

## **Pill Maker 901**

### **Chapter 901: She Is A Young Medical Genius**

If Wu Yue had not seen Huo Yao's work on Quantum Mechanics, this notion would not have struck him.

Now that he had seen it, he could not help feeling excited.

Wu Yue held the sealed envelope as he looked at Huo Yao resentfully. "Isn't it perfect? In that case, you can take the opportunity to improve yourself."

Huo Yao refused to answer. Instead, she took her backpack and nodded. "Mr. Wu, I have to go."

Wu Yue looked up and watched from behind as the young woman left quickly and could not help lamenting in his heart.

The other students did not even have the chance to join this research team. Why was she so adamant about not joining it and avoided it like a plague when the opportunity presented itself?

Wu Yue quietly held up her solutions. The more he looked at them, the more upset he felt.

This young woman was barely 18 years old. With the right grooming, she was bound to become one of the best students they had had in recent years.

No wonder Prof Rong wanted to take her in as his disciple. If he were in the same shoes, he would have done the same.

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After Huo Yao's last class ended at 4:00 pm, she packed up her things and left the room.

Lin Shuwen was already there waiting at the school entrance. "Hi, Miss Huo."

Huo Yao nodded before she got into the car.

Since Fang Chen was a high-ranking government official, his teacher ought to be an important man as well. This time, Lin Shuwen did not take her to a private residence. Instead, Huo Yao was taken to a traditional-looking small tea house.

There were very few people in the small teahouse and Lin Shuwen brought Huo Yao upstairs to the second floor.

Inside the private room, Fang Chen was sitting with a man in his fifties and chatting with him. This man ought to be his teacher.

Fang Chen put down his teacup when he saw Lin Shuwen and Huo Yao walking in. He stood up and nodded politely.

He turned to look at his teacher and introduced them. "This is my friend, Miss Huo. She is a medical genius."

Li Fang stood up. The moment he saw Huo Yao, a hint of surprise swept across his eyes. His student had mentioned that the doctor was very young, but he did not expect her to be this young.

“Although Miss Huo is young, she is a highly accomplished doctor,” said Fang Chen after clearing his throat.

Li Fang snapped out of his thoughts. Considering his age, he had encountered plenty of people in his life, so he did not doubt Huo Yao’s ability because of her age. Moreover, she came highly recommended by his student, so he felt she must be a good doctor.

Li Fang pursed his lips slightly and nodded to Huo Yao and said, “Nice to meet you.”

Huo Yao nodded as well. “How do you do?”

Fang Chen invited Huo Yao to take a seat before brewing a fresh pot of tea unhurriedly and pouring her a cup.

There was an incense burner on the table and incense was wafting in the air as light music played in the background, making the atmosphere particularly relaxing and refined.

Huo Yao tapped on the table gently before picking up the teacup and taking a sip of its contents. She looked up at Li Fang sitting across from her and said, “Let me check your pulse first.”

Li Fang had lost all hope for his condition. He only agreed to come because he could not outtalk his student and did not want to hurt his feelings.

He extended his hand and placed it on the table. He smiled and said in a teasing tone, “I know my condition, so no pressure.”

Huo Yao raised her brow without responding and placed her hand on Li Fang’s pulse. A few seconds later, there was a slight change in her expression.

Fang Chen also noticed Huo Yao’s expression. He automatically squeezed his hands worriedly, but he did not intervene right away.

Half a minute later, Huo Yao pulled her hand back and looked at Li Fang. “You must have previously suffered from a serious viral infection, right?”

## **Chapter 902: No Cure**

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Li Fang finally froze when he heard what Huo Yao said and went quiet for a couple of seconds before he answered. “I caught a cold last year. The doctor said it was a viral infection.”

“Last year? Why didn’t you tell me about it?” asked Fang Chen in shock.

Li Fang smiled as he shook his head and said nonchalantly, “It was just a cold.”

“You should have paid more attention even though it was just a cold.” Fang Chen raised his head and looked at Huo Yao to ask. “Miss Huo, what is my teacher suffering from?”

"The viral infection has caused some lesions in his heart. Ever since the virus attacked his heart, his condition has already reached its later stage. Medically speaking, there is no cure." Huo Yao shared her observations with them.

From the moment she saw Li Fang, she could tell that he looked pale, sickly, and was suffering from viral infection.

She had encountered similar conditions in the past.

Fang Chen placed his hands on the table powerlessly with his face ashen the moment he heard this. Her observation was similar to what the hospital had concluded. However, the hospital was unable to determine that the cause of the condition was a viral infection.

"Well, no one can escape death. Moreover, heart problems are genuinely tricky. At my age, I have already accepted the facts." Li Fang sounded at ease and seemed to have already resigned to the outcome of his condition.

Fang Chen shook his head. He was keenly aware that only patients who had lost all hope would fully accept their conditions. Just last year, he was in the same position.

Fang Chen suppressed his urge to cry. He thought about Huo Yao's profound medical skills and looked at her. "Is there really no hope for my teacher?"

Huo Yao placed her hand on the chair armrest as she pondered intently. Moments later, she raised her head. "There is a cure."

The moment she finished her sentence, Fang Chen opened his eyes wide in astonishment. "Is... is there a cure?"

Huo Yao nodded and confirmed. "That's right."

Li Fang was stunned. He looked at Huo Yao in surprise. He did not mean to doubt her medical skills, but he knew that his condition was genuinely hopeless.

Even the chairman of the Apothecaries' Association was unable to treat him.

Li Fang parted his lips and wanted to speak, but he changed his mind when he saw the hope in Fang Chen's eyes.

"I need to test Mr. Li's blood sample." Huo Yao contemplated before she looked at Li Fang and spoke.

"That is no problem at all." Fang Chen knew she was a Biology student, so he promptly agreed to her request on behalf of his teacher.

"Uh huh. Also, I need some Chinese herbs," added Huo Yao.

Fang Chen nodded. "Sure."

Huo Yao retrieved a pen and paper from her bag and listed the Chinese herbs she needed before long. She handed it to Fang Chen and said, "I have highlighted the ingredients that are particularly rare. You probably won't be able to find them on the market. You may have better luck buying them from the Apothecaries' Association."

She recalled Lei Xiao saying the Apothecaries' Association had all kinds of Chinese herbs at their disposal when he helped her to get some herbs previously.

Since Fang Chen's teacher was a senior politician, he should not have a problem purchasing ingredients from the Apothecaries' Association.

Moreover, Fang Chen was acquainted with the Pei family. Old Mr. Pei's eldest son was also a member of the Apothecaries' Association.

Fang Chen put the prescription away carefully. "I will do my best to gather the herbs you need as soon as possible."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao softly.

Fang Chen's phone rang.. He took it out and saw it was work, so he promptly stood up to tell them he had to answer the phone before he walked out.

### **Chapter 903: Don't Worry!**

Only Huo Yao and Li Fang remained in the private room in the small teahouse.

Li Fang poured more tea for Huo Yao tea. He raised his head to look at the private room entrance before he turned to look at Huo Yao and said, "You know I can't be treated, right?"

Huo Yao raised her brow as she tapped her fingers on the tables gently and said, "Your condition wasn't caused by a common virus."

Li Fang looked into Huo Yao's eyes. They were so deep and profound that it felt as though she could see everything. He was slightly surprised. But then he quickly concluded since she was able to diagnose his condition, she was no ordinary physician.

Li Fang simply shook his head without explaining further. He looked at the door for some time before he finally said, "No matter what, thank you for hiding my condition from Fang Chen. This way, he doesn't have to worry about it."

Li Fang had been grooming Fang Chen for a decade. Even though he was Fang Chen's teacher, they were as close as father and son.

Huo Yao picked up her teacup and took a sip before she said unhurriedly, "Do you really think there is no cure?"

Li Fang was caught by surprise.

"Some special viral infections can be suppressed." Huo Yao paused before she added without going into all the technical jargon. "I never joke about my patients' conditions."

Li Fang was unable to snap out of his shock.

Meanwhile, Fang Chen came back after answering the call. After he came closer, he noticed something amiss with the expression on his teacher's face. He automatically scrutinized Huo Yao and Li Fang and remained thoughtful.

Before long, Huo Yao stood up after finishing her tea. "I have to go home."

Fang Chen contemplated briefly and said, "Let me give you a ride."

Huo Yao glanced at Fang Chen and did not turn down the offer. She turned and nodded to Li Fang before leaving the private room.

Fang Chen put on the mask after they came out of the private room. When they got to the staircase, he finally asked. "Miss Huo, is there something unusual about my teacher's viral infection?"

Huo Yao seemed calm. She walked downstairs as she said, "Well, not entirely. Since he is getting on his age and isn't as healthy as he used to be, he has lower immunity to begin with."

Although her words seemed normal, Fang Chen could not help feeling there was something more to it. He hesitated before he finally asked. "Is there really a cure?"

Huo Yao paused briefly and answered. "Don't worry."

The moment Fang Chen heard what she said, the final doubts in his heart dissipated. "I will do my best to get all the herbs you need. As for the blood sample, I will make arrangements for a doctor to take his blood and send it to you."

"Sure." Huo Yao nodded.

Fang Chen got Lin Shuwen to send Huo Yao home. After she left in the car, he turned to go upstairs to the private room on the second floor.

Li Fang kept thinking about what Huo Yao had just said. Now that she was gone, he looked at Fang Chen and asked straightforwardly. "How are her medical skills?"

Fang Chen looked at Li Fang confidently. "She is a very highly skilled doctor. If she says it is treatable, she means it."

After all, his current condition was proof of the miracles Huo Yao was capable of.

Li Fang squeezed his hands before he picked up his teacup and drank its contents in a gulp to calm his nerves.

Every patient wanted to get well.

Patients only became resigned when things were completely hopeless.

Li Fang gathered his thoughts. Since he felt intrigued by Huo Yao, he asked more about her. "Where is she from? I heard her talking about the Apothecaries' Association earlier. Is she from the Apothecaries' Association?"

## **Chapter 904: Huo Yao Didn't Seem Like A Liar**

Fang Chen shook his head. "Huo Yao is my mother's friend's daughter. She isn't from the Apothecaries' Association."

If she was from the Apothecaries' Association, the Pei family's eldest son would have known her and things between them would not have gotten so intense.

"I see. I thought she was from the Apothecaries' Association for a moment there." Li Fang put down the teacup. "She seems quite young. Is she still in school?"

"She is the top scholar for the national college entrance exam. Also, she had guaranteed placement at Tsing University," sighed Fang Chen.

The moment Li Fang heard this, he looked amazed. "Is she that good?"

Fang Chen smiled. "That's right. She is an outstanding girl."

Li Fang went into a daze. No wonder Fang Chen trusted the young woman so much. She was genuinely very impressive.

A thought emerged in Li Fang's mind, so he turned to look at Fang Chen and said, "You are not getting any younger. When are you going to start dating?"

Fang Chen's smile froze instantly.

Why did the subject of the conversation suddenly take this turn?

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The next day, Fang Chen got a private doctor to draw a blood sample from Li Fang. After placing it in a special container and closing the lid, he told Lin Shuwen to send it to Huo Yao.

Huo Yao did not have the right apparatus to test the blood at home, but the university was bound to have one in the laboratory block, so she went to ask Liu Qian about it.

Ever since Liu Qian saw the successful comparative test results on his computer a couple of days ago, he kept thinking about why it suddenly worked out. The moment he saw Huo Yao, a bold notion emerged in his mind.

"Were you the one who corrected the data in the test scenario on the computer?"

Liu Qian looked at Huo Yao intently as he asked as though he was trying to read every micro-expression on her face.

"What test scenario?" Huo Yao's eyes looked bright and unsullied and did not seem to be lying.

Liu Qian instantly felt puzzled in his heart, but he did not keep harping on the subject. "Oh yes. Did you want to know if Biology students had full access to the laboratory block?"

Huo Yao nodded.

"You do have access, but you need to apply for it first. Typically, students are only given access to the laboratories if they are from the same faculties. Since inter-faculty research does exist, we aren't very strict about access. If you have a legitimate use for it, access can be granted."

Liu Qian paused and looked at Huo Yao after he finished explaining the situation. “Why did you suddenly ask about this? What kind of experiment are you planning to run?”

Huo Yao pondered before she answered. “I am not doing an experiment. I just want to study some blood samples.”

Liu Qian felt startled by what she said. People who did blood sample analysis needs were generally medically trained.

“Mr. Liu, may I apply to use the apparatus then?” asked Huo Yao.

Liu Qian pondered briefly before he said, “In that case, I will give the Life Science teacher a call.”

Huo Yao answered. “Okay.”

Liu Qian took out his phone and went to the side to make a call. After talking briefly on the phone, he came back and asked Huo Yao. “When do you want to use it?”

Huo Yao raised her head. “I can go now.”

Before long, Liu Qian hung up the phone and looked at Huo Yao. “I have spoken to the teacher. I will give you a permission slip to use it. Just show it to the teacher in charge of the laboratory block when you get there.”

“Thank you, Mr. Liu.” Huo Yao nodded.

Liu Qian smiled. “You are welcome.”

He turned to walk over to the computer and printed a laboratory permission slip and signed it before handing it to Huo Yao. “Go ahead and use it.”

## **Chapter 905: Encountering Jiang Mingyue At The Lab**

Huo Yao headed to the laboratory block with Liu Qian’s permission slip. After the teacher in charge took a look at it, he felt a little puzzled, but he did not ask her anything. Instead, he showed Huo Yao straight to the Life Science laboratories located on the third floor of the building.

After the teacher opened the door for her, he walked over to the cabinet by the side and retrieved a pair of disposable gloves for her. He told her to be careful with the laboratory equipment and left.

Huo Yao closed the door. She put on the gloves as she glanced around the laboratory.

Tsing University was undoubtedly a leader in Science and the laboratory was well equipped. Although it was not at the same level as research institutes, it was good enough for general research.

Huo Yao took out the two vials of blood samples that Lin Shuwen had given her. She took one vial and placed it in front of the blood analyzer.

The blood analyzer was connected to the biological computer, so she turned it on before activating the apparatus next to it.

The school apparatus had limited functionality, but it worked the same way in theory as the one she used in the clan back in the day.

Huo Yao studied the apparatus briefly before she mixed a few drops of blood specimen with an analysis solution and placed it under the high-power microscope.

She could visually observe the blood specimen to identify any irregularities and the analysis solution could help separate the components of the blood. It was enough for her to conduct a basic analysis of the specimen.

It was completely different from Chinese medicine.

Huo Yao printed the data off the computer ten minutes later.

Sure enough, Li Fang's blood contained a lot of one particular element.

Huo Yao contemplated briefly before she turned off the apparatus and stood up. She took the used vessels and brought them to the sink to clean and sterilize them. After she was done with the washing, she put everything back in place and opened the door to leave without lingering.

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Jiang Mingyue had told Mu Qing about the problems she was facing with her experiment the previous day. After he gave her some ideas and adjusted their experiment plan slightly, the gene variation simulation became a lot smoother.

Today, her team was at the laboratory conducting the experiment.

The serious expression on Jiang Mingyue's face eased up when she saw the simulation results on the computer screen.

"I think this time, we will be able to meet the minimum requirement for the comparative test," said one of her team members excitedly.

"We have Mingyue to thank for talking Mu Qing into helping us. Otherwise, we would still be stuck till now," said another team member.

Jiang Mingyue smiled as she looked at the simulation results on the computer monitor. She took out her phone and told her team, "I am going out to make a call. The rest of you can continue checking the numbers."

The moment she finished her sentence, she unlocked the door and went out.

Before long, the phone got through. Mingyue promptly spoke in a sweet voice.

"You did a fantastic job refining our experiment plan yesterday. We succeeded when we did the preliminary simulation. Now, we just need to conduct comparative testing. However, I think we have a 90% chance of succeeding. Thanks for the help."

Mu Qing sounded unsurprised as he replied mildly. "You're welcome. You were the one who came up with the experiment plan. I simply helped make some adjustments."



"I know. No matter what, you helped us solve a huge problem." Jiang Mingyue held the phone by her ear with her head lowered as she tapped the tip of her toes on the ground every now and then.

Jiang Mingyue paused and raised her head to look casually at the other end of the corridor before she continued. "Are you free tonight? I want to buy you..."

Jiang Mingyue's voice paused when she saw the silhouette in front of her. A second later, she finally finished her sentence. "...dinner."

## **Chapter 906: What Was She Doing At The Laboratory?**

Wasn't that Huo Yao?

Did she just come out of the laboratory?

Jiang Mingyue looked puzzled. The Life Science and Biotechnology laboratories were on the third floor of the building. She was a Bioinformatics freshman. What was she doing here?

Just as she was wondering, the silhouette vanished at the end of the corridor.

She was so preoccupied that she did not even hear what Mu Qing said over the phone.

After Jiang Mingyue snapped out of her shock, she cleared her throat and walked over to the other end of the corridor as she asked over the phone. "Mu Qing, what did you just say? I think there is a bad signal at the lab, so I did not catch you."

Mu Qing did not think otherwise. He simply answered. "I am busy tonight, so I can't have dinner with you. Sorry about it."

Jiang Mingyue got to the laboratory that Huo Yao had just exited. Despite her disappointment on hearing Mu Qing's answer, she did not insist. "It's fine. We can do it some other time then."

"Uh huh. I will buy you dinner to make up for it," said Mu Qing.

Jiang Mingyue nodded and said, "Since you are busy, I shall not hold you up."

After hanging up the phone, Jiang Mingyue placed her phone in her pocket and raised her head to glance at laboratory number five. She could not wrap her mind around what business a freshman could have here.

Jiang Mingyue pursed her lips and moved her eyes. She decided to stop thinking about it and turned to head back to laboratory number one.

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After Huo Yao went downstairs, she went over to the teacher in charge and informed him she was done using the facilities.

The teacher was clearly caught by surprise. "Are you done already?"

Most students spent at least an hour, or several hours, or even all day in the laboratory if they applied to use the facilities to research things outside their usual scope.

It was the first time he ever saw a student come out after less than 30 minutes.

Huo Yao nodded. She retrieved the registration book by the side and filled in her name in the last column.

Specific records were kept for all use of the laboratory equipment.

After leaving the laboratory, Huo Yao thought about the test results of the blood sample as she headed back to the Biology department.

Since the university's blood analysis equipment could not compare to the ones at the hospital, she could only come up with a set of general results. Huo Yao pondered before she took out her phone and sent a text message to Lei Xiao.

She wanted to see him.

By the time Lei Xiao saw her text message, three hours had already passed. He had just walked out of the laboratory and his eyes were sunken and tired from working. His chin was covered with stubble.

The moment he took his phone and saw the text message, he rubbed his bloodshot eyes and looked at it in disbelief.

The genius finally took the initiative to message him!

Lei Xiao instantly felt invigorated and forgot about his exhaustion. He hurriedly replied to Huo Yao asking her when to meet.

After sending the text message, he held the phone nervously and did not even bother to change out of his laboratory gear. He was terrified that he might miss the messages from her.

Since it was already slightly past 4:00 pm, Huo Yao was already home. After she received a reply from Lei Xiao, she simply asked if he was free now. Once he confirmed he had time, she blatantly asked him to meet near her place.

She did not plan on buying him dinner.

Huo Yao proceeded to send him the address. Although it was some distance from the research institute, he did not care. He was delighted to see Huo Yao and could not care less about the distance.

One of his colleagues who had been stuck in the laboratory for three days working without rest was standing beside him. The moment he noticed the change in Lei Xiao's attitude and how energetic Lei Xiao was, he was startled. "Xiao, what happened? Did you get some good news or something?"

Lei Xiao stood up from the chair and took off his laboratory gear as he bragged. "That goes without saying. Someone just asked me out for dinner."

His colleague was still single, so he could not help feeling hurt hearing this.

What a stupid show off!

## Chapter 907: Lei Xiao's Secret Friend

"Xiao, how could you do that? Didn't we swear to stay single for the rest of our lives?" said his colleague in a jealous tone.

Lei Xiao glanced at his colleague sideways and corrected him solemnly. "Put away your dirty thoughts. My genius friend called me out for dinner!"

Most of the people in the research institute knew about Lei Xiao's brilliant acquaintance. A couple of years ago, this friend of his even helped him solve a tricky problem. However, no one had ever seen Lei Xiao's friend.

The director of the research institute had mentioned several times about hiring Huo Yao, but Lei Xiao repeatedly refused to help pass the message. Everyone could not help feeling curious about the person's identity.

"Does your friend need more sidekicks?" asked his colleague after clearing his throat.

Lei Xiao instantly replied. "Impossible. Don't even think about it."

His colleague twitched his lips powerlessly.

Lei Xiao did not want to waste time hanging around. "That's enough. I have to go."

The moment he finished his sentence, he retrieved his car keys from the drawer and wanted to leave the office. A thought crossed his colleague's mind, so he called after Lei Xiao. "Well, why don't you show our latest research about decomposition reaction to your friend and see if the person has any suggestions for us?"

Lei Xiao paused briefly before raising his head to look at him. "I think it is a bad idea. She probably isn't free."

"Fine." Although his colleague was disappointed, he did not insist further and simply waved to Lei Xiao.

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Lei Xiao arrived at Huo Yao's address 50 minutes later and found that it was the entrance of a villa district.

Since he was a local, he knew this district was particularly expensive and only the richest and most powerful people could afford to live here.

He did not expect Huo Yao to come from a rich family.

Lei Xiao pondered as he looked at the entrance.

Huo Yao was already waiting at the roadside. She was dressed casually and no one would guess looking at her that she was a genius.

Lei Xiao pulled up by the roadside and undid the seatbelt. He got off the car, and walked up in front of Huo Yao.

He had already cleaned himself up before driving over using the toiletries he had in his car, so he did not seem particularly disheveled now.

"I was busy in the afternoon and electronic devices aren't allowed in the lab," explained Lei Xiao.

Huo Yao nodded understandingly. "It's fine."

"Oh yes. What do you need me to help you with?" asked Lei Xiao hurriedly.

"Uh huh." Huo Yao wasted no time and handed Lei Xiao a blue box. "This is a blood specimen."

Lei Xiao took the blue box and said in surprise without opening it, "A blood specimen? Do you want it tested?"

"That's right. I want a full blood analysis of the sample." Huo Yao nodded. "The equipment at school isn't good enough and could only give me generic results."

Lei Xiao was surprised by her request. Only very unusual blood would require such detailed results.

Since Huo Yao was requesting a full analysis, the blood sample must be very special.

"I will complete the blood analysis by tonight," said Lei Xiao.

Huo Yao raised her brow as she glanced at his dark eye rings and said, "There is no hurry. You can work on it when you are free."

"Okay," acknowledged Lei Xiao. He finally had the chance to repay Huo Yao's favor, so he was determined to get this done as soon as possible.

"Thanks." Huo Yao nodded before checking the time on her watch and said, "I suppose you must be busy, so I shall not hold you up anymore."

## **Chapter 908: Where Did This Blood Sample Come From?**

Lei Xiao did not see this coming. He automatically replied to Huo Yao. "Well... I'm not that busy actually."

"Uh huh. In that case, I'm going back. Talk again." Huo Yao pretended not to hear what he said. Instead, she waved and turned to go back into her estate.

Lei Xiao stood where he was as he watched Huo Yao walk off before he took the small box and placed it in the car. After putting on his seatbelt, he suddenly remembered something.

Huo Yao had wanted to see him. Why didn't they go out for dinner?

Lei Xiao raised his head and looked out of the car window again, but there was no one in sight. He could only scratch his head and start the engine sadly.

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The next morning, Huo Yao received the blood analysis results from Lei Xiao.

He sent Huo Yao a picture of the test results and a few audio messages. Since Huo Yao was in the middle of class, she only tapped on the picture without listening to the audio messages.

Just as she expected, the white blood cell count in the specimen was low and the amount of radiation it contained was through the roof.

The radiation was not formed naturally. Since it was man-made, once the radiation levels reached a certain level, it would cause problems to the immune system. If the patient had underlying health problems, this would advance into chronic radiation illness.

Fang Chen's teacher did not simply have a case of heart problem, and radiation had played a part in turning it into the current situation.

The patient probably came into contact with radiation, but Huo Yao was not interested in this. She was more interested in this illness.

Based on the current standards of medicine, there was no cure for chronic radiation sickness.

She wanted to try using methods that were unavailable in this era and Fang Chen was the perfect patient.

Huo Yao thanked Lei Xiao before putting her phone away.

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Lei Xiao kept thinking about it, so he called Huo Yao again in the afternoon.

In reality, he already got the test results last night, but the blood analysis results were inconceivable, so he did not send them to Huo Yao right away.

After he got to the research institute, he read up on sources of radiation, but was unable to find anything useful. However, he faintly remembered that the research institute had done some research about this before.

He recalled that something went wrong with the radiation source and almost caused a major accident. Several researchers were fired from the research institute and the director also banned such research.

"Where did this blood sample come from?" asked Lei Xiao after the call got through.

Huo Yao was eating, so she answered with her mouth full. "Why?"

Lei Xiao went quiet for a couple of seconds when he heard her cool voice. "Nothing really. You only get such test results from patients who were exposed to radiation previously, so I was curious about where the blood sample came from."

Huo Yao did not answer Lei Xiao right away.

Lei Xiao paused and reminded her without insisting. "Whatever it is, be careful."

Huo Yao rubbed her chopsticks and acknowledged softly. "Got it."

They chatted briefly before ending the call.

After Huo Yao hung up the phone, she mulled over briefly before putting her phone away.

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Meanwhile, at the administration block.

After Qi Hui came back from seeing Prof Liu, he sorted out some documents in the office for 30 minutes before placing the documentation of an important research project into a sealed envelope.

He left the office with the envelope after sealing it and went upstairs to the archive room.

### **Chapter 909: Who Touched The Archives?**

The archive room came equipped with a digital lock and only a number of teachers on campus had access to it. After all, the archive room contained important information about their research that could not be disclosed.

Qi Hui unlocked the door, walked in to open cabinet L, placed his sealed envelope inside, and locked the cabinet after he was done.

Just as Qi Hui was about to leave, he noticed that the cabinet containing the past years' research information was slightly opened and unlocked.

He froze for a couple of seconds before he opened the cabinet

One of the teachers did not remember to close the cabinet after archiving some files.

Qi Hui sorted out the slight mess in the cabinet. Just as he was about to close the cabinet, a thought crossed his mind, so he retrieved the documents from the cabinet and flipped through them quickly to find a research project he had done six months ago.

He opened the manila envelope and looked at the documentation of his research which consisted of slightly over ten pages. There was nothing wrong with the documents, but the last two pages were not arranged in order of their pages.

Qi Hui narrowed his eyes slightly. He had personally archived these files, so no such problem should be expected.

Had anyone touched these files in the recent past?

Qi Hui frowned as he pondered. There was no surveillance inside the archive room. Also, the teachers with access had no reason to touch his files.

Qi Hui could not wrap his mind around it. He placed the documents back inside the cabinet and left the archives while contemplating deeply.

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In the afternoon, Huo Yao had two classes. After they were over, Liu Qian invited her to observe again at the laboratory.

Ever since the last time Huo Yao observed the experiment, she had lost interest in it. However, Liu Qian was kind enough to invite her, so she did not have the heart to turn him down.

When Huo Yao entered the laboratory, Liu Qian, Jiang Mingyue, and her teammates were already present. Huo Yao was the last to get there.

Jiang Mingyue was talking to her team members. The moment she saw Huo Yao, she simply glanced at Huo Yao without even greeting her.

She assumed Liu Qian would not bring Huo Yao to observe this time, but was mistaken.

Then again, this was the perfect opportunity to get attention. Why would Huo Yao pass up on this opportunity?

Jiang Mingyue pursed her lips and looked away.

Liu Qian failed to notice Jiang Mingyue's poor attitude towards Huo Yao. He was reading the revised experiment plan and waved Huo Yao over when she came into the laboratory.

"Did I hold you up?" asked Liu Qian.

"Nope." Huo Yao glanced at the new experiment plan in his hand and raised her brow.

Liu Qian noticed her gaze. Even though she was a freshman and did not understand its contents, he did not mind explaining it to her.

He handed the revised experiment plan to Huo Yao. "Jiang Mingyue and her team have revised the experiment plan, and made some changes..."

Jiang Mingyue felt speechless when she saw Liu Qian explaining things to Huo Yao. She was just a freshman. How on earth would she be able to understand it?

The student was inconceivable and now even her teacher was... Jiang Mingyue shook her head. She felt she ought to place her attention on the experiment instead.

Liu Qian was patiently explaining everything to Huo Yao when she finished reading all three pages of the revised experiment plan.

Liu Qian did not know what to say when he saw Huo Yao quickly flip to the last page.

Huo Yao flipped back to the first page and simply said, "It is a little better than the old experiment plan."

However, it was still horse shit.

Huo Yao quietly pursed her lips.

### **Chapter 910: Just An Innocent Comment**

Liu Qian's lips twitched when he heard Huo Yao's comment. It felt a little annoying to hear this coming from her mouth since she was just a freshman.

Even though Jiang Mingyue did her utmost not to take it to heart, she was clearly angry.

Jiang Mingyue was unable to suppress herself, so she put down the apparatus in her hands and walked over to Huo Yao.

She took the revised experiment plan from Huo Yao's hands. "You are just a freshman. What would you know about this experiment? Did you know how hard we worked for it? Do you know how much effort we put into it?"

The atmosphere in the laboratory instantly became intense when Jiang Mingyue exploded.

Liu Qian and the other team members were caught by surprise.

Jiang Mingyue was furious. The more she looked at Huo Yao, the angrier she felt. Before Huo Yao had the chance to speak, she said infuriatingly, "Before you judge our work, you really need to consider whether you have the right to do so."

It was repulsive to hear it from Huo Yao since she was not an expert in the field. Even if she wanted attention, shouldn't she at least think before she judged?

"Jiang Mingyue, I don't think Huo Yao meant to be rude. It was just an innocent comment." After Liu Qian snapped out of his shock, he hurriedly explained.

His words completely failed to appease Jiang Mingyue. Instead, her fury shot straight up. Since he was a teacher, she did not speak as rudely to him.

"Mr. Liu, I am afraid I don't agree with you. After all, we specialize in different fields, so it is basic manners to stay out of each other's work."

Jiang Mingyue glanced at Huo Yao mockingly before she continued. "This so-called innocent comment is simply brainless."

Jiang Mingyue had just made a personal attack. Liu Qian frowned. "Since you have come up with the thesis, why can't people form an opinion about it?"

This unwritten rule to stay out of someone else's research only applied to members of different fields. Since they were both from Biology, this rule did not apply.

After all, both of them were from the Biology department.

Jiang Mingyue pursed her lips and sneered. "Question is, does she even understand what we are doing?"

She was just a layman. How could she make such a mindless comment? Did she want to embarrass herself?

Liu Qian glanced at Huo Yao. He had invited her to observe the experiment, so even if she made an innocent mistake and said something, he defended her. Otherwise, this young woman might end up being traumatized by the event.

Liu Qian put on a serious face as he contemplated. Just as he was about to speak, the other people in the laboratory tried to smooth things over.

"Mr. Liu, sorry about that. Please don't take it to heart. Jiang Mingyue was just venting some steam. We have worked on this revised experiment plan for days and even asked Mu Qing to help. Now that we



have finally finished it, someone poured cold water on it, so she can't help feeling upset. I'm sure you can understand."

"Uh huh. It is no big deal for people to have different opinions in the academic field. It is just a minor hitch. Why don't we continue working on it?"

"That's right. Why don't we start doing the experiment?"

The rest of their members were worried that the situation would escalate further, so they quickly apologized to Liu Qian and pulled Jiang Mingyue aside.

In reality, they were also very displeased with what Huo Yao said. Since a teacher was present, it was a bad time to show it on their faces.

Jiang Mingyue's fury dissipated slightly after everyone tried to mediate, so she stopped looking at Huo Yao angrily. Instead, she composed herself and bowed to Liu Qian slightly. "Mr. Liu, my apologies. I got carried away. Please don't take it to heart."