

## Pill Maker 701

### Chapter 701: What If Huo Yao Got Scared By Huo Changfeng's Appearance

"I see," acknowledged Huo Xiang.

He continued to ask. "Have you met Yao before?"

"I haven't had the opportunity to see her till now." Huo Changfeng sounded disappointed.

He really wanted to meet Huo Yao officially. However, Huo Tingrui refused to let him see her on grounds that the people in the company, including him, would frighten her. Hence, he was yet to exchange a word with Huo Yao till date.

He was hoping that he would finally get to see her at the hospital today. Sadly, she was not around.

"Let me give her a call," said Huo Xiang before he picked up his phone and prepared to call her.

"It's fine. I will just wait for her to come back." Huo Changfeng shook his head.

Huo Xiang did not insist. What if Huo Yao got scared by Huo Changfeng's appearance?

After all, Huo Xiang was pretty afraid of Huo Changfeng.

In reality, Huo Changfeng did not appear scary. He simply had an imposing aura and seemed like a gangster. Also, he had rippling muscles and looked strong. At first glance, he looked intimidating and cast fear in people's hearts.

Huo Changfeng was oblivious of Huo Xiang's thoughts. He recalled the footage he saw of the accident and casually asked. "Do you practice driving often?"

"Huh?" Huo Xiang did not quite understand what Huo Changfeng was trying to imply and looked at him quizzically.

Huo Changfeng raised his brow slightly. He took out his phone and tapped on the video clip. "Your driving skills in here are pretty good."

Huo Xiang looked at the video and quickly realized what Huo Changfeng was talking about.

He replied sheepishly. "It wasn't my driving that saved us. It was Yao. If she did not control the steering wheel, we would have gotten into a terrible accident."

The moment he brought it up, he could not help shiver a bit.

Huo Changfeng found this inconceivable.

Since he knew of Huo Xiang's average driving skills, he was very curious about how he had slowed the car down. Also, he wanted to meet Miss Huo officially. Hence, he came over to the hospital.

"Does she know how to drive?" asked Huo Changfeng.

Huo Xiang scratched his head. He recalled Huo Yulin asking the same question the other day. He told Huo Changfeng that Huo Yao had read something about deceleration using friction in a book.

Huo Changfeng contemplated for two whole minutes in silence.

She was just experimenting with what she learned, but she was capable of avoiding an accident like a professional racer.

That might be good enough to convince someone as gullible as Huo Xiang.

Huo Changfeng glanced at Huo Xiang.

Huo Xiang felt puzzled when he sensed Huo Changfeng's gaze at him.

Huo Changfeng did not go on talking about the traffic accident. He simply chatted with Huo Xiang as he waited for Huo Yao to come back.

He was getting increasingly curious about her.

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Meanwhile, Huo Yao had already walked out of the hospital and got inside Min Yu's car.

Min Yu drove as he glanced at her right hand. "How's your hand?"

Huo Yao raised her hand. The bandage was already removed and only a simple band-aid was plastered on her hand.

She nodded and replied. "Your cream was very effective. It started to show effect after a single day's use."

It was comparable to the cream she was planning to make for herself.

Min Yu acknowledged softly before he said, "After using it a few more times, it will prevent any scars from forming."

Huo Yao raised her brow. She naturally knew what the cream was for. She looked out of the car window before she asked. "Where are we going? Will it take too long?"

"A Cantonese restaurant nearby. I have already made reservations, so we don't have to wait for a table." Min Yu paused before he continued. "I told the restaurant to send some food to your fourth older brother as well."

Huo Yao turned to look at him when she heard what he said.

## **Chapter 702: Encountering Huo Changfeng**

"Didn't you say that you happened to be nearby?" asked Huo Yao as she smiled ambiguously.

Min Yu remained calm after she blew his cover. His profile looked cool and confident. "If you reject me, it will be embarrassing for me."

Huo Yao rubbed her hands. Her red wool coat brought out her fair flawless skin. "If there is food involved, I usually don't turn down such offers."

Min Yu was completely unsurprised by her answer. After all, she was a miser and a foodie.

A few minutes later, the car pulled up at the restaurant.

Huo Yao stood at the entrance and gazed at the signboard. Was this one of her family's restaurants as well?

Min Yu walked over after parking the car to see her standing there in a daze. He automatically asked. "Yao?"

Huo Yao gathered her thoughts and looked at him as she shook her head.

The two of them entered the restaurant one after another. The wait staff were not overly enthusiastic and seemed rather normal.

Shortly after they sat down in the private room, the kitchen sent their food. Cantonese dishes tended to be lighter in flavor. The dishes looked exquisite, the portions were generous and there were a lot of dishes.

The table was laden with excellent food and looked particularly appetizing.

Huo Yao had been eating homemade bone soup for days ever since she got hospitalized, and was particularly sick of it. After the waiters sent the food over, she did not hold back and promptly picked up the chopsticks.

Min Yu's lips pursed gently when he saw this, but said nothing. Even though the atmosphere was quiet, it felt perfect.

Halfway through the meal, Min Yu put down his chopsticks and wiped his mouth with a piece of tissue. He leaned into the seat backrest and watched the young woman sitting across from him eat.

After she was more or less done with the food, he picked up the teapot and added more tea to her cup. "I will be away for a couple of days. If you need something, you can call me or Zhuo Yun."

The moment Huo Yao heard what he said, she raised her head and looked at him as she acknowledged. "Okay."

Huo Yao put down her chopsticks and did not go on eating. Huo Yao rapped her fingers on the table gently and glanced at the time on her wrist watch before she said, "Come on. I need to go back."

"Sure." Min Yu stood up and retrieved their coats from the garment rack nearby. He handed Huo Yao her coat before putting on his.

Huo Yao thanked him for it.

Before long, the two of them left the restaurant. The wind was strong outside and the skies looked dark. It seemed as though it was about to rain.

Huo Yao pulled her coat together and got into the car.

A few minutes later, Huo Yao undid her seat belt and got off the car when they arrived at the hospital entrance. Before she got off, she turned to look at Min Yu and said solemnly, "Take care."

Min Yu looked into Huo Yao's eyes for a couple of seconds before he finally realized what she was talking about. He raised his brows slightly and said calmly, "Uh huh."

Huo Yao cleared her throat and said, "See you."

She opened the car door and got off.

She was tall and slender. Her bright red coat seemed capable of driving her cool aura away.

Min Yu watched until she disappeared before he shifted his eyes and drove off.

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Huo Yao walked into the hospital lobby and pressed the lift to go up.

The lift was on its way down and it took barely a minute for it to get to the ground floor. The lift door opened with a chime with Huo Yao standing outside. Her hands were encased in her coat pockets, making her look very laid back.

There was a middle-aged man in the lift, dressed in black giving off an imposing aura. His face looked intimidating and his eyes looked stern.

Huo Yao glanced at the man. She did not appear afraid at all. She narrowed her eyes before she stood aside and courteously let him exit the lift first.

### **Chapter 703: Her Useless Older Brothers**

The person was none other than Huo Changfeng. He had waited for some time in the hospital ward for Huo Yao to come back.

The moment the lift door opened, Huo Changfeng was caught by surprise briefly when he saw Huo Yao standing outside.

Although he had seen her from a distance, he was unable to see her face clearly. He had never seen her in such close proximity.

Huo Changfeng could clearly see her exquisite features and was surprised. She resembled Master Jinfeng remarkably and gave off a lofty aura.

She had innately cold air and was completely different from her older brothers.

She was composed, confident, and kept a low profile.

All her older brothers looked wary around Huo Changfeng as though he might eat them alive.

Only Huo Yao was different. After she saw him, she was unafraid. Also, it did not seem like she was pretending. She was extraordinarily composed.

This was the kind of aura a member of the Huo family was expected to have.

A lot of thoughts swept through Huo Changfeng's mind when he saw Huo Yao until the lift door almost closed. He snapped out of his daze and pressed the lift button.

Although he wanted to talk to her, his phone kept vibrating and prevented him from doing so.

If he did not have urgent matters to attend to, he would still be at the hospital ward waiting for her.

Huo Changfeng sighed disappointedly before he stepped out of the lift.

His steps froze as he walked past Huo Yao. However, it was ever so briefly before he swiftly walked off.

Never mind. There was always the next time.

Huo Yao entered the lift and pressed the button for the tenth floor. She raised her brow as she contemplated and looked outside when the doors started to close. She could see the man with a powerful aura gradually walking off.

The man resembled one of those men dressed in black whom she mistook as debtors when she first returned to the Huo family.

All of them seemed to be gangsters.

Meanwhile, Huo Changfeng was oblivious of the label pinned on him. Chen Ming started the engine as he said to Huo Changfeng when he got into the car. "Chief Steward, the plane is ready. It can take off immediately once we get there."

Huo Changfeng acknowledged softly as he looked out of the car window. A thought suddenly crossed his mind and he turned to look at his assistant. "Go investigate Miss Huo in detail again."

Chen Ming was surprised to hear this. "We have already done a detailed investigation about her. Why do you suddenly want it redone?"

Huo Changfeng recalled the previous report and felt it made Huo Yao seem particularly ordinary. The girl mentioned in the report seemed to be very different from Huo Yao in person.

"Stop talking so much. Just do as I tell you and redo the investigation."

"Okay then," replied Chen Ming sheepishly.

He paused before he continued to ask hesitantly. "...Did Miss Huo get scared when she saw you?"

Huo Tingrui had forbidden them to go near Huo Yao. He was afraid she would get startled by them, so all they saw were her pictures. None of them had spoken to her yet.

Huo Changfeng glanced at him sideways the moment he heard this. "Do you think she is like her useless older brothers?"

Miss Huo remained expressionless when she saw him! She did not fear him at all.

Chen Ming's lips twitched. Useless older brothers? Only Chief Steward dared to speak so brazenly even though he felt the same way.

## **Chapter 704: Huo Family's Heir**

From the looks of it, the chief steward thought highly of Huo Yao.

Chen Ming cleared his throat and said, "I can't wait to see her."

Since Master Jinyan's other children were not interested in taking over the family business, they could only pin their hopes on Miss Huo.

After all, she was the most intelligent child amongst them and was worthy of grooming.

Moreover, Master Jinfeng was unmarried, so he had no children. He had single-handedly led the clan through sheer force and determination.

After Huo Yulin was abducted, Huo Jinyan swore never to get involved with clan matters. Out of fear that more abductions might happen, he moved back from abroad and went back to City S. Ever since he went back, he kept a really low profile.

Before Master Jinyan got married, he made a promise to Master Jinfeng that one of his children would become the heir of the family and the future leader.

Master Jinyan wanted to leave the family and did not want his children to come back, so he ensured there was a loophole in their agreement. One of his children could inherit the family, but it had to be the youngest child.

Master Jinyan and his wife proceeded to have four boys in a row before they finally had a little girl.

Even though it sounded inconceivable for a girl to take over the clan, Master Jinfeng did not mind making a girl the heir. However, after testing Lu Xia several times, he did not continue talking about getting her to become the family head.

Instead, Master Jinfeng spent years grooming Huo Yulin. Sadly, he was deeply traumatized by the abduction and had no wish to inherit the clan leadership.

The other boys in the family were not good enough to become the head of the family either.

After they found out that Huo Yao was swapped at birth and brought back home, the matter crossed their minds once more. When they realized that Huo Yao was far more intelligent than Lu Xia, they started paying more attention to her.

After all, Master Jinyan's youngest child was most likely to become the next family head. If she was particularly talented, there was no harm in letting a girl do the job.

In any case, only Huo Yulin could take on the role among all the boys in the family.

Chen Ming pondered for a long time. When he got to this, he suddenly said, "Tsk. Miss Huo has come home for such a long time, but Master Jinyan and his wife refuse to let us see her so as not to scare her. Do you think they are afraid we will snatch her from them?"

Huo Changfeng was stunned to hear this. After he composed himself, he instantly felt enlightened.

Master Jinfeng and Master Jinyan's agreement was not a secret in the family. The moment Chen Ming brought it up, Huo Changfeng recalled this matter as well.

The more Huo Changfeng thought about it, the more he felt Chen Ming was right. Huo Yao clearly looked at him like he was an ordinary person and was unflustered when he encountered her at the lift.

All these years, Huo Changfeng had met people from all walks of life. Most people would be afraid of him the moment they saw him. It was rare for anyone to be as calm as Huo Yao in his presence.

Only a mature and powerful person could react that way. It was impossible for a young woman her age to react so calmly.

Huo Yao was a smart girl. She was also medically trained and had a calm demeanour. She had a similar aura as Master Jinfeng and was a suitable candidate as heir.

Huo Changfeng touched his chin. "Even though Master Jinyan looks like a careless man, he is particularly devious."

Master Jinyan and his wife kept trying for a girl after having four boys. It was clearly a deliberate attempt in the hope that they would not make a girl family heir.

### **Chapter 705: What Does Our Eldest Uncle Do?**

Chen Ming nodded in agreement. "Master Jinyan was so sneaky about it. Whatever it is, Miss Huo is like half a daughter to Master Jinfeng since she is his niece."

This was also the reason they called Huo Yao, Miss Huo, and not Little Miss Huo.

Huo Changfeng tapped his fingers on his knee gently before he said, "Master Jinyan might have plans, but we can learn a thing or two from him. Can't we?"

Chen Ming cleared his throat before he pulled out one hand and gave Huo Changfeng a thumbs up. "All you have to do is give the order."

"After we settle this, we can talk," said Huo Changfeng after he contemplated it briefly.

"Sure." Chen Ming nodded.

He paused when a thought crossed his mind before he said, "All the Shen family's overseas businesses have been ruined. I have also told the people at the branch office to cancel all deals we have with them locally."

Huo Changfeng looked out of the car window at the heavy rain. After some time, he finally said, "Good. It is about time we teach them a lesson about whom they should steer clear of."

"That goes without saying." Chen Ming pursed his lips slightly.

Anyone who attempted to bully Miss Huo was courting death.

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Meanwhile, Huo Xiang had just finished eating when Huo Yao came back to the hospital ward.

She glanced at the takeout packaging and noticed that the food was from the same restaurant where she had just dined with Min Yu.

Huo Xiang took a piece of tissue and wiped his mouth as he looked at his little sister. "Even though you ran out to feast on your own, you had the heart to order me some takeout."

Huo Yao pulled out a chair and sat down before she leaned into the seat backrest lazily.

Huo Xiang threw the take-out boxes into the trash can. His little sister happened to come back after Huo Changfeng left the hospital. He contemplated for a couple of seconds before he probed. "Oh yes. Did anyone unusual try to talk to you on your way back?"

Huo Yao glanced at him. "Nope."

Huo Xiang heaved a sigh of relief the moment he heard this. From the looks of it, they did not bump into each other.

"What are you trying to ask?" questioned Huo Yao as she looked at him.

Huo Xiang paused before he continued. "Nothing much. Uncle Changfeng happened to come by to visit when you were out."

Huo Yao raised her brow. "Uncle Changfeng? Who is that?"

"He works for our eldest uncle," said Huo Xiang and scratched his head.

In reality, he did not know who Huo Changfeng was, in detail. He simply knew that he was their eldest uncle's subordinate. Huo Changfeng was responsible for taking care of the local Huo properties.

The moment Huo Yao heard this, she smiled, unusually curiously. "What does our eldest uncle do for a living?"

"I don't know much about him, but Brother Yulin ought to know more," replied Huo Xiang.

Huo Yao acknowledged softly without continuing to probe. After all, she had never met him before. He was never around.

Her phone pinged in her pocket. She pulled it out and lowered her head to reply to her text messages.

She had not gone to school for days, so a lot of her classmates were very worried about her. Meng Ying happened to be texting her now.

She contemplated before she replied: [I'm going back to school tomorrow.]

She had not gone to school in these many days to help conceal Huo Xiang's condition and find the culprit. Now that it was over, there was no reason for her to keep staying here.

After all, her term finals were taking place in half a month.

After replying to the text message, Huo Yao recalled the box containing Huo Xiang's autographed pictures. It was probably still in his car, so she texted Tong Yu and asked him to bring them over when he was free.

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In no time, it was the month end.



When Huo Yao had lunch with Min Yu a few days ago, he said he was leaving town, so she did not bother contacting him. She spent most of her time revising and researching medicine.

## **Chapter 706: Such A Pretty Young Woman**

At the end of the month, after Huo Yao packed her things and left class, she saw Yi Lianfan already outside the class.

In the morning, Yi Lianfan had invited Huo Yao to swing by his family's medicinal cuisine restaurant to try some of his new dishes.

The two of them chatted about Science questions as they walked out of the school campus.

Meng Ying was following behind them. The moment she overheard their conversation, she really wanted to cover her ears with her hands.

She had already spent the day listening to lectures. Now that school was finally over, she had to listen to these top students talk about Science and suffer. She was really starting to lose it.

Yi Lianfan asked Meng Ying if she would like to join them for dinner when they arrived at the school entrance. Meng Ying hurriedly shook her head and turned down his offer. She had no interest in listening to them talking about Science and Math while she ate.

She quickly waved her hand and took off.

The Yi family's car had already pulled up by the roadside. Chen Xiang put away his phone when he saw Yi Lianfan walking out of campus. The moment he saw Huo Yao walking beside Yi Lianfan, he narrowed his eyes slightly.

"Hi." Yi Lianfan nodded politely to Chen Xiang before he pointed at Huo Yao. "You probably remember my classmate. She came to my grandfather's birthday party. Today, she will be coming along with me to sample the new dishes."

Chen Xiang pursed his lips and acknowledged calmly without looking at Huo Yao. "Get in. Your grandfather is already waiting for you at the restaurant."

He turned to walk around the car bonnet and got into the driver's seat.

Yi Lianfan glanced at Chen Xiang before he voluntarily opened the back seat door for Huo Yao.

After they got into the car, they drove off.

A black car had parked nearby. It started its engine when Yi Lianfan's car left and followed them.

They arrived at the medicinal cuisine restaurant 30 minutes later.

"Huo Yao, you're finally here," greeted Old Mr. Yi enthusiastically when he saw Huo Yao enter the private room.

Huo Yao nodded slightly. "Hi, Old Mr. Yi."

Yu Lianfan's mother was present as well, so she greeted her politely.

Mrs. Yi was an elegant and intellectual woman, and looked particularly refined. She smiled and poured Huo Yao some tea. "Take a seat, please."

Huo Yao acknowledged her gently. She had a good impression of Mrs. Yi. She had the same refined aura as Song Ning and was a nice woman.

After chatting briefly, Old Mr. Yi went to the kitchen leaving Huo Yao and Mrs. Yi alone in the private room.

Huo Yao looked at Mrs. Yi and asked, "Does your lower belly get bloated lately? Do you get sweaty and restless when you sleep at night? Are you experiencing light menstruation?"

The moment Mrs. Yi heard what Huo Yao said, she was startled. "... How did you know?"

Huo Yao replied humbly. "I know a bit of Chinese medicine."

Mrs. Yi quickly remembered her father-in-law telling her about this young woman's medical knowledge. Also, she had given some excellent suggestions to Old Mr. Yi for his medicinal dishes.

Mrs. Yi promptly smiled and said, "That's right. I keep breaking out in cold sweat and am also experiencing some bad dreams at night. Also, there is light menstruation flow. I went to the hospital and got some medicine, but it was ineffective. Perhaps my menopause is starting."

"Mind if I take your pulse?" asked Huo Yao.

"Sure thing." Mrs. Yi trusted Huo Yao even though she was young, so she extended her hand and placed it on the table.

She looked at Huo Yao warmly as the young girl took her pulse.

She was such a pretty young woman.

Before long, Huo Yao finished taking her pulse. She retrieved a pen and paper and swiftly wrote down some common Chinese herbs on it.

## **Chapter 707: Someone From The Shen Family**

Huo Yao handed the prescription to Mrs. Yi after she was done writing and said, "You are suffering from Yin blood stasis. Women often experience endometriosis. All you have to do is follow this prescription and take it for half a month."

Mrs. Yi picked up the piece of paper. She did not look at the contents of the paper right away.

Instead, she was shocked. "You are absolutely right. The doctor told me it was endometriosis as well. He prescribed me some medicine, but it didn't work."

The young lady was able to diagnose her condition so quickly after taking her pulse. It was simply incredible.

Huo Yao picked up the teacup and had a sip before she said, "It is not a big problem. Just use my prescription and you will recover soon."

Mrs. Yi nodded. She finally looked at the piece of paper and realized that most of the Chinese herbs in the prescription seemed familiar to her. She folded it and placed it in her pocket.

Yi Lianfan and Old Mr. Yi came back with the food before long.

Yi Lianfan was genuinely a gifted chef. The last time she sampled his cooking, it was still apprentice-level cooking. But this time, he was ready to graduate.

Huo Yao praised his cooking generously.

Chen Xiang heard everything as he was standing outside. He merely scoffed before walking off and couldn't be bothered listening to Huo Yao.

The young woman kept acting like a smart aleck about Chinese medicine just for the sake of getting Old Mr. Yi's attention.

Now that Yi Lianfan was here, she stopped being picky and readily praised him. It was pure flattery in an effort to get close to them. Only Old Mr. Yi and the others would be so blind not to realize it.

More guests were coming in. Since all the wait staff was occupied, Chen Xiang personally went to serve the new arrivals.

Two young women, wearing sunglasses and masks, had entered the place. Judging from their gear, they seemed worried about getting recognized.

Chen Xiang asked quizzically. "Would you like to dine in the main hall or a private room?"

These were none other than Wu Miao and Shen Si who had entered the place.

"We aren't here to eat. We are looking for someone," said Wu Miao after removing her sunglasses.

Chen Xiang frowned when he heard this. However, he asked rather politely. "Who are you looking for?"

"We are looking for a young student who entered 20 minutes ago. She goes by the surname Huo," said Wu Miao.

Chen Xiang immediately figured out who they were looking for based on the description.

He contemplated for two seconds before he replied. "Miss Huo is Old Mr. Yi's guest. If you want to see her, you can give her a call."

Wu Miao bit her lip. If she had Huo Yao's number, she would not have had to come all the way here.

"We are her friends and we need to see her urgently. Mind taking us to her?"

"Erm..." Chen Xiang hesitated. He glanced at them a couple of times before he nodded. "Come this way, please."

After they got to the door, Chen Xiang told them to wait outside before he lifted the bead curtain and said to Huo Yao, "Miss Huo, a couple of your friends want to see you."

Huo Yao raised her brow and looked at the door as the bead curtain swung slightly. She was able to see the two people standing outside the door.

She merely glanced at them before she veered her eyes nonchalantly and replied. "I don't know them."

The moment Old Mr. Yi heard this, he looked at Chen Xiang angrily. "Can't you see we are trying to eat here?"

It was so rude of him.

Chen Xiang detected Old Mr. Yi's annoyance and became embarrassed. However, he realized his abrupt behaviour, and explained softly. "The two guests looked like they needed to see her urgently, so I came in to check."

He didn't expect Huo Yao to blatantly claim that she didn't know them.

Would they have asked to see her if they were not acquainted?

Chen Xiang couldn't help looking at Huo Yao angrily.

## Chapter 708: Have Mercy On Us

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Wu Miao was standing outside when she heard this and promptly parted the bead curtain and walked in.

Wu Miao removed her mask and disregarded the other people in the room.

She looked at Huo Yao before she said anxiously in a somewhat loud voice, "Huo Yao, stop pretending you don't know us. My cousin and I need to talk to you. Mind coming out for a little chat?"

Old Mr. Yi, Mrs. Yi, and Yi Lianfan all turned to look at Wu Miao the moment she finished her sentence.

Since Old Mr. Yi and Mrs. Yi were not into watching entertainment programs or television dramas, they did not recognize Wu Miao.

Usually Yi Lianfan studied like a maniac, so he didn't waste time watching television either. After he found out that Huo Yao had joined the program, he specially watched the last few episodes, so he instantly recognized Wu Miao.

Yi Lianfan frowned. He knew about the online incident and that Wu Miao was responsible for the leak.

He wondered how they found out about them dining here. Yi Lianfan glanced at Huo Yao and stood up before she said a word. He looked at them coldly and said defensively, "Pardon me. This is a private gathering, so please leave."

Wu Miao was from No.1 Middle School and only one year older than Yi Lianfan. Even though she had graduated half a year ago, she had some impression of Yi Lianfan since he was a straight-A student.

She also knew about his family.

She didn't expect Yi Lianfan to be on such good terms with Lucky's little sister that he would stand up for her.

Wu Miao inhaled deeply before suppressing her annoyance and saying to Yi Lianfan. "Hi, Lianfan. I really need to talk to Huo Yao."

Yi Lianfan raised his hand and said coolly, "Don't get all chummy with me. I don't know you at all. Also, if you really needed to talk to her, you should have had the courtesy to call ahead. It is really rude of you to follow her to a restaurant."

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Wu Miao instantly froze awkwardly and didn't know what to say.

Mrs. Yi narrowed her eyes and stood up as well. She promptly told Chen Xiang without even trying to ask the reason. "Please send them out. Lianfan is right. Anyone with the slightest courtesy would have called ahead."

Chen Xiang felt insulted. Even though Mrs. Yi was clearly talking about Wu Miao, he could detect Mrs. Yi mocking him for being rude. After all, he was the one who let them in.

Chen Xiang clenched his fists slightly as he said hoarsely, "Yes, I will."

Wu Miao became instantly worried. She bit her lip as she glanced at the people in the private room before she said to Huo Yao, "I am sorry. I shouldn't have done it. It was wrong of me to divulge your private information. Can you have mercy on us and forgive us?"

Wu Miao recalled the predicament the Wu and Shen families were in and was genuinely scared.

Huo Yao put down her chopsticks and stood up to look at them mildly. "Let's talk outside and not cause any disturbance to the others."

She turned to look at Old Mr. Yi and Mrs. Yi. She apologized courteously before leaving the private room.

Now that Huo Yao was willing to talk to her, Wu Miao heaved a sigh of relief and followed behind.

Mrs. Yi wanted to stop Huo Yao. Since Huo Yao left the room so quickly, she was a step too late. She turned to ask Yi Lianfan. "Who is that woman? Do you know her?"

Have mercy on them? They were speaking strongly and clearly trying to make Huo Yao look unreasonable and vindictive.

## **Chapter 709: Do You Dare Say You Had Nothing To Do With It?**

Yi Lianfan glanced at his mother. He contemplated for a few seconds before he told her about Wu Miao posting Huo Yao's personal information online.

Mrs. Yi looked annoyed and slammed the table. "How could she be so shameless? She was the one who caused trouble. Even if she really wanted to apologize, she shouldn't have come with that lousy attitude of hers."

Yi Lianfan was startled when his mother slammed the table.

"This won't do. Huo Yao looks too gentle. They are bound to bully her. I have to go out and check on her," said Mrs. Yi and she stood up.

Although she had only seen the young lady twice, she had a good impression of her. Moreover, she was invited here by them, so they could not let this happen to her.

Yi Lianfan hurriedly raised his hand and stopped his mother. "Calm down. This is her personal matter, so it is inappropriate for you to interfere."

Despite Huo Yao's vulnerable appearance, she would not let people get away with bullying her.

Those people should count themselves lucky if Huo Yao played nice.

"I..."

Just as Mrs. Yi was about to say something, the phone on the table rang.

It was Huo Yao's phone ringing.

She had placed her phone on the table while eating and forgot about it when she left the room.

She was sitting beside Old Mr. Yi, so Old Mr. Yi automatically glanced over when it rang.

He did not intend on intruding on her privacy. He simply took a quick glance and saw the caller ID and his eyes instantly froze.

Young Master Min?

Old Mr. Yi narrowed his eyes. He picked up his teacup and took a sip before putting it down. He proceeded to retrieve his phone from his pocket and called a number.

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Meanwhile, Huo Yao had left the medicinal cuisine restaurant and was standing outside in a quiet spot. The sky had just started to turn dark, so the streetlamps were on.

Huo Yao turned to look at Wu Miao and Shen Si wearing sunglasses and masks. Her exquisite face looked cold and expressionless.

She did not speak and waited patiently.

Wu Miao looked at Huo Yao. It was the first time she had taken a close look at Huo Yao's face. Huo Yao had enviable gorgeous looks.

She clenched her fists before she said, "What do you want us to do? What would it take for you to let our families off?"

"I don't understand what you mean," replied Huo Yao mildly.

Wu Miao opened her eyes wide. "Stop pretending. My cousin's family is in trouble. Do you dare say you have nothing to do with it?"

The moment Shen Si heard Wu Miao's interrogative tone, she narrowed her eyes and shouted at her. "Apologize to Miss Huo..."

Before they came to look for Huo Yao, Shen Si reminded Wu Miao repeatedly to forget about her grudge with Huo Yao. She had to apologize sincerely.

However, Wu Miao ended up taking this tone with Huo Yao as soon as she started speaking.

Wu Miao instantly realized her mistake and inhaled deeply before she bowed to Huo Yao. "I am sorry."

Huo Yao stepped to the side nonchalantly. She clearly didn't need Wu Miao's apology.

Shen Si removed her sunglasses to reveal her swollen red eyes. Although there were barely any guests walking around, she was a celebrity and had to be careful with her image, so she did not remove her mask.

"Miss Huo, I am really sorry about my cousin's reckless actions. I hope you can let us off now that the Shen family has gotten its just deserts," said Shen Si sincerely without a shred of arrogance.

## **Chapter 710: She Learned Her Lesson Too Late**

Shen Si had always assumed that Huo Xiang came from an insignificant family. Since Huo Xiang and Huo Yao acted like country bumpkins on the program, she became even more certain of their lowly status.

Even when Shen Si realized he was from the Huo family, it did not dawn on her that it might be the same family which her mother had told her about.

Hence, she did not stop her cousin when she posted scandals about them online.

Even when Huo Tingrui sent a legal letter for Wu Miao's actions, she was only worried briefly before she quickly convinced herself that the Shen family was untouchable.

She even called Wu Miao's talent agency and reminded them that Wu Miao had the Shen family's backing.

Even though the talent agency was not keen on keeping Wu Miao around, it heeded Shen Si's advice and returned the legal letter after she put pressure on them.

Shen Si merely wanted to send Huo Tingrui a clear warning by returning the letter. She wanted him to catch the drift and stop coming after Wu Miao. It didn't dawn on her that it would cause the Shen family to become his target.

Her father was only a distant relative in the family and did not have any power in the main clan.

The Shen family only opened its doors and gave them opportunities owing to her father's business talent. Otherwise, she wouldn't have dared to claim that she was from the Shen family.

A lot of her father's overseas projects were now in hot water. Even some of the local branch offices that her father was in charge of, were on the brink of closure. The Shen family was furious about this matter.

Although the Huo family was not located in the capital, they were incredibly well connected. No one knew exactly how deep their hands could reach.

They were even told that if the Shen family refused to apologize to Miss Huo, they would ensure that the Shen family would kiss goodbye to their status as the capital's elite.

The Shen family did not even know who Huo Yao was. Shen Si only realized that they were talking about Huo Yao when she realized the trouble her father was in.

Only then did she figure out how shallow she was.

She was unable to dig up Lucky's background not because he had low status. Instead, his background was deliberately kept hidden. Otherwise, it was impossible for him to survive all these years in the entertainment industry without having a single scandal.

Sadly, she learned her lesson too late. She had already offended them and caused huge trouble.

The more Shen Si thought about this, the more upset she became.

If she had done something to stop Wu Miao from posting Huo Yao's information on social media or did not return Huo Tingrui's letter, perhaps the Shen clan wouldn't end up reviling her family now.

Maybe she would not have to stand in front of Huo Yao and apologize submissively now.

Shen Si inhaled deeply as she suppressed the thoughts running through her mind. She continued apologizing to Huo Yao. Moments later, she quietly looked at Huo Yao and waited for her reaction.

Huo Yao straightened her coat and said nonchalantly, "Are you done?"

Shen Si could not figure out how Huo Yao felt about her apology.

Huo Yao was in deep thought. She recalled her stupid second older brother saying that he would take care of the matter when those things happened on social media.

Was Huo Tingrui that good?

Was Huo Tingrui capable of making Shen Si, who hailed from the all-important Shen family, lower herself and apologize to her?

"What's it going to take? Just give it to us straight. If it is reasonable, we will do our best to fulfill your wishes," said Wu Miao anxiously.

As long as they could resolve their differences, they were prepared to pay any price.