

Pill Maker 1821

[Chapter 1821 - 1821 Escaped](#)

1821 Escaped

Signal jammers could block the base network, but they were useless against trackers.

Shangguan Hou was unafraid that he would not be able to catch Huo Yao.

The security team chief looked at the computer monitor. A minute later, he said in surprise, "Is the intruder heading toward the central region?"

Shangguan Hou looked straight ahead with his hands behind him. "Clearly."

"She certainly has the guts."

The security team chief laughed coldly. He pressed his mike and gave his subordinates the location of the moving red dot on the monitor.

Shangguan Hou pursed his lips. If anything, Shangguan Yu definitely had the audacity to do it.

After the security team chief gave the order, Shangguan Hou turned his head and asked. "Oh yes. What's the situation at Mr. Liang's end?"

The security team chief had already heard from his team a few minutes ago. He simply did not have the time to tell Shangguan Hou yet, so he hurriedly replied. "If things go smoothly, he has probably already caught the intruder by now."

If things went smoothly?

Shangguan Hou narrowed his eyes. Just as he was about to speak, someone entered the room.

It was Liang Qiu.

When the security team chief saw him, he quickly nodded respectfully. "Mr. Liang."

Liang Qiu raised his hand, looking annoyed. It seemed as though he might explode anytime. As he walked, the scent of blood could be smelled in the air.

The security team chief felt scared. He looked up outside the door before he asked. "A-are you hurt?"

Liang Qiu clearly did not feel like answering, so he did not reply. He simply glanced at Shangguan Hou. "What are you doing here?"

After he was done, he glanced at the base map appearing on the monitor nearby along with the moving red dot and asked. "What's this?"

"A bait," said Shangguan Hou ambiguously.

"A bait?" Liang Qiu's eyes glinted profoundly before his eyes landed on the computer monitor. "Did the alarms go off because another person infiltrated the base?"

During the time he was gone, he only heard the alarm going off. As for the gunfire, he was unable to hear it due to the distance. Also, the walls in the facility were soundproof. Hence, he heard nothing.

No one had updated him about the most recent events in the base in reality.

“Uh huh.” Shangguan Hou nodded. “Didn’t you go catch the intruder? Where is she?”

The people around him were so startled that they retreated a couple of steps in an attempt to stay out of his way.

Yang Yi was standing behind with his head lowered. When he heard this, he exhaled in relief slightly.

Shangguan Hou looked at Liang Qiu. Even though he already knew the answer judging from the look on Liang Qiu’s face, he could not help feeling astonished.

After all, considering Liang Qiu’s abilities, hardly anyone was his match let alone managing to escape him, right?

Liang Qiu seemed to know what Shangguan Hou was thinking. His expression suddenly changed as he laughed coldly. He turned to look at the security team chief. “I almost caught her. You shouldn’t have called the men off.”

The security team chief promptly broke out in cold sweat at the accusation and did not know what to say.

After some time, he stammered and explained. “I... I thought you could handle it, so I called the men off...”

Before he could finish his sentence, Liang Qiu interrupted him coolly. “Do I look like some kind of a god to you?”

The security team chief knew his temperament, so he did not dare to speak any further.

Liang Qiu retrieved something from his pocket. He spoke as he opened the tissue. “If I didn’t have strong immunity against drugs, do you think I could still stand here talking to you?”

[Chapter 1822 - 1822 Almost Got Caught](#)

1822 Almost Got Caught

A long fine silver needle could be seen on the tissue. When Shangguan Hou saw it, he promptly knew its owner’s identity.

Inside the family, other than Shangguan Yu, only Shangguan Tong would use silver needles as a weapon.

If it were her, it was understandable for Liang Qiu to have met his match.

After all, Shangguan Tong always liked applying poison to her silver needles.

Liang Qiu’s body happened to be medically altered. Unless it was a lethal poison, he had a degree of immunity against poison.

After thinking to himself, Shangguan Hou picked up the silver needle in Liang Qiu's hand and held it to his nose for a whiff.

He quickly came up with a conclusion. A strong anesthetic was applied to the silver needle. Even though it was not lethal, the target would be paralyzed for a while.

"Then, I should be glad it wasn't a lethal poison, right?" Liang Qiu smiled ambiguously.

Cold sweat kept trickling down the security team chief's head. He lowered his head and kept apologizing.

Shangguan Hou gathered his thoughts and asked Liang Qiu. "How did you confirm the target had escaped?"

"My pass."

Liang Qiu did not look happy at all and his voice sounded murderous.

It felt as though he had never been so embarrassed in his life.

The doubts in Shangguan Hou's heart disappeared on hearing this. He stopped having any suspicions about Liang Qiu.

Shangguan Tong had escaped and it was quite a pity.

His eyes landed on the computer again as he quickly composed himself slightly.

Fortunately, Shangguan Yu was still around.

As long as he had her under control, Shangguan Tong would naturally show up in good time.

He could not let Shangguan Yu escape today.

A sinister look emerged in Shangguan Hou's eyes. He paused briefly and decided to not go hard on the security team chief. He said, "Can you come with me along with a team of men?"

The security team chief looked at Shangguan Hou gratefully. "Anything you need."

Shangguan Hou nodded and stopped talking.

Everyone hurriedly gave way. Yang Yi stood right at the back with his head lowered. He also took a step back.

Shangguan Hou strode out quickly. As he walked past Yang Yi, he saw his face from the corner of his eye. He suddenly halted veering his head to look at Yang Yi.

He looked at him suspiciously.

Yang Yi's hand tightened as he placed it on his belly. He had done his utmost to keep a low profile. He did not expect Shangguan Hou to take notice of him.

He was wearing a realistic mask, so it was normal that no one felt anything different. However, Shangguan Hou was accustomed to wearing human skin masks, so he could probably notice it with just one look.

Ever since he entered the base using this disguise, he kept avoiding Shangguan Hou.

Yang Yi did not know what to do. He had managed to avoid the retina scanner at the control room entrance, but from the looks of it, Shangguan Hou was going to expose him now.

As the atmosphere intensified, Liang Qiu suddenly kicked a tech department staff by the side and spoke fiercely, "What are you waiting for? The base is turning into some market where anyone can enter. Are you waiting for us to get bombed again?"

With the interruption, the staff promptly scattered and went back to their seats again.

Yang Yi's tightly clenched fingers loosened. He calmly walked back to the computer.

Even though Shangguan Hou got distracted, he remained suspicious, so his eyes remained on Yang Yi as the latter moved.

At this moment, the security team chief received the latest report from one of his men through the mike. He said to Shangguan Hou, "My men have already crossed paths with the intruder.

Shangguan Hou immediately veered his eyes. He disregarded everything and turned to stride out quickly.

[Chapter 1823 - 1823 Fight A Losing Battle](#)

1823 Fight A Losing Battle

The security team chief hurriedly followed behind Shangguan Hou.

In an instant, only the tech department employees were left in the room.

When Yang Yi sat down, he raised his head and glanced at Liang Qiu and could not help feeling puzzled.

Was he helping him earlier?

Or was this some coincidence?

After all, this person had no reason to offer him help. However, he also knew there was no such thing as such coincidences in the world.

Yang Yi veered his eyes. No matter his intention, now was not the time to think about it.

A tracker was placed on Miss Huo. He was unsure if she knew about it yet. If she did not... Yang Yi glanced at the various controllers in front of him.

They could not blame him for doing something major to get out of this.

As he veered his eyes, Liang Qiu raised his head profoundly. He did not look at Yang Yi. Instead, he looked at the computer with a chip inserted inside.

The red dot was moving increasingly close to the central area.

Was it Bold Little Darling?

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After Huo Yao had outrun base security again, she quickly ran through the base.

She was planning to cause a distraction first. Unexpectedly, these idiots managed to find her so quickly.

They suddenly got so good and knew her location?

The base security had yet to catch up with her, so the corridor was particularly quiet. It was clear that no guards were hiding anywhere and following her secretly.

But...

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes with a solemn look on her face. She had always been cautious by nature, so she had a feeling she was missing something

When she suddenly heard a soft sound, Huo Yao quickly turned her head in the direction of the sound only to see a gray silhouette quickly darting out.

As though it knew she had seen it, the gray silhouette shrank at the corner of the wall and stopped moving.

Huo Yao frowned.

Why would a mouse appear in a place like this?

Before she was able to continue thinking, Shangguan Hou and the security team chief had already started walking over from the other end of the corridor.

Behind her, the guards Huo Yao threw off earlier had caught up and surrounded her, front and back.

Huo Yao looked up at Shangguan Hou and his men. She did not look worried at all under her mask.

Shangguan Hou stood still two meters away without going further. As he made eye contact with Huo Yao, he pursed his lips and said, "First, it was Shangguan Tong. Now, it's you. Why? Have you changed your mind about working with us?"

Huo Yao squeezed her wrist nonchalantly and replied in a calm tone. "Oh? Maybe in your dreams."

"From the looks of it, you don't mind if Shangguan Tong dies," said Shangguan Hou gently.

"You can just try. What do you prefer? Having her dead? Or making a trip to hell yourself?" Something changed in Huo Yao's eyes before a murderous aura surged from her. She pulled her gun and fired at Shangguan Hou.

Shangguan Hou had already seen her moving. Before she was able to shoot, he pulled a guard from the side and used him to block the shot from her.

Everyone promptly reacted by pointing their weapons at Huo Yao. Since Shangguan Hou gave the order to catch her alive, even if they wanted to shoot, no one fired at any critical areas.

Hence, they had problems getting her.

Huo Yao swiftly dodged the fire without using her gun. She was already out of bullets.

Shangguan Hou laughed coldly. "Why bother fighting knowing you'll lose?"

[Chapter 1824 - 1824 Only One Step Away](#)

1824 Only One Step Away

The base was currently surrounded by guards. Even though Huo Yao was excellent at fighting, she was sorely outnumbered at the moment.

Since she had walked into the base on her own accord, it made no sense to let her go.

Shangguan Hou took a step back and waited for everything to end.

At this moment, a rumbling sound could be heard coming from underground. It was loud, almost like an earthquake and even the walls were vibrating from it.

Everyone was startled by the explosion. They stood where they were and couldn't do anything about Huo Yao for now.

"What happened?" Shangguan Hou frowned.

"Sounds like it's coming from the mountain gate," said the security team chief anxiously as he pressed his mike to ask his men about the cause.

However, his mike failed to work after a long time.

The connection was cut off.

The security team chief looked up. Just as he was about to speak, the light overhead suddenly went off completely.

The corridor instantly turned pitch black.

They were left with only their other senses and unable to see anything at all.

The expressions on the security team chief's and Shangguan Hou's faces promptly changed. It was a critical moment, but something like this happened, so it was clearly not a coincidence.

The two of them looked at Huo Yao in unison.

No one was able to see anything, but the guards closest to Huo Yao fell to the ground one after another.

When Shangguan Hou sensed this, he quickly retreated first.

He did not want to exchange blows with Huo Yao. If he had to fight her, he would be on the losing end.

Huo Yao glanced at Shangguan Hou coldly, raised her hand, and shot a silver needle at him hard. Once she was done, she turned and ran off in the opposite direction.

She knew the security system well. In less than three minutes, the power and signal would reactivate.

If she did not leave now, it would be harder for her to leave later.

Moreover, someone only gave her 30 minutes and she had gone over the agreed time already.

Huo Yao contemplated expressionlessly. Sure enough, boyfriends always slowed her down.

Inside the corridor, other than the security team chief, all his other men were sprawled on the ground. Their faces looked purple and they were no longer breathing.

Since he had been some distance from Huo Yao, he was still standing.

The security team chief had cold sweat dripping down his forehead. He hurriedly pressed his mike and got connected this time. He quickly spoke to the security team and put the main entrance on lockdown.

After giving the order, he finally noticed Shangguan Hou nearby using the wall to support himself. He walked over. "Mr. Shangguan, are you alright?"

A silver needle was stuck on the back of Shangguan Hou's hand. Half a needle was stuck into his body. Although his face looked normal, the skin on his neck and the areas not covered by his clothes had gradually turned purple.

He was clearly poisoned.

The security team chief was startled and did not dare to reach his hand out to support the man. "Poison. It's poison."

Blood was trickling down Shangguan Hou's mouth. His hand trembled as he reached for his pocket to retrieve a bottle. He poured a black pill from it and took it. After taking the pill, he was finally able to breathe easier.

However, the excruciating pain inside his body was still there.

Shangguan Hou wiped the blood off the corner of his mouth. He slowly removed the long silver needle from the back of his hand.

As he looked at the silver needle, he tightened his grip and felt infuriated.

Just one step away from getting her!

At this moment, another explosion could be heard. This time, it was even stronger.

The moment the security team chief heard the noise, he pondered and said worriedly, "Someone is blowing up the mountain gate."

The mountain gate was made of an ancient-style mechanism. If it was blown up, they would get trapped inside for good.

[Chapter 1825 - 1825 Blowing Up The Mountain](#)

1825 Blowing Up The Mountain

It was not the base's first time encountering intruders, but no one had blatantly bombed the mountain gate before all these years.

After he was sure Shangguan Hou was fine, the security team chief disregarded everything and quickly left.

After taking the pill, Shangguan Hou rested briefly and turned to go back to the control room angrily.

The control room was in chaos.

Not only could explosions be heard repeatedly from outside, but the computers in the control room were also paralyzed.

Shangguan Hou glanced at the people in the control room. "Where's everyone?"

"Are you talking about Mr. Liang? When the explosion went off, he walked out," replied someone from the side.

"That's not what I meant." Shangguan Hou narrowed his eyes. "Is everyone from the tech department present?"

When he mentioned the tech department, someone put down his work and quickly replied. "Yes."

He paused briefly, looked at the empty seat beside him, and hurriedly explained. "Zhu has a stomach ache, so he went to the bathroom. He'll be back soon."

Shangguan Hou glanced at the dead computers sternly. "Why is he in the bathroom at a time like this? Are you sure he's really Zhu?"

The tech department staff was stunned. "If he's not Zhu, then who is he?"

Multi-level verification had to be made to enter the base. Retina scanning was even required to enter the control room. If he was not the real Zhu, how could he have passed the verification?

The staff suddenly thought about Zhu's recent introverted personality. Something seemed different about his persona. He could not help feeling unsure, so he stood up and said anxiously, "Let me check the bathroom."

The moment he finished his sentence, he quickly ran out.

If he was not the real Zhu, he was probably the culprit behind the problems they had been facing in the control room.

After a couple of minutes, the staff came back looking worried. "No one was in the bathroom. The retina scanning at the door was deactivated as well.

Shangguan Hou had already guessed as much.

From the moment he encountered Zhu at the tech department chief's office, he found his face fishy. Since he was not entirely sure back then, he simply asked about Zhu briefly.

After leaving the control room, he had all his attention on catching Shangguan Yu and forgot to find the traitor first. This gave Shangguan Yu the chance to escape.

As Shangguan Hou pondered, he could sense the taste of blood in his mouth. Owing to the poison, he could feel waves of pain sweeping through his body. A second later, he fainted.

Everyone was startled.

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Meanwhile, outside the mountain gate.

“Boss, more explosives?” Zhuo Yun checked the watch on his wrist and asked.

Min Yu was dressed in black and almost blended into the night completely. “Continue.”

Zhuo Yun’s face twitched. He glanced at the blown up top left side of the wall. “I have a feeling that if this goes on, Miss Huo might get trapped inside.”

After all, they knew nothing about ancient-style mechanisms. If something went wrong with the mechanism due to the bombing, it would be bad.

“Continue bombing two meters away from the mountain gate.” Min Yu remained calm.

Zhuo Yun picked up another small bomb and placed it in the spot his boss mentioned. After he was done, he quickly retreated some distance.

Just as he was about to press the detonator, he could hear the sound of something opening.

Zhuo Yun paused briefly, looked up, and saw the heavy mountain gate opening slowly.

[Chapter 1826 - 1826 Leave](#)

1826 Leave

A small crack opened in the mountain gate. Two silhouettes could be seen behind it.

It was Huo Yao and Yang Yi wearing his disguise.

When Zhuo Yun saw them, he heaved a sigh of relief. “Miss Huo, Yi, you are finally out.”

If they did not come out, their boss would probably blow up everything in sight in a fit of anger for his woman.

Huo Yao nodded to Zhuo Yun and quickly walked up beside Min Yu. She grabbed his arm and said softly, “Let’s leave first.”

Min Yu glanced at Huo Yao holding her tightly without asking about anything. He simply said without the slightest warmth in his tone to Zhuo Yun, “Blow it up.”

Zhuo Yun rubbed his hands and nodded excitedly. “Yes, Boss.”

He happened to have a new compressed bomb handy. The kind that could raze buildings to the ground.

“Hang on.” Huo Yao promptly knew what he wanted to do. She stopped Zhuo Yun. “Don’t bother bombing it. They have enough trouble to handle inside for now.”

Moreover, Cool Autumn worked for Mirage Base and was still inside. She could not leave him in the lurch after accepting his help... even though she really wanted to blow up the place.

Min Yu raised his brow looking at Huo Yao. “It’s no good to show mercy to the enemy.”

“I’m a kind woman, so I can’t help it.” Huo Yao sighed.

Yang Yi felt puzzled on hearing this.

She had just poisoned lots of people inside the base. Why didn't she think about showing mercy then?

"This will only stop them from coming out. We won't destroy the entire mechanism," said Min Yu.

Huo Yao did not have a problem this time. "Okay then. Do it."

The stone gate gradually opened. People inside the base were coming after them.

They left without lingering there any longer.

Zhuo Yun felt disappointed that he could not use his compressed bomb. Before they left, he threw two more small bombs in front of the mountain entrance and pressed the detonator.

BANG!

Thunderous explosions could be heard throughout the air. The wall on the side of the stone gate got blown up. Broken stone and rubble kept pouring down blocking the gate completely.

When they got back to the small town, the car was already waiting by the roadside.

Huo Yao opened the back seat door. Just as she was about to get in, she saw someone sitting inside. She froze for a second before she raised her head to look at Min Yu.

Min Yu knew what she wanted to ask and said voluntarily, "While I was waiting for you, I saw your friend coming out."

Oh.

Huo Yao nodded. She thanked him and bent to get into the car.

"Aunt Tong."

Since Shangguan Tong's arm was injured, she looked paler than usual and even her lips looked white.

She looked at Huo Yao. When she noticed her unscathed, she was finally relieved. "Yu, how did you know I was there?"

Min Yu had just gotten into the driver's seat. When he heard the name, he stopped briefly and looked into the rearview mirror profoundly. Then, he started the engine.

As he raised his head, he happened to make eye contact with Huo Yao.

Huo Yao promptly went quiet.

Another one of her covers just got blown in her face again.

Huo Yao veered her head awkwardly. "I installed a GPS tracker on your phone."

Shangguan Tong suddenly smiled sadly. "I should've known. I can't keep anything from you."

"Are you going to tell me the reason you had to go there?" asked Huo Yao bluntly.

Shangguan Tong said nothing and looked out of the car window.

For a moment, it was quiet in the car.

Huo Yao just knew she was not going to get an answer from her. She sighed and said, "Fine then. You can tell me when you're ready."

Shangguan Tong finally relaxed her hands as they sat on her knees.

Huo Yao's phone rang.

She took out her phone. When she saw the caller ID, she paused briefly, glanced sideways at Aunt Tong, and finally answered it.

[Chapter 1827 - 1827 Desperate Desire Not To Get Caught](#)

1827 Desperate Desire Not To Get Caught

"Uncle Changfeng."

It was none other than Huo Changfeng on the phone.

When Shangguan Tong heard the name, her head was facing the car window, but she automatically stopped looking out of the window. Even her breathing went soft.

Huo Yao acted as though she did not notice Aunt Tong's reaction and continued on the phone. "... Yes, my phone was flat."

Huo Changfeng finally felt relieved after hearing this. "I'm glad you're fine. Oh yes. Yaoyao, when are you coming back?"

Huo Yao checked the time. "In about two hours."

Huo Yao tapped her knee gently. She paused for a couple of seconds and asked voluntarily before Huo Changfeng could speak. "Uncle Changfeng, why are you calling me so late? Did something happen at the hospital?"

Huo Changfeng had called to get an update about the test for potential heirs. When Huo Yao misunderstood, he explained. "Nothing happened at the hospital..."

Huo Yao interrupted him instead and suddenly put on a serious expression. "Did Eldest Uncle's condition suddenly aggravate?"

Huo Changfeng was promptly stunned.

Did he say that?

Before he could react, Huo Yao's voice could be heard again. "Okay then. I will get to the hospital as soon as possible. Give me some time."

"No..." Huo Changfeng's cheek felt a twitch. Before he could speak, Huo Yao hung up the phone.

Huo Changfeng went speechless.

What was Miss Huo trying to get at?

Huo Jinfeng was slowly eating by the side. He glanced at the chief steward and noticed a dumb expression on his face. He could not help rapping his chopsticks on his bowl. "What did Yaoyao say?"

Huo Changfeng slowly removed his phone from his ear. After half a minute, he seemed to finally get it. He looked up at Master Jinfeng and said, "I think Miss Huo might already know that you have regained consciousness."

When she mentioned Master Jinfeng's condition aggravating, she must be testing him.

That had to be it.

Huo Jinfeng promptly coughed, making him pull his wound, so his face turned pale. "How did she find out? Didn't I tell you to keep it a secret?"

Huo Jinfeng relaxed slightly. His niece had done her utmost to save him, but the moment he regained consciousness, he did not tell her about it. A guilty feeling inexplicable emerged in his heart.

Wouldn't Yaoyao feel awful learning about it?

Huo Jinfeng stopped eating, stood up, and said anxiously, "Go on. Prepare the car and send me back to the hospital immediately."

Huo Changfeng's lips twitched when he saw Huo Jinfeng's desperate desire not to get caught by his niece. "Why don't you eat first? Miss Huo probably won't get back so quickly..."

"I'm not feeling well. I just want to get back to the hospital to lie down, okay?" said Huo Jinfeng mildly.

Huo Changfeng gave up. "...Whatever you say then."

After hanging up the phone, Huo Yao clearly looked anxious.

Min Yu glanced at the rearview mirror as he drove from the driver's seat. As he drove, he sped up consciously and asked. "Did something happen on Uncle Changfeng's end?"

Huo Yao veered her head and looked out of the window. After some time, she acknowledged softly. Anyone could detect the suppressed tone in her voice.

Shangguan Tong was sitting beside her and her face looked pale. She was unable to stay composed.

She asked with great difficulty. "Didn't your eldest uncle's condition stabilize already? Why did it suddenly aggravate?"

[Chapter 1828 - 1828 A Gift For Eldest Uncle](#)

1828 A Gift For Eldest Uncle

Shangguan Tong had gone to see the man the other night and his condition was obviously improving.

How could it get worse?

Shangguan Tong's mind went into chaos and kept buzzing.

On the car's window, Shangguan Tong's reflection could be seen and she looked miserable.

Huo Yao's eyelashes fluttered slightly before she finally turned her head and said with a sad smile on her face, "Eldest Uncle has already lost the will to live. It's normal for his condition to worsen."

The moment she finished her sentence, Shangguan Tong suddenly felt as though she was swimming in ice and could not help trembling.

Winter had passed, but why did she feel like her body was freezing?

Shangguan Tong hugged herself and did her best to calm down.

Seeing this, Huo Yao did not continue with the subject.

An hour later, the car finally arrived at the hospital.

Huo Yao glanced outside and placed her hand on the door handle. She turned to look at Aunt Tong again and said softly, "Why don't you go up as well? You might get to see him one last time if..."

Shangguan Tong looked up with her eyes teary. "Okay."

When Shangguan Tong agreed, Huo Yao could not help feeling impressed with herself.

Her acting skills were flawless. Eldest Uncle had given her a huge sum of money as a gift after she returned to the family. Now, she was making it worth the money for him, right?

However, she wondered if Eldest Uncle would be startled by the gift.

She was undoubtedly a good and sensible niece.

Shangguan Tong got out of the car in a daze and completely failed to notice the expression on Huo Yao's face.

The three of them entered the hospital, took the lift, and went upstairs.

When the lift door opened, Xie raised his head standing nearby. The moment he saw Huo Yao, he quickly walked over. "Hi, Miss Huo."

Xie greeted her respectfully. When his gaze swept behind her, he noticed Shangguan Tong and felt a little surprised.

Xie nodded. He did not ask further about Shangguan Tong's identity.

Since Miss Huo brought the lady here, she could probably be trusted.

Before long, they walked through the corridor and headed to Huo Jinfeng's hospital ward.

At the hospital ward entrance, Huo Changfeng was still talking on the phone. When he heard footsteps, he turned. He was smiling when he caught sight of Huo Yao. However, the moment he saw Shangguan Tong standing beside her, his hands trembled and his phone nearly slipped to the ground.

Huo Changfeng snapped out of his daze. He disregarded the ongoing call he was taking and hung up immediately. He took a step forward with disbelief in his eyes. "M-Miss Tong?"

Shangguan Tong raised her head and responded in a hoarse tone. "Changfeng, long time no see."

Huo Changfeng stood where he was. He had never experienced a series of high level shocks in one day.

First, Miss Huo performed outstandingly during the test for potential heirs. After that, Miss Tong appeared. Huo Changfeng pressed his heart feeling very emotional. "...You're still alive."

All these years, Master Jinfeng never gave up looking for Miss Tong. Even after they found out she was dead, he refused to give up.

Owing to his persistence, he never married in his entire life... to this day.

"Uh huh. I'm still alive." Shangguan Tong wore a sad expression on her face. She did not explain and simply looked up at the hospital ward behind Huo Changfeng. "How's Jinfeng's condition?"

"Master Jinfeng..." Huo Changfeng parted his lips. When he made eye contact with Huo Yao, he finally knew what to say. "...Not good at all."

Shangguan Tong's body swayed.

Huo Changfeng sighed and said, "Just go in and see for yourself."

Shangguan Tong suppressed the sour taste in her mouth and acknowledged hoarsely.

Before long, she pushed open the door and entered.

[Chapter 1829 - 1829 Meeting](#)

1829 Meeting

Huo Jinfeng nervously lay on the bed inside the hospital ward. He kept thinking about how he should explain to his niece when she got here.

When he heard the sound of the door opening, he hurriedly closed his eyes.

On the way to the hospital, Shangguan Tong suppressed her sadness. After entering the hospital ward, she could no longer restrain herself.

The moment she got to the hospital bed, she fell and sat on the ground limply. Pain from her chest swiftly surged through every inch of her body.

Shangguan Tong lay prone on the bed with her hands trembling. For a long time, she did not dare to hold the man's hands.

She was afraid that she would not be able to handle it after taking his pulse.

Huo Jinfeng had his eyes closed, so he could only hear some soft sounds. After some time, he was unable to hear anything else, so he finally opened his eyes. "Yaoyao, I didn't mean to..."

A woman was beside the bed. The moment he saw her face, his voice stopped abruptly.

Huo Jinfeng's face was filled with shock. Something in his head exploded. He could not believe his eyes. "Tong?"

Shangguan Tong's hands had stopped in midair. She looked into Huo Jinfeng's eyes and looked scared. "Aren't you... didn't they say you were..."

Shangguan Tong stopped mid-sentence. She finally noticed he did not even use the hospital equipment at all and the room was very quiet. It did not seem like he was in grave condition.

In that case, Yu must have fooled her into coming here, right?

Shangguan Tong promptly saw through the ruse. As she went into deep thought, Huo Jinfeng had already pulled off the blanket. He got off the bed, disregarded the pain from his injury, and reached his hands out to embrace her tightly.

“Tong, I missed you so much.”

Huo Jinfeng spoke gently and sounded careful.

Huo Jinfeng did not feel angry about her leaving without telling him. He also was not angry that she had faked her own death. The only thing he felt was the sheer joy of finding her again.

Shangguan Tong suddenly felt a strong pang in her heart.

This idiot.

She slowly embraced him back.

She was so lucky to know him.

The two of them hugged each other quietly. They failed to notice the partially open hospital ward door closing.

Inside the room, Huo Changfeng looked uncharacteristically emotional and his eyes were a little red.

Huo Yao raised her brow and said teasingly, “Uncle Changfeng, my eldest uncle has found his woman. When is it going to be your turn then?”

These unexpected words left Huo Changfeng hurt and speechless.

This was a really bad joke.

How would he know, right?

What else could he do?

Huo Yao smiled. She lowered her eyes to check the time and said, “Uncle Changfeng, you should go back early to rest. We’ll be making a move first.”

When Huo Changfeng heard the word ‘we’, he could sense something hammering his heart viciously. He raised his head and glanced at Min Yu coolly.

Very well. He had one more reason to kill someone.

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Before long, Huo Yao and Min Yu left the hospital.

It was already 11:00 pm, so it was dark outside. Only the soft street lights were on.

Huo Yao slowly walked beside Min Yu as she thought about the things that happened at Mirage Base today. No matter where she went, people knew. She subconsciously touched the man's palm, holding his hand.

When they got to the car, Min Yu could no longer stand her touching his palm. He let go of her hand and held Huo Yao by the waist in a split second. He turned around and pinned her against the car door.

Huo Yao promptly snapped out of her thoughts and raised her head. Before she could speak, her lips were sealed by a kiss.

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By the time she got back to the Huo family estate, it was already 12:30 am.

She nearly could not go home at all.

When Huo Yao got home, she saw Huo Yulin in the living room. She raised her hands to straighten her clothes.

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1830 Stole The Limelight From Huo Wanying

"It's late. Why aren't you asleep yet, Brother Yulin?" Huo Yao entered the villa calmly.

Huo Yulin paused for a second before he raised his head and explained. "Uncle Changfeng called me an hour ago."

Huo Yao's mouth twitched.

Uncle Changfeng was clearly guarding against Min Yu.

Well done.

Huo Yulin stood up and did not continue talking. "Rest early. I'll take you to the union tomorrow."

"The union? For what?" Huo Yao was surprised by his words.

"To take assignments."

Huo Yao veered her head slightly. "For the test to be the heir?"

"Uh huh." A serious look appeared on Huo Yulin's face. In the end, he simply let out a long sigh. "The battle isn't over yet."

Huo Yao was completely unworried. "No problem."

Huo Yulin parted his lips wanting to speak, but then he thought about his little sister's mind-blowing performance today and shut his mouth.

Perhaps if he opened his mouth, he might end up slapping his own face again.

Huo Yulin went upstairs dejectedly.

Huo Yao did not know what to say, looking at her brother's expression.

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The next day.

After breakfast, Huo Yulin brought Huo Yao to the union.

The union building was tall and imposing. At the top of the building, a prominent logo that smelt of money could be seen. From a distance, it was so bright that it seemed like it could make someone go blind.

Huo Yao walked into the building. When she saw the extravagant décor, she suddenly remembered the time she appeared on a live entertainment program with her fourth older brother. The moment he got triggered, he would buy lavish gifts on the show.

From the looks of it, the trait ran in the family.

Tsk tsk.

He nodded to Huo Yao before he greeted Huo Yulin by the side.

Huo Yulin simply glanced at him.

Huo Yao was a little surprised that he could recognize her. She nodded politely. "Hello."

The person in charge laughed a couple of times before he quickly ran to the lift and pressed the button.

Huo Yao raised her brow. "Why do I feel as though I'm a celebrity here now?"

The person in charge was not alone. The other employees in the lobby were also secretly looking at her. Their stares were so intent that it was impossible for her to overlook them.

"You have no idea. The things you did yesterday have already left them amazed." Huo Yulin felt both emotional and pleased with her. "You have completely stolen the limelight from Huo Wanying."

The Huo family was all about meritocracy. The stronger they were, the more people respected them. Moreover, even though his little sister had not shown her face much and there were a lot of rumors about her, her performance yesterday was nothing short of awe-inspiring.

Aside from her fighting abilities, she had incredible shooting skills. Could anyone else present do the same?

After the test ended yesterday, someone posted a video clip of her shooting in the group chat. Before Uncle Changfeng was able to use it to help her gain a standing, their subordinates already started idolizing her.

She certainly did not need any help!

Huo Yao placed both hands in her pockets and said casually, "I will keep a low profile next time."

Next time?

Complicated emotions flooded Huo Yulin's heart. They had the same parents, then why the huge gap between them?

Before long, the lift arrived on the top floor.

In the main meeting room, over ten people were already sitting at the square conference table. It consisted of councilors representing each region, along with the elders.

Other than the two other candidates in the running to be heir, Huo Wanying was not there yet. She only entered when the meeting was about to begin.