

Pill Maker 1451

Chapter 1451: Meet Her Personally

Qin Zheng had tried to steal power at the Apothecaries' Association when Chairman Wang was ill. Fortunately, Huo Yao managed to save Chairman Wang.

He Shu only took over as chairman thanks to her. She had calmly taken care of everything.

Qin Zheng was arrested for his crimes. She used her close ties to the Min family to make He Shu the new chairman, so no one dared to go against her decision.

Huo Yao was clearly an intelligent young woman, and in his eyes, was the perfect candidate to be chairman.

He Shu sighed inwardly. Sadly, she was not interested in running the association.

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Huo Yao picked up her teacup and took a sip of its contents. This was the perfect time to talk to He Shu about getting a raise: [I don't want to be the chairman. I prefer being the deputy chairman, so there is more room for getting a promotion and a raise.]

He Shu's lips twitched. He naturally read between the lines and caught her drift.

He laughed softly. Qin Zheng wanted to become chairman and was willing to do anything to get it. Huo Yao did not care about the title and only wanted money. If Qin Zheng learned of this, he wondered how Qin Zheng would feel about this.

Before long, He Shu ended the conversation with Huo Yao and called the finance department immediately.

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Meanwhile, at the hotel.

Shangguan Hou had just heard back from his men. He did not expect the young woman to be acquainted with someone from the Min family.

Initially, Fan Shun's intel only mentioned that she was from the Huo family without mentioning her social circles.

The Huo family was powerful enough as it were, but now the Min family was involved as well. Shangguan Hou touched the human skin mask on his face as he contemplated with a cold look in his eyes.

From the looks of it, it was about time he went to see the young woman in person.

After standing in the living room for half a minute, Shangguan Hou turned and went back into the bedroom. Mi Wei was still fast asleep thanks to the drugs.

Shangguan Hou did not light an incense and make Mi Wei wake up. Instead, he glanced at Mi Wei coolly before he took out his phone and made a call. "We're going back in a couple of days. Send him to the base when we get back."

After hanging up the phone, a sinister vibe radiated from Shangguan Hou despite the expressionless human skin mask on his face.

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After dinner, Huo Yao and Min Yu drove back to the estate.

When Huo Yao got home, she gave Old Madam Yang a call. The phone rang for some time, but no one answered.

Perhaps her grandmother was asleep.

Huo Yao hung up the phone and lowered her eyes to check the time. It was 8:00 pm sharp. Even in the countryside, it was kind of early for bedtime.

Huo Yulin came downstairs holding his laptop while she contemplated. "Can you help me take a look at my program? I'm not sure what went wrong."

Huo Yao snapped out of her thoughts the moment she heard her third older brother's voice. She put away her phone and took the laptop from him.

The two of them sat in their living room talking about the program as they revised it. Before long, over an hour had passed.

"Oh yes. I'm planning to go to the countryside to visit my grandmother in a day or so," said Huo Yao as she stretched her back.

Huo Yulin finally realized that the winter break had already commenced for his little sister as he turned off the laptop. He looked at Huo Yao and answered. "Yes, you should definitely go back and visit her. After all, she must miss your company, living out there on her own."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao as she nodded. She took out her phone for a second look to confirm that she did not miss any calls from her grandmother.

"Get Uncle Ming to come along with you," said Huo Yulin.

Huo Yao did not turn him down. "Okay then. When will you wrap up your work at the academy?"

Around the end of the year, so I might not be able to spend the new year with you," explained Huo Yulin as he touched Huo Yao's head.

Chapter 1452: He Xiaoman Answers The Phone

Huo Yao tilted her head sideways and looked at Huo Yulin. "Are you going to visit our uncle?"

“Uh huh.” Huo Yulin acknowledged Huo Yao with his eyes narrowed.

Even though their uncle had told Huo Yulin to bring his little sister back with him, he was not sure how he could get his parents to say yes to it. He could already imagine his parents kicking him out of the door the moment he mentioned it.

Huo Yao had trouble reaching her grandmother over the phone, and she inexplicably felt worried. Since it was getting late, she could only try again tomorrow during the day.

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The next morning, Huo Yao took out her phone after having breakfast and called Old Madam Yang.

The first time she tried, no one answered the phone.

The second time she tried, someone finally picked up the phone.

Huo Yao parted her lips wanting to speak. Before she was able to say a word, someone spoke over the phone.

“Enough already. Why do you keep calling my mother? What else are you trying to squeeze from her this time?”

It was none other than her foster mother answering the phone. He Xiaoman sounded very annoyed and resentful.

Huo Yao frowned automatically, but she did not take He Xiaoman’s words to heart. She asked patiently. “Where’s Grandma?”

“Why should I tell you?” He Xiaoman laughed coldly. To this day, she could not understand why her mother was willing to give Huo Yao the jade pendant which was a family heirloom.

Even if her mother had given Huo Yao the jade pendant, Huo Yao still did not care about family ties when she ended up ruining the Lu clan.

From the moment He Xiaoman answered the phone, Huo Yao knew it was impossible for her to have a chance to speak to her grandmother.

She decided to hang up the phone altogether.

He Xiaoman wanted to say more. When she heard a mechanical dial tone coming from the phone, she looked even more infuriated.

The girl was such an ingrate!

Huo Yao called to ask about Old Madam Yang, but she had no manners at all.

Old Madam Yang kept thinking about Huo Yao all the time, but the girl was just a thankless wretch!

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After hanging up the phone, Huo Yao quietly sat on the couch thinking about why He Xiaoman would have answered the phone.

He Xiaoman did not like the countryside and it was unlikely that Old Madam Yang would have moved over to the Lu residence. She could not help feeling puzzled that He Xiaoman had answered the phone.

Huo Yao frowned as she contemplated. She turned on her phone and changed her flight tickets to the next morning.

After changing the timing of her flight, she went upstairs to pack some luggage. She had made Old Madam Yang some incense and pills, so she packed those into her bag as well.

In the afternoon, Min Yu called Huo Yao telling her he was at the door to pass her some stuff.

“Did you have to buy so much stuff?” Huo Yao felt a headache coming on when she saw seven to eight large paper boxes by his feet.

“I bought some gifts for your parents as well.” Min Yu had labeled the packages so that Huo Yao would not make any mistakes about the gifts.

Huo Yao crossed her arms and sighed gently. “Isn’t it nice to be rich? You’re so generous.”

Min Yu raised his brow. “Well, if it’s money you want, what is mine is yours.”

Huo Yao touched her nose and glared at him with a huff. “Quit flirting already. Let’s not ruin your cool, untouchable image.”

Min Yu laughed. He raised his head, glanced inside the door, and asked. “Are you alone at home?”

“Nope. The maid is here,” replied Huo Yao.

Min Yu picked up the paper boxes by the side of his feet. “Come on. Let me carry them in for you.”

Huo Yao knew what he was trying to do, but she did not expose him.

The two of them entered the villa together.

Chapter 1453: Going Back To Check On Old Madam Yang

Huo Yao told Min Yu to take a seat in the living room before she went to the storeroom on the ground floor.

When the maid came over with a glass of water, she could not help looking at Min Yu curiously. He was obviously very good-looking. More importantly, she wondered how he was related to Huo Yao.

Despite her curiosity, the maid did not dare to ask Min Yu any questions. After serving the water, she quickly left the living room.

Before long, Huo Yao came back with a box of incense. “This is for your grandfather.”

Min Yu took the incense without any hesitation. "He keeps nagging me to bring you over for dinner."

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"Huh?" Huo Yao promptly added. "I probably can't make it. I've already booked flight tickets to go back to my grandmother's place tomorrow morning. Maybe some other time."

Min Yu nodded automatically before he paused and asked in astonishment. "Aren't you leaving the day after? Why did the dates change?"

"I called her, but she didn't answer the phone personally, so I'm a little worried." Huo Yao sat down and answered with a frown on her face.

Min Yu knew Huo Yao cared about Old Madam Yang a lot. "Stop worrying. She's always been healthy, so I'm sure she's perfectly fine."

Huo Yao leaned into the couch's backrest and looked up at the crystal chandelier on the ceiling. Moments later, she sighed and said, "I certainly hope so."

She really hoped that she was overthinking it.

The two of them changed the subject and chatted about something else. Min Yu did not linger for long since he kept receiving phone calls. Before long, he left the residence.

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The next day, Huo Yao turned down Min Yu's offer to send her to the airport and took a ride from her third older brother.

Chen Ming went to put the luggage away. Huo Yao and Huo Yulin chatted briefly before he left as well. Huo Yao went over to the VIP lounge area and took a seat.

They had over 40 minutes to go before they could check-in.

Huo Yao pulled her hoodie over her head. She took out her earphones and put them on before she listened to her fourth older brother's latest album. She was playing the music rather loudly in her earphones.

The VIP lounge area was relatively empty and only four or five people were sitting there with their heads lowered looking at their phones.

A cleaning lady wearing a mask and gloves approached her with her cleaning trolley.

She did not push her cleaning trolley all the way in. Instead, she placed the trolley outside and started cleaning the section.

Huo Yao was plugged in and listening to music using her earphones, so she did not open her eyes when the cleaning lady went past her. She simply kept massaging her brows as she sat there.

She failed to notice right away when something fell out of the cleaning lady's pocket and landed near her feet.

After Chen Ming came back, he picked up something from beside her feet. “Miss Huo, did you drop this?”

Even though Huo Yao was playing music at a high volume, she could detect Chen Ming’s presence. She opened her eyes and saw him holding a worn-out white bag.

Huo Yao was stunned when she saw the bag. She quickly sat up, removed her earphones, and asked. “Uncle Ming, where did you find that?”

“It was sitting right by your feet. I assumed it was yours.” Chen Ming could sense something crisp and light inside the bag as he held it.

He opened the pouch and noticed that it contained some dry leaves and could not help feeling puzzled.

After taking a whiff of it, he realized they were no ordinary dry leaves. Instead, they were tobacco leaves.

Chapter 1454: Shangguan Yu Was Still Alive

“Does anyone smoke pipes these days?” asked Chen Ming quizzically.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes but said nothing to Chen Ming. She simply reached her hand out and took the tobacco bag from him.

She was very familiar with the tobacco bag. It belonged to Mi Wei and he always carried it with him.

When she first got here, there was nothing on the ground, so someone must have deliberately left the tobacco bag by her feet to get her attention.

She was unable to locate Mi Wei anywhere recently. She stood up from the seat with thoughts running through her mind.

She raised her head and glanced around solemnly.

When Huo Yao suddenly stood up, Chen Ming looked at her quizzically. “Yes, Miss Huo?”

Chen Ming glanced in the same direction as her. Other than some occasional passersby, everything seemed normal.

Huo Yao raised her hand. After glancing around, her eyes landed on a cleaning personnel pushing a cleaning cart in the distance.

The cleaning lady seemed to be the only person who came into close proximity to her earlier.

She pondered briefly before she said to Chen Ming, “Uncle Ming, I need to use the bathroom.”

She stepped out of the VIP lounge area unhurriedly and walked off giving off a serious vibe.

Chen Ming watched quizzically from behind as she left.

Something seemed amiss with Miss Huo. She looked especially tense when he found the tobacco bag. It felt as though she recognized the tobacco bag.

Even though Chen Ming was puzzled, he did not follow behind her and simply sat in the VIP lounge area and waited for her.

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After leaving the VIP lounge area, she followed behind the cleaning lady until the passersby in the airport blocked her view. She eventually lost the cleaning lady.

Huo Yao pursed her lips suddenly. Even though her head was covered by her black hoodie and she held a low profile, people kept turning to look at her, thanks to her imposing aura.

The culprit was certainly a master of concealment.

She looked up at a huge airport hall trying to figure out where the cleaning lady had gone. Before long, she walked toward the left and headed straight to the airport parking sign.

Huo Yao kept walking until she got to the designated staff parking area where she saw the cleaning trolley abandoned in a corner.

Even though she had found the trolley, no one else was in the parking lot other than her and the place felt eerily quiet.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes holding a silver needle between her fingers. After standing quietly for half a minute, she suddenly turned, flicked her fingers, and fired the needle at the car nearby.

A dark silhouette evaded the silver needle as it flew toward him.

The man had finally gotten forced out of hiding. Huo Yao looked at the man expressionlessly. It was a man in his forties and she had never seen him before.

On second look, something felt strange about the man's face.

For some reason, it looked fake to her.

"Sure enough, you're still alive," said the man unhurriedly. "Hi, Shangguan Yu."

Chapter 1455: Shangguan Clan's Hope

Huo Yao remained composed when she heard the man call her Shangguan Yu. In fact, she looked completely unperturbed.

From the moment she found Mi Wei's tobacco bag beside her feet, she knew someone had learned of her identity.

Even though she knew it was a ruse to lure her out, she followed the cleaning lady.

Her identity could not be kept a secret forever. From the day she stopped being Shangguan Yu, she knew this day would come eventually.

Huo Yao gathered her thoughts and spoke without admitting or denying her identity. "Let me see. You must be Shangguan clan's traitor, right?"

The man clearly looked irritated when Huo Yao called him a traitor. Before he had the chance to speak, Huo Yao's voice could be heard again.

"Shangguan Hou?" Huo Yao tilted her head sideways. Even though she spoke in a quizzical tone, she seemed certain of it.

Shangguan Hou did not expect Huo Yao to know his name since they had clearly never interacted before.

Even if they had met before, he was wearing a human skin mask, so it was impossible for anyone to recognize him.

After all, Shangguan Wei was unable to recognize him. This was the reason Shangguan Wei had fallen into his hands.

Shangguan Hou pursed his lips. The young woman used to be the Shangguan clan's hope. She certainly lived up to their expectations considering her keen observation skills and moves.

Sadly, she had fallen into his hands.

Shangguan Hou laughed coldly inside. He raised his hand and flicked his sleeve nonchalantly and chatted about the past. "The Shangguan clan possesses the most advanced medical knowledge and technology but chose to cut themselves off from the outside world. Don't you think it's hilarious? Don't you think it's a cowardly decision?"

Shangguan Hou clearly sounded resentful as he spoke.

It made no sense that they had to hide like helpless prey. They had to stay out of sight and were not allowed to reveal their abilities to the public.

The clan kept claiming that their abilities would bring chaos to the world. In his opinion, it was just an excuse to be lazy.

Shangguan Hou inhaled deeply. He looked at Huo Yao and said in a tempting tone, "Don't you want to show your abilities to the world and make people bow at your feet?"

"Not really." Huo Yao remained unperturbed. She responded in an airy tone. "Only people with no or inferior abilities keep striving to prove themselves. Sadly, it serves nothing except to prove they're untalented."

Shangguan Hou simply shook his head and did not get upset. "I have to say that your lofty attitude will get you into trouble one day."

"Is that so?" Huo Yao shrugged with the tobacco bag in her hand. She did not waste time talking to Shangguan Hou. "Where is Wei?"

“Do you want to see him? That’s easy enough.” Shangguan Hou raised his hand to check the time. He laughed ambiguously and said, “Don’t worry. You’ll see him soon enough.”

He was checking the time to see how long he had to go before the effects of the drug kicked in.

Huo Yao knew Shangguan Hou did not lure her out to have a heart-to-heart talk with her. She pursed her lips and said nonchalantly, “Do you think you can get me with your drugs a second time?”

He always used scentless, colorless drugs on her, so he had zero creativity. She was starting to feel insulted.

Shangguan Hou was unsurprised by Huo Yao’s reaction. Instead, he replied cockily, “I’ve already succeeded in drugging you once, so it’s only natural that I get you the second time as well.”

Chapter 1456: A Contingency Plan

All was fair in war. More importantly, Shangguan Hou had already increased the intensity of the dose, so it was far stronger than what he had used against her three years ago.

Since he had decided to personally show up and meet her, he naturally came well prepared.

Shangguan Hou was very confident.

“Is that so? Let’s see if you’ll get your way this time then.” Huo Yao rolled her sleeves up as she nodded.

He had picked the perfect spot. Even if they caused any commotion, no one could see or hear them.

She looked very calm and seemed completely unaffected by the drugs. Shangguan Hou frowned worriedly. Since he was wearing a human skin mask, it was impossible for anyone to see his face.

The young woman continued standing there ten seconds later. It finally dawned on Shangguan Hou that his drugs might have become useless against her.

Shangguan Hou knew that Huo Yao was an excellent fighter, so he snapped his fingers and called for backup. In an instant, dozens of fighters came out of hiding and appeared before Huo Yao’s eyes.

Shangguan Hou quickly approached Huo Yao. He attacked her on the shoulder with a powerful blow with all his might.

Huo Yao stood motionlessly. Just as Shangguan Hou’s hand was about to touch her, she smiled and veered slightly. Even though she looked like she was moving very slowly, she quickly grabbed Shangguan Hou by the arm.

Shangguan Hou was unable to continue moving his hand. He seemed to already see this coming and did not take it to heart. Instead, he smiled sinisterly.

His other hand was behind him and he suddenly moved it. In an instant, the silver needle between his fingertips pierced straight into Huo Yao.

“Do you think that’s all I’m capable of?” Shangguan Hou pulled out the needle and some blood could be seen on its tip. He smiled and looked at Huo Yao as he said smugly, “Do you think I came without a backup plan?”

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes in disbelief. She had already grabbed Shangguan Hou by the arm, but she suddenly felt tired. In an instant, she lost consciousness and passed out.

Shangguan Hou looked at her in disdain as she lay on the ground helplessly. No matter how good she was, it was futile. She had still fallen into his hands.

He told his men to take her away.

Before long, Huo Yao was placed into the car.

It was quiet in the parking lot and it seemed as though nothing had happened at all.

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Chen Ming was still waiting for her in the VIP lounge area. He raised his hand to check his watch. 20 minutes had already passed since Miss Huo had gone to the bathroom, so she ought to be back by now.

Chen Ming frowned as he thought about her reaction before she left and could not help feeling worried.

He pondered briefly before taking out his phone to call Huo Yao.

The phone kept ringing until it stopped, but no one answered it. It finally dawned on Chen Ming that something had happened to her. He promptly stood up, hung up the phone, and strode towards the bathroom.

He asked a lady to check inside the bathroom. Sure enough, it was empty.

Chen Ming felt worried and guilty about letting this happen. He wasted no time and went straight to the airport surveillance control room. He also told his men to check all airport exits and vehicles and to keep an eye on all suspicious characters.

The airport staff was given a heads-up to assist Chen Ming in any way they could by their boss. When Chen Ming got to the surveillance control room, they promptly pulled out the relevant surveillance footage and assisted him in every way they could.

Chapter 1457: Something Had Happened To Her

Chen Ming’s face turned icy cold. The airport employees stood by the side nervously and did not dare to come close to him. When they had to speak to him, they spoke cautiously.

Since no one had touched the airport surveillance, Chen Ming spotted Huo Yao in the footage before long.

After ascertaining Huo Yao’s movements through the airport’s surveillance cameras, they finally confirmed that she was last seen near the parking lot designated for airport management.

When Chen Ming told the airport employees to check the surveillance footage for the parking lot, the footage came out black. Someone had clearly covered the cameras with something.

The airport employees hurriedly explained. "The parking lot is intended for employees, and outsiders are not given access, so it isn't a high priority for us in terms of security. That's probably why we failed to detect anything amiss with the surveillance cameras."

It made complete sense. There were hundreds of surveillance cameras at the airport, so it was impossible for airport employees to keep an eye on them all the time. Since the parking lot was intended for employees, it was only natural for security to be laxer there.

Chen Ming clenched his fists as he looked at the surveillance footage. He thanked the airport employees before leaving the surveillance control room.

He headed straight to the parking lot in question.

It was a relatively small parking lot containing roughly five cars. Chen Ming looked around, but he was unable to find Huo Yao.

He was unable to find Miss Huo or even confirm if she had entered the parking lot at all.

Chen Ming turned to leave with a serious look on his face. After walking a few steps, he saw something from the corner of his eye. He promptly turned and took a couple of steps forward. He bent over and picked up a long slender silver needle from the ground.

Chen Ming could tell it was no ordinary silver needle. He had seen Huo Yao's silver needles, so he instantly recognized them.

Something had undoubtedly happened to Miss Huo.

Chen Ming had wished with all his heart that Huo Yao was safe, but all hope dissipated with the needle in his hand.

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Meanwhile, on the other end.

Min Yu was talking to someone, so he did not take out his phone when he sensed it vibrating in his pocket.

Roughly ten minutes later, Zhuo Yun opened the conference room door and walked straight to Min Yu anxiously. "Boss, something happened."

Min Yu narrowed his eyes as he looked sideways at Zhuo Yun. "What?"

Zhuo Yun spoke hurriedly with his phone in hand. "You told us to check on Miss Huo's grandmother yesterday. I think she's not doing well."

Min Yu promptly felt worried and looked at him solemnly. "What do you mean?"

"She's very ill. The hospital told us Old Madam Yang has already been hospitalized for a few days and is in critical condition. She might..." Zhuo Yun halted mid-sentence without saying she might die.

The pen in Min Yu's hand fell onto the table. It was the first time he reacted strongly about anything.

Old Madam Yang meant a lot to Huo Yao. She probably was even more important to Huo Yao than her biological family.

Huo Yao had mentioned going back to visit Old Madam Yang a couple of days ago. When she brought it up, her face looked particularly soft.

If she found out that Old Madam Yang was dying, she undoubtedly would not take the news well. Min Yu inhaled deeply as he pondered. He stood up and said, "Prepare a chopper."

The moment he finished his sentence, he strode out of the conference room.

Min Yu's business partner was caught at a loss as Min Yu stepped out of the conference room. Zhuo Yun apologized to the man and quickly followed behind Min Yu and caught up.

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Zhuo Yun had already prepared the helicopter the moment he received news about Old Madam Yang's critical condition.

Before long, Min Yu got to the chopper pad. He gave Huo Yao a call before boarding the chopper, but no one answered.

Chapter 1458: Pretended She Was Drugged

Min Yu knew that Huo Yao had probably yet to board the plane at this hour. When he failed to reach her on the phone, he automatically frowned, but he did not take it to heart. He simply assumed her phone was on silent mode, so she did not hear it. He did not try to call her a second time.

Min Yu paused briefly and said to Zhuo Yun, "Go pick up Huo Yao from the airport later. I'm going over to the hospital to see Old Madam Yang now."

Zhuo Yun nodded. He knew Min Yu was unable to get Huo Yao on the phone. "Okay. I will bring Miss Huo straight to the hospital then."

"Uh huh." Min Yu boarded the chopper worriedly. He hoped nothing would happen to Old Madam Yang.

He hoped that she could at least wait until Huo Yao got there.

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Meanwhile, at the airport. Chen Ming was unable to locate Huo Yao at all. It felt as though she had disappeared into thin air. He had checked every single airport entrance and exit but to no avail.

Chen Ming called off half the men at the airport 30 minutes later.

30 minutes had already passed. Since they were unable to find Miss Huo at the airport, this meant only one thing. She was long gone.

Shangguan Hou had indeed left the airport with Huo Yao before Chen Ming even realized she was gone.

After leaving the airport, he did not stay in the capital. Instead, he went straight to an airport belonging to a neighboring city.

Since Shangguan Yu was from the Huo family, he had to be very cautious if he wanted to bring her back to the base without raising suspicion.

After driving for over three hours, they finally arrived at the airport located in a neighboring city.

Shangguan Hou retrieved another human skin mask and some medical solution after getting off the car. He changed his disguise before entering the airport with Huo Yao.

Since there were only domestic flights in the airport, they could only take a flight to another city before transiting elsewhere.

Even though it was quite a roundabout, it was the safest option.

Since they had already made the necessary arrangements at the airport, Shangguan Hou was able to get around the airport using staff access. This meant, they were able to avoid the surveillance cameras altogether and could leave from there without a trace.

Before long, Shangguan Hou's men placed Huo Yao in a private airport lounge before they went outside to stand guard.

Shangguan Hou raised his hand to check the time. There was one hour to go before it was time to fly. He glanced at Huo Yao in the corner. He pulled his small suitcase over and opened it to retrieve a syringe and medical solution.

Shangguan Hou filled the syringe with the medical solution, walked up to Huo Yao, and injected the contents of the syringe into her.

After the deed was done, he finally stopped worrying.

After all, Shangguan Yu was no ordinary woman, so it was better to be safe than sorry.

Shangguan Hou turned to walk up to the only bed in the private airport lounge. A man was lying on it.

It was none other than Shangguan Wei, also known as Mi Wei.

Shangguan Hou stood with his hands behind him and paused briefly. He inserted the silver needle into an acupuncture point on Mi Wei's head and pulled it out. Mi Wei gradually regained consciousness.

Since Mi Wei had just regained consciousness, he was still very exhausted.

He looked up at the unfamiliar ceiling overhead. For a split second, he thought he was dead. When he heard Shangguan Hou's voice, he finally snapped out of his grogginess.

"Guess who I found?" Shangguan Hou pulled up a chair beside him and sat down. He spoke in a happy tone and it was clear that he was in a good mood.

Mi Wei had been unconscious for a long time, so his face looked waxen. He looked at Shangguan Hou for some time without saying a word.

Shangguan Hou raised his chin and looked at Huo Yao as she sat leaning against the wall in the corner. He said in an airy tone, "See? That's the person the family kept trying to save desperately."

Chapter 1459: You Brought This Upon Her

Mi Wei did not quite catch Shangguan Hou's drift immediately. He paused for a couple of seconds before he tilted his head sideways and looked over.

A young woman sitting with her eyes closed came into sight. Her head was covered by her hoodie and some stray hair was on her face, but he could clearly see that she was gorgeous.

Mi Wei contemplated as he looked at Huo Yao. After some time, his eyes suddenly lit up knowingly. He veered his eyes and looked straight at Shangguan Hou.

Shangguan Hou just mentioned that the family had desperately tried to save her, so it must be Shangguan Yu.

Mi Wei tightened his fists as they lay beside him. He muttered in disbelief. "Is it... Is it her?"

Shangguan Hou crossed his legs and leaned into the seat backrest gently and answered Mi Wei. "It's Shangguan Yu."

"No! That's impossible!" Mi Wei looked pale and his mouth was dry. His lips trembled as he said, "I told you. She is already dead. How could she be her? It's impossible!"

Shangguan Hou simply glanced at Mi Wei and smiled calmly. "Stop acting already. She has already admitted it herself."

Did Mi Wei think he could save Shangguan Yu just by denying the fact it was her?

He was simply naive.

Shangguan Hou shook his head and replied nonchalantly. "You should thank me for letting you see her."

Mi Wei tightened his fists even harder. He could not believe his ears, but he could tell from the look in Shangguan Hou's eyes that he was serious.

It was genuinely Shangguan Yu.

Mi Wei felt delighted, but he was equally worried.

He knew what would happen to her now that she had fallen into the hands of the family traitor. Mi Wei inhaled deeply and asked. "What have you done to her?"

Shangguan Hou rapped his fingers on his knee. Since Mi Wei had stopped acting dumb about Huo Yao's identity, he spoke candidly. "I injected some drugs into her system to make her lose consciousness for the time being."

“Just let her go. Take me instead. You can do anything you want to me.” Mi Wei looked at Shangguan Hou and told him. His cool stubborn attitude was gone and he spoke in an imploring tone.

He was already an old man, but Shangguan Yu was still very young, so he could not bear the thought of turning her into a subject of research.

Shangguan Hou looked at Mi Wei as though he were an idiot. “Do you think I would let her go?”

Shangguan Hou was bent on taking her back to the base, so he spared no effort. Her keen knowledge of advanced technology far beyond these times was enough to make him go to such lengths.

“I only managed to get my hands on her thanks to you.” Shangguan Hou nodded. He responded airily. “I might consider letting you die with dignity when we get back to base.”

Mi Wei opened his eyes wide in shock.

“Let me make things clear. I didn’t bring this upon Shangguan Yu. You did this to her,” said Shangguan Hou.

The moment he heard what Shangguan Hou said, Mi Wei felt as though his blood had frozen and he was desperately cold.

Mi Wei’s face turned ghastly pale with his arms beside him. He did not even have the strength to raise his hands.

Even though Shangguan Hou did not go into detail regarding his deeds, Mi Wei could already imagine what Shangguan Hou had done. She was captured because of him.

When Shangguan Hou saw the guilty look on Mi Wei’s face, he smiled smugly.

The family might have lived cut off from outsiders, but it was not an entire loss. This made Mi Wei very innocent by nature, so he promptly felt guilty about Shangguan Yu’s situation.

Shangguan Hou lapped up Mi Wei’s reactions with a great sense of satisfaction, but he failed to notice Huo Yao in the corner. She had previously passed out and was sitting there unconscious, but her eyes were open now.

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“Oh really? Are you sure you succeeded?” Huo Yao’s frosty voice suddenly echoed through the private airport lounge.

Shangguan Hou narrowed his eyes and hastily turned his head the moment he heard the voice.

Huo Yao had already stood up. Her dark coat brought out the coldness on her face. Judging by the look in her eyes, she was sharp and alert even though he had used a strong sedative on her.

“How could you be conscious?” Shangguan Hou looked at her in disbelief.

Since he was worried something might go wrong, he even injected her with a second dose of sedative.

Shangguan Hou looked at her closely as he contemplated. A notion suddenly emerged in his mind. "I made a mistake. The sedative didn't work on you right from the start. You simply pretended that it affected you and let me take you!"

She had faked it that she was drugged so that she could find Mi Wei.

No wonder things progressed so smoothly when he went after her.

Shangguan Hou narrowed his eyes solemnly.

Huo Yao flicked the dust from her clothes and looked calm and relaxed. "From the looks of it, you aren't as dumb as I expected."

Mi Wei felt bad that Huo Yao was kidnapped by Shangguan Hou, but the moment he heard her voice, he turned his head to look at her. When he saw the familiar look on her face, his eyes suddenly became teary.

Even though they did not encounter each other in the best of situations, he was relieved that she was alive.

Shangguan Hou watched Huo Yao as she approached him. The atmosphere turned tense and he instinctively felt threatened.

Since he did not expect her to wake up from the sedative, he did not tell his men to tie her up.

Shangguan Hou knew he was no match for Huo Yao, so he promptly reached his hand out and grabbed Mi Wei by the throat. Before he knew it, Mi Wei was attacked by his weakness.

Mi Wei promptly choked and had trouble breathing.

Shangguan Hou continued holding Mi Wei by the neck as he looked at Huo Yao coldly. "If you come any closer, I can't promise that I won't kill him."

Huo Yao did not stop. She seemed completely unfazed and did not look worried about his threat.

Shangguan Hou frowned, but there was no anxiety on his face. He had Mi Wei hostage and his men were waiting outside, so he was unafraid of Huo Yao at this moment.

As he pondered, his hand suddenly let go of his grip on Mi Wei. He discovered that he had difficulty moving.

A serious look emerged on Shangguan Hou's face as he lay prone on his back. He had a keen interest in medicine, so he knew she must have used some kind of a drug on him.

He was unable to figure out what she had used on him to make him react this way. Since he was in frequent contact of medicine, he had already gained a degree of immunity against medicine over the years.

Shangguan Hou could not wrap his mind around it. He tilted his head sideways and looked at Huo Yao worriedly. He gritted his teeth and asked. "What did you use on me?"

Huo Yao walked over and reached her hand out to take Mi Wei's pulse without so much as looking at him.

His pulse was weak but he was not in any immediate danger.

Huo Yao heaved a sigh of relief. She retrieved her silver needles and applied them to some acupuncture points on Mi Wei's head. She asked him. "Do you feel better now?"

Mi Wei nodded. "Feels a lot better now. I'm not giddy anymore."

"Uh huh," acknowledged Huo Yao. She stopped talking and helped Mi Wei get up from the bed.

Mi Wei promptly pulled his hand back after glancing at Shangguan Hou and said, "Just go."