

## **Pill Maker 621**

### **Chapter 621: A Chance Encounter At School**

He Xiaoman wanted to reach out to Huo Yao on grounds of Huo Yao's previous ties as her foster daughter. From the looks of it, Huo Yao would refuse to talk to her even if her mother tried to help.

She was simply unfeeling.

He Xiaoman inhaled deeply and could no longer suppress her annoyance. "Are you that heartless?"

Huo Yao looked at her calmly. "I don't understand what you are saying."

The moment she finished her sentence, she left the broadcasting room.

The two students in charge of the broadcasting room were waiting outside. Even though they were standing next to the door, they could not make out the conversation inside. They looked at each other when they saw Huo Yao's expressionless face as she walked out.

He Xiaoman hurriedly went chasing after her.

Huo Yao was walking quickly after she left the broadcasting room. The offices were located on the other end of the corridor.

A group of people walked out of the principal's office. They were dressed in suits and gave off an aloof aura.

"Principal Yu, that settles it for the Department of Education's special concerns..." The Director of Education was still talking to Principal Yu with Lin Shuwen standing beside him. He looked at Lin Shuwen every now and then as he spoke.

Lin Shuwen was sending orders to his subordinates via text messages when he raised his head and caught sight of a familiar silhouette. He instantly stopped texting and headed towards the other end of the corridor.

The Director of Education stopped talking to Principal Yu and looked in Lin Shuwen's direction quizzically.

Principal Yu also turned to look and saw Huo Yao standing in the corridor.

"Hi, Miss Huo."

Huo Yao was about to walk back to class when she heard Lin Shuwen's voice. She halted and looked sideways as he walked over. "Secretary Lin?"

Lin Shuwen had suppressed his usual politician's aura as he looked at Huo Yao courteously. He smiled and explained. "I came to discuss some work."

Considering his status, he did not have to come over and say hi. However, she was on friendly terms with Min Yu and had saved Fang Chen. Since they were in school and there were not a lot of people walking around, he did not pass up on the opportunity to get close to her.

Huo Yao saw the principal standing nearby and a knowing look swept across her face before she said politely, "Don't let me interrupt."

"Well, I am almost done anyway. Oh yes. I recall you are a senior, right?" Lin Shuwen was free now, so he continued chatting with her.

Huo Yao nodded without talking much.

Principal Yu and the others walked over as well. "Secretary Lin, do you know Huo Yao?"

Principal Yu's voice sounded surprised.

Lin Shuwen acknowledged softly. "It so happens that I do know her."

Principal Yu smiled and said, "She was the student I was telling you about who has done our city proud. She stands a high chance of becoming the top scorer at the national entrance exam."

The Director of Education raised his head in surprise and looked at Huo Yao.

He was here at the school with Lin Shuwen to discuss new department objectives that he had to report about at the end of the year.

If the national college entrance exam top scorer came from their city, it would help with their superior's evaluation of their work.

He Xiaoman finally caught up with them. She had already seen Lin Shuwen from a distance and hesitated before coming over as she smiled with poise. "Hi, Secretary Lin and Principal Yu."

He Xiaoman was unacquainted with the Director of Education. Since he seemed like a powerful official, He Xiaoman only nodded politely to him.

## **Chapter 622: Deep Regret For Her Actions**

Huo Yao glanced at He Xiaoman quizzically.

Secretary Lin?

Did He Xiaoman know Lin Shuwen?

He Xiaoman's sudden arrival left everyone puzzled.

Lin Shuwen was stunned to see He Xiaoman around. After he composed himself, he automatically looked at Huo Yao to see a calm look on her face. For a moment, he did not know whether he should greet He Xiaoman.

Principal Yu frowned as he was unacquainted with He Xiaoman. Since Lin Shuwen and the Director of Education were both present and she seemed to know Secretary Lin, he turned to nod politely and asked her. "And you are?"

He Xiaoman looked at Lin Shuwen and contemplated before she introduced herself. "I am Huo Yao's mother."

The moment she finished her sentence, Huo Yao laughed.

No one was as thick-skinned as He Xiaoman.

Principal Yu looked perplexed. Did he remember wrongly? In his memory, she was not Huo Yao's mother.

Principal Yu looked at Huo Yao quizzically.

Huo Yao replied coldly when she noticed the Principal looking at her. "She isn't my mother."

He Xiaoman's smile froze. She did not expect Huo Yao to deny their relationship publicly.

"I see." Principal Yu nodded. He did not attempt to embarrass He Xiaoman and said tactfully, "If you are here to look for someone, you can go to our broadcasting room. They can make an announcement for you."

He Xiaoman bit her lip and looked at Huo Yao. "No need. I'm here to see her. She is my foster daughter."

Principal Yu finally realized that she was from the Lu family.

He recalled Lu Hongwen coming to the school to accuse his foster daughter of cheating during the National Quiz Contest.

Judging from Huo Yao's reaction, Principal Yu quickly remembered that they were not on talking terms, so he stopped treating He Xiaoman with as much courtesy.

"Pardon me. We are in the middle of a discussion, so please excuse us," said Principal Yu.

Principal Yu continued singing praises of Huo Yao to the Director of Education and Lin Shuwen deliberately.

He treated He Xiaoman like she was air.

He Xiaoman looked awkward but felt indignant about leaving. After all, it would make her look bad if she left.

Complicated emotions could not help rising in He Xiaoman's heart when she heard the praise the Principal had for Huo Yao.

All this time, her biological daughter had the best grades among her peers' children. A lot of the mothers in high society were envious of Lu Xia's impeccable grades.

They had to pay bribes to get their foster daughter accepted at a high school in the countryside in the past. How could she have such spectacular grades now that she was here?

The Principal had high hopes for Huo Yao and even sang her praise to big shots like Lin Shuwen. No matter how hard her biological daughter tried, she would never gain such glory.

If Huo Yao was her child, this glory would belong to the Lu family now.

He Xiaoman clenched her purse tightly. For the first time in her life, she deeply regretted ruining her ties with Huo Yao to the point that it was unsalvageable.

Lin Shuwen's phone rang from his pocket. He pulled it out and went to the side to answer it. After exchanging a few words, he hung up.

Lin Shuwen checked the time before he said to Principal Yu, "Pardon me, but we have to make a move now."

Principal Yu nodded politely. "Sure."

Lin Shuwen pursed his lips and said to Huo Yao, "Bye-bye, Miss Huo."

Huo Yao nodded.

He Xiaoman disregarded her awkwardness and the people present when she saw that Lin Shuwen was about to leave.

She hurriedly called out to Lin Shuwen. "Secretary Lin, one moment, please."

### **Chapter 623: On Account Of Huo Yao**

Lin Shuwen looked at He Xiaoman annoyingly. He knew what He Xiaoman wanted to talk about, so he halted to turn and looked at her. "Mrs. Lu, I think I already made myself very clear previously."

He Xiaoman gritted her teeth and said, "I just wanted to know whether you dropped Lu Corporation because of something my foster daughter said?"

Huo Yao was about to leave but halted when she heard her foster mother's words.

She narrowed her eyes quizzically.

Lin Shuwen pressed his forehead before he looked at Huo Yao and said deeply, "No, that's not the case."

He Xiaoman smiled mockingly when she caught on to their silent interaction. Why would he deliberately glance at Huo Yao if she did not have a hand at Lu Corporation's failure to win the bid of the government project?

Did they think she was stupid?

The more He Xiaoman thought about it, the more resentful she felt. She finally could not help saying angrily, "Everyone says you are incorruptible. From the looks of it now, I hardly think so."

Since it was impossible for Lu Corporation to win the government project now, she did not bother to hold her tongue back. She had to learn the truth today.

Lin Shuwen's face looked angry. If only he and He Xiaoman were around, he would not have even bothered to look at her. However, his peer from the Department of Education happened to be present as well. How could he tolerate such humiliation?

"Lu Corporation shouldn't have signed up for the bid if it wasn't good enough. Now that you have tried, we have to process it according to the rules. How could you question me about my ethics? Are you crazy?"

He Xiaoman went all out. "Heheh. Are you sure Lu Corporation wasn't good enough for the bid? Didn't you prioritize Lu Corporation's vetting because you thought highly of it?"

"Do you dare to swear that you had no part in ruining Lu Corporation's chances to win the bid?"

"Do you dare to swear that you didn't target Lu Corporation because of someone?"

He Xiaoman questioned Lin Shuwen repeatedly. Since she was highly emotional, even her face became flushed. She looked like she had suffered severe injustice.

Lin Shuwen suddenly laughed when he heard He Xiaoman's accusations towards him. He looked at her mockingly. "I thought I made it pretty clear that Lu Corporation had lost the bid previously. From the looks of it, you did not get the hint."

He Xiaoman frowned as she looked at him with her eyes burning. "Stop this grandiose talk. You used your power to foil Lu Corporation's bid. This is really an ethical problem."

Lin Shuwen shook his head. "I didn't want to embarrass you publicly and say it out loud. Since you are determined to find out the truth, I don't mind telling you. Why do you think we decided to fast-track Lu Corporation's vetting?"

He Xiaoman parted her lips and wanted to speak, but Lin Shuwen interrupted her.

"Do you think that highly of Lu Corporation?" sneered Lin Shuwen before he turned to look at Huo Yao and continued. "If not on account of Miss Huo, we wouldn't have even heard about the company, let alone prioritize its vetting..."

Huo Yao frowned when she heard this.

He Xiaoman found it unbelievable. "Impossible. You are simply shirking responsibility. I am certain that you deliberately sabotaged Lu Corporation."

How could he have fast-tracked Lu Corporation's vetting on account of her foster daughter? Why would he do such a huge favor for her sake?

If Lin Shuwen had done it because he knew someone in the Huo family, it would have been more plausible, but he said he did it for Huo Yao's sake.

Even if he wanted to find an excuse, he had to come up with something more solid.

## **Chapter 624: Shocked To Learn The Truth**

Lin Shuwen could sense He Xiaoman's disbelief, so he took out his phone and called the office right in front of her.

"Take a picture of the documents in my drawer and send it to me."

He quickly hung up when he was done giving the instruction.

"I will show you once and for all whether Lu Corporation is capable of qualifying for the bidding or not," said Lin Shuwen frostily.

He Xiaoman did not know what had come over her. Despite her previous confidence, she could not help feeling anxious now.

No way.

Lu Corporation must have made the cut. She was absolutely certain that they could qualify for the bid.

Before long, Lin Shuwen's phone pinged a few times and he turned it on unhurriedly. He expanded the picture that his subordinate had just sent before handing the phone to He Xiaoman.

"Have a look. This is the truth behind your wonderful Lu Corporation."

He Xiaoman's eyes landed on Lin Shuwen's phone. For a second, she did not dare to look at it. She had always stayed out of Lu Corporation's matters and simply knew that it was doing well.

Despite the inexplicable anxiety in her heart, she took his phone and looked at the image.

Lin Shuwen placed his hands behind his back and said, "Don't worry. Take your time. There is more than one picture in there. If you scroll down, there are still seven to eight images below."

He Xiaoman took the phone from him.

She saw one or two instances of when the company evaded taxes, a list of times when it broke the law, the company's asset evaluation, and its loan situation. Her face instantly turned ghastly pale.

He Xiaoman did not dare to continue looking at the rest of the photos. She was afraid that the problems listed below would only get worse than the ones on the first page.

Considering the amount of embezzlement going on in Lu Corporation, it was impossible for them to qualify to bid for the government projects.

Lin Shuwen smiled when he saw He Xiaoman's expression. "What do you think? Do you still think highly of Lu Corporation now?"

He Xiaoman took a step back instinctively. She was incapable of accepting the truth. "Impossible. How could this happen?"

Lin Shuwen pulled the phone from He Xiaoman's hand and shut it before placing it in his pocket. "This is the outcome of vetting your company. Anyone with brains would know whether the company had any chance of winning the bid, but you insisted on making trouble."

He Xiaoman's mind was in utter chaos. All her self-righteousness instantly dissipated.

Perhaps they had misunderstood the true meaning behind the vetting process.

Lin Shuwen felt he did not make himself clear enough, so he added. "To be honest, Lu Corporation only got the chance to get fast-track vetting because of Miss Huo. If not for her, you wouldn't have gotten shortlisted for vetting at all."

He Xiaoman stumbled yet again and was genuinely shocked to hear this.

Lin Shuwen suppressed his coldness and walked up in front of Huo Yao and explained somewhat apologetically. "I am so sorry. I wanted to do Lu Hongwen a favor when I realized that he was your foster father. But I ended up causing so much trouble."

Since Huo Yao was present, Lin Shuwen was keenly aware that he had to explain the situation to her.

Huo Yao obviously knew why Lin Shuwen wanted to do her this favor.

She was treating Fang Chen's illness, so Lin Shuwen wanted to repay the favor, but he had failed to realize she was estranged from her foster family.

No wonder He Xiaoman preposterously accused her of ruining the company's chances of winning the bid.

## **Chapter 625: I Am A Huo**

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Huo Yao looked at Lin Shuwen wordlessly when she realized what had happened. "From the looks of it, your investigation was poorly done."

Lin Shuwen detected a hint of sarcasm in Huo Yao's tone. He cleared his throat awkwardly and said, "I slipped up."

There was no point in explaining it further. His carelessness had resulted in this embarrassment and that was the fact. Moreover, He Xiaoman had accused him of corruption.

Huo Yao pursed her lips. Since Principal Yu was present there, she had to keep up her model student image, so she said sweetly, "Just to be clear, I am a Huo. From now on, don't make such mistakes ever again."

Lin Shuwen nodded. "It was my bad. Please forgive me."

Huo Yao stopped harping on the subject. Now that the show was over, she turned to look at Principal Yu. "I'm heading back to class."

The principal was still reeling in shock due to the events that just transpired. He simply acknowledged Huo Yao while he was in a daze.

Huo Yao nodded and turned to go back to class without casting a look at He Xiaoman.

Lin Shuwen had already wasted a lot of time on He Xiaoman. Since he was already done discussing work matters with the Principal, he and his colleague from the Department of Education proceeded to leave as well.

But He Xiaoman remained in a stupor. She watched everyone leave, with the things that Lin Shuwen had said reverberating in her ears.

If not for her foster daughter, Lu Corporation would not have even made the cut for vetting.

Also, they were given the opportunity for fast-track vetting purely on account of her foster daughter.

More importantly, he was trying to return a favor to Huo Yao and it had nothing to do with the Huo family.

What had her foster daughter done to deserve such a treatment from Secretary Lin?

He Xiaoman walked out of the campus dejectedly. She was holding her purse and her mind was in chaos.

He Xiaoman kept thinking about what had happened. Would Lu Corporation have had the chance of winning the bid if she did not have an estranged relationship with her foster daughter?

Lu Corporation might have even stood a chance to rise and become one of the top ten businesses in this city using Huo Yao's ties with the city government officials.

It was too late for all that now, and just the mere thought left her frightened and remorseful.

For a moment, He Xiaoman was genuinely filled with regret.

Judging from her foster daughter's attitude, she did not have a chance of repairing their relationship even if her mother had raised Huo Yao.

He Xiaoman was unclear how she made it back to the residence. Lu Hongwen finally came home after spending many days outside. The moment he saw He Xiaoman coming back with a sad look on her face, he frowned.

"What's with the long face?" Lu Hongwen sounded harsh.

He Xiaoman snapped out of her daze. She looked at Lu Hongwen and walked up to him quickly as though she did not catch what he said. Instead, she asked him. "How bad is the embezzlement in Lu Corporation?"

Lu Hongwen's face turned solemn the moment he heard her question. "What is this nonsense? Lu Corporation is in perfect shape."

He Xiaoman threw her designer purse on the couch. "Do you know why Lu Corporation did not make the cut for the bidding?"

Lu Hongwen sneered. "It was all because you suggested that we bribe Secretary Lin. You ruined our chances by pulling that tasteless stunt."

He Xiaoman exploded when she heard him continuing to push the entire blame on her.

## **Chapter 626: Fang Chen's Doctor Happens To Live Here**

"What do you mean by my suggestion? Didn't you agree the moment I suggested it? Also, don't you know fully well why Lu Corporation failed the bidding? The company has too many loans, lacks funds, and negative assets... Humph! There was no way we could have won the bid."

The moment He Xiaoman recalled the document that Lin Shuwen had shown her earlier, she could not help feeling anxious.

If anything major happened to Lu Corporation now, it might even go bankrupt.



She keenly recalled the company doing well in recent years. What happened suddenly?

Lu Hongwen narrowed his eyes. "Have you checked the company accounts?"

He Xiaoman pressed her forehead and sneered. "I didn't, but someone else certainly did."

Lu Hongwen frowned.

"Oh yes. Let me tell you. The only reason the government decided to fast-track Lu Corporation's vetting was thanks to our foster daughter. Otherwise, you wouldn't have even had the chance to brag about it." He Xiaoman smiled.

Lu Hongwen looked at her. "What do you mean?"

"Our foster daughter was the sole reason Secretary Lin took notice of Lu Corporation." He Xiaoman paused before she said in regret, "If your family wasn't so patriarchal, I wouldn't have treated her so badly."

If she did not ill-treat her, everything would be different now.

As for the Huo family... He Xiaoman contemplated before she finally decided against telling him her suspicions about them.

After all, it was useless to talk about it and Lu Hongwen already had the company to worry about at this moment.

"Are we too patriarchal? Don't make yourself sound so lofty. Ever since you threw the kid to the countryside, you never asked about her, so you are no better," scoffed Lu Hongwen.

He Xiaoman stopped talking and sat down on the couch dejectedly.

Lu Hongwen watched her while he thought about the things the crazy woman had just said.

Moments later, he asked her. "Do you mean Lin Shuwen has close ties with Huo Yao? Does that mean our company only had the chance of getting vetted because of Huo Yao?"

He Xiaoman did not feel like answering his questions. After some time, she replied softly. "Why don't you find out for yourself?"

"But I bet you won't be able to find anything about their connection. Enough. I am tired. I am heading back to the room." He Xiaoman picked up her purse before she went upstairs listlessly.

Lu Hongwen frowned harder.

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After Lin Shuwen left the campus, he received a call from Fang Chen. Fang Chen wanted him to head to his place, and retrieve his medical records to bring them to Fang residence.

Lin Shuwen asked Mrs. Fang quizzically as he handed her the records. "He is already recovering. What do you plan to do with these records?"

Fang Chen had only told Lin Shuwen to give his mother the medical records without explaining the reason, so Lin Shuwen was curious about the situation.

Despite her son's assurance last night that he was much better, she was still not ready to believe it. Instead of answering Lin Shuwen, she could not help asking him. "Did you gang up with my boy to lie to me about his condition?"

The moment Lin Shuwen heard what she said, he smiled. "You are overthinking it. I would never lie about something so important. Fang Chen is really doing much better."

Mrs. Fang scrutinized him briefly and stopped probing. She placed Fang Chen's medical history inside her purse before she took the car keys and prepared to leave.

"Go back to work. I am going out."

### **Chapter 627: A Prelude To Revealing Her Medical Skills**

Lin Shuwen was caught by surprise. He quickly picked up his briefcase and followed behind her. "Where would you like to go? Let me send you there."

Mrs. Fang halted. She mulled briefly and felt that Lin Shuwen probably knew her son's condition best since he had been taking care of Fang Chen all along. Hence, she did not turn down his offer and walked out as she said, "My friend's son just came back from abroad. He is a highly revered doctor, so I wanted to show him Chen's medical records."

The moment Lin Shuwen heard this, he was stunned. He wanted to tell Mrs. Fang not to bother. However, he could understand why she needed to hear it from a doctor herself no matter how good Huo Yao's treatment was.

Hence, he did not try to talk her out of it.

Lin Shuwen took Mrs. Fang to her friend's place and arrived 30 minutes later.

Lin Shuwen felt puzzled when they ended up in front of the Huo residence. He asked her. "Are you sure this is the place?"

Mrs. Fang failed to notice anything amiss with his expression. She undid her seat belt as she replied. "Uh huh."

Lin Shuwen pressed his forehead as Mrs. Fang opened the door and got out of the car. He parked the car by the roadside, turned off the engine, and got off as well.

Just as Mrs. Fang was about to press the doorbell, she noticed that Lin Shuwen was still around and had even walked over towards her. She could not help looking at him perplexedly.

Lin Shuwen explained to Fang Chen. "... It's such a coincidence. The doctor who treated Fang Chen happens to live here too."

Mrs. Fang went quiet.

Before long, Song Ning walked out to get the door for Mrs. Fang since she was already expecting her.

The moment Song Ning caught sight of Lin Shuwen, she was stunned. "Didn't you swing by to see my daughter previously... Mr. Lin, right?"

Since she was Huo Yao's mother, Lin Shuwen treated her courteously. "Mrs. Huo, nice to see you again. I am surprised you remember me."

Mrs. Fang was still wrapped in thought about Lin Shuwen saying Fang Chen's doctor resided here as well. Judging from the way Song Ning and Lin Shuwen interacted, they were clearly acquainted.

She entered the living room in a daze.

Huo Yulin was sitting on the couch. His spectacles helped to cover up his pale complexion. He stood up and greeted Mrs. Fang when she entered.

Mrs. Fang kept thinking about what Lin Shuwen had just said outside, so she could not help turning to look at Lin Shuwen. "Is he my son's doctor?"

Huo Yulin was the only renowned doctor Mrs. Fang knew of in the Huo family. She even pointed at Huo Yulin as she spoke.

Lin Shuwen said nothing. Song Ning asked quizzically. "Treat your son? My boy just came back from abroad two days ago."

Lin Shuwen made no mention of Huo Yao treating Fang Chen when he came bearing gifts previously, so Song Ning did not put too much thought into it.

Mrs. Fang finally recalled that Huo Yulin had just come home. "Sorry. I simply forgot."

Mrs. Fang looked at Lin Shuwen and waited for him to clarify the situation.

Lin Shuwen cleared his throat and shook his head. "No, he isn't."

"Huh? Then who was it?" Mrs. Fang was taken aback.

Song Ning did not understand what they were saying, so she said, "Why don't you let my boy see your son's medical records first?"

Mrs. Fang stopped looking at Lin Shuwen. Instead, she retrieved the medical records from her purse and carefully handed them to Huo Yulin.

"Give me one moment," said Huo Yulin after taking the medical records. He lowered his head and started to go through them.

Lin Shuwen wanted to speak up.

Since Mrs. Fang was looking at Huo Yulin intently, he held his tongue.

## **Chapter 628: Your Daughter Treated Him!**

Huo Yulin stood up after he finished reading the report.

He handed it back to Mrs. Fang and said, "Other than some minor problems with some physical stats, everything seems normal. Also, these stats are minor, so they won't have any physical effect on the patient."

Fang Chen's medical report was no different from that of her deceased husband.

"Sorry. I am a neurology specialist, and I have never seen the symptoms you mentioned before." Huo Yulin nodded his head as he explained unhurriedly.

Song Ning noticed Mrs. Fang looking upset and did not know what to say. She recalled that Mrs. Fang's son was working in the local government and was a young, high-ranking official.

"Don't worry. I am sure you can find a way to cure him," comforted Song Ning.

Mrs. Fang clenched her fists and said, "My son said he already sought treatment for it. I was just worried, so I wanted to ask Yulin to see his report."

Song Ning seemed surprised by the news.

Mrs. Fang paused before suddenly turning to look at Lin Shuwen. "Were you lying when you said my son's doctor lived here?"

It finally dawned on her that if someone from the Huo family had treated her son, Song Ning would have told her when she called to ask her about the issue.

Moreover, Huo Yulin was the only doctor in the family.

Mrs. Fang became even more worried. The more she thought about it, the more she felt that Lin Shuwen was just trying to make her feel better.

Song Ning looked at Lin Shuwen quizzically. "Erm... I don't get it. Is there some mistake here?"

Lin Shuwen noticed that Song Ning was completely clueless about Fang Chen's illness. He merely thought that Huo Yao did not divulge the truth owing to Fang Chen's status as the city mayor, so he did the same. Now that he learned that Mrs. Fang was close friends with Song Ning, it did not seem necessary to withhold the truth from either of them.

Lin Shuwen said unhurriedly, "Miss Huo was the one who treated Fang Chen."

"M-miss Huo?" Song Ning was stunned. For a moment, it did not cross her mind that he was talking about her daughter.

"Your daughter treated him," replied Lin Shuwen courteously.

Song Ning immediately laughed before waving her hand. "Mr. Lin, you must be kidding. My daughter is just a senior. How could she be capable of treating him?"

Although she occasionally gave them pills, she kept claiming that she got them from some friend and never once mentioned she was medically trained.

Lin Shuwen was startled to hear this. "Miss Huo really helped to cure Fang Chen."

Was Mrs. Huo unaware of her daughter's medical skills?

Song Ning wanted to continue denying it, but Lin Shuwen seemed serious about it. She suddenly recalled her daughter talking about treating someone when Lin Shuwen visited them with gifts.

Was her daughter really able to treat patients?

Song Ning scratched her head. She instantly felt that she did not know her daughter well enough.

On the other hand, Huo Yulin did not seem surprised. Considering his little sister's acupuncture technique and her incense, it was highly unlikely that she was not medically trained.

However, he was curious as to how his little sister managed to treat this unheard-of illness that Fang Chen was suffering from.

Since Mrs. Fang was still worried, she spent the entire afternoon at the Huo residence waiting for Huo Yao to come home, so she could ask her for more details.

Lin Shuwen contemplated before he decided to stay with Mrs. Fang and wait for Huo Yao.

## **Chapter 629: Lying To Her Mother**

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Huo Yao got home after school to see people sitting in her living room. She was especially surprised to see Lin Shuwen there.

She noticed that something was amiss with her mother's expression.

Huo Yao put her bag down quizzically and nodded to everyone.

Mrs. Fang stood up excitedly the moment she finally got home and walked over to her.

"Yaoyao, did you treat my son, Fang Chen?"

Huo Yao was stunned to hear this.

Fang Chen? Was Mrs. Fang Fang Chen's mother?

Huo Yao snapped out of her thoughts and went quiet for two seconds before nodding.

She did not foresee Mrs. Fang's visit at all. No one talked about treatment over dinner last night either.

Huo Yao glanced at Lin Shuwen.

The moment Lin Shuwen detected Huo Yao looking at him, he sensed a chill running down his spine.

Mrs. Fang hurriedly asked her. "What is he suffering from? Is he really completely cured now?"

Since Mrs. Fang was Huo Yao's mother's friend, she patiently explained the genetic disease he was suffering from in layman terms.

The moment Mrs. Fang heard it was a genetic disease, she finally believed Huo Yao had genuinely treated Fang Chen for his illness.

“...so this means he can’t be treated at the root and needs ongoing treatment?”

Huo Yao acknowledged softly.

She could not treat Fang Chen based on the current standards of medicine.

Although Mrs. Fang was briefly disappointed, she thought about her dead husband who passed away within half a month after the illness presented itself. Even though her son came down with the same illness, it was under control and he could survive with long-term treatment. The outcome was incredibly positive in comparison.

Mrs. Fang wiped tears from the corner of her eye before she said to Huo Yao, “Thank you so much for saving my son.”

“You’re welcome.” Huo Yao pursed her lips.

After all, she had taken Fang Chen’s money.

Mrs. Fang asked a few more questions before she left the Huo residence with Lin Shuwen.

After they left, Song Ning broke her silence and looked at her daughter with a complicated expression on her face. “Are... are you really a doctor?”

Huo Yao pressed her forehead. The moment Mrs. Fang asked about Fang Chen’s condition, she had seen this moment coming.

She sighed gently before she nodded and made an excuse. “Grandma is sick, so I learned some Chinese medicine from an old Chinese practitioner when I was in the countryside.”

Song Ning was aware of Old Madam Yang’s ill health. It was precisely the reason why her daughter delayed her return by a year when they discovered that Huo Yao and Lu Xia had been swapped at birth.

Was she able to treat a rare genetic disease just by learning some Chinese medicine in the countryside?

It sounded unconvincing somehow.

Song Ning narrowed her eyes. For the first time in her life, she suspected Huo Yao of lying to her.

Song Ning said, “Did you cure my migraine as well?”

Huo Yao went quiet for a second before nodding.

Even more complicated emotions arose in Song Ning’s heart. She was genuinely tempted to grab her daughter and give her a beating.

Huo Yao was able to treat her migraine at the root with just a few pills. How could she have done it after learning some Chinese medicine from an old Chinese physician for a short period of time?

This little liar! How could she go on lying to her with a straight face?

Huo Yao detected the faint murderous aura radiating from her mother.

She narrowed her eyes as she contemplated and picked up a glass of water and took a sip.

Then she changed the subject with a straight face. "Oh yes. Why haven't our company accountants visited recently? I previously misunderstood and thought that they were debt collectors."

Song Ning went quiet.

### **Chapter 630: Land Huo Tingrui In Trouble**

Huo Tingrui happened to come home at that time.

He hummed while entering the living room only to notice a strange atmosphere in the villa as his little sister and mother looked at each other. He could not help asking. "What are you both doing?"

Huo Yao looked at him and said calmly, "Nothing much. We were just talking about why the company accountant hasn't swung by to report yet this month."

An ominous feeling rose in Huo Tingrui's heart the moment he heard Huo Yao talking about the company accountant.

His parents gave him quite the lesson the last time he revealed that their family operated restaurants.

Song Ning turned to look at Huo Tingrui. Huo Tingrui could not help trembling when he noticed his mother looking at him. He immediately said, "Mom, calm down. Trust me. I did not tell her about our accountant!"

Song Ning smiled and stood up. "Tingrui, let's go to the study for a little chat, shall we?"

Huo Tingrui was on the brink of tears. "No way!"

"You are already a grown man. Aren't you embarrassed for kicking such a fuss? I just want to have a little talk with you."

Song Ning sighed. She walked up to Huo Tingrui, pulled him by the arm, and dragged him to the second floor lovingly.

Huo Tingrui was accused of revealing the existence of their company accountant to Huo Yao, out of the blue. He kept turning to look at Huo Yao begrudgingly with every step he took while being dragged by his mother.

Huo Yao cleared her throat and pretended that she did not see the look on Huo Tingrui's face. She continued talking to Huo Yulin with a straight face.

Huo Tingrui was dumbstruck.

This stupid sister of his!

Huo Yulin had spent most of his time abroad, so it was his first time seeing something like this happen at home. He could not help watching in surprise as his mother and second older brother left. "What's going on?"

Huo Yao smiled. "It's nothing. Mom is just going to spend some quality time with Brother Tingrui. You will get used to it soon."

Huo Yulin mulled over it but still looked puzzled. "Are you sure?"

"Uh huh." Huo Yao nodded with a straight face.

Huo Tingrui had come home at the perfect time.

Huo Yulin did not put much thought into it.

Instead, he turned to ask her quizzically. "Mrs. Fang's son is suffering from a rare genetic disease. How did you come up with the diagnosis?"

Huo Yao scratched her head. She might be able to fool her mother, but it would prove much harder to do the same to Huo Yulin since he was a medical genius.

She contemplated before she replied. "What can I say? This is the beauty of Chinese medicine. Even though medical apparatus is unable to detect certain problems with the patient, it can be done with Chinese medicine."

Despite all the advancements made in the field of western medicine, Chinese medicine still remained relevant.

"I read about this disease in a book once, so I tried treating him using the method described in the book. I didn't expect to succeed," said Huo Yao candidly.

Huo Yao had never encountered Fang Chen's genetic disease before, honestly. She was purely going by instinct. Since the disease was really unusual, she quickly remembered the description that she had read in the book.

Huo Yulin nodded. He did not continue probing her. Instead, he started chatting with her about Chinese medicine.

Huo Yao's phone pinged in her pocket while she conversed with her brother. She pulled it from her pocket to see a new text message.

Yi Lianfan had sent her a text message: [Your Math teacher came up with this question, right? Have you solved it yet?]

Huo Yao replied: [Uh huh. I already gave him the answer.]

Yi Lianfan: [...]

Since Huo Yao was busy texting, Huo Yulin did not intrude.

Huo Yao raised her head after she was done replying to Yi Lianfan. She noticed Huo Yulin's curiosity and explained. "My classmate was asking me about some homework."