

## Pill Maker 631

### Chapter 631: Curiosity Killed The Cat

Huo Yulin had heard quite a bit from his parents recently about his little sister. Also, there were a few competition certificates hanging around in their house, so he knew that she had good grades.

“Are you going to Tsing University after taking your entrance exam?” asked Huo Yulin.

Huo Yao nodded before she said proudly, “I have guaranteed placement.”

Huo Yulin smiled as he looked at the confident look on his little sister’s face. He stood up and walked over to place his hand on her head before rubbing it. “You’re brilliant!”

Huo Yao went speechless. It was the Nth time he was touching her head.

She had not seen this coming.

Huo Yulin pulled his hand back and said, “By the time you are ready to enroll in university, I should be going to the capital as well. We can go together.”

Huo Yao was surprised to hear this. “Are you going to work in the capital?”

“Probably.” Huo Yulin nodded his head.

Huo Yulin was in touch with his college junior who was working at the research institute in the capital. He kept inviting Huo Yulin to join him at the research institute, but Huo Yulin had always refused him.

Huo Yulin had no plans to return home at that point in time, but now...

Huo Yulin glanced at Huo Yao. Since his little sister was going to university in the capital, then he felt working at the research institute was a good option.

Huo Yao nodded. Her third older brother had won several internationally acclaimed awards. Also, he was a research fanatic. It was naturally a waste for a talent like him to work at some ordinary hospital.

The research institute was a good choice for him.

“Oh yes. I will continue performing acupuncture on you tonight.” Huo Yao changed the subject of the conversation.

She wanted to try giving him psychological therapy as well.

Huo Yulin did not turn down her offer. After having a taste of quality sleep the previous night, he felt afraid of insomnia and did not want to be sleepless ever again.

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Huo Yao finished her homework after dinner and went over to Huo Yulin’s room with a box. The door was partially open when she got there.

Huo Tingrui was in his room and they were in the middle of a conversation. She heard them mention Lu Xia.

Huo Yao stood at the door with her hand frozen in midair. She did not knock on the door right away.

Her brothers were standing sideways from the door, so they quickly spotted Huo Yao.

Huo Tingrui composed his thoughts. He adjusted his glasses before he beamed and asked. "Are you looking for me?"

Huo Yulin glanced at him. "She is here to see me."

The moment Huo Tingrui heard this, he could sense Huo Yulin becoming a potential competition for Huo Yao's attention.

"Am I interrupting?" asked Huo Yao nonchalantly as she put down her hand.

"Nope. We were just chatting randomly," said Huo Yulin.

He glanced at the box in his little sister's hand. "Are you going to perform acupuncture on me now?"

"If you are done," replied Huo Yao.

Huo Yulin glanced at Huo Tingrui before he said, "Yes, we're done."

Huo Yao acknowledged softly before entering the room with the box. She placed the box on the table, pressed the lock and it instantly opened.

Huo Tingrui walked up to her side and saw what she was doing. He glanced at the metal box and said rather curiously, "This box sure looks cool."

He reached his hand out to touch the box, but Huo Yao smacked his hand while it was still in midair.

"Curiosity killed the cat."

Huo Tingrui pulled his hand back sheepishly. "I am your second older brother and not a cat. Would it kill for me to have a look?"

Huo Yao retrieved a long needle from it. The long fine needle glowed softly and gave off an inexplicably dangerous aura.

Huo Tingrui quietly inched to the side.

## **Chapter 632: Psychological Therapy**

Huo Yao pretended not to see his actions and said gravely, "If I give you some acupuncture treatment, you will become as obedient as a cat."

Huo Tingrui went speechless.

Was she even human?

Why did she always intimidate her biological older brother?

Huo Yulin's lips twitched when he saw what a huge wuss his second older brother was.

Huo Tingrui was the most mischievous kid in the family when they were growing up. He always secretly got them into trouble, but he was shockingly terrified of their baby sister.

Huo Yao retrieved a few more silver needles and proceeded to disinfect them deftly. From the looks of it, she did this often.

“Are you going to perform acupuncture on him?” asked Huo Tingrui as he touched his nose.

She had mentioned acupuncture before, but he thought that she was just saying it to scare him. It turned out she was not lying about it.

Huo Yao nodded. She quickly got Huo Yulin to lie down in bed and pulled over a chair to place it at the foot of the bed.

Huo Tingrui asked softly. “Do I have to leave the room?”

“Up to you,” replied Huo Yao without even raising her head.

Huo Tingrui pulled up a chair and sat some distance away from the two of them, watching them quietly.

Huo Yao applied acupuncture to the acupoints on his head. She checked Huo Yulin’s expression as she turned the needles slowly.

After he had finally relaxed, she retrieved a chain with a pendant from her pocket and raised it in mid-air. She loosened her grip slightly and the pendant hung down from her hand hovering above his forehead.

Huo Yulin hastily opened his eyes wide when she did it. He had seen this done countless times.

His psychologist did the same thing for every treatment.

Huo Yulin stiffened and instinctively clenched his fists as they lay at the side of his body.

“Brother Yulin, relax.” It was Huo Yao’s first time attempting hypnotherapy.

She had read dozens of books about psychological therapy before finally deciding on trying one of the simpler methods.

Although it was her first try, she did not seem worried. Instead, she looked straight at Huo Yulin confidently.

“Relax. Follow my verbal cues and don’t think about anything else. Just do whatever I tell you to do.”

The chain hung from Huo Yao’s hand motionlessly and only moved slightly when she spoke slowly.

Huo Yulin always hated doing psychological treatment, but he had no choice. He needed hypnotherapy in order to get a good night’s sleep.

Even though it was his little sister giving him treatment, it was impossible for him to relax completely. He genuinely detested hypnotherapy from the bottom of his heart.

He was so stiff that it made his scalp tense up, so the acupuncture needles in his head started to hurt.

He frowned increasingly and sweat trickled down his forehead.

Huo Yao put the chain away. Her hands landed on his temples before she slowly massaged them.

She stopped massaging when Huo Yulin relaxed once more.

Huo Yao did not carry on with the psychological treatment. She could tell that he resisted it deeply, so it would be useless even if she went on.

The moment the patient mentally abhorred the treatment to the point of hating it, it was hard to go on with the treatment.

Whatever happened to Huo Yulin back in the day, he must have been in great agony, and still remained deeply traumatized by the event.

### **Chapter 633: Unspeakable Relationship**

Huo Yao removed the acupuncture needles 30 minutes later.

Huo Yulin had already fallen asleep during the process. Her hands paused as she covered him with the blanket when she accidentally saw his neck.

There was a ghastly scar on his skin and she could imagine how badly injured he must have been back in the day.

Huo Yao gathered her thoughts before covering him with the blanket.

Huo Tingrui stood up and asked softly in astonishment. "Is that all?"

Would he be able to sleep after Huo Yao performed some acupuncture?

Huo Yao nodded. She walked up to the side and lit a stick of incense.

The faint scent of herbs and sandalwood spread throughout the room.

"Brother Tingrui, let's go," said Huo Yao as she picked up her box.

She was clearly trying to tell Huo Tingrui not to disturb Huo Yulin.

Huo Tingrui quickly caught on. However, he could not help feeling jealous suddenly.

He recalled that Huo Yao had never treated him so affectionately before.

Before long, the two of them left the room and closed the door behind them. Just as Huo Yao was about to head back to her room, she halted in her steps and turned to tilt her head sideways.

She looked at Huo Tingrui and asked. "Did Lu Xia have something to do with Brother Yulin's abduction?"

"Huh?" Huo Tingrui was stunned.

He composed himself and said, "How did you know?"

"Dad told me about it," replied Huo Yao.

Huo Tingrui heaved a sigh of relief. These days, he had to ask before he could tell Huo Yao anything about the family. Otherwise, his parents would inexplicably end up blaming him.

Huo Tingrui pursed his lips and smiled coolly. "Even if she had anything to do with it, it is long over."

He paused before he continued. "It's getting late. Why don't you go to bed? It's a school day for you tomorrow."

"Sure." Huo Yao did not keep probing when she saw his reaction, so she opened the door and went into her room.

Huo Tingrui looked at her closed door. He contemplated deeply before sighing softly.

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Ever since Lu Hongwen learned from his wife that his foster daughter had something to do with the government project bidding, he secretly investigated her. After several days, he finally received some fruitful news.

Huo Yao definitely knew Lin Shuwen. It even seemed as though she had some unspeakable relationship with the city mayor, Fang Chen.

It was easy to guess what kind of relationship a senior student could have with a powerful man.

More importantly, he could get connected to Fang Chen through his foster daughter.

Lu Hongwen called Lu Xia to the study.

Lu Hongwen sat down in front of the desk and looked at his daughter kindly. "How are things at school?"

Lu Xia frowned. She did not know what her father was up to, so she hesitated before nodding.

"Everything is fine. It's almost time for the exam, so I am busy studying."

Lu Hongwen opened his drawer and retrieved a bank card before he stood up and walked over to her.

"I haven't paid much attention to you recently since I was busy at the office. Don't girls like to shop? Why don't you buy yourself a few things?"

Lu Xia could not help feeling even more puzzled. She was keenly aware of what her biological father was like. It was completely abnormal for him to suddenly offer money to her.

Lu Xia did not extend her hand to take the card right away.

"Dad, why are you suddenly giving me money?" said Lu Xia with a quizzical look on her face. "Is there something you want to talk to me about?"

### **Chapter 634: Unless She Wants To Embarrass Herself!**

Lu Hongwen placed the bank card in Lu Xia's hands before he cleared his throat and said, "Nothing much. I recall that you were pretty close with your eldest foster brother, right?"

Lu Xia's fingers trembled and the card landed on the ground.

Lu Hongwen glanced at her.

Lu Xia quickly composed herself before she bent over to pick it up. "Dad, why did you suddenly bring this up? I did as you said. I have already cut off ties with the Huo family."

"Nothing much. I just feel a little sorry for you recently. If you like the Huo family, I won't stop you from staying in touch with them. After all, I understand your feelings for them since they raised you for years," said Lu Hongwen thoughtfully.

Lu Xia lowered her eyes. The card in her hand suddenly felt burning hot. She just knew that her biological father would not have offered her money for no reason.

"Me and the Huo family..." Before she finished her sentence, Lu Hongwen interrupted her.

"Also, aren't you classmates with Yaoyao? Why don't you girls go shopping this weekend? Since the Huo family isn't rich, she might not be able to afford to buy any designer goods. If she likes anything, go ahead and put it on my card." Lu Hongwen stood with his hands behind his back and offered generously.

Instantly, Lu Xia bit her lip.

This card was not meant for her. In reality, he wanted her to take Huo Yao shopping!

From the looks of it, her biological mother had been picking her up from school recently because of Huo Yao. Now her biological father wanted to use her to ingratiate himself with Huo Yao.

Lu Xia inhaled deeply as she tried to suppress her anger. She placed the bank card on the table. "Sorry. I don't talk to her much, so I probably can't help."

Lu Hongwen frowned. He looked at Lu Xia and was clearly angry, but he contained his fury and said, "Even though you two aren't close, you will become closer if you hang out more."

Lu Xia parted her lips. "Have you forgotten what happened during the National Quiz Contest? Do you think that we can be friends?"

Moreover, Lu Xia had already severed ties with the Huo family.

Lu Hongwen twitched his lips nonchalantly. "That is no big deal. Would she still harbor a grudge if you buy her some designer goods?"

Although he did not know how his foster daughter got acquainted with Lin Shuwen, she was from the countryside and had never seen good things in her life. How could she say no to designer goods?

Lu Xia shook her head and asked him. "Why do you want me to be close to Huo Yao?"

She did not believe that he would suddenly find his conscience and want to be good to Huo Yao.

Lu Hongwen contemplated for a few seconds before he said candidly, "Because she has friends in the local government."

Lu Xia frowned the moment she heard this.

Did Huo Yao have friends in the local government? How could she have any ties with the city government officials? Perhaps the Huo family was the one with the connections!

Since her father thought that the Huo family was not well to do, it seemed that he did not know about their true situation.

Lu Hongwen said once more, "If the Lu family wants to advance in the city, we need friends in the government. It just so happens that she is connected with them."

Lu Xia composed herself before she said, "I suggest you give up this idea. Even if she knows them, it is impossible for her to help us."

The moment Lu Hongwen heard this, he got angry.

Moments later, he finally sneered. "She had better help us unless she wants to embarrass herself!"

### **Chapter 635: I Am Absolutely Certain!**

Lu Xia hastily looked at Lu Hongwen the moment she heard this. "Dad, what do you mean?"

Lu Hongwen parted his lips. "I heard about this from your mother. Otherwise, I would never have known how capable she is."

Lu Xia was at a loss and did not quite understand what he was driving at.

Lu Hongwen thought about it briefly and finally decided not to withhold the truth. He told Lu Xia about the result of his investigation and the conclusion that he came up with.

"Huh? Dad, are you mistaken?" Lu Xia was in disbelief.

How could Huo Yao be connected to Fang Chen? If memory served her right, Fang Chen died at a young age owing to some strange illness in her past life.

It was all over the news.

Lu Hongwen shook her head. "Impossible. I trust my source."

Just to be sure, he even got the investigator to double-check and had confirmed that she even visited Fang Chen's place before.

Lu Xia looked at the confidence on her father's face. Despite sensing something to be amiss, she quickly changed her mind. Being reborn was already out of this world, so it seemed to make sense if things were quite different from her past life.

Lu Xia stopped disagreeing. If she could use this information to control Huo Yao or perhaps even destroy her, she could seek her vengeance against Huo Yao!

After all, she genuinely hated Huo Yao.

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Huo Yao had been busy examining and treating Huo Yulin lately. She could not use acupuncture on him on a long-term basis, so she was researching for some oral medicine that could help improve his condition.

Since Fang Chen's mother had accidentally led her to reveal her medical skills, she did not have to go on acting any longer.

The Huo residence was massive and had plenty of rooms, so she used an empty room for preparing medicine.

On Saturday morning, Huo Yao's phone rang a few times.

Don't Steal My Lingzhi: [Dude, I have already sent the stuff you need to the address that you gave me. It ought to arrive today.]

Don't Steal My Lingzhi: [Is that where you are living currently?]

Don't Steal My Lingzhi: [(sinister smile JPG.)]

After Huo Yao came back from her run and took a shower, she heard the phone ping. She walked over and picked it up.

She read the text before she typed on the screen unhurriedly: [Do you have nothing better to do?]

Meanwhile, a young woman could not help sensing a murderous air radiating from the text message when she saw it.

She replied sheepishly: [Hehe. I was just curious.]

Medicine Pill: [Stop being curious]

Don't Steal My Lingzhi: [I won't tell anyone where you live.]

Fu Ya could not help sighing after replying to the text message. Sure enough, talented people had a bad temper. After Medicine Pill stopped texting her, she put her phone away.

Someone knocked on a door outside. Fu Ya stood up from the chair, walked to the door to see the person standing outside and her expression promptly turned cold.

"It is almost time for the apothecaries' exam. Why aren't you working on prescriptions? Why are you in your room playing video games? Don't you care about the exam?"

Fu Ya looked impatient. "It is none of your business." She slammed the door shut with a thud the moment she finished her sentence.

Fu Cheng almost got struck on the nose by the door, and his face turned livid. He did not like this cousin of his. If she did not possess the prescription, he would have driven her out of the family ages ago.

She would never have had the chance to speak so arrogantly to him.

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Shortly after Huo Yao received the text messages from 'Don't Steal My Lingzhi', the courier arrived.

## **Chapter 636: Pill Refining Apparatus**



Huo Yao was eating breakfast when the bell rang. Song Ning stood up and asked quizzically. "Who could be knocking on our door so early in the morning?"

Since Huo Yao was expecting a package, she took a big gulp of milk before she raised her hand and pulled her mother's arm. "I am expecting a package. Why don't you sit down and finish breakfast? I can collect it myself."

Song Ning stood where she was for two seconds. Since her daughter had already gotten up and was heading out, she sat down at the dining table.

Before long, Huo Yao came back with a huge box.

Song Ning hurriedly went over to help. "What did you buy? This is such a huge box of stuff."

Huo Jinyan stood up as well and walked over. "Since the box was huge, you should have asked me to help..."

Huo Jinyan carried the box as he spoke. Just as he was about to take the box from his daughter, he discovered that it was unusually heavy.

He was instantly dumbstruck.

Huo Yao tilted her head sideways and said, "It's fine. It is very heavy, so neither of you can carry it."

Her parents became speechless.

Huo Yao had already carried the box into her pharmaceutical laboratory on the ground floor.

The husband and wife watched awestruck as their daughter effortlessly walked off with the huge box before they looked at each other.

"That box must be about 25 kilograms, right?" asked Song Ning softly. She had tried to take it previously, so she knew how heavy it was.

Huo Jinyan's lips twitched. "I think so too."

Despite their daughter's vulnerable image and slender build, she was shockingly strong.

Huo Yao's parents remained standing where they were when she came out. They were clearly still reeling in shock. However, she merely glanced at them before she headed out.

'Don't Steal My Lingzhi' had sent Huo Yao three boxes in total. It was the pill refining apparatus that she needed for treating her brother. After making three trips, she finally moved all the boxes to the room.

She spent 30 minutes opening the packages and installing everything before she finally finished.

"What are these things for?" asked Song Ning as she pointed at the black apparatus sitting at the table.

"It's for refining medicine," replied Huo Yao succinctly before heading out.

Song Ning and Huo Jinyan glanced at the apparatus. Despite their curiosity, they did not keep probing and left the room as well.

The moment Huo Yao poured herself a glass of water, her phone buzzed in her pocket. She took it out, looked at the screen and her eyes automatically lit up before she answered it.

"I have the medicine you need." Min Yu's cool voice came from over the phone.

Huo Yao put the glass down on the table. "Then, I'm coming over now to get it."

"Sure. I'll be here waiting for you."

Huo Yao was in a good mood when she put away her phone. She raised her head and told Song Ning that she was heading out for a while.

Before long, she walked out of her place and headed to the villa next door.

She raised her hand to verify her fingerprint and the door opened.

After Huo Yao entered the villa, she noticed that Min Yu was alone in the living room. She could not help feeling puzzled. "Where are Zhuo Yun and Yang Yi?"

Min Yu glanced at her before he replied calmly. "They have work to do."

Huo Yao touched her nose and did not keep thinking about it. "I see."

Min Yu stood up and walked up to the side cabinet and took out two boxes unhurriedly. "Here is the stuff you need."

Huo Yao's eyes sparkled. She thanked him and put the boxes on the coffee table. Without wasting time, she opened them for a look.

### **Chapter 637: A Miser Yet Again**

Huo Yao could not help sighing in her heart when she saw the high-quality Chinese herbs in the box. Her next-door neighbor was genuinely a big fat cash cow.

He was the go-to guy for any rare herbs from now on!

Huo Yao quickly opened the second box to see a purple lotus-like Chinese herb and her eyes glinted.

It was a high-grade Seven Leaf Lotus.

She had faced so much trouble finding this herb.

Min Yu glanced at the herbs before he asked nonchalantly. "Why do you need Seven Leaf Lotus?"

The herb was placed on sale in the black market auction to bait the legendary Shangguan family to appear. Since no one from the clan showed up, it remained in the Min family's possession ever since the auction.

Since it was on Huo Yao's list of herbs, he sent Zhuo Yun to fetch it.

Huo Yao lowered her head so that Min Yu could not see her face.

Huo Yao quickly closed the lid and straightened her back before she raised her head and looked at Min Yu in surprise. "This herb is just good for improving the physical condition of patients. However, it is hard to find. How did you get your hands on it?"

In reality, she added Seven Leaf Lotus only later without bearing much hope that he could find it. She completely did not anticipate seeing this herb.

"I happened to find it," replied Min Yu casually as he sat down.

Huo Yao raised her brow. Since he did not want to give more details, she stopped probing.

She went quiet for a few seconds before she said, "How much do I owe you? I will transfer it to you now."

She pulled out her phone as she spoke.

Min Yu looked at her sideways and said, "You can just pay me a fair sum."

Huo Yao's lips twitched. She lowered her eyes and looked at the box in her arms. Based on the recommended prices on Cloud Realm, these were worth tens of millions.

She went quiet for a few seconds before asking. "Are you saying that it is up to me to pay you a fair price?"

Min Yu could already tell what she was thinking through the look in her eyes. However, he did not expose her and simply acknowledged her softly.

Huo Yao cleared her throat before she said casually, "...I think they are worth a few thousand."

If she did not squeeze this cash cow now, she was uncertain whether the opportunity would ever present itself again.

Huo Yao tapped on her phone and transferred \$1000 before Min Yu could reply.

After she transferred the money, she said, "You need to accept the fund transfer."

A complicated expression swept through Min Yu's eyes as he sat beside Huo Yao and watched her transfer the money.

Sure enough, it was too much to ask a miser to cough up the money.

Huo Yao lowered her eyes sheepishly when she detected Min Yu looking at her. Her phone happened to ring while she was feeling awkward.

She glanced at the phone number to see it was Fang Ting calling and could not help feeling surprised.

She had given Fang Ting her number when she came by for dinner, but she did not know why Fang Ting suddenly called her.

She quickly hit the answer button.

"...Are you free for lunch today? Perfect. I will send you an address later. See you in a bit."

Huo Yao hung up the phone.

Since she was speaking at a normal volume, Min Yu heard their conversation clearly. He contemplated before he asked casually. "Did someone ask you out for lunch?"

Huo Yao put her phone away as she replied. "Uh huh. Remember Fang Chen whom we met when we had lunch with Old Mr. Pei? It's his little sister."

### **Chapter 638: She Is Certainly Smart**

Min Yu tapped his fingers on his knees before he acknowledged and said, "Is that all you are going to pay me?"

Huo Yao raised her brow as she clutched the box and looked at him with her head tilted.

Min Yu's lips twitched while he disregarded her reaction. "Aren't you going to buy me dinner?"

The moment Huo Yao heard what he wanted, she instantly stuck three fingers out and gestured okay. "Sure thing. Let's go over to Old Mr. Yi's medicinal cuisine restaurant and support his business. Also, the food there is good for health.

Min Yu was flabbergasted.

Huo Yao's WeChat notification rang. She lowered her eyes before she said, "I have to go. I'll call you."

The moment she finished her sentence, she stood up and left.

Min Yu pressed his forehead miserably as he watched her leave quickly.

He had done her a favor, but she did not even stay around to chat with him.

Shortly after the thought rose in his head, his phone rang as it sat on the coffee table.

It was a text message from the bank about a transfer.

[\$9 999 999]

Even though there was no information about who sent the money, it was an easy guess.

Min Yu held the phone as he contemplated. He did not expect her to know his private banking details.

Min Yu tapped his fingers and smiled teasingly. He glanced at the amount she had transferred. The number nine meant forever. Was she trying to say they would be together forever?

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Huo Yao took the boxes of herbs home, changed her clothes, and prepared to head out.

"Where are you going?" asked Huo Tingrui. He had gotten up from the bed and headed downstairs for a drink to see his little sister ready to go out.

Huo Yao raised her brow. "Fang Ting wants to have lunch with me."

The moment Huo Tingrui heard Fang Ting's name, he recalled getting blacklisted by her and woke up right away. "Why?"

“She probably just wants to hang out.” Huo Yao shrugged.

Huo Tingrui contemplated before he suddenly laughed profoundly. “She is certainly smart.”

First, she blacklisted him to get his attention before getting close to his little sister.

He was wondering why Fang Ting asked for Huo Yao’s contact number the other day. Now he finally knew why she did it.

Ptooeey! He had seen people pulling this ruse all the time.

Huo Yao glanced at her stupid second older brother and did not know what he was thinking.

She checked the time and said, “I have to go.”

Huo Tingrui hurriedly put the glass down and pulled Huo Yao’s arm. “Hang on. Let me get changed so that I can send you there.”

Even though his little sister was heartless, he could not stand by and let her get deceived by Fang Ting.

The moment he finished his sentence, he hurried upstairs to change his attire.

The two of them arrived at the restaurant that Fang Ting had recommended 30 minutes later.

Initially, Huo Tingrui wanted to wait outside, but Huo Yao called Fang Ting when she detected him dying to go in.

Huo Yao asked out of courtesy whether he could join them.

After they entered the private room, Fang Ting stood up and walked over to Huo Yao and said warmly, “Hi, Yaoyao.”

She looked at Huo Tingrui and nodded politely.

Her attitude towards him was clearly different from before.

Huo Tingrui felt that the woman was a great actor. However, he was stunned when he noticed that Fang Chen was also there.

Since he was a lawyer, he often worked on cases for private citizens and companies, so he was often at the Justice Department. The moment he saw Fang Chen, he quickly recognized him.

What was he doing here?

Huo Tingrui scratched his head as his eyes landed on Fang Ting’s face. Both Fang Chen and she had the same surname. Could they be relatives?

### **Chapter 639: Huo Tingrui Could Not Embarrass His Little Sister**

Fang Chen stood up and walked up to Huo Yao with a smile on his face and greeted her politely. “Hi, Miss Huo.”

Huo Yao nodded to Fang Chen before pointing at Huo Tingrui while he was in a daze. "This is my older brother, Huo Tingrui."

Fang Chen reached his hand out. "I'm Fang Chen. Nice to meet you Mr. Huo."

Huo Tingrui went into a daze as he shook hands with Fang Chen.

Before long, they took their seats.

Huo Tingrui pulled his little sister's sleeve while they ordered. He asked her quizzically. "How did you get to know Mayor... Fang Chen?"

Before they came, he was certain that Fang Ting was trying to get close to Huo Yao. From the looks of it, he had clearly assumed wrongly.

Huo Yao picked up her teacup and took a sip before she replied unhurriedly. "I treated his illness."

Huo Tingrui was not around when Mrs. Fang came back to ask about Fang Chen's condition, so he was unaware about it.

It sounded unimaginable for her to get roped in to treat the city mayor.

Were his little sister's medical skills that remarkable?

Huo Tingrui quietly looked at his little sister.

"Miss Huo, I heard that my mother visited you a couple of days ago. Sorry about causing the disturbance." Fang Chen recalled Huo Yao saying she did not appreciate unnecessary trouble when she last visited to treat him.

Huo Yao waved her hand nonchalantly. "It's fine."

Fang Chen smiled before he chatted with Huo Tingrui courteously.

Although Huo Tingrui was a highly acclaimed lawyer, it was his first time eating with a top city politician like Fang Chen.

Initially, he was a little nervous. But he slowly calmed down when he saw his little sister sitting nonchalantly as though Fang Chen was an ordinary guy.

He could not embarrass his little sister.

After lunch, Fang Chen took the initiative to exchange numbers with Huo Tingrui leaving Huo Tingrui deeply flattered.

He felt shocked to have eaten lunch with the city mayor in the first place.

Fang Ting looked at Huo Yao after they left the private room and headed out to the corridor. "Are you free? Shall we go hang out?"

She had invited Huo Yao for lunch to thank her when she found out Huo Yao had treated her older brother.

Huo Tingrui had gone to the bathroom.

Huo Yao turned her head sideways and replied to Fang Ting. "I'm sorry. I am busy revising for my college entrance exam."

Despite Fang Ting's disappointment, she did not force Huo Yao. Fang Chen had already put on a mask and half of his face was covered.

Fang Ting turned to tell them. "I'm going to get the cheque."

Fang Chen was often in the news and everyone recognized him, so he had to conceal his identity when he went out on his own, especially in public places like a restaurant.

"Sure." Her brother nodded.

Fang Ting quickly went to the reception.

Only Huo Yao and Fang Chen remained in the corridor. Fortunately, the restaurant was not very crowded, so barely anyone noticed them.

Since Huo Tingrui was not back from the bathroom, Huo Yao casually chatted with Fang Chen with her hands in her jacket pocket and her head lowered.

She seemed to detect something and suddenly raised her head to look out of the French window.

Someone was sneakily standing outside with a camera pointing at them. Huo Yao frowned at the sight.

Fang Chen glanced in the same direction when he detected something amiss with Huo Yao. The person outside realized that they might have noticed his presence, so he hurriedly turned to leave.

#### **Chapter 640: Failed To Recognize Her Even When She Was Standing Right in Front of Her**

Fang Chen frowned before he adjusted his mask and pulled his phone from his pocket to make a call.

After hanging up the phone, Fang Chen looked at Huo Yao. "It is probably some reporter. Don't worry about it."

Huo Yao lowered her eyes and acknowledged him softly in a calm tone.

After all, Fang Chen was the city mayor. No reporters in their right minds would dare to put their career at stake by reporting about him.

Huo Tingrui came back from the bathroom and asked. "Are we heading home now?"

Huo Yao nodded. "Uh huh."

Before long, they bade farewell to Fang Chen and Fang Ting and parted ways.

Fang Ting watched their car leave before getting into their car and telling the chauffeur to drive.

After Fang Chen finished using the phone, a thought crossed his mind and he looked sideways at his little sister. "Was Mom trying to matchmake you with Huo Tingrui?"

He vaguely recalled their mother saying that it was a renowned lawyer. Huo Tingrui happened to say that he was a lawyer while they chatted during lunch.

Fang Ting touched her nose. "Uh huh."

Fang Chen raised his brow and said, "I think he's a good match. He is very refined..."

The moment Fang Ting heard what her older brother said, she raised her hand and interrupted him. "Stop right there. He is not my type."

Moreover, Huo Tingrui clearly did not like her.

Fang Chen stopped harping on this subject since there was no point forcing her to date him.

"I like his little sister a lot, though, from the moment I met her," said Fang Ting.

Fang Ting did not fancy Huo Tingrui but liked his little sister.

Fang Chen's lips twitched as he looked at her strangely.

Fang Ting took out her phone and tapped on a video platform. Huo Yao's sportswear advertisement happened to pop up on the home page.

Even though she had seen the advertisement countless times, she smiled each time.

Fang Ting turned to look at her older brother and saw him working on some documents. She could not help shaking her head as she said angrily, "Do you really have to work now that it is finally the weekend? Can't you relax a little on a Saturday?"

Fang Ting contemplated before placing her phone in front of Fang Chen. "Look at her. Isn't she cool?"

Since Fang Ting had blocked Fang Chen's view, he helplessly veered his head sideways and looked at Fang Ting solemnly. "Cut it out."

The moment Fang Ting heard him, she took her phone back sheepishly.

Fang Chen inadvertently saw a girl wearing a mask on her phone screen and found her to be awfully familiar, so he went into a daze.

Even though half her face was covered with a mask, it was instantly recognizable since he was acquainted with her.

Fang Chen gathered his thoughts and glanced at Fang Ting. "Isn't that Huo Yao?"

"Huh?" Fang Ting had already swiped downwards and a few other videos popped up on the screen.

A few seconds later, she raised her head. "Huh? What did you just say? Was it Yaoyao?"

"That video you were watching with the girl wearing a mask. Isn't that her?" asked Fang Chen patiently.

Fang Ting opened her eyes wide before she swiped up to the advertisement and pressed pause after it played. She scrutinized it carefully and found that her older brother was spot on!

Oh god!



Fang Ting's expression cracked.

Fang Ting was Huo Xiang's fan, so she followed 'Countryside Life With My Family' faithfully. However, she ended up becoming his little sister's fan. Huo Xiang's little sister was so cool and capable that Fang Ting adored her.

She had been so curious about her appearance all this while.

In the end, Fang Ting failed to recognize Huo Yao even when she had been standing right in front of her!