

Pill Maker 261

Chapter 261: An Accident

Huo Yao sighed in her heart before she sent the same reply to both of them: [Okay, you big babies.]

Both her older brothers were appalled by her response. “???”

They were offended.

Huo Yao put her phone away before she raised her head to see a motorcycle speeding over in their direction.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes and moved her feet slightly. Just as she was about to pull Min Yu away, he surprisingly beat her to it and pulled her aside to safety, instead.

SCREEEECH!

The motorcycle could be heard screeching to a halt. Before she managed to regain her balance, the impact of the collision sent Min Yu tottering a couple of steps to the side.

Huo Yao raised her head to see the motorcycle lying on its side with its wheels still moving while the motorcyclist lay on the ground. The perpetrator seemed intent on dodging the responsibility for the accident. He stood up and apologized hurriedly before pulling his motorcycle up and riding off.

He disappeared into the streets in a blink of an eye.

The entire accident and his escape occurred in less than three minutes.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes. It certainly did not look like an accident.

“Are you okay?” Min Yu’s voice came from over her head. At first, he was holding Huo Yao by her shoulders, but he slowly let go of her as he spoke.

Huo Yao did not appear startled. Instead, her eyes landed on Min Yu’s calf, which had some abrasion marks now. Although his pants were not torn, the impact had been very strong.

His calf was definitely injured.

Huo Yao said, “I’m fine. Your leg...”

Before she finished her sentence, Zhuo Yun drove over after witnessing the entire collision. His heart constricted anxiously. He pulled the car on the side and ran at top speed to reach them.

“Boss... Yu, are you hurt? It was all my fault for parking the car so far away. There was a jam when I took a u-turn.” Zhuo Yun’s eyes landed on his boss’s leg with a look of self-blame.

He should have stayed close to his boss.

Min Yu’s face was a little pale, but he seemed unperturbed. He calmly replied. “I’m fine.”

He did not allow Zhuo Yun to look at his leg. Instead, he said to Huo Yao, “Let’s go. I’ll send you back to the hotel.”

Zhuo Yun stared at him with imploring eyes when he heard this. His face was conflicted. He said immediately, "No way. You have to go for a checkup."

Min Yu frowned.

Huo Yao went silent for a few seconds. "You should get your leg checked. The impact was pretty strong. Although you might not have a visible external injury, your bone may have been hurt."

Zhuo Yun hurriedly nodded when Huo Yao said this. "Exactly. Miss Huo is right."

Zhuo Yun paused briefly. He was worried that Min Yu would insist otherwise, so he gritted his teeth and turned to Huo Yao. "I'm sorry, Miss Huo. I'll send someone to take you back to the hotel."

Min Yu looked at Zhuo Yun with a frosty expression but Zhuo Yun did not dare look at him. Despite the clear sign of Min Yu's displeasure, Zhuo Yun could not afford to put Min Yu's health at risk.

He turned around and took out his phone to call his subordinates, and gave them the order.

In a few minutes, a black car drove over.

Huo Yao was shocked for two seconds before she composed herself and stepped in the black car shortly after.

Before getting into the car, she told Zhuo Yun. "Let me know if anything goes wrong."

Zhuo Yun assumed that Huo Yao was worried about his boss's condition and wanted to know about his check-up results. He nodded without putting much thought into it.

Chapter 262: Someone Wiped The CCTV Footage Clean

It was already 9:30 pm by the time Huo Yao got back to the hotel. On her way back, the Dean had already called her twice.

In his first call, he told Huo Yao that she scored full marks in the National Quiz Contest and had qualified for the finals.

In his second call, he told her to take care and not stay out late. He instructed her to come back to the hotel to have an early night and prepare for the finals, which were being held the next day.

Huo Yao assured the Dean repeatedly before he ended his conversation with her.

She took out a change of clothes after she returned to her room, took a shower, and lay on her bed. She stared at the ceiling as she thought about the accident.

She had noticed the motorcycle aiming at her for first, but it changed course after coming closer. It distinctly altered its direction when Min Yu pulled her away.

If she was not mistaken, the guy was actually after Min Yu. Also, the motorcyclist was a martial artist. She could tell that with one look despite his attempt to disguise it.

Huo Yao flipped over and propped her leg up on the blanket, lazily.

Even if the target had been her, she was capable enough to dodge it.

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Meanwhile, Zhuo Yun called Yang Yi and got him to have the doctors on standby at the villa.

The moment Yang Yi heard about Min Yu's motorcycle accident, he retrieved the laptop and pulled out all the CCTV footage near the night market.

He quickly discovered that the footage during that time was compromised and had been wiped from the system.

Yang Yi laughed coldly and typed swiftly on the keyboard. A few black computing interfaces instantly popped up on the screen. The numbers jumped rapidly. In a minute, the deleted CCTV footage was recovered.

Yang Yi maximized the footage and took a close look at the entire process of how the culprit rammed into Min Yu.

However, Yang Yi could only see the motorcyclist charging straight for the young woman beside Min Yu and failed to realize that it was actually aiming for Min Yu, due to the blind spots in the system.

After watching the footage several times, he realised that the vehicle had been aiming for Huo Yao and Min Yu bore the brunt on her behalf.

His face turned sullen and his impression of Huo Yao went completely downhill.

If it were not for Huo Yao, his boss would not have ended up getting hurt. How could this have happened if she did not ask to meet Min Yu at the night market?

Yang Yi inhaled deeply. He quickly took a screenshot of the culprit and the motorcycle and sent it to his subordinates.

Since Min Yu had gotten implicated in the whole thing, he did not care why someone would target the young woman and even go as far as wiping CCTV footage.

He could not allow someone to wreak havoc on his territory in the capital.

Min Yu and Zhuo Yun got back to the villa ten minutes later. A few of the family physicians hurried over and examined Min Yu one after another before heaving sighs of relief.

"Fortunately, he only suffered superficial wounds." Zhuo Yun wiped his face fearfully after the doctors left.

Min Yu glanced at Zhuo Yun coldly.

Zhuo Yun shivered when he caught sight of the look on Min Yu's face.

"Yu... Yu... let me explain... I was just worried that you'd suffer a relapse, so I didn't send Miss Huo back to the hotel first. After all, the motorcyclist was clearly out to get you."

Chapter 263: How Well Do You Know Huo Yao?

Min Yu stood up and went upstairs expressionlessly.

Zhuo Yun panicked the moment he saw him behave like this. He watched until Min Yu had gone completely out of sight before he slumped on the couch's armrest. "I'm dead meat. I feel as though he's going to banish me to the frontier or something."

Yang Yi instinctively frowned when he saw Zhuo Yun's look of desperation. He was feeling miffed that Min Yu had intended to send Huo Yao to the hotel first despite his injuries.

"Someone wiped the night market's CCTV footage, but I managed to recover it. Judging from the motorcycle's angle, the culprit was aiming for Miss Huo and not our boss," said Yang Yi icily.

Zhuo Yun raised his head in surprise. "I don't think so. Miss Huo is just an average middle school student. Why would anyone go after her? Moreover, it's her first time in the capital."

Yang Yi clicked on the CCTV footage that he had saved on his computer. He would prove it to Zhuo Yun, who was refusing to believe him. He slowed down the footage speed and said, "Look."

After playing the incident's footage a few times, Yang Yi said, "He was clearly going after Miss Huo. Also, judging from his movements, he is a martial artist. Despite doing his best to conceal it, he gave himself away."

Zhuo Yun scratched his head in disbelief. "I still don't think that he was targeting Miss Huo."

Yang Yi almost wanted to hit him when he saw how pigheaded Zhuo Yun was being. He found it unfathomable that he would insist on taking Huo Yao's side.

Yang Yi inhaled deeply and suppressed his fury. Instead, he patiently asked Zhuo Yun. "You might like to think that it is impossible, but the evidence doesn't lie. How well do you know Miss Huo?"

"I..." Zhuo Yun's lips parted in confusion.

Before Zhuo Yun finished his sentence, Yang Yi interrupted him. "Answer this. Why did she get attacked by some random motorcyclist if you say she is only an ordinary middle school student? Have you considered that?"

Zhuo Yun touched his nose before he replied softly. "That was because he was after our boss."

"Do you trust her unconditionally just because of the incense she gave us?" Yang Yi shook his head inconceivably.

Although the nerve-soothing incense was expensive, they should not let down their guard just because of that, considering Min Yu's identity.

"I don't trust her blindly. I also investigated her previously. She was dumped in the countryside as a child and was raised by her grandmother. Other than this dramatic incident in her life, she's completely clean," said Zhuo Yun candidly.

Huo Yao might have seemed mysterious when she obtained the incense from nowhere and suddenly reversed roles to become a school legend after having bad grades since elementary school. However, it did not imply that there was something sinister about her.

“Forget it. I simply can’t get through to you. I can only suggest that you keep your eyes open.” Yang Yi closed his laptop before he stood up and walked away.

Zhuo Yun touched his nose. Yang Yi seemed to have formed an unfavorable opinion of Huo Yao. Maybe that’s why he would be suspicious of her in this incident.

But he didn’t know that even seasoned people like Old Mr. Pei and Old Mr. Yi wanted to take her as their disciple. How could she be unscrupulous?

Moreover, No.1 Middle School’s principal had spoken highly of her. Despite her ordinary family background, she held a promising future.

Zhuo Yun shook his head and disregarded Yang Yi’s opinion. Instead, he took out his phone and sent Huo Yao a text message.

Chapter 264: The CCTV Was Hacked

Zhuo Yun had gotten hold of Huo Yao’s number when he investigated her and decided to add her to his contacts after she gave Min Yu the nerve-soothing incense.

[Miss Huo, Yu only got a slight scratch. Nothing else is wrong, so don’t worry.]

After sending the text, he waited for a while. Since she did not reply, he yawned before heading back to the villa.

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The next day.

Huo Yao woke up early. She was not in a hurry to get up and wrapped herself in the blanket lazily. She pulled her phone from under her pillow. The moment she turned it on, she saw the text Zhuo Yun sent last night.

She had just wanted to know if Min Yu was fine and replied to the text: [Okay.]

Huo Yao held her phone and swiped through her WeChat chat groups. She quickly recalled something and closed the application before opening the internet browser and searched for the ‘cultural relic exhibition’.

Information about the cultural relic exhibition quickly popped up. There was quite a bit of hype surrounding the Western Zhou jade that was on exhibition.

“The Western Zhou jade?” Huo Yao pondered as she rubbed the screen gently with her finger.

She recalled Cool Autumn’s reminder.

Despite the information clamp down, a lot of material about the Western Zhou jade could be found online. She found it rather peculiar and felt as if someone was deliberately leaking the information.

Huo Yao's lips curved into a playful smile before she checked the exhibition's operating hours.

The exhibition was going to be held for two days and had started yesterday. Since her flight back to City S was at 7:00 pm, she would lose out if she did not go take a look at it.

She had never seen the Western Zhou jade before.

Huo Yao jumped out of bed energetically at this thought. Then she turned on the laptop in the room.

Huo Yao quickly entered a command on the keyboard. The laptop screen went dark instantly, and long strings of symbols jumped on the screen rapidly.

A few video surveillance feeds appeared on her screen 30 seconds later. One of them was surprisingly flagged as the cultural relic exhibition hall.

Huo Yao kept looking at the screen while her fingers typed nonstop. Two minutes later, she closed the programs and deleted her search history.

Huo Yao stretched lazily before she walked into the bathroom and washed up. Then she put her phone in her pocket and left the room.

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Huo Yao went to the buffet restaurant on the second floor. After she had made her selection, she turned to find a seat and spotted Yi Lianfan sitting at the furthest window from the entrance.

His head was lowered while he scribbled on a piece of paper.

Huo Yao contemplated for a couple of seconds before walking over with her plate to sit down across him. Her eyes landed on the contents of the paper in front of him.

It was the physics question from yesterday's exam.

Huo Yao did not interrupt his train of thought and chewed on her bun slowly.

Yi Lianfan only realized that someone was sitting across him, five minutes later. He looked up to see Huo Yao eating her breakfast leisurely.

Huo Yao caught sight of the dark circles around his bloodshot eyes and could not help ask him. "Did you not sleep last night?"

The kid probably studied until he went bonkers the previous day.

Yi Lianfan's throat was dry. He picked up a glass of water beside him and took a big sip before he said hoarsely, "Nope. I just woke up early."

Huo Yao's mouth twitched.

That didn't seem to be the case!

Chapter 265: National Quiz Contest Finals

Yi Lianfan stopped writing and put aside the piece of paper. His voice was filled with defeat when he said, "You really are brilliant."

He used to think that he would defeat Huo Yao one day. It was only now he realised that she was at a completely different level from him.

A sad smile swept across Yi Lianfan's face. No wonder she always seemed so disinterested when he challenged her.

There was a yawning gap between them.

Huo Yao coughed. "You are quite outstanding as well."

Yi Lianfan glanced at her when he heard her. "I think you are mistaken. I'm not seeking consolation. I was just stating the truth."

Huo Yao lowered her head and ate some porridge before she said patronizingly, "Yes, I am better than you. Now do you think I'm consoling you?"

She had already noticed that he was a straightforward guy.

Yi Lianfan pursed his lips without uttering a word. He looked at Huo Yao quietly for a long time before he finally said, "I admit that you are far smarter than me, but I won't ever stop trying to surpass you."

Huo Yao nodded and said something to encourage him, "Good luck!"

Yi Lianfan didn't reply.

After Huo Yao finished her porridge, she wiped her mouth with a tissue. Her eyes landed back on the paper and she asked him. "Haven't solved it yet?"

Yi Lianfan said nothing.

Huo Yao took the paper and looked at the equations listed on it. She detected the error right away. Taking out her pen, she corrected it. "It wasn't wrong to use the NS equation, but you made things complicated by using it, so the first step was unnecessary..."

Huo Yao put down the pen five minutes later and placed the solution in front of Yi Lianfan.

Huo Yao's voice kept landing in his ear as she pointed out Yi Lianfan's problems accurately.

He looked at the paper and the equation came alive in his head with clarity.

Although it was a tough question, he was suddenly enlightened after she gave him the pointers.

Huo Yao was long gone by the time Yi Lianfan gathered his thoughts.

He picked up the piece of paper with the solution on it. His sense of defeat from failing to solve it, since yesterday, disappeared instantly. With Huo Yao's guidance, he could fully grasp it.

Huo Yao was beyond outstanding.

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At 9:00 am sharp.

A total of 23 students from all over the country participated in the National Quiz Contest finals and had already entered the exam hall.

They were all assigned to the same exam hall with Huo Yao sitting right in the front row.

Almost everyone knew who she was because she stood first in the heats and had attained full marks.

Huo Yao sat in the front row with a winner's aura and appeared so lofty that the rest of them could only look up to her.

She truly surpassed them overwhelmingly.

The invigilator came in the room with their test papers and distributed them across.

The entire paper was three hours long, like the previous one.

But the questions were entirely on a different level and were based on the International Quiz Contest standards.

This time, Huo Yao did not submit her script early.

Chapter 266: A Mistake

Three hours might be more than enough time for the teachers, but it was not adequate for the students.

The moment the bell rang to indicate the end of the contest, it also marked the National Quiz Contest's end. Regardless of their ranking, these students would have no problem getting into Tsing University in the near future. It was a testimony of their growth and talent.

All of them had studied day and night for the contest and felt empty when it came to an end. Many students even cried when they came out of the exam hall.

The Principal and the Dean waved at her when Huo Yao came downstairs. She paused before walking over.

"Huo Yao, how did you find the questions?" asked the Principal. An anxious expression was visible on his face.

The Dean swallowed some saliva as he awaited Huo Yao's response.

Huo Yao's lips twitched when she caught sight of their nervous expressions. She replied modestly. "It was okay."

The Principal and the Dean glanced at each other quietly before both of them asked her. "What do you mean by that?"

Huo Yao touched her nose and replied softly. "I'm not sure if I can get full marks."

If she was merely unsure, then she still stood a high chance of getting full marks. They inhaled deeply and were flabbergasted.

It had been a mistake on their part to ask such a question to a prodigy like Huo Yao.

Shortly after Yi Lianfan came downstairs, he got called over by the Principal and the Dean as well.

The Principal cleared his throat and turned to smile kindly at Yi Lianfan. "Lianfan, how did you find the questions?"

The question remained the same.

Yi Lianfan went quiet for a couple of seconds before he raised his head and glanced at Huo Yao. "It was okay."

Their faces turned grave instantly when they heard him saying the same thing as Huo Yao. "And?"

Could these kids not make themselves any clearer?

Were they trying to mess with the teachers?

Yi Lianfan could not help feeling startled when he detected the strange expression on their faces. "I think... I will probably come second again."

Both the Principal and Dean were speechless yet again.

His reply resembled Huo Yao's words yet again. Did these two gang up or something? Could they not elaborate on their replies?

Yi Lianfan had no clue about the thoughts going through their minds. Instead, he turned to look at Huo Yao. "I solved the last question using the method you showed me this morning."

Huo Yao raised her brow and nodded. "That works too. They are similar, all you need to do is apply the knowledge."

"Oh, in that case, I will definitely score the second highest marks." Yi Lianfan nodded seriously.

The Principal and the Dean gave each other a look when they heard this. These bandits were definitely colluding with each other.

Yi Lianfan raised his head to check the time before asking Huo Yao. "My cousin offered to take me around Tsing University. Do you want to join us? I heard their canteen is famous for good food."

Huo Yao wanted to turn Yi Lianfan down until she heard him talking about the food. Instead, her eyes glinted. "That's really nice of your cousin."

Chapter 267: What Are You Going To Major In?

It did not dawn on Yi Lianfan that Huo Yao would actually accept his invitation after turning him down yesterday. After being nonplussed for a second, he said, "Why don't we head over there straight away since it happens to be lunchtime now?"

"Sure." Huo Yao nodded.

They bowed to the Principal and the Dean before leaving. The two men finally composed themselves after the students had gone.

"When did Yi Lianfan become so close to Huo Yao?" The Dean touched his chin. "I heard Yi Lianfan refused to admit defeat to Huo Yao and even went to her classroom to challenge her earlier."

The Dean paused when a thought struck him. "Don't tell me they're dating?"

Was it not common for campus competitors to end up dating?

This was unacceptable.

The Principal's lips twitched when he heard the ridiculous things that the Dean was spouting. His eyes landed on top of the Dean's head. "Do you know why you're bald?"

The Dean instinctively touched his shiny bald head and felt indignant.

Why did the Principal suddenly drag his thinning hair into this?

"Yi Lianfan clearly only admires her. It's admiration, do you understand?" The Principal shook his head angrily before he walked off.

The Principal suddenly paused after walking a long way.

He had a nagging feeling that something had slipped his mind. He narrowed his eyes and contemplated for a while before he gave up and walked out of Tsing University.

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Tsing University's canteen looked great and served such good food that it could rival a restaurant.

Huo Yao already felt that the canteen at No.1 Middle School was pretty good. However, she suddenly realized what a frog in the well she had been, as she sat in Tsing University's canteen.

Yi Lianfan's cousin was called Yi Feiyu and was a sophomore and a top student in the Physics faculty. He had refreshing good looks. He sported a pair of black spectacles, and had a warm, cheerful personality.

Since he had been paying close attention to the National Quiz Contest, his eyes were filled with admiration for Huo Yao.

After lunch, Yi Feiyu took Huo Yao and his cousin around Tsing University and told them a little about the history of the university.

Tsing University was split into many zones. Since the campus grounds were widely spread out, Yi Feiyu brought them straight to the Research Institute in the Physics faculty.

“Oh yes. Junior Huo Yao, what are you planning to major in?” Yi Feiyu knew that Huo Yao would become a Tsing University undergrad sooner or later, so he called her junior right away.

Huo Yao contemplated before she replied. “Probably Bio, but I’m considering Physics and Chem too.”

Yi Lianfan looked surprised to hear this. She was particularly good at Physics and Chemistry, but she unexpectedly wanted to major in Biology.

Yi Feiyu adjusted his glasses. “Physics is better. You won’t end up dealing with all the dry data analysis that you do in Bio.”

The Physics faculty was pathetically small compared to the other Tsing University facilities, mostly due to their professors’ high standards. However, Yi Feiyu could not help wanting to get someone as talented as Huo Yao to join the Physics faculty.

He could not allow such a pretty junior to slip away.

Yi Feiyu paused and continued before Huo Yao had the chance to reply. “Come on. Let me show you the labs.”

Huo Yao checked the time on her wristwatch before she nodded and followed Yi Feiyu.

The laboratories were located on the third floor of the Research Institute. Yi Feiyu brought them up using the elevator. He swiped his pass at the lift and it opened with a ding.

Chapter 268: Most Influential Professors

Yi Feiyu swiped his pass again in the lift and pressed for the third floor. “Sadly, it’s the weekend. If you came on a Monday, you could get to see how the Physics experiments are conducted.”

The lift arrived as they spoke.

Yi Feiyu walked out and pointed out various things which were being experimented. He also told them about the zones which were off-limit. He treated Huo Yao and his cousin already as his juniors.

Yi Feiyu brought them to the third classroom in the corridor. He swept his pass again, and the automatic glass door opened.

“This is where our lab classes are held.” Yi Feiyu stood at the door and pointed at the equipment inside without bringing them in.

After looking around the laboratory for about ten minutes, all of them walked downstairs.

Yi Feiyu kept convincing Huo Yao to join the physics faculty as they walked down. Halfway through, a few Tsing University professors came walking in their direction.

Yi Feiyu instantly pulled them both aside with a reverent look on his face.

“These are Tsing University’s most influential professors. Lower your heads and keep quiet when they walk past,” urged Yi Feiyu with fear in his voice.

Although there were no rules against bringing the juniors in, it was not advisable to do so.

Huo Yao stood behind Yi Feiyu and lowered her head obediently.

An imposing aura swept over the students as the Tsing University professors came over. Yi Feiyu clenched his fists nervously and said, "Afternoon, Profs!"

The professor in the lead belonged to the Physics department, and he glanced towards Yi Feiyu indifferently.

Since Huo Yao and Yi Lianfan both had their heads lowered, they could not see their faces. He merely took them as Physics undergrads and gently waved before he continued walking towards the research building.

However, the last professor suddenly halted when he walked past Yi Feiyu.

Yi Feiyu's body stiffened and he raised his head cautiously. It was Professor Zhao from the Biology faculty who was looking intently at Huo Yao. Yi Feiyu instinctively wanted to move forward and block Huo Yao from his view.

All the other professors halted and turned to look in their direction when Professor Zhao stopped.

Cold sweat trickled down Yi Feiyu's forehead instantly, and he did not dare move a muscle.

He stammered. "Prof... Prof Zhao... These are my middle school junior and my cousin. They were here for the National Quiz Contest, and I wanted to show them around after they were done."

Yi Feiyu was so nervous that he could not even remember what he said.

Yi Lianfan realized the stature of these professors when he noticed how nervous his cousin was. Yi Lianfan suddenly felt guilty about asking Yi Feiyu to show them around.

It would be awful if his cousin got punished because of them.

In comparison to how anxious Yi Feiyu and Yi Lianfan were feeling, Huo Yao was particularly calm.

Huo Yao had her head lowered when she detected Professor Zhao staring at her and found it odd. She contemplated for two seconds before she raised her head and looked back at him.

Chapter 269: Oh, It's Huo Yao

After seeing his face, Huo Yao quickly recalled that he was the professor whom she met at the Principal's office a few days ago.

Zhao Lian was the honorary member of the Education Association and Tsing University's Biology professor.

Huo Yao composed herself and nodded unhurriedly. "Hello, Prof Zhao."

Zhao Lian looked into Huo Yao's calm eyes and nodded. Despite his usual sternness, he warmed up a little to her. "I knew you looked familiar. I didn't realize it was you, Huo Yao."

Yi Feiyu raised his head in surprise when he heard Professor Zhao sounding so friendly.

Yi Feiyu thought he was going to get reprimanded. However, it turned out that Professor Zhao and Junior Huo Yao were acquainted.

Also, Professor Zhao seemed to be particularly warm towards her. The students in the Biology faculty had always commented that it was like sitting in the North Pole when they attended his classes.

He was cold and stern.

Huo Yao smiled gently. She glanced at Yi Feiyu before she replied politely. "The contest just finished. I came over out of curiosity after bumping into Senior Yi Feiyu."

Zhao Lian said, "Oh, I see."

Then he continued. "No harm visiting the campus ahead of time."

He paused for a second and said in a gloomy tone, "Why didn't you visit me at the Biology Research Institute?"

Did that old geezer, Yu He, purposely send Huo Yao to the Physics faculty?

The Principal of No.1 Middle School's name was Yu He.

Huo Yao was stunned to hear Professor Zhao's question. How could an ordinary middle school student, who was yet to undergo the college entrance exam, wander around Tsing University as she pleased?

Zhao Lian detected the surprise on Huo Yao's face and could not help saying in an odd tone. "Didn't your Principal tell you anything?"

Huo Yao recalled the Principal only asking about her results after the contest, so she shook her head.

Zhao Lian instantly scoffed in his heart. Yu He did not take her to the Biology department and sent her to the Physics faculty instead. This decade-long friendship was over.

The Principal was on his way back to the hotel after lunch when he suddenly sneezed hard. He rubbed his nose and felt as though someone was cursing him behind his back.

"Hmm? You two aren't students from my faculty, right?" asked the Physics professor after he glanced at Huo Yao and Yi Lianfan. The Physics professor had gone far but turned back when he noticed Zhao Lian staying back and talking to the students.

First, Professor Zhao and now even the Physics professor got involved. Yi Feiyu was on the brink of tears. He shivered as he explained. "P-P-Prof, these middle school seniors are here for the National Quiz Contest. We happened to be from the same city, so I was showing them around..."

The Physics professor nodded when he realized what was going on. He did not get upset. Instead, he turned to Zhao Lian and asked perplexedly. "Lian, do you know these students?"

Zhao Lian cleared his throat and said, "Uh huh. They are from Yu He's middle school."

The Physics professor was rather surprised. He could not help taking a second look at Huo Yao and Yi Lianfan and asked them. "How did you do in the heats yesterday?"

Since the National Quiz Contest finals just wrapped up, their results were yet to be released.

Before Huo Yao and Yi Lianfan said a word, Zhao Lian replied. "They are the top students from Yu He's school. Of course, they did well."

Then Zhao Lian paused before waving at the Physics professor impatiently and said, "Enough. Stop asking so much. Let them leave."

Chapter 270: The Forgotten Professor Zhao

Zhao Lian quickly yanked the Physics professor away before he could ask anything further. The other professors naturally said nothing and went along their way.

After they left, Yi Feiyu heaved a long sigh of relief. He felt completely sapped after the encounter.

"These professors are very influential in the academic circle. Oh God! I get so terrified each time I see them," muttered Yi Feiyu.

Huo Yao glanced at him quietly. Regardless of age, it was a student's natural instinct to be afraid of their teacher.

Although Yi Lianfan did not seem as frightened as his cousin, he was still stunned by their imposing aura.

Yi Lianfan could not help looking sideways at Huo Yao. She was certainly far more confident, considering how composed she was, when she spoke to the professors.

Was she really a young girl?

She was completely unperturbed!

"How did you get to know Prof Zhao?" asked Yi Feiyu curiously.

Huo Yao went silent for two seconds before she replied. "It's not that I know him. I simply met him once."

Yi Feiyu could not help touching his nose. Did they only meet once?

Judging from how friendly Professor Zhao was behaving earlier, it certainly did not seem like a simple encounter.

"Feiyu, Huo Yao and I will go back to the hotel. If we bump into any more professors, you might land into trouble," said Yi Lianfan.

Yi Feiyu scratched his head awkwardly. "Sure."

"Thanks," said Huo Yao to Yi Feiyu politely.

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Shortly after Huo Yao and Yi Lianfan left Tsing University, the Principal finally recalled what he had forgotten and called Huo Yao.

Huo Yao looked at the majestic Tsing University school gates with the phone in her hand.

“... We just left Tsing University.”

The Principal headed out of the hotel entrance as he said, “Wait for me at Tsing University. I’ll be right over.”

Zhao Lian wanted him to bring Huo Yao to the Biology faculty, but it had slipped his mind.

Huo Yao instantly stopped walking and asked him quizzically. “Why?”

Yi Lianfan halted beside her too.

“Do you remember Prof Zhao? I want you to meet him.”

“Oh, we already bumped into him on campus,” replied Huo Yao candidly.

The Principal was about to cross the street when he heard this. “Have you met?”

“Uh huh,” answered Huo Yao softly. She recalled how the professors looked like they were off to an important meeting and added softly. “I think he is busy.”

She was implying that they should not hold Professor Zhao up.

The Principal contemplated before saying, “Fine. Since Lian is busy, I won’t disturb him. In any case, he has a pretty good impression of you.”

The Principal hung up the phone shortly.

Since then, the Principal got blacklisted by Zhao Lian for a long time.

Huo Yao placed her phone inside her pocket. They reached the hotel before long.

The National Quiz Contest was over, and the results would get released only at 3:00 pm. Their flight was scheduled for 7:00 pm. Many of the students were discussing in the group chat regarding where to go during this time.

The Dean reminded them to be careful before letting them go.

Huo Yao sat in the chair to rest after she got back to her room. After contemplating briefly, she sent Min Yu a text message.