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Shi Nuan wasn't worried. She just thought she had to inform Fu Chengyan about this matter. After hearing Fu Chengyan's reply, a sense of relief washed over her. "I'm not worried. I'm just calling to tell you what happened. Actually, I have no idea why they sent someone to stalk me."

"Yeah." Fu Chengyan went back to his office and switched on his computer. Sure enough, there was an unread email attached with photos of Shi Nuan and Fu Xicheng. The photographer had caught them at a misleading angle; those who didn't know them would definitely think that something was going on between them.

Fu Chengyan drummed his fingers on the table, as his eyes gleamed dangerously. "I'll deal with this. Are you back home now?"

At that moment, Shi Nuan felt terrible, so she decided to spend some time outside. "No. I have nothing to do at home anyway. Are you busy?" A pang of guilt hit Shi Nuan when she suddenly realized that although she might be free, it could be the exact opposite for Fu Chengyan. "Crap, I must've disturbed him." "It's alright. We'll talk after you get off from work."

"No big," Fu Chengyan chuckled, "I'm not busy now!" At that moment, Zhou Zheng had already finished the meeting and came in with a pile of documents in his hands. With his brows raised, Fu Chengyan gestured for Zhou Zheng to wait for him. "Anything else?"

"That's all, I guess. What do you want to have for dinner?" Since Shi Nuan was free, she was thinking of going to the market to buy some fresh ingredients for dinner tonight. "I'm heading to get some groceries now!"

“I’m fine with anything. You can decide for yourself.” Fu Chengyan said as his eyes softened. He took a document from that big pile and glanced at it. “Go back home after you’re done. If you’re bored, you can meet up with your friends too.”

“Okay!” Shi Nuan replied before hanging up. Indeed, only Fu Chengyan could soothe her heart. Her mood instantly became better when she headed to the supermarket.

After Fu Chengyan hung up, he raised his head and shot Zhou Zheng a look. Zhou Zheng, who was in a daze, immediately snapped out of it and gave the documents in his hands to Fu Chengyan. “Mr. Fu, these are the important points I noted down during the meeting.”

Fu Chengyan nodded and glanced at the email he had just received. “Send these photos to Shi Wei!”

Zhou Zheng was surprised. “Well...” He knew the photos were fake but hesitated anyway. “If Mrs. Fu finds out about this...”

“She won’t!” Fu Chengyan shot Zhou Zheng a sharp look as he arched his brows. “She’ll never find out!”

Zhou Zheng zipped his mouth shut instantly, knowing he had just made a huge mistake. “I’ll do it now!” He took the photos from Fu Chengyan and asked, “What if Shi Wei holds a grudge against Mrs. Fu?”

Fu Chengyan glanced at Zhou Zheng as he tapped his fingers on the table, “Do you think that she doesn’t hold a grudge against Nuan currently?”

They both knew that Shi Wei was a terrible person. Even if this didn’t happen, she would still hurt Shi Nuan. “Sometimes, you need to resort to extreme means. Go!”

There’s no need to go easy on someone like Shi Wei. Though using Shi Nuan wasn’t Fu Chengyan’s initial plan, it wouldn’t do them any good if this matter

dragged on. The only thing that mattered now was that Fu Xicheng had to marry Shi Wei as soon as possible.

As for Shi Wei, she was livid when she received those photos. When Jiang Yu came over, she noticed Shi Wei was on the verge of losing control, so she asked in concern, "What's wrong?"

"Mom!" Shi Wei rushed into Jiang Yu's arms, seemingly on the edge of a total breakdown. "What should I do? Fu Xicheng still loves that whore Shi Nuan. She..."

Instantly, a cold look appeared in Jiang Yu's eyes as she obviously despised Shi Nuan too. "Don't think too much. Xicheng and you are engaged. Why should you be worried about that damned brat?"

"We're only engaged, not married. You know well that Xicheng..." Shi Wei trailed off, clenching her fists in frustration. "I don't care! Xicheng is mine!"

Although she approached Fu Xicheng in the first place to take him away from Shi Nuan, she had already fallen for the man after spending time with him. The woman was happy with Fu Xicheng. If it wasn't for Shi Nuan, who stood between them, Fu Xicheng would have fallen in love with her at first sight.

"Mom, help me. Please!" Shi Wei placed her hope on Jiang Yu. "Shi Nuan is no longer involved with Xicheng now, but why wouldn't she stop seeing him?"

Jiang Yu stared at the photos strewn across the floor. Just then, her face gradually darkened into a vicious look. Looking at the photos, Jiang Yu gritted her teeth when she remembered someone else from her past. "Wei, don't worry. I won't let you end up like me back then. That woman..." Jiang Yu's grip on Shi Wei's arm had tightened subconsciously, causing Shi Wei to gasp in pain. "Mom? Mom!"

Jiang Yu regained her composure and stared at Shi Wei in embarrassment. However, Shi Wei felt that something wasn't quite right. This was the first time

her mother nearly lost her composure. “Mom, what did you say? The woman back then?”

“It’s nothing!” Jiang Yu’s eyes flickered before she patted Shi Wei’s shoulders. “I’ll help you for sure. Wei, if you’re worried, why don’t you just marry Xicheng now?”

“Marry him now?” Shi Wei gasped, “But I... I just signed a contract with Xinhuang after my career got into a slump. The drama shooting is going to start soon. If I get married now...”

“Both Xinhuang and Xicheng...” Shi Wei was stumped.

“Silly girl! The previous scandal affected your reputation. I know what you’re worried about. Think about it, if you marry Xicheng now, the media will get a new focus. As long as you maintain a good reputation with Xicheng, there’s nothing to be afraid of. You wouldn’t be breaching any clauses within the contract. On the contrary, you’ll even become the talk of the town. Besides, Xinhuang knows the buzz your marriage will generate.”

Shi Wei bit her lips. “You’re right!” She was so nervous that she had not thought about that. “What about Xicheng...”

A glint appeared in Jiang Yu’s eyes. “So what if Fu Xicheng likes Shi Nuan? Do you think they will end up together?” Jiang Yu snorted, “Don’t worry, I’ll take care of this. You’ll be satisfied with the outcome, and I will personally guarantee that. If you agree, I’ll make sure the wedding happens!”

“Mom, you’re the best.”

Jiang Yu acted swiftly since she knew if Fu Xicheng rekindled his love for Shi Nuan, their efforts would be in vain.

Hence, she immediately made a call to Fu Yuqing’s wife, Liu Minjun. Liu Minjun was a homemaker who couldn’t be bothered about the company’s affairs. All she

cared about was her son's affairs. Receiving Jiang Yu's call was probably one of the highlights of Liu Minjun's day, as it concerned her son and Shi Wei's future.

When Liu Minjun told this to Fu Yuqing, he arched his brows in surprise. He was in quite a good mood while they were discussing their plans that night. "Is Shi family in a hurry?"

"I think so. Mrs. Shi called me today to sound me out. She also invited me to tea tomorrow." Liu Minjun continued, "I think she wants to confirm the wedding date. What do you think?"

Fu Yuqing snorted, "What else? Of course it's a yes from us."

"Well..." Liu Minjun hesitated. She didn't think that much since she was just a homemaker who knew nothing much about running businesses. The woman had met Shi Wei a few times and thought she was a pretty girl. Yet, strangely, she wasn't particularly drawn to her. However, Shi Wei's sister, Shi Nuan, did catch her eye instead.

Since Shi Nuan had dated her son previously, Liu Minjun thought they would end up married. But alas...

"I know what you're thinking of, but you should know the Shi family despises her. She won't be of help to Cheng. Shi Wei is different, as she has 15% of Huancheng's shares. The Shi family doesn't have a male heir. So if Shi Wei marries Cheng, everything they own will belong to him!"

Fu Yuqing, on the other hand, had already thought way ahead. Even though the Shi family wasn't prestigious, they shouldn't be underestimated too. Fifteen percent of the shares were still considered quite a large amount for a company that size. Even if Shi Wei's grandfather refused to give her any of his shares, her father, Shi Jingzheng, and her mother, Jiang Yu, would probably transfer all their shares to Shi Wei in the future.

After all, Shi Wei worked in the entertainment industry and had no experience in running a company.

When the time is right, everything will belong to Fu Xicheng.

Thus, Liu Minjun immediately stopped talking about Shi Nuan. “Then I’ll go meet Jiang Yu tomorrow? If we reached a consensus, then Cheng’s wedding is decided?”

“Yes. Sound the Shi family out. Make sure they get married as soon as possible.” His eyes glinted coldly. The man was thinking about how Shi Nuan had affected Cheng and frowned in displeasure. “Shi Nuan’s a total troublemaker. I must make sure she leaves Fucheng!”

Suddenly, the door to the study was pushed open, revealing a stony-faced Fu Xicheng. “Shouldn’t I have a say about my own wedding?”

“Your say? Your say is that you agree to marry Shi Wei!” Fu Yuqing glowered at him. “What is this attitude? You were the one who insisted on dating Shi Wei!”

Fu Yuqing’s expression was filled with disappointment as he looked at Fu Xicheng. “A man of noble ambition does not bother about trifle matters. Just look at you. You chose Shi Wei, but what are you doing now?”

“I don’t want to get married for now!” Fu Xicheng’s lips formed a thin line, seemingly opposing their plans.

This time, Fu Xicheng would not back down. His hands balled into fists, and his decision remained unwavering. “I’m still young, and I want to focus on my career. Plus, you knew about Shi Wei’s scandal. She might not recover from that!”

“So you’re regretting this? You still want to be with that damned Shi Nuan?” Fu Yuqing was livid and didn’t mince his words. “Let me tell you. You must marry Shi Wei even though she’s embroiled in a scandal. Your wedding will dispel that

scandal, and Fu Chengyan's Xinhuang is capable enough to make Shi Wei popular again. You have no choice but to marry her!"

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“You’re doing this for the mere shares owned by Shi Wei, right? Ha! Dad, you know why I ended up with Shi Wei, right?” Fu Xicheng shot an icy stare at Fu Yuqing. “I was happy with Nuan, but...”

“Shut up!” Fu Yuqing cut Fu Xicheng off. “You ungrateful rascal! I did that for your sake. If you marry Shi Wei, not only her shares, but the whole Huancheng and Shi family will be under your control. What does Shi Nuan have? If she’s that capable, I won’t be against your relationship!”

“Nuan...” Fu Xicheng was about to say something but thought the better. He thought about what happened today and that Shi Nuan’s remarks were like a huge slap to his face.

Back then, I was free to do anything back in university. I had excellent results and was passionate about everything. But after I started working, I have to about the consequences before I make a decision!

It was obvious Shi Nuan looked down on me today.

As feelings of humiliation overwhelmed him, Fu Xicheng clenched his fists tightly, his veins almost popping out.

The man felt helpless when he recalled Shi Nuan saying she’d rather sell her shares to others than give it to him. He glared at Fu Yuqing before leaving and slammed the door behind him with a loud bang.

As a mother, Liu Minjun was worried and tried to leave with him, but Fu Yuqing stopped her from doing so. “Ignore him! I did everything for him! Let him calm

down and think about it. I warn you, don't you dare meddle with this. You pamper him too much!"

Liu Minjun's face drained of color. She thinned her lips before smiling resignedly. "Cheng is our son. Isn't that a bit too harsh? Besides, Shi Wei..."

"They can develop feelings for each other later on. I don't think Shi Nuan is that good! It has been decided, so go and meet Jiang Yu tomorrow."

At that moment, Fu Xicheng was extremely annoyed. He wanted to vent out the frustrations in his heart. With that, the man floored the accelerator and sped away from the Fu household.

After a while, Fu Xicheng reached a bar. He sat under the bright neon lights and tried to numb himself by drinking one after the other. He glanced at his surroundings with dazed eyes, recalling the wonderful memories he had with Shi Nuan. Suddenly, Fu Xicheng smashed the glass he was holding onto the ground. "Why?!" Why is Shi Nuan not favored? Why didn't Shi Yunsheng give Shi Nuan his shares earlier?

If Shi Yunsheng had given Shi Nuan his shares earlier, I wouldn't have to be with Shi Wei. All these...

"Sir, are you alright?" The bartender hurriedly informed the security after seeing Fu Xicheng's reaction. "Sir!"

Fu Xicheng gazed at the people surrounding him in a drunken stupor before shoving them away. "I'm fine. Give me more liquor!" He took out his wallet and slammed it on the table.

Those who frequent the bar either got dumped or lost their job and wanted to get drunk here. Hence, the bartender was certain Fu Xicheng was among one of those people. "Sir, you should stop drinking."

“Why can’t I drink? I have money!” Fu Xicheng burped and stuttered, “Bring me more!” He took out his phone, scrolled to Shi Nuan’s number, and proceeded to call her.

At that time, Shi Nuan was still taking a shower, and her phone was left on the bedside table. It just so happened that Fu Chengyan heard the phone ringing when he walked in. When he spotted Fu Xicheng’s number on the screen, his gaze darkened instantly.

Although Fu Chengyan rejected the call, Fu Xicheng still wouldn’t give up and continued calling her. Right at that instant, Fu Chengyan’s gaze grew even colder. He allowed the phone to ring as he clutched it in his hand.

When Shi Nuan came out, she saw Fu Chengyan holding her phone that was still ringing. “What’s wrong?”

Fu Chengyan arched his brows and gave the phone to her. Shi Nuan frowned when she saw the caller ID and hung up at once. She raised her head to gaze at Fu Chengyan. “I...”

Before she could finish, her phone started ringing again. Shi Nuan frowned in displeasure and rejected the call again. However, before she could speak, Fu Chengyan asked, “Why didn’t you wipe your hair with a towel before coming out?”

Shi Nuan was surprised as Fu Chengyan strode to the bathroom. After a while, he returned with a towel in his hand, signaling her to sit down.

“Well...” Shi Nuan bit her lip in hesitation.

“Come here!” Fu Chengyan waved to her, seemingly unperturbed by Fu Xicheng’s calls. Shi Nuan had no idea what was going on in that man’s mind as she slowly made her way towards him.

Then, his slender fingers ran through her hair and dried them gently. Shi Nuan could feel her heart thumping wildly in her chest. It was nothing serious, but she felt guilty about it.

If Fu Chengyan had said something, she wouldn't feel this way.

However, there was an awkward silence between them at that moment. Shi Nuan bit her lips and was about to say something when her phone rang again. It was, as expected, Fu Xicheng again. His never-ending calls had appeared to make Shi Nuan was upset when she rejected his call without haste. After that, she blocked his number before silence ensued again. "Why won't you say something?"

The pair of hands that were drying Shi Nuan's hair paused for a second before they continued. After a while, a chuckle sounded from above Shi Nuan's head, "Do I need to say something?"

She bit her lips. "I-I thought you'd be mad!" Since I used to be Fu Xicheng's...

Yet, Chengyan's eyes crinkled up in a smile. He seemed to be in a good mood, which was a rare occurrence. His gaze softened. At that moment, his eyes sparkled like stars in the night sky, unlike how they were before. "Why would I get mad?"

Shi Nuan paused and pondered. Yes, he doesn't need to get mad. Someone like Fu Chengyan won't be afraid of Fu Xicheng, anyway. Fu Xicheng is no match for him.

Shi Nuan signed, "Ok. I don't know why he called me either!"

A strange gleam appeared in Fu Chengyan's penetrating gaze. "No big deal. You blocked him, so he won't be able to bother you again."

"Yeah," Shi Nuan nodded. Then, she met Fu Chengyan's gaze and smiled. "You seem terribly calm about this. I'm not saying being calm is a bad thing, but you

should definitely show more of your emotions. Sometimes, I wonder if anything makes you angry at all?”

Fu Chengyan’s brows arched as he ran his fingers through her hair, gently massaging her scalp. The soothing massage made her relax as her face broke into a satisfied smile. “You can massage well. If you open a massage parlor, it’ll definitely be a success!”

She looked up and met with his gaze. Those eyes that sparkled ever so brightly greeted her with a crescent-like smile.

Just then, Fu Chengyan’s fingers stopped, and he asked her curiously, “You think I should open a massage parlor and give other people massages?”

A smile lit up Shi Nuan’s face. “Yes, but you’ll only have one customer. And that’s me!”

Fu Chengyan chuckled and stroke Shi Nuan’s nose with his finger. “Cheeky brat!”

Shi Nuan blinked. With an outstretched hand, she tried to touch Fu Chengyan’s face, but it was too far from reach. Hence, she frowned, “Come closer!”

However, Fu Chengyan responded by holding down Shi Nuan’s restless hand. He told her, “Stay still. Your hair is still wet.”

“Ah, just come closer.” She was about to get up when Fu Chengyan nudged her down. “Stop it!” The man said but lowered his head to hers. Shi Nuan was delighted as she reached out to pinch his face. Fu Chengyan was smiling, yet his gaze darkened.

With her brows raised, Shi Nuan stopped touching Fu Chengyan and said, “Don’t be lazy. Hurry up and dry my hair!”

Fu Chengyan's gaze narrowed as he cupped her cheeks, brushing a kiss on her nose. It felt itchy, so Shi Nuan wanted to push him away. But the man grabbed her hand and trailed kisses all over her.

First, he kissed her nape, then moved up to her eyes, nose, and chin.

After a while, Shi Nuan was weak to her knees as she succumbed to the man's kisses by tugging at his clothes anxiously. She trembled when his lips finally landed on hers.

Fu Chengyan wrapped his arms around Shi Nuan and turned her around, with her sitting in his lap as they kissed each other passionately.

After a long time, Shi Nuan's face had flushed red. Her half-dried hair fell between them as she breathed heavily, taking pauses in between their kisses while her arms remained around Fu Chengyan's neck. Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan's palm was around her slender waist. The man leaned over and whispered in her ear, "Do you want to pounce on me, May?"

An instant chill traveled down her spine. Then, she shot the man a shy look. "Stop it!"

Fu Chengyan chuckled in that deep, magnetic voice of his as he bit on Shi Nuan's ear and whispered, "Do you want me?"

In the meantime, Fu Xicheng still kept calling Shi Nuan. His calls went through at first, but later on, her number became unavailable. Fu Xicheng instantly knew Shi Nuan had blocked his number. What she did was merely telling him that things were over between them.

Fu Xicheng couldn't take it anymore. He went to Shi Nuan's house drunkenly and yelled outside, "Shi Nuan! Come out! Shi Nuan, I know you're in there. I know you still love me. Come out so we can talk. Can we get back together? Nuan... Nuan, come out!"

But no matter how much Fu Xicheng yelled, Shi Nuan's house remained silent.

The landlord heard his yells and immediately called Zhou Zheng. "Mr. Zhou, the man who loitered around previously, is here again. This time, he seems even scarier. And he's drunk!"

It was almost midnight when Zhou Zheng received the call. He wasn't fully awake but managed an icy laugh. "Call the police. He's causing a nuisance to the public in the middle of the night. Besides, he's creating a scene while drunk!"

The landlord got Zhou Zheng's hint and agreed. "I think he's drunk. Luckily, Ms. Shi isn't home. If she's at home, she'll be terribly frightened. I'll call the police now!"

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The landlord acted swiftly. Soon after, the police arrived and were greeted by a drunk Fu Xicheng. They immediately brought him away.

Although Fu Xicheng was terribly drunk, he was still clear-headed. He seemed to have regained his senses when he saw the two police officers. "I'm here for my girlfriend. What are you doing? Let go!"

"Girlfriend? You're drunk and causing a fuss. They said you kept loitering around recently. Well, you seem familiar. Didn't you get arrested last time too?"

One of the police officers took a look at him and seemed to recall a previous incident. The other officer glanced at him too. "Yeah, it's definitely you. Come on. You're causing a nuisance to the public in the middle of the night."

The police took Fu Xicheng away, but the man refused to give up and continued yelling Shi Nuan's name. "Shi Nuan, come out! Tell them I'm your boyfriend! Shi Nuan!"

A moment later, Fu Xicheng was brought to the police station. He remained there for two hours before he woke up from a drunken stupor. When the police officer saw that he was finally sober, he told Fu Xicheng, "Sir, someone reported you for causing a nuisance to the public. Do you still remember what you did?"

Fu Xicheng seemed upset at that moment. "Did she call the police? I didn't cause any nuisance to the public. You can call her to verify that! I really am her boyfriend!"

“Fine, call her now.” The police officer shot Fu Xicheng a look and said, “Go on, ask her to come and bail you out.”

However, Fu Xicheng’s face fell that instant. He took out his phone and hesitated for a while before asking, “Can I use your phone?”

The police officer eyed him in suspicion, which led Fu Xicheng into a sheepish grin as he ran his fingers through his messy hair. “My phone ran out of battery.”

With that, the police officer handed the phone over to him, and Fu Xicheng dialed Shi Nuan’s number at once.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan had just finished an intense lovemaking session as she lay on top of Fu Chengyan, spent from the intimacy. Fu Chengyan’s hand reached out to tousle her hair. He was about to pull her up when her phone started ringing again.

He narrowed his eyes at the unknown number before lowering his head to look at Shi Nuan. “Who is it?” Shi Nuan asked.

“An unknown number. Are you tired?” Fu Chengyan kissed the corner of her lips. “Rest for a while, and I’ll bring you to the bathroom to take a shower later.”

That seems nice. Shi Nuan closed her eyes in exhaustion and nodded.

In the meantime, Fu Chengyan had decided to answer the call. Right that instant, Fu Xicheng’s voice rang out from the phone. “Shi Nuan, you’re finally answering. Do you have to do this? Why won’t you let me in? It was just an argument. And you even called the police? Nuan...”

Fu Chengyan’s eyes narrowed as he glanced at Shi Nuan, who had drifted off a while ago. He put her down gently and was about to walk out when Shi Nuan grabbed his hand. “Where are you going?”

When Shi Nuan spoke, her voice sounded nasal, so it was apparent she was still half asleep. Fu Chengyan chuckled and caressed her forehead gently. “Go back to sleep. I won’t be going anywhere.”

At the other end of the call, Fu Xicheng overheard the gentle male voice and Shi Nuan’s mumble. “Who are you? Why are you with Nuan?” He clutched the phone furiously and demanded, “Who are you?”

But Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and hung up the call.

Fu Xicheng, whose call had just been dropped by that unknown person, was red with rage. He fumed and glared at the phone as if he was going to burn a hole through it. He tried to dial the number again, but this time, no one picked up.

The police officer in front of him sensed something was wrong, so he asked, “Hey, you wouldn’t have mistaken, would you?”

“Mistaken? Nuan is my girlfriend!” Fu Xicheng retorted. He was about to call her again, but the police officer took the phone back and mocked, “Well, aren’t you something! Who would call the cops on their own boyfriend, saying that they’re a nuisance? I don’t think she’s your girlfriend. Or have you guys broken up? Come on, I’ve seen plenty of cases like these. Why else would a grown man like you end up at a girl’s house in the middle of the night?”

“We didn’t break up. It was only a misunderstanding. Sir, please lend me your phone and let me call her again!”

The police officer had had it this time, so he snapped back at him, “I’ll lend you the phone, but I don’t think you should call your girlfriend. Why don’t you just call your parents?”

Fu Xicheng took the phone but dialed Shi Nuan’s number yet again. After ringing twice, someone answered, “Hello?” It was Shi Nuan. “Who are you?”

“It’s me, Nuan!” Fu Xicheng said as he held back his displeasure. “Who was the man who had picked up earlier?”

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes. She glanced at the phone number before turning her gaze to the bathroom. Snapping out of her daze, she demanded, “Fu Xicheng, are you crazy? Why did you change phone numbers to call me in the wee hours of the night?”

“Shi Nuan, who was the man who answered your phone? How dare you call the police to report me for causing a nuisance to the public? Shi Nuan, we...”

“Enough. Why don’t you just zip it? Are you sleep-talking? When did I call the police? Besides, the one who answered my phone is my man. What does that have to do with you?” Shi Nuan hung up impatiently and went back to bed, but her phone kept ringing nonstop. Shi Nuan’s fury heightened as she answered the call and roared, “Fu Xicheng, why won’t you stop bothering me? Since you chose to be with my sister, you should know that we would never end up together, ever again. Don’t you have something better to do? You just don’t get it, do you? I’ve made a clean break with you, so stop calling me!”

“Miss.” A gentle voice rang out from the phone. “I’m a police officer from Yu’an Police Station. May I know how Mr. Fu is related to you?”

The unfamiliar voice on the other end took Shi Nuan by surprise. She glanced at the number before regaining her senses and toned down, “Oh! Hello, sir. He’s my sister’s fiancé. You can call my sister directly if you’d like.”

Clearly, her statement shocked the police officer, who was still on the phone call. He paused for a while and glanced at Fu Xicheng before smiling in reply. “Okay, thank you. It’s not a serious matter, anyway. Someone called the police to report him for causing a nuisance to the public, so we brought Mr. Fu back to the police station to assist with our investigation.”

Shi Nuan bit her lips and listened to the police officer’s explanation. When she spotted Fu Chengyan coming out of the bathroom, she got up from the bed. Fu

Chengyan came over and propped one hand on the bed. "It's late. Who's on the phone?"

"A police officer from Yu'an Police Station. It's nothing serious." Shi Nuan reached out to tousle his hair. "Dry your hair now so you can sleep better." She told the police officer, "My husband and I are about to go to bed. Sir, is that okay?"

"Alright, then I should stop bothering you. Good night, Ms. Shi."

The police officer hung up and glared at Fu Xicheng. "Mr. Fu, from what I've heard, Ms. Shi isn't your girlfriend, but your fiancée's sister! How dare you mess around with your sister-in-law? Besides, she's already married!"

"Married? Impossible!" Fu Xicheng was jolted from his chair by the news. "This is impossible. Nuan... She hates me, but she won't marry another man just to spite me! She still loves me, so..."

"Enough. Don't waste my time telling me about your messy past relationships. Ms. Shi told me that she had made a clean break with you. So stop disturbing her as it's past midnight. I think you should call your parents or fiancée to come to pick you up."

Fu Xicheng sank into the chair in despair. It took him a while before he picked up the phone to dial his mother's number.

When Liu Minjun and Fu Yuqing had arrived, Fu Xicheng was still sitting on the bench at the police station with a dazed expression on his face. Liu Minjun ran over as soon as she spotted Fu Xicheng, who was staring blankly into space. She sounded terribly anxious. "Cheng! Cheng, are you okay? Please don't scare me!"

"Mom." Fu Xicheng raised his head and stared at Liu Minjun numbly. "Mom, she doesn't want me anymore. She really doesn't want me anymore."

“Bastard!” Fu Yuqing raised his hand and landed his palm heavily on Fu Xicheng’s cheeks. “Useless piece of trash! Why are you upset over a woman? Are you happy now that we’re all here at the police station?”

The old man gave his son another forceful slap that made Liu Minjun gasped out in horror. She stood in front of Fu Xicheng to stop Fu Yuqing from hitting her son again. “That’s enough! Our son is already a grown man. Do you have to do this?”

“If I don’t, he’ll never learn a lesson.” Fu Yuqing clenched his teeth. “If the Shi family finds out about this, how will he resolve the situation?”

“Ha!” Fu Xicheng sneered, “Resolve the situation? I’ll just break up the engagement with Shi Wei. I didn’t even plan this...”

“Bastard!” Fu Yuqing was about to hit Fu Xicheng again, but the police officer stopped him. “If you want to discipline your son, go home. You can’t do whatever you want here. You should know that it’s an offense if you assault someone in the police station.”

“Well, sir... My husband couldn’t control his anger.” Liu Minjun tugged at Fu Yuqing’s hand. “What about my son?”

“It’s nothing much. Just take him back and teach him well. Don’t let him disturb others past midnight. This is ridiculous.”

“Yes, yes. We’ll teach him a lesson back home!” Liu Minjun hurriedly agreed. “I’ll make sure of that!”

When the three of them got into the car, Fu Yuqing couldn’t help but gave Fu Xicheng a huge slap again. “You went to her house? Are you serious? I warn you, you’ll be marrying Shi Wei, and that’s final! If you break off your engagement, I’ll disown you!”

“Dad, you...” Fu Xicheng trailed off in anger as he balled up his fists. “Why are you forcing me? Everyone is forcing me.”

Just then, his mind flashed back to the earlier scene when Shi Nuan had said she had another man and even told the police that she was married. His blood boiled with rage at that mere thought. “Shi Nuan is the woman I want to marry.”

“You’re a man. How could you act this way just for love? Do you think you’re capable enough?” Fu Yuqing was clear-headed. Between love, money, and power, he’d choose power without hesitation. “When you take over the Shi family and Huancheng, women will flock to you!”

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After Shi Nuan hung up, she couldn't fall back asleep. The woman took a towel out to dry Fu Chengyan's hair and asked, "Why didn't you wake me up earlier?"

She recalled how she fell asleep, even though her body was slick with sweat, and demanded, "Didn't you say you'll bring me to the bathroom to take a shower?"

"You were sleeping so soundly." Fu Chengyan's gaze softened when he reached out to hold Shi Nuan's hand. "Let me do it."

However, Shi Nuan shook her head. "I'll help you. Fu Xicheng must've gotten into trouble. He called me with another person's phone." The phone call left her feeling resigned, even until now. "I never knew he was someone like that!"

A smirk appeared on Fu Chengyan's face when he heard Shi Nuan's upset tone. "What was he like?"

"I don't want to talk about him." Shi Nuan was still annoyed. "I don't understand. He had chosen Shi Wei, but why did he continue to disturb me?"

He even told the police that I'm his girlfriend! What would others think when they hear his nonsense?

Shi Nuan bit her lips and stared at Fu Chengyan. "Did he upset you?"

"No." Fu Chengyan frowned. "He can't do that to me." He grabbed Shi Nuan's hand before patting the bed, asking her to sit down. Shi Nuan went and sat down

obediently beside Fu Chengyan. The man then cupped Shi Nuan's head and guided her to lie down on his lap before massaging her temples gently. "Did he wake you up?"

"I was really sleepy, but I can't go back to sleep now," Shi Nuan nodded wearily.

Although Fu Xicheng couldn't upset Fu Chengyan, Shi Nuan wasn't as strong as him. The phone call had appeared to affect her somehow.

With frustration pent-up inside her, Shi Nuan sighed and closed her eyes to relax her tense body under Fu Chengyan's calming massage. Soon after, her frustration gradually subsided, and the man's low and calming voice rang above her, "Don't bother about what he thinks. If you don't want him to contact you again, just change your phone number. You won't be going back to Fucheng again anyway."

Shi Nuan pondered for a while and said, "I guess that's the only way." Then, she clenched her teeth, "Argh, how annoying!"

"You don't have to be annoyed," Fu Chengyan wasn't even bothered. "Don't worry. After what happened today, he wouldn't even bother you again."

"Why?" Shi Nuan was confused. She opened her eyes and met Fu Chengyan's sparkling gaze. Then, she asked curiously, "Why are you so sure of that?"

Fu Chengyan smirked. "Make a guess?"

Shi Nuan thought about it but ended up shaking her head. "I don't know."

Then, Fu Chengyan beckoned her with his finger cheekily. Shi Nuan climbed up and brushed a kiss across his lips. "Can you tell me now?"

"He won't have time to bother you anymore." Fu Chengyan replied before pushing Shi Nuan back onto his lap. "Fu Yuqing must be punishing Fu Xicheng now. I know Fu Yuqing well. He won't let Fu Xicheng do whatever he wants. As

long as Shi Wei has Huancheng's shares, and continues being favored by the Shi family, Fu Yuqing will make sure Fu Xicheng marries Shi Wei."

Shi Nuan opened her eyes at once in realization. "Yes, that sounds like what Fu Yuqing will do!" Back then, he didn't force Fu Xicheng to break up with her because he thought she was favored in her family. But after the man found out her family didn't favor her, he sent her away so Fu Xicheng would end up with Shi Wei.

Fu Yuqing was, indeed, cunning as a fox. He had planned this for ages, so he wouldn't let his plan fail at the very last minute.

Fu Chengyan smirked. "So, Fu Yuqing is currently planning for Fu Xicheng to marry Shi Wei as soon as possible. It was only natural that Fu Yuqing had coerced them into tying the knot." Fu Chengyan patted Shi Nuan's hand. "Fu Xicheng has the experience, but he isn't bold enough to go against Fu Yuqing. So he'll end up marrying Shi Wei."

"You've thought of everything." Shi Nuan sighed. She was already exhausted when she heard him explaining the schemes.

Fu Chengyan noticed her frustration, so he held her hand, leaned down, and pressed his forehead to hers. "We can't stop others from doing what they like. But we can at least follow our own paths, right?"

Shi Nuan smiled and nodded. "Okay, I got it. Don't worry. Since I've cut off ties with them, I know what to do. They won't be able to bully me ever again."

I was too weak back then. I didn't ask for anything, so they thought I was an easy target. But they must've forgotten that I didn't fight back because they used to care for me. Since they have stopped caring for me and even sold me out, I won't be a fool and let them hurt me again.

"It's late. Let's go to bed!" Fu Chengyan kissed the corner of Shi Nuan's lips and pulled her onto the bed. "Goodnight!"

“Goodnight.” Shi Nuan took Fu Chengyan’s hand and snuggled into his embrace.

Shi Wei ended up finding out about what Fu Xicheng did that night. The next day, she smashed all the vases in her house in a fit of anger. But before she could leave to settle the score with Shi Nuan, Jiang Yu stopped her. “Why are you acting recklessly?”

“But mom, you heard it too. Fu Xicheng went to Shi Nuan, he...”

“So what if he did?” Jiang Yu scoffed. “Do you think that whore will marry Fu Xicheng? Fu Yuqing and Liu Minjun won’t say yes to that. Don’t worry. I’ve asked your future mother-in-law out for tea. We’ll talk about your wedding today.”

“Really?” Shi Wei’s eyes sparkled with delight and held her mother’s hands, “What did she say? Did she say yes?”

“Of course. Yesterday, it was obvious that she wanted you to get married to Fu Xicheng as soon as possible.”

Jiang Yu was confident about it. “Come, help me pick out an outfit to meet your future mother-in-law.”

“Mom!” Shi Nuan tugged at Jiang Yu’s sleeves shyly. “We’re not married yet.”

“It’s going to happen sooner or later. Come, let’s go together.” Jiang Yu glanced at Shi Wei. “My Wei is so pretty! No man would say no to you.”

Jiang Yu and Liu Minjun had agreed to meet at Ruyi Tea House. Even though Jiang Yu was just an ordinary woman, she knew that the rich had their own rules. Her father, Jiang Shizheng, was a university lecturer, so she was from a scholarly family. The woman put up a front, pretending to be a picky rich lady. Hence, the meeting place she chose to have tea was somewhere that had a hint of sophistication and grace.

Liu Minjun, on the other hand, was a typical house maker. When she was young, she was also a socialite from a prestigious family with experience in tea ceremonies. Since Jiang Yu suggested this meeting place, Liu Minjun thought highly of her.

The two ladies were absolutely delighted to meet each other. When Liu Minjun noticed Shi Wei's ladylike outfit and recalled what her son did last night, she instantly felt guilty. Shi Wei had held herself in such poise and elegance that Liu Minjun was very pleased with her. The dissatisfaction she had earlier for Shi Wei had disappeared without a trace.

After a while, the two ladies were satisfied with the arrangement. Hence, they immediately picked out a date for the wedding, with Liu Minjun suggesting, "Let's make it on the third next month since it's an auspicious day."

The third day of the next month is only around forty days away. Jiang Yu calculated silently in her heart and agreed readily. "The third it is."

"Absolutely. I think we should be the ones planning for the wedding. What do you think, Jiang Yu?" Liu Minjun thought that her son might still be upset over this, so he naturally shouldn't be in charge of the plans. Shi Wei, on the other hand, was busy with her shoots. Hence, she was planning on taking this up together with Jiang Yu.

Jiang Yu nodded at once. "That was what I thought, too. The children are busy, so we should plan the wedding for them."

With that, the ladies finally ended their meeting. After they left Ruyi Tea House, Su Yian pushed the door to another VIP room open. Shi Nuan appeared to be preparing tea, but the past year's bookkeeping ledgers were right by her side. She flipped through it and handed it to Su Yian. "Seeing this gives me a headache. I think you should just give me my part. I'm lazy to go through this."

“Of course not.” Su Yian picked up the ledger. “We’re in this together. Even if you don’t care, you should go over it once.” Su Yian took a seat and glanced at her before asking, “Guess who I saw earlier?”

Shi Nuan poured her a cup of tea and arched her brows. “Who else? A high-ranking official or a poor scholar?”

“Nope.” Su Yian shook her head before sniffing at the cup of tea. “I think your skills are better than the girls here.” Su Yian took a sip before continuing, “I saw your mom, Shi Wei, and Fu Xicheng’s mom!”

Shi Nuan’s brows arched as her hand that was holding the teacup froze midair. “They came to your teahouse?” Shi Nuan was surprised. “Why were they here?”

“I was curious too, so I made an exception and eavesdropped on them.” There was a smug look on Su Yian’s face. “They were talking about Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng’s wedding!”

After hearing what Su Yian said, Shi Nuan froze in shock. Su Yian, however, looked at Shi Nuan oddly and immediately frowned. “Don’t tell me you’re still hung up on that Fu Xicheng?”

“Nonsense!” Shi Nuan gave a tinkling laugh and shot a look at Su Yian. “Do you think I’m that kind of person?” she said before sighing. “I’ve made a clean cut from Fu Xicheng.” She was merely surprised at Fu Chengyan’s intelligence.

Last night, Fu Chengyan had told her that the Fu and Shi family were eager to form an alliance through marriage and that they had been busy planning for Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei’s wedding. His prediction came true today.

Shi Wei told Su Yian about the prediction last night, and her friend was astounded too. “Wow, that’s amazing! How did your husband know?” Su Yian asked, but nodded almost instantly. “Actually, it makes sense. Fu Xicheng got engaged to Shi Wei for the Shi family’s wealth. Both families are thinking of

benefiting from this marriage, and Shi Wei thinks of you as a threat. That's why they were so quick to act."

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Shi Nuan gave a resigned smile, "But I won't do them any harm."

"That's what you think." Su Yian disagreed. "Don't you know Shi Wei?" Right then, Su Yian recalled something else. "By the way, have you heard about our class reunion?"

"Class reunion?" Shi Nuan was taken aback. "Did they plan for one this year?"

"Yeah." Su Yian shrugged and replied in resignation. "You've been away for a year, so you don't know about this. Previously, Liu Yu got married and suggested that we plan for a get-together this year. A few days ago, she called and informed me about it. Besides, they also heard that you and Rongrong are back, so..."

Shi Nuan blinked. "She mentioned me?"

"Yes." Su Yian realized Shi Nuan seemed strange. "Don't you want to attend? Right, back then those friends..."

Su Yian trailed off and sighed, immersed in her memories. "I know you wouldn't want to go. Plus, you might bump into Shi Wei there."

Shi Nuan shook her head. "Let's talk about this later. It's not going to happen anytime soon, right?"

"It falls on the first of next month." Su Yian replied while glancing at Shi Nuan. "Did Shi Wei gave you trouble recently? I saw the news. She's in quite a bit of

trouble lately. But the woman is lucky to survive in the entertainment industry. I heard she even got signed to Xinhuang.”

Su Yian wasn't as reckless as Song Rongrong, but she was still annoyed at the news because both she and Song Rongrong were Shi Nuan's best friend. They watched what happened to Shi Nuan all these years, so they truly despise Shi Wei.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan raised her brows in a smile but said nothing.

Her silent smile raised Su Yian's suspicion, so she asked, “Why are you smiling? I'm doing this for your sake!”

“I'm fine.” Shi Nuan shook her head. She wasn't going to tell Su Yian about it. “She might've been lucky. Well, I've checked the balance sheet, and it's perfect. I'm busy, so I have to go.”

The woman closed the ledger and glanced at the time. “Let's hang out with Rongrong next time.”

“Sure,” Su Yian grinned and took the bookkeeping ledgers from her. Then, she stood up after Shi Nuan and said, “Since you've married Fu Chengyan, you should stop dwelling about the past. I think you're doing well now. You should definitely visit less of that troublesome Shi household.”

“I know,” Shi Nuan said as she held Su Yian's hand. “You're being naggy as usual. But you're much better than Rongrong. She is, unquestionably, the chatterbox of the group.”

“If Rongrong finds out you're gossiping about her, she'll get mad at you.” Su Yian burst into laughter. “Okay, then. See you soon.”

After leaving the teahouse, Shi Nuan took a walk before heading home.

Fu Chengyan wasn't home yet, so she went to his study to read. When she received Jiang Shizheng's call, she was reading Fu Chengyan's personal letters. Shi Nuan smiled upon hearing Jiang Shizheng's seemingly old but powerful voice. "Grandpa!"

"You still do remember that I'm your grandpa?" Jiang Shizheng's sulky voice rang out. "Why didn't you tell me what happened?"

"Grandpa?" Shi Nuan was surprised. "W-What are you talking about?"

The woman was genuinely surprised upon hearing Jiang Shizheng's serious tone, "Huh? Nothing happened."

Shi Nuan pondered about it. She did run into trouble recently, but it was impossible that her grandfather would find out about it. She had chosen not to tell him because she didn't want him to worry. So, she asked, "Grandpa, did someone tell you something?"

"Your mother came over today, and she told me about your sister and Fu Xicheng's wedding." Jiang Shizheng sounded upset and annoyed.

At that instant, Shi Nuan could feel her eyelids twitching. "Mom visited you today?" She bit her lips and prodded further, "What else did she say besides that?"

"Did Shi Yunsheng give his shares to you?" Jiang Shizheng asked petulantly. "What is that old scoundrel planning? Why does he have to involve you in the Shi family's mess?"

The old man seemed upset at Shi Yunsheng, and his displeasure shocked Shi Nuan. "Granddad, don't be mad. He didn't mean to do that." Shi Nuan knew that her maternal grandfather, Jiang Shizheng, was annoyed at the Shi family because of the way they were treating her. Since Shi Yunsheng called the shots in the Shi household, her maternal grandfather would naturally put the blame on

him. “Granddad, in the Shi family, he’s the one who treats me the best. You know that too!”

“Ha! If he’s really that good, why would he give you his shares? His shares might benefit others, but they will only be a ticking bomb in your hands. Doesn’t he know that?”

Jiang Shizheng wasn’t interested in the Shi family and Huancheng’s shares at all. He was only worried about Shi Nuan. “Nuan, listen to me. You can’t accept that. I know you blame your mother, and I can’t do anything about that. She’s your mother, after all. I don’t want you to...”

“Granddad, don’t worry. Don’t you trust me?” Shi Nuan chuckled and quickly consoled her grandpa. “I know what to do with the shares since I’ve already accepted them. Don’t worry. Your Nuan is now an adult who knows what she’s doing!”

“You...” Jiang Shizheng sighed. A thought flashed across his mind as he asked, “I have an old friend working at the Civil Affairs Bureau. He told me he spotted you registering your marriage a while ago?”

Shi Nuan remained silent as she bit her lips. But the woman immediately remembered she got married to Fu Chengyan at his house. How did grandpa’s friend see me?

“Nuan, how long are you going to keep this from me?”

“Grandpa, I...” Shi Nuan ran out of words and bit her lips. “How did you know?”

“Ha!” Jiang Shizheng snorted. “If my old friend didn’t visit his daughter, he wouldn’t have seen it!” He harrumphed coldly, “He said a big shot asked him to handle it. The follow-up procedures were troublesome, as he needed to follow the legal process. Nuan, did you really get married?”

“I...” Shi Nuan bit her lips. The woman was about to reply when she spotted the man standing at the door, looking at her with a smile plastered on his face. The woman parted her lips to take a deep breath before coming clean. “Since you’ve found out about it, I won’t hide it from you. Yes, I got married.”

Shi Nuan bit her lips and stared at Fu Chengyan like she was asking for his help. But the man seemed delighted by her answer as he leaned on the door, staring at her in amusement.

She continued, “You know my husband too.”

“I do?” Jiang Shizheng was startled. “Why didn’t you tell me you got married? It’s important. You should bring him to me. You’re not a kid anymore, so how can you act recklessly like that?”

Jiang Shizheng was indeed furious, as his granddaughter got married without telling anyone. He thought it was not right to do so since he knew about Shi Nuan and Fu Xicheng’s past relationship.

He knew how much Shi Nuan liked Fu Xicheng. Back then, when he wanted to introduce Shi Nuan to his student, Shi Nuan rejected his offer.

But a few months later, Shi Nuan got married instead. Of course, Jiang Shizheng would be worried. “Nuan, you’re not young anymore. How can you get married recklessly?”

This was the first time Shi Nuan had ever heard Jiang Shizheng questioned her so sharply. For that split second, she felt slightly remorseful over her actions.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes when he saw Shi Nuan’s reaction. Then, he stopped smiling and strode over to Shi Nuan before taking her phone from her.

Shi Nuan was stunned. She was about to take her phone back when Fu Chengyan spoke out, “Professor Jiang, it’s me.”

Jiang Shizheng was going to give Shi Nuan a lecture. He loved his granddaughter a lot, but getting married without informing him was a bit too much. He had to discipline her, so she'd learn her lesson. Hence, Fu Chengyan's voice had caught him completely by surprise.

The old man even thought that he had misheard it. "Is this Yan?"

"Yes, it's me." A smile lit up Fu Chengyan's face. "Long time no see, prof."

Jiang Shizheng was astounded. "You're with Nuan? It's late..." He immediately understood. "You were the one who married Nuan?"

"Yes, prof." Fu Chengyan replied sincerely. "No, I should address you as grandpa."

Jiang Shizheng was understandably shocked at the news, and he gasped, "The big shot who married Nuan was you?" he continued, "Scoundrel! Why didn't you tell me you married my granddaughter?"

The old man flew into a fit of anger. "Y-You didn't like each other back then, right? Why did you suddenly got married? If I didn't ask this question today, will you keep it a secret forever?" he demanded, "What about Shi Yunsheng? Does he know about this?"

Fu Chengyan looked at Shi Nuan's anxious expression and furrowed his brows. Then he reached out to tousle her hair and assured her before replying with a smile, "May and I wanted to tell you after we settled down. Back then, she said she wouldn't fall for me, and I..." Fu Chengyan chuckled, "It was my fault.

I wanted to meet you formally because I was afraid that you may not agree with our marriage. So far, I haven't planned to meet Mr. Shi yet. May and I wanted to meet you first as you're her grandfather and my teacher, so we would like to seek your approval first."