

Pill Maker 1431

Chapter 1431: You Won't Get To See Him

The numbers on the test apparatus had nearly reached 90% brain power when it abruptly stopped climbing.

Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes. He was waiting for the final result with great anticipation when the numbers suddenly stopped moving. He raised his head and realized that the young woman lying on the bed had already regained consciousness.

This made no sense. He had drugged her, but she regained consciousness in just 30 minutes.

Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes as he turned the black ring on his index finger reflexively. He swiftly pulled out a gun with his other hand and pointed it at Huo Yao. "I can't believe you woke up so soon."

Huo Yao disregarded the gun in Yuan Huan's hand and got off the bed. She glanced at the apparatus and a murderous look emerged in her eyes.

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She was always puzzled about Yuan Huan's deep interest in her. From the looks of it, he had his eyes on her from the moment she revealed her talent in the laboratory.

Even though she had done her best to conceal her intelligence, if he took the time to analyze the database she had built, he could still reach the same conclusion.

She had always hated the smell of medical solution lingering on Yuan Huan. When she first detected it, she should have kept her distance from him.

"I must say you're one ballsy woman," said Yuan Huan as he trained the gun at Huo Yao's chest. Even though she was unarmed, he did not let down his guard. "Too bad you're now in my hands."

Yuan Huan tapped on the trigger gently. Since they were in an enclosed space, it could be heard loudly.

Huo Yao's face looked pale, but she spoke confidently. "Oh really? I think you have some kind of a death wish."

Yuan Huan stood up from the chair and approached Huo Yao slowly with the gun trained on her. "You can say all you want, but do you have it in you to stop me? If I want to shoot you, do you think you're capable of stopping me?"

Huo Yao stood motionless as Yuan Huan approached her. She watched him placing the black gun on her forehead but said nothing. She was so calm that it seemed as though he was holding a toy gun.

Huo Yao was completely fearless. Yuan Huan smiled and was deeply intrigued. This young woman was far more interesting than he had ever expected.

She was very calm and composed. He wondered how she managed to achieve this level of confidence.

Even if she was a composed young woman, she had fallen into his hands, so it was just a matter of time before he wore her confidence down.

The two of them looked at each other quietly for a few moments. Yuan Huan paused and said, "Oh yes. I forgot to mention something. I know you are close to Min Yu. Are you waiting for him to save you?"

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes and didn't respond. She waited to see what Yuan Huan had to say further.

"Sadly, he will never show up." Yuan Huan shook his head.

Min Yu ought to have shown up at the address he had sent him by now. Perhaps he had already been apprehended by his men.

Huo Yao could tell that Yuan Huan was speaking with underlying meaning. She had remained calm all this time, but she suddenly narrowed her eyes and asked angrily. "Did you try to touch him?"

Since everything was within Yuan Huan's control, he openly admitted it. "To be precise, you turned out to be a pleasant surprise."

After all, his original target was Min Yu. He happened to use the young woman as a part of his scheme and inadvertently discovered her phenomenal brain power.

She had very high brain power. If he could take her back to the base for research, he might be able to create the perfect mutant.

Chapter 1432: Are You Fit To Be Her Older Brother?

Huo Yao hated the way Yuan Huan was looking at her. The greedy and crazed look in his eyes triggered some traumatizing memories for her.

Moreover, they were in an enclosed room, so the stench of the medical solution felt stronger than usual. She no longer had the patience to find out what he wanted from her.

She flicked her fingers swiftly and an acupuncture needle appeared in her hands. Yuan Huan could sense a stabbing pain leaving his hand trembling when it struck him on the wrist.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes threateningly and grabbed Yuan Huan's right wrist. She was too fast for Yuan Huan to even register what happened.

In the blink of an eye, Huo Yao had the gun in her hands.

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Huo Yao was very nimble. Yuan Huan narrowed his eyes and did not see this turn of events coming. He could still sense the pain in his wrist. "Why don't drugs have any effect on you?"

He had given her a large dose of nerve medication earlier. How could she still fight back?

"You must be immune to the drugs!" said Yuan Huan in astonishment.

People with such physical conditions were immune to drugs. No wonder she regained consciousness in just 30 minutes.

She had phenomenal brainpower and was also immune to drugs. This meant she was the perfect human test subject which he had been looking for all these years.

Huo Yao slowly turned the gun in her hand and did not answer him. Instead, she repeated her words slowly. "Did you touch Min Yu?"

Even though she sounded calm, her voice inexplicably felt chilly.

"Does it..." Yuan Huan pressed his black ring as he spoke.

Just as he was about to get to the last word, gunfire could be heard followed by excruciating pain coming from his shoulder. He looked sideways in disbelief and saw blood trickling down a gunshot wound.

Huo Yao looked at Yuan Huan. Even though Min Yu might not be in trouble, she could not help feeling angry. "Where is he?"

Yuan Huan clutched his wound and said sinisterly, "Don't you want to know his location? Why don't you try shooting me now?"

He pointed at his heart and threatened her without restraint. "If I die, he can forget about living either."

Huo Yao looked at him expressionlessly. It had been a long time since someone was able to make her feel emotional. She placed her finger on the trigger and readied herself. "I'm going to kill you."

The moment she finished her sentence, she shot Yuan Huan on his left wrist. He wanted to press his black ring and attack her using a concealed weapon, but he got shot.

Yuan Huan's face turned ghastly pale. He did not expect Huo Yao to shoot him without hesitation. He retreated several steps and moved up beside Yuan Xi lying unconscious on the ground.

He glanced at Yuan Xi from the corner of his eye. Just as he was about to move, Huo Yao raised the gun yet again and fired two more shots right on his calves.

Yuan Huan instantly knelt on the ground uncontrollably.

Huo Yao walked over and pointed the gun at his temple coldly.

Yuan Huan could hear her placing her finger on the trigger and was instantly overwhelmed by fear. It finally dawned on him that Huo Yao was determined to send him to his death. He did not dare to continue agitating her by talking about Min Yu.

Instead, he said nervously, "Yuan Xi is my little sister. Aren't you afraid she would feel upset if you..."

Huo Yao interrupted him before he could finish his sentence. "Are you fit to be her older brother?" She laughed softly. He could not compare to any of her brothers. "You bring a bad name to true brothers."

Yuan Huan's expression froze uneasily.

Huo Yao glanced at Yuan Xi and suddenly put down the gun. She said, "You're lucky that you're her older brother."

Yuan Huan was about to heave a sigh of relief when Huo Yao pulled out a silver needle.

Chapter 1433: Agitated

An ominous feeling flooded Yuan Huan's heart when he saw the acupuncture needle in her hand again. He disregarded the pain he was in and looked at her cautiously. "What are you trying to do? Don't you want to know Min Yu's whereabouts?"

The acupuncture needle gleamed threateningly under the light. Huo Yao looked at Yuan Huan mildly. "Sometimes, you have to pay for underestimating others."

The moment she finished her sentence, she moved her hand and plunged the needle into an acupuncture point on Yuan Huan's head.

After Huo Yao was done with Yuan Huan, she veered her eyes from him. She walked up in front of Yuan Xi and took her pulse. When she confirmed that Yuan Xi was fine, she was relieved.

Huo Yao did not wake up Yuan Xi. Instead, she glanced around her room until her eyes landed on a phone on the table and she walked over.

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The phone belonged to her, but Yuan Huan had turned it off.

Since they were underground, she was unable to get a signal after turning it back on. However, she could see two unread text message notifications on the screen.

Huo Yao tapped on WeChat and saw the messages Min Yu had sent her. She thought about the things Yuan Huan had said. She proceeded to activate computer mode and swiftly typed some code.

Before long, a virtual map popped up on her screen with a red dot indicating a GPS location. The place was not far from here and would take roughly ten minutes to get there by car.

Huo Yao wasted no time. She put away her phone and quickly carried Yuan Xi into the car.

Before leaving the room, she walked up in front of the test apparatus and narrowed her eyes looking at the numbers on the screen. She tapped on the keyboard a few times and the screen instantly turned black.

After she was done deleting the data, she carried Yuan Xi out of the basement.

Since the property belonged to Yuan Huan, no one was standing guard outside and Huo Yao managed to leave smoothly.

She quickly drove towards the GPS location showing on the map.

Even though Huo Yao seemed calm, she had floored the gas. Whenever she encountered traffic lights, she did not bother to stop. She was driving a white MPV, but she was driving it like a race car.

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Meanwhile, Min Yu had arrived at the address provided by Yuan Huan. The moment Min Yu entered through the warehouse doors, he was surrounded by men wielding weapons.

The man in the lead was a beefy foreigner. Even though he was wearing a black mask, his frightening tattoo could be vaguely seen behind his ear. Min Yu recognized the tattoo and knew his identity.

His eyes narrowed and he became concerned. He was a foreign mercenary called Cheetah and ranked fifth in the industry.

They had certainly splurged on him this time.

“Where is she?” Min Yu’s voice sounded completely calm. His imposing aura did not weaken the slightest even when he was surrounded by weapons. Instead, it became even stronger.

None of the men dared to let down their guard in front of Min Yu.

Their target was known to be a master of weapons. Using weapons was child’s play to the man.

Cheetah was in the lead. He could understand some Mandarin, but Yuan Huan did not give him the details, so he did not know who Min Yu was talking about.

Cheetah was sent to bring Min Yu back, so he did not care about what the guy wanted and could not be bothered to even ask. He simply stretched his neck and cockily gestured to Min Yu that he was a dead man.

Others might be scared of Min Yu, but not Cheetah. After all, he had legitimately earned his ranking.

The moment Min Yu saw Cheetah’s gesture, something exploded inside him. His murderous aura intensified and the warehouse felt freezing cold. He disregarded the weapons pointing at him and walked over to Cheetah. “I’m going to ask you one last time. Where is she?”

Chapter 1434: Come With Me

Cheetah felt instinctively threatened by the intense look in Min Yu’s eyes, so he involuntarily stepped back but he promptly stopped himself. Just when Min Yu was about to get closer to him, he raised his gun and pointed it at Min Yu’s forehead.

“No one knows what might happen once we open fire, so I suggest you don’t do anything rash. After all, the client wants you alive,” said Cheetah sternly.

This meant, it did not matter if Min Yu was injured or crippled as long as he was alive.

Min Yu looked straight into Cheetah’s green eyes. Five seconds later, his murderous aura dissipated slightly.

Huo Yao was not here.

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If she were truly in danger, Cheetah would not react this way now.

Min Yu stopped asking Cheetah about Huo Yao. He disregarded the gun trained to his forehead and instead asked. "Who's your boss?"

Cheetah understood what Min Yu was asking. He laughed softly. "If you want to know who the client is, why don't you follow us without retaliating?"

"Shall we make a bet? Let's bet on whether you'll die or win?" Min Yu spoke mildly with his hands in his coat pocket. It felt as though the mercenaries should be more worried than him.

Cheetah frowned. Even though he was unafraid of the man, he knew of his background.

He could not help feeling worried when Min Yu looked so confident.

Cheetah waved his hand and gestured to his subordinate to check the vicinity.

After all, they were not on their territory, so it did not hurt to scan the area.

A ringtone could be heard as the intense face-off went on in the warehouse.

Min Yu's phone was ringing.

Cheetah looked at Min Yu intently yet again when his phone rang. Min Yu retrieved his phone unhurriedly. When he saw the caller ID on the screen, he was stunned.

Before he was able to answer the phone, Cheetah snatched it from Min Yu.

Perhaps considering Min Yu's status, he did not smash the phone to smithereens. He simply turned off the phone and removed its SIM card and broke the card into half.

"We were paid to do this, so don't take it personally." Cheetah let go of his hand and the broken pieces of SIM card landed on the ground.

Min Yu narrowed his eyes.

Cheetah's subordinate had come back and updated him about the situation outside. "No one's there."

Cheetah finally relaxed slightly. He paused and said, "We can't stay here any longer. Send the word. We're leaving."

"Okay." His subordinate nodded.

"Oh yes. Call Mr. Yuan," said Cheetah.

Min Yu glanced at Cheetah the moment he caught the name. He had an inkling of the man Cheetah was talking about.

He had zero interaction with Yuan Huan, but the guy was clearly targeting him and he could not help feeling puzzled.

Cheetah's subordinate took out his phone and made a call. After trying a few times, he said, "I can't reach Mr. Yuan on the phone."

That was strange.

Cheetah frowned quizzically without taking it to heart. "Forget about him then. Retreat."

He looked at Min Yu again. He turned the gun nonchalantly and laughed softly. "Anyone can talk big, right?"

Min Yu squeezed his wrist and nodded. "In that case, I need to prove I wasn't talking big."

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Meanwhile, in the car.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes and looked out of the car window after hanging up the phone.

Since she was finally able to get through to Min Yu's phone, he should be fine, but she could not help feeling worried.

It seemed as though a fire was burning inside her.

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Chapter 1435: She Arrives

Huo Yao's car arrived at the warehouse after two minutes.

She raised her head and looked at Yuan Xi through the rearview mirror before she opened the car door and got off.

It was dark at night, but the warehouse was brightly lit. Huo Yao narrowed her eyes looking at it. Only two men were guarding the warehouse entrance. She quietly approached them and finished them off without making a sound.

The guards standing outside didn't even know what hit them.

Huo Yao put away her silver needles once she was done with them.

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She could hear gunfire coming from the warehouse, so she raised her head and quickly entered the compound.

The scent of blood wafted in the air. The closer she got to the warehouse, the louder the commotion.

Min Yu evaded the bullets flying toward him as he fought Cheetah and moved around like a phantom. Even though Cheetah seemed to have the upper hand, he knew that Min Yu was just messing around with them.

Min Yu had already quietly finished off half of his subordinates. Cheetah had a feeling that he was deliberately taking his time.

They could not keep on doing this. After all, he was not on his home ground. If Min Yu was expecting backup, it was impossible for them to escape unscathed, let alone complete their mission.

Cheetah had completely lost his patience. He gave the order to fight without restraint. He just needed Min Yu alive when he handed this person to the client.

Min Yu glanced at the mercenaries completely unperturbed. He evaded Cheetah's attack and raised his hand as he moved. He instantly grabbed Cheetah by the wrist and stood behind Cheetah.

Time to wrap up.

Cheetah narrowed his eyes. Since Cheetah was a professional mercenary, his instincts went on overdrive as he did his utmost to wrestle himself free of Min Yu's grip.

Min Yu pursed his lips as he tightened his hold on Cheetah. When he suddenly detected something, he paused and loosened his grip on the man.

The moment Min Yu loosened his grip, Cheetah promptly regained the upper hand. He turned around and raised his hand to punch Min Yu.

Cheetah had a brawny build, so his attacks were very powerful. This blow was undoubtedly going to hurt.

Suddenly, a silver needle appeared out of thin air and went straight for Cheetah's hand. Cheetah froze in surprise as though he was pinned down. His hand was already a few centimeters away from Min Yu, but he was unable to finish attacking him.

He looked at the silver needle piercing through his hand in horror. He could sense his body going so weak that it became limp.

His subordinates also felt powerless. They were so weak that they could not even hold their guns steady. Their weapons fell squarely onto the ground.

Cheetah was in a slightly better condition. He finally detected someone else's presence along with a powerful aura.

He did his utmost to turn around and saw a silhouette appearing from the darkness. The person was dressed in black and looked like a demon straight from hell.

Cheetah lost balance and knelt on the ground. He placed his injured hand on his knee. Blood could be seen trickling down from the silver needle. He could not be bothered by the blood and simply kept looking at the person approaching him.

When the person got close enough, he finally managed to see the person's face. She was a beautiful young woman with a murderous look in her eyes. Her powerful aura was as formidable as any of the top mercenaries in the trade.

"Who you?" asked Cheetah in broken Mandarin.

Huo Yao glanced at Cheetah mildly. When she saw the tattoo on the back of his ear, she was surprised.

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Chapter 1436: Compassion

These were professional mercenaries.

Yuan Huan had mentioned that Huo Yao was just a pleasant surprise. This meant his real target was Min Yu all along!

It probably was not Yuan Huan's idea. To be precise, Yuan Huan's boss wanted Min Yu.

Huo Yao gathered her thoughts quickly. She ignored Cheetah and walked up in front of Min Yu. She eyed him up and down and asked. "Are you hurt?"

Min Yu lowered his eyes. He clutched his chest and coughed a couple of times and his cool face was slightly pale. He simply shook his head and replied softly. "I'm good. You got here just in time."

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Huo Yao frowned. She reached her hand out and placed it on his pulse.

Min Yu coughed a couple of times and made it sound as though he had suffered internal injuries.

Cheetah was kneeling on one knee on the side when he heard the cough. He raised his head and looked at Min Yu in shock. He had not touched a hair on Min Yu's head the entire time!

His vulnerability was all an act!

Huo Yao wanted to take his pulse, but she let go of his hand when she heard him coughing. She paused briefly and reached her hand out to help support him. "Your pulse seems erratic, but it's not serious."

"Okay," acknowledged Min Yu softly before leaning against Huo Yao.

Cheetah went speechless.

Min Yu glanced at Cheetah coldly and tugged Huo Yao by the sleeve and asked. "What about them?"

Huo Yao raised her head coolly and said in a murderous tone, "How do you want them handled?"

Huo Yao rarely got protective of him, so he could not help feeling moved. Over time, she had genuinely started caring about him. He held her hand and paused before he said, "Violence isn't the answer."

Cheetah did not know what to say.

Huo Yao pondered and nodded in agreement. "That's true. We should try to be compassionate."

She turned to look at Cheetah and asked. "How much?"

Cheetah was busy cursing them for pretending to be nice. When he caught what Huo Yao said, he did not understand the question.

After some time, he finally realized that she was asking how much they were paid for the mission.

Cheetah gritted his teeth and said weakly, "One hundred mil."

Huo Yao raised her head in surprise and looked at Min Yu. "Wow. That's cheap."

She had inadvertently seen a text message from the bank, so she knew this was peanuts to Min Yu.

Min Yu went quiet.

Huo Yao looked at Cheetah again. She pondered briefly and eased up. "If you pay us two hundred mil, we won't kill you."

Cheetah was stunned. He quickly snapped out of his shock and asked. "Are you really going to let me off?"

He did not know when or how she managed to attack him with the silver needle, so she was not someone to be trifled with. At a time like this, he had no choice but to go with the flow.

Huo Yao glanced at Cheetah. "We're law-abiding citizens."

Cheetah went quiet.

Cheetah wanted to cough out blood but he forced it down. He asked deeply. "What if you go back on your word after taking the money?"

"Do you have a choice?" asked Huo Yao mildly.

Cheetah lost his balance slightly. Moments later, he struggled to retrieve his phone from his pocket.

She was right, he had no choice. He could always earn more money in the future, but there was no restart button for his life.

After transferring the money, Cheetah looked at Huo Yao. "Did you use drugs on us? Can you give us the antidote?"

She was capable of quietly taking down his entire mercenary team at the same time, so she must have poisoned them.

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Chapter 1437: Making Them Pay Back!

Huo Yao continued using her phone. She answered Cheetah without so much as looking up. "I simply used some medicine to paralyze your nervous system. The effect will wear off in a couple of hours."

Fu Ya had given Huo Yao the medication previously. She wanted to pass the medication to Shangguan Yun but ended up using it on these mercenaries.

Cheetah felt relieved when he heard that the effect was just temporary and was not poisonous. Still, he reiterated and said, "I hope you aren't messing with me."

After Huo Yao was done sharing her GPS location, she raised her head and replied mildly. "You aren't worth my time."

Cheetah went speechless.

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Huo Yao put away her phone and ignored Cheetah. She looked at Min Yu. "Let's go."

Min Yu raised his brow. Since he was standing right beside Huo Yao, he naturally saw her posting a limited-time-only mission online.

She had one final trick up her sleeve.

His girlfriend wanted to make them pay for attacking him.

"Okay. Let's go home." Min Yu felt delighted inside, but he contained his joy. He cleared his throat before taking Huo Yao's hand and walking out with her.

From behind, they looked like the perfect couple and were completely in sync.

When they finally disappeared out of sight, Cheetah slumped onto the ground powerlessly.

Min Yu was the heir of the Min family, so it was no surprise that he was a capable man, but he was intrigued by the young woman more. Despite her tender age, she had an innately imposing aura as well. She felt even more threatening than any mercenary he knew.

Even though he had not seen her fight yet, he could tell she was not to be trifled with.

Cheetah lowered his eyes and gritted his teeth as he removed the silver needle which had penetrated his entire hand. He suddenly felt relieved looking at the silver needle.

If she had attacked his heart with the needle, no amount of money could have saved him.

She had clearly spared them.

Cheetah was oblivious to what awaited him.

Huo Yao had promised that she would not touch him, but she did not say anything about putting a bounty on his head.

Since he was a mercenary, it was only natural that he had plenty of enemies. Also, he ranked high up in the trade, so lots of people wanted to take over his spot.

Things naturally would not end well for Cheetah.

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Shortly after they left the warehouse, Huo Yao pulled her hand back. She took out her car key, pressed it and the car headlights lit up. She glanced at Min Yu. "I'm sure you drove here, right? I have to send my friend to the hospital."

An ominous feeling emerged in Min Yu's heart when Huo Yao's attitude unexpectedly turned cold. He coughed as he walked beside her and said weakly, "I probably need to go to the hospital for a check-up as well."

Huo Yao halted in her steps. She turned and said ambiguously, "Are you going to continue acting?"

Min Yu promptly went quiet.

Huo Yao shook her head and ignored him. Did he really think she did not witness him fighting Cheetah?

If she did not attack the mercenary with her silver needle, she wondered if he would have genuinely allowed Cheetah to strike him.

The more Huo Yao thought about it, the more annoyed she felt. She opened the car door and bent over to get in.

Min Yu pulled her back. He closed the car door and pinned her against the car door from the outside. "My bad."

"Young Master Min is always right, isn't it?" scoffed Huo Yao before she raised her hand and pushed him aside.

He held her even more tightly by the waist, so she frowned and said, "Let go."

Even though Huo Yao was angry, Min Yu was in a brilliant mood. He placed his chin on Huo Yao's shoulder and answered brightly. "I'm so happy."

Huo Yao blurted out. "You must be crazy. I'm happy to drop you at the mental hospital."

Chapter 1438: Overthinking It

Min Yu smiled as he kissed her on the neck. He held her hand and placed it on her chest. "You can't deny that you like me."

Huo Yao veered her head. The throbbing of his heart could be sensed on her hand, but she disregarded it. "You're overthinking it."

"Whatever... if you insist." Min Yu came close to her ear and said, "You can forget about ever ditching me in your lifetime."

Huo Yao trembled inside and opened her eyes wide. Her eyes were bright and beautiful. The moment Min Yu caught sight of them, he could not control himself.

He promptly held her face and kissed her deeply.

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The kiss was not at all gentle this time. Instead, his kisses were particularly intense.

They were in love and nothing was more important than that.

A car suddenly appeared in the distance and drove over swiftly.

After pulling up, Yang Yi and Zhuo Yun got out of the car and walked over anxiously. They had just caught wind that Min Yu was in trouble.

“Boss, are you okay...”

Zhuo Yun stopped abruptly mid-sentence. He finally realized that Min Yu was embracing Huo Yao and they were leaning against the car door.

Min Yu and Huo Yao’s faces were intimately close together. When Min Yu glanced over coldly, Zhuo Yun swallowed the rest of his words.

The moment he spotted them, he knew he was dead meat.

From the looks of it, his boss was probably sending another miner to Africa real soon!

Yang Yi caught it faster than Zhuo Yun, so he had turned around and veered his eyes. He heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Min Yu in one piece.

Zhuo Yun composed himself and cleared his throat awkwardly with his head lowered. “Since you’re okay, we’ll make ourselves scarce.”

He turned to leave, pulling Yang Yi behind him, but Min Yu asked him to come back.

Min Yu did not let go of Huo Yao. He simply said, “Shall I get Zhuo Yun to send your friend to the hospital?”

Huo Yao gathered her thoughts and nodded. “That works.”

“Uh huh.” Min Yu took her car key and tossed it to Zhuo Yun. “Take Huo Yao’s car and send her friend to the hospital carefully.”

Zhuo Yun paused briefly before catching the car key.

Min Yu walked toward his car nearby holding Huo Yao’s hand. Before long, they drove off in the car as Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi watched from behind.

Zhuo Yun scratched his hair and looked at Yang Yi. “What friend?”

Yang Yi had an expressionless face as usual. He glanced at the car key and said, “Perhaps we should check inside Miss Huo’s car.”

Zhuo Yun hurriedly walked over. After opening the backseat car door, he undoubtedly found someone lying in the backseat.

He paused briefly and quickly got into the car before heading to the hospital.

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Meanwhile, in the car.

Huo Yao had stopped being angry with Min Yu, so he changed the subject and asked Huo Yao some questions about the day's happenings.

Huo Yao rubbed her temple gently. Other than the brain power test, she told him about all the events that had transpired earlier.

Huo Yao put down her hand and looked sideways at Min Yu. "I'm curious. What do they want from you? Why would they go through all this trouble to get you?"

"What do you mean by them?" Min Yu promptly caught on to something fishy.

Huo Yao pursed her lips and turned to look out of the window. Her eyes were bereft of warmth as she stared outside moodily.

From the moment Yuan Huan tested her brain power, she had an inkling of the mastermind's identity.

Even if she wanted to avoid certain characters, there was no escaping her destiny.

Huo Yao smiled as she shook her head

Before long, the car arrived at the estate.

Huo Yao entered through the door after waving goodbye to Min Yu.

Huo Yulin had been waiting for her in the living room.

Chapter 1439: Completely Lost It

"You're finally home." Huo Yulin scrutinized Huo Yao up and down and asked casually. "Why are you so late?"

Huo Yao did not take off her coat. Instead, she pulled it closer to her body. "I was held up at school, so I came back a little later."

Huo Yulin did not stop to question the veracity of her words, especially since he already knew she was not hanging out with Min Yu. He nodded and said, "Oh yes. I have something to show you."

Huo Yao walked over. "What?"

Huo Yulin walked out with a vial of solution and handed it to Huo Yao. "Here you go."

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"Is this the analysis solution?" Huo Yao looked at the late blue solution in the vial. "Is the academy still working on this?"

Huo Yulin shook his head. “Nope. Since the academy’s research data got stolen, the project came to a standstill. This solution was created based on the data provided by Yuan Huan. They were going to destroy it, so I took one when they weren’t looking.”

Yuan Huan had inserted himself into the National Academy of Medicine for years. He used his position to steal the academy research data and offered to help by giving them his notes for the analysis solution. Someone was undoubtedly behind this.

Huo Yao pondered and said, “I’ll pass this to Lei Xiao and get him to run a detailed analysis of its contents.”

“Okay then.” Huo Yulin did not specialize in medicine, and that’s why wanted to pass the analysis solution to Huo Yao.

After Huo Yao placed the vial into her pocket, her phone rang.

It was a call from Zhuo Yun, so Huo Yao answered the phone immediately.

“Miss Huo, your friend has regained consciousness.” Zhuo Yun stood outside the hospital ward as he made the call. He paused and continued. “She looks deeply traumatized. After asking about you, she requested to be sent back to campus. However, the doctor wanted her to stay in a few days for observation.”

Huo Yao knew how Yuan Xi felt. She paused for a few seconds and said, “Since she wants to go back to campus, please just send her back.”

“Okay then.” Before long, Zhuo Yun hung up the phone and went back into the hospital ward.

Huo Yao put away her phone. After saying a few words to her third older brother, she went upstairs to her room.

Huo Yulin watched from behind until his little sister disappeared out of sight. He went to the couch and took a seat. Shortly after he picked up his laptop, his phone rang.

He paused briefly before putting down the laptop. Since it was Chen Ming calling him, he quickly answered it. “Hi, Uncle Ming.”

“Young Master Yulin, I’ve found Yuan Huan.” Chen Ming promptly updated him about the situation.

Huo Yulin paused briefly. “How is he?”

“Uh huh. When we found him, he was delirious and seemed to have completely lost his mind. I wonder who did it.” Chen Ming found this bewildering. He had already sent men to investigate this matter, but nothing came of it.

For some reason, the moment he heard about Yuan Huan’s condition, his little sister came to mind suddenly. After all, she was out late tonight.

Before long, he quickly shook his head and threw the thought to the back of his mind.

His little sister had a lazy personality. If no one tried to touch her, she would never bother with it.

Chen Ming updated him about Yuan Huan before he finally said, "Fan Shun is here."

Huo Yulin's face instantly turned cold. "Why did he leave?"

"I don't know either. I told my men to keep an eye on Yuan Huan at the airports. They inadvertently saw him show up at the airport in Country M," said Chen Ming promptly.

"I'm sure he's up to no good, so keep an eye on him," said Huo Yulin sternly with his eyes narrowed.

"Sure," replied Chen Ming.

Chapter 1440: A Discovery

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In an estate located in a small town in Country M.

Fan Shun had just returned to the estate not long ago. He sat in front of the computer and checked his email. Shortly after he tapped on the mail from Yuan Huan, someone knocked at the door.

He paused and raised his head to glance at the door and said, "Enter."

His assistant entered through the door. "Mr. Fan, something happened."

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Fan Shun had extremely well-defined features and deep blue eyes. Despite what the assistant said, he remained relaxed and there was hardly any change in his expression.

"Speak," replied Fan Shun mildly as he turned to look at the computer screen.

As he waited for the assistant to speak, he clicked on Yuan Huan's email. It was sent roughly an hour ago.

The assistant took out the phone, swiped down to a post online for a mission with Cheetah's name on it, and handed it to Fan Shun. "You wanted me to keep an eye on Cheetah. I have something to report. Judging from this post, he probably got sabotaged and I doubt he's alive now."

This news finally got Fan Shun's attention. He put down the mouse and took the phone from his assistant. After looking at it, he pursed his lips. "Isn't he the fifth best mercenary in the world? Why is he so weak?"

The assistant went quiet briefly before he said in an uneasy tone, "Perhaps he genuinely didn't see it coming."

Fan Shun scoffed and responded. "He's just stupid. Why are you making excuses for him?"

The assistant lowered his head without daring to speak.

Fan Shun threw the phone onto the table. Anyone with eyes could tell he was angry.

The assistant felt increasingly worried. Even though Fan Shun had the features of a kind man, he was very temperamental.

Fan Shun rubbed his brow without saying a word. After some time, he waved at his assistant and gestured for him to leave. He turned his attention to the computer and continued looking at the email from Yuan Huan.

To be precise, Yuan Huan did not personally write the email. He had installed a backup program on the test apparatus, so it could create an extra copy of each test once the option was selected and automatically send it to Fan Shun's email address.

All these years, Yuan Huan rarely opted for a copy of a file to be created. Fan Shun simply clicked on each photo attachment from Yuan Huan.

After looking at all three photo attachments, a look of anticipation suddenly appeared on Fan Shun's face even though he tended to be nonchalant.

He stopped his assistant. "Hang on."

The assistant froze briefly before turning to look at Fan Shun cautiously. "Yes, Mr. Fan?"

Fan Shun continued looking at the computer screen without so much as raising his head. "Go to the basement and fetch the laptop."

The assistant did not know why his boss needed the laptop, but he hurriedly nodded and went to the basement.

After the assistant had left, Fan Shun took out his phone, swiped down to Yuan Huan's phone number, and called him immediately.

Fan Shun tried a few times but to no avail, so he could only give up.

Before long, the assistant came back with the laptop.

Fan Shun turned on the laptop and opened an encrypted folder containing 10 years of research archives. It contained over 10 000 files about brain power research.

He tapped on the file containing the records of the subject with the highest brain power. The subject had 43% brain power according to the records.

Based on the third photo from Yuan Huan, the subject's brain power had already exceeded 60%.

This was simply incredible.

A subject with a high IQ did not necessarily have a matching level of brain power. Instead, the reverse was true. Someone with high brain power would undoubtedly have an extremely high IQ.

Fan Shun pondered deeply. He wondered what kind of person could possess such phenomenal brain power.