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Chapter 541: Incessant Reminder Of His Mistake

The moment Wei Mingzhe caught sight of Huo Yao, his expression turned uneasy for a moment.

He could not help feeling regretful when he recalled how he had pushed her into the Experimental Class because he was judgmental and ended up losing his title as an outstanding teacher.

Huo Yao did not care about Wei Mingzhe. Even though he was around, she did not bother to greet him. It was not like he taught her any subject.

She quickly left the office.

Wei Mingzhe paused at the entrance for two seconds before he entered the office. After he came in, the Head of Math waved at him holding a test paper.

“Mingzhe, come over and take a look at Huo Yao’s solution for Part B. It’s really incredible.”

The moment Wei Mingzhe heard Huo Yao’s name, he instinctively paused. He clenched his hands slightly before walking over. His eyes landed on the test paper.

The first thing he saw was not the solution. Instead, he looked at the score mentioned there.

“180 marks?” Wei Mingzhe’s voice trembled a little.

He had yet to check on the scores for the Math League, but he had seen the part B questions.

Hence, he was shocked looking at Huo Yao scoring full marks.

The Head of Math nodded. “Huo Yao scored full marks for both parts. She is the only person in the city to have a perfect score.”

Wei Mingzhe’s throat felt a little dry as he stared at her script without saying a word.

“I think her solution is very advanced and highly inferential. Aren’t you deeply interested in Math research? You should print a copy of her answers...”

The Head of Math could not stop talking about research once he started. He was full of praise for Huo Yao and failed to notice Wei Mingzhe’s expression.

Also, he was unaware of the misunderstanding between Huo Yao and Wei Mingzhe, so he did not hold back.

Wei Mingzhe looked awkward the entire time. He interrupted the Head of Math when he could no longer stand it and found an excuse to leave the room.

After the Head of Math inadvertently kept reminding Wei Mingzhe of the error of his ways, he watched as Wei Mingzhe hurriedly left the office and felt puzzled.

He finally snapped out of his daze when the Principal sought him out.

“The Math League results are out, Huo Yao will probably be ranked first in the country. Prepare the documents and head over to the Education Association to carry out the handover.”

The moment the Principal came into the office, he got straight to the point and looked proud.

The Head of Math glanced at the Principal and said in surprise, "Now? Aren't we getting ahead of ourselves?"

The Principal waved his hand and sat down in a chair before he said, "I am not anxious. I just want glory for our school. If we win the right to host the next Math League, everyone will look at us differently."

Nothing major had happened for No.1 Middle School in a long time and it was finally the time for things to change.

The Head of Math contemplated briefly before he nodded. "Okay. I will head over to the Education Association with the paperwork, the moment the international ranking is released."

"Good."

The Head of Math walked up to the water dispenser and filled a cup of water for the Principal. "Oh yes. How did you get your hands on Huo Yao? In theory, a student as brilliant as her should not have gone unnoticed."

The Principal took the water cup from him and beamed. "It's a secret."

Chapter 542: Foster Mother

The Head of Math's lips twitched. Since the Principal was reluctant to share the details, he did not keep probing. Instead, he said, "Huo Yao is very talented in Math. I think we should groom her..."

Before the Head of Math finished his sentence, the Principal instantly knew what he was driving at, so he interrupted him impatiently. "She is also very talented in Physics. Her Physics ought to be as good as her Math..."

The Head of Math went quiet.

The Principal paused before he added. "The head of Tsing University's Physics Research Institute invited her to join his faculty as well."

The Head of Math went quiet.

He had even brought up the Tsing University Physics head. Fine! He did not want to go on talking about this. Since Huo Yao was a great talent, everyone wanted her. He had no right to take her as a disciple.

"Is that all?" The Head of Math felt exhausted and did not feel like chatting anymore. He wanted to drive the Principal away now.

The Principal glanced at him and said, "That's all."

He stood up and placed his hands behind his back before he walked out.

The Head of Math sighed to himself before he put the test script into a drawer. He went back to his desk and turned on an instant messaging tool on his computer. He reached out to the Education Association to ask about the paperwork for the handover.

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After school, Lu Xia bumped into Huo Yao on the campus. The moment she caught sight of Huo Yao's nonchalant look, she felt particularly disgusted.

In the past, Lu Xia might have mocked her, but she quickly strode towards the school gates today. After she left the gate, she saw her family car waiting by the roadside and saw He Xiaoman standing outside the car.

Lu Xia's eyes dimmed. She turned her head and glanced in Huo Yao's direction. Huo Yao had yet to come out. Lu Xia clenched her fists slightly before she walked over to He Xiaoman.

After she came close to her mother, she stood before her and deliberately blocked her view. "Mum, did you wait long?"

He Xiaoman looked at her daughter and replied indifferently. "Not really. I just got here."

The moment she finished speaking, she took a step to the side and raised her head to look at the school entrance as though she was looking for someone.

Lu Xia clenched her fists slightly and ignored the action. She smiled and said, "Let's go, Mum."

"Hang on," said He Xiaoman distractedly.

The smile on Lu Xia's face started to look a little forced. "...Mum, who are you waiting for?"

He Xiaoman said nothing but kept looking at the school's entrance. The moment she saw Huo Yao at the gate, her expression clearly changed, but she continued standing where she was without walking over.

By now, it was hard for Lu Xia to ignore her mother's expression even if she wanted to. She found it unfathomable for her mother to act like she was a thoughtful mother towards Huo Yao when she clearly despised the girl.

Lu Xia inhaled. She did not want to see her mother like this, so she said calmly, "I'm getting in."

Before her mother could respond, she opened the back seat car door and got in. She exerted slightly more strength while closing the door, so it shut with a loud thud.

He Xiaoman was startled by the sound. She frowned and seemed displeased, so she turned around for a look. However, the black car window made it impossible to see anything inside.

He Xiaoman shifted her gaze back to look at Huo Yao until the girl got into the Rolls Royce which was parked on the side of the road.

Chapter 543: Her Biological Daughter Couldn't Compare To Her Foster One

He Xiaoman finally looked away when the car had gone some distance. She turned to open the back seat car door and got in.

Lu Xia clenched her fists so hard that her nails nearly dug into her flesh while she observed her mother's every gesture.

This sight was absolutely ironic!

Her so-called biological mother came to pick her up from school, out of the blue, only to see Huo Yao. This meant that even though she was her biological daughter, she meant nothing to He Xiaoman.

She had lost her status as a celebrity and was incapable of making the family proud, so she also lost the right to be loved. This was the true nature of her family.

He Xiaoman flicked her nails as she glanced at the rearview mirror. After some time, she collected herself but did not offer any explanation. "Are the Math League results out?"

"Uh huh." Lu Xia turned to look out of the car window and replied calmly. She had already composed herself.

"How much did you get?" asked He Xiaoman casually.

If Lu Xia did not already know Huo Yao's scores, she would have felt that she had done really well and would confidently say that she scored 263 marks...

Lu Xia closed her eyes briefly before telling the result to her mother.

"263 marks? What about your ranking?" asked He Xiaoman while smoothening her hair.

"15th in the city."

The moment He Xiaoman heard this result, she did not seem particularly proud. Instead, she asked her. "What about Huo Yao? How was her result?"

Lu Xia knew that her mother would ask about this. She pursed her lips slightly and was incapable of suppressing her sarcasm. "It's not like we are in the same class. Why would I know her results?"

He Xiaoman frowned. "Aren't the results for such competitions released publicly? How could you not know?"

Lu Xia raised her hand to press her forehead. She closed her eyes and leaned into the car seat for some time before she replied. "Mum, why are you asking about her?"

He Xiaoman was surprised by her question.

"Will you only be happy when you find out that your biological daughter can't compare to your foster daughter?"

Lu Xia's voice sounded upset and she clearly could not take it anymore.

Anyone would be upset if their biological mother kept asking about the foster daughter's situation. Moreover, her mother had not raised her foster daughter for even a day before tossing her to the countryside.

He Xiaoman looked annoyed. "I don't like your attitude."

Lu Xia was a very sweet and thoughtful girl when she first returned to the Lu family and would never behave so rebelliously. Many of her friends kept saying how lucky she was to have such a sweet daughter. She was the envy of everyone.

But Lu Xia was not a sweet daughter now. She kept speaking implicitly and had even learned to talk back to her.

Lu Xia's eyes landed outside the car window without the slightest warmth.

It probably was not her attitude that He Xiaoman had a problem with. She must dislike her altogether.

Lu Xia stopped talking. The more she spoke, the more displeased He Xiaoman would become.

Before long, the car arrived at their villa.

After Lu Xia got out of the car, she headed straight into the villa without looking at her mother.

He Xiaoman watched from behind before she said to the butler angrily, "Just look at this girl. Her attitude is getting worse by the day."

The butler glanced in Lu Xia's direction before he veered his eyes and comforted He Xiaoman. "Don't be angry. After everything that happened online to her recently, it is understandable for her to be in a foul mood."

Chapter 544: A High Chance Of Winning The Bid

He Xiaoman pursed her lips. "She acted recklessly and disgraced the family... Never mind. I don't want to talk about it anymore. Is my husband back yet?"

The butler nodded. "He is already home and seems to be in a mighty good mood."

A look of surprise emerged on He Xiaoman's well made-up face. "A good mood?"

The company had been busy working on the bid and her husband was worried almost every single day.

The family had been working hard to advance in the real estate industry. The old city district was due for some remodeling, so their company had been working day and night for almost six months on this bid. Now they had finally reached the crucial stages of the bid and were waiting for the authorities to get back to them.

"Uh huh. Maybe he received some good news." The butler nodded. He was unaware of what went on in the company. He had simply observed that Mr. Lu was in a good mood.

The moment He Xiaoman heard this, she quickly took her purse and walked into the villa. The butler followed behind her.

Her husband sat on the couch in the living room and smiled while speaking on the phone. Anyone could tell that he was in a good mood judging from the smug look on his face.

He Xiaoman put her purse by the side and listened to his conversation while she quietly sat beside him. After he hung up the phone, she asked him. "Who were you talking to?"

Her husband placed his phone on the coffee table before he leaned into the couch leisurely and crossed his legs. He turned to look at He Xiaoman. "Just a friend I made in the business world. They seem to think that we might win the bid, so a lot of people have been calling me recently to ask about it."

He Xiaoman looked delighted. "The bid? Did we make it?"

If they won the bid, Lu Corporation would rise in the ranks to become one of the top ten businesses in this city. The Lu family would also gain more respect in high society.

Just the thought of it made her excited.

Her husband took a glass of water from the butler and slowly took a sip before he said, "Although the authorities haven't come to a decision yet, we will probably win the bid."

Despite her joy, He Xiaoman recalled a matter and asked him. "Didn't I hear you saying that we had a low chance of winning the bid? What happened? Why did things suddenly work out?"

Lu Xia came downstairs after she changed into her homewear to see her parents chatting in the living room. She paused briefly before she headed to the side and poured herself a glass of warm water.

He Xiaoman's husband felt puzzled by their success as well and said, "My contact working for the government told me that his superior was very strict about selection when we first put the bid in, so the moment they detect any failings, we will get eliminated. Also, our company is new in the real estate industry and lacks edge over the other companies."

He paused before he added. "Strangely, my contact said his boss seemed rather interested in our company and asked if I was acquainted with the mayor's secretary. If I was acquainted with him, Lu Corporation would have ended up a lot bigger."

He sighed as he spoke.

He Xiaoman's eyes gleamed. "The mayor's secretary? Was he the one who took interest in Lu Corporation?"

"Probably." He nodded. "But I don't know him and I have never met him before, either, so this is quite strange."

Chapter 545: We Must Win The Bid

He Xiaoman contemplated briefly before she suggested. "Why don't we find out more about the secretary? He suddenly took interest in our company, so it doesn't seem right if we don't show our sincerity."

He Xiaoman's husband turned to look at her sideways and seemed to be considering her suggestion.

Since they were speaking loudly, Lu Xia could hear a part of their conversation with a glass of water in hand.

A bid? The mayor's secretary?

Lu Xia leaned against the kitchen cabinet as she went into a brief daze.

She could vaguely recall that in her past life, the Lu Corporation wanted to expand into the real estate industry. They took part in the bidding of a government project involving the old city district but did not win it.

Also, some problems arose within the municipal administration. A high-ranking government official fell ill, so the old city district project was held back. The Lu Corporation had invested a lot of funds into the project but ended up losing every dime.

"Why are you standing there in a daze?" Lu Ziming had just finished his homework and was coming downstairs when he saw Lu Xia in deep thought and could not help asking her.

Lu Xia snapped out of her daze. She glanced at Lu Ziming before she straightened herself and headed to the living room without answering him.

She sat on the couch with her glass before she asked them with a straight face. "Mum, Dad, is the company bidding for a project?"

Since He Xiaoman was in a rather good mood, all her anger towards Lu Xia had dissipated, so she acknowledged her gently. "Lu Corporation wants to expand into real estate. If we win the bid, it will help us with those plans."

Lu Xia automatically rubbed her water glass. After some time, she pretended to ask curiously. "What are our chances?"

"If everything goes smoothly, we might just win it." Although her father did not phrase it with certainty, he seemed to be confident. He made it sound as though they had already won the bid.

Lu Xia's lips parted as she looked at her father. She wanted to speak, but He Xiaoman had turned around to carry on with the subject. Since they were chatting intently, she did not get the chance to interrupt again.

"Why don't you buy your government contact some dinner and find out more about this secretary? I will ask some friends of mine who are married to government officials as well. We should do our best to improve our chances for the bid," said He Xiaoman.

Her husband uncrossed his legs and nodded. "I was just thinking the same thing. These are important times for the company. Now that the opportunity is knocking on our doors, we must grasp it firmly in our hands."

"Yes. Regardless of how much money we have to spend, we must win the bid." He Xiaoman's eyes were filled with a desire for power and reputation. After all, people always wanted more.

Lu Xia frowned as she listened to their conversation. Even though she should not have butt in, she could not resist saying. "I don't think we should bribe him. To begin with, it's not easy to win a government bid. Also, this is the old district we are talking about, so our chances of winning the bid are even slimmer. After all, there are plenty of other companies with..."

Before she finished her sentence, her father interrupted her. "What would a kid like you know about business? Stop sharing your unsolicited opinion."

Her father was a little annoyed. His daughter had ruined his good mood entirely, so he failed to notice anything amiss when she let it slip that it was a government bid for the old district.

Chapter 546: The Lu Family's Short-sightedness

Lu Xia looked at her father and could tell that he was unhappy, so she instantly looked away and stopped talking.

These people were so shortsighted.

No wonder Lu Corporation was unable to go far in her previous life.

He Xiaoman glanced at Lu Xia and could not help reproving her. However, she did her best to control her temper when she spoke to her earnestly. "Auspiciousness means a lot to businessmen, so stop talking like this from now on, okay?"

Her father had always been a superstitious man, so he could not help feeling annoyed when Lu Xia told him to give up.

Lu Xia frowned before she acknowledged softly. "Got it." She paused for a few seconds before she added. "If you trust me, you should drop this bid as soon as you can."

The moment she finished her sentence, her father became really furious.

"You are getting more and more insensible by the day..." He Xiaoman glanced at Lu Xia before she turned to comfort her husband.

Since they refused to heed Lu Xia's warning, she pursed her lips and stood up with the glass in her hand. "I'm going back to my room to revise."

She left the living room and quickly went upstairs without even looking at Lu Ziming when she bumped into him at the staircase.

Lu Ziming pursed his lips. He was still holding his phone and playing a video game as he swaggered over to the living room and sat down on the couch like a privileged brat. "Mum, don't you think Lu Xia has become a little odd recently?"

Lu Xia used to be so proud, but now she acts as though their entire family had done her injustice.

He Xiaoman turned her head to look at her son and said angrily, "How could you call her by her full name? She is your big sister after all."

Lu Ziming continued looking at his phone. "I wouldn't dare to keep such a scheming older sister around."

He Xiaoman shook her head. She recalled something and said, "You are turning 16 in a few days, so your father and I are planning a big party for you. You are welcome to invite your school friends to join us."

Lu Ziming had just finished the game when he heard what his mother said. He looked up at her. "Huh? It's just a birthday. Do you have to plan a big party?"

"That goes without saying. You are the future of our family, so we have to throw an impressive party," said He Xiaoman.

Lu Ziming contemplated before he asked her. "Can I really invite anyone?"

He Xiaoman looked at him and asked rhetorically. "Who do you want to invite?"

"That crazy girl," blurted Lu Ziming.

He Xiaoman looked puzzled.

Lu Ziming coughed once before he placed his phone in his pocket and said, "I meant Lu... Huo Yao."

He Xiaoman finally realized who he was referring to. In the past, she would have reprimanded her son for inviting Huo Yao of all people. But now things had changed.

Since she wanted to learn more about the Huo family, she did not seem angry at all when she nodded and agreed readily. "Sure thing."

Lu Ziming did not expect his mother to be open to his suggestion, so he glanced at her quizzically. When he noticed that she was not angry, he continued. "I wonder if she will even come."

Lu Ziming could not help feeling infuriated when he recalled how fierce and arrogant that crazy woman was when he had waited for her outside No.1 Middle School previously.

A long time ago, he vaguely recalled hearing his parents mention how poor the Huo family was. Now that his parents were throwing him a grand party, it was the perfect opportunity for him to make Huo Yao envious and remind her of the hard times she fell upon after leaving the Lu family.

Chapter 547: Is The Guy Living Next-Door Your Tuition Teacher?

Lu Ziming looked excited as he contemplated the scene in his heart. He could not wait for his birthday to come.

Despite He Xiaoman's curiosity about why her son wanted to invite her foster daughter for his birthday party, she said, "I will ask her about it when I see her."

Lu Ziming nodded. He decided to find the time to visit No.1 Middle School next week.

After all, Huo Yao had a bad temper, so she probably would not come to the Lu residence.

Lu Ziming went back to his room.

Only He Xiaoman and her husband remained in the living room. Her husband broke his silence and looked at He Xiaoman strangely. "I thought you didn't like her."

She had reacted very strangely when their son asked to invite their foster daughter to his birthday party.

He Xiaoman had not told her husband about the Huo family since she was still unsure of the situation. She merely coughed before she narrowed her eyes and said, "It's not that I don't like her entirely. After all, she has lived with us for over ten years, so I have feelings for her more or less."

Although he had a feeling He Xiaoman was withholding something from him, he did not probe any further. Instead of spending his energy thinking about someone unrelated to him, he would rather focus on the bid.

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Meanwhile, at the Huo residence.

Song Ning happened to finish making dinner when Huo Yao got home, so Song Ning told her to wash her hands and join them.

Huo Yao noticed her second older brother's briefcase around when she put down her bag. She could not help raising her brow. Had he finally dared to come home?

Huo Yao went to the dining room after washing her hands to see her parents already sitting at the dining table. She pulled out a chair and sat down. "Where's Brother Tingrui? Isn't he already home?"

Huo Jinyan instinctively looked annoyed when she brought up Huo Tingrui.

Song Ning took a piece of pork ribs and gave it to her daughter before she replied unhurriedly. "Oh him? He went next door to say hi."

Huo Yao went speechless. "..."

"How long has he been gone?" Huo Yao held her chopsticks as she asked softly.

"Not too long. About a few minutes before you got back," replied Song Ning. She paused before she added. "But he said that it's your tuition teacher living next door."

The moment Song Ning finished her sentence, Huo Jinyan raised his head in shock. "Huh? Your tuition teacher?"

Huo Yao pressed her forehead.

Well done. Her stupid second older brother had gotten her into trouble again.

Huo Jinyan's eyes landed on Huo Yao. "Is your tuition teacher living next door?"

Huo Yao forced a smile. At this point in time, what else could she say? She nodded. "... Yes."

Huo Jinyan instantly placed his chopsticks on the table. "Why didn't Tingrui tell me about something as important as this? He is really asking for it."

He stood up as he spoke.

Huo Yao's temples throbbed, and she had an ominous feeling about this. "Dad, what do you want to do?"

"I want to go next door." Huo Jinyan pulled out the chair.

Huo Yao just knew it.

Huo Yao put down her chopsticks and looked at her father somewhat seriously. "Quit messing around."

Huo Jinyan instinctively stopped moving. "I kept telling you that I wanted to see your tuition teacher."

"He's not free." Huo Yao pointed at the chair and gestured for her father to sit down. She tried to explain gently. "... He doesn't like having visitors."

Huo Jinyan sat down obediently before he looked at his daughter in a quizzical manner. He certainly did not buy that.

Chapter 548: Miss Huo, Help!

Song Ning did not react as strongly as her husband. "Since Tingrui is already there, it's a bad time for you to go. Don't go over and disturb the man."

Huo Jinyan shook his head and said, "You don't get it."

The man was not simply a tuition teacher.

Song Ning glanced at him sideways. "Enough. Finish your dinner and stop causing trouble."

Huo Jinyan bit his lip in silence. "..."

He eventually stopped trying to go next door.

Huo Yao watched as her parents interacted. Even though they were just talking, she felt as though they were showing a public display of affection.

Before long, the three of them finished dinner.

Huo Yao wanted to go upstairs but she thought about the time and pulled out her phone to text Huo Tingrui: [Brother Tingrui?]

Huo Tingrui was next door when he heard his phone ping. He pulled out his phone. He glanced at it but did not reply. Instead, he placed the phone back into his pocket.

Huo Tingrui coughed dryly before his eyes landed on Min Yu once more. Five words popped up in his head as he looked at Min Yu's fair complexion and unusually gorgeous looks.

He was a pretty boy.

"Oh yes. Where are you teaching now?" Huo Tingrui sat on the couch with his body straightened and legs crossed to create a powerful aura.

Min Yu kept smiling at Huo Tingrui in a gentlemanly fashion. "I am on leave." He responded unhurriedly.

"Are you jobless?" Huo Tingrui adjusted his glasses. Despite his warm expression, he did not play nice.

Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi looked at each other once more while they stood nearby and listened to the conversation.

"This future brother-in-law of his is quite argumentative," commented Zhuo Yun as he touched his nose.

Ever since this second older brother-in-law arrived at their door to visit them, it was clear that this was no social call. Instead, he was here to inspect their boss. Huo Tingrui seemed worried that Min Yu would steal his baby sister.

If only his baby sister was an easy target!

"That's just his second older brother-in-law. How many brothers does Miss Huo have again?" asked Yang Yi after a brief silence.

Zhuo Yun coughed before he raised four fingers. "If every single one of them is like his second older brother-in-law, I think our boss will have to stay single for the rest of his life."

Yang Yi glanced at him. "Shut your gap."

Zhuo Yun looked at the situation in the living room and thought for a moment before he took out his phone and opened WeChat.

Yang Yi raised his brow and asked him. "Are you telling Miss Huo about this?"

Zhuo Yun lowered his head and typed as he replied. "Of course. We need her help. Also, it's the perfect time to observe her reaction."

Yang Yi felt Zhuo Yun made sense, so he did not stop him.

Huo Yao did not hear back from her stupid fourth older brother. Instead, she received a text message from Zhuo Yun.

[Miss Huo, help.]

Huo Yao's lips twitched when she tapped the message and read it. She replied to Zhuo Yun with a question mark.

Zhuo Yun raised his head to look at Huo Tingrui from behind. Instead of composing a text, he pondered for two seconds before he found a good angle and took a shot of Huo Tingrui's profile with his phone.

Huo Tingrui's chin was raised high in the picture. He looked a little arrogant and seemed like he was here to make trouble.

Zhuo Yun felt that it was the perfect shot and sent it to Huo Yao.

Chapter 549: Did Not Want His Little Sister To Get Cheated

Huo Yao pressed her temples as she sensed a headache coming on after she received the photo.

It seemed to be in her stupid second older brother's personality to act domineeringly at someone else's place.

Huo Yao put her phone back into her pocket. She went to the kitchen to her father, who was doing the dishes, and told him that she was heading out. She left the place without waiting for him to respond.

She raised her hand to place her hand on the fingerprint lock when she arrived next door.

The moment she entered the door, she bumped into Zhuo Yun on his way out.

Zhuo Yun wanted to meet Huo Yao and get the door for her. He was startled when she entered on her own, so he glanced at the main gate.

Huo Yao raised her finger and explained. "Min Yu already input my fingerprint for the door."

Zhuo Yun was instantly enlightened. He felt that his boss was certainly efficient. After he suggested giving Huo Yao access to the villa, his boss got it done quickly.

He did it so quickly that Zhuo Yun did not even have the chance to show up and help.

Zhuo Yun coughed before he said, "Why don't you come in?"

Huo Yao nodded. She headed to the villa unhurriedly. After she entered the place, she saw her slippers sitting in the cabinet, so she took them out deftly and put them on.

Huo Tingrui continued to sit in the living room with his back straight with both hands on his knees and raised head. From every angle, he looked extremely arrogant.

Huo Yao pressed her forehead. She walked over stealthily without making a sound and stood near Huo Tingrui.

"Mr. Min, my little sister has good grades now, so she doesn't need tuition anymore. She is already guaranteed a spot at Tsing University. However, I must thank you for teaching her."

Huo Tingrui had a smile on his refined face as he kept talking to Min Yu very politely.

Huo Tingrui had no intention of visiting this place today. However, he had inadvertently bumped into Min Yu driving into the estate today when he drove over.

Thanks to Huo Tingrui's superb memory, he swiftly recognized the car.

It was the same car that was parked outside for a long time at their villa entrance before his little sister finally got off.

The car was parked outside their place for at least 10 to 20 minutes. Why would his little sister stay in his car for so long if he were just a tuition teacher?

Also, Min Yu was very young and Huo Tingrui's baby sister was pretty. No one could be sure if Min Yu had any evil intentions. Huo Tingrui did not want his little sister to get cheated, so he had to visit next door to clear up the matter.

Min Yu saw Huo Yao walking in as Huo Tingrui spoke. He could see her standing motionlessly with her beautiful eyes flickering as she looked at her older brother from behind.

Min Yu lowered his eyes to suppress his cold aura and relaxed his shoulders and suddenly put on a submissive look. He seemed absolutely vulnerable and it looked as if he was getting bullied and was incapable of retaliating.

He coughed dryly before he looked at Huo Tingrui and said slightly gently, "Mr. Huo, there is no need for this deliberate courtesy. I get what you mean."

The moment Huo Tingrui heard Min Yu, he inexplicably felt as though he was bullying him. He narrowed his eyes with a look of puzzlement on his face.

Min Yu was clearly very argumentative earlier on. Why did his attitude suddenly change?

Chapter 550: End Up Getting Played

Huo Tingrui tossed the odd feeling he felt behind him and continued. "I'm glad you get it, Mr. Min. After all, my sister is young and innocent and is at the age when she is easily misled."

Huo Yao went speechless.

What kind of bullshit was this?

"Uh huh. I get it." Min Yu glanced at Huo Yao before he acknowledged softly and promptly lowered his head so that no one could see his expression.

Huo Tingrui uncrossed his legs and prepared to stand up to leave when someone suddenly pushed his shoulder down. He raised his head slowly and saw Huo Yao smiling ambiguously at him.

Huo Tingrui was dumbstruck.

Oh god.

When did his little sister get here?

Why had he not heard a sound?

After some time, Huo Tingrui shifted his eyes sheepishly and gave her a nervous smile. "Yao... When did you get here?"

"If I didn't turn up, I would never have learned how concerned you are about me." Huo Yao spoke airily as she looked at him.

Huo Tingrui felt a chill running down his spine when he heard her tone, even his legs went soft. He did not even know what he was saying. "Well... it is my job to take care of you since I am your older brother."

He promptly transformed into a coward.

He lost every drop of arrogance.

Zhuo Yun almost tripped over the mop when he heard this while he pretended to mop nearby.

From the looks of it, this second older brother-in-law was just a paper tiger.

"Uh huh. You must be quite free to run all the way here to act on your concern for me." Huo Yao nodded seriously and squeezed Huo Tingrui's shoulder every now and then.

Huo Tingrui instantly got afraid when he felt her squeezing his shoulder. "Ahem ahem. Yao, I simply came over to thank your tuition teacher. I honestly didn't mean any harm."

Huo Tingrui looked at Min Yu sitting across from him. "Right, Sir?"

He even changed his salutation and greeted Min Yu as a teacher. He was clearly getting desperate.

Instead, Min Yu continued to act vulnerable as he replied sadly. "Your brother is right. I will be more careful from now on."

Huo Tingrui was flabbergasted.

Be careful of what?

When did he mention this?

Huo Tingrui could not help turning to look at his little sister. His heart skipped a beat when he saw the smile in her eyes. Had his little sister mistaken him for a bully?

"Brother Tingrui, you are so naughty." Huo Yao shook her head and sighed.

Huo Tingrui explained himself hurriedly. "Yao, listen here. It's not what you think."

Huo Yao pulled her hands back and said, "Dad has been wanting to buy dinner for my tuition teacher. How do you think he would feel about this?"

Huo Tingrui's lips hastily twitched. He could not help trembling as he thought about how his parents taught him a lesson just a few days ago.

Huo Tingrui raised his head to look at Min Yu. He finally realized why this pretty boy suddenly had a change in attitude earlier on. He was just putting on a show for his little sister.

Huo Tingrui was furious. In the past, he was always the one putting on the act. He never dreamed that he would end up getting played like this!

It was simply infuriating!