

Pill Maker 711

Chapter 711: We Can't Afford To Offend The Min Family

Huo Yao glanced at Wu Miao before she said coolly, "Fine. Get lost this instant."

Wu Miao's lips parted, but she was so stunned that she was incapable of saying a word.

Huo Yao placed her hand in her pocket and realized that she forgot to bring her phone with her. She couldn't be bothered with entertaining Wu Miao and Shen Si any longer, so she headed back into the medicinal cuisine restaurant.

Shen Si immediately wanted to stop her. A car came driving over and its headlights shone straight at her. The light was so piercing that she halted and raised her hand to shade her eyes.

Huo Yao turned to see the car and instantly raised her brow. The coldness on her face dissipated slightly.

Zhuo Yun quickly killed the engine and got off the driver seat to reverently open the back seat door.

Min Yu got out of the car, saw Huo Yao and walked right over to her.

Huo Yao watched as he came close. "Are you back?"

Min Yu pursed his lips and the coldness on his face disappeared. He looked at her deeply as he acknowledged her and continued. "I called you, but you didn't answer."

Huo Yao didn't ask how he knew she was at Old Mr. Yi's restaurant.

She simply raised her chin and said, "I left my phone inside." She paused and continued. "Have you eaten?"

"I just got off the flight, so I haven't gotten to eat yet." Min Yu glanced at Shen Si and Wu Miao mildly. "Are they making trouble for you?"

He had a powerful aura to begin with. The moment he glanced over, Shen Si and Wu Miao instinctively felt so tense that chills ran down their spines.

Huo Yao did not look at them and simply shrugged. "Dinner is more important."

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Min Yu made no objection and quickly entered the restaurant with Huo Yao.

Wu Miao wanted to chase behind them, but Zhuo Yun stopped her from entering the restaurant.

Although Zhuo Yun always seemed happy-go-lucky, he was not what he seemed. The moment Wu Miao made eye contact with his cold eyes, she instinctively trembled.

This man...

Shen Si grabbed Wu Miao's arm and gently shook her head. She turned to nod to Zhuo Yun politely before pulling Wu Miao as she walked off.

Shen Si finally let go of Wu Miao when they got to the parking lot.

Wu Miao looked at her in bewilderment. "Why did you stop me?"

Shen Si knew just what she was going to ask and replied solemnly. "Those men are from the Min family. You can't afford to offend them."

Wu Miao was stunned to hear this. "The Min family? Are you talking about the Min family from the capital?"

"Uh huh." Shen Si opened the car door and got in.

Her mind went into chaos. She had the honor of attending a Shen family event in the past, where she spotted Min Yu from a distance. Even though it was ages ago, his imposing aura and flawless features made him easy to recognize.

She couldn't have gotten it wrong.

Why was Min Yu acquainted with Huo Yao? From the looks of it, they seemed pretty close.

She was already in so much trouble for offending this mysterious Huo family, but Huo Yao was close to the Min family as well. If she had known how well connected Huo Yao was, she would rather die than offend her!

In an instant, Shen Si felt dreadfully worried for the future of her family.

Wu Miao started the engine before she glanced at her cousin through the rearview mirror and asked. "Then are we still going to continue waiting for Huo Yao tomorrow at school?"

Shen Si pressed her forehead. Moments later, she shook her head and replied. "No, don't do it.. If you wait for her at school, it will only make things worse."

Chapter 712: What Had Huo Tingrui Done To Them?

Wu Miao tightened her grip on the steering wheel. "Then what should we do now?"

Although it was an attack on the Shen family, the Wu family was having an equally hard time and her family business's stock had been plummeting for a week. If this went on, they might end up being bankrupt.

Shen Si stopped rubbing her forehead and looked annoyed. "It's all your fault. Would this have happened if you didn't get jealous of her?"

Wu Miao bit her lip. Even though Shen Si gave Wu Miao her full support previously, Wu Miao did not argue. Instead, she accepted all the blame.

"We can talk when we get back." Shen Si closed her eyes and sighed powerlessly.

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Meanwhile, Old Mr. Yi had already sent for more food by the time Huo Yao and Min Yu entered the private room.

“Yao, did those two give you any trouble?” asked Mrs. Yi in concern.

Huo Yao shook her head and smiled. “No, they didn’t. Thanks for asking.”

Mrs. Yi felt relieved to hear this. “If you need help, feel free to ask me.”

“Uh huh.” Huo Yao nodded obediently.

The moment Mrs. Yi saw this, she regretted not having a little girl when she could.

Old Mr. Yi chatted with Min Yu every now and then. Since they were eating, they were not able to talk as much.

Shortly after dinner, Huo Yao and Min Yu bade farewell and left.

After they got into the car, Huo Yao held Min Yu’s wrist and placed her fingers on his pulse.

She noticed that he hadn’t eaten much earlier. Even when he did, his hand looked a little shaky. If she didn’t observe him carefully, it would have escaped notice.

Min Yu looked at her sideways. “Is Shen Si making trouble for you?”

Huo Yao didn’t answer as she continued to examine his pulse. Moments later, she let go of his hand. “Why does this always happen? Each time you leave, you either come back with a relapse or injuries.”

Min Yu didn’t look uncomfortable when Huo Yao discovered his condition. He merely replied nonchalantly. “It was just a minor injury.”

Huo Yao looked at him sideways before she replied to his previous question about Shen Si and Wu Miao. “They were here to apologize to me.”

Min Yu raised his brow. “For what they did on social media?”

“Probably, I guess.” Huo Yao shrugged. Her phone rang in her pocket, so she stopped talking and retrieved it.

It was Huo Tingrui calling her.

Huo Yao was unsurprised. She told Huo Tingrui she would get home in approximately ten minutes before hanging up.

She turned to look at Min Yu and reminded him. “You should go home and get some rest.”

The light in the car was on. When it reflected off her lovely face, her eyes looked bright and beautiful. Min Yu glanced at her and acknowledged softly. “Okay.”

He shifted his gaze and looked out of the car window with a smile on his lips.

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After Huo Yao got home, her second older brother called her to the garden for a chat.

"Yao, did that Shen woman look you up?" Huo Tingrui received a call from Shen Si asking him out for a chat.

He learned that Shen Si and Wu Miao had deliberately waited for his little sister at school.

Huo Yao was surprised. "How did you know?"

"She called to tell me that they wanted to apologize to you." Huo Tingrui kicked a pebble on the ground as he spoke in contempt. "Just ignore them. They deserve it."

The moment Huo Yao heard what her brother said, she crossed her arms and raised her brow. "What have you done to them to make them beg me for forgiveness?"

Chapter 713: Would Old Madam Yang Want You There?

Huo Tingrui cleared his throat. "Of course I'm suing her. Have you forgotten that I am a lawyer?"

"Oh?" Huo Yao dragged the syllable for a long time in disbelief.

If that was all he did, Shen Si and Wu Miao wouldn't have looked for her and begged for forgiveness. Was her second older brother trying to pull a fast one on her because she didn't know anything about law?

Huo Tingrui glanced at her. "What did you mean by that?"

Huo Yao nodded before she did her utmost to find the right words to praise him. "Brother Tingrui, you are the best!"

Huo Tingrui went speechless from the discrimination.

He scratched his head before he changed the subject. "Oh yes. I heard Yulin say that you want to go back to visit Old Madam Yang after your exam."

"Uh huh. I have already booked my ticket," replied Huo Yao.

Huo Tingrui thought about how the Lu family had gone bankrupt. He hesitated before he said, "Will Old Madam Yang be keen on seeing you?"

"It will be fine." Huo Yao knew what the old lady's personality was like.

She glanced at Huo Tingrui quizzically. "Brother Tingrui, is there something you want to tell me?"

Huo Tingrui pondered before he decided to tell her about the Lu family's situation. "I am just worried it might get awkward for you if you visit Old Madam Yang. After all, the Lu family has gone bust. Also, your foster mother can get quite unreasonable."

Huo Yao didn't know about the Lu family's bankruptcy. Then again, they had chosen to smear the mayor, so it was impossible for them to get away with it scot free.

She contemplated briefly before she waved her hand and said, "It's fine. It's no big deal."

Even if the Lu family went bankrupt, He Xiaoman would never go back to her hometown or be bothered with Old Madam Yang.

Huo Tingrui noticed his little sister's insistence, so he didn't try to talk her out of it. After all, Old Madam Yang had brought up Huo Yao for years and they cared about each other a lot.

After they were done chatting, Huo Yao headed back to her room where she took out her phone and made a video call to Old Madam Yang.

She finally felt at ease when she noticed that Old Madam Yang looked completely fine.

"... Oh yes. I bought air tickets for 16th January," said Huo Yao.

Old Madam Yang was stunned the moment she heard this. Moments later, she finally realized what Huo Yao meant and looked delighted. "Are you coming back?"

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao softly. She smiled when she saw Old Madam Yang's reaction.

"There are still two weeks to go. In that case, I need to prepare something special for you. Since you have been studying so hard, I am sure you've lost a lot of weight. When you come over, I will nourish you back to health..."

Old Madam Yang wiped a tear from the corner of her eye as she spoke. However, she quickly realized that she was overreacting and quickly made an excuse before hanging up the phone.

Her granddaughter was coming back to visit her. This was the best news ever.

Huo Yao laughed as she shook her head when she realized that her grandmother had hung up on her.

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Time passed swiftly before the term finals were here.

For two days, the students were under great pressure. They finally felt relieved when they finished their last paper.

Yi Lianfan came over with a few boxes of homemade snacks and gave them to Huo Yao before she left school. "My mother made these. She wanted to thank you for the prescription. She has already recovered completely. Do you want to come over and hang out at my place during the winter break?"

Chapter 714: Brother Yulin's Plans

Huo Yao raised her brow. She did not turn down the snacks and took them from Yi Lianfan. After thanking him, she continued. "I am going back to my hometown during the winter break, so I probably can't come over."

Yi Lianfan smiled when he heard this and said, "It's fine. We can do it some other time."

“Uh huh.” Huo Yao nodded. The car was already waiting for her outside, so she said to Yi Lianfan, “My ride’s here. Bye.”

“Okay,” said Yi Lianfan. He watched Huo Yao get into the car before he left.

Huo Yao placed the gift box in the back seat before she got into the car. One of the plastic bags opened a little to reveal a long thin wooden box.

It clearly didn’t look like it contained snacks.

Huo Yao’s hands paused before she took out the wooden box and opened it. It contained wild ginseng in a vacuum pack. Judging from its quality and roots, it was at least 100 years old and had a market value of \$800 000 to \$120 000.

She did not expect the Yi family to be so kind as to give her such an expensive gift.

Huo Yao put the lid back onto the wooden box. She took out her phone and texted Yi Lianfan to thank him.

She contemplated before she sent another text message: [From now on if you have any questions, feel free to ask me. I will teach you until you master them.]

Yi Lianfan was stunned to receive the text message: [Erm... Are you okay?]

After all, Huo Yao always looked annoyed when he went over to ask for help with some questions. Now that she enthusiastically offered to help him with homework out of the blue, he couldn’t help finding it strange.

For a moment, he suspected someone had hacked into her WeChat account.

For once in Huo Yao’s life, she wanted to be a helpful schoolmate, but he ended up saying this about her, so she went speechless: [...]

Yi Lianfan didn’t get it: [?]

The moment Huo Yao saw the question mark, she sneered. She deleted the message where she promised to help him with schoolwork in less than two minutes after sending it.

Yi Lianfan was even more puzzled: [???]

Huo Yao didn’t answer and put her phone away.

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After dinner, Huo Yao went back to her room to pack her luggage.

Since it was the first time she was spending the new year with the Huo family, Huo Yao knew Old Madam Yang would probably feel uncomfortable about coming over, so she wanted to go back and spend a week with Old Madam Yang.

After Huo Yao was done packing, she contemplated before retrieving the high-grade Seven Leaf Lotus from the cabinet and placing it in her suitcase.

Someone happened to knock on her door.

Huo Yao zipped her suitcase and walked over to the door to answer it. "Brother Yulin, why aren't you sleeping yet?"

Huo Yulin pursed his lips and said gently, "Do you mind if I tag along tomorrow?"

Huo Yao was caught by surprise.

"I would like to take a look at the place you grew up in," said Huo Yulin as he smiled.

Ever since he came home, Huo Yao had been helping to treat him, so he wasn't as bad as before. However, he was still slightly paler than normal.

Huo Yao leaned against the door frame as she pondered. She felt that it was fine for him to tag along. After all, Old Madam Yang liked having company, so she paused before she nodded. "I wonder if there are still any tickets available."

Huo Yulin knew that she would ask this, so he pulled his phone out of his pocket and showed her his flight confirmation.

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Huo Yao glanced at his phone and saw that the notification was dated ten days before. Her lips twitched. It seemed Huo Yulin had already planned on going back to the countryside with her ages ago.

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Huo Yulin saw the strange expression on his little sister's face and smiled. "Okay. Have an early night. See you tomorrow."

The moment he finished his sentence, he raised his hand to touch her head. A few seconds later, he pulled his hand back and turned to go back to his room next door.

Huo Yao did not know what to say.

Chapter 715: Rented A Car In Advance

The next day, Huo Yao and Huo Yulin went to the airport.

The flight was scheduled for 9:00 am. Since there was no direct flight to the county, they had to take a shuttle bus after they arrived in the city at 11:00 am.

After they got off the flight, Huo Yao checked her phone and wondered whether to take the shuttle or a cab.

However, Huo Yulin said, "Yao, the car is waiting for us outside."

Huo Yao blinked as she raised her head and looked at him. "A car?"

Huo Yulin took her luggage as he headed to the parking lot. "Uh huh. I rented a car."

Huo Yao secretly nodded as she followed behind him. She was impressed by her third older brother for doing his homework.

Before long, they arrived at the parking lot. Huo Yulin looked around before pulling the luggage towards a jeep nearby.

A man was leaning against the jeep door with his head lowered.

He seemed to sense their presence and suddenly raised his head. The moment he saw Huo Yulin, his eyes lit up. His eyes briefly glinted in excitement when he turned to see Huo Yao.

He stood up straight and strode over to them. Just as he was about to say, 'Young Master', Huo Yulin glanced at him meaningfully.

Chen Ming caught Huo Yulin's signal and quickly reworded his sentence. "Hi, Mr. Huo."

Huo Yulin acknowledged softly before placing the two suitcases and a few boxes of gifts inside the car.

Huo Yao looked at the car rental driver quizzically. There was something amiss with his expression. He seemed to know who they were.

Also, she recalled hearing him say 'Young' before he corrected himself.

After Huo Yulin put the bags away, he turned to see the suspicious look on his little sister's face. He cleared his throat and said, "Yao?"

Huo Yao looked at Huo Yulin as she pursed her lips and shook her head.

Chen Ming had already opened the back seat door with his usual reverence.

Huo Yao couldn't help finding it strange. After she got into the car, she said softly, "Brother Yulin, where did you get this car from?"

Since the car heater was on, Huo Yulin took off his down jacket. "Hmm? What about it?"

Huo Yao raised her brow slightly. "The service is pretty good."

Huo Yulin smiled when he heard this before he replied. "Uh huh. In that case, let's rent the car for our trip back as well."

Chen Ming felt deeply flattered when he heard what they said from the driver's seat.

Before long, he started the engine.

They had to take an expressway for about 30 minutes to get home.

On their way there, Old Madam Yang called Huo Yao to ask how far along they were. Huo Yao could sense how happy she was even over the phone.

Huo Yulin sat quietly in the car and listened to her conversation with Old Madam Yang. He couldn't help feeling emotional.

He had very little information about his little sister, but they had Old Madam Yang to thank for raising her into such an intelligent girl.

After all, Old Madam Yang was an uneducated old lady, so it was very impressive that she raised Huo Yao into such a good person.

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Meanwhile, Old Madam Yang kept an eye on the time and realized that Huo Yao was almost home, so she couldn't resist standing up and saying to someone inside the house. "Yu, I'm going out to wait for her."

The moment she finished her sentence, she hobbled out into the yard and walked until she reached the end of the alley where she stopped to stare fixedly at the road. She acted as though she would see her darling granddaughter any second now.

After waiting for about 20 minutes, the car finally arrived.

Chapter 716: Hard To Take Off With Miss Huo

The wind in the alley was strong, so the moment Huo Yao saw Old Madam Yang standing there shivering from the cold wind, she frowned before she told Chen Ming to stop the car.

After getting off the car, Huo Yao took off her down jacket as she walked over and placed it on Old Madam Yang when she came close to her. "It's cold outside. Didn't I tell you to wait at home?"

Old Madam Yang's lips were slightly blue, so Huo Yao felt worried. She sighed before holding her grandmother's wrist to examine her pulse. After confirming her grandmother was fine, Huo Yao finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Old Madam Yang held Huo Yao's hand and smiled. "I only came out for two minutes, and it isn't that cold. You should put your coat back on so that you don't catch a cold."

She wanted to take off the down jacket and return it to Huo Yao, but Huo Yao made her keep it on. "I am perfectly healthy, so I won't catch a cold."

Since Old Madam Yang couldn't convince her otherwise, she dropped it.

Huo Yulin had already taken their suitcases and bags out of the car. After Chen Ming closed the boot, he glanced at the stuff on the ground and said softly to Huo Yulin, "Young Master Yulin, why don't you let me bring this stuff in? It's hard for you to carry so much stuff..."

In reality, the car was able to enter the alley. Since Huo Yao had already gotten off the car, Huo Yulin decided to get off as well. He waved his hand at Chen Ming. "It's fine. You can go back. Thanks."

Chen Ming stood where he was without budging.

After placing a few boxes of gifts on his trolley case, Huo Yulin turned his head and realized that Chen Ming was still there.

Just as he was about to speak, Chen Ming said, "Young Master Yulin, I heard you saying to Miss Huo that you want me to pick you up for your trip back as well."

Chen Ming sounded particularly nervous as though he was afraid he couldn't get to send them home.

Huo Yulin finally realized what he was talking about and replied. "It's fine. Uncle Changfeng is quite busy lately, so you should go back to help him."

Chen Ming glanced at Huo Yao and promptly said, "No, he's fine actually. The chief steward has all the time in the world. He just wants me to stay with you and Miss Huo."

Huo Yulin's lips twitched, but he did not insist. "In that case, thanks, Uncle Chen." He paused before he added. "I don't want my little sister to know about the family. She doesn't know anything about our background yet. She is very young and doesn't have any life experience, so I don't want to scare her."

Chen Ming touched his nose. He felt that Miss Huo didn't look like the timid sort at all. Since Young Master Yulin insisted, he nodded and said, "Got it."

Huo Yulin waved at him before pulling their luggage towards the house.

Chen Ming stood where he was as he gazed at them from behind sadly.

From the looks of it, it would be quite challenging if the chief steward wanted to pull Miss Huo into the family circle.

Judging from what Young Master Yulin said, he clearly didn't want his little sister to know about the family.

Chen Ming sighed before driving off.

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On their way, Huo Yao introduced Huo Yulin to Old Madam Yang before they reached home.

"Oh yes. Yu is back too," said Old Madam Yang after taking a few steps into the yard.

The moment Huo Yao heard her grandmother saying his name so endearingly, her face twitched. "Min Yu?"

Old Madam Yang nodded and replied. "Uh huh."

Huo Yulin narrowed his eyes as he followed behind them. Was he here?

Judging from the way Old Madam Yang spoke about him, they seemed to be mighty close.

Chapter 717: A Scheming Man!

Huo Yao didn't detect Huo Yulin's expression as she helped Old Madam Yang up the steps and asked casually. "Why did he come back?"

"He happened to be nearby, so he swung by to visit me," said Old Madam Yang as she smiled.

She recalled something and sang his praises. "He is a very good person. Ever since I came back, he visited me several times."

The moment Huo Yao heard what she said, she clearly looked surprised. She had never heard Min Yu mention this before.

Huo Yao nodded and commended him. "Uh huh. He certainly is a nice guy."

Huo Yulin glanced at Old Madam Yang before he narrowed his eyes. A good guy? They probably had yet to see how ruthless he could get.

"Yu used to live next door, but it is too worn down to live in now, so I invited him to stay here," added Old Madam Yang.

Huo Yao blinked and took a glance next door when she walked by. It was genuinely too dilapidated for him to stay in.

Old Madam Yang had already walked back into the living room. She retrieved a pair of new men's indoor slippers and handed it to Huo Yulin. "We live a simple life. I hope you don't mind."

Huo Yulin nodded before he said politely, "Of course not. I think it's great."

Even though the building itself was genuinely old and there wasn't any expensive furniture or decoration, it was very clean and tidy. He could tell that Old Madam Yang was an attentive woman.

Old Madam Yang smiled and invited Huo Yulin to take a seat before she glanced at the kitchen behind and said, "Yu is helping to watch the stove. Let me go get him."

The moment she finished her sentence, she went into the kitchen.

Huo Yao turned to retrieve paper cups from a nearby cabinet and poured two cups of warm water.

She handed one to Huo Yulin. She contemplated for a couple of seconds and said, "Brother Yulin, if you are not comfortable with staying here, I can get you a room in a motel."

Huo Yulin held his cup without drinking it and looked at his little sister as he said, "Do I look that fussy to you?"

Moreover, if this place was good enough for someone from the Min family, it was good enough for him.

Huo Yao leaned against the wooden couch's armrest and laughed as she shook her head.

"Does Min Yu know Old Madam Yang very well?" asked Huo Yulin casually.

Huo Yao contemplated before she nodded. "I suppose. Granny likes him a lot."

After all, Old Madam Yang would rather reach out to Min Yu if she needed anything instead of looking for her. It was clear that her grandmother trusted him a lot.

Huo Yulin's lips twitched when he heard this.

Min Yu was popular with the elderly and could bribe his parents. Sure enough, he shouldn't underestimate a scheming man with evil intentions like Min Yu.

"Brother Yulin, have a seat while I carry the luggage upstairs." Huo Yao finished her cup of water and picked up the bags.

Huo Yulin wanted to help, but Huo Yao turned him down.

Min Yu and Old Madam Yang happened to come out of the kitchen with food right then.

Min Yu raised his head and pursed his lips when he made eye contact with Huo Yulin. He knew why Huo Yulin was looking at him so intimidatingly. He placed the food on the table and smiled politely. "Hi there, Brother Yulin."

The moment Huo Yulin heard Min Yu calling him brother, he frowned. After some time, he finally acknowledged Min Yu in response.

Old Madam Yang smiled as she glanced at them. She waved to Min Yu and gestured for him to stop working in the kitchen before she walked over to get some bowls and chopsticks.

In an instant, only Min Yu and Huo Yulin were left in the living room.

Chapter 718: Ancient Text

"Young Master Min, I wasn't expecting to see you here. What brings you all the way out here?" said Huo Yulin calmly.

Min Yu remained warm and polite. "I'm just here to visit Old Madam Yang."

Huo Yulin glanced at him without saying a word.

Did he have to come when his little sister happened to be visiting Old Madam Yang?

Humph!

The two of them went quiet and the atmosphere felt strangely weird.

After Huo Yao put down their luggage and came downstairs, she could sense that something was wrong. She looked at the two of them and could tell there was something amiss with their expressions.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes.

Old Madam Yang told everyone to start eating when she came out with the bowls and chopsticks and the intense atmosphere finally disappeared.

Huo Yulin was an introvert, so he spent most of the time listening to Old Madam Yang talk. Min Yu was not a talkative man either, but he would chat with Old Madam Yang every now and then.

Each time Old Madam Yang chatted with Min Yu, she was very happy. It was clear that she genuinely adored him.

Huo Yao felt surprised when she saw this. Old Madam Yang had just mentioned that Min Yu was a good guy. Huo Yao wondered when they started becoming so close.

After lunch, Huo Yao didn't let Old Madam Yang do the chores. She automatically cleared the crockery and took them to the kitchen.

There was a dishwasher with a sterilization function in the kitchen. She had bought it a long time ago. This smart device made their lives easier.

After putting the crockery into the dishwasher, Huo Yao pressed a button to activate it and left it to do its job.

Min Yu walked into the kitchen and placed the leftovers in the fridge. Huo Yao turned sideways and looked at him. "When did you come back?"

Min Yu closed the refrigerator door. "Yesterday."

He paused before he looked at Huo Yao and knew what she wanted to ask, so he continued. "Old Madam Yang called me a few days ago telling me you were visiting. Since I hadn't seen her in a long time, I decided to tag along."

Huo Yao raised her brow. "Tag along?"

Min Yu cleared his throat before he nodded. "Uh huh."

Huo Yao smiled ambiguously. "When are you going back?"

"In a few days. Perhaps we can go back together." Min Yu straightened his back and spoke softly.

Sure.

Huo Yao signaled okay with her hand and stopped talking.

Before long, they walked out of the kitchen.

Huo Yao heard Old Madam Yang telling her third older brother about what she did when she was young when she went back to the living room. She couldn't help rubbing her forehead before she interrupted. "Granny, where did you store my books?"

Old Madam Yang stopped talking to Huo Yulin. She pointed to a hallway towards her bedroom. "It's all inside the cabinet in my room. The key is in its usual spot, so help yourself."

She proceeded to continue talking to Huo Yulin.

Huo Yao acknowledged her grandmother before heading to the bedroom.

Old Madam Yang's bedroom was rather small and only contained a bed and a cabinet. The cabinet looked very 70s and was made of wood and came with two doors and had a lock on it.

There was a pot of flowers on the windowsill by the side. Huo Yao went over to retrieve a key from under the flowerpot before she walked up to the cabinet and unlocked it.

The cabinet consisted of a top and lower shelf. On the top shelf, there was neatly stacked clothing. An average-sized storage box was kept on the lower shelf along with other miscellaneous items.

Huo Yao took the storage box out of the cabinet. It contained a few thick ancient texts with yellowed pages. It was clear that these books were very old.

Chapter 719: A Strange Stove

Huo Yao rummaged through the box and took out a book called, 'Shennong God's Materia Medica'. She pulled up a bench to sit down.

The monograph came from the Shennong clan. It contained detailed descriptions, medicinal properties, and toxicity of over 300 Chinese herbs. It was one of the most detailed ancient Chinese medicine texts handed down through the generations.

Even though many versions of the book were available in the market, they only came with basic introductions. The original text was lost in translation or incomplete, so these modern versions were no good.

Huo Yao's copy was the most complete original of the ancient text that was handed down for generations in her family. Last year, she stole the book from her family through a lot of hard work.

Her family was located in such a remote place that not even courier service was available.

Huo Yao couldn't help griping a little. She flipped through the book as she contemplated before she turned straight to page 265. She recalled there was something about Seven Leaf Lotus on this page.

She was right.

The line drawing on the yellowed page of the book looked just like the Seven Leaf Lotus that Min Yu had given her. There was a description beneath the picture along with its medicinal properties.

She had already read this book when she was a child. She had been in a rebellious phase, so even though she could memorize its contents, she only managed to grasp half of what she read. Also, she had a lot of varied interests, so this book ended up being forgotten before long.

She only started reading this book after she transmigrated into this body and had to deal with her grandmother's poor health.

Despite the detailed description, a lot of experimenting had to be done in order for her to fully grasp everything.

Huo Yao read the two pages over and over sitting on the bench. After quite some time, she finally closed the book. She had yet to come up with any solid ideas.

She went through the other ancient texts she had in the box quickly, but there was nothing useful, so she put the lid back on and got up to place it back in the cabinet.

She locked the cabinet and placed the key back under the flower pot.

Huo Yao left her grandmother's bedroom as she contemplated. The moment she reached the living room, she glanced around and noticed Min Yu was not there, so she asked her grandmother casually. "Where is Min Yu?"

"Yu got a call before he left. He will be back at night," replied her grandmother.

"I see." Huo Yao nodded before asking. "Oh yes. Where is that stove of mine?"

Old Madam Yang just knew Huo Yao would ask about the strange stove the moment she asked about those books. She pointed at the backyard. "It is in the storage room in the backyard. Help yourself."

Huo Yao acknowledged her grandmother before heading to the backyard.

Old Madam Yang watched from behind as Huo Yao left.

She shook her head and said to Huo Yulin, "Last year, she brought a strange stove home and keeps fiddling with it when she has time. She doesn't have the same interests as people her age."

Huo Yulin recalled the apparatus in the room back home and quickly figured it was probably a stove for making medicine. He smiled and replied. "Not everyone gets to do things they like, so we should leave her to it."

"Uh huh. In the past, she used to be such an introvert, but after she fell terribly ill, she suddenly changed and became an extremely sensible kid..." Old Madam Yang couldn't help wiping her eyes when she thought about the past.

Huo Yulin wasn't good at consoling people, so he could only raise his hand and pat her on the back when she got emotional.

Chapter 720: A High Technology Medicine Maker

Huo Yao found her things in the storeroom which had been placed in the backyard before long.

The object was inside a cardboard box and rather small in size. After she brought it into the living room, she opened the box without hesitation and pulled out a stove that was around the size of a mini rice cooker.

Huo Yulin raised his head and looked surprised when he saw his little sister's device. He stood up and walked over. "What is this?"

It was a flat, oval, metallic machine with a unique design. There was a touchscreen in the middle, but there were no buttons. Based on his extensive knowledge of smart devices, this definitely looked like it was extremely high technology.

Huo Yulin had never seen such an apparatus in his life. Even though he was involved in the field of research, his little sister's device looked even more high-end than all his professional equipment.

No wonder Old Madam Yang called it strange. She had described it perfectly.

Huo Yao took the stove and inspected it as she replied. "It is a portable all-in-one medicine maker."

"A medicine maker?" Huo Yulin looked curious. "How is it different from the one you have at home?"

Huo Yao said, "This one is more convenient and efficient."

Even though it was important to study the forefathers' medicine-making technique, it was inevitable for some ancient apparatus to end up getting replaced with technology so that people could move with the times.

Huo Yulin glanced at the device and said, "Is this for sale in the market?"

Huo Yao raised her brow and shook her head softly.

She had spent a pretty penny to make this device after spending a lot of time and energy researching it, so it was the one and only medicine maker in the world.

Huo Yulin was even more intrigued by his little sister. According to Uncle Changfeng's investigations, his little sister ought to be just an ordinary girl.

Also, the things Old Madam Yang told him about Huo Yao's childhood sounded rather normal.

Huo Yao didn't pay attention to her third older brother's reaction. A thought crossed her mind as she looked at the medicine maker. She quickly picked it up and said, "I'm going upstairs. Can you chat with Granny?"

The moment she finished her sentence, she hurried upstairs without waiting for Huo Yulin to answer.

Huo Yulin watched her hurry upstairs. For some reason, he suddenly felt his little sister might have tricked him.

His little sister had happily agreed when he asked if he could join her on the trip. Did she allow him to come along so that he could hang out with Old Madam Yang?

In the next few days, Huo Yulin's hypothesis was eventually proved right.

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Huo Yao researched for two days before she finally figured out how to effectively use Seven Leaf Lotus. However, she was short of some Chinese medicine, so she ordered it from Cloud Realm.

Cloud Realm was very efficient at delivering goods. Regardless of the location and accessibility, all its goods would get delivered punctually the second day.

Huo Yao received a notification informing her that the package was here first thing in the morning.

She went downstairs and wanted to put on her shoes when Huo Yulin came into the yard with breakfast. He was dressed in a thick down jacket making him look less skinny.

Since the temperature had been dropping recently, the wind was strong and felt icy cold.

"Are you going somewhere?" asked Huo Yulin when he saw her taking out a pair of shoes.

Huo Yao nodded. "I am expecting a package and the delivery guy is waiting for me in the alley."

Huo Yulin took a look outside and handed her breakfast. "It is freezing outside. I will collect it for you. I already know my way around."