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Chapter 1541 Nothing But Trouble

Ji Ya detected her mother looking at something, so she automatically looked at Song Qi. The moment she caught the cold look on her mother's face, she was taken aback. "Mom, are you okay?"

After some time, Song Qi finally stopped thinking about the things that had happened last year. She caught the puzzled look on her daughter's face and quickly composed herself, but something was clearly wrong with Song Qi.

"Do you know the girl?" asked Song Qi.

Ji Ya nodded quizzically before shaking her head. "I know her, but not very well. We just met a few times previously."

Zhu had investigated Huo Yao earlier and mentioned that Ji Ya was acquainted with Huo Yao. She sighed in relief the moment she heard what Ji Ya said.

She said, "Since you're not in the same faculty, she must have deliberately gotten close to you, right?"

Ji Ya looked at her mother quizzically. "What do you mean purposely? Mom, what are you saying? Even though we aren't from the same faculty, we often work with each other. It's normal for students to know people from other faculties."

It was not what Song Qi meant. She reached her hand out to squeeze Ji Ya's arm and said with a serious look on her face, "No matter what, I want you to keep a distance from that girl from now on. She will get you into trouble one day."

Song Qi had yet to forget the terrible things Huo Yao had done to the Song family last year. No matter how they investigated, they could not figure out how Huo Yao managed to do it to them. Since she was clearly powerful, Song Qi naturally did not dare to touch her.

Song Qi held Ji Ya's arm so hard that she could sense pain, but she ignored it and asked. "Do you know Huo Yao?"

Song Qi did not want to explain further and simply reminded her daughter earnestly. "Just trust me. You have to keep a distance from her and not interact with her. She's nothing but trouble."

The moment she finished her sentence, she let go of her daughter's arm.

Ji Ya felt very puzzled, but Song Qi refused to tell her anything more no matter how she tried.

"This isn't worth your time and it doesn't help for you to know more. Just focus on your studies and find yourself a good husband," said Song Qi earnestly.

Ji Ya went quiet the moment her mother brought up marriage.

"You should do your best to marry yourself into the Min family," said Song Qi softly.

Ji Ya looked out of the car window quietly. The car had already left Tsing University and a black car came towards them before brushing past them.

Complicated emotions suddenly emerged in Ji Ya's heart.

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Shortly after Min Yu's car pulled up outside Tsing University, Huo Yao appeared at the entrance.

She walked to the car unhurriedly, opened the car door, and got in.

"Young Master Min, excellent timing." Huo Yao raised her brow and put on her seatbelt.

"I'm picking up my girlfriend. How could I be late?" replied Min Yu with a serious look on his face.

Huo Yao glanced at him sideways.

Min Yu started the engine and asked. "Shall we go and pick up your cousin?"

"It's fine. He stays on campus, so he only comes home once a week," said Huo Yao as she pulled out her phone. She texted Shangguan Yun asking how he was doing at school.

Since he was still in class, she did not hear back from him.

Huo Yao did not continue waiting. She had already done her sisterly duty to check upon him.

"What would you like for dinner?" asked Min Yu as he glanced into the rearview mirror.

Huo Yao contemplated as she spun her phone. After some time, she tilted her head sideways at the driver's seat. "Has the chef made a killing recently?"

Min Yu smiled as he nodded and said, "Thanks to my girlfriend, I made a little money."

Chapter 1542 The Work Of A Genius

Huo Yao was very envious.

It was probably much more than he said.

Min Yu cleared his throat. "We are out of groceries at home, so we need to head to the supermarket."

Huo Yao replied calmly. "Okay."

Before long, the car pulled up at the supermarket parking lot.

When they got out of the car, Min Yu retrieved two masks and handed one to Huo Yao.

"You are well prepared." Huo Yao raised her brow and glanced at him.

Half of his face was covered with a black mask so that only his deep, cool eyes could be seen. Even though most of his face was hidden, he gave off a cool dignified aura.

Huo Yao tutted softly before putting on the mask quickly.

Min Yu held her hand and entered the supermarket like a normal sweet couple.

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After buying the groceries, the two of them went back to the estate.

Min Yu did not let Huo Yao help and went to the kitchen by himself.

Huo Yao crossed her arms as she stood at the kitchen entrance looking at Min Yu preparing dinner calmly. She had to admit that he looked like a professional chef.

After standing briefly, Huo Yao's phone rang in her pocket. She took out her phone and glanced at it before heading to the living room.

She sat down on the couch and opened her mailbox to see an email from J with an attachment.

After going quiet for a second, she finally opened the chat box and replied: [This is the work of a genius. It's brilliant!]

When J received the text message, his lips twitched. He replied: [I have no idea who did the work, but I have to say this is good.]

Huo Yao leaned into the couch backrest lazily with a confident look on her face: [Uh huh. Then what are you waiting for? You should collaborate with this genius.]

Liu Qian seemed a little anxious and looked worried earlier. Since he was her teacher, she had to help him.

[That was just the thing I wanted to talk to you about. I'm coming to the capital for a work trip in a couple of days. Shall we meet up in person?]

Huo Yao always called herself 'his daddy' and J had been curious about her for far too long.

Huo Yao crossed her legs and adjusted her position. It was hard for good friends to talk about business, so she replied: [Your father won't be in town.]

J asked: [Didn't you say you were a student? How did you suddenly leave town?]

Huo Yao replied with a straight face: [Sigh. I'm going to an academic conference. I know my son hasn't gone to college before, so maybe you can Google it.]

J smiled as he read the text message. He could not be bothered exposing Huo Yao's lie. [Fine. Maybe next time then.]

Huo Yao replied: [Sure thing. Hope work goes smoothly for you!]

As J read the text message, he had a feeling that Huo Yao seemed to care a lot about the project.

J paused briefly without replying to her. He swiped down his phone book to the local office's number and told him to make arrangements to set up a meeting.

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When Wei Yong received the call, he was still at the institute. He was in a good mood after having a chat with the representative from DO Corporation and settling on a meeting time.

"Sure thing. See you at 10:00 am at the institute then. Can't wait to see you."

Wei Yong hung up the phone when they were done talking. He smiled as he looked at his computer monitor.

Initially, he did not expect DO Corporation to get back to him so soon. They surprisingly came to a decision to meet them after seeing the files sent by Qi Hui.

Wei Yong tutted to himself. From the looks of it, the students from Tsing University knew a thing or two.

Chapter 1543 Affect Her Future

The next day, shortly after Liu Qian entered the office, Qi Hui came over to look for him.

The sight of Qi Hui made Liu Qian annoyed. He could not even be bothered to be courteous this time. He simply asked expressionlessly. "Yes, Mr. Qi?"

Qi Hui failed to notice Liu Qian's cool attitude and simply said, "The representative from DO Corporation is seeing Mr. Wei tomorrow morning at 11:00 am. You and your student have to be there as well."

Liu Qian frowned the moment he heard what he said. "Why do we have to go? She has already sorted out the files and I have sent them to you."

Liu Qian was already forced to hand over Huo Yao's preliminary work for the project yesterday and he felt very guilty about it. He did not want to take Huo Yao to the National Research Institute of Science and let her witness the theft of her work.

Liu Qian could sense his head buzzing just thinking about it. Before Qi Hui could speak, Liu Qian said, "I don't mind going to the institute, but you're not dragging her into this."

Qi Hui looked at Liu Qian and naturally knew what he was implying. He shook his head speechlessly and said, "We are meeting DO Corporation's representative. Do you know what people would give for a meeting like this?"

Liu Qian was the most stubborn teacher Qi Hui had ever met. He was never able to play his cards right and move with the flow. Qi Hui always had to put matters across to Liu Qian bluntly if he wanted anything done right.

Liu Qian pursed his lips and said nothing. If Qi Hui did not sabotage the students, the representative from DO Corporation would be visiting the university and not the institute.

"No matter how upset you are, do you really have to sabotage your student's future? This is a great opportunity for her to gain some experience, right?" explained Qi Hui calmly.

"You're just making an excuse to use her. You know exactly why I don't want to take her there," said Liu Qian sarcastically with an angry look on his face.

Qi Hui did not want to continue arguing with Liu Qian and ruin his mood. "Don't say I didn't try. Her academic future is at stake and you should know better."

The moment he finished his sentence, he turned to leave the office without giving Liu Qian the chance to retort.

Liu Qian watched as his office door closed before he slumped into his seat powerlessly.

He did not have the cheek to tell Huo Yao the truth.

Liu Qian held his phone for some time without texting Huo Yao. During this time, he happened to receive a call from the journal.

After answering the phone, Liu Qian looked both happy and worried. He pondered briefly before he eventually sent Huo Yao a text message.

[We are going to the institute tomorrow.]

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Huo Yao had just finished classes for the morning and was on her way to the canteen when she received the text message.

She raised her brow and replied as she walked: [Why are we going there? Aren't we done with the project with them?]

Liu Qian did not know how to explain the situation. He tapped on his phone screen without replying to Huo Yao for some time.

She had already walked some distance. When she lowered her head to check her phone, she noticed Liu Qian was still composing a text message.

Her lips twitched. Liu Qian certainly seemed like he had a lot to say.

He had been typing all day without sending the message.

Huo Yao pondered briefly before she texted: [You can send me an audio message if you like.]

Liu Qian was having trouble telling her the truth, but he felt tickled when he saw what she said. He finally typed: [It's not that. I was just having trouble choosing my words.]

Chapter 1544 No Longer My Son

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes looking at Liu Qian's reply. She recalled him acting weird recently and decided to call him directly.

Before long, the call got through.

"Did something happen?" asked Huo Yao calmly as she got straight to the point.

Liu Qian tightened his grip on his phone. Even though he did not know how to tell her the truth, there was no hiding it now. "DO Corporation has made arrangements to meet tomorrow."

Huo Yao swiftly connected the dots and figured out what the previous text message meant. "Are you meeting them at the institute?"

Liu Qian acknowledged softly.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes as the hair on the side of her face fluttered slightly from the wind. She asked him nonchalantly. "Why?"

Liu Qian could sense the atmosphere turning colder as she questioned him.

Liu Qian cleared his throat awkwardly, but he did not tell her about the threats Qi Hui had made to him using the patent and article. He simply said, "The institute worked with the company before. Also, the project belonged to the institute and we signed a contract for them."

Before he was able to finish his words, Huo Yao already caught his drift. She interrupted. "Does this mean the project belongs to DO Corporation now?"

Liu Qian did not expect Huo Yao to figure out the truth on her own so quickly. He smiled sadly. "You can say so."

Huo Yao laughed gently as she walked into the canteen.

When he heard her cool laughter, Liu Qian felt worried. Huo Yao might look easygoing on the surface, but she was a genius, so she had her pride.

He did not have the heart to tell her the truth since he knew she would not like it. In life, credit was stolen all the time and people were often helpless. Before they were able to attain power, they could only suck it up and those were the rules in life.

"Listen. It doesn't matter if the institute takes away the DO Corporation project. Plenty of other projects are waiting for us. Moreover, I have already spoken to the institute about it. Even if we no longer own the project, they are still going to pay us for it," said Liu Qian hurriedly.

After ordering her lunch, Huo Yao said calmly, "Got it. Is there anything else? If you're done, I'm going to eat."

Liu Qian had a lot of things to say to her, but he stopped abruptly. After choking on his words for half a minute, he finally changed his mind and responded. "Uh huh."

Before hanging up the phone, Huo Yao asked. "What time are we going over tomorrow?"

Her voice sounded very normal.

Liu Qian replied in a dry tone. "9 in the morning."

"Okay then," acknowledged Huo Yao before ending the call.

Liu Qian went quiet.

He put down his phone and remained worried.

He was not entirely sure if Huo Yao would take his words seriously. Also, he did not know if she had any other thoughts about this. No matter what it was, they had to go to the institute the next day.

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Huo Yao took her plate and sat down in front of the table. As she ate, she took out her phone and sent a text message.

[Are you blind?]

[If you are genuinely blind, I can do you a favor and treat them for free.]

J had just gotten off a flight when he received the text messages. He replied quizzically: [??? Are you nuts?]

Huo Yao smiled as she tapped her phone screen unhurriedly: [From now on, you're no longer my son.]

Chapter 1545 Don't Be Rude

Huo Yao tapped on her phone screen a few times after sending the text message. A few seconds later, she put the phone into her pocket before she lowered her head to eat lunch quietly.

The moment J saw she wanted to sever ties with him, he was stunned. He promptly handed the luggage to his assistant and typed: [No, don't. Even if you want to execute me, you should at least tell me why, right?]

After sending the text message, a red exclamation mark appeared in front of the chat box indicating that she had blacklisted him.

J was at a loss.

He tried to send yet another text message, but nothing changed.

From the looks of it, she meant what she said about severing ties with him.

J's assistant caught the look of worry on his boss' face, so he automatically asked. "Is everything okay?"

J was still reeling in shock that Huo Yao had dumped him. No matter how he tried to find other means of communicating with Huo Yao, it was impossible.

In hindsight, they had met online and he did not have any other means of getting in touch with her.

Since he was a hacker, he had hacked into her phone effortlessly. They had been communicating via text messaging ever since then.

On second thought, he was not good enough to get into her phone. She had probably left a backdoor so that they could communicate.

J pulled his slightly wavy hair as he contemplated. He did not understand why she would suddenly sever ties with him.

They just had an enjoyable conversation yesterday!

"I want to know what we have done recently." J turned to look at his assistant as he spoke sternly.

His assistant paused briefly before nodding reverently. "Okay."

"Send me the location of the hotel," said J as he strode out of the airport.

His assistant caught up with J as he said, "Mr. Wei from the institute wants to buy you dinner."

"Cancel it." J raised his hand and answered without a second thought.

His father wanted to sever ties with him, how could he have dinner at a time like this?

The assistant did not dare to probe further at a time like this. "Okay. Got it."

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Huo Yao got to school punctually at 9:00 am the next morning.

When she got to Liu Qian's office, he was talking to Qi Hui.

Qi Hui glanced at Huo Yao and stopped talking. He said mildly, "Let's go. We don't want to be late."

He strode out of the office the moment he finished his sentence.

Huo Yao was wearing a khaki coat today with her sleeves rolled up to reveal her fair wrists. She saw the frown on Liu Qian's face, so she comforted him and said confidently, "Dude, don't worry about today."

Liu Qian felt slightly moved by her comfort and even disregarded her casual tone. "Uh huh. When we get to the institute, you don't have to do anything. I'll handle the communication."

Huo Yao raised her brow but eventually said nothing.

Chapter 1546 A Powerful Man

They reached the institute and waited in the lounge.

Huo Yao leaned into the seat lazily and could not be bothered by Qi Hui.

Qi Hui was so angry that he nearly wanted to laugh seeing Huo Yao act this way.

She was stubborn and did not know better. He could have reminded her to watch her back out of the kindness of his heart, but she did not deserve it.

Qi Hui quietly veered his eyes and stopped looking at Huo Yao.

In an instant, everything was quiet in the lounge. Liu Qian looked at Huo Yao before glancing at Qi Hui without saying a word.

In the past, he would try to help break the ice. After all, Qi Hui was a vindictive man and Liu Qian was afraid he would make things hard for Huo Yao. Since their relationship had already gone downhill, he stopped caring.

Liu Qian was more worried about their meeting with the DO Corporation representative. He could swallow his pride and stay quiet, but he was not sure about Huo Yao.

After all, her future was at stake.

Huo Yao simply took out her phone and looked at it calmly.

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Wei Yong was standing in the parking lot waiting to receive the people from DO Corporation personally.

At 10:00 am sharp, a black car drove into the institute.

After the car pulled up, Wei Yong walked over and saw a tall foreigner getting off the driver's seat. He was dressed in a dark suit. He wore a pin with DO Corporation's logo on his chest.

The man walked around the car to the backseat, opened the door, and stood reverently waiting for his boss to get off the car.

A solemn look emerged on Wei Yong's face. He recognized the foreigner since he was usually sent whenever they worked with DO Corporation. He already knew the man was in a high position.

Judging from the way he behaved, he could not help thinking about the person sitting in the car and wondering about his identity. He must be very important.

No wonder the man dared to openly turn down his suggestion for dinner last night.

As Wei Yong contemplated, the man sitting in the car finally got off.

A very good-looking man in his twenties had gotten out of the car. His suit jacket was unbuttoned and he was wearing a brightly colored printed shirt inside. Also, a gleaming silver bracelet could be seen on his wrist.

He did not seem like someone from the IT industry. Instead, he resembled a supermodel straight off the catwalk.

Wei Yong was very surprised, but he composed himself. Wei Yong was not reacting in such a manner to his image. Instead, he was surprised about his age since the man was unusually young. He stepped forward unhurriedly and reached his hand out. "How do you do? I'm Wei Yong. I'm in charge of the project. Welcome."

The young man nodded and touched Wei Yong's hand slightly before pulling his hand back.

Wei Yong did not take it to heart and promptly gestured for him to follow him. "We can talk inside."

The young man acknowledged softly before walking beside Wei Yong.

Before long, they arrived at the conference room. Wei Yong told his assistant to make tea before he smiled and asked. "How should I address you?"

J's assistant glanced at his boss before he said in fluent mandarin, "This is Mr. Meng."

Wei Yong nodded. It was a rare family name.

J's assistant had already retrieved a laptop from his briefcase. He put his presentation up on the projector and proceeded to introduce the system to Wei Yong without wasting any time.

J quietly sat in front of the table as he tapped his fingers on the table every now and then. He could not help thinking about the text messages.

How did he offend the guy?

He had been thinking about it ever since last night and even told his subordinate to investigate recent dealings in the company, but he was unable to make any headway.

He did not understand why she blacklisted him out of the blue without even giving any reason.

Chapter 1547 Speaking Rashly At An Important Meeting

Wei Yong sat across from J and noticed the change in his mood. When he noticed the man's preoccupation, he could not help feeling worried.

He had already written a report about this opportunity to work with DO Corporation. If the deal failed to work out, he would be turned into a laughingstock in the institute.

Wei Yong cleared his throat and said, "Mr. Meng, how do you feel about our database?"

Even though J was preoccupied, he was listening to them. He tilted his head slightly and said, "I'm very intrigued by the creator of the database. Can I talk to him?"

Wei Yong was unsurprised by the request. Fortunately, he had the foresight to make Liu Qian bring Huo Yao along to the meeting. "Of course, Mr. Meng. One moment please."

He glanced at his assistant the moment he finished his sentence.

The assistant quickly stepped out of the conference room.

The assistant had placed them in an office nearby the conference room. Before long, he returned to the conference room with them.

Qi Hui and Liu Qian walked in front. Before they entered the conference room, the assistant warned them to be careful. They could not help but feel nervous.

In comparison, Huo Yao seemed completely calm as she followed behind them.

On closer observation though, she seemed colder than usual.

"Hi, Mr. Wei," said Qi Hui softly. He inadvertently looked at the two other men in the room.

When he saw the company pin on their chests, he quickly veered his eyes.

Wei Yong nodded and turned to make the introductions to Mr. Meng before he finally spoke about Huo Yao.

J finally raised his head and looked at Huo Yao standing right at the back. A look of astonishment emerged in his eyes.

She was young and she was surprisingly a woman.

Before J was able to wrap his mind around it, he detected the woman looking at him coolly. He was unsure if his mind was playing tricks on him. For a moment there, he detected disdain coming from her.

J felt puzzled inside.

Huo Yao moved her eyes away mildly.

Wei Yong failed to detect anything amiss. He simply said to Qi Hui, "Mr. Meng wants to talk to her about the database. No need for her to get nervous."

Qi Hui nodded. Just as he was about to speak to Huo Yao, she had already pulled up a chair and sat down at the conference table.

She sat confidently and looked proud and dignified.

Qi Hui frowned. Since they were in public, he did not dare to scold her for being rude. He could only awkwardly shift his eyes.

Wei Yong was a little annoyed and felt the same way as Qi Hui.

Huo Yao could not be bothered by how they felt. She placed her hand on the table casually as she looked at J sitting across from her. She said nonchalantly, "Did you want to talk about the database?"

When J made eye contact with Huo Yao, he inexplicably felt intimidated, even though she was just a young woman in her twenties.

"Huo Yao, don't be rude!" Qi Hui reminded her from the side.

Huo Yao could not even be bothered looking at him. Instead, she crossed her legs and leaned into the seat backrest. "My bad. My database got chewed up by dogs, so I don't feel like talking about it."

The moment she finished her sentence, Qi Hui nearly passed out immediately.

They were at an important meeting, but he did not expect Huo Yao to disregard the situation and speak rashly.

Chapter 1548 What Do You Mean By Handle It?

"What on earth are you saying?" Wei Yong did not see this kind of behavior coming from her.

He was worried that Mr. Meng might get angry, so he turned to look at Qi Hui and said in annoyance, "Mr. Qi, what is she trying to do? How could she speak like this to Mr. Meng?"

Qi Hui broke out in a cold sweat after Wei Yong reprimanded him. He cursed Huo Yao in his heart repeatedly. He said apologetically, "I'm so sorry. She's still young and has never met anyone important previously, so she accidentally spoke out of line."

Liu Qian instantly felt angry. "Mr. Qi, how could you speak ill of her?"

He was stunned by Huo Yao's words, but he was her teacher. No matter how rude she was, he had to back her up.

Qi Hui glanced at Liu Qian coolly. "Let's not forget what you are doing here."

Liu Qian's face turned stiff. He knew Qi Hui was reminding him about the patent and article as a warning to him. He loosened his hands and looked at Huo Yao worriedly.

Huo Yao caught their interaction. She could tell Qi Hui had something on Liu Qian, so Liu Qian kept compromising and even let the institute steal DO Corporation's project from them.

J asked her directly. "Do you have a problem with me?"

"You have overestimated yourself," replied Huo Yao mildly in utter contempt.

Wei Yong touched his forehead in annoyance. He promptly told his assistant, "Drag her out this instant."

The moment he finished his sentence, he apologized to Mr. Meng anxiously.

The assistant had broken out in cold sweat. He hurriedly walked over to Huo Yao and reached his hand out to grab her by the arm. However, his hand automatically froze in mid-air the moment he made eye contact with her.

He was completely incapable of moving at all.

Wei Yong called his assistant. His assistant finally snapped out of his daze, but he did not dare to touch Huo Yao and simply said softly, "Please come with me."

Huo Yao remained seated and did not move.

J did not get angry. He looked at Huo Yao and found her tone of voice strangely familiar. He raised his hand to stop Wei Yong as he apologized. He turned to ask Huo Yao perplexedly. "Have we met?"

Huo Yao pursed her lips and mocked him expressionlessly. "You're blind, so I doubt you can see me."

The moment she called him blind, J opened his eyes in shock. "Are you..."

Huo Yao did not give J the chance to speak. Instead, she interrupted coldly. "If you want to talk about the system, then you have to prove your worth and capability."

She stood up and called Liu Qian over before heading out of the conference room without so much as looking at the rest of the people.

A cold imposing aura radiated from her as she walked out of the room.

After snapping out of his shock, Liu Qian felt petrified and quickly left the room as well.

The atmosphere in the conference room felt very awkward after they had left. Wei Yong seethed in fury inside. He had never met someone as blunt as Huo Yao. She should not have done this at an important meeting.

Wei Yong inhaled deeply, suppressed his fury, and looked at Mr. Meng. He nodded slightly and said, "Mr. Meng, I'm really sorry about today. It was our fault. The girl holds a grudge over us due to a minor disagreement, so she spoke out of line. You have my word that we'll take care of it."

J was overwhelmed with shock, but the moment he heard what Wei Yong said about handling Huo Yao, a dangerous look shot out of his eyes. "What do you mean by 'take care of it'? Who are you planning to take care of?"

Chapter 1549 Make Her Apologize

Wei Yong made eye contact with J and could sense his heart constricting. The man had such a powerful aura that Wei Yong had trouble breathing. He parted his lips wanting to speak, but he was at a loss. "Erm.. Mr. Meng..."

J's face had gone back to normal, making Wei Yong feel as though his mind was playing tricks on him earlier. He placed his hand on his knee and asked mildly. "Is that girl still a student?"

Wei Yong looked at J perplexedly.

He did not understand why J was asking about Huo Yao again, but he nodded and replied. "That's right. You know how young people tend to be a little proud, so please don't take it to heart."

J narrowed his eyes and simply asked. "Did she create the database for the AL system?"

Wei Yong hesitated briefly before he nodded.

"Since she is the creator of the database, why is the institute involved in this at all?" J looked at Wei Yong as he asked softly.

Wei Yong did not know how to respond. Qi Hui chimed in and explained on his behalf. "You see. The institute worked with Tsing University for a research project and the system belongs to the institute."

"Is that so?" J looked at Qi Hui's face. He recalled this man giving the young woman a poor attitude earlier. He pursed his lips and asked., "Who are you anyway?"

Qi Hui froze briefly before he replied softly. "I'm the department head of Biology at Tsing University."

Was he from Tsing University?

J roughly figured out what had happened, but he said nothing. Instead, he stood up and walked out of the room coldly without so much as looking at the others.

When J wanted to leave, Wei Yong could not understand why the meeting turned out this way. He anxiously ran after him. "Hang on, Mr. Meng. This is a misunderstanding."

J had gotten to the door by now. He halted and turned his head sideways slightly the moment he heard what Wei Yong said. He said mildly, "I think this is a mistake as well. Just pretend that I was never here."

His profile looked cold and uncompromising.

Wei Yong opened his eyes wide in astonishment.

Did this mean DO Corporation was no longer going to work with them?

After J walked out, his subordinate quickly put away the laptop and followed behind him.

When he walked past Wei Yong, Wei Yong pulled his arm. "Mr. Jie, I think Mr. Meng has misunderstood us. Can you help me talk to him, please?"

Jie Xi glanced at Wei Yong. Since he knew Wei Yong from their previous work together, he stopped and responded. "Mr. Wei, you can forget about getting the project. Mr. Meng has already said it was a mistake, so you're never going to win the project."

"Our discussions were going so smoothly, right? If he's upset about the student, I can make her apologize to Mr. Meng," said Wei Yong anxiously.

Jie Xi thought about his boss's reaction and said, "Perhaps. No matter what, it's impossible for us to work together."

The moment he finished his sentence, he left the conference room without giving Wei Yong a chance to speak further.

Wei Yong looked at the door sternly. They were supposed to have a fruitful meeting, but it turned out this way.

Wei Yong raised his hand and rubbed his brow before he turned and looked at Qi Hui angrily. He said in a cool threatening tone, "Mr. Qi, how could your student do this to me? Do you know how much trouble I'm in?"

Qi Hui broke out in cold sweat and did not dare to even look Wei Yong straight in the eyes. "Mr. Wei, I'm so sorry. I didn't see it coming. I will reprimand her later and make her apologize to Mr. Meng."

Chapter 1550 Accepted A Bribe

Wei Yong did not want to waste time talking to Qi Hui. He flung his sleeve and left the conference room huffily.

Qi Hui's head really hurt. If he had seen this coming, he would never have brought Huo Yao to the institute. She was nothing but trouble!

Now, he had offended both Wei Yong and Mr. Meng.

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After J left the conference room, he strode out quickly hoping to catch up with Huo Yao. He had to confirm his speculation.

Sadly, he was unable to find Huo Yao after walking out of the lobby.

Jie Xi came running after J. When he saw his boss looking around, he asked quizzically. "What are you looking at?"

J veered his eyes disappointedly and did not answer Jie Xi. He pondered briefly before he quickly strode to the parking lot. "We're going to Tsing University."

She was from the Biology department at Tsing University. He recalled Qi Hui calling him Huo Yao.

If he went to the school to find her, she might eventually emerge.

"Yes, Sir," acknowledged Jie Xi. He did not know what his boss was thinking, but he could only follow up.

Before long, they got into the car.

J kept looking outside the car window until the car had driven out of the institute. He took out his phone and changed it to computer mode.

He hacked straight into Tsing University's database.

Using the information he had gathered about Huo Yao earlier, J quickly found her file in the database.

It contained her residential address and a picture of her.

It was her. Thanks to his excellent memory, he remembered the address. Two years ago, he lost a bet to her, so he had to send people to this address and install a security system.

Back in the day, he initially suspected whether it was her residential address before changing his mind. If she genuinely needed a security system for her own place, it would be far easier for her to install it on her own. Also, her security system would probably be far better than his.

J said to himself as he looked at the address, 'I'm an idiot.'

She had clearly given him the address but he decided it was not hers.

More importantly, he had been calling her 'daddy' for a long time, but she was surprisingly a young woman.

Complicated emotions flooded his heart. He used to think she was a middle-aged man!

Jie Xi looked into the rearview mirror as he drove. He had a lot of questions inside, so he could not help asking. "Mr. Meng, I thought you wanted the database. Why did you change your mind about working with the institute?"

J turned off his phone and replied annoyingly. "They're not fit to work with me."

He was no fool. He was just blacklisted yesterday. Judging from the words Huo Yao had said, he could tell the institute had done something unjust against her.

J narrowed his eyes as he pondered and said, "I have a question. Why did you end up talking to the institute?"

Jie Xi felt nervous. He knew there was no hiding the truth now. "I contacted Tsing University initially, but the institute informed me they had the patent for the database, so I decided to work with them."

J looked up and glanced at Jie Xi from behind and said sternly, "They must have given you something, right?"

Jie Xi's face was slightly pale, but he did not dare to speak or admit to bribery.

"When you get back, you'll submit your resignation letter," said J mildly.

Jie Xi opened his eyes wide in utter disbelief. After some time, he said indignantly, "How can you fire me? This was just a minor mistake."