

## **Pill Maker 601**

### **Chapter 601: Are You Still Leaving?**

"That's it." Lu Ziming pursed his lips.

He had barely spoken to Huo Yao before she scared him off with her powerful aura.

"Who are you talking about?" Lu Xia could not help asking quizzically.

Lu Ziming was not close to Lu Xia, so he did not want her to know about him looking for Huo Yao and his failure to get her to talk.

Since He Xiaoman was in a bad mood, she said impatiently, "He was looking for Huo Yao."

Lu Xia could not help looking annoyed the moment she heard this. Every time her mother picked her up recently, it was always because of Huo Yao.

Now even her biological little brother was looking for her.

What on earth was going on?

Had they found out that the Huo family was rich and wanted to get close to her?

Lu Xia shook her head in slight ridicule without asking further.

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Huo Yao and Huo Yulin arrived home 20 minutes later.

Huo Jinyan and Song Ning had already received Huo Yulin's call that he was coming home, so they were waiting at the villa for him. They had not seen each other for more than two years.

Song Ning's eyes turned red the moment Huo Yulin entered the villa. She extended her hands and wanted to hug her son, but he dodged her.

Sadness swept across Song Ning's eyes briefly. However, she put down her hands and pretended that nothing had happened. She pulled his suitcase into the house.

Song Ning was stunned to find the suitcase particularly light when she held it. A complicated expression appeared on her face. She seemed a little upset and disappointed amongst other emotions.

Huo Yao turned around after changing into her slippers and spotted her mother's expression. She could not help feeling puzzled and said, "Mom?"

"Uh huh." Song Ning composed herself and forced a smile before carrying the suitcase into the living room.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes. Her mother's face seemed a little off. She turned to look at her third older brother while he spoke to their father. There was something amiss with her father's expression as well.

There was clearly something going on.

Huo Yao entered the living room quizzically.

Huo Tingrui was told about Huo Yulin coming back, so he set aside his work and came back early.

The moment he saw his younger brother, he sighed as he patted Huo Yulin's shoulder. "I'm glad you're back."

"Uh huh." Since Huo Yulin was unaccustomed to physical contact, he instinctively cringed even when it was his second older brother touching his shoulder.

Huo Tingrui was aware of Huo Yulin's habits, so he did not get upset by Huo Yulin's reaction.

They sat in the living room and chatted while Huo Yao went to the kitchen to cut some fruit and brought it over. She sat down quietly and listened to their conversation.

Huo Tingrui sat with his legs crossed and hands on his knees as he looked at his younger brother and asked him. "Are you back for good this time?"

The moment he finished his sentence, Song Ning and Huo Jinyan looked at Huo Yulin. Song Ning was especially anxious.

She had discovered that his suitcase was particularly light when she helped to bring it in earlier, so she felt a little upset.

Huo Yulin detected his mother's anxiety and suddenly felt a little guilty in his heart. He turned sideways and looked at his parents guiltily. "Mom, Dad, I'm so sorry..."

Song Ning choked the moment she heard him apologizing. She was doing her utmost to stop her tears from flowing out, but they trickled down her face uncontrollably. Before he finished his sentence, she said, "Are you still reluctant to come home?"

Her voice was filled with agony. Huo Jinyan's eyes could not help turning red when he saw this, so he reached out to her, wanting to console her.

## **Chapter 602: Blew His Cover Unexpectedly**

Huo Yulin did not expect his mother to get so agitated the moment he opened his mouth. He hurriedly stood up nervously. Since he was an introvert and not much of a talker, he parted his lips and scratched his head for a while before he said, "Mom, you didn't give me the chance to finish. I am not planning to go back this time."

Song Ning continued to sob a little as she looked at him with her eyes red. "Huh? Say that again?"

Huo Yulin looked at her and repeated himself. "I'm really not going back."

"Then why is your suitcase so light?" asked Song Ning.

She was afraid that Huo Yulin was just saying it to console her.

"I do want to come home for good, but I need some time to finish the paperwork, so I didn't bring everything back," explained Huo Yulin.

Song Ning promptly said, "Then will you suddenly change your mind?"

“Since he has made up his mind to come home, he won’t change it.” Huo Jinyan sounded relieved.

Although his third son had spent three years abroad, he was keenly aware that Huo Yulin meant what he said.

“In that case, don’t bother going back this time. Your eldest uncle can help you take care of the paperwork.”

Song Ning had been waiting for her third son to come home for three years. Now that he had agreed to come back, she was terrified that he might change his mind.

The moment she finished her sentence, Song Ning fished out her phone from her pocket and wanted to make a call.

Before she managed to find the number, Huo Jinyan took the phone from her. “It’s midnight over there. It’s the wrong time to call.”

Song Ning kept thinking about how to make her son stay and forgot about the time difference. She slapped her forehead when she realized her mistake.

She asked Huo Yulin several times whether he was really home for good before she finally had peace of mind.

Then she got up and headed to the kitchen since she had been halfway through preparing soup before he came home.

Since Huo Jinyan noticed how emotional she was, he followed her to the kitchen.

Only the three siblings remained in the living room.

Huo Yao sat slightly further from Huo Yulin. She looked particularly adorable as she curled up on the couch quietly.

Huo Yulin could not help thinking about the time his little sister stayed at his place and kept a one meter distance between them. In hindsight, he felt that she might have done it thinking he was unwell because of his sickly complexion.

Huo Yulin went quiet briefly before he explained. “Yao, I am not sick. I just look pale from staying indoors for long periods of time doing research without any sunlight.”

Huo Yao was caught by surprise. She looked at him and felt at a loss.

Huo Yulin cleared his throat. Although he felt awkward bringing this up, he was a candid man. “... There’s no need to keep a one meter distance from me.”

Huo Yao finally realized what he was talking about. She raised her head with an ambiguous smile on her face as she glanced at her second older brother sitting across from her.

She remembered her stupid second older brother telling her to stay one meter away from her third older brother before she visited him. Huo Tingrui had said that Huo Yulin did not like people coming close to him.

Huo Tingrui could not help trembling when he saw Huo Yao suddenly casting a strange look at him.

One meter? A thought suddenly crossed Huo Tingrui's mind and he promptly stood up. "Oh! I think I should go help in the kitchen."

The moment he finished his sentence, he left the room at top speed. It seemed as though his life was at stake if he lingered for even a moment longer.

Oh no! Huo Yulin had blown his cover unexpectedly.

Huo Yulin perplexedly looked at Huo Tingrui from behind as he ran away in terror.

### **Chapter 603: The Capital's Research Institute Would Be Happy To Have You**

Huo Yao pressed her forehead. She felt she had to explain this to him. "I was just worried that you weren't used to it."

When Huo Yulin saw the serious look in Huo Yao's bright eyes, he nodded in acknowledgment.

It seemed he was overthinking the matter.

"Brother Yulin, do you still have insomnia?" Huo Yao crossed her legs and changed her pose as she leaned into the couch and asked him casually.

Huo Yulin responded happily the moment she asked about the quality of his sleep. "Your incense worked. Ever since I started using it, I haven't lost a single night of sleep."

Although he was still suffering from heart palpitations, he had stopped having nightmares.

"I have been reading psychology books recently. Let's try something soon," said Huo Yao.

Even though she was a highly skilled physician, she was not trained in psychology. However, she did not mind giving it a shot.

Huo Yulin lowered his eyes slightly. A complicated emotion flooded his heart. He had decided to come home after he saw the text message from Huo Tingrui.

Although he had only spent a few hours with his little sister, she was surprisingly thoughtful and even studied psychology for his sake.

After seeing his fair share of the dark side of human nature, he had lost a lot of hope in people.

Perhaps his biological sister was genuinely different.

Huo Yulin's expression turned soft as he replied to Huo Yao. "Sure."

Right then, the doorbell rang. Huo Yao put her feet down and was about to get up to open the door. But since Huo Tingrui had already walked over, she sat back down on the couch.

Huo Yulin and Huo Yao resumed chatting about something else.

Huo Yanxi entered the living room to see Huo Yao and Huo Yulin chatting happily and instinctively halted in his steps. He was happy when he found out that his third younger brother was home, but he suddenly felt sad.

He once had the opportunity to chat with his little sister just like Huo Yulin, but he single-handedly destroyed their relationship due to his bias towards Lu Xia.

Huo Yanxi's throat turned dry. However, he suppressed the emotions flooding his heart, and walked over. "Yulin, welcome home."

Huo Yulin stood up and nodded when he saw his eldest brother. "Hi, Yanxi."

Huo Yao did not stand up. She simply looked at him calmly and greeted him before looking away.

Huo Yanxi clenched his hand in his pant's pocket before he acknowledged her softly and acted as though everything was normal.

He sat down on the couch and looked at Huo Yulin as he asked. "What are your plans? Are you going to stay this time? Or are you going back to the research institute?"

Huo Yulin straightened his back with his pale face looking unusually serious. "After I am done handing over at the research institute, I plan on coming home."

Huo Yanxi nodded. "The research institute in the capital would be happy to have you."

The moment he mentioned the research institute in the capital, Huo Yao pricked her ears and pondered. She recalled that Lei Xiao was at some research institute as well.

Was it the same one Huo Yanxi was talking about?

Huo Yulin pursed his lips with a confident look on his face. "I haven't decided yet."

'Uh huh. There's no hurry for you to decide. Oh yes. How is our eldest uncle doing?" asked Huo Yanxi.

Huo Yulin shook his head helplessly. "Same ol' same ol'. Nothing can be done about the problems he has due to his old ailments."

Huo Yanxi chatted more with Huo Yulin while Huo Yao sat beside them. She neither interrupted them nor felt awkward.

#### **Chapter 604: Huo Yao Knows Some Medicine**

Dinner was ready before long.

At the dining table.

Song Ning looked at her sons and her baby girl sitting together and could not help feeling touched. "All of you are finally here today."

Huo Jinyan especially went to the wine cellar to retrieve a bottle of red wine. He poured a glass for everyone but stopped in the end and poured his daughter a glass of juice.

Huo Yao went quiet.

Huo Yao did not speak much while eating and replied every now and then when someone spoke to her. She was not deliberately being quiet owing to Huo Yanxi's presence. It was simply her habit to do so.

Although her parents were delighted that their third son was back, they remained attentive to their daughter and the meal turned out to be a pleasant affair.

Ever since Huo Yanxi committed those mistakes, he did not have the cheek to come home. He only mustered the courage to come today as his third younger brother was back.

Huo Yanxi sat at the dining table and felt unsure whether he was home to see his younger brother or for some other reason. He noticed how quiet Huo Yao was and he did not speak much either. Instead, he spent most of his time drinking wine.

Initially, Huo Yulin did not detect anything amiss. However, he faintly noticed that something was wrong when his eldest brother and little sister did not interact throughout the meal.

After they were done eating, Huo Yulin privately asked Huo Tingrui about them.

Huo Tingrui contemplated before he candidly explained their misunderstanding briefly.

Huo Yulin went quiet for some time before he said, "Brother Yanxi trusted Lu Xia too much."

Although Huo Yanxi and Lu Xia had been siblings for over ten years, he should not have misjudged his biological younger sister.

The moment Huo Yulin mentioned Lu Xia, his expression turned a little glacial. A cold light radiated off his pale face under the light.

Huo Tingrui looked at his third younger brother. He wanted to pat his shoulder but clenched his hand and decided against it at the thought that Huo Yulin did not like physical contact.

"It's time for you to let go too."

Huo Yulin smiled sadly as he shook his head and looked into the distance. "I really wish I could."

"Oh yes. Are you still suffering from insomnia?" asked Huo Tingrui when he recalled the matter.

"It's a lot better lately. I have Yao to thank for the incense that she sent me." Huo Yulin felt the incense was amazing. He had tried using another incense that aided sleep previously, but none of them worked.

His little sister's incense performed unexpectedly well.

The moment Huo Tingrui heard about this, he sighed. "I think Yao knows some medicine. I have to admit that her incense is really good."

Huo Yulin acknowledged gently.

Inside the living room.

Huo Yao and Huo Xiang were playing video games while Huo Yanxi rubbed his forehead and felt giddy after having a little too much red wine.

Song Ning noticed how drunk Huo Yanxi was, so she prepared a concoction to help alleviate his tipsiness, but it did not work.

After Huo Yulin came back from chatting with Huo Tingrui, he caught sight of Huo Yanxi in this state. He examined him before he said, "Brother Yanxi, have you been socializing a lot lately?"

Huo Yanxi turned his head sideways to glance at Huo Yulin. "Nope."

"I think you have had too much to drink lately. Why don't you go to the hospital for a physical check-up tomorrow?" suggested Huo Yulin.

Song Ning was stunned briefly. She composed herself and asked him. "Too much to drink? I don't recall you to be much of a drinker."

Huo Yanxi lowered his eyes and did not answer her. Instead, he supported himself using the couch and stood up. "It's getting late. I should head back."

### **Chapter 605: Who Was Her Eldest Uncle?**

Huo Yanxi walked around the coffee table and headed out the moment he finished his sentence. However, he stumbled after taking two steps. Fortunately, Song Ning got to him in time.

Song Ning said worriedly, "How can you go back like this? Why don't you stay the night?"

Huo Yanxi steadied himself before he forced a smile. "I have called someone over to drive. Mom, don't worry."

"How can I let you go? I will not have a peaceful mind letting you leave you on your own in this state." Song Ning frowned before she said to Huo Tingrui, "Take your brother to his room."

Huo Yanxi instinctively raised his head and looked at Huo Yao who was nearby. She had put her phone away and looked calm. Perhaps since he was looking at her, she raised her head and glanced back at him.

However, she said nothing.

Huo Yanxi felt slightly sad.

Huo Yanxi ended up staying the night at Song Ning's insistence.

After Huo Tingrui sent Huo Yanxi to his room, Song Ning contemplated before turning to talk to her daughter. Before she could say something, Huo Yao's voice reached her.

"Mom, have an early night. I'm heading back to my room."

Song Ning said, "Yao, Yanxi is..."

Huo Yao sighed and said, "Mom, do you think I am a petty person?"

Huo Yanxi and Lu Xia had been siblings for over a decade, it was natural for them to have feelings for each other.

She would rather spend the time reading than bear a grudge over what he did.

Song Ning wanted to say more but could not bring herself to say anything when she saw her daughter's nonchalant expression.

Huo Yao smiled before she picked up her phone, said good night, and headed upstairs.

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After she went back to her room, Huo Yao washed up and started to read the psychology books that Min Yu had given her.

She wanted to examine Huo Yulin's pulse today but did not get the opportunity.

Before long, someone knocked on her door.

Huo Yao placed the book on her pillow, and pulled the blanket off. She put on a jacket before getting the door.

Huo Yao blinked when she saw her third older brother standing at the door.

Huo Yulin was holding a box. He handed it to Huo Yao and said, "I have a gift for you."

Huo Yao's eyes landed on the box. It was slightly big and wrapped with gift wrap, so it was impossible to see what it was.

Huo Yao did not dare to take the present when she recalled the three large boxes of revision material that Huo Yulin had given her previously. In theory, there might be more revision material in this box.

She had PTSD towards revision material now.

Huo Yulin cleared his throat and looked upset when she did not take the gift. "I wasn't sure what you liked. Since you took great interest in the electronic products at my place, I got you a laptop."

Huo Yao felt relieved to hear it was a laptop and promptly took the box from him. "Thanks, Brother Yulin!"

The specifications of the computer in her room were genuinely terrible. Since she did not use the internet much, she had not taken the effort to replace it yet.

"You're welcome," said Huo Yulin before he retrieved a small box from his pocket and gave it to her. "This is from our oldest uncle."

This was not the first time Huo Yao heard about their eldest uncle. She hesitated before reaching her hand out to take the box as she asked him. "Who is our eldest uncle?"

Ever since she returned to the Huo family, she had not heard about any relatives nor did she pay much attention to the details of their extended family.

## **Chapter 606: Huo Yulin Gave Her A High Spec Laptop**



Huo Yulin scratched his head as he thought about their eldest uncle's stern face and could not help feeling a chill run down his back.

He promptly said, "He is a little difficult to get along with. You will find out slowly when you have the chance to see him."

"Okay. Help me thank him for the gift." Huo Yao waved the box in her hand.

"Uh huh." Huo Yulin nodded. "It's getting late. Have an early night."

"Sure. You too." Huo Yao took the gifts and closed the door before pausing to stick her head out through the gap in the door. She asked him sweetly. "Oh yes. Do you still have the incense?"

"Uh huh. I brought them with me."

Huo Yao replied with a nod. "Good night." She closed the door before long.

A faint smile suddenly appeared on Huo Yulin's skinny face before he turned and headed back to his room next door.

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Huo Yao retrieved a penknife from her desk drawer and opened the big box that Huo Yulin had given her.

Sure enough, there was a laptop in it. Even though its brand was unknown, judging from its surface, it was certainly not a normal laptop.

Huo Yao raised her brow before she placed the laptop on the table. She opened it, and turned it on.

It took no more than three seconds to switch on.

Since it was a new laptop, there was nothing on the screen other than a few icons for applications that came installed with the factory settings.

Huo Yao pulled up the chair and typed on the keyboard swiftly. Before long, she finished checking the computer specifications.

She was rather surprised at the outcome.

This laptop was top of the line and consisted of the most advanced processor and chip-set. Also, its firewall was clearly created by an expert.

Huo Yao thought about the high technology appliances installed at Huo Yulin's estate and felt that it was probably not hard for him to get his hands on this laptop.

Huo Yao gathered her thoughts before she proceeded to test the laptop. She took out her phone and plugged in its data cable and connected it to her computer.

She went ahead and sent a text message: [Are you there, my boy?]

The moment she sent the text, she received a reply in no more than three seconds.

Unknown Person: [... What do you want now, kid?]

Huo Yao glanced at her phone screen without replying. She quickly typed on the keyboard while the code ran on her computer monitor.

20 seconds later, the black background with code disappeared and a video popped up on her monitor.

A man dressed in a floral shirt with a thick gold chain on his neck could be seen in the video. Since he was holding his phone very low, only his chin was visible while his face could not be seen.

Huo Yao raised her brow before she typed: [You have a bad aesthetic sense, my boy!]

Unknown Person: [???

Huo Yao rubbed her fingertips on the screen before she replied: [What's with the gold chain?]

After Huo Yao clicked send, she crossed her legs and leaned into the seat, watching the man freeze on the video.

A flood of cursing came over the phone.

In an instant, the man in the video disappeared and the screen turned black.

"Tsk tsk." Considering his delayed reaction, it was no wonder that he could only play second fiddle.

Huo Yao removed the data cable from her phone unhurriedly and did nothing to explain her actions before she turned off her phone and closed the laptop.

She was undoubtedly happy.

Several text messages popped up on her phone screen in one go.

## **Chapter 607: Learned Acupuncture**

Huo Yao picked up her phone and scrolled through the text messages.

Unknown Person: [Oh god! Why did you hack into my phone in the middle of the night kid?]

Unknown Person: [What has my phone done to offend you?]

Unknown Person: [Why are you hacking my laptop and phone? Have you fallen for me? Thanks but I'm not gay.]

Huo Yao's lips twitched.

She tapped on the screen: [Oh. I got a new laptop and was just trying it out.]

Unknown Person: [Did it have to be me?]

Huo Yao stopped chatting with him. She looked at the computer quietly before placing her phone on the table and taking out the velvet box.

The box was clearly intended for jewelry.

Huo Yao hesitated for two seconds before she opened the box to see a diamond-embellished bracelet inside. Since its design was minimal, it suited girls her age.

Huo Yao took out the bracelet and looked at it. Just as she was about to place it back in the box, she noticed something unusual about its clasp.

Huo Yao held it close and scrutinized it for some time before she smiled knowingly.

The bracelet was installed with a GPS device.

It was not intended for the use of tracking someone but more for emergencies.

Now that her eldest uncle had given her this gift, she suddenly felt curious about him.

After all, an average person was incapable of getting their hands on such high-end devices.

Huo Yao placed the bracelet back in the box. She thought about what she should give in return after receiving such expensive gifts.

She recalled hearing that her mysterious uncle was unwell earlier during the dinner.

In that case, it would be easy for her to return the favor. After all, she was good at treating patients.

Huo Yao tapped her fingers on the table and stopped thinking about it. She stood up and went back to bed.

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The next day.

Huo Yao got up early in the morning as usual and prepared to go for her morning run.

After she went downstairs, she saw Huo Yulin was awake as well. She walked over in surprise. "Brother Yulin, are you up already?"

Huo Yao went closer and noticed how haggard he looked. He clearly did not have a good night's rest.

She frowned at the sight.

Huo Yulin had a glass of warm water in his hand. The moment he saw his little sister walking over, he slightly clenched his other hand to conceal the pills and placed his fist by the side of his body.

"I'm still suffering from jet lag," said Huo Yulin softly.

Huo Yao lowered her eyes and inadvertently looked at his right hand. However, she raised her head nonchalantly and asked him. "Did you use the incense last night?"

He had used the incense last night but was still unable to sleep, so he decided to take some sleeping pills.

Huo Yulin nodded and replied. "I forgot to light one."

Huo Yao did not expose him. She contemplated for two seconds, raised her hand to check the time and decided not to go for a run today. She said, "Shall I try some acupuncture on you?"

“Huh?” Huo Yulin looked at her in surprise. “Acupuncture?”

Huo Yao nodded and said with a straight face, “I learned some acupuncture from an elderly Chinese physician when I was living in the countryside. I’m pretty good. If you let me treat you, I guarantee you a good night’s sleep.”

Huo Yulin went quiet for a few seconds. However, the thought of getting good sleep was so enticing that he could not pass it up, so he cleared his throat. “Will I take up a lot of your time?”

Huo Yao waved her hand. “It’s fine. It’s still early.”

“Okay then.”

Huo Yulin quickly went upstairs with Huo Yao.

### **Chapter 608: Acupuncture Treatment For Huo Yulin**

Huo Yao walked up the stairs and said, “Brother Yulin, go back to your room. I will go and get my needles.”

Huo Yulin nodded. “Okay.”

Before long, Huo Yao came to his room with the box of needles.

She opened the box and said, “Can you lie at the foot of the bed? It would help make it easier for me to apply the needles.”

Huo Yulin did as she instructed and lay down in bed to look at the ceiling. Even though he was exhausted, it was impossible for him to sleep when he closed his eyes.

Huo Yao noticed the incense ash in the burner next to the coffee table when she took out the silver needles.

Huo Yao didn’t say anything and turned around to walk up to the bedside. Her thin hands landed on Huo Yulin’s temples and massaged the spots.

Huo Yulin closed his eyes as she rubbed his temples steadily. He quickly felt relaxed and comfortable.

Despite his little sister’s young age, she was particularly deft at massaging.

Huo Yulin was rather surprised.

After massaging his temples for a few minutes, Huo Yao picked up the needles and accurately applied them to two acupoints. She proceeded to take two shorter needles and applied them to si shen cong acupoint.

Si shen cong acupoint was best used for insomnia treatment. Silver needles had to be slowly pushed into the acupuncture point so that it could take effect. Hence, the treatment required patience and time.

Initially, Huo Yulin just wanted to give it a shot. However, he unexpectedly fell asleep unknowingly in no time and looked particularly relaxed.

Huo Yao glanced at him before she continued performing acupuncture. She put away the needles 20 minutes later.

Huo Yao checked to see that her brother was in a deep sleep before she disinfected the needles and replaced them in the box.

Huo Yao paused before she leaned against the bedside and held Huo Yulin's hand lying on top of the blanket.

He suffered from a weak heart and spleen, exhaustion, Qi deficiency, a weak pulse, and severe insomnia.

Other than that, he was anemic and had some problems with digestion. Apart from these issues, he was rather healthy.

Huo Yao stopped examining his pulse. She glanced around the room until her eyes landed on the long box lying on the table. She walked over and opened it to see that there was barely any incense left.

Huo Yao turned to look at Huo Yulin. She had given him enough incense to last three months, but he had used two months' worth of incense in a month.

The incense had clearly lost its effect on him.

Auxiliary treatment only worked in the short-term. His sickness had to be dealt at the root, psychologically.

Huo Yao quietly took her needles, and left the room.

Huo Yanxi's room was near Huo Yulin's room. Huo Yao looked up as she gently closed the door and saw Huo Yanxi walking out rubbing his temples.

She paused in her steps briefly before she went straight to her room and closed the door.

Huo Yanxi stood where he was with a splitting headache, but the pain could not compare to his disappointment.

He inhaled deeply before he went back to his room.

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At breakfast.

"Oh yes. Brother Yulin only managed to fall asleep in the morning. Since he is suffering from jet lag, he will probably sleep in today. Don't bother waking him up," said Huo Yao to her parents and Huo Tingrui at the dining table after she sat down.

Huo Tingrui's hand froze in mid-air with a coffee cup and he looked at her somewhat begrudgingly.

She barely knew Huo Yulin but was being so thoughtful towards him!

He was so unhappy!

## Chapter 609: Two Big Bosses In The Family

Huo Yao tilted her head sideways and looked up when she detected him staring at her. "Yes, Brother Tingrui?"

Huo Tingrui sneered and looked away proudly.

Huo Yao was clueless about his reaction.

Song Ning looked at her second son and shook her head. He pulled this stunt all the time. Was he ever going to tire of it?

"Oh yes. Is Yanxi up?" Huo Jinyan raised his head as he asked Huo Tingrui.

"I doubt it. After all the vomiting yesterday, he probably still feels sick," replied Huo Tingrui as he took a sip of coffee.

Huo Yao said nothing and continued eating breakfast.

Huo Jinyan nodded. "Then, go check on him later."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Tingrui.

Before long, Huo Yao headed to school.

It felt as though Huo Yanxi had deliberately waited for her to leave before he came down soon after Huo Yao left for school.

Since Huo Yanxi got drunk last night and did not have a good sleep, he was in a bad shape.

Song Ning handed him a cup of milk and could not help reproving. "You should drink less."

Huo Yanxi took the cup of milk and acknowledged her gently. He lowered his eyes as he drank the milk, and found it absolutely bland.

Huo Tingrui frowned when he saw his oldest brother act this way. "Are you under a lot of pressure lately?"

Huo Yanxi raised his head and replied distractedly. "I'm good." He paused but probably felt the atmosphere was weird, so he looked left and right before he asked randomly. "Where is Dad?"

"Oh. He sent Yaoyao to school," replied Song Ning.

Huo Yanxi clenched his hands slightly as he acknowledged his mother before lowering his head.

He recalled bumping into her when she left Huo Yulin's room in the morning. The moment they made eye contact, her eyes instantly turned cold and he could not help feeling annoyed.

Huo Yulin had only just come home.

Huo Yanxi put down his cup before he stood up and said, "I'm going to the office."

The moment he finished his sentence, he pulled out his chair and headed out without hesitation. From behind, it seemed as though he was trying to flee.

"Yanxi..." Song Ning looked at the door in a daze as he left.

Huo Tingrui adjusted his spectacles before he said, "He still feels awkward around her."

Song Ning went into deep thought.

After Huo Tingrui was done with breakfast, he got up and wanted to go to work. Song Ning suddenly remembered something and slapped her forehead.

Huo Tingrui looked at her perplexedly. "Mom?"

"Oh no. I forgot about something important. A friend of mine has some legal questions for you, so come back early for dinner tonight," said Song Ning.

Huo Tingrui narrowed his eyes quizzically. "Why can't you get her to head to my law firm?"

Why did his mother's friend have to come to their place?

It sounded simply strange.

Song Ning glared at him. "She is my friend. She might have something special to ask about."

"What's wrong with going to my law firm?" Huo Tingrui saw his mother glaring at him, so he paused mid-sentence and changed his words. "... Fine. I'll come back early."

His parents were the true bosses in the household. If he disagreed with either of them, they would come after him.

He could not provoke them, so he had no choice but to do as told.

Song Ning finally looked less angry. She waved her hand and told him to make himself scarce.

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By the time Huo Yulin woke up, it was already slightly past 4:00 pm. The curtains in his room were tightly drawn, so it was completely dark.

He lay quietly in bed for a few minutes before he lifted the blanket and sat up in bed. He felt a lot more invigorated.

Huo Yulin massaged his shoulders a little before he walked up to the window and pulled open the curtains. Light instantly flooded the room and chased away all the darkness.

## **Chapter 610: Guests Are Coming Over**

Song Ning was busy arranging things in the yard.

Huo Yulin walked up to the balcony and stood at the railing as he looked down, but did not interrupt her.

The cool winter breeze swept by and left his hair slightly disheveled. He was dressed in simple home wear with his collar slightly open. A faint scar could be seen under his collar. He crossed his arms before going back into his room.

A look of surprise swept across Huo Yulin's face when he checked the time on his phone.

He had slept from 7:00 am to all the way past 4:00 pm without using any incense or sleeping pills. He managed to sleep for so long solely due to his little sister's acupuncture.

He had tried acupuncture treatment before, but gave it up since it was useless. From the looks of it, his little sister was very good at acupuncture.

Huo Yulin gathered his thoughts and changed his clothes before he went downstairs.

Song Ning had just taken off her apron when she turned to look at him. "Woke up?"

Huo Yulin nodded before walking over to get himself a cup of warm water. He leaned against the cabinet as he watched his mother tidy up the place and asked her. "Are we expecting guests?"

Song Ning placed some flowers in a vase and said without even looking up, "Uh huh. I invited my friend and her daughter over for dinner."

Huo Yulin contemplated. Someone's daughter?

After Song Ning placed the vase in its spot, she turned to point at the kitchen. "Oh yes. I saved some food for you in the kitchen. Your little sister texted me in the afternoon to say you would wake up around this time. I'm surprised that she was spot on."

Song Ning shook her head in shock as she told him this.

Huo Yulin went into a daze after listening to her.

A strange emotion flooded his heart.

He had lived abroad for years with only cold robots for company, so barely anyone checked on him.

Song Ning did not interrupt when she saw him standing in a daze. Instead, she headed to the kitchen and brought out the food and placed it on the table. "Eat something first. My friend will be here any minute, so I have to brighten up the place and leave a good impression on her daughter."

Song Ning nagged a little before she left the dining room.

Huo Yulin composed himself and heard his mother talking about leaving a good impression on her friend's daughter. He was certain now that this was no ordinary dinner.

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After school, Huo Jinyan picked up his daughter from school and was in such a good mood that he even hummed in the car.

Huo Yao straightened her jacket as she tilted sideways and looked at her father. "You seem to be in a happy mood."



Huo Jinyan straightened his back with his hand on the steering wheel as he cleared his throat and said, "The stocks I bought made a little money."

Huo Yao's lips curved into a smile. She had a feeling that it was not as little as he made it sound.

He sounded exactly the same when he had claimed that his Rolls Royce, which cost a bomb, was inexpensive.

"We are expecting guests today." A thought crossed Huo Jinyan's mind before he told his daughter.

Huo Yao raised her brow. It was the first time that she heard about guests visiting their place. "Are they relatives?"

Huo Jinyan turned to glance at his daughter. "We are introducing a girl to your second older brother."

Huo Yao coughed.

Previously, they made Huo Tingrui attend a major matchmaking session. This time, they invited the girl to their villa straight away. From the looks of it, there was no escape for her older brother.

"Well, my second older brother isn't getting any younger, so it's about time he found himself a match," said Huo Yao with a straight face.

"I think so too," agreed Huo Jinyan as he nodded.

After all, he was the most annoying son out of the lot.

Huo Yao turned to look out the window. She suddenly remembered something and turned to ask her father. "How did Brother Yulin get insomnia in the first place?"