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#### Chapter 1491: Went Home With Him

An hour passed before they finally arrived at the estate.

Huo Yao rested her eyes on the way back home. When the car pulled up, she woke up and looked at the parking lot before gazing at the man sitting in the driver's seat.

Min Yu said nothing. He undid his seatbelt and got out of the car.

Huo Yao raised her brow and got off the car as well.

Min Yu walked around the car. He had already removed his mask. He looked at Huo Yao intently with his deep dark eyes.

Only the two of them were at the villa.

Huo Yao cleared her throat. Her eyes still looked a little tired, so she looked like a lazy cat when she said, "Why did you..."

In an instant, she could sense Min Yu's grip on her waist as he pulled her into his arms. Min Yu kissed her passionately, making her swallow her words.

After some time, Min Yu finally let go of her with Huo Yao's face slightly red. He held her hand and pulled her into the villa. "Why don't you rest first? I'll take you out for dinner later."

Huo Yao replied huskily. "Okay."

After entering the villa, Min Yu led Huo Yao to the living room to sit down on the couch. He turned to retrieve a glass of warm water and sat down beside her after handing it to her.

Huo Yao accepted the glass and took a few sips of water before setting it down.

Just as she was about to raise her head and say something, Min Yu had already reached his hands out to wrap his arms around her waist. He leaned against her shoulder and spoke in a sexy tone.

"Can I hold you for a minute?" Min Yu's lips grazed Huo Yao's neck as he spoke, so she could sense his warm breath on her skin.

Huo Yao went quiet.

Min Yu adjusted his body as he embraced her tightly before closing his eyes satisfactorily.

She tilted her head slightly and could see his face up close. He looked very tired and had a severe case of dark circles under his eyes.

From the looks of it, he had not rested well for a long time.

Huo Yao did not stop Min Yu. She paused briefly, retrieved her phone from her pocket and turned it to silent mode.

After she was done, she placed her phone behind the couch and ignored it.

Before long, Huo Yao fell asleep unknowingly as well.

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The sky gradually turned dark outside before it was pitch black.

In reality, Huo Yao had not slept well even a single night ever since Old Madam Yang passed away. Today, she unexpectedly finally got some rest.

When she woke up, Min Yu was nowhere to be seen. Initially, she was leaning against the couch's backrest, but now she was lying flat on it with a blanket covering her.

Huo Yao slowly sat up on the couch and raised her head to check the clock on the wall. It was nearly 9:00 pm.

She had slept for four hours in total.

Huo Yao went into a daze. She did not expect herself to sleep so soundly.

Huo Yao's stomach rumbled uncontrollably, making her snap out of her thoughts. She tidied her hair and put the blanket away. She stood up from the couch, put on her slippers, and walked toward the kitchen.

After checking in the kitchen and dining hall, she noticed that it was empty.

Huo Yao went to the second floor. Just as she placed her foot on the staircase, she noticed light coming from the door leading to the basement nearby.

She paused before turning back and heading for the basement.

## Chapter 1492: Unexpectedly Advanced

The basement was very large and done up in a modern style, complete with a study and a tea room.

The study door was slightly open and light was leaking out from it. Huo Yao walked over and saw Min Yu working in the room.

She knocked on the door before she gently pushed it open and entered.

Min Yu put down some metallic objects and turned to look at Huo Yao as she came in. "Are you up already?"

Huo Yao nodded. She glanced at the things on the table in slight surprise.

It was full of weapon parts and a semi-finished weapon.

"I have already sent for dinner and it should be here soon." Min Yu removed the white gloves he was wearing. He noticed Huo Yao looking at the things on the table behind him. "Are you interested?"

Huo Yao veered her eyes and replied nonchalantly. "Nope."

Min Yu raised his brow. "What are you interested in then? Just money?"

Huo Yao quietly glanced at him. "Do I look like a materialistic woman to you?"

Min Yu shook his head and agreed. "Fine. My bad."

Min Yu's phone rang as it sat on the table, so he turned to retrieve his phone. When he saw the caller ID, his hands paused briefly before he told Huo Yao he had to take the call and walked out of the basement.

Huo Yao stood where she was for a few seconds and looked at the weapon parts on the table along with a diagram by the side.

She walked over slowly. When she saw the structure on the diagram, her eyes opened wide in surprise.

This diagram seemed unusually advanced.

Huo Yao raised her head and glanced at the door as she contemplated. She veered her eyes and looked at the half-done assembly on the table. He was two-third done putting together the weapon.

Judging from the parts on the table, Min Yu had yet to figure out how to assemble this.

Huo Yao leaned against the table and reached her hand out to go through the tiny parts on the table.

A few minutes later, Min Yu came back after answering the phone. He paid no attention to the parts lying on the table and simply said to Huo Yao, "Dinner is here. Let's go eat first."

Huo Yao nodded. She stopped looking at the things on the table and quickly followed behind Min Yu.

Zhuo Yun had come over to deliver the food. When he saw his boss and Huo Yao walk out of the basement together, he was startled.

He knew that his boss had been assembling the weapon in the basement all this time, but he did not realize that Miss Huo had free access to the basement.

Even though he trusted Huo Yao, his boss was doing top-secret work for the Weapons Bureau, so it was best if he kept his work confidential.

Zhuo Yun made up his mind to speak to his boss about this in private.

After all, it was best for Miss Huo to steer clear of bureau matters.

Zhuo Yun gathered his thoughts and went over to greet Huo Yao. "Happy Chinese New Year, Miss Huo."

"Happy Chinese New Year." Huo Yao nodded. Since she was famished, she promptly sat down and picked up her chopsticks.

Min Yu pulled out a chair. When Zhuo Yun continued standing where he was, Min Yu raised his head to glance at Zhuo Yun.

He finally veered his eyes and instantly said, "If you have nothing else for me, I'll be on my way."

"Uh huh." Min Yu sat down.

Zhuo Yun fwas speechless.

Min Yu did not have to be insensitived to Zhuo Yun, especially since he was single!

Despite his annoyance, Zhuo Yun made himself scarce.

## Chapter 1493: Missed Calls

Huo Yao watched from behind and raised her brow at Zhuo Yun as he left the villa.

Min Yu put a piece of fish into her bowl without noticing her expression. He asked. "When are you going to start school?"

"I have made plans to meet my teacher in the morning." Huo Yao ate some rice. She was in a good mood. "While I'm at it, I'm going to collect the prize money for collaborating with the National Research Institute of Science and Technology last year as well."

Min Yu's hands froze on hearing this. He asked in astonishment. "Are you all done already?"

Academic research usually took a long time to complete, so it was normal for the projects to take years or even decades to have any results.

"I'm a pro, so things naturally went smoothly." Huo Yao nodded with a confident look on her face with a few stray hairs falling from her forehead, softening her features.

Min Yu glanced at her deeply. She probably worked quickly so that she could get her hands on the prize money as soon as possible.

Huo Yao cleared her throat and continued eating.

By the time they were done with dinner, it was nearly 10:00 pm. Huo Yao did not feel tired, but she went to the living room to take her phone and go back anyway.

She had previously set her phone to silent mode. The moment she tapped on the screen, she could see notifications for two missed calls.

It was an unknown number calling from another province roughly two hours ago.

Huo Yao glanced at the unknown numbers before putting her phone away. She put on her down jacket and turned to say to Min Yu as he came back from the kitchen. "I'm going back."

Min Yu glanced at her and unrolled his sleeves as he retrieved his jacket from the side. "Let me walk you back."

Huo Yao wanted to say no but did not speak up eventually.

The two of them walked out of the villa one after another.

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Before long, Min Yu came back after sending Huo Yao home. When he got back to the villa, he went back to the study in the basement and continued working on assembling the weapon.

After putting on his gloves, he wanted to undo the half-done assembly and start over when he noticed something different about the parts and paused briefly.

The parts were simply scattered all over the table previously, but they looked a lot more organized now. Also, some tiny screws could be found beside some of the main parts.

Even though it was slightly messy, Min Yu could detect a kind of order in the parts. After quietly thinking about them, he finally made headway with the assembly.

He picked up his tools and started assembling the weapon unhurriedly.

Time passed quickly. Before long, it was already 4:00 am. Min Yu was finally done assembling the last part of the weapon.

He compared his work to the diagram and they looked exactly the same, so he could not help feeling a wave of relief.

Min Yu narrowed his eyes looking at his work. After some time, he walked over to the cabinet, took a piece of black fabric and covered the weapon with it. When he was done, he finally left the basement.

Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi arrived at the villa first thing in the morning.

Min Yu only got to rest for roughly three hours the previous night, but he was already seated in the living room. They could tell just by looking at his face that the man was exhausted. As they spoke, Min Yu kept rubbing his brow.

"If we don't succeed in assembling K-1 soon, I think things are on the brink of exploding. I just heard that the leaders of the Weapons Bureau are fighting again," said Zhuo Yun as he looked at his boss cautiously.

Yang Yi kicked Zhuo Yun and signaled him to keep quiet. Their boss had clearly already lost a lot of sleep thanks to the situation.

Zhuo Yun caught Yang Yi's drift and promptly changed his tune. "Well, some things can't be rushed. Boss, you have to get more rest."

## Chapter 1494: The Assembled Weapon

Zhuo Yun recalled Min Yu and Huo Yao coming out from the basement last night. He hesitated briefly before speaking his mind. "Boss, I'm not sure if I should say this."

"What?" asked Min Yu without even raising his head.

"Miss Huo is still in university. If you expose her to the Weapons Bureau matters, it might attract trouble for her," said Zhuo Yun tactfully.

People at the Weapons Bureau were all waiting for Min Yu to make a mistake. Even though Miss Huo was from a powerful family, her family was not involved with the bureau. If anyone discovered her connection to the Weapons Bureau, people might use it against her.

"Zhuo Yun is right. This is all for her own good." Zhuo Yun had already mentioned this to Yang Yi on their way to the villa. Since the bureau's top secret matters were involved, Yang Yi agreed with Zhuo Yun.

After all, they were not married yet, so it make complete sense to keep bureau matters confidential from her.

Min Yu's hands paused as he listened to them. A couple of seconds later, he asked mildly. "What time is it?"

Zhuo Yun looked at Yang Yi. He did not understand why Min Yu was asking for the time. He looked at his watch and promptly replied. "Almost quarter to nine."

Min Yu put down his hand, got up from the couch, and took his coat from the side.

He did not continue on the subject with Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi.

But Zhuo Yun was not done talking yet. When he noticed his boss standing up, he touched his nose quizzically. He did not know what his boss wanted to do, so he asked softly. "Boss, are you going somewhere?"

Min Yu raised his head and said calmly, "I'm going to Tsing University."

"What do you mean? Are you sending Miss Huo to Tsing University?" asked Zhuo Yun promptly.

Min Yu did the last button on his coat before he looked at Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi. "Go to the basement."

The moment he finished his sentence, he veered his eyes and headed to the door unhurriedly without talking to them.

When Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi heard the door closing, they finally snapped out of their daze.

"The boss wants us to go to the basement. Does this mean he has finished assembling the K-1?" Zhuo Yun scratched his head looking at Yang Yi.

Yang Yi said nothing and simply turned for the basement.

Zhuo Yun followed behind him.

When the two of them got downstairs, they tightened their fists when they saw something sitting on the table covered by some fabric.

Yang Yi reached his hand out and removed the fabric to reveal black heavy artillery made of metal.

Zhuo Yun exclaimed uncontrollably. "I can't believe that he managed to assemble this!"

A couple of days ago, Min Yu had mentioned that he did not make any headway and needed more time.

Yang Yi walked around the table and scrutinized the weapon from all angles before he finally said, "It looks exactly like the drawing."

"Don't you know our boss? It was just a matter of time before he succeeded in putting this together." Zhuo Yun was very confident about Min Yu. "I wonder how it will work with heavy artillery vehicles."

Yang Yi glanced at Zhuo Yun. "Don't you know who asked for this? What do you think?"

Zhuo Yun touched his nose and turned to look at the weapon. Their boss had worked on it for nearly a month, so it was naturally very powerful artillery.

"Now that the gun is assembled, those people at the bureau will probably be terribly disappointed." Zhuo Yun sighed as he spoke. He could not wait to see the looks on their faces when they saw the weapon.

## Chapter 1495: Make Up For It

Yang Yi placed the black fabric back over the weapon. Since he was more mature, he was not as talkative as Zhuo Yun. He simply said, "The boss hasn't said anything, so you should stay quiet about this."

Zhuo Yun glanced at Yang Yi and promptly caught his drift. "I know. Do I look stupid to you?"

Yang Yi smiled forcibly. "You certainly have a history of doing dumb things."

Zhuo Yun went speechless.

Yang Yi seemed to enjoy insulting him.

"Didn't he say he needed more time to finish it? Why did he suddenly finish doing it? Perhaps he suddenly got inspired to finish it sooner now that Miss Huo is back in the capital. This way, he can free up his time for her," remarked Zhuo Yun as he leaned against the table and prodded his chin.

Even now, he felt jealous of his boss for having a girlfriend!

Yang Yi looked at Zhuo Yun in disdain. "Sometimes, it's good to have brains."

Zhuo Yun felt puzzled.

"Do you think the boss told us to come to the basement just to see the weapon?" asked Yang Yi in annoyance.

When they brought up keeping bureau matters from Miss Huo, their boss said nothing and simply told them to go to the basement. There must be some deeper meaning behind this.

Zhuo Yun was stunned. He wiped the smile from his face as he realized the serious look on Yang Yi's face. He pondered briefly before a notion suddenly dawned on him.

Zhuo Yun's cheeks twitched. He looked at the weapon sitting on the table under the cloth. "Don't tell me Miss Huo assembled it?"

He promptly recalled all the unusual things Huo Yao was capable of accomplishing. The more he thought about it, the more he felt she was behind the assembly.

Zhuo Yun covered his face uneasily. If Miss Huo had genuinely assembled the weapon, the things he had just mentioned would be considered petty and rude.

He thought he would have the chance to see the people at the Weapons Bureau embarrass themselves when they saw the assembled weapon. Sadly, he had managed to slap his own face first.

Yang Yi glanced at Zhuo Yun. Even though Yang Yi seemed composed, he felt the same way as Zhuo Yun.

Yang Yi inhaled deeply and suppressed his embarrassment. "Watch your tongue from now on."

Zhuo Yun hurriedly nodded. "I wonder if I pissed off the boss. I have to make up for saying the wrong things."

He retrieved his phone from his pocket.

Yang Yi looked at Zhuo Yun at a loss. The moment he got a closer look at Zhuo Yun's phone screen, he went quiet for ten seconds before quietly taking out his phone as well.

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Meanwhile, in the car.

Huo Yao was talking to Min Yu when her phone suddenly vibrated. Since she was already holding her phone, she promptly stopped talking and checked it.

Zhuo Yun: [WeChat bank transfer]

Yang Yi: [WeChat bank transfer]

Huo Yao felt puzzled when she received those text message notifications. She raised her head and looked at Min Yu as he drove. "Did Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi suddenly strike a lottery?"

Min Yu glanced at the rearview mirror and asked quizzically. "Huh?"

Huo Yao veered her eyes and composed a text message as she said, "Each of them just gave me a \$50 000 red packet. This is so strange."

Min Yu finally realized why his men were suddenly transferring money to her.

Min Yu continued looking straight ahead as he said expressionlessly to Huo Yao, "They might be feeling generous after receiving a big fat bonus before the holidays started. Don't be shy. Just take it. Consider it a Chinese New Year red packet."

Huo Yao was about to reply to Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi's text messages to refuse the money. The moment she heard what Min Yu said, her hands paused briefly.

Chapter 1496: Quite The Windfall

Huo Yao had not realized that Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi were both pretty rich and generous!

Huo Yao's fingers froze in mid-air as she sighed and said, "This is too much. I can't accept it."

A junction appeared up ahead and the traffic lights turned red.

After Min Yu stepped on the brake and stopped the car, he turned to look at Huo Yao and said solemnly, "Trust me. They'll be happier if you accept the money."

Huo Yao looked at him with complicated emotions running through her heart.

She really had no idea that they were that rich.

Min Yu reached his hand out, took her phone, and accepted the money before returning the phone.

Huo Yao looked at the notifications appearing on her phone to accept the money. She felt a little awkward about taking their money, so she said uneasily, "This doesn't feel right. How could I take their money for no reason?"

Min Yu raised his brow and started the engine. He did not bring up the things she had done last night, or explain Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi's actions. He simply said, "It's only right for them to do this."

Huo Yao blinked as she looked at him. There was clearly more to this.

Before long, the car arrived at Tsing University.

Since the term had yet to start officially, the campus was quite empty and there were hardly any students around.

Huo Yao told Min Yu to leave before walking straight to the administrative office and heading to Liu Qian's office.

When she got there, she saw both Liu Qian and Zhao Lian in the room.

Zhao Lian looked a lot better than before, so Huo Yao felt relieved that he had taken the medicine from He Shu.

# Chapter 1497: Taking Her For A Ride

"Don't you feel embarrassed about pushing the opportunity away?" Liu Qian turned to hand Huo Yao a glass of warm water. "You have three days to write the thesis and submit it to me."

Since there was no saying no, Huo Yao finally responded. "Fine."

Liu Qian disregarded the miserable look on her face and continued. "As for the second matter, do you remember DO Corporation? They are probably sending someone to talk to us in a few days."

Huo Yao replied in a disinterested tone. "Why don't you talk to them? I'm not good at conversations."

Liu Qian's cheeks twitched. He knew she was just acting dumb again. "You don't have to talk to them. They have sent us their database and want us to take a look at it first."

Liu Qian paused before he said, "DO Corporation is interested in the AI system we built for the institute last year. Before we proceed, we need the institute to give authorization."

Huo Yao knew how patents worked, so she did not ask further. She did not care as long as she did not have to speak to the representative from DO Corporation personally. She nodded and said, "Fine. Send me the database so that I can check it out."

When she finally agreed, a cunning smile swept across Liu Qian's face.

He had lost a lot of sleep in the past couple of days since he was worried Huo Yao might refuse to join the project. He turned to walk up in front of his desk, opened the drawer, and retrieved a thumb drive. He turned back and handed it to Huo Yao.

## **Chapter 1498: Patent Use Authorization**

Qi Hui did not look happy when Liu Qian entered his office. "You're late. I already have a prior engagement, so I have to go to the administrative office."

Liu Qian could tell Qi Hui was displeased. He hurriedly explained. "My bad. I had to answer a call, so I was held up for a couple of minutes."

Qi Hui pressed his brow as he stood up from the chair. He stopped harping on Liu Qian's delay. "You mentioned needing patent use authorization previously. What is this regarding?"

Liu Qian handed the patent authorization document that he had prepared in advance to Qi Hui.

He said, "We are going to take on a new project. Since it is related to the AI system we have just built, we need the institute to sign a release form."

Qi Hui roughly knew what Liu Qian needed from him. He took the paperwork from Liu Qian and glanced at it briefly before placing it on the table.

He was more concerned about the new project that Liu Qian had just mentioned. "What new project are you talking about? Is it a project from the institute?"

"Nope." Liu Qian shook his head and spoke candidly. "DO Corporation has reached out to me and shown interest in my student's AI system."

"Huh?" Qi Hui found the company name familiar, but he could not put his finger on it.

"It's a company known for being pioneers in smart systems," explained Liu Qian.

Qi Hui instantly remembered the company. A wave of disbelief swept across his face. "Why would an internet-related company want to work with your department?"

It would make more sense if the company wanted to collaborate with the Computing department. Liu Qian was from the Bioinformatics division. Even though they worked on computers, it was a completely different field.

When Liu Qian saw the look on Qi Hui's face, he could tell that Qi Hui felt puzzled that a big company like DO Corporation would want anything to do with them and promptly felt annoyed.

Liu Qian kept his composure and straightened his back as he retorted. "They just want to implant a chip into a robot. Over a decade ago, scientists have already written theses for human chip implantation. Why wouldn't it make sense for the DO Corporation to reach out to us?"

Qi Hui did not know what to say since Liu Qian made a strong argument. After some time, he asked. "I'm glad they are interested in working with you. How's the progress? Why haven't you mentioned it before?"

"We are still discussing the details, so I did not bring you into it yet. After the paperwork is done, we can proceed," explained Liu Qian unhurriedly.

Liu Qian lacked power, so he did not have the authority to sign the paperwork. Otherwise, he would rather avoid working with Qi Hui.

After all, Qi Hui always looked down on his division, so he was naturally worried that the man would make trouble for them.

Since such research opportunities were serious affairs, Liu Qian knew Qi Hui would not disrupt their work openly.

Qi Hui went quiet briefly before he picked up the paperwork and asked., "Do you need this urgently?"

"It would be best if we could get it done in a day or so," replied Liu Qian.

If there was no patent involved, this release form would not matter as much. Since the patent for the system was in order, it was a top priority to get clearance from the institute.

Qi Hui glanced at Liu Qian before he pondered and said, "Fine then. I have Mr. Wei's number, so I can ask him about this later and set up a time to meet. You still have to prepare a proper proposal for the new project and submit it to me."

## **Chapter 1499: Very Difficult**

Liu Qian was already preparing the proposal, so he nodded and said, "In that case, I'll be waiting for an update."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Qi Hui. "You may leave. I have to go to the administrative office in a minute."

"Sure thing. Thanks a lot. I will leave you to it, Mr. Qi." Liu Qian nodded politely before he turned to leave the office.

Qi Hui stood and looked at the door for over ten seconds. He lowered his head, looked at the paperwork on the table, and tightened his fists.

Liu Qian was moving up the ladder thanks to Huo Yao. If he did not make a mistake about Huo Yao earlier, she would have joined his division.

If Huo Yao had joined his division, he would have done well with his appraisal last year.

Each time Qi Hui thought about her, he felt suffocated. This was the second project offer Liu Qian had received by now, so Qi Hui could not help feeling jealous.

Despite his envy, Qi Hui took out his phone and gave Wei Yong a call.

Before long, the call got through.

Wei Yong said, "Hi there. Perfect timing. I was just about to call you."

Qi Hui did not bring up the patent release form right away. Instead, he asked. "What's this about?"

Wei Yong was not at the institute right now. He was just done with a meeting outside. "I wanted to talk about the project we did with the university last year. I have one more release form for you to sign. Are you free tomorrow morning? We can meet somewhere and get it settled."

Qi Hui did not expect Wei Yong to bring up this additional paperwork. He promptly agreed and said, "Sure thing. You can set the time and place and I'll see you tomorrow."

"Perfect. I will send you the details via text message later."

Wei Yong was pleased that Qi Hui acted swiftly. After hanging up the phone, he smiled and was clearly in a good mood.

After hearing back from Wei Yong, Qi Hui shared the news with Liu Qian and promptly told him about his appointment to see Wei Yong regarding the patent release form.

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In the afternoon, Huo Yao left the campus after eating lunch with Liu Qian and Zhao Lian.

She took a cab and went straight home.

When she got home, she took out the thumb drive from Liu Qian and plugged it into her laptop. She looked at its contents with complicated emotions running through her heart.

The database was quite similar to the version J had mentioned previously.

Huo Yao went through everything in the thumb drive. After she was done, she sat quietly in front of her laptop and rapped her fingers on the table slowly.

She had to create an AI system that was compatible with the smart systems in question for use in robots. Also, she had to stay within the scope of the existing level of technology of this time and age. It was undoubtedly quite the task.

She decided to seek external help.

## Chapter 1500: Help From Her Future Mother-in-Law

Min Yu was holding his phone and looking at it. When he saw Huo Yao's text message, his hands paused before he replied: [?]

Huo Yao continued: [I can tell you've never written a thesis before.]

Min Yu: [...]

Huo Yao: [Sigh! Geniuses have problems too.]

Min Yu's lips twitched Huo Yao before making a video call to her.

Before long, Min Yu could see a young woman lying prone on the desk with a miserable look on her face.

He laughed and asked. "Aren't you a genius? Why do you have problems writing your thesis?"

Huo Yao leaned against her head as she held the phone with one hand. She replied powerlessly. "I hate writing theses. This is no different from killing me."

She had a feeling that Liu Qian was deliberately making her life hard.

Min Yu raised his brow. "I can't help you there. I haven't written one before."

Huo Yao sighed deeply.

"If you have problems, I know someone who might be able to help," suggested Min Yu suddenly.

Huo Yao looked sideways at the screen. "Who?"

"Your future mother-in-law," answered Min Yu unhurriedly.

Min Yu's features looked well defined and beautiful on the screen even though he did not activate any filters. He smiled teasingly at the mention of her future mother-in-law.

Huo Yao promptly straightened her body expressionlessly. "I agree with you. I'm a genius, so I should have no problem writing a thesis. I have to go."

She promptly hung up the phone before he had a chance to answer.

Min Yu went speechless.

Huo Yao spun the phone gently as she contemplated. She recalled seeing Huo Yulin often write theses, so she decided to call him regarding it.

After a few rings, the call got through.

"Do you need to write a thesis? I have a few manuscripts on my laptop. Why don't you use them for reference?"

Huo Yulin was still abroad and it was already late at night over there. Since he had trouble sleeping, he was around to answer the call.

Huo Yao got up and went to the other room without hanging up the phone. She looked at the laptop on the desk and turned it on.

She looked around before she finally found the manuscripts. "In that case, have an early night. I'm just using this for reference. I swear I won't leak your work."

Huo Yao pulled up a chair and sat down.

Huo Yulin smiled and replied. "I've already published those papers, so you don't have to worry about confidentiality."

Huo Yao started reading one of his manuscripts. Her third older brother was very organized and capable of making strong arguments. He was clearly a genius.

"You're a very good scientist."

Huo Yao praised her brother before she hung up the phone and continued reading his work.

She read swiftly, so she was done with reading his work before long. When she was done, she had a better idea of how to go about writing her thesis, so she decided to close the folder.

Just as she was about to close the folder, she inadvertently clicked on the file history and accessed a file.

Huo Yao blinked uneasily. She was not in the habit of prying, so she simply glanced at its contents with no intention of reading. She wanted to close the file, but her hands froze when she caught a glimpse of the file contents.