

## Pill Maker 1601

### [Chapter 1601 - 1601 Missed Him](#)

Wu Yue scoffed, looking at the door the moment the people from the Math department left the place. "These blind speculations! How dare he call himself a teacher?"

Li Chenhui touched his nose and hurriedly said comfortingly, "Don't be angry. Prof Rong made a mistake. He should have organized a banquet when he accepted a new disciple and made it public. Otherwise, no one would have suspected her status."

Since Prof Rong was not around, he could not hear Li Chenhui push the blame onto him.

Wu Yue felt that he made sense. However, it did nothing to alleviate his anger. "When we get back, remind him to get it done."

People from the Physics department always protected their own. He could not bear hearing people speak ill of Huo Yao.

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When Huo Yao got back to her room, Min Yu was talking on the phone on the balcony.

Seeing she was back, he hung up the phone and went back to the living room.

"Done?" asked Min Yu.

"Uh huh." Huo Yao nodded. She walked over to the fridge to retrieve a bottle of water and gulped it down.

"Oh yes. Someone came to look for you in the morning." Min Yu spun his phone as he spoke.

Huo Yao wiped the corner of her lips with her hand. She looked at him in surprise. "Did someone come looking for me? Who was it?"

Min Yu watched as she wiped her mouth. He replied in a natural tone. "He didn't say. It was a man in his forties to fifties."

A man in his forties to fifties?

Huo Yao leaned against the chair, wondering who it could be.

After some time, she shook her head. She genuinely had no clue who the man was. She simply said, "If he wants to see me, I'm sure he will come again."

"Uh huh." Min Yu raised his hand to check the time. "I booked a table at a restaurant nearby. Shall we go eat first?"

"Sure. Let me get my coat," said Huo Yao and entered her room.

The two of them went to a popular restaurant in town. It looked retro and had a great atmosphere. It was clearly a hotspot for youngsters.

Huo Yao raised her brow as she looked at the restaurant. After Min Yu was done giving the order, she tutted and said, "I always felt that you weren't like normal youngsters."

Even though he looked young, he was very composed and mature.

Min Yu took the glass beside Huo Yao and poured some water for her. He raised his head and said in a sarcastic tone, "Sigh. Sometimes, I feel the same way."

Huo Yao glanced at him. People with peculiar minds often misconstrued the words of others.

Min Yu caught Huo Yao looking at him and smiled.

Huo Yao's phone rang right then.

Huo Changfeng was calling her.

Huo Yao's hand paused for a second before she swiped to answer the phone. "Hi, Uncle Changfeng."

Huo Changfeng was in the hotel lobby waiting for the lift. "Are you at the hotel? Let's go for lunch."

"No, I'm not." Huo Yao raised her head and glanced at Min Yu. "My senior brothers and I made reservations at a popular restaurant nearby to try it out."

She paused and added. "If you want to come along, I can always send you the location."

Min Yu raised his brow and glanced at Huo Yao.

Huo Changfeng looked at the lift as it came down. The moment he heard what she said, he replied. "It's fine. You kids can go have fun."

"Okay. But you're still young yourself." Huo Yao felt relieved, but she continued saying nice things to him.

Huo Changfeng smiled and shook his head. The lift was already here. Since he was not going upstairs anymore, he turned to leave.

As he walked away, he said, "Go and enjoy yourself. I have something to take care of, anyways."

#### [Chapter 1602 - 1602 Caught Right Away](#)

Huo Changfeng heard people talking in the lift while he was speaking. He turned around and halted automatically.

He raised his head to see the group of people walking out of the lift.

It was none other than Wu Yue and Huo Yao's senior brothers.

Huo Changfeng was stunned to see them.

What was going on?

Didn't Miss Huo mention that she was eating with her senior brothers?

However, Huo Yao had no idea her ploy was discovered. She said obediently, "Uncle Changfeng, if you have somewhere to go, then we're going to eat without you. See you around."

Huo Changfeng went quiet.

His cheek twitched. A few seconds later, he still did not dare to believe his eyes as he put down the phone.

Wu Yue spotted Huo Changfeng outside the lift. Even though Huo Changfeng had an intimidating aura, Wu Yue still walked over and greeted him politely. "Afternoon, Mr. Huo."

"Hi there." Huo Changfeng nodded slightly. He gathered his thoughts and raised his head to look behind Wu Yue. He acted dumb and asked casually. "Isn't Miss Huo with you?"

"She probably went out to eat with her friend," replied Wu Yue.

Huo Changfeng nodded to Wu Yue and thanked him before he turned to leave expressionlessly.

The stupid man must have led Miss Huo astray.

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The Math department teacher brought his students over and prepared to head to Sirin University at 2:00 pm.

They stood outside the hotel entrance.

"Is one student missing?" The Math department teacher glanced behind Wu Yue.

Wu Yue was about to speak when he saw Huo Yao getting off a car by the roadside. He promptly said, "My students are all here."

He pointed outside as he spoke.

The Math department teacher looked outside. He stopped trying to make trouble and simply said in annoyance, "Since everyone's here, let's go."

Ji Ya was chatting with the students but she kept looking outside. She had already spotted Huo Yao getting off the car before Wu Yue did, so she was still paying attention there.

When the student noticed that Ji Ya did not answer, she asked. "Ji Ya, what are you looking at? We have to go."

Ji Ya snapped out of her thoughts and looked a little puzzled. Before long, she composed herself and smiled as she shook her head. "Nothing."

Perhaps she had made a mistake. It could not be him.

"Got it." The student failed to detect anything amiss with Ji Ya's expression. She held her hand and followed behind the teacher. "In a minute, we can see Sirin University. I'm quite excited."

The hotel was not far from Sirin University, so they had decided to go there on foot.

At the mention of Sirin University, Ji Ya turned her attention back to the students.

She had the opportunity to go to Sirin University as an exchange student for a year last year. Sadly, some things happened at home.

Ji Ya smiled wryly before composing herself. She turned to glance behind.

Huo Yao was walking right at the back and looked relaxed. She appeared no different from a tourist.

Li Chenhui slowed down to walk beside her as he chatted with her. "Junior Sister, we ran into your uncle when we went downstairs for lunch. He has such an intimidating vibe. I have to say he resembles a mafia boss straight out of the movies."

Huo Yao was just walking casually. The moment she heard what Li Chenhui said, she nearly stumbled.

#### [Chapter 1603 - 1603 No Ordinary Person](#)

Li Chenhui could not help asking Huo Yao when she suddenly halted. "Yes, Junior Sister?"

Huo Yao raised her head and could sense her cheek twitching. "Senior Brother, what did you just say?"

Did Uncle Changfeng go to the hotel in the afternoon?

Li Chenhui paused briefly before he cleared his throat and explained. "Erm... It was just a random example. Government officials give off the same vibe as well."

Huo Yao shook her head. "It's not that."

"Huh? Not that?" Li Chenhui was at a loss. He recalled what he had just said and continued. "Are you talking about running into your uncle at the hotel in the afternoon?"

Huo Yao nodded. "Uh huh."

"Yes, we ran into him. We only exchanged a few words before he left. Before parting ways with him, he asked about you," said Li Chenhui candidly.

Huo Yao covered her eyes. She could already imagine the sight of Huo Changfeng running into her senior brothers in the hotel just as she mentioned that she was out having lunch with them over the phone. She felt awkward right down to her toes.

Her image was completely ruined.

Sure enough, it was a bad idea to lie. The truth would eventually surface.

"Junior Sister, what's wrong?" Li Chenhui did not know what had come over Huo Yao and why she was reacting so strongly. He simply looked at her quizzically.

Huo Yao put down her hand. She gave him a fake smile. "It's okay. My uncle isn't going to eat anyone, right?"

Li Chenhui went speechless.

He suddenly felt threatened by her words.

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Meanwhile, at Sirin University.

"Xia, lots of people are coming over. Do you want to go check it out? I hear people from other top colleges are coming over to visit."

When Mo Lin walked into the dormitory, she saw Lu Xia reading a book sitting there and could not help feeling impressed.

Lu Xia was extremely hardworking.

She was not interested in those students. She simply replied calmly. "No, thanks. The conference is taking place tomorrow, and I will have plenty of opportunities to see them."

"I'm so envious. You can even attend the conference." Mo Lin leaned against her chin. Some people were blessed with good fortune, and there was no point in her feeling jealous.

Lu Xia put down the book in her hand and looked at Mo Lin. "I'm just helping out. It's nothing."

Even though Qiao En made an exception by getting her to participate in the conference, she was just there to receive their visitors. She was not good enough to take part in the actual conference.

"That's equally good, right? You can take the opportunity to make friends," said Mo Lin as she sighed.

Lu Xia simply smiled without answering her.

She did not need friends.

Mo Lin continued talking. Even though Lu Xia found her annoying and noisy, she did not show it on her face.

Lu Xia only interrupted Mo Lin when her phone rang. "Hang on. I need to take this call."

Lu Xia smiled apologetically and took out her phone. After looking at the caller ID, she narrowed her eyes.

Lu Xia stood up, opened the balcony door, and answered the phone after closing the door.

"Yes?"

Lu Xia stood in front of the railing and looked at the school field in the distance as she spoke coolly.

"The target isn't in the country," said a man with a gruff voice over the phone.

Lu Xia narrowed her eyes. "Where is she then?"

"As I understand, she left the country to attend an academic conference located at Sirin University in Country M. Since we don't dare to do anything on school grounds, we have to postpone this and wait for a better time."

The man smoked a cigarette as he continued. "This person you're after is no ordinary person, right?"

[Chapter 1604 - 1604 Name List Confirmation](#)

Lu Xia scoffed without the slightest warmth on her face. "Why? Are you scared now that you know about this?"

"Nope. We just don't dare to touch the Min family." The man did not lose his temper when Lu Xia spoke to him sarcastically.

The previous men she had sent inexplicably went missing or nearly exposed her identity. She could not help feeling frustrated.

In hindsight, Lu Xia was not careful enough. She knew that Huo Yao and Min Yu were very close, but she remained hopeful that she might get lucky and succeed in bringing Huo Yao over.

Now, Huo Yao was walking straight into her territory on her own. Lu Xia smiled just thinking about it. She disregarded the reason why Huo Yao would be sent to attend the conference. She simply said into the phone, "Since you don't have the balls to do it, then this assignment is over."

The moment she finished her sentence, she hung up without waiting for an answer.

Since Huo Yao had come to her on her own, no one could blame Lu Xia for moving in on Huo Yao.

Lu Xia smiled coldly as she went back into the dormitory.

Mo Lin sat where she was playing with her phone. Lu Xia pondered briefly before she walked over. "Lin, weren't you talking about all the people visiting the school? Shall we go take a look?"

She had to check if Huo Yao was on the name list for attending the conference.

Mo Lin felt puzzled by Lu Xia's sudden interest in the matter. Since she had nothing to do, she nodded. "Okay then. Let's go."

"Uh huh."

Lu Xia retrieved a coat from the cabinet and put it on. Before long, Lu Xia and Mo Lin reached the dormitory block.

The conference was being held in one of Sirin University's lecture theaters, one which was big enough to accommodate 1000 people. However, Lu Xia did not go there. Instead, Lu Xia and Mo Lin walked to the administrative block.

Qiao En had asked her to help receive their guests, so it made sense for her to go to the administrative office to obtain a name list for the conference participants.

Lu Xia photocopied the name list and left the administrative office.

After going downstairs, she held the list and studied it.

Mo Lin asked her quizzically. "Who are you looking for?"

Lu Xia did not answer Mo Lin. She quickly went through the names on the list. Sure enough, she spotted Huo Yao's name before long.

Lu Xia suddenly tightened her fists looking at the name.

Her teacher was the esteemed Prof Qiao, but she could only help out at the conference.

What gave Huo Yao the right to take part in it?

The last time, Huo Yao wrote an article in a renowned journal. Now, she was sent to attend an academic conference. It seemed impossible to avoid her and was simply annoying.

Lu Xia's eyes were filled with jealousy.

Mo Lin inadvertently caught the look on Lu Xia's face and felt startled. She always thought Lu Xia was a diligent and kind girl. She had never seen Lu Xia look this way.

She seemed a little sinister.

Lu Xia could sense Mo Lin looking at her. She lowered her eyes and raised her head to look back at Mo Lin. "I just wanted to see if there was anyone I knew."

Mo Lin blinked and looked at Lu Xia. The sinister look on Lu Xia's face was gone. Perhaps it was just her imagination.

Lu Xia calmly folded the name list and placed it in her pocket. "Prof Qiao wants to speak to me, so I have to go."

Mo Lin snapped out of her thoughts and hurriedly nodded. "Sure thing. Go ahead."

Lu Xia nodded before walking to the laboratory block.

Mo Lin watched from behind as Lu Xia left. She touched her nose sheepishly. Something must be wrong with her eyes for thinking there was a sinister look on Lu Xia's face.

#### [Chapter 1605 - 1605 Inexplicably Liked Her](#)

Wu Yue and the students had already arrived at the entrance of Sirin University.

The school had a rich history and certainly lived up to its name. Just the English acronyms at the school entrance looked imposing from every angle.

They felt awestruck just looking at it.

Huo Yao tutted to herself. She did not feel awestruck but simply wondered if the English characters were made of pure gold. They were certainly very bright and shiny.

Li Chenhui turned back and saw Huo Yao standing there with her arms crossed. She was smiling sneakily at the sign at the school entrance.

"Junior Sister..." Li Chenhui raised his hand and squeezed his face in cold sweat.

"Huh?" Huo Yao did not understand what he wanted to say.

Li Chenhui smiled and replied. "Nothing."

"Why are you still talking among yourselves? Time to go in." Wu Yue had already walked up to the entrance as he turned to wave at them.

Li Chenhui hurriedly told Huo Yao to keep up.

Someone was there to meet them at the entrance. Before long, they were brought to the campus.

Sirin University was quite different from Tsing University in terms of its surroundings and the campus itself. Everything was clearly segregated.

Since there were over a hundred laboratories in the school, there were cameras everywhere. Also, some places were not open to the public.

Despite all this, Huo Yao still preferred her own school.

She disliked everything about this campus.

“Junior Sister, are you tired?” They had been walking for nearly an hour, but Li Chenhui looked quite energetic.

Huo Yao glanced at him. She did not want to be a letdown. “I’m good.”

“If you’re tired, we can tell the teacher about giving us a break.” Li Chenhui could sense that Huo Yao was not particularly excited ever since entering the campus.

“I’m fine.” Huo Yao raised her head at the sign up ahead and said, “I need the ladies.”

Li Chenhui nodded. Since they were not at Tsing University, he asked cautiously. “Junior Sister, are you okay going there by yourself?”

Huo Yao raised her brow and said solemnly, “Senior Brother, I’m afraid you might get beaten up if you go to the ladies with me.”

“Pfft...” Li Chenhui’s lips twitched. “I never knew you were the mischievous sort.”

Ji Ya could not resist laughing out loud on hearing this. She turned her head and smiled as she said, “I need the ladies too. Shall we go together?”

Huo Yao glanced at her and nodded casually. “Sure.”

The two of them went to the washroom.

Ji Ya came out before long.

She did not need to use the bathroom. She had deliberately volunteered to come with Huo Yao.

For some reason, Ji Ya inexplicably liked Huo Yao. Even though Ji Ya’s mother had told her not to interact with Huo Yao, Ji Ya did not take her mother’s words seriously.

After all, she knew about her mother’s personality.

After waiting for five to six minutes, Huo Yao finally came out. She tossed a used paper towel into the trashcan and walked toward Ji Ya. “My bad. Sorry to keep you waiting.”

“It’s fine.” Ji Ya smiled. She did not lose her patience.

Huo Yao made eye contact with Ji Ya. She could not help feeling sorry for the girl.

Even though the Song family had done ruthless things, their daughter still had a strong character. She could not help feeling surprised.



“Oh yes. Where is your hometown?” asked Ji Ya quizzically as she walked side by side with Huo Yao.

#### [Chapter 1606 - 1606 Find A Way To Bring Her Over](#)

“I came from a rural town.” Huo Yao placed her hands in her pockets, looking casual and laid back.

Ji Ya was trained in etiquette ever since she was a mere child, so they looked very different.

Ji Ya did not feel there was anything wrong with what Huo Yao said. Instead, she responded in envy. “I think that’s good. Less competition, right?”

Huo Yao smiled without replying.

As they chatted, they got back to Li Chenhui and the others before long.

They were at a laboratory block. Owing to security, they did not have clearance to enter the place. The teacher could only show them outside the block before they left.

Shortly after they walked off, Lu Xia saw Huo Yao from behind briefly just as she was about to enter the laboratory block.

She could not tell it was Huo Yao.

She was not looking at the people at all.

After entering the laboratory block, Lu Xia swiped her pass and pressed for the seventh floor.

Qiao En had spent the entire morning at the laboratory. When Lu Xia entered the room, he was still busy.

“Why did you come over?” Qiao En looked at Lu Xia in surprise.

Lu Xia caught the look of shock on Qiao En’s face. From the moment she saw Huo Yao’s name appearing on the list of attendees, she wanted to share the news.

Hence, she went straight to the laboratory.

“Prof Qiao, I need to speak to you.” Lu Xia retrieved a name list from her pocket and took a pen from the table. After ticking Huo Yao’s name, she handed the list to Qiao En.

Qiao En took the name list quizzically. “Huo Yao? Who’s that?”

Lu Xia squeezed her hands slightly as they hung from the sides of her body and replied. “She’s the special someone I told you about.”

Qiao En looked at Lu Xia. He did not quite understand why Lu Xia gave him the name list.

“Prof Qiao, this is the name list containing all the conference attendees,” explained Lu Xia calmly.

Qiao En finally realized what Lu Xia meant. “The conference is taking place tomorrow, right? Does this mean she’ll be here as well?”

“Uh huh.” Lu Xia nodded.

Qiao En placed one hand on his waist and walked a couple of rounds holding the piece of paper. After some time, he looked at Lu Xia. "Are you sure she has a very special constitution?"

Lu Xia thought about Huo Yao in her past life and now. She concluded they were completely different and nodded. "Uh huh."

Qiao En did not think Lu Xia would have the guts to lie. He looked down at the name list and said, "Find a way to bring her to the lab."

Lu Xia parted her lips hesitantly, "I... I don't think I can do it."

After all, they were on school grounds and all eyes were on them. She certainly could not make Huo Yao pass out and drag her over.

Qiao En turned and went to the office inside. Before long, he retrieved a vial of drugs. "This can make someone pass out temporarily. When the subjects regain consciousness, they won't be able to remember what happened an hour ago."

Lu Xia took the vial of drugs hesitantly. She said worriedly, "We are in school."

"Don't worry. We are just running a test. After we have the stats we need, we'll let her go. Nothing is going to go wrong," said Qiao En mildly.

It sounded as though it was not his first time doing this and he knew what he was doing.

"Fine. I'll try." Lu Xia placed the vial of drugs into her pocket. She did not want to linger here any longer, so she said, "In that case, I'll be on my way."

A call came in for Qiao En, so he waved to Lu Xia with his back facing her and gestured for her to leave.

#### [Chapter 1607 - 1607 Did Not Know Her](#)

Lu Xia heaved a sigh of relief and quickly left the laboratory.

After walking outside, the stifling feeling finally disappeared from her chest.

Lu Xia finally felt a little better and inhaled deeply. She reached her hand into her pocket and held the vial of drugs. A sinister look suddenly spread throughout her eyes.

Don't blame her for being ruthless. There was no reason for her to suffer in hell alone while the culprit continued enjoying everything that ought to belong to her.

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The next day, the conference commenced.

Huo Yao was dressed in Tsing University's official uniform along with her senior brothers, looking very formal.

They seemed different from yesterday when they were on tour and did not look as relaxed. After all, they were here to meet all the top scholars in the world at the academic conference, so they had to look smart.

Before long, Wu Yue led everyone to Sirin University's main hall where a few students were receiving guests.

One of them was Lu Xia.

She had been waiting for Huo Yao. She wanted to see if Huo Yao would feel envious when the latter found out that she was studying at Sirin University.

When she saw Huo Yao in the distance, Lu Xia straightened her back. She wore the pride of a student from Sirin University on her exquisitely done face.

Lu Xia was unable to relax her fingers until Huo Yao finally came close and they looked at each other.

Lu Xia expected Huo Yao to look surprised, shocked, or many other things, but in the end, Huo Yao acted as though she did not see her.

Huo Yao's eyes were completely calm as though she was looking at a dead object.

Lu Xia involuntarily clenched her fists. The woman was incredibly calm.

Wen Ping was standing beside Huo Yao and he could keenly detect something to be wrong with the atmosphere and raised his head automatically.

Huo Yao's eyes landed on one of the students who was helping to receive them. There was something strange with the look in the student's eyes as well.

Wen Ping scrutinized briefly before he asked quizzically. "Junior Sister, do you know her?"

Huo Yao veered her eyes calmly. "No, I don't."

Wen Ping pondered as he acknowledged. He turned to look at Huo Yao. "Then, shall we go? No point ruining your mood for a nobody."

Huo Yao tilted her head and looked at Wen Ping.

Wen Ping simply smiled back at her knowingly.

Before long, the two of them had gone some distance.

Lu Xia stood where she was feeling embarrassed. She was standing there pretending to look proud, but her face could no longer remain dignified.

Sure enough, the sight of Huo Yao naturally made people want to vomit.

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"Junior Sister, what's up with the woman? She clearly doesn't like you." After Wen Ping took a seat, he asked Huo Yao softly.

Huo Yao straightened out her clothes. When she heard what Wen Ping said, she continued fiddling with her clothes and explained calmly. "We went to the same middle school."

"I see." Wen Ping nodded without asking in detail. He paused and reminded her. "That girl might make trouble for you. Watch your back while we're at the conference. After all, we're not on home ground right now."

It was hard for Huo Yao to avoid trouble if that woman wanted to do anything to Huo Yao, especially since they were not on their own territory.

Huo Yao pursed her lips and smiled. "Got it. Thanks, Senior Brother."

"We're friends, so you don't have to thank me." Wen Ping patted her shoulder.

Huo Yao acknowledged softly. She said nothing and simply raised her head to look at the stage in the hall.

The conference had officially begun.

#### [Chapter 1608 - 1608 Lu Xia's Text Messages](#)

The annual academic conference was a place to share knowledge and compete with people from other schools. The talks held at the event were far more profound than the ones conducted at the middle school level.

Huo Yao tutted softly looking at the slides shown on the stage.

Fortunately, she was just tagging along. Otherwise, she would end up bald at such a young age.

Before long, the morning passed.

Arrangements were made for them to dine at Sirin University's east canteen. After the conference, students in charge were sent to show them to the canteen.

The person in charge of taking care of Huo Yao and the others was none other than Lu Xia.

Even though Lu Xia nearly exploded owing to Huo Yao's attitude prior to the conference, she did not forget her job.

Lu Xia showed them to the canteen and proceeded to leave. She did not even stop to glance at Huo Yao. It seemed as though Huo Yao was spot on about not knowing Lu Xia.

Wen Ping watched from behind as Lu Xia left and could not help but adjust his spectacles. "Women can't be trusted, especially the pretty ones, right?"

He had clearly detected hatred in Lu Xia's eyes in the morning. However, it was impossible now to see how she truly felt.

Huo Yao raised her brow and glanced at Wen Ping and said, "Senior Brother Wen, I'm pretty sure you don't have a girlfriend."

"Junior Sister, we were just chatting, right? Do you have to make personal attacks?" Wen Ping looked at her sternly.

If he did not allow this to affect him, then she could not hurt him.

Huo Yao promptly made a zipping motion of her mouth.

Wen Ping laughed as he shook his head and stopped bantering with her. He stood up from the chair and asked calmly. "What do you want to eat? I'll go and get us some food."

"I'll come along," said Li Chenhui.

Huo Yao looked at the menu for the day on the whiteboard and mentioned a few dishes.

Wen Ping and Li Chenhui were stunned.

"Are you able to see from such a distance?" Li Chenhui was different from Wen Ping and was not shortsighted. Even then, he was unable to see the words on the whiteboard clearly at such a distance.

Huo Yao leaned against her chin with both hands. "What can I say? My eyes are good."

Li Chenhui went speechless.

He suspected that she was mocking him.

Before long, they came back with the food.

Huo Yao continued discussing the academic conference with Ying Qi who had stayed behind. Her phone vibrated in her pocket, but she did not check it.

After she was done eating, she finally took out her phone unhurriedly.

She had four new text messages and they were all from the same number.

When she saw the familiar number, Huo Yao clenched her fists so tightly that they turned white. In an instant, a murderous look emerged in her eyes.

After some time, she did her utmost to restrain her emotions and finally calmed down forcibly.

At close scrutiny, her eyes were filled with detest now.

Huo Yao closed her eyes and placed her phone back into her pocket. She stood and said to her senior brothers, "I'm going to the ladies."

Li Chenhui and the others kept talking about the conference, so they failed to notice Huo Yao's expression. When she said she was going to the bathroom, they were completely unsuspecting.

She waved her hand.

Huo Yao walked out of the canteen, but she did not head toward the bathroom. Instead, she walked straight for some distance before reaching a fork road and turned left.

Huo Yao did not even stop to look at the signs or ask a student for help. She walked toward the coordinates found in the GPS location effortlessly.

#### [Chapter 1609 - 1609 A Turn Of Events](#)

The GPS location was for a man-made lake located at Sirin University.

It was some distance from the canteen.

When Huo Yao got to the lake, Lu Xia was already waiting there and about to lose her patience.

"I thought you wouldn't dare to show up." Lu Xia laughed softly.

Since no one else was nearby, she did not bother keeping up the pretense.

"Give me the phone." Huo Yao looked at Lu Xia without the slightest warmth in her eyes.

Huo Yao always looked calm and collected. Now that Lu Xia finally managed to squeeze a reaction out of her, she could not help feeling gratified.

"Why did you stop pretending? I thought you always acted holier than thou." Lu Xia smiled in disdain.

Huo Yao simply looked at Lu Xia coldly.

Lu Xia scoffed again. She naturally knew why Huo Yao was incapable of keeping her calm.

Lu Xia flung her sleeve and took out a thick black phone from her pocket unhurriedly.

The moment Huo Yao saw the phone, she was promptly triggered and the murderous look in her eyes surged wildly.

The phone belonged to Old Madam Yang.

She was unable to find it last year.

Lu Xia failed to detect the murderous aura radiating from Huo Yao. She tossed the phone in mid-air.

"You must be very angry now. You must want to snatch this phone desperately, right?"

"Do you want to die?" Huo Yao narrowed her eyes with some stray hair on her eyes making her look even more threatening.

Lu Xia was unintimidated. Instead, she felt gratified.

She really wanted to see Huo Yao lose her cool.

The angrier Huo Yao got, the more satisfied Lu Xia felt.

Lu Xia smiled coldly inside as she took a couple of steps toward the lake.

She turned to look at Huo Yao and said, "Oh yes. I nearly forgot to mention this. Granny left a voice recording on this phone for you."

"No. To be precise, those were her last words." Lu Xia shook her head as she tutted softly.

"Sadly, you won't have the chance to hear them anymore."

The moment she finished her sentence, Lu Xia's face stiffened as she tossed the phone into the lake hard.

From a distance, the phone could be heard falling into the water with a plonk.

Huo Yao's eyes turned dark and looked as though a nerve in her was on the verge of snapping.

It was the last thing her grandmother had left for her.

Huo Yao's eyes turned bloodshot and nearly jumped into the lake without hesitation.

Lu Xia was waiting for this moment. Before Huo Yao jumped into the lake, she lunged at her and pinned her to the ground.

At the same time, she took out the syringe containing drugs and stabbed it into Huo Yao.

"You asked for this." Lu Xia laughed coldly as she pushed the syringe plunger.

After she was done, she stood up from the ground and even stopped looking at Huo Yao.

She took out her phone and wanted to call someone over.

Just as she was about to press dial, someone unexpectedly regained consciousness and jumped up.

Lu Xia was in shock and her phone fell to the ground. Her eyes widened in disbelief. "You..."

Huo Yao reached her hand out and grabbed Lu Xia by the throat. "Did you want to drug me? Didn't they tell you? I'm immune to all drugs."

Lu Xia was still reeling under shock and had trouble hearing Huo Yao.

As Huo Yao tightened her grip on Lu Xia's neck, Lu Xia's face turned red.

It was futile to struggle. She had trouble breathing and Lu Xia could sense death on her doorstep.

Just when she thought she was about to die from asphyxiation, the hand on her neck unexpectedly loosened.

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Lu Xia had never felt more alive when she could finally breathe again.

She covered her neck where she could still feel a burning sensation. After calming herself, she laughed without restraint at Huo Yao as she pointed at her and said hoarsely, "You don't dare to touch me. Even if you were to kill me, you would never dare to do it!"

Since the country was governed by law, it was illegal to kill people.

Lu Xia firmly believed Huo Yao could not do anything about her.

Lu Xia laughed so arrogantly that tears trickled from her eyes. A second ago, she had nearly died. After figuring Huo Yao would never dare to actually kill her, she was no longer afraid.

She continued laughing hysterically. Huo Yao watched as Lu Xia laughed. Her eyes previously looked murderous, but they were now completely calm.

She nodded. "You are right. I think it's better for you to stay alive."

She should live a life worse than death.

Huo Yao flicked her finger from the side of her body as she spoke expressionlessly.

Lu Xia gasped deeply. She suddenly detected something popping into her mouth. Before she knew it, she automatically swallowed something.

She clearly noticed herself swallowing something unknown.

The smile on Lu Xia's face disappeared. She promptly stuck her finger into her mouth and did her best to make herself vomit.

No matter how she tried to make herself puke, it was futile.

Before long, Lu Xia could sense waves of pain erupting in her body. It was not extremely painful, but she could sense pain emerging deep from every bone in her body.

Huo Yao veered her eyes quietly and looked at the large man-made lake.

Light reflected off the lake's surface as the wind blew and the place felt a little chilly. It was March in Country M, so it was a lot colder than back home.

Lu Xia's face was completely pale and she even had trouble standing. She raised her head and said with great difficulty, "Did you put something in my mouth?"

Before she could squeeze an answer out of Huo Yao, the latter jumped into the lake without hesitation.

Lu Xia stood where she was with her back arched. The look of shock on her face froze as though someone had pressed the pause button.

She found it to be inconceivable. It was just a phone.

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Wen Ping and the others waited in the canteen for 20 minutes, but Huo Yao did not return. They finally felt that something was wrong.

"I can't get her on the phone." Li Chenhui had tried five times and wanted to keep going.

Ying Qi came back from the bathroom. He looked at Wen Ping and Li Chenhui before shaking his head solemnly. "No one's in the bathroom."

"Something must have happened to her." Wen Ping was certain of it.

Even though they had limited interaction with Huo Yao, they knew her personality.

She was not a rash young woman.

"I'm going to report this to Mr. Wu." Li Chenhui acted swiftly.

"I'm going to talk to the university and get them to help find her," said Ying Qi.

Wen Ping went quiet briefly. He thought about the young woman who had a hostile attitude toward Huo Yao this morning. He wondered if she had done anything to Huo Yao. He nodded and said, "Stay in touch."

Li Chenhui and Ying Qi nodded their heads.

Before long, the three of them parted ways.



Wen Ping went to the office belonging to the teacher in charge of the academic conference. The teacher was there when he got there.

“Are you asking about Lu Xia?” After hearing Wen Ping’s description, he knew Wen Ping was talking about her. He promptly turned on his computer and found Lu Xia’s contact number in the system.

Wen Ping nodded politely to the teacher and thanked the teacher for the number. When he left the office, he nearly accidentally ran into a student rushing into the office.