

Pill Maker 721

Chapter 721: Bold Little Darling's Package

Huo Yao contemplated before she nodded and took the breakfast from his hand. "Sure. Just pick it up outside the alley. Tell them you are Bold Little Darling."

Huo Yulin quietly glanced at Huo Yao when he heard this ID. He didn't expect his little sister to use such an unusual ID for online shopping.

Huo Yao detected his gaze. She cleared her throat and explained sheepishly. "The stupid website didn't allow me to change my nickname."

Huo Yulin did not go on probing her and turned to go out.

Before long, Huo Yulin arrived at the alley. On his way there, he had already spotted a man wearing a cap standing at the end of the alley. He was dressed light and was holding an average-sized cardboard box in his hands.

He seemed to be the courier.

Huo Yulin walked over and asked politely. "Are you the delivery guy?"

The man with a cap raised his head and looked at Huo Yulin. He was slightly surprised before he asked. "Are you Bold Little Darling?"

Huo Yulin paused for a second before he nodded. "That is right."

He glanced at the water-shaped logo embroidered at the edge of the cap and suddenly found it familiar. Why did he have a feeling that he had seen this logo somewhere before?

Huo Yulin narrowed his eyes thoughtfully.

The man looked at Huo Yulin a couple of times before giving him the box. He said politely, "This is your package."

Huo Yulin felt that there was something wrong with the way the courier was looking at him, but he did not ponder over it. He simply thanked the person before walking away with the package.

The courier watched from behind and went into deep thought after Huo Yulin left. In the past, he used to think that Bold Little Darling was a middle-aged man in his thirties. He did not expect him to be so young.

More importantly, he was not showing any signs of balding.

Before long, the delivery guy shook his head and left the alley.

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Huo Yulin was about to go home when he received a call from his little sister asking him to buy a bottle of soy sauce from the small shop outside.

He turned and headed to the small shop.

Since he had visited the small shop with Old Madam Yang yesterday, he knew where it was located.

After buying the soy sauce, Huo Yulin heard someone asking about Yang Yuhua as he left the place. Someone was asking how to get to her place.

Huo Yulin raised his head and looked in the direction of the voices. Two people were standing beside the small shop. One of them was probably a local resident passing by. The moment he got a close look at the person asking for directions, his face instantly looked surprised.

"Are you looking for Old Madam Yang? Just walk through the alley. Her place is the one with ivy growing all over the wall."

The moment the neighbor finished her sentence, she looked at the visitor and asked curiously. "Are you Old Madam Yang's relative?"

She recalled that Huo Yao came back to stay two days ago.

Lu Xia tightened her grip on her bag when the lady asked her who she was. She smiled and replied, "I am her distant relative."

"I see." The neighbor nodded unsuspectingly.

Lu Xia clearly looked relieved when the lady did not question her further.

Huo Yulin smiled after observing Lu Xia's every gesture and expression. There was no cure for vanity. She did not dare to even admit that Old Madam Yang was her biological grandmother.

Lu Xia seemed to sense someone looking at her, so she turned around. The instant she saw Huo Yulin, she was so startled that she accidentally dropped her bag on the ground.

What was he doing here?

The lady helped Lu Xia to pick up her bag. "Miss, your bag."

Lu Xia anxiously veered her eyes and quickly took her bag as she said somewhat feebly, "T-thanks."

Chapter 722: The Kidnapping Case

The lady noticed that Lu Xia's face had turned pale and she asked out of concern. "Are you okay?"

Lu Xia forcibly composed herself before she shook her head. "I'm fine. Thank you for telling me the way."

"You are welcome." The lady waved and left.

Lu Xia stood where she was and did not know whether to go on walking.

Lu Xia did not know what Huo Yulin was doing here. She wondered if he had heard her claiming to be a distant relative of her grandmother.

Lu Xia felt a little flustered. She was afraid to look at him. Every time she looked at him, she felt scared.

Huo Yulin took a few steps forward with the bottle of soy sauce in his hand. He looked at Lu Xia coldly as though she was a stranger. "Leopards never change their spots. Even after all these years, you are still as vain."

Lu Xia's face became even paler.

He had heard the conversation earlier. She inhaled deeply and said, "B-brother Yulin, when did you come home?"

"Who said that you can call me your brother?" Huo Yulin's voice turned absolutely cold and he narrowed his eyes.

Lu Xia instinctively trembled and retreated by a step. "I..."

Lu Xia wanted to speak, but she was so intimidated by his gaze that she became speechless.

She could still remember the abduction incident. After Huo Yulin had regained consciousness, his eyes became filled with hate towards her. She could never forget the look in his eyes even to this day.

After all these years, the gaze seemed to have disappeared, but there was something even more intimidating about Huo Yulin now.

"Have you forgotten how heartless you were?" Cold wind swept across Huo Yulin's face, making his voice seem absolutely cold.

The moment Lu Xia heard what he said, old long-forgotten memories quickly came to mind.

She recalled getting abducted at knifepoint when she was a kid. The kidnappers threatened to cut every piece of flesh off her with the knife.

Lu Xia was terrified back then. Huo Yulin happened to show up just when she was caught. She could remember keenly how he attempted to save her, but she could not remember what happened after she escaped.

She did not dare to tell her parents about the abduction out of fear. By the time they realized Huo Yulin was kidnapped, a lot of time had already passed.

She was completely oblivious regarding how they managed to find Huo Yulin. In any case, Lu Xia and Huo Yulin's relationship went downhill and became completely non-existent after the kidnapping.

Fortunately, Huo Yulin seemed to become autistic ever since the abduction. Every day, he would sit in a daze without saying a word and did not tell anyone about what truly happened during the abduction.

Lu Xia was very young when it happened, so she only had a vague memory of the incident. The Huo family eventually moved and Huo Yulin was sent abroad to study. After that, he never came back.

Lu Xia did her utmost to throw away the memories surging through her mind.

She shook her head as she muttered unintelligibly. "S-sorry... I was just scared. I know I shouldn't have pushed you to them, but I had no choice. I just... I didn't want to die."

It was human instinct to survive. Despite her sense of guilt, she never once thought that she was in the wrong.

Huo Yulin looked at Lu Xia coldly. Even though she was apologizing, he could tell from the look on her face that she did not feel any remorse about what she did and was evil to the core.

Lu Xia bit her lip and continued. "I was just a kid. I know I shouldn't have done it, but it happened a long time ago. In any case, aren't you standing here perfectly fine now?"

Chapter 723: How Could You Make Fun Of Me?

Huo Yulin tossed the bottle of soy sauce into the air like a thug. The moment it landed in his hands, he turned to look at Lu Xia. "Leave."

His voice was completely cold. Sinister veins could be seen protruding on the back of his hand as he held the soy sauce bottle. It seemed like he was doing his utmost to be patient.

Lu Xia trembled in fear and hurriedly retreated a few steps. There were a few children riding bicycles on the road. A bicycle ran right into her leg when she moved back and almost threw her onto the ground.

The kid was stunned but rode off on his bicycle out of fear that he might get scolded.

Lu Xia felt annoyed, but the moment she made eye contact with Huo Yulin, she disregarded the pain in her leg and grabbed her purse to run away without lingering on even for a second.

She was here to visit her grandmother, but she threw that plan to the back of her mind.

Before long, she vanished from Huo Yulin's sight. She ran so swiftly that she looked almost like she was running away from her abductors.

A light drizzle had unknowingly started to fall along with some fine snow. It landed on Huo Yulin's hair and clothes before melting quickly.

Huo Yulin gazed at the sky for some time before veering his eyes. He covered Huo Yao's package under his jacket and headed to Old Madam Yang's place unhurriedly.

He saw Huo Yao coming out dressed warmly with an umbrella when he got to the house. Her exquisite face and warm eyes instantly drove the coldness away from Huo Yulin's gaze.

All the emotions on Huo Yulin's face had already disappeared.

"What took you so long? I was starting to think that you lost your way," said Huo Yao as she put the umbrella over his head.

Huo Yulin pursed his lips and nodded gently before he said, "I made a wrong turn on my way to the store."

Huo Yao raised her brow. "Do you need help with your memory like Brother Xiang?"

Huo Yulin gently patted the back of her head and said teasingly, "How dare you make fun of me?"

Huo Yao touched her earlobe and tilted her head sideways. He was at it again!

This was the Nth time he had touched her head!

Before long, the two of them went back into the house.

Since the heater was on, Huo Yao took off her jacket and hung it on the clothes rack beside the door.

Min Yu sat on the couch brewing tea and greeted Huo Yulin politely when he came back.

Huo Yulin glanced at him. Since Huo Yao was around, he acknowledged him softly a moment later.

Huo Yao took the soy sauce and passed it to Old Madam Yang in the kitchen and came back.

Huo Yulin handed the package to Huo Yao. "Here is your package."

He noticed that there wasn't any shipping information or tracking number on the package while handing it over to Huo Yao, so he automatically asked. "I didn't notice when I collected it, but there aren't any shipping details on it. Why don't you check if everything is in there?"

Huo Yao did not open the package. She simply waved her hand and said, "It's fine. That stupid website does this all the time. Everything is shipped without shipping details."

Huo Yulin could not help feeling surprised. "Really?"

Min Yu raised his head and looked at the package in Huo Yao's hands. Since he did not detect anything amiss, he looked away and continued brewing tea.

"Uh huh" Huo Yao nodded before she sighed sadly. "But their shipping costs a bomb."

The shipping fee was 15% of the cost of goods sold. The website was simply ruthless!

Chapter 724: Poverty Aids Improvement

Huo Yulin noticed how upset Huo Yao was about paying the shipping charges. He went quiet for two seconds before he asked. "Don't you have any money?"

Huo Yao scratched her head and frowned miserably. "I am broke!"

She could not refine medicine to sell unless she wanted to risk getting caught by her clan. Even though she had destroyed their satellite internet earlier, it was probably almost fixed now that a year had gone by.

Huo Yao had already blown through her savings, so she was genuinely broke. She was so poor that she could almost not afford to pay shipping.

Min Yu could not help quietly glancing at her when she claimed to be poor.

She could afford to buy Chinese herbs worth ten million. How could she call herself broke?

"I have a card. Feel free to use it," said Huo Yulin as he took out his wallet from his pocket.

He did not understand why his parents did not give his little sister any pocket money. Since he did not have any use for the money, he was happy to give it to her.

Huo Yao's lips twitched when she saw his gesture. Sure enough, he was a Huo. It was in their DNA to give money away.

Huo Yao cleared her throat. She shook her head as she held her hands tightly and turned down his offer. "Thanks, Brother Yulin. Poverty will motivate me to improve. I think it's fine to be poor."

Huo Yulin was stunned to hear this.

Huo Yao patted the package in her arms and quickly said, "I am going upstairs."

Before long, she disappeared into the main room.

Huo Yulin put his card away sadly. Min Yu's voice came from the side. "Brother Yulin, have some tea."

Huo Yulin promptly composed himself before he glanced at Min Yu sideways. Min Yu kept pouncing on every opportunity to irritate him!

Huo Yulin turned to enter the backyard.

Old Madam Yang had just caught a chicken and was getting ready to kill it. Since the ground was wet, she missed a step and fell backward.

Huo Yulin narrowed his eyes and swiftly went over to hold her nimbly.

After Old Madam Yang steadied herself, she exhaled in relief. "I am so glad you were here. Otherwise, I was bound to fall badly."

Huo Yulin helped her to the eaves before he glanced at the moss covered stone path and frowned.

The moment it rained in places like this, the floor would get very wet. Since Old Madam Yang was living by herself, falls happened occasionally. Huo Yulin decided to send someone over to renovate the place.

"Do you want to kill the chicken?" asked Huo Yulin as he looked at the chicken in Old Madam Yang's hands.

"Uh huh." Old Madam Yang nodded.

"Why don't you let me do it and go take a break?" said Huo Yulin as he rolled his sleeves up.

Old Madam Yang waved her hand. "It's fine. I can do it. Youngsters don't know how to kill chickens. I don't want to soil your clothing."

Huo Yulin lowered his eyes and recalled something from the past and looked at his left hand before he answered. "I know how to kill it."

Humans and chickens were simply structurally different, but it was no different to kill them.

The moment he finished his sentence, Huo Yulin grabbed the chicken from Old Madam Yang and went to the kitchen to get a knife.

Old Madam Yang let him do it and turned to assist him.

“Oh yes! Granny, does your daughter visit you often?” asked Huo Yulin casually as he worked.

Now that he was slightly closer to her, he had started calling Old Madam Yang his grandmother just like his sister did.

The moment he brought up her daughter, Old Madam Yang smiled bitterly and sighed. “She tends to be quite busy, so she doesn’t come back often.”

Huo Yulin’s hands froze before he asked. “Then... what about Lu Xia?”

Chapter 725: Stupid Countryside

“Oh her?” Old Madam Yang responded sadly before she finally said, “...She’s a senior just like Yaoyao, so she is busy studying.”

In reality, her so-called biological granddaughter had never visited the countryside, let alone visit her.

Old Madam Yang had seen her biological granddaughter when He Xiaoman brought her into the city to live with them. She could tell that Lu Xia did not like her. Despite never blatantly showing contempt towards her, Old Madam Yang could still detect it.

Only Huo Yao kept thinking about her after she went back home to the Huos even though she was not really her grandmother.

Huo Yulin glanced at Old Madam Yang and detected the calmness in her eyes. She was probably badly disappointed by her biological granddaughter. Perhaps she never bore any hope to begin with.

Then again, Lu Xia did not even have the courage to admit that she was Old Madam Yang’s biological granddaughter at the shop earlier. How could she genuinely care about Old Madam Yang?

Considering the kind of girl Lu Xia was, she must be up to no good now that she was suddenly here to visit her grandmother.

Huo Yulin narrowed his eyes as he contemplated.

Huo Yulin left the kitchen after helping her prepare the ingredients. He walked out of the house. Even though it was still snowing, it wasn’t as heavy.

Huo Yulin stood outside the door in the yard before he took out his phone and called Chen Ming.

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After Lu Xia ran off, she returned to the hotel.

In reality, she had already arrived in town yesterday. The town was so backward that even the best hotel here was nothing better than an average hotel in major cities. It was clear that her grandmother’s place would be equally worn out.

She had decided to spend the night at the hotel before mustering up the courage to visit Old Madam Yang. However, she ended up seeing the last person she wanted to see in her life.

Huo Yulin wouldn't have shown up here for no reason. It seemed that Huo Yao must be in town.

The moment Lu Xia thought about Huo Yao, her eyes became filled with hatred. Huo Yao had already reunited with the Huo family, but she pretentiously continued to throw herself at Old Madam Yang. She was completely shameless!

Lu Xia kept pacing up and down inside the hotel room as she pondered. She pulled out her phone and wanted to call He Xiaoman.

But someone knocked on the door after she pressed dial. She hung up the phone before it got through. She put on her shades and walked to the door. She peered through the viewfinder and saw a hotel front desk officer standing outside, so she opened the door.

"Yes?" said Lu Xia coldly.

The front desk officer smiled apologetically. "I am sorry, Miss. There is something wrong with our fire protection, so we need you to check out."

Lu Xia frowned. "Something wrong with the fire protection?"

"That's right. I am sure you wouldn't want to stay in a hotel with a fire hazard, right?" said the front desk officer.

She paused before she continued. "Of course, we will refund you double the fees of your room to make up for it."

Lu Xia felt even more annoyed to hear this. However, she did not have the cheek to kick a fuss like a shrew from the countryside, so she pressed her forehead and said impatiently, "Fine. Got it."

She slammed the door shut loudly.

This stupid countryside! She could not even stay at the hotel in peace.

Lu Xia packed her luggage angrily and went down to the main hall where she gave the front desk officer her identification card and key card.

The front desk officer had already prepared the refund. She seemed completely relieved when Lu Xia came to return the key card. Lu Xia failed to notice her expression and simply took the money and headed out.

Meanwhile, some other guests hurried into the hotel when she left.

Chapter 726: When Did Huo Yulin's Reach Grow So Long?

Lu Xia had yet to walk out of the door when she heard the new guests asking for two rooms before receiving a positive response. She instantly halted in her steps in surprise.

She turned to look at the new guests as they stood in front of the counter and gave the front desk officer their identification cards. The front desk officer deftly swiped the cards, registered them, and gave them two key cards.

Lu Xia's mind instantly exploded. She disregarded her pride and went up to the front desk with her luggage.

The new guests had yet to go far when she slammed the counter hard. "Didn't you say there was a fire hazard in the hotel? Then, how could you check them in?"

The new guests turned to look at each other when they heard what Lu Xia said. Was there a fire hazard in the hotel?

The front desk officer didn't expect Lu Xia to still be around. She glanced at the new guests before she looked at Lu Xia. She walked around the counter and went up to one of the new guests and spoke softly to him.

Lu Xia did not hear what the front desk officer had to say. After whispering to them, the new guests clearly glanced at her in disdain before quickly taking the lift.

The front desk officer went back to the computer and said to Lu Xia, "Why don't you go to some other hotel? We aren't good enough for you."

Lu Xia became even more livid when she heard this. "What is the meaning of this? How can you send me away for no reason? I am going to file a complaint with the consumers' association."

The front desk officer replied calmly. "We offered to refund you double your room fees and you have accepted it, so we have already made up for the inconvenience. If you are still angry, feel free to lodge a complaint."

Lu Xia clenched her fists tightly when she saw how blatant the front desk officer's attitude was. She should not have believed what the front desk officer said when she lied about the fire hazard.

It was just some lousy hotel in the countryside. Did they think this was a palace or something?

Lu Xia inhaled deeply. She kept telling herself not to lower herself to the same level as this country bumpkin and not to pick a fight.

Lu Xia turned and walked out with her luggage.

She stood by the roadside to hail a cab and told the driver to send her to another hotel.

The moment she got to the second hotel and showed them her identification card, the front desk officer raised her head and glanced at Lu Xia before returning her card. "I am sorry. We don't have any more rooms."

Lu Xia frowned when she heard this. "Why did you say you had rooms when I asked earlier?"

The front desk officer only said there were no rooms after checking her identification card. Did she take Lu Xia for a fool?

"I am so sorry." The front desk officer repeated herself without offering any explanation.

Lu Xia left the hotel in a huff and tried the next one.

Every single hotel she asked, claimed that there were rooms available initially but changed their tune after swiping her identification card.

No matter how oblivious Lu Xia was, she had already caught on that someone did not want her to stay here.

Even without trying hard, she knew who it was.

However, when did Huo Yulin's reach grow so long?

Lu Xia kept trying to recall things about the Huo family in her past life.

In the past, she thought the Huo family were paupers, so she did not pay attention to them after reuniting with the Lu family. She only found out that the Huo family was in fact quite wealthy when the Lu family went bankrupt, but she did not hear anything about Huo Yulin at the time.

Chapter 727: Huo Yulin In Low Spirits

Lu Xia sat by the roadside with her mind in chaos. It was already 1:00 pm, but she could not find a room and she did not dare to visit her grandmother.

She was afraid that Huo Yulin might do something bad to her.

At this moment, a motorcycle came speeding towards her. Since she was not paying attention, the motorcyclist yanked her designer purse from her shoulder the moment he got close.

Lu Xia stumbled right away. Her luggage was right in front of her, so she tripped on that. Her identification card and bank card were in the purse, and she held the purse tightly without letting go.

The motorcyclist did not expect to fail. After yanking the purse several times, he did not succeed in snatching it. Someone else had also walked over, so the thief gave up out of fear that he might end up caught.

Before long, the motorcycle rode off and disappeared into the street.

The Good Samaritan hurriedly came over to help Lu Xia stand. "Are you okay?"

Lu Xia's sunglasses had fallen off in the struggle. She was afraid of getting recognized, so she quickly covered her face with her hand. She did not even stop to thank the person before she anxiously lowered her head and looked for her sunglasses.

The Good Samaritan felt a little annoyed when she shoved him aside.

However, he did not take it to heart and quickly said, "A lot of biker gang members commit robbery on this stretch of road. You are making yourself an open target by standing here by yourself."

He paused before he looked at Lu Xia and asked in concern. "Did he manage to get anything? Do you want to report this to the police?"

The moment Lu Xia heard his suggestion, she promptly reacted strongly as she shook her head and replied in a shrill voice. "No! I don't want to report this!"

Despite her damaged reputation and loss of fans, she did not want anyone to find out she was in such dire straits that she would appear in a small town like this and get robbed. She might end up becoming a laughingstock online.

She could not allow that to happen.

"I don't want to report this to the police," muttered Lu Xia before she clutched her purse tightly to her chest.

She seemed as though she was feeling defensive.

The person's hand froze in the air with his phone and he looked awkward.

Was he being nosy by helping Lu Xia?

He put away his phone and walked off without saying a word. He decided that it was just a stroke of bad luck to encounter Lu Xia.

Lu Xia lowered her head. She looked at her scraped right palm and sensed the pain in her knee which were clear reminders that she could not stay here anymore.

First, she was denied a room in all the hotels, then she got robbed. If she continued hanging around, she did not know what other accidents might befall her.

Lu Xia trembled at the thought. She disregarded her mission, hailed a cab by the roadside, and told the driver to send her to the airport right away.

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At night, Huo Yulin received a text message from Chen Ming confirming that Lu Xia was on the first flight home to City S and heaved a sigh of relief.

No matter why Lu Xia was here, he did not want her around while he and Huo Yao were visiting Old Madam Yang. He did not want Lu Xia to show up and ruin the atmosphere.

After dinner, Huo Yulin did not even have the mood to keep an eye on Min Yu and went back to his room early.

Ever since he encountered Lu Xia in the morning, he was in low spirits. The moment he saw her, he was reminded of the kidnapping.

Huo Yao looked at Huo Yulin thoughtfully from behind as he left. Since he came back with the package, he had been acting weird. Even though he appeared normal on the surface, she detected something different about him.

She spoke to Min Yu briefly before heading upstairs.

Chapter 728: Could Not Explain Scientifically

Huo Yulin's bedroom door was closed, but the lights were on. Huo Yao knocked on the wooden door gently and called out to him.

Since they were in an old house, there was hardly any soundproofing. Huo Yulin heard his little sister's voice right away and put on his coat before walking to the door.

The moment he opened the door, sandalwood scent could be smelled.

Huo Yao promptly sensed the scent in the air.

She had prepared some Chinese herbs to help with Huo Yulin's condition after performing acupuncture on him. Ever since the treatment, Huo Yulin had not had to rely on incense to sleep.

Now that he suddenly used it tonight, something was clearly wrong.

"Mind having a chat with me?" Huo Yao's eyes were filled with concern as she looked at Huo Yulin.

Huo Yulin tightened his grip on the wooden door. The moment he made eye contact with his little sister's unsullied eyes, he inexplicably found peace. He nodded and let go of his hold on the door.

Huo Yao closed the door behind her and glanced at the incense wafting in the air before pulling up an old wooden chair to sit down.

"Brother Yulin, did something happen today?" asked Huo Yao candidly.

Huo Yulin looked at Huo Yao and pretended to sigh. "It seems nothing can escape your eyes."

Huo Yao raised her brow. "So, what happened?"

"I just suddenly remembered something that happened in the past." Huo Yulin had no intention of telling Huo Yao about Lu Xia's visit since it was unnecessary.

Huo Yao figured that something must have happened.

She went quiet briefly before she said, "Sometimes, people feel upset after remembering the past because they fail to learn how to face it head-on."

Huo Yulin was probably in agony because he could not get over the kidnapping incident.

She had never experienced the kind of hopelessness which he did, but after attempting to perform hypnotherapy on him previously, she could keenly sense his pain and despair.

Huo Yulin's eyes landed on the lamp kept on the bedside table and went into a daze for a long time before a voice finally came. "Everyone thinks I am in agony because of the abduction case, but they aren't entirely right."

Huo Yao had sat with her hands on her knees and her fingers stopped moving as she listened to Huo Yulin.

Huo Yulin raised his head. A complicated look emerged on his fair face.

He inhaled before he suddenly turned to look Huo Yao straight in the eye and asked. "If I am not a normal person, would you be afraid of me?"

He clenched his left hand slightly as he spoke.

Huo Yao detected a change in his mood. She raised her brow and broke the intense atmosphere and asked rhetorically. "What if I am not what you expected of your little sister either?"

Things that she could not explain scientifically had happened to her, so it was not her fault.

Huo Yulin was caught by surprise and instantly stopped feeling anxious.

Not what he expected of his little sister? Did she mean she had a lot of secrets as well?

"No matter how many secrets you have, you are still my biological little sister," said Huo Yulin solemnly.

Huo Yao nodded and sounded cocky as she said, "Your question was really stupid. How could you have so little faith in your little sister?"

Huo Yulin was stunned. Even though her words did not sound comforting, they inexplicably calmed him down. He slowly let go of his left hand.

After a brief silence, Huo Yulin's lips curved into a smile as he looked at Huo Yao once more.

He could finally empathize why Huo Tingrui and Huo Xiang did not appear like older siblings with Huo Yao around. Huo Yao had probably made them forget that they were older than her.

Chapter 729: Why Treat It So Badly and Be Hard On Yourself?

Huo Yao noticed Huo Yulin squeezing his left hand and pondered briefly. She proceeded to stand up, walked up beside Huo Yulin, and grabbed his hand to open it slowly.

Huo Yao finally noticed that Huo Yulin's joints on his left thumb were slightly misshapen. Since she was well versed with human anatomy, she knew that it was a clear sign it was once broken and damaged again during recovery.

Two seconds later, she raised her head to look at Huo Yulin and said, "No matter what happened to your hand, it is all in the past. Why do you have to treat it so badly and be hard on yourself?"

Huo Yulin lowered his eyes and looked at his palm for a long time. He wanted to say how disgusted he was by this hand, but he was suddenly unable to bring himself to say it. Instead, he simply acknowledged her softly.

Huo Yao noticed that he was not as depressed as before, so she patted his palm. "You can do it."

The moment she finished her sentence, she blinked at him with her head tilted.

Huo Yulin was tickled by his little sister and instinctively rubbed her head. "Okay."

Huo Yao touched her nose. She wanted to avoid his hand. Since he was feeling depressed today, she decided to let him touch her head.

Moments later, Huo Yao did not continue holding him up and left the room to go downstairs.

Old Madam Yang was still chatting with Min Yu. Huo Yao walked over and sat on the couch sideways.

"Has Yulin gone to bed already?" asked Old Madam Yang as she turned sideways to look at Huo Yao.

Huo Yao took off her furry indoor slippers, sat on the couch cross-legged, and leaned into the backrest. "Uh huh. He might have caught a cold today, so he isn't feeling great."

Old Madam Yang got worried the moment she heard this. "Shall we give him some medicine?"

"It's fine. He's still young, so he can handle it. It's just a minor cold." Huo Yao waved her hand.

"Yulin is such a skinny boy. How could he take it?" Old Madam Yang disagreed. Although he was warmly dressed in winter clothes, Huo Yulin's face was clearly too thin.

Huo Yao instantly straightened her back to pat her chest. "I am skinny too, but I have a strong constitution."

Old Madam Yang went speechless.

Even Min Yu's lips twitched involuntarily.

Old Madam Yang shook her head and stood up. "I am going to make him some ginger tea for the cold. Young people these days just don't take care of themselves."

Huo Yao wanted to tell her grandmother to stop, but Old Madam Yang was insistent and there was no holding her back, so Huo Yao gave up.

Huo Yao shook her head before veering her eyes. She reached out and took some winter jujubes from the coffee table.

She took a bite before she asked Min Yu. "Oh yes. Have you booked your air ticket?"

"Not yet. When do you plan on going back?" asked Min Yu as he raised his brow.

"Probably the day after," replied Huo Yao.

They had already stayed here for five days and it was a decent period of time.

"Okay," acknowledged Min Yu and nodded.

Old Madam Yang's phone rang on the coffee table. Huo Yao spat the winter jujube seeds into the bin nearby. She put on her slippers, picked up the phone unhurriedly, and picked it up to take it to Old Madam Yang who was in the kitchen.

Her eyes narrowed briefly when she caught sight of the caller ID on the screen.

The phone's ringtone was very loud, and Old Madam Yang could even hear it from the kitchen. The moment it rang, Old Madam Yang had already heard it.

She said from the kitchen, "Yao, why don't you check who is calling? Help me answer it. I am busy."

Huo Yao raised her head and glanced towards the kitchen as she acknowledged her grandmother. She answered the phone just as it was about to stop ringing and placed it by her ear.

There was a cold look on Huo Yao's face as she listened without saying a word.

Chapter 730: The Jade Is For Huo Yao

He Xiaoman's voice came from over the phone.

"Mom, how could you let that girl into the house? Do you know what the Huo family has done to the Lu family?"

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes slightly. How did He Xiaoman find out she was here?

Considering Old Madam Yang's personality, it was impossible that she brought this up to He Xiaoman.

He Xiaoman raised her hand and rubbed her forehead. Without giving the other side a chance to say something, she continued. "Why didn't you let Xiaxia in since Huo Yao is allowed to go over? No matter what, Xiaxia is your biological granddaughter!"

He Xiaoman turned her head to glance at her daughter who had just gotten home. Lu Xia's hand was injured and her coat was dirty. It was clear that Lu Xia had a tough time there.

She inhaled deeply and said, "Xiaxia went over to visit you today, but you... Sigh. Never mind. If I go on talking about it, you might get upset."

He Xiaoman was still talking, but Huo Yao did not pay much attention. She only caught on to one detail. Lu Xia came here today.

She recalled Huo Tingrui and Huo Yulin bringing up Lu Xia's name back at home. Also, there was something wrong with Huo Yulin today ever since he came home after collecting the package. Did he happen to bump into Lu Xia at the time?

Huo Yao's fingers rubbed against the edge of the phone. After He Xiaoman was almost done blabbering, she brought the phone over to the kitchen.

Old Madam Yang was busy making ginger tea when Huo Yao came in, so she asked. "Yao, who was that?"

Huo Yao did not answer her and simply placed the phone by her ear.

The moment Old Madam Yang heard He Xiaoman's voice, she automatically glanced at Huo Yao before she said, "Yes, Xiaoman?"

He Xiaoman heard Old Madam Yang asking Huo Yao who it was over the phone and instantly felt annoyed. From the looks of it, it was not Old Madam Yang on the phone all this time.

He Xiaoman suppressed her anger. She did not repeat what she had said.

Instead, she said patiently, "Mom, are you on hands-free mode?"

Although the phone was not in hands-free mode, it was quiet and the phone volume was loud, so Huo Yao could naturally hear the conversation.

Huo Yao handed the phone to Old Madam Yang before she went outside.

Old Madam Yang watched Huo Yao leave before she replied. "My phone isn't on hands-free. Why did you call?"

"Is that stupid girl listening?" asked He Xiaoman to be safe.

Old Madam Yang frowned and said, "She has already left the room."

He Xiaoman felt relieved. She cleared her throat and continued. "Mom, where is the piece of jade that Dad saved for Xiaxia? Do we still have it?"

"What jade?" Old Madam Yang did not realize what she was talking about immediately.

"I'm talking about the jade that has been in our family for generations. When Dad died, didn't he say it should go to..."

Before He Xiaoman could finish her sentence, Old Madam Yang realized what she was talking about and interrupted her, "It's for Yaoyao."

The moment He Xiaoman heard this, she looked annoyed. "Mom, you should get this straight. That jade belongs to our family. Huo Yao is just an outsider. Even if you want to give it to someone, it should be to your biological granddaughter!"

Old Madam Yang pursed her lips. "Did you call just to ask about the jade?"

"Uh huh." He Xiaoman answered candidly and cut to the chase. "Something happened to the Lu family, so I need the jade."