

Pill Maker 1411

Chapter 1411: Intel Sent Anonymously

Pei Rong was caught by surprise when Deputy Chairman Qin seemed confident that no one could cure Min Yu. He paused briefly before he decided not to keep harping on the subject. "In that case, it's just a matter of time before Huo Yao hands over her prescriptions."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Deputy Chairman Qin.

He had to focus on getting himself promoted. Once he was promoted to the seat of chairman, it was just a matter of time before he could get the prescriptions.

Deputy Chairman Qin's phone rang in his pocket interrupting his thoughts.

He retrieved his phone and checked it. After looking at his phone, he narrowed his eyes and did not answer it right away. Instead, he raised his head and glanced at Pei Rong.

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Pei Rong hurriedly said, "Allow me to take my leave."

He left the office and closed the door behind him.

Deputy Chairman Qin veered his eyes and answered the call.

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Meanwhile, He Shu arrived at his rendezvous point with Zhuo Yun before long. Shortly after taking a seat, Zhuo Yun also arrived.

"Hello, Mr. He." Zhuo Yun nodded politely. He sat down and placed a document folder on the table.

He Shu sat with restraint. "Miss Huo said that you could help me."

"Uh huh." Zhuo Yun could tell that He Shu felt reserved, so he said, "Don't be nervous. Chairman Wang is close friends with Young Master Min. Now that Chairman Wang is in trouble, the Min family naturally wants to help."

The moment Zhuo Yun mentioned the Min family, he realized Zhuo Yun was working for them. He pondered and asked. "How's Young Master Min doing?"

Zhuo Yun shook his head and smiled. "Don't worry. He's doing well."

Huo Yao had told He Shu to call Zhuo Yun and gave Zhuo Yun a heads up about it. This meant He Shu could be trusted, so Zhuo Yun spoke candidly.

He Shu was a smart man. When he heard what Zhuo Yun said, a notion emerged in his mind. He concluded that Min Yu probably did not suffer a so-called relapse.

Even though He Shu had come to a conclusion about Min Yu's condition, he did not blatantly ask about it. "I'm glad he's fine."

Zhuo Yun nodded and got straight to the subject. He took out the documents and handed them to He Shu. He said calmly, "Qin Zheng can't become the chairman."

He Shu paused briefly before taking the documents. When he saw the first page, a stern look appeared on his face and he automatically tightened his grip on the document. "Qin Zheng..."

"Just illegal detention alone is enough to get him into serious trouble. Moreover, a lot of human experiment subjects have died on his watch." Zhuo Yun received these files anonymously this morning. The moment he saw its contents, he was stunned.

A grave look emerged on He Shu's face. He could not bear to go on reading the files any longer. He had thought earlier that Deputy Chairman Qin was an ambitious man, but he did not expect Deputy Chairman Qin to be involved in illegal human testing.

He had been doing it for years, but no one ever found out.

He Shu's mind flew into chaos. The moment people found out about this, the Apothecaries' Association's reputation would be at great risk.

"Mr. Zhuo, are you going to..." He Shu parted his lips and asked hesitantly.

Zhuo Yun knew what He Shu wanted to say, so he interrupted He Shu. "I won't leak this news. After all, a lot of people are probably involved in this and we need to investigate everything first."

He Shu felt relieved upon hearing this.

He did not want the association's reputation to get hurt because of Qin Zheng's actions.

Zhuo Yun and He Shu did not continue chatting for long. After telling He Shu about a few ideas, they went on their ways respectively.

He had to go back and update him about the situation.

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Before long, Zhuo Yun got back to Min Yu's villa.

When he entered through the door, Huo Yao was just done giving Min Yu acupuncture treatment. She sat curled up on the couch and looked tired.

Chapter 1412: Aren't You Tired?

Zhuo Yun nodded and greeted Huo Yao. He looked at Min Yu and said, "Arrangements have been made at the Apothecaries' Association."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Min Yu calmly as he continued typing on his phone. He raised his head and looked at Huo Yao. "What do you want for dinner?"

"Anything works," replied Huo Yao lazily. She crossed her legs and adjusted her posture.

Min Yu nodded, veered his eyes, and continued sending text messages.

Zhuo Yun cleared his throat and took out the document folder in his hand. "Oh yes. One more thing. I received an anonymous package containing intel about Qin Zheng today."

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When Huo Yao heard what Zhuo Yun said, she raised her head and glanced at the document folder in his hands, and quickly lowered her eyes disinterestedly.

Zhuo Yun handed the document folder to Min Yu and continued. "I always thought that only scientists had to conduct human testing. I didn't expect Qin Zheng to illegally detain people for human testing as well."

Huo Yao was playing with the corner of her shirt when she paused and smiled. "Greedy people never feel satiated."

Zhuo Yun looked at Huo Yao in surprise. Even though her face looked completely normal, he could sense that her voice was unusually cold.

"Despite your tender age, you sound like you have seen a lot." Min Yu raised his brow and tossed the document folder onto the coffee table. He reached out his hand and squeezed her palm. "Aren't you tired?"

Huo Yao glanced sideways at Min Yu. She did not pull her hand back or answer him.

When Zhuo Yun saw their interaction, he could not help feeling envious that they were dating.

"Do you know who sent this?" Min Yu turned to glance at Zhuo Yun and asked mildly.

Zhuo Yun's cheeks twitched awkwardly. "Nope."

The moment he uttered those words, he could sense disdain coming from his boss.

Zhuo Yun cleared his throat without daring to look at Min Yu. He paused before he looked at Huo Yao. "Oh yes. Miss Huo, I checked on the photo you sent me the other day. I think it might be Shangguan Yu."

"What photo?" asked Min Yu quizzically as he played with Huo Yao's hands.

Zhuo Yun retrieved his phone and tapped on the photo. "This guy."

Min Yu glanced at the photo. The photo was taken from the side and was quite blurry, so it was hard to get a good look at him. "Is he Shangguan Yu?"

"I think probably," replied Zhuo Yun.

Huo Yao was unsurprised by the outcome of Zhuo Yun's investigation. "Were you able to find him?"

Zhuo Yun's subordinate had already reported back to him. He paused for a couple of seconds and said, "We're not sure if this is the same guy Qin Zheng met recently."

Qin Zheng again. Huo Yao narrowed her eyes and stopped probing. "Okay."

Zhuo Yun glanced at Huo Yao. He was unable to figure out what she was thinking, so he hung around briefly before he left the villa.

After he was gone, only Huo Yao and Min Yu remained in the living room.

“Are you still thinking about Shangguan Yu?” asked Min Yu as he touched her fingers, making her snap out of her thoughts.

Each time the name was brought up, Huo Yao seemed uneasy. She straightened her back slightly and shook her head. “Nope.”

Chapter 1413: Reacted Strangely

Min Yu raised his brow in disbelief.

“Are they voting for the chairman tomorrow at the Apothecaries’ Association?” asked Huo Yao as she glanced at him.

“Uh huh.” Min Yu nodded. “Yes? Have you changed your mind? Are you going over tomorrow?”

Huo Yao glanced at Zhuo Yun’s report sitting on the coffee table. She said teasingly, “I’m the deputy chairman, so I have the right to vote, don’t I?”

Min Yu stared at her. He had a feeling that she was not going to the association to vote, but he did not continue probing. “Okay.”

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“Uh huh,” acknowledged Huo Yao. She lowered her eyes and did not continue with the subject.

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The next day, at the Apothecaries’ Association.

When He Shu arrived at the association, he was stopped before he made it to the conference room.

“He Shu, Deputy Chairman Qin says you have no right to participate in the voting,” said Deputy Chairman Qin’s assistant as he stopped He Shu.

He Shu almost did not sleep a wink last night, so he looked haggard. He looked at Deputy Chairman Qin’s assistant and laughed softly. “Is Qin Zheng worried about his promotion?”

The assistant looked at He Shu as though he were a fool. Everyone in the association was already looking at Deputy Chairman Qin for leadership.

He shook his head and said calmly, “Since you refused to sign the consent agreement yesterday, it’s as good as giving up your voting rights.”

He Shu wanted to laugh just thinking about the consent agreement. “This means anyone permitted to enter the conference room is on Qin Zheng’s side, right?”

The assistant pursed his lips without answering. He stood at the door determined to stop He Shu from entering the conference room.

Two other security guards were standing on the inside of the door.

He Shu glanced at them coldly. He knew that he would never be permitted to enter the conference room. He stood where he was with his fists clenched tightly as they hung from the sides of his body.

He turned to leave from there two minutes later.

The assistant watched from behind as He Shu left. He could not help feeling surprised when He Shu left so easily. The assistant said a few words to the security guards and entered the conference room.

A lot of people were already sitting at the conference table in the meeting room.

Deputy Chairman Qin smiled as he chatted with people around. When he raised his head and saw the assistant enter the conference room, they made eye contact. He excused himself and walked toward his assistant.

"How did things go?" Deputy Chairman Qin walked to the side and asked softly.

The assistant told Deputy Chairman Qin about his encounter with He Shu. "Something feels off about He Shu's reaction."

Deputy Chairman Qin narrowed his eyes. "What do you mean by strange?"

"In theory, He Shu would never have left so quietly." The assistant paused before he continued. "Did he hatch some plan?"

Deputy Chairman Qin did not take it to heart. "What can he possibly do? He has no power of any kind."

The assistant felt that Deputy Chairman Qin made sense. If He Shu could do anything about them, he would have done it ages ago.

"Send someone to keep an eye on him in any case." Even though Qin Zheng looked down on He Shu, he did not take things lightly. "Oh yes. Did Chairman Wang come to the association?"

"Nope. I sent someone to watch the entrance. I reckon Chairman Wang doesn't know about the voting. After all, his health is going downhill, so he can't afford to get agitated," replied his assistant.

Deputy Chairman Qin stood with his hands behind his back as he played with his watch. He nodded and said, "Okay then. Stand guard outside. Once the voting is done, everything is over."

Chapter 1414: How Did You Get In?

The assistant acknowledged Deputy Chairman Qin before leaving the conference room.

Deputy Chairman Qin turned and wanted to sit down, but his phone rang in his pocket.

He paused briefly before he took out his phone. When he saw an unknown phone number appearing on the screen, he wanted to hang up right away.

Just as he was about to hang up, a text message notification appeared on the screen showing a single word.

[Prescriptions.]

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Deputy Chairman Qin narrowed his eyes. The moment he saw the text message, he thought about Huo Yao.

The message was sent using the same number that had called him earlier.

Qin Zheng stood where he was holding his phone without moving. Since there were still 20 minutes before the voting commenced, he tapped on the phone a couple of times and pressed the dial button.

Before long, someone answered the phone and a cool voice could be heard. "I'm in your office."

The moment Qin Zheng heard the voice, he recognized it and knew it was Huo Yao.

He parted his lips wanting to speak, but all he could hear was the mechanical dial tone.

She had hung up the phone.

Qin Zheng was accustomed to VIP treatment and people rarely hung up on him so rudely. He was angry, but he promptly suppressed his anger when he thought about Huo Yao's prescriptions.

Considering her timing, she was not here solely for the medication to save Min Yu. She must be here to thwart the voting process.

Qin Zheng naturally knew what she wanted. He smiled as he raised his head to glance at the people sitting around the conference table and turned to leave the room.

The prescriptions and position were both his.

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The assistant was standing at the door when Deputy Chairman Qin walked out unexpectedly. He asked in surprise. "Where are you going?"

Qin Zheng raised his hand. "I'm going back to the office for a bit. Keep your eye on the conference room. Call me if anything happens. I'll be back soon."

The assistant hurriedly nodded and acknowledged the man.

Qin Zheng quickly took the lift and went to the third floor.

The office was the second last room at the end of the corridor and the door was closed. When Qin Zheng swiped his security pass to access it, he paused and thought about his conversation with Huo Yao.

She had mentioned that she was already waiting in his office.

Qin Zheng narrowed his eyes and tapped his pass on the door.

When the door opened, he walked into the office.

The moment he entered the office, he could see a slim silhouette standing in the room, in front of the French windows with her back facing the door. She was dressed in a black coat and gave off a particularly cool aura.

Qin Zheng looked at her from behind and asked in a deep voice. "How did you get in?"

Half a minute later, Huo Yao turned nonchalantly. Qin Zheng promptly saw her cool gorgeous face.

"If I want to come in, no one can stop me." Huo Yao smiled innocently as she took a few steps forward and sat down on the couch casually.

Qin Zheng frowned slightly in annoyance when he saw Huo Yao's confidence. He wasted no time and got straight to his subject. "Where are the prescriptions?"

Huo Yao crossed her legs and seemed relaxed. She tilted her head sideways, looked at Qin Zheng, and asked rhetorically. "I'm curious. If you are so well connected, why didn't your boss give you some prescriptions?"

Qin Zheng frowned even more deeply upon hearing this. Huo Yao's attitude was quite different from what he had expected.

It felt as though she was neither here for medication nor here to mess up the voting.

Chapter 1415: Your Boss

Qin Zheng pondered for some time before he said quizzically, "You're not here for meds, right?"

"Why would I need the medicine?" Huo Yao gently flicked some nonexistent dust on her sleeves and finally said, "You're talking about meds for Min Yu, right?"

Qin Zheng pursed his lips. He did not understand what Huo Yao was doing here anymore. He could not help feeling annoyed after hearing what she said.

He had a feeling that he was swiftly losing control of the situation somehow.

Qin Zheng's phone rang in his pocket. The unexpected ringtone made him feel tense.

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Qin Zheng paused before taking out his phone.

It was Pei Rong calling him.

Qin Zheng frowned and answered the phone.

“Deputy Chairman Qin, I hear that Min Yu is fine and didn’t relapse.” Pei Rong’s solemn voice came from over the phone.

Qin Zheng hastily opened his eyes in shock as he tightened his grip on the phone. “Really?”

Pei Rong replied. “I’m pretty sure.”

When he heard what Pei Rong said, Qin Zheng suddenly raised his head and looked at Huo Yao. She was completely calm and seemed well-prepared. He promptly connected the dots about what she had just said and his mind flew into chaos.

If Min Yu’s condition did not deteriorate, why did Min Yu deliberately release intel about it? It must have been a trap to lure him.

Now that he finally detected something amiss and connected the dots, he promptly realized that he had overlooked something crucial.

Pei Rong wanted to say more to Qin Zheng, but he was no longer listening. He simply kept taking in the news that Min Yu was alive and well.

All these years, he had been a cautious man, so no one was able to get any dirt on him. He did not expect himself to get outsmarted at this juncture.

Qin Zheng hung up the phone furiously. He turned to look at Huo Yao and could not help asking. “Is Min Yu really okay?”

Huo Yao nodded. She smiled ambiguously and said, “Things are very peaceful in the capital, right? Do you think this could be the case if he were unwell?”

Qin Zheng was stunned upon hearing this.

All this time, Qin Zheng kept plotting and scheming to remove Chairman Wang from power. After his spy working for the Min family told him Min Yu had suffered a relapse, he stopped keeping an eye on Min Yu. Also, Pei Rong had sent his father to confirm Min Yu’s condition, so he got careless.

In hindsight, there were plenty of clues pointing out that something was wrong, but he missed them all.

The Min family was the most powerful family in the capital. If something had happened to Min Yu, there would be a power vacuum and the political scene would go into chaos the moment news got out.

Qin Zheng kept pondering to himself. After some time, he paused and composed himself. “In that case, what do you want from me?”

“Nothing much. I just want to ask you about someone.” Huo Yao tapped her fingers gently as she spoke in a nonchalant tone.

Qin Zheng narrowed his eyes. “Who?”

“Where is your boss?” Huo Yao tilted her head sideways looking at Qin Zheng. Even though she spoke in an airy tone, her voice sounded intense.

Qin Zheng looked straight into Huo Yao's eyes. She was just a young woman in her twenties, but he inexplicably felt intimidated talking to her and could sense his back going numb.

Only Mr. Fan was able to make him feel this way.

Judging from his interaction with her, she was not to be trifled with.

Chapter 1416: Trick Him Into Divulging More

Qin Zheng instantly felt afraid. After composing himself, he said coldly, "You could enter my office at will. If you want a name, I'm sure you can figure it out on your own."

He did not deny that he was working for someone.

Huo Yao had crossed her legs. She put down her leg and got up from the couch. She walked up in front of Qin Zheng unhurriedly. "When you decided to work for Cutting Edge Group, did you ever stop to consider the consequences if something went wrong?"

The moment she mentioned the name, Qin Zheng instantly narrowed his eyes. He did not expect Huo Yao to know about Cutting Edge Group. He looked at Huo Yao coldly and paused before he said, "I don't know what you mean."

Huo Yao smiled and responded softly. "If Cutting Edge Group finds out that you leaked something, what do you think will happen to you and your family?"

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Qin Zheng clenched his fists and looked tense as a murderous look emerged in his eyes slowly, but he did not speak for some time.

He was unsure if Huo Yao was trying to trick him into divulging more.

He had already investigated her thoroughly. She was only closely connected to Min Yu and came from an ordinary family.

Huo Yao acted as though she did not see the look on Qin Zheng's face. She spoke unhurriedly without giving him the chance to react. "What's it going to be? I'm sure you know what's at stake for you, right?"

"What do you know?" asked Qin Zheng angrily.

"Quite a bit." Huo Yao nodded.

Qin Zheng studied Huo Yao's expression trying to read her mind, but he was unable to see what she was thinking. After some time, he said, "Who are you looking for?"

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes and said mildly, "Someone told you what to use against Min Yu. Give me a name."

Qin Zheng looked at her quizzically. "Are you asking so that he can help treat Min Yu?"

Qin Zheng paused briefly and contemplated before he said knowingly, "In reality, Min Yu did have a severe relapse, right?"

Huo Yao looked at Qin Zheng strangely. She wanted to find Mi Wei and was wondering how to word herself without divulging her true intention. He unexpectedly came up with the perfect cover for her.

Qin Zheng caught onto Huo Yao's silence and looked at her knowingly. He felt even more confident that he was right.

No wonder she came alone.

Huo Yao did not deny his accusation. "Does it matter? I still want to know who did it."

Qin Zheng's mind spun swiftly. "If you want the name, you have to trade it with your prescriptions. Otherwise, you can forget about squeezing anything out of me!"

Qin Zheng felt confident in his speculations now. He raised his hand, checked his watch, and said, "I don't want to waste my time talking to you. Just think about it."

He did not linger and turned to walk out of the office leaving Huo Yao behind.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes profoundly.

The moment Qin Zheng stepped out of the office, a solemn look emerged on his face.

Before long, he took the lift and went downstairs. When he got to the conference room, he could see his assistant standing outside the door.

The assistant greeted Qin Zheng and noticed that Qin Zheng did not look happy, so he asked cautiously. "Did something happen?"

Qin Zheng held his phone and pondered. He suddenly raised his head to look at his assistant. "I need you to do something for me immediately."

Chapter 1417: He Was Bound To Become Chairman

Qin Zheng finally entered the conference room after telling the assistant what he needed.

The assistant turned to leave. Before he went away, he told the security guards to keep a close eye at the door.

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Before long, the meeting commenced in the conference room.

The huge conference room was enough to hold 30 people. Other than some big shots in the Chinese medicine industry, the rest of the people were all leaders in the Apothecaries' Association.

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When Chairman Wang was around, he was the de facto leader. He was well connected and close friends with all the right clans. Also, he was acquainted with many government officials. The association naturally progressed well under his leadership.

Even though Chairman Wang made important contributions to the Apothecaries' Association, he always did toe the line. This naturally had a negative impact on everyone's power and wealth. When Qin Zheng questioned Chairman Wang's abilities and demanded he retire, a lot of people stayed quiet.

They naturally had no objection to voting for a new leader.

Qin Zheng had already spoken to most of the people present and offered them what they wanted to gain their support. In a sense, the result had already been decided. The meeting was really just for show.

Before long, the deputy chairman announced it was time for the voting to commence.

Qin Zheng leaned against the seat backrest and watched as people voted for him. A smug smile emerged on his face.

After the so-called voting was over, the Apothecaries' Association would be his.

Even if people found out that he had something to do with Min Yu's relapse, there was nothing Min Yu could do about it.

Qin Zheng gently tapped his fingers on the table and was in a swell mood.

Most of the people were done voting 30 minutes later. A few people did not vote but opted to cast a blank vote so as not to offend anyone.

"Deputy Chairman Qin has 23 votes. From the looks of it, we have our new leader..."

The deputy chairman chairing the meeting was about to announce the results when a commotion could be heard at the door interrupting him.

Everyone turned to look at the entrance in unison.

Qin Zheng frowned and his good mood instantly dissipated.

He Shu walked into the conference room supporting Chairman Wang with Zhuo Yun following behind them.

"Before you select a new leader, shouldn't you ask me what I think?" Chairman Wang walked over and stood in front of the conference table. Even though his eyes looked old and tired, he still had an imposing aura.

"W-what brings you here, Chairman Wang?" The deputy chairman chairing the meeting was still a little afraid of Chairman Wang, so he could not help stammering.

Chairman Wang raised his hand. He glanced at the people sitting in the conference room as complicated emotions flooded his heart. He felt especially disappointed at those Chinese medicine masters present in the room, whom he used to call his friends.

His days were numbered, but he had one last lesson to learn in life: people could not be trusted.

Chairman Wang could not help feeling self-deprecating.

“Chairman Wang, are you okay?” asked He Shu worriedly. He was supporting Chairman Wang when he felt the chairman’s hand trembling.

Chairman Wang pressed He Shu’s hand and gestured that he was fine.

Qin Zheng stood up from his chair. He looked completely calm as he glanced at the deputy chairman.

The deputy chairman caught Qin Zheng eying him. He thought about all the things Qin Zheng had promised him, so he inhaled deeply and became firm. “Chairman Wang, we have already voted for a new leader. We all know you are growing weak and have trouble keeping up with the workload, so we will select a new chairman.”

Chapter 1418: A Law-Abiding Citizen

He Shu laughed coldly and said, “Are you saying that Chairman Wang has no choice? What if someone else had something to say about this?”

The deputy chairman was caught by surprise and did not quite understand what He Shu was driving at. He was not alone, the rest of the people in the room were equally puzzled.

Some noise could be heard coming from the conference room door. Soon, a few uniformed police entered the room. “Which one of you is Qin Zheng?”

When the police entered looking for Deputy Chairman Qin, everyone turned to glance at each other before looking at Qin Zheng quizzically.

Qin Zheng stood in front of the conference table with his hands on the edge of the table. He instantly looked worried but quickly composed himself and replied. “Are you looking for me? Why do you want to see me?”

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The police standing at the lead walked over to Qin Zheng and showed him his badge. He said, “A lot of people have gone missing and we suspect your involvement in the matter. Please come to the police station with us, so we can interrogate you.”

The moment he finished his sentence, everyone looked at Qin Zheng in bewilderment and could not believe their ears.

Qin Zheng could sense everyone staring at him in disbelief. He did his utmost to compose himself and continued smiling genially. “Sir, is there some mistake? I’m a law-abiding citizen. Why would I have anything to do with these missing people?”

The cop in the lead could not help laughing inside when he saw the calm look on Qin Zheng’s face. If not for the evidence they already possessed, he might have fallen for Qin Zheng’s act.

"I'm sure you know best whether this is a mix-up," said the cop mildly.

The cop in the lead gestured to the cop beside him. Two officers promptly stepped forward and flanked Qin Zheng as though they were trying to stop him from running.

The smile on Qin Zheng's face instantly disappeared. Since he was the chairman of the Apothecaries' Association, he was naturally acquainted with the top brass of the police department. How could these lowly cops embarrass him?

When Qin Zheng refused to cooperate, the cop in the lead reached his hand out and said coldly, "Please come with us."

"This is purely slander. Why should I go?" protested Qin Zheng expressionlessly. He said to his assistant nearby, "Call my lawyer now and tell him to take care of this."

The assistant snapped out of his shock and quickly acknowledged Qin Zheng. He hurriedly took out his phone and called the lawyer.

Qin Zheng veered his eyes and looked at the cop. "You have no evidence, so I'm not going with you. My lawyer will be here shortly. If you have any questions, please direct them to my lawyer."

Qin Zheng remained completely calm and even insisted on sending for his lawyer. He Shu could not help feeling worried and turned to look at Zhuo Yun.

Zhuo Yun simply shook his head and gestured for He Shu to stay calm.

He Shu veered his eyes, but he could not help fretting.

Qin Zheng had been doing criminal things for years, but he never got caught. This meant his boss had a very long reach. If he managed to get away with it today, god knew what would happen.

After talking to the cop, Qin Zheng sat down and acted as though he were innocent and completely unafraid of the cops.

The cop in the lead seemed to see this coming. He turned and said to the cop beside him, "Call Team B and get an update from them."

"Okay." The cop took out his phone quickly and made a call.

Qin Zheng suddenly had an ominous feeling about this.

Chapter 1419: Arrest

The cop came back after making the call and said, "Team B confirms that we have found them."

The moment Qin Zheng heard what he said, the ominous feeling he had only intensified.

"Okay then. In that case, we'll just arrest him," said the main cop with a nod.

Qin Zheng raised his head and looked at the cop. His phone vibrated as it sat on the table. Qin Zheng turned to glance at the caller ID. The moment he saw the name, he lost his cool.

He squeezed his hand nervously. Since the cops were present, he could not answer the phone.

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The cop in the lead noticed the look on Qin Zheng's face, so he glanced at the phone on the table. "Why aren't you answering the phone? Are you scared?"

Qin Zheng felt restless the moment he saw the number on the phone. When he heard the cop's remarks, he did his utmost to compose himself. He took the phone and rejected the call. "It's just a scammer."

The cop smiled ambiguously and did not try to argue with Qin Zheng. He took out a pair of handcuffs from his pocket and cuffed Qin Zheng. He said to the cops beside him. "Take him back."

The cops took Qin Zheng out of the conference room without giving him a chance to speak.

He was taken away so quickly that the people in the conference room were unable to wrap their minds around it.

The cop in the lead walked right behind. Before he left, he walked up in front of Zhuo Yun and nodded politely. "All set. We're taking him back to the station."

Zhuo Yun nodded courteously. "Thanks."

The cop smiled and turned to leave.

After the cops had left, the solemn atmosphere in the conference room dissipated. Everyone looked at each other. Even though they did not know anything about the crimes Qin Zheng had committed, it certainly looked very serious.

The meeting was ruined by this episode. The deputy chairman standing beside Chairman Wang went into a daze briefly before he finally snapped out of his thoughts.

He cleared his throat and glanced at Chairman Wang before looking at the other association leaders. For a moment, he did not know what to say.

After all, everyone had voted for Qin Zheng to be the new chairman, but he was just arrested by the police, so it was impossible for him to remain chairman. Thanks to his actions, the association's reputation was bound to suffer.

The deputy chairman rubbed his brow nervously. Since no one voiced any suggestions, he automatically looked at Chairman Wang hoping he could say something. He asked softly. "Chairman Wang, what should we do now?"

He Shu caught the deputy chairman calling his master 'Chairman' and could not help responding in a mocking tone. "Do you only call him chairman when you need his help?"

The deputy chairman was completely embarrassed. Even though he hated He Shu's sarcasm, he was more worried about the association's reputation, so he did not have the time to argue with He Shu. He

looked at Chairman Wang and asked. "I think we should call off the voting. Can you continue serving as chairman?"

Chairman Wang had gone through a lot recently and had already lost hope. He shook his head and said, "Please continue."

The deputy chairman was stunned by the answer. He thought he had heard wrongly. "We have already announced the voting results before you got here. How can Qin Zheng remain chairman after the arrest?"

Chapter 1420: Elect A New Chairman

Chairman Wang raised his head and looked at the people who had cast a blank vote. He paused and said, "Why don't we let them choose a new chairman?"

"Are you sure? Don't you think that's kind of random?" The deputy chairman did not like what he heard. He said tactfully, "They already chose not to vote."

They could only choose to vote or cast a blank vote. If they changed the rules, the association would become a laughingstock in the Chinese medicine trade after this instance.

No matter what, the association was destined to become a laughingstock thanks to Qin Zheng.

Chairman Wang opened his mouth wanting to speak when a cool voice could suddenly be heard coming from the conference room door. "Voting for the new chairman it's an important matter. Why wasn't I informed about it? This doesn't seem right."

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Everyone instinctively turned to look toward the door.

Huo Yao stood at the door dressed in a black coat. She walked in unhurriedly with a nonchalant look on her face. She nodded to Chairman Wang and greeted him.

Chairman Wang did not expect to see Huo Yao here. He smiled and greeted her back.

Zhuo Yun also nodded to Huo Yao reverently.

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao before she turned to look at the deputy chairman. "Am I too late?"

The deputy chairman snapped out of his daze and looked at Huo Yao. He had seen this young woman during the apothecaries' exam. Everyone knew Chairman Wang had invited her to join the Apothecaries' Association as an honorary deputy chairman since she was very good at refining pills.

They wondered what she was doing here at a time like this.

The deputy chairman paused briefly before replying politely. "Of course, you're just in time."

Huo Yao nodded. She did not stop to ask about the voting situation. Instead, she asked. "Do I have the right to vote?"

The deputy chairman froze briefly before glancing at the rest of them. Since a lot of people were present, he could not say otherwise.

After all, the young woman was also a deputy chairman. Even though she was just an honorary deputy chairman, she had every right to vote. He promptly nodded and replied politely. "Yes, you do."

"Perfect." Huo Yao took a pen and a piece of paper from the side. She wrote a name down and handed it to the deputy chairman. "I vote for him."

The deputy chairman lowered his eyes and looked at the name she had written. He immediately shook his head. "Do you want to vote for He Shu? He wasn't shortlisted for the position, so you can't do it."

He Shu could not believe his ears and looked at Huo Yao in shock. Just as he was about to speak, Chairman Wang elbowed him and gestured for him to shut up.

He Shu went quiet.

"I'm sure everyone knows about He Shu's apothecary skills, right?" Huo Yao tapped the table gently with her fingers as she spoke unhurriedly.

"I agree that He Shu is a very capable apothecary, but he doesn't have the right personality for the job." The deputy chairman was speaking the truth. He Shu was very talented and one of the best apothecaries in the association, but he was ill-suited to become a leader of the association.

"Isn't his talent a good start? No one is born to lead, right? I'm sure he will learn it over a period of time, no?" asked Huo Yao as she smiled ambiguously.

Zhuo Yun quietly glanced at Huo Yao. He had a feeling that Huo Yao was talking about herself.

The deputy chairman looked at Huo Yao and did not know what to say.

Huo Yao raised her brow. She glanced at the other people and said, "What do the rest of you think about it?"