

Pill Maker 1581

Chapter 1581 Huo Yao's Low Profile

Zhuo Yun turned and saw Yang Yi in a daze after hanging up the phone. He could not help asking him. "Yi?"

Yang Yi narrowed his eyes and turned off the laptop. He stood up, glanced at the middle-aged man by the side, and said, "I'm going to the Weapons Bureau for a couple of days."

Zhuo Yun glanced at him. They had been working together for a long time, so they could read each other very well. He paused and nodded. "Okay then. Watch your back."

"Uh huh." Yang Yi acknowledged softly and walked out of the room with his laptop.

After he was gone, Zhuo Yun called his men to take care of the middle-aged man. He left from there after he was done giving the instructions.

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In the blink of an eye, it was the end of the month.

On the day of the trip, Huo Yao told Liu Qian she had to take leave from school.

The moment Liu Qian heard she wanted a leave for ten days, he jumped up. "No way. That's too long. The company is going to have an important meeting in a couple of days or so. You have to be there."

Huo Yao already saw this coming. She simply sighed and said, "It's going to be a busy day for you today."

"What do you mean?" Liu Qian did not understand what she was trying to say.

"I sent a program code to your email yesterday. When you talk to the DO Corporation, just give the code to them," said Huo Yao unhurriedly.

Liu Qian promptly walked up to the desk and accessed his email account. Sure enough, he had received an email from her earlier.

Liu Qian took his hand away from the mouse. He looked at Huo Yao and asked. "You want to take so many days of leave from school. Shouldn't you at least tell me the reason?"

"I'm attending an academic conference." Huo Yao spoke candidly.

"An academic conference?" Liu Qian was stunned. He knew there was no Biology academic conference going on.

Huo Yao nodded. "Oh. I forgot to tell you about it. I am doing a double major."

Liu Qian felt stunned.

What did she mean by forget?

Liu Qian was not a Physics teacher, but they were interdisciplinary subjects with Biology. He promptly thought about a Physics academic conference that took place every spring.

“Is Physics your second major?” asked Liu Qian.

“Uh huh,” replied Huo Yao softly.

Most of the time, only the best students got to attend academic conferences. Teachers also had the right to choose to bring students along. Huo Yao had been religiously attending classes at the Biology department for the last term and he did not recall seeing her attend classes in any other faculty.

Liu Qian’s face twitched. He looked at Huo Yao intently. “Who’s your teacher?”

Huo Yao was a little startled by the look on Liu Qian’s face. She paused for some time before she replied hesitantly. “Prof Rong.”

Liu Qian was stunned.

Rong Jun was a first-class national researcher and a department fellow. The stupid girl quietly took two majors and was Prof Rong’s student, no less.

Liu Qian could not handle the shock. When he found out Huo Yao was acquainted with the man in charge of DO Corporation, he had felt the same way.

Huo Yao failed to detect the complicated emotions flooding Liu Qian’s heart. “Does this mean you’re approving my leave?”

Liu Qian snapped out of his thoughts and could not help glaring at Huo Yao. “You’re Prof Rong’s student. Can I refuse?”

He had to approve the leave. Otherwise, Prof Rong would come after him for this.

“Great. In that case, I’m leaving now.” Huo Yao promptly turned to go. She had to get to the Physics department.

Liu Qian shook his head. Some kind of luck for him to accept this student. She was a genius with such a low profile!

Chapter 1582 More Like Stupid

The sky was already a little dark when Huo Yao left the Physics department. From the looks of it, it was going to rain soon.

Huo Yulin was waiting outside the campus for Huo Yao. Just as he was about to send her a text message, he raised his head and saw her walking out of school, so he put his phone back into his pocket.

“Brother Yulin, did you wait for long?” asked Huo Yao after walking over to him.

Huo Yulin had a fair complexion and looked like a man from a rich and powerful family. He smiled and replied. “Not at all. I just got here.”

Huo Yao nodded. As she walked to the roadside, she took out her phone. “Let me send Shang... the kid a text message.”

She had made plans to have dinner with Shangguan Yun.

Huo Yulin nodded in agreement.

Before long, the two of them got into the car and drove straight to No.1 Middle School.

When they got there, it was already beginning to rain. Thankfully, the rain was not very heavy. After pulling up by the roadside, Huo Yao saw a stupid young man standing outside the school entrance.

He was not holding an umbrella, so some light rain fell on him. Since he was not dressed warmly, he crossed his arms and looked like he was freezing.

Huo Yao wanted to pretend that she did not know this idiot. She took out her phone and called Shangguan Yun.

Shangguan Yun heard the phone ringing, so he pulled out his phone while he trembled. Just as he was about to answer it, the caller hung up the phone. Instead, he could hear a car honking from the roadside.

He automatically raised his head and looked in that direction. A car window opened and Huo Yao's profile could be seen.

Shangguan Yun's eyes lit up as he hurriedly ran toward the car in the rain.

"Are you so poor that you have no clothes to wear?" After he got into the car, Huo Yao asked him coolly.

Shangguan Yun was at a loss and remained quiet.

Shangguan Yun pulled the corner of his uniform and explained softly. "I came out in a hurry and forgot."

"More like stupid you mean?" scoffed Huo Yao coldly.

Shangguan Yun touched his nose without answering her. He seemed accustomed to Huo Yao's bullying. Instead, he furtively raised his head and glanced at Huo Yulin in the driver's seat.

He could only see the back of Huo Yulin's head.

From the moment Shangguan Yun got into the car, Huo Yulin had started observing him through the rearview mirror.

The young man was 15 to 16 years old. He had handsome features and a clean aura. At a glance, he did not seem like someone from a rural town.

Instead, he seemed like a kid from a powerful family.

The boy gave him the same feeling when he first met his little sister.

"Brother Yulin, you can call him Yun." Huo Yao reverted to her normal obedient self and introduced the boy to Huo Yulin.

Huo Yulin glanced at Huo Yao and felt intrigued by this new side of her. His little sister seemed capable of changing her expression in a split second.

It was the first time he was seeing this.

Huo Yulin glanced into the rearview mirror and greeted Shangguan Yun politely. "Nice to meet you."

Huo Yao turned her head and saw Shangguan Yun trying to squeeze his clothes dry. She pulled a piece of tissue from the box in the car and said in disdain, "You can call him Brother Yulin as well."

Shangguan Yun caught Huo Yao looking at her and promptly sat up straight. He greeted the older guy obediently. "Hi, Brother Yulin."

Huo Yao veered her eyes satisfactorily.

Huo Yulin did not know what to say.

Before long, the car pulled up at the parking lot outside the restaurant.

They had already made a reservation, so the manager was waiting at the door. The moment he spotted them, he welcomed them reverently and instructed the kitchen to start preparing the food.

Chapter 1583 Intentions

Huo Yulin looked at Huo Yao and Shangguan Yun inside the private room. The two of them resembled each other greatly in terms of expression and posture. If no one knew better, people would have assumed that they were biological siblings while he was a mere outsider.

Huo Yulin finally got to see Shangguan Yun up close. He was good looking and his eyes looked unsullied. Also, he had beautiful phoenix-shaped eyes.

When Huo Yulin saw Shangguan Yun's eyes, he went into a daze and could not help finding them familiar.

The dishes were sent into the room, interrupting Huo Yulin's thoughts. After all the food was sent, he stopped thinking about it.

"How long is the academic conference going to last?" asked Huo Yulin as he picked up his chopsticks.

"It will last for two days. Since I will need some time to travel, it might take five to six days in total," replied Huo Yao as she nodded.

Huo Yulin said sadly, "That's too bad. Otherwise, you could visit our eldest uncle. He hasn't met you yet."

Huo Yao pondered and said, "I'll play by the ear and see if I can squeeze time."

She had never met him before and she was very curious about her uncle.

Even though they had never met, he had given her many gifts over the new year, so she was certain he was a kind elder.

"Uh huh." Huo Yulin nodded. "Sirin University is quite close to the county where he resides. You can get there in an hour by plane, so it's quite convenient."

Shangguan Yun was quietly eating. As he listened to the conversation, he got curious since it was his first time outside of the clan. He craned his neck out as he looked at Huo Yao and asked. "What's an academic conference?"

Huo Yao turned to glance at him. "It's sort of like a meeting."

Shangguan Yun answered. "Got it."

Huo Yulin's cheek twitched. As he watched their interaction, he could not help having a sour taste in his mouth for some reason.

Even though he had reunited with his sister for over a year, their relationship was not as close and there was something different about it.

Initially, Huo Yulin felt it was normal. After all, she was swapped at birth and never spent a day with them all her life, so it was only natural for them to feel a little distant. From the interaction in front of him now, this must be what a close relationship with her looked like.

"Oh yes. Brother Yulin, can you help me take care of him if anything happens while I'm abroad?" asked Huo Yao.

Huo Yulin snapped out of his thoughts and nodded. "Sure thing."

The moment Shangguan Yun heard what Huo Yao said, his heart skipped a beat.

Did she find out about his big plans for the future?

Shangguan Yun observed Huo Yao briefly but did not detect anything amiss. He could not help touching his nose as he smiled sheepishly and remarked. "What could possibly happen to me? I'm very popular at school, okay?"

Huo Yao turned and moved her lips to utter two words without speaking out loud. "Shut up."

Shangguan Yun promptly lowered his head and started eating.

Huo Yulin smiled and said, "Don't worry. I will take good care of Yun."

"Uh huh. Thanks, Brother Yulin." Huo Yao nodded. She told Shangguan Yun to pass her his phone and added Huo Yulin's number to his phone book.

Even though she knew nothing would happen to Shangguan Yun, it was better to be safe than sorry.

Halfway through eating, Shangguan Yun's phone rang.

He had received a voice call.

His hand was on the table. He automatically glanced at the screen. When he saw the caller's name, he hurriedly pushed Huo Yao.

Huo Yao glanced at him quizzically before looking at his phone screen.

Chapter 1584 She Was Long Gone

Huo Yao promptly veered her eyes when she saw the voice call from the clan leader. She said calmly, "Your phone's ringing."

She was cuing Shangguan Yun to answer the phone.

Shangguan Yun caught the drift and his face instantly collapsed.

He always felt intimidated by the clan leader.

The clan leader was far more demanding of him in comparison to Huo Yao. Sadly, he was not as smart as Huo Yao. Ever since he was a kid, he was scolded countless times.

He wondered why the clan leader was calling him now.

Shangguan Yun finally put down his chopsticks, took the phone, and stood up. He nodded to Huo Yulin as he answered the phone and walked out of the room. "Hi, clan... Aunt Tong."

Huo Yulin could hear Shangguan Yun mentioning Aunt Tong. He froze briefly before he veered his eyes and suppressed the sad smile on his face.

He must be possessed to overreact the moment he heard a familiar name.

Aunt Tong was long gone.

Huo Yao caught the look on Huo Yulin's face. She pondered briefly before she put down her chopsticks and made small talk. "Oh yes. Brother Yulin, do you plan on staying at the academy?"

Huo Yulin raised his head and paused before he replied. "For now, yes."

"Have you found what you wanted?" asked Huo Yao casually.

Huo Yulin's hands paused briefly. He knew his little sister was always an observant young woman. Even though she did not ask in detail previously, it did not mean she did not figure out his intentions.

"No, I haven't," replied Huo Yulin.

There was not much information about their human experiment subjects at the National Academy of Medicine. To be precise, all the related files were encrypted and he did not know where to start.

Huo Yao thought about the file regarding Aunt Tong she found on Huo Yulin's computer and asked. "Are you looking for research data or something?"

"Something like that." Huo Yulin nodded.

Huo Yao took a sip of tea and said, "Brother Yulin, if you need my help, feel free to ask."

Huo Yulin simply smiled. "Uh huh."

Before long, Shangguan Yun came back after ending the call. He looked relieved but confused in comparison to when he picked the call.

Huo Yao raised her brow and glanced at him. "Why the call?"

Shangguan Yun was still in a daze. After some time, he finally replied. "Nothing... She was just calling me out of concern."

If she had called to scold him, it would have seemed normal. Her behavior was clearly strange, so Shangguan Yun could not help feeling uneasy.

For a moment, he wondered if he was a masochist.

Shangguan Yun touched his nose and sat back down.

Huo Yao did not continue asking and simply said, "Call her when you can."

Shangguan Yun answered. "Got it."

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First thing in the morning, Huo Yao went to the airport.

"Take care while you're there. If you need help, call Uncle Changfeng. I told him about your flight details. He'll be there to pick you up." Huo Yulin stood at the departure gate as he instructed Huo Yao.

Since he had something on his mind, his voice sounded a little solemn.

Huo Yao casually pulled some loose hair behind her ear. She nodded and replied. "Uh huh. Got it. Brother Yulin, you can go back."

Li Chenhui and the others had already walked over to gather not far from them.

"Alright." Huo Yulin did not linger.

As he turned to leave, he glanced at the hall before turning to look at his little sister and asked. "Why isn't Min Yu at the airport to see you off?"

Chapter 1585 Worried He Might Forget Something

"Oh, him? He's probably busy." Huo Yao blinked in surprise when Huo Yulin suddenly asked about Min Yu.

After all, Huo Yulin always acted as though he wanted to kill Min Yu at all times.

Then again, she had not seen him in a couple of days.

Huo Yulin frowned slightly. Even though he did not seem displeased on the surface, his voice became airy and cool. "He must be the busiest man on earth then."

Huo Yao caught his drift immediately. She cleared her throat and attempted to change the subject. "Brother Yulin, you really have to stop working so hard and give yourself a break every now and then."

They just started dating, but she had started to defend the stupid man. Huo Yulin angrily raised his hand to rub Huo Yao's head. "I'm going."

Huo Yao waved obediently. She did not even bother to straighten out her hair this time. "Okay then. Brother Yulin, drive safely. See you around."

After Huo Yulin had walked off, Li Chenhui and Wen Ping came over. An unknown man was following behind them.

The man did not smile. Judging from the serious expression on his face, he did not seem very easy going.

"Hi, Junior Sister."

Li Chenhui and Wen Ping greeted her one after another.

“Hi, Senior Brother Li, Senior Brother Wen.” Huo Yao nodded to them and looked at the man behind them. She reckoned that he was probably her third senior brother, Ying Qi.

“Nice to meet you, Senior Brother Ying,” greeted Huo Yao.

It was Ying Qi’s first time meeting his little junior sister, but he had heard a lot from Prof Rong about her. He clearly felt astonished by her appearance.

She had gorgeous features and a powerful aura. She seemed quite different from what he heard from Prof Rong.

She did not appear like a kid from a poor family at all.

Ying Qi gathered his thoughts. He pursed his lips and did his utmost not to look aloof. “Hi, Junior Sister.”

Even though Ying Qi had already made an attempt to look less indifferent, people still felt he was cold.

“Sigh. Senior Brother Ying usually has hardly any expression on his face. In reality, he’s just not good at socializing. Junior Sister, don’t take it to heart or get intimidated by him.” Li Chenhui smiled and tried to lighten the atmosphere.

“Okay.” Huo Yao nodded. Ying Qi had a very similar personality to Huo Yulin, so she did not feel uncomfortable.

Wen Ping checked the time and said, “Mr. Wu is already waiting for us inside. Let’s talk there.”

Before long, they went through the customs check.

Wu Yue was waiting for them at the boarding gate. Just as he was about to call them, he raised his head and saw them walking over. He promptly raised his hand and waved at them.

“Do you have everything, especially Li Chenhui? Did you check everything before leaving home?” Wu Yue looked at Li Chenhui and asked in particular.

The last time Li Chenhui went to give a talk at another school, he forgot his script and nearly got into trouble. Wu Yue had yet to forget the embarrassing episode.

He cleared his throat and promptly replied. “I checked. I have everything.”

“Good. It’s not them I’m worried about. I’m more concerned that you might overlook something again.” Wu Yue shook his head and felt he could never get a break.

Li Chenhui stood beside Huo Yao and did his best to be inconspicuous.

“This time, the Math department is sending representatives to the academic conference as well. This means the topic of discussion is rather wide. You should communicate more with the students from the Math department in advance,” reminded Wu Yue.

Chapter 1586 All Disappointing Except Huo Yao

“Is the Math department coming along as well? Why didn’t we know about this?” asked Wen Ping quizzically.

He was not alone. Li Chenhui and Ying Qi were equally puzzled.

Wu Yue looked at Wen Ping in surprise. "What do you mean you didn't know? Didn't Prof Rong tell you?"

Wen Ping shook his head quietly. A few seconds later, he finally said, "Prof Rong simply told us to prepare for the conference."

Wu Yue went speechless.

"This is such an important matter. Why didn't Prof Rong mention anything to you?" Wu Yue's face cracked as he spoke.

"He really didn't," replied Wen Ping sheepishly.

In reality, Prof Rong usually just gave them challenging problems to solve every now and then. He hardly showed his face otherwise.

He did not tell them that the Math department was sending representatives as well. However, he probably simply forgot about it and did not intentionally hide the fact from them.

After all, Prof Rong only cared about their junior sister while the rest of them were pure disappointments.

Now that there was a chance for them to attend the conference and learn something, Prof Rong probably wished that it was as challenging as it could get.

Wu Yue snapped out of his shock after some time. He cleared his throat and took the blame. "My bad. I didn't mention it to Prof Rong."

Wen Ping and the others seemed accustomed to this. They simply swallowed their grief and told Wu Yue not to take it to heart.

Wu Yue said a few more words before he looked at Huo Yao and spoke softly. "Oh yes. Prof Rong has a message for you. He wants you to keep an eye on your senior brothers and not to let them embarrass themselves."

Her senior brothers looked puzzled.

What an awful thing to say.

Huo Yao cleared her throat. She wondered if her senior brothers would henceforth hate her for this. He had successfully triggered her senior brothers' sense of competition and got her directly involved.

Prof Rong clearly expected her to work hard.

Sure enough, the grown-up world could get so complicated.

Shortly after, the airport staff announced that the flight was ready for boarding.

After boarding the plane, Huo Yao did not talk much since she was not the chatty sort. Instead, she asked the air stewardess for a blanket and closed her eyes to rest.

Huo Yao had only rested for three to four hours last night. She was busy working on DO Corporation's project. She had a feeling that she would not have time to work on it for some time, so she kept working on it last night.

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Meanwhile, at the Weapons Bureau.

Min Yu had just finished a meeting, but he did not return to his office. Instead, he went straight into the lift.

Zhuo Yun followed behind him. "Boss, are you leaving now?"

Min Yu pressed the lift button to go down. "Uh huh."

"The town mayor of Blaye is still waiting for you. Aren't you going to see him?" asked Zhuo Yun unhurriedly.

The lift chimed when it got here and the door opened.

Min Yu walked straight into the lift. He looked at Zhuo Yun outside the lift as he kept his finger on the open button and said mildly, "I'm not free."

Zhuo Yun scratched his head. "I think he wants to see you urgently."

"If he wants to wait, then let him." Min Yu looked cool and distant as usual.

Zhuo Yun knew it was impossible for the boss to see Blaye's town mayor. He simply nodded and said, "Okay then. I will send him away."

"Uh huh." Min Yu veered his eyes and pressed the lift button for the parking lot in basement one.

After the lift door closed, Zhuo Yun finally turned to leave. As he walked to the waiting room, he suddenly recalled what was on schedule today.

Chapter 1587 Master Jinfeng

Miss Huo was arriving today, so his boss left in a hurry.

Zhuo Yun patted his head. He was so busy that he completely forgot about the matter.

He promptly was in no mood to tell Blaye's town mayor to leave. He would much prefer to pick up Miss Huo with his boss.

Even though Zhuo Yun was a little disappointed, he quickly went to the waiting room.

The town mayor of Blaye had been waiting for over three hours. When he saw Zhuo Yun enter the room, he quickly stood up. "Where is Chairman Min? Is he still busy?"

Zhuo Yun looked at the mayor and found the man very unlucky. Of all days, he had to show up on the day of Miss Huo's arrival.

Zhuo Yun tutted softly and said with a straight face, "My bad. He was busy and had to go. I suggest you try again in a couple of days."

The town mayor of Blaye looked upset and nearly grabbed Zhuo Yun with both hands. "I have something very important to tell him. I have already waited for two days."

Zhuo Yun smiled politely before he said in an apologetic tone, "I'm sorry. There's nothing I can do about it." He paused and added. "Why don't you talk to me instead? I can pass a message to Chairman Min."

The town mayor of Blaye looked disappointed. He parted his lips hesitantly, but he did not go into detail about the report he had for Min Yu. Instead, he said, "I have to speak to Chairman Min personally."

"Then come back in a couple of days." Zhuo Yun was unmoved. The moment he finished his sentence, he nodded and turned to leave the room.

The town mayor of Blaye felt completely dejected. He took a step backward powerlessly.

After some time, he finally walked out of the room solemnly. As he walked to the lift, he failed to pay attention to his surroundings and accidentally walked into someone.

It was a bureau official and he had already known of the mayor's arrival. The man looked at the mayor and noticed his disappointment. He pondered for a couple of seconds and invited the mayor to his office politely.

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Huo Changfeng already knew what time Huo Yao's flight would land. He went to the airport two hours in advance to wait for her.

He did not send his men to pick up Huo Yao. Instead, he went personally.

The airport was not very crowded, but quite a number of people were at the arrival gate.

Huo Changfeng was dressed in black wearing a pair of shades. Since he had an intense aura, the people around him automatically wanted to keep a distance from him even though he was standing there casually.

Moreover, a subordinate dressed in black was with him. They looked like they were not to be trifled with.

Huo Changfeng's phone rang in his pocket.

He took out his phone and saw it was Master Jinfeng calling. He told his subordinate to wait there and went somewhere with no one around to answer the phone.

"Hi, Master Jinfeng," said Huo Changfeng reverently.

"Did you pick her up yet?" An imposing voice came from over the phone.

Huo Changfeng raised his hand to check his watch. "Not yet. She'll probably get here around 6:30 pm."

"I see," acknowledged the man softly. He pondered for some time before he finally said somewhat worriedly, "Do you think she'll be scared of me?"

Huo Changfeng cleared his throat. In the past, he would have replied as an affirmative to Master Jinfeng. But now he said, "Miss Huo is no ordinary girl, so she probably won't feel intimidated by you."

“Probably? That means you can’t be sure either, right?” The man spoke softly. It was completely not his style to speak in this tone.

Chapter 1588 People Kept Coming After Miss Huo

Huo Changfeng went quiet. For a moment, he did not know what to say to comfort Huo Jinfeng.

Master Jinfeng always got what he wanted and had probably never felt awkward in his life.

“Why don’t you come over and se... see her?” Huo Changfeng wanted to say ‘secretly’, but he swallowed his words.

“I just want to see my niece. Why do I have to do it in secret?” Master Jinfeng laughed coldly before hanging up the phone.

See her in secret? Him of all people?

This was a complete joke!

Huo Changfeng went quiet after Huo Jinfeng hung up the phone.

He was such a proud man.

After complaining inside, Huo Changfeng put away his phone and walked back to the arrival gate. He looked up and spotted someone standing there and promptly halted.

Despite wearing a black mask, the man gave off a cool aura. Huo Changfeng instantly connected the dots and figured out his identity since he had seen the man previously.

Huo Changfeng narrowed his eyes and suddenly felt a little annoyed.

Miss Huo was still young, but people kept coming after her.

Huo Changfeng had his hands in his pockets and moved his fingers slightly without walking over. Instead, he took out his phone and made a call.

Before long, the subordinate standing at the arrival gate left quietly.

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Min Yu stood at the arrival gate and looked at the exit briefly before veering his eyes.

His phone vibrated in his pocket. It was a text message from Zhuo Yun.

After reading the text message, he replied “Okay” without saying anything further.

Shortly after putting away his phone, Min Yu spotted someone. He looked at the unknown man in front of him and promptly detected his dangerous vibe.

“Young Master Min, my boss would like to see you.” The man spoke succinctly in a polite tone. After he was done, he gestured to Min Yu to come with him.

Min Yu narrowed his eyes. He glanced at the subtle tattoo under his collar and the coldness in his eyes dissipated. “Now?”

“Uh huh. This way, please.” The man nodded and gestured to Min Yu once more.

Min Yu checked the watch on his wrist. He pondered for a second before he agreed and nodded.

Before long, Min Yu followed the man to a café located at the airport.

When he got to the café, the man waited for Min Yu to take a seat before he said courteously, “My boss is attending to something and will be with you in a few minutes.”

Min Yu glanced at him and replied. “Okay.”

He seemed very patient about the entire affair.

Huo Changfeng’s subordinate could not help feeling impressed inside.

A good temper was not good enough. The chief steward was right. Nothing good could come of people courting Miss Huo.

The subordinate stood where he was to keep an eye on Min Yu as he sat at the café. The atmosphere seemed peaceful and quiet.

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Before long, it was 6:30 pm.

Huo Yao slept for over ten hours during the flight. When it was time to disembark, she automatically woke up.

Li Chenhui and the others had already taken out their phones to turn them on. Huo Yao glanced at them and took out her phone as well.

The moment she turned on her phone, she received a few text messages.

Other than Huo Yulin, Min Yu and Huo Changfeng also texted her.

She replied to them one by one before she got up and got off the plane with her senior brothers.

“We’ll go straight to the hotel. After taking such a long flight, I’m sure you need the rest and nurse your jet lag. Tomorrow, you can meet the students from the Math department.”

Wu Yue walked while he spoke to them.

Chapter 1589 Only The Best For Miss Huo

Huo Yao sent Huo Changfeng a text message while she listened to Wu Yue. He had already made arrangements for food and accommodation.

She raised her head and looked at Wu Yue. “Mr. Wu, an elder from my family is picking me up for dinner. Can I go back to the hotel later?”

Since Huo Yao always seemed composed and stayed out of trouble, Wu Yue trusted her the most among them. He paused and nodded in agreement with hardly any hesitation. “Sure thing. Just stay in touch.”

After all, he was the teacher in charge, so he was responsible for her well-being.

“Okay, Mr. Wu.” Huo Yao veered her eyes and continued replying to the text message.

Li Chenhui and the others suddenly glanced at each other.

“Junior Sister, do you have family living here?” asked Li Chenhui.

Didn’t Prof Rong say Huo Yao was very poor?

“Uh huh.” Huo Yao answered without even raising her head. She failed to notice the expressions on her senior brothers’ faces.

When she was done texting, she finally detected them looking at her strangely.

Huo Yao could not help touching her face. “What’s wrong?”

Wen Ping cleared his throat and shook his head. He did not mention everyone’s suspicions out loud. Instead, he smiled and replied. “Nothing. Junior Sister, your family member is probably here, right? Why don’t you go ahead? Don’t keep him waiting.”

Huo Yao felt that something was up with them. Since they refused to talk, she did not insist.

A few minutes later, they got to the arrival gate.

From a distance, Huo Yao could see Huo Changfeng standing in the crowd. No one dared to come near him and people seemed intimidated by the man.

She pulled her suitcase and walked straight over. “Hi, Uncle Changfeng.”

Huo Changfeng removed his sunglasses and reached his hand out to take her luggage. “It was a long flight. You must be tired, right?”

“I’m good. Thanks for picking me up,” said Huo Yao gently.

Huo Changfeng smiled. He raised his head and looked at Wu Yue and the others. “Are these your teacher and classmates?”

“Uh huh,” acknowledged Huo Yao.

“Thank you for taking care of Miss Huo.” Huo Changfeng nodded slightly. He suppressed the usual intimidating look on his face.

He had worked hard practicing on looking more approachable and the practice was paying off now.

Even then, Li Chenhui and the others still did not dare to make eye contact with Huo Changfeng. They were instinctively afraid of Huo Changfeng.

Wu Yue was a little better. Since he was much older, he raised his head calmly. “You’re too kind. It was nothing.”

Li Chenhui and the others gave Wu Yue a thumbs up inwardly.

Wu Yue’s hand was sweating, so he placed it behind him. Even though it was not obvious, he had serious trouble keeping on the smile.

"I have already made arrangements for accommodation. Shall we have dinner?" Huo Changfeng looked at Wu Yue as he invited them enthusiastically.

Only the best for Miss Huo.

Wu Yue wanted to speak, but the moment he made eye contact with Huo Changfeng, he automatically agreed. "Sure thing. Thanks so much."

Wu Yue felt stunned by his own reaction.

Huo Changfeng veered his eyes satisfactorily. He took out his phone and made a call. After exchanging a few words, he said to them, "The car is waiting outside. Shall we go?"

"I see. Sounds good." Wu Yue nodded.

Everyone followed Huo Changfeng out of the airport in a daze.

When they stopped in front of an extended Rolls Royce pulled up in front of them, their faces collapsed. Other than shock, they were also blinded by the sight of the car.

Chapter 1590 Not As Much In Control As They Thought

Huo Yao turned her head to see the expressions on Wu Yue's and her senior brothers' faces as she spoke to Huo Changfeng. "Senior Brothers? Mr. Wu?"

After snapping out of their daze, their expressions remained conflicted, especially Li Chenhui.

Her family owned cars worth hundreds of millions. She definitely was not poor.

It was a real assault on their perspective of life.

"Ahem ahem. Let's get into the car." Wu Yue kicked Li Chenhui in the leg and gestured for him to stop dreaming.

Li Chenhui hesitated briefly before getting into the car.

They had to ask Prof Rong about this clearly when they got back. Perhaps Prof Rong did not understand what it meant to be poor.

After all, Prof Rong was the one who kept saying that she was poor.

Huo Yao raised her brow and glanced at the car. She had an inkling of the reason for the strange expressions on their faces.

She did not expect Huo Changfeng to show up and do this.

Huo Yao waited for them to get into the car before she raised her hand and checked the time.

That was strange. She thought he mentioned that he was here already.

However, he was nowhere to be seen.

Huo Changfeng walked around the car and noticed Huo Yao did not get into the car. Instead, she kept looking at the airport entrance. He paused and walked over and asked with a straight face. "Why aren't you getting into the car?"

Huo Yao did not veer her eyes. "My friend is here to pick me up at the airport as well, but I don't see him."

Huo Changfeng smiled genially. "Why don't you call your friend to check? He can join us for dinner if you like."

"Sounds good." Huo Yao nodded and took out her phone to make a call.

"Uh huh."

Huo Changfeng stood by the side with his hands behind him as he touched the wooden bead bracelet on his wrist.

Before long, Huo Yao put down her phone with a puzzled look on her face. For some reason, she could not get through on the phone.

"What's the matter?" asked Huo Changfeng in concern.

Huo Yao held her phone and tried again, but to no avail. "I can't get through to him on the phone."

"Maybe he has a bad signal. Perhaps he was held up by something. How about this? Why don't you go ahead with your teacher and friends and eat first? I'll get my men to wait at the airport. This is a safe area, so I'm sure everything is fine," explained Huo Changfeng.

Huo Yao turned around to look at her senior brothers as they sat uneasily in the car. Considering Min Yu's status, she was unworried that something might happen to him. She eventually said, "Sounds good. Thanks, Uncle Changfeng."

Huo Changfeng replied. "You're welcome."

Before long, the car engine started and they left the airport.

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Meanwhile, at the airport café.

Min Yu checked the watch on his wrist. It was already past 6:30 pm. His phone was right beside him. From the moment he entered the café, there was no signal.

The subordinate keeping an eye on Min Yu came back after making a call. "Young Master Min, you may leave. My boss has something to attend to, so he can't come. He said he'll call and make plans some other time."

Min Yu tapped the table gently with his fingers. He had been sitting here for nearly an hour, but there was not the slightest anger on his face. Instead, he took the cup and had a sip of the coffee.

A short while later, he said unhurriedly, "I'm in no hurry, so I can wait."

Huo Changfeng's subordinate could sense his cheek twitching. "My boss has already left."

"It's okay. I'm sure your boss will come back soon." Min Yu spoke softly.

Something dawned on Huo Changfeng's subordinate. Even though it seemed easy to get Min Yu to come over and he seemed patient, they were not as much in control as they thought.

Huo Changfeng's subordinate tried to talk to Min Yu again, but he refused to budge. His subordinate had no choice but to call his boss and explain the situation.

1584 She Was Long Gone

Huo Yao promptly veered her eyes when she saw the voice call from the clan leader. She said calmly, "Your phone's ringing."

She was cuing Shangguan Yun to answer the phone.

Shangguan Yun caught the drift and his face instantly collapsed.

He always felt intimidated by the clan leader.

The clan leader was far more demanding of him in comparison to Huo Yao. Sadly, he was not as smart as Huo Yao. Ever since he was a kid, he was scolded countless times.

He wondered why the clan leader was calling him now.

Shangguan Yun finally put down his chopsticks, took the phone, and stood up. He nodded to Huo Yulin as he answered the phone and walked out of the room. "Hi, clan... Aunt Tong."

Huo Yulin could hear Shangguan Yun mentioning Aunt Tong. He froze briefly before he veered his eyes and suppressed the sad smile on his face.

He must be possessed to overreact the moment he heard a familiar name.

Aunt Tong was long gone.

Huo Yao caught the look on Huo Yulin's face. She pondered briefly before she put down her chopsticks and made small talk. "Oh yes. Brother Yulin, do you plan on staying at the academy?"

Huo Yulin raised his head and paused before he replied. "For now, yes."

"Have you found what you wanted?" asked Huo Yao casually.

Huo Yulin's hands paused briefly. He knew his little sister was always an observant young woman. Even though she did not ask in detail previously, it did not mean she did not figure out his intentions.

"No, I haven't," replied Huo Yulin.

There was not much information about their human experiment subjects at the National Academy of Medicine. To be precise, all the related files were encrypted and he did not know where to start.

Huo Yao thought about the file regarding Aunt Tong she found on Huo Yulin's computer and asked. "Are you looking for research data or something?"

"Something like that." Huo Yulin nodded.

Huo Yao took a sip of tea and said, "Brother Yulin, if you need my help, feel free to ask."

Huo Yulin simply smiled. "Uh huh."

Before long, Shangguan Yun came back after ending the call. He looked relieved but confused in comparison to when he picked the call.

Huo Yao raised her brow and glanced at him. "Why the call?"

Shangguan Yun was still in a daze. After some time, he finally replied. "Nothing... She was just calling me out of concern."

If she had called to scold him, it would have seemed normal. Her behavior was clearly strange, so Shangguan Yun could not help feeling uneasy.

For a moment, he wondered if he was a masochist.

Shangguan Yun touched his nose and sat back down.

Huo Yao did not continue asking and simply said, "Call her when you can."

Shangguan Yun answered. "Got it."

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First thing in the morning, Huo Yao went to the airport.

"Take care while you're there. If you need help, call Uncle Changfeng. I told him about your flight details. He'll be there to pick you up." Huo Yulin stood at the departure gate as he instructed Huo Yao.

Since he had something on his mind, his voice sounded a little solemn.

Huo Yao casually pulled some loose hair behind her ear. She nodded and replied. "Uh huh. Got it. Brother Yulin, you can go back."

Li Chenhui and the others had already walked over to gather not far from them.

"Alright." Huo Yulin did not linger.

As he turned to leave, he glanced at the hall before turning to look at his little sister and asked. "Why isn't Min Yu at the airport to see you off?"