

## **Pill Maker 1421**

### **Chapter 1421: Use Min Yu**

Everyone went into a daze.

Huo Yao had only appeared at the apothecaries' exam previously, so most of the people present in the room did not know her.

Even though they were unfamiliar with Huo Yao, someone recognized Zhuo Yun and knew he worked for Min Yu.

Zhuo Yun did not say a word the entire time, but he was particularly reverent toward Huo Yao ever since she entered the room.

The person acquainted with Zhuo Yun instantly caught onto this minor detail. When Huo Yao asked them what they felt about He Shu, he promptly stood up without hesitation and said, "I think he's a suitable candidate."

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The moment he finished his sentence, everyone looked at him in bewilderment. Someone standing beside him reacted in shock. "Why did you say yes?"

The man sat down and answered. "I think she's friends with the Min family."

He spoke at a normal pitch, so the people sitting beside him heard him clearly. They promptly opened their eyes wide in astonishment.

The Min family was the most powerful clan in the capital, so they naturally reacted strongly upon hearing the news.

No wonder Huo Yao had the confidence to stride in at the last minute and suggest voting outside the shortlisted candidates. She seemed to have the backing of the Min family.

The moment he brought this up, anyone with brains promptly figured out which side to take.

Before long, people stood up one after another and agreed with her. The domino effect served her well. In a matter of minutes, over half of the people spoke up for He Shu.

In the end, He Shu became a candidate for the position.

He Shu watched as everything unfolded in the conference room. Initially, they were against giving him the job, but the situation swiftly changed. He was at a complete loss and was instinctively against it, but he did not have the chance to turn down the offer.

Also, Chairman Wang was there to physically stop him, so he did not have the opportunity to speak at all.

Huo Yao smiled when she saw everyone's reaction and felt delighted by the outcome.

She had settled her problems purely by using her ties to Min Yu and suddenly realized why some people liked to live off others.

It was easier than she thought.

Huo Yao did not stay for the entire voting process and simply said to Chairman Wang, "I have to go. We can talk some other time."

Chairman Wang could tell that she was genuinely busy, so he nodded. "Sure thing. Thanks."

Huo Yao nodded and walked out of the conference room.

Zhuo Yun nodded and bade farewell to Chairman Wang before following behind Huo Yao.

Everyone watched from behind as they left. The people who defended He Shu could not help feeling delighted that they had made the right choice. The Min family clearly supported He Shu and they had not gone against their wishes.

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Meanwhile, Huo Yao took out her phone as she walked out of the association. She called Chen Ming. "Uncle Ming, have you reached the place I sent you yet?"

Chen Ming gestured to his men and said softly, "I'm here. I'm about to enter."

"Uh huh. Take care." Huo Yao narrowed her eyes. "I'll be right over."

"Yes, Miss Huo."

After hanging up the phone, Huo Yao put it away. Zhuo Yun heard she was going somewhere, so he asked. "Where are you going, Miss Huo? I can take you there."

Huo Yao had gotten a ride from Zhuo Yun when she came over, so she did not turn down the offer and gave him the address.

"This place is quite close to the Apothecaries' Association," said Zhuo Yun as he opened the car door for Huo Yao. "I think we can reach there in roughly ten minutes."

"Uh huh." Huo Yao nodded. She got into the car and put on her seatbelt. After she was done, she took out her phone and changed it to computer mode.

## **Chapter 1422: Looking For Someone**

Zhuo Yun looked sideways as he started the engine and saw her using her phone. He could see a virtual map on the screen. He touched his nose and veered his eyes.

Even though he did not know what Huo Yao was doing and was curious, he did not disturb her.

Huo Yao held her phone and looked at the screen. She kept looking at the stationary red dot with her eyes narrowed.

Deputy Chairman Qin's assistant had sent an email and she had discovered the sender's physical location. Ever since then, the red dot had not moved.

She did not expect to squeeze any intel out of Qin Zheng about the fake Shangguan Yu. She had deliberately divulged her intention to make him wary of her.

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Sure enough, she caught Qin Zheng's assistant sending an email after she hacked into the association's network.

If it were any ordinary e-mail, she would not pay attention to it. Since it happened to be an encrypted email and even the recipient's identity was secure, she could not help feeling suspicious about it.

After looking at the contents of the email, she knew the recipient was just the man she was looking for.

As she pondered, Huo Yao's phone rang. She glanced at the number, put on her earphones, and pressed answer.

"Miss Huo, we couldn't find anyone here." Chen Ming paused before he added. "It looks like it has been uninhabited for some time."

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes. Someone read the email shortly after it was sent, so it was impossible for the place to be empty. "Wait for me. I'm nearly there."

Before long, she hung up the phone and turned off the computer mode on her phone.

Zhuo Yun stepped on the gas on hearing this.

A few minutes later, the car drove straight into a posh estate. After Zhuo Yun spoke to the security guard, the security guard let them pass without signing in.

"Miss Huo, is there any way I can help?" Zhuo Yun pondered and asked Huo Yao after parking the car in the underground parking lot.

Huo Yao spoke as she undid her seatbelt. "Not today. I'm good. Thanks."

Zhuo Yun did not continue insisting. "In that case, I'm but a phone call away."

"Uh huh." Huo Yao nodded. She opened the car door and got out of the car. She headed straight toward the lift nearby.

Zhuo Yun watched from behind as Huo Yao disappeared into the lift. He contemplated and sent his boss a text message to report the situation before driving off.

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Huo Yao went straight to the 11th floor. When she walked out of the lift, she saw Chen Ming standing at the staircase.

"Hi, Miss Huo." Chen Ming came toward her.

Huo Yao nodded. "Hey, Uncle Ming."

"I have already sent someone to check surveillance, but no one was seen entering the premises," said Chen Ming as he walked toward the first unit.

Huo Yao stood with her hands in her pockets and did not respond right away.

Before long, Chen Ming took out a card and swiped it on the lock. The lock let out a beep and the door opened.

Huo Yao glanced at Chen Ming's card. She paused briefly and entered the apartment.

It was a three-bedroom apartment done up in the modern style and black and white color scheme. On the whole, it gave off a cold vibe.

Judging from the interior, it did not seem to be occupied.

Huo Yao glanced around the living room and then walked into a bedroom unhurriedly.

Chen Ming quietly followed behind her. Even though they had already checked that the place was empty, he remained vigilant.

#### **Chapter 1423: Discovered A Phone**

Huo Yao could detect the faint scent of Chinese herbs in the air when she entered the master bedroom. She could not make out the scent completely, but she could tell it came from someone with long-term close contact with Chinese herbs.

Even though the smell was very faint, she could tell the person in the room had only left recently.

Huo Yao contemplated as she walked around the room. When she got to the French windows, she opened them and walked out to the balcony. After taking a look outside, she quickly turned around and went back in.

"Miss Huo, I found a phone in the bathroom." Chen Ming walked out of the bathroom holding a phone. He tapped on the phone and said, "The phone still works, but it's password protected and I can't access it."

"Huh?" Huo Yao raised her head and glanced at the phone Chen Ming was holding. She narrowed her eyes, took a couple of steps forward, and answered calmly. "Let me take a look."

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Chen Ming handed the phone to her.

Huo Yao took the phone. It was a gold metallic phone without any brand logos. She tapped on the phone and the screen lit up and prompted for a password.

Huo Yao paused briefly before entering a six-digit password. After she was done, the phone got unlocked.

Chen Ming watched as Huo Yao worked on the phone. She managed to unlock the phone after randomly tapping a string of numbers, so he could not help feeling astonished.

He knew she was a hacker, but this was mind-boggling!

She had only just taken the phone from him, but instantly figured out the password!

The more Chen Ming thought about it, the more puzzled he felt. He could not resist asking. "Miss Huo, was that a random guess?"

Huo Yao's lips twitched. She explained unhurriedly without even raising her head. "It wasn't a blind guess. I had already hacked into the phone previously and used it to find the location."

The moment Chen Ming heard what she said, the shock finally dissipated.

Since she was able to hack the phone for the GPS location, it made complete sense for her to know the password.

Chen Ming stopped wondering whether she had made a random guess.

Huo Yao tapped on the phone and opened up an application. Sure enough, she found the email from Qin Zheng's assistant in the email account.

She swiped through the phone but was unable to find anything useful.

Huo Yao went quiet briefly before she turned off the phone. She raised her head and looked around the room, but knew it was unlikely to find any other clues in there, so she said, "Uncle Ming, let's go."

Chen Ming glanced at her and nodded. "Shall I keep an eye on it?"

Huo Yao placed the phone in her pocket. "Don't bother. I don't think the person will come back here."

"Fine then." Chen Ming did not continue probing.

Before long, the two of them took the lift and went downstairs.

After getting into the car, Huo Yao took out the phone and looked at it as she pondered.

Qin Zheng's assistant has sent an email, but why did it appear on Mi Wei's phone?

In theory, Mi Wei probably had no interaction with Qin Zheng. Even if they had any interaction, he would never help someone like Qin Zheng.

The phone was the only thing left behind in the apartment. From the looks of it, someone had deliberately left it behind as a lead.

Huo Yao tapped on the edge of the phone as her mind drifted away in deep thought. She had a lot of questions in her mind.

She paused briefly before she pulled out her phone and sent Shangguan Yun a text message: [Have the elders ever mentioned traitors in the family before?]

## Chapter 1424: Yuan Huan's Payback

Perhaps Shangguan Yun was not looking at her phone, so she only replied by the time Huo Yao reached home.

Y: [Nope. This is a clan secret. The elders would never bring up the subject.]

Y: [Why are you asking?]

Huo Yao changed into her slippers and texted a reply as she walked: [I'm curious.]

Shangguan Yun knew that Huo Yao was not the curious sort. She paused and wrote: [Did something happen? Wei hasn't replied to me yet.]

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Huo Yao poured herself a glass of water and sat down on the couch. She typed candidly: [Wei has gone missing]

Y: [What do you mean missing? Couldn't you find him?]

Huo Yao pondered and wrote back: [Nope.]

She pondered before following up with another text message: [Do you think he's doing this to lure me out?]

Y: [I don't think so. What does this have to do with the traitor?]

Huo Yao raised her brow. Sometimes, Shangguan Yun could be quite stupid but it did not happen all the time: [It's not related. I was just worried Wei might have run into the traitor.]

Shangguan Yun finally felt relieved: [Don't worry. Wei is a decent fighter.]

Huo Yao's cheeks twitched. Since she could not squeeze anything out of Shangguan Yun, she stopped trying and closed the chat.

After putting down her phone, Huo Yao leaned against the couch's backrest and quietly looked at the crystal chandelier on the ceiling thinking about something.

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Meanwhile, at the international airport.

A man dressed in a black jumper with the hood up wearing a black mask stood at the airport security gate near the French windows. It was none other than Yuan Huan.

A man dressed in dark clothing was also with him.

The man was not as tightly concealed as Yuan Huan. He had well-defined features and beautiful blue eyes.

"Good luck," said the man mildly with his hands behind him.

Yuan Huan adjusted his mask. He was clearly angry. "I have spent years planning this. How could I let a woman ruin my work? I can't leave yet. How can I?"

He had suffered a penetrating gunshot wound to his chest and the people at the Ministry of National Security kept whipping him while he was in their custody. Ever since he got out on bail, he had to go into hiding. He naturally could not stop thinking about revenge.

A murderous aura radiated from Yuan Huan as he stood in front of the man, but it had no effect on the man. The man simply said nonchalantly, "You idiot."

Yuan Huan clenched his fists with his eyes lowered.

"I don't care what you want to do. Let me remind you. If you don't come back with the person I want, you can forget about ever returning," said the man nonchalantly.

Yuan Huan paused briefly and quickly suppressed his temper. He clenched his fists tightly and broke out in cold sweat when he heard what the man said.

He raised his head and looked at the man. He parted his lips wanting to speak, but the man did not give him the opportunity to do so. Instead, the man walked toward the security gate.

Yuan Huan watched from behind as the man walked away. Even though the man looked completely normal, he could sense an intimidating aura coming from him. After the man had finally disappeared through the security gate, things finally felt less tense.

Yuan Huan inhaled deeply. He adjusted his hood and pulled it down his forehead before he walked out of the airport quickly.

He walked out of the airport, flagged a cab, and went straight to Tsing University.

## **Chapter 1425: Kidnap**

Yuan Xi had just gone back to the dormitory after returning from the library when some girl from another room came looking for her.

"Is Yuan Xi here? Someone wants to see her. He's waiting at the East entrance."

When Yuan Xi heard her name, she automatically put down her phone and said quizzically, "That's me. Did the guy mention who he was?"

The girl shook her head. "I don't know either. Someone else told me to pass the message."

Yuan Xi nodded and thanked the girl. After the girl was gone, she pondered as she left her room.

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Before long, she arrived at the school gate.

There were hardly any students at the entrance at this hour of the day, so the security guard was playing with his phone inside the security booth. Yuan Xi walked out of the school and raised her head to glance around. She promptly noticed someone standing nearby.

Since the man was standing with his back facing her and wearing a hoodie, Yuan Xi was unable to see his face. She could only tell it was a man.

She paused for a couple of seconds and walked toward him.

“Hello? Were you looking...”

Before Yuan Xi could finish her sentence, the man turned around. When she saw his face, her face turned ghastly pale.

She had not felt this way for some time, but she was instantly terrified.

“D-didn’t you get arrested?” Yuan Xi automatically retreated by a step.

Yuan Huan was still wearing his mask. When he saw the fear in her eyes, he smiled and said nonchalantly, “Huh? You sound happy that I was arrested, my dear little sister.”

Yuan Xi tightened her fists and kept shaking her head. She had stayed on campus without going home, and no one had told her about her older brother’s release.

Yuan Huan was well concealed and Yuan Xi had a bad feeling just looking at him. She suppressed her fear and forced herself to calm down. “When did you get released? Why did you want to see me so urgently?”

Yuan Huan did not answer her. Instead, he simply turned the black ring on his index finger.

Yuan Xi felt even more worried, so she instinctively took another step back. “If you have nothing to say to me, I’m going back to my room.”

Something was wrong with Yuan Huan. The moment she finished her sentence, she turned and went back into the school. Before she was able to walk away, she could suddenly sense something stabbing her in the neck leaving her in pain.

Yuan Xi froze briefly. In an instant, she lost consciousness.

Yuan Huan turned his ring one last time and reached his hand out to help support Yuan Xi. He helped her into the cab which was waiting by the roadside nearby.

Hardly any students walked out of the campus at this hour of the day. Since they were a man and a woman, people usually assumed they were a couple and felt it was normal for them to embrace each other.

Before long, the cab driver started the engine and left the university.

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When Yuan Xi regained consciousness, three hours had passed. She struggled to open her eyes. The moment she opened them, all she could see was darkness. It was impossible to tell where he had taken her.

Also, she felt a little giddy. After a minute or two, she finally remembered the moment before she passed out.

Yuan Xi instinctively felt scared just thinking about Yuan Huan. It was dark and she could smell the scent of medical solution in the air, so she could not help feeling afraid.

She did not know what Yuan Huan wanted from her, but it must be bad news.

Yuan Xi felt inside her jacket pocket and realized that her phone was gone.

### **Chapter 1426: Use Her Against Huo Yao**

Yuan Huan must have taken her phone.

Yuan Xi sat on the ground limply. It was so cold that it felt as though it could make her blood freeze over.

She suddenly heard a click and spotlights lit up from overhead instantly lighting up the room.

Yuan Xi automatically raised her hand to block her eyes. After she had grown accustomed to the light, she put down her hand. She could finally see her surroundings.

It was a large confined space with a metal bed in the center of the room. She could see some unknown apparatus beside the bed.

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Yuan Xi recognized the place instantly. It was the very place where she discovered the truth about Yuan Huan.

It was the laboratory where he conducted human testing.

Yuan Xi's face became even paler. She raised her head and saw Yuan Huan walking in through the door. He had taken off his disguise as he walked over nonchalantly like a demon straight from hell.

As Yuan Huan approached her, Yuan Xi automatically tried to move away. She said with her voice trembling, "W-what do you want from? Why did you bring me here?"

Yuan Huan stood towering over Yuan Xi. He squatted down and laughed softly. "You're my biological sister. What could I possibly do to you, right?"

Yuan Xi bit her lip and did not believe a word he said.

Yuan Huan smiled as he retrieved a phone from his pocket. It was none other than Yuan Xi's phone. He tapped on the phone and said, "I'm interested in your friend."

Yuan Xi opened her eyes wide instantly and glanced at the phone in his hand. She almost instantly knew who he was talking about.

He wanted to use her against Huo Yao!

In the past, anyone who entered the room could forget about leaving alive.

"Can you please let her off? She's just a normal innocent girl. She has no research value for you." Yuan Xi spoke with tears in her eyes. She wanted to extend her hand and grab Yuan Huan's leg, but she did not dare to touch him.

The moment she mentioned Huo Yao was just an innocent girl, a murderous aura emanated from Yuan Huan's eyes. "Are you calling her innocent? Don't you know how I ended up behind bars? I have your friend to thank for it."

"I don't understand..." Yuan Xi automatically refused to believe him.

Yuan Huan scoffed gently. He suddenly pulled down his top to reveal the healed gunshot wound. "Your friend gave me this gunshot wound."

"Impossible. You must be mistaken," said Yuan Xi, shaking her head.

If it was someone else, she might have believed him. She simply did not believe that Huo Yao was capable of shooting him.

Yuan Huan did not take it to heart when Yuan Xi refused to believe him. He pulled his shirt back up and stood up. He composed himself and glanced at Yuan Xi. "You're lucky to be friends with her."

Yuan Xi did not understand what Yuan Huan was driving at, but she knew his ruthless personality well.

She was his half-sister. Otherwise, she would have died on this metal bed a few years ago.

Yuan Huan tapped on Yuan Xi's phone. Since it was enabled with face recognition, he held the phone in front of her face and the screen promptly unlocked.

After some time, Yuan Xi finally noticed what he had done. "What are you doing with my phone?"

## **Chapter 1427: Patronizing Attitude**

Yuan Xi wanted to snatch her phone back, but she was unable to even stand, so she could only watch helplessly as Yuan Huan held her phone.

A few moments later, Yuan Huan suddenly turned around and pointed the phone's camera at Yuan Xi.

She instinctively felt worried and covered her face. "What are you trying to do?"

A cold look emerged on Yuan Huan's face. After he was done taking pictures of her, he put away the phone and prepared to leave.

After taking a step, he turned to look at Yuan Xi. "Do you think your friend will come over to save you?"

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Yuan Xi clenched her fists. She instantly knew what Yuan Huan wanted and said in a deep voice, "We're just normal schoolmates. Even if you send her the pictures, I'm sure she will do nothing more than call the cops!"

"Really?" Yuan Huan pursed his lips. "Let's just wait and see."

The moment he finished his sentence, he walked out without talking to Yuan Xi.

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Huo Yao was in front of the computer.

Her phone was beside her when she suddenly received a text notification.

Huo Yao raised her head and glanced at the phone screen and saw some pictures from Yuan Xi. She paused briefly and picked up her phone.

Huo Yao frowned the moment she tapped on the pictures.

Huo Yao held her phone without sending a reply immediately. She put down her phone and contemplated briefly. She was chatting with someone on the computer, but she told her friend that she had to leave and closed the chat box.

She promptly activated a tracking program and instantly found out where Yuan Xi was located.

She was currently in an old villa district in the suburbs.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes as she looked at the address on the screen. She paused briefly before she stood up and took her coat out of the cabinet.

When she got to the door, she paused and turned back. She opened the drawer at the bottom of her desk and retrieved the gun that Chen Ming had given her recently and placed it in her pocket.

The maid was busy preparing dinner when she got downstairs. Huo Yao said goodbye and stepped out of the house.

Shortly after she had left her estate, Huo Yulin came home. When he got home, he glanced around the living room and noticed that his sister was not there, so he went to the kitchen and asked the maid about it.

"Miss Huo said she had to go out, but she did not mention when she would return," replied the maid.

Huo Yulin nodded as he rubbed the vial of solution in his pocket. He turned to leave without asking anything further.

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Meanwhile, at the Min residence.

Everyone was seated at the dinner table.

“Did you tell her about it?” Nie Su held her chopsticks without starting to eat and simply looked at her son.

Min Yu looked up at her lazily. “Nope. She’s going straight home when her holiday starts. She doesn’t have time to do it.”

“It’s just dinner. I’m sure she can spare the time!” Nie Su felt annoyed by her son’s patronizing attitude and asked. “Why won’t you bring her home? Do you plan on being an irresponsible man like one of those privileged brats in the capital?”

Min Yu could sense the veins on his forehead throbbing. He raised his head and looked at Nie Su intently. He wanted Huo Yao to visit as well, but he could not force her. He did not say it out loud.

Old Master Min glanced at his grandson and declared coolly. “I bet she doesn’t like him.”

“Maybe. After all, she’s not blind, right,” said Nie Su as she deliberately tried to squeeze a reaction out of Min Yu.

Min Yu remained quiet.

Sometimes, he wondered if he was their biological son.

Min Yu was unable to go on eating, so he put down his chopsticks. He disregarded their personal attacks and said, “Dad’s back from his archaeological expedition.”

## **Chapter 1428: Uncontactable**

Nie Su and Old Master Min promptly turned their attention towards Prof Min’s matter.

“Is he back already?” The news was a pleasant surprise for Nie Su. “Really? I called him a couple of days ago, but he didn’t mention it.”

Min Yu said with a straight face, “Maybe he wants to surprise you.”

“I’m just glad he wasn’t trying to scare me.” Nie Su shook her head angrily. She did not continue eating dinner and got up to get the phone.

Old Master Min pointed at his grandson. “I know you deliberately changed the subject.”

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Min Yu leaned into the seat backrest and smiled without saying a word. His phone suddenly rang in his pocket.

He paused briefly before retrieving his phone.

He had received a text message from an unknown number containing only an address.

Min Yu glanced at the address and promptly assumed that someone had sent it to the wrong number and deleted it. He put away his phone and looked at Old Master Min. "Grandpa, enjoy your dinner. I'm going back first."

"Already?" Old Master Min was stunned.

"Uh huh." Min Yu stood up and smiled ambiguously as he sighed. "I have to be responsible to your granddaughter-in-law, right?"

The old man went speechless. "..."

Min Yu walked over to the living room and took his jacket without waiting for Old Master Min to respond and headed out of the villa.

When Nie Su was done calling her husband, she came back and noticed her missing son. "Where is he?"

"He's gone." Old Master Min shrugged helplessly.

Nie Su looked at the door and said, "Did he have to leave so quickly? I wasn't done talking to him."

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Min Yu left the villa and drove back to his place. On his way back, he smiled as he placed his hand on his chest and pondered. He turned off the music in the car, took out his phone, and sent Huo Yao a text message.

After sending a text message for some time, he did not get a reply from her.

Min Yu did not take it to heart. When he got back to the estate, he did not go straight home. Instead, he pulled up outside her villa.

He sat in the car briefly before getting out of the car and looking at the villa. The lights outside the villa were on, but the lights in the rooms on the second floor were off and the rooms were dark.

Min Yu retrieved his phone and checked it, but he had yet to hear back from her. He paused before calling her directly.

As he raised his head, he could hear the door opening, so he automatically paused and looked up.

"What are you doing here?" Huo Yulin opened the door and stepped out. When he saw the man standing by the roadside, he looked at him expressionlessly.

Min Yu put away his phone and disregarded Huo Yulin's distant attitude. He greeted him and asked. "Is she home?"

Huo Yulin felt puzzled. "Isn't she with you?"

Even though Huo Yulin often came back late, he knew that the asshole often lured his little sister to his place.

When the maid informed him that his little sister had gone out this evening, he simply assumed she had gone over to Min Yu's place.

Min Yu felt puzzled and shook his head. "Nope. She didn't come over."

"Is that so? Then again, my little sister is a cute girl. I'm not surprised if some other guy called her out," responded Huo Yulin mildly.

Min Yu went speechless.

"I'm busy, so please make yourself scarce." The moment he finished his sentence, Huo Yulin turned to go back into the villa and slammed the door shut behind him without giving Min Yu the chance to speak.

Min Yu watched as Huo Yulin shut the door behind him mercilessly. He sighed softly thinking about his prospects of marrying Huo Yao.

## **Chapter 1429: Yuan Huan's True Objective**

Min Yu turned to open the car door and got in.

He did not start the engine right away. Instead, he kept spinning his phone slowly.

Even though Huo Yulin had deliberately spoken harshly to him, he could not help feeling worried.

Min Yu paused briefly before he tapped on his phone. He scrolled down to Huo Yao's number and dialed it.

Before long, there was a connection, but no one answered. Min Yu kept letting the phone ring until it finally stopped.

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It was already past 8:00 pm. Where could she possibly be at this hour? She had not replied to his text messages or answered the phone and even her third older brother did not know her whereabouts.

Min Yu could not help feeling puzzled. He raised his head and glanced at the villa before he started the engine and drove off.

An hour after he had gone back to his villa, Min Yu took out his phone and tried calling her again.

This time, no one answered the phone either, but the call was rejected after a couple of rings.

Min Yu frowned as he looked at the phone screen and a text message suddenly popped up.

It came from an unknown phone number with an address on it.

The message had the same content as the one he deleted earlier.

Min Yu could not help feeling worried when he saw the text message.

Shortly after the call was rejected, he received a text message containing an address. It was clearly no coincidence.

As he pondered, he called the anonymous number used by the sender of the text message.

After a single ring, someone answered the phone, but no one could be heard. Min Yu tightened his grip on the phone with a cold look in his eyes as he held the phone. Half a minute later, he asked deeply. "Where is she?"

Someone finally sneered and replied mildly. "I always thought you were a composed man, Young Master Min."

Min Yu narrowed his eyes. Only a handful of people had his personal number. Judging from the way the man spoke, the man clearly knew his identity. Also, it seemed he had Huo Yao captive.

Before he had the chance to speak, the man spoke again.

"I've already sent you the address. Her life is now in your hands. You have 20 minutes to get here. Otherwise, she's dead meat." He paused and added. "Oh yes. I don't like crowds if you get what I mean, Young Master Min."

He hung up the phone the moment he finished his sentence.

A murderous look radiated from Min Yu's eyes when the man hung up. He stood up and strode out.

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Yuan Huan smiled sinisterly after hanging up the phone. He looked sideways at the bleeding gunshot wound on his left arm. It seemed as though he was already numb and did not take the injury to heart at all.

He lowered his head to make a call and gave orders to his men to get ready before he went back to the basement.

After pressing on the lock, the door automatically opened and Yuan Huan entered through the door.

Yuan Xi leaned in front of the metallic bed trying to wake up Huo Yao. When Yuan Huan entered again, she instinctively tightened her grip on Huo Yao's arm. Her legs were trembling.

Even though she was terrified, she stood in front of the bed and glared at Yuan Huan. "Do not come over."

Yuan Huan glanced at Yuan Xi coldly and scoffed. He continued walking toward the bed as though he did not hear what she said.

Yuan Xi grabbed a metallic receptacle and hurled it at Yuan Huan. Sadly, she was very weak and could not stop him.

## **Chapter 1430: Phenomenal Brain Power**

Yuan Huan did not even attempt to dodge the receptacle. He simply raised his hand, blocked the flying object, and flung it to the ground.

Yuan Xi tried finding other objects that she could use against Yuan Huan. But he instantly came over, grabbed her by the neck, and nearly lifted her off the ground. "Are you trying to test my patience?"

Yuan Huan scoffed at Yuan Xi with a sinister look in his eyes. His voice sounded terrifying.

Yuan Xi's face slowly turned red as he tightened his grip on her neck. She was breathless and it felt as though she might die any moment now. Her eyes started to turn blurry and she was about to lose consciousness when he finally let go of her neck.

Yuan Xi slumped onto the ground. Her face was ghastly pale and she was sapped.

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Yuan Huan did not even bother to look at Yuan Xi. He walked up to the computer and testing apparatus by the bed. He opened the drawer, took out a pair of white gloves, and put them on before turning on the apparatus.

A few cables could be seen running from the testing apparatus and each cable was a different color. Yuan Huan set up the equipment, took some cables, and walked up beside the bed.

A young woman was lying on the bed with her eyes closed. Yuan Huan felt emotional just looking at her. He had been waiting for this day for a long time and the moment was finally here.

From the day he inadvertently discovered her intelligence in the laboratory when she was working on the research project, he had been planning this.

Yuan Huan wasted no time. He promptly stuck the wires to Huo Yao's head. After he was done, the test apparatus connected to the computer beeped.

The moment Yuan Xi heard the beeping, she got anxious. She stood up and ran straight for the test apparatus and attempted to pull off the wires.

Yuan Huan frowned. He knew what she was up to and found his little sister to be pesky.

He put down the last two wires in his hands. Before Yuan Xi could get any closer, he took a step forward. He raised his hand, and struck her, making her unconscious.

Yuan Huan wasted no time on Yuan Xi. He went back to the metallic bed and attached the last two wires to Huo Yao's head and sat down in front of the computer.

He inhaled deeply before he activated the brain power test program.

Yuan Huan looked at the computer screen intently as the numbers started to jump. It was at 10% and kept climbing.

When it got to 50%, Yuan Huan was astounded by the results.

Even an internationally acclaimed scientist had only reached upto 40% brain power!

The young woman's brain power was surprisingly over 50%. From the looks of it, it would only continue rising. Yuan Huan licked his dry lips sinisterly and looked forward to seeing the final result.

100% brain power was never before heard of. This meant she had tremendous research value.



Yuan Huan felt an adrenaline rush just thinking about it.

He had all his attention on the computer, so he failed to realize that the young woman lying unconscious on the bed had suddenly opened her eyes.

A murderous aura radiated from Huo Yao as she recalled the incidents that had transpired prior to passing out.

After finding Yuan Xi's GPS location, she came over and ran into Yuan Huan as expected.

She exchanged a few moves with him and was drugged.

Ordinary drugs had no effect on her, but Yuan Huan had used something very unusual. Her body was immune to drugs, but she was powerless against this attack.

Now that Huo Yao sensed a stinging sensation on her head, she pulled off the wires attached to her head.