing to He Shu.

He Shu was only interested in researching medicine. When Deputy Chairman Qin questioned He Shu for entering uninvited, he did not react. Just when He Shu was about to speak, he inadvertently saw the document on the coffee table.

He narrowed his eyes as he reached his hand out to take the document. He quickly read through the document before turning to look at Deputy Chairman Qin expressionlessly. "Deputy Chairman Qin, I know my master isn't around, but you didn't have to blatantly reveal your ambition!"

Deputy Chairman Qin promptly felt infuriated. He slammed the table hard. "He Shu, I suggest you watch your attitude."

What the hell!

He Shu smiled mockingly and his chin was covered with a beard. He threw the document back on the table and said in ridicule, "Miss Huo was invited to join the association by Chairman Wang. How can you attempt to bribe her?"

Deputy Chairman Qin lost his cool and glared at He Shu coolly. "Are you teaching me how to do my job?"

"Of course not." He Shu pursed his lips. After all, during the internal rife in the Apothecaries' Association, he had already seen through Deputy Chairman Qin's fakery. He could not be bothered arguing with the man. Moreover, he was unafraid of him. He simply said, "I suggest not to take things too far. Otherwise, you might suffer severe consequences one day."

The moment he finished his sentence, he looked at Huo Yao. Moments ago, he was speaking to Deputy Chairman Qin coldly, but his lousy attitude completely disappeared instantly. Instead, he was particularly polite. "Miss Huo, I ran into some problems with my medicine. Could you help me take a look?"

Deputy Chairman Qin was speechless.

Chapter 1355: Another Man With No Principles

He Shu had just mentioned that his master was not around. Huo Yao wondered what he meant. She paused for a couple of seconds before she stood up and nodded. "Of course."

He Shu instantly felt relieved.

He did not know Huo Yao very well. When he saw Deputy Chairman Qin's contract, he was worried that Deputy Chairman Qin might have succeeded in buying her over.

He Shu pointed at the door without even looking at Deputy Chairman Qin and gestured for Huo Yao to follow him. "After you."

A serious look emerged on Deputy Chairman Qin's face. "He Shu, how dare you!"

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He Shu had just taken Huo Yao from right under his nose. He clearly disrespected the deputy chairman.

He Shu acted as though he was oblivious of Deputy Chairman Qin's fury and words. Instead, he looked at Huo Yao and gestured for her to come with him.

Huo Yao stuck her hands into her coat pocket. When she got to the door, she halted and turned. She looked at Deputy Chairman Qin mildly. "Even if you offer me the position of chairman, I'm not interested."

The moment she finished her sentence, she veered her eyes and stepped out of the office.

He Shu was stunned, but he quickly snapped out of it and followed behind Huo Yao.

Deputy Chairman Qin watched expressionlessly as they disappeared from the door. He closed his eyes for a second before he picked up the teacup on the table and hurled it onto the ground forcefully.

The teacup could be heard smashing into smithereens. He was clearly in a foul mood.

He had never seen anyone as stubborn as her.

When Pei Rong came over to see Deputy Chairman Qin with something for him, he happened to run into Huo Yao and He Shu. He looked at Huo Yao with complicated emotions running through his heart.

He had witnessed Huo Yao's performance at the apothecaries' exam. He did not expect her to be such a master at refining pills.

When she examined Fang Chen at the Pei residence, he had simply assumed that she was a young woman with some medical knowledge. Back in the day, she was proud, so he had a very bad impression of her.

His little brother had called to inform him that Huo Yao was a brilliant apothecary, but he did not take it to heart. He felt it was impossible for someone as young as her to accomplish this.

She had now proven she was a brilliant apothecary and was very close to the chairman. Pei Rong could not help feeling angry about misjudging her.

If he had known sooner, he would have befriended her. Perhaps in a couple of years, he would have successfully gotten connected to Chairman Wang using her.

Unfortunately, it was all too late.

Pei Rong sighed inside. Fortunately, Chairman Wang was going to lose his job soon. If he continued keeping ties with him, there was no saying if Deputy Chairman Qin might kick him out of the association as well.

Pei Rong composed himself and his regret gradually dissipated as he pondered. He did not stop to greet Huo Yao. He simply nodded perfunctorily to He Shu before he entered Deputy Chairman Qin's office.

He Shu and Pei Rong did not know each other well, so he did not particularly like or dislike the man. When he saw Pei Rong enter Deputy Chairman Qin's office, he pursed his lips.

From the looks of it, he was now one of Deputy Chairman Qin's men. He was another one of those guys without any principles.

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When Pei Rong entered the office, he saw the broken teacup on the ground and was caught by surprise. He glanced cautiously at Deputy Chairman Qin.

Since he had just run into He Shu and Huo Yao at the door, their meeting must have ended badly.

Pei Rong felt it was probably the wrong time to come over, but it was rude to leave now. He asked cautiously. "Deputy Chairman Qin, are you okay?"

Chapter 1356: Would She Handover Her Prescriptions?

Deputy Chairman Qin glanced at Pei Rong before taking a seat. His face was completely normal now. He asked mildly. "Why are you here?"

"Nothing really. I refined something new today, so I wanted to show it to you," replied Pei Rong. He proceeded to bend over to pick up the broken pieces of glass on the floor.

Deputy Chairman Qin was in no mood to entertain him, but he did not get angry when Pei Rong attempted to clear the broken glass. "Maybe some other day."

Pei Rong nodded and tossed the broken pieces of glass into the trash can. He pondered and said, "I ran into He Shu and Huo Yao at the door."

The moment he mentioned He Shu, Deputy Chairman Qin looked annoyed. He scoffed loudly. "Those stupid assholes."

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"What happened?" asked Pei Rong quizzically.

Deputy Chairman Qin raised his hand to rub his temple without speaking for a long time.

Pei Rong stood where he was and did not know if he should continue talking.

Deputy Chairman Qin put down his hand and looked at Pei Rong. He said, "Oh yes. I remember you saying your father is friends with Huo Yao, right?"

Pei Rong did not expect Deputy Chairman Qin to bring this up. He paused briefly before he nodded. "I suppose."

Deputy Chairman Qin narrowed his eyes before asking. "In that case, do you think she would give your father her ancient prescriptions if he asked?"

Pei Rong was instantly stunned. "Does she have ancient prescriptions?"

Deputy Chairman Qin made his intentions clear. He tilted his head sideways looking at Pei Rong before repeating his question. "Tell me. Will he be able to get them from her?"

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Meanwhile, Huo Yao and He Shu had arrived on the ground floor.

Assistant Wang was waiting in the hall. When he saw them exiting the lift, he hesitated briefly before walking toward them.

Out of embarrassment, Assistant Wang did not dare to make eye contact with Huo Yao. He simply asked. "Miss Huo, did Deputy Chairman Qin give you a hard time?"

Huo Yao glanced at Assistant Wang calmly without saying a word. He Shu said, "Assistant Wang, I thought you had some principles. How could you choose to work for Qin Zheng?"

When Assistant Wang came over to see Chairman Wang last night, He Shu also thanked him for visiting and not colluding against Chairman Wang. On this day, he was sorely disappointed with him.

Assistant Wang smiled sadly as he shook his head without explaining his actions. He retrieved something from his pocket and handed it to He Shu. "Please give this to the chairman."

He nodded to Huo Yao apologetically before he turned and left.

He Shu frowned as he held onto the pill bottle tightly. He opened the pill bottle and checked its contents. The moment he looked inside the bottle, complicated emotions swept through his heart.

He had overheard Assistant Wang's conversation with Chairman Wang last night, but he did not expect Assistant Wang to invite Huo Yao to the Apothecaries' Association.

Even though Assistant Wang had tried to help by sending him a text message, what was done was done and it was impossible to make up for it.

Huo Yao glanced at the bottle in He Shu's hand and asked. "Did something happen to Chairman Wang? Where is he?"

He Shu snapped out of his thoughts on hearing her voice. He looked at Huo Yao. "He's recuperating at home."

Considering Deputy Chairman Qin's attitude toward her, she asked. "Did something happen at the Apothecaries' Association recently?"

Chapter 1357: Chronic Poisoning

He Shu sighed. He gestured for Huo Yao to leave first. He said deeply, "It's a long story. Qin Zheng is a heartless man."

Qin Zheng was Deputy Chairman Qin's name in full.

He Shu briefly told her about how Deputy Chairman Qin kept forcing Chairman Wang to hand over power at the association.

The moment she heard what he said, Huo Yao frowned and asked. "Is Chairman Wang sick?"

He Shu nodded sadly. "He has some long-time ailments and suffered a relapse recently. Qin Zheng refuses to let the chairman access medication. Chairman Wang isn't doing well now."

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Huo Yao narrowed her eyes as she pondered. She said, "I want to see him."

He Shu knew Huo Yao was an apothecary, but he was unsure about her medical skills. Since Chairman Wang never brought it up before, he simply assumed that she wanted to visit him. He replied. "Sure."

Huo Yao arrived at Chairman Wang's residence 30 minutes later.

His residence was a traditional house with a courtyard located in the old part of the city.

Huo Yao did not stop to look around. Instead, she quickly followed behind He Shu and entered Chairman Wang's bedroom.

"Chairman Wang has just gone to bed after taking some meds. I doubt he'll wake up anytime soon," said the butler softly. The butler had been taking care of the chairman for a long time.

He Shu glanced at Chairman Wang and frowned. He asked. "Did he take sleeping pills again?"

The butler nodded. "He said it feels as though needles are stabbing him and even painkillers were useless."

He Shu retrieved the medicine Assistant Wang had given him and gave it to the butler. "I have the meds."

The butler was happy to see them. "Really? That's great."

He Shu nodded.

Huo Yao stepped forward to the bed after listening to their conversation. She checked Chairman Wang's pallor before reaching her hand out to take his pulse.

She frowned after taking his pulse.

When He Shu saw Huo Yao examining the chairman, he gestured for the butler to stay quiet and walked over quietly. After she was done, he asked softly. "How is he?"

Huo Yao covered Chairman Wang with the blanket before straightening her body. "It's no good. He's dying."

He Shu was shocked by the news. "Why? I knew he was worried about association matters and suffered a relapse. How could he be dying?"

Huo Yao glanced at Chairman Wang before she turned to look at the pill bottle in He Shu's hand. For a moment, she was unable to give him an answer. "Let me see the meds."

He Shu hurriedly handed her the medicine.

Huo Yao took out a pill and smelled it with a knowing look on her face. She placed the pill back in the bottle and said, "Has Chairman Wang been taking this for a long time?"

He Shu nodded and asked. "Are the meds okay?"

Huo Yao shook her head. "Nothing's wrong with the medicine, but long-term usage can lead to chronic poisoning. Since he is already unwell, the effects will be stronger. The chronic poison will slowly suck the life out of him."

He Shu was stunned. "Huh? Chronic poisoning?"

Chapter 1358: Deliberately Making Him Ill

Huo Yao handed the medicine bottle back to He Shu. "Chronic poison is very hard to detect. Even if we find out about it later, it is usually too late."

He Shu tightened his grip on the pill bottle. He found it completely unfathomable that there could be a problem with the medication. The chairman was a decent physician. It made no sense for him to take the medication for years without catching on to the problem.

Then again, if the medication was genuinely fine, the chairman would not be in this condition in the first place. He had tried refining all kinds of medicine for the chairman, but nothing worked.

In an instant, He Shu's mind went into chaos.

Huo Yao could tell that He Shu did not believe her entirely. Her eyes drifted away as she pondered for some time before she said softly, "Doctors might be good at treating patients, but they often have trouble treating themselves."

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He Shu looked at Huo Yao. He was not the stubborn sort. He parted his lips hesitantly and said, "Is there any cure for him?"

"Chairman Wang has taken the medication for too long, so the poison has spread throughout his system. Also, he is deteriorating very quickly. If I'm not mistaken, he probably took some other meds before he fell sick. Those meds might have caused him to end up this way," explained Huo Yao calmly.

He Shu did not know about it. He anxiously turned to look at the butler beside them and asked. "Do you know if he has taken any other medication recently?"

The butler pondered before shaking his head. "I don't know either. Chairman Wang was busy working before he fell ill and did not come home much."

He paused before he added. "Shall I bring over all the medicine at home so that you can check it?"

The butler left the room hurriedly.

He Shu looked at Huo Yao and asked softly. "Since he's suffering from poisoning, does it mean we can cure him by detoxifying him?"

"If he were still young, then maybe. Since he's getting on his age, it would be hard," said Huo Yao sadly.

He Shu staggered a small step upon hearing this. He looked at Chairman Wang as he lay in bed and said sadly, "Is there really no cure?"

"If the poison did not get fully activated, it can still be placed under control with long-term therapy..." Huo Yao stopped mid-sentence but the answer was blatantly clear.

He Shu felt terrible. Deputy Chairman Qin had refused to let Chairman Wang access any medication for the past few days. Ever since Chairman Wang stopped taking medication, his condition had aggravated. Considering the situation, it never dawned on him that it might be chronic poisoning.

Meanwhile, the butler came over with all the medicine in the house. He placed it on the small table by the side and said, "Here are all the meds in the house."

Huo Yao walked over.

The box was filled with dozens of medicine bottles. Most of them were for maintaining good health and the rest of them were for lowering blood sugar.

After examining them, Huo Yao said, "These look fine and won't harm Chairman Wang."

When He Shu thought about what Huo Yao had just said, a notion emerged in his mind. "Does this mean someone is deliberately making Master ill?"

Huo Yao was unaware of the politics within the Apothecaries' Association. Judging from the situation, it was possible. Since she was in no position to say more, she simply replied. "Well, it's possible."

He Shu instinctively thought about Deputy Chairman Qin. During this time, he blatantly tried to take over as the association's chairman, so he had every reason to do this to the chairman.

Chapter 1359: The Last Place Shangguan Yu Appeared

Huo Yao's phone rang in her pocket. She did not want to disturb Chairman Wang, so she nodded to He Shu and strode out of the bedroom.

When she left the room, she answered the phone.

Min Yu asked coolly. "Where are you?"

Huo Yao raised her head. She glanced at a plant in the corridor and replied. "I'm at Chairman Wang's place."

Min Yu recalled telling Zhuo Yun to keep an eye on the Apothecaries' Association, but he did not bring it up over the phone. Instead, he inquired. "When will you be done?"

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"Soon. Why did you call?" asked Huo Yao.

"Ah... ok. Well, I have some leads about the person who sent the medicine for auction."

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes. "Do you mean Shangguan Yu?"

Min Yu replied. "Uh huh. Talk when you're done."

"Okay. I'll come over to your place when I'm finished here."

"Sure."

Before long, they were done chatting on the phone. Huo Yao put away her phone solemnly and walked back to Chairman Wang's bedroom.

The chairman was still sleeping. Huo Yao glanced at him and said to He Shu, "I'm going to leave Chairman Wang to rest. I'll be back tomorrow to perform acupuncture on him."

She did not have suitable acupuncture needles on her right now.

He Shu did not know about Huo Yao's medical skills, but he knew she genuinely cared about Chairman Wang, so he nodded and replied. "Sure thing. See you tomorrow then."

"Uh huh," Huo Yao acknowledged softly before turning to leave without lingering.

The butler promptly walked her out of the residence.

He Shu finally veered his eyes when Huo Yao was gone. He slowly walked up beside Chairman Wang's bed, pulled up a chair, and took his pulse.

Unfortunately, he was an average physician, so he was unable to figure out how to treat Chairman Wang.

He smiled sadly before pulling his hand back.

He did not leave the residence. Instead, he simply sat by the bed and waited for Chairman Wang to wake up.

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Before long, Huo Yao drove back to the estate and went straight to Min Yu's villa.

After entering through the door, she noticed that Min Yu was not alone. Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi were also present.

"Miss Huo, welcome," greeted Zhuo Yun the moment he saw her.

Yang Yi nodded politely to Huo Yao.

“Uh huh,” acknowledged Huo Yao before she turned to look at Min Yu. She asked him straight away. “Did you manage to find Shangguan Yu?”

She wanted to investigate the medicine seller’s identity using Cloud Realm. Since her third older brother needed treatment, she had to put it off. If Min Yu did not mention this, she might have forgotten about it entirely.

He held Huo Yao’s hand. She seemed a lot warmer than yesterday. He pulled her over and made her sit beside him on the couch and said, “The culprit seems closely related to a foreign organization and was last seen in the capital.”

Huo Yao did not resist when Min Yu held her hand. She said in surprise, “Do you mean Shangguan Yu is in the capital now?”

“We’re not sure either. The person was probably here around three days ago, but we don’t know about the person’s other activities for sure,” replied Yang Yi. Judging from his tone, he was a little annoyed.

The medicine seller was in the capital, but Yang Yi was unable to find his GPS location. Yang Yi had to say that the culprit knew what he was doing.

“Three days ago?” Huo Yao narrowed her eyes. “Does this mean you didn’t manage to find Shangguan Yu?”

She was certain it was not the real Shangguan Yu. There must be some reason someone was pretending to be Shangguan Yu.

Chapter 1360: Glad You Realize

Yang Yi felt hurt when he heard what Huo Yao said. He lowered his head quietly. “That’s right.”

Zhuo Yun cleared his throat and said, “The medicine seller was very cunning and it was impossible to locate the guy. Since he’s from a secretive clan, perhaps he’s capable of concealing himself very well.”

He could only console himself in this way for failing to accomplish his task.

Huo Yao glanced at Zhuo Yun and could not resist correcting him. “It’s just a normal person. What can the person possibly do?”

Min Yu raised his brow and glanced at her upon hearing this.

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“No matter what, we were unable to find the person,” Yang Yi sighed and answered.

He had already done his best, but the medicine seller was very good at concealing his tracks. Until now, they did not even know if the medicine seller was a man or a woman.

Before long, Yang Yi added. “I think the person might know someone in the Apothecaries’ Association. We lost the medicine seller near the association.”

Huo Yao furrowed her brows. Why was it linked to the association again?

As she pondered, Min Yu asked. "Why did Chairman Wang want to see you today?"

Huo Yao paused for a few seconds before she threw her thoughts out of her mind. She shook her head and replied. "I went over to see him since he was unwell."

Min Yu said, "Things have gotten very political in the association recently. People are eyeing his position."

Huo Yao turned her head and looked at him. "How did you know?"

Min Yu raised his brow and said, "I invited Chairman Wang to come over to examine you when you were unable to wake up. I noticed he seemed tense, so I kept an eye on him."

Huo Yao touched her nose. "I suspect foul play was involved."

Chronic poison was nearly undetectable and required long-term consumption to take effect, so this must have been going on for quite some time. She could smell a conspiracy brewing.

Sure enough, she was wise about not joining the association officially.

Deputy Chairman Qin had asked to see her earlier and made demands on her. She was certain this would not be the last she heard from him.

She could sense a headache coming on just thinking about it.

She should not have gotten greedy and become an honorary deputy chairman for the sake of free Chinese herbs.

Huo Yao leaned back into the seat expressionlessly.

Min Yu glanced at Huo Yao. He rubbed her palm as he held her hand. "Don't worry."

Huo Yao tilted her head sideways and smiled. "Why would I need to worry about anything with you around?"

Min Yu nodded with a straight face. "I'm glad you feel that way."

Huo Yao went quiet.

When Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi saw Min Yu and Huo Yao's behavior, they looked at each other awkwardly. They were appalled by their lovey-dovey interaction.

Min Yu raised his head to look at Yang Yi as he held Huo Yao's hand. He said to Yang Yi solemnly, "Keep searching for Shangguan Yu. Even if you have to go through the city with a fine tooth comb, find him."

"Okay." Yang Yi nodded. He would have done the same even if his boss did not order it.

After all, he had embarrassed himself in front of Huo Yao because of Shangguan Yu.

Huo Yao quietly glanced at Min Yu. Even though she knew he was thinking about Shangguan Yu and not her, she could not help feeling uneasy.

Before long, Yang Yi and Zhuo Yun stopped playing the third wheel and left.

Only Huo Yao and Min Yu remained in the living room.

Huo Yao sat on the couch cross-legged thinking about Shangguan Yu.

Min Yu pondered as he glanced at her before he came closer. “Do you know Shangguan Yu?”