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At night, Shi Nuan was checking her emails. She clicked on a particularly eye-catching email, then shouted frantically, "Yan, I have been accepted by Shengyuan!" Shi Nuan put down her tablet and jumped up and down before throwing herself into Fu Chengyan's arms.

As soon as Fu Chengyan heard Shi Nuan's voice, he dropped everything in hand and prepared to share her excitement.

Shi Nuan circled his neck with her hands and looked at Fu Chengyan with a smile, "I was worried that they would turn me down when I spoke to Lin Yu the other day. I still couldn't believe that they accepted me! Yan, are you happy for me?"

"Of course I am happy for you. I believe in you!" Fu Chengyan pecked on Shi Nuan's lips. Her happiness was contagious.

Shi Nuan was carried away with happiness but suddenly she stared at Fu Chengyan with a doubtful look, "Were you involved in this?"

"Of course not! What did I say? My May is impeccable! Your resume is the golden ticket to any company," Fu Chengyan squeezed Shi Nuan's hands and kissed her wrist before continuing, "May, it's late now. We should go to bed now. We have an early morning tomorrow."

"You are right, an early morning indeed... What are you doing? You said so yourself, we should get some sleep," Shi Nuan nodded but was quickly interrupted by Fu Chengyan's hands that got under her pajamas.

She glared at Fu Chengyan and angrily said, "You are too mischievous!"

"I didn't say sleep. I said go to bed," Fu Chengyan stressed the last word that came out from his mouth as he abruptly bowed down to carry Shi Nuan in his arms.

Shi Nuan was shocked and immediately held tight onto Fu Chengyan's neck to prevent herself from falling. "Yan, what are you doing?"

Fu Chengyan adjusted Shi Nuan's position so that she could face him with both her thighs clung around his waist. His hands supported Shi Nuan's back and he responded with a dirty smile, "What does it look like?" He carried Shi Nuan to their bedroom.

Shi Nuan's protests were getting softer and softer as he walked pass the hallway with Shi Nuan in his arms.

"Yan, you can't do this."

"It's late now."

"Yan..."

The next day morning, Shi Nuan rubbed on her sore back after she got up from bed. The culprit who did this to her was brushing his teeth while leaning against the bathroom's door staring at her. He looked energetic.

Shi Nuan walked with bare feet as she left the bed. Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes and instructed caringly, "May, wear your slippers."

Shi Nuan paused momentarily while a rush of warmth flowed through her. Soon after, Shi Nuan continued her grumbles. She rubbed on her back to ease the soreness and bit her lips, "Fu Chengyan, I will never believe you again!"

Last night he promised just one time, but that one time lasted a lot longer than expected. In the end, she almost gave in due to her sleepiness while he was still working on her with excitement.

Fu Chengyan always said that her stamina was weak. God knew that it was not because of her stamina, comparatively, his stamina was so good that one could say it was invincible.

Fu Chengyan knew he had taken advantage, so he comforted Shi Nuan immediately, "I am sorry. This is all on me. I should be more considerate about my darling. I promise tonight I will be gentle."

"Tonight? You are not allowed to sleep in the master bedroom tonight. You are not sharing the same bed with me," Shi Nuan protested.

Shi Nuan pushed Fu Chengyan out of her way and walked into the bathroom angrily. It took her quite a while to calm herself down. She was wondering how could she fall for Chengyan without realizing this man could be so very naughty sometimes.

Fu Chengyan's eyes glinted but alas, he shook his head helplessly "Hurry up, I will make you breakfast now."

Shi Nuan's anger melted the moment she heard Fu Chengyan's voice which was overflowed with affection. She gladly accepted her fate and started to brush her teeth.

Shi Nuan took her own sweet time to prepare herself upstairs while Fu Chengyan prepared their breakfast. After a while, the breakfast was served on the table and Chengyan waited for her readily. Shi Nuan entered the dining room. She felt slightly uneasy, and she checked on her appearance then pinched the edges of her clothes, "It's my first day at work. I have to leave a good impression, so I..." She lowered her eyes and looked at her clothes. She dressed up modestly because it was her first day at work, she did not want to attract too much unnecessary attention.

It was the end of autumn now and the weather was a bit chilly. Shi Nuan was wearing a fairly thin sweater with a light-colored coat. She looked intellectual but elegant and eye-catching at the same time.

Fu Chengyan's eyes were on Shi Nuan. Although he was quiet, his eyes were full of compliments.

Shi Nuan was a little nervous, she went around in circles and then sought for his opinion, "What do you think?"

"Perfect! Come on now. Eat your breakfast before it turns cold. It's better for your stomach to eat when the food is still warm," Fu Chengyan nodded and signaled her to have a seat.

Shi Nuan wanted to lay low when she went to work, so she turned down Fu Chengyan when he offered to send her to work. She drove the Ferrari which was a gift from Fu Chengyan. Even though it did not match her style, she had been driving it for a period of time and she eventually got used to it.

Fu Chengyan arrived at the office first. Zhou Zheng was there waiting. As soon as he saw Fu Chengyan, he rushed up, "Master Chengyan, Lin Yu told me that he had emailed your wife yesterday..."

Fu Chengyan paused his strides and interrupted, "Yes, she reports to work today. Inform Lin Yu to treat her like a usual employee. Inform everyone from the senior management team that we are having a meeting at 9 o'clock."

"I will get right to it," said Zhou Zheng. He quickly turned around and looked at Mai Qi, "You heard Master Chengyan- inform them that we are having a meeting later."

"Got it."

Fu Chengyan took off his suit when he got into his office. He then turned on his computer and started to attend to his emails.

Zhou Zheng looked at the office's door. He then pushed the door open and strode in, "Master Chengyan... about the project on the development of West City."

Fu Chengyan raised his eyes, "Go on."

"Old Master instructed to save a piece for Fucheng," Zhou Zheng said as he took in Fu Chengyan's expression carefully.

Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows lightly and in between his good-looking brows, the small area was tainted with a splash of darkness. Even though it was not obvious, for someone who had spent a long time with Fu Chengyan, this was definitely a sign of anger.

Zhou Zheng was not just someone who knew best about Fu Chengyan's temperament, but he also knew enough about his character.

Fu Chengyan did not like to have his hands and feet tied- he preferred to be in full control of things. He had his own principles. No one could change his decisions unless it was necessary.

All of a sudden, Zhou Zheng pitied Fucheng and Fu Yuqing. They went to Old Master directly for this project. Officially, Old Master was still in charge of Fu clan, but actually, Fu Chengyan holds the true authority of Fu clan. Although he had yet to obtain Old Master's acknowledgement and his shares, everyone in Fu clan viewed Fu Chengyan as the future successor.

Fu Yunsheng did not grant the authority to his eldest, second or third son- the spot was kept vacant until now. Everyone knew the importance and significance of Fu Chengyan in Fu clan.

Now that Fu Yuqing had gone over Fu Chengyan's head and requested this project directly from Old Master in Fu clan, his intention to take advantage was very obvious. Although Old Master agreed to it, they still had to go through Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes, there was a thoughtful smile at the corner of his lips. His slender fingers tapped the table lightly. He did not speak a word but his aura still projected its natural force.

He looked at his computer's screen, closed one of the tabs on his browser then raised his head and said coldly, "If he wants a bite on the project of West City, that will depend on him. Let's see if he can swallow that piece of cake. What's the progress in Xinhuang?"

"The movie that Shi Wei partakes will start shooting in a few days. The rest of the movies are still under inspection. Do you want to teach Shi Wei a lesson?" Zhou Zheng asked.

"Lesson? No. We will continue with the baits," Fu Chengyan said as he curled his lips. There was a gleam underneath his eyes. He stood up and placed his hands in his pockets. He showed great interest and looked at Zhou Zheng, "Have you ever seen a cat catching a mouse?"

Zhou Zheng pursed his lips, "Never." He stayed in a high-end residential area and creatures like mice were nowhere to be seen.

Fu Chengyan reached out his hand and took out a file from the drawer. He flipped it with his slender fingers and browsed through them. "Normally, after a cat catches a mouse, it wouldn't eat it right away. It would toy with the mouse first. Let it run for its life, again and again, then the cat would catch it over and over again. The cat would finally eat the mouse after it feels exhausted. We will feed her first, and remember to feed her well. Even if you haven't heard of the story of the cat and the mouse, surely you have heard about the story of Russell's turkey. Keep her well-fed, then strike when she least expects. We have the same reason to feed Fucheng like we feed Shi Wei," Fu Chengyan said as he threw the file in his hand towards Zhou Zheng.

Zhou Zheng started to understand. He really felt that one could mess with anyone but Fu Chengyan- he was terrible and frightful.

“Get on this right away. I like to throw out a long line in order to catch a big fish, but the long line may break. I don’t like things out of control. You can go now,” Fu Chengyan said.

“OK,” Zhou Zheng straightened his back and walked out. After he got out, he then only breathed a sigh of relief. He opened up the file Fu Chengyan threw to him and read it through. Instantly, he was shocked- he did not expect Fu Chengyan to do this!

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The receptionist from the front desk led Shi Nuan to the project management department. She was here once before, so she could find Lin Yu's office very quickly. Lin Yu's assistant probably expected Shi Nuan to report herself at work today, hence as soon as she saw the receptionist brought someone over, she asked, "Are you Ms. Shi?"

"Yes, I'm Shi Nuan," Shi Nuan smiled politely and studied the woman in front of her. She looked competent and well-experienced. The woman was also studying her before she nodded and said, "I'm the assistant of Director Lin, Yuan Jia. Director Lin mentioned earlier that Ms. Shi will report to work today."

"Yes. That would be me. Thank you, Ms. Yuan," Shi Nuan greeted Yuan Jia with a smile. She thought that Yuan Jia had a good attitude and was a kind person. She continued, "Is Director Lin in?"

"Yes, I will bring you in now."

Yuan Jia led Shi Nuan to Lin Yu's office. When she was about to knock, the door was opened from inside. Lin Yu looked like he was leaving. Yuan Jia and Shi Nuan's presence puzzled him momentarily, then he immediately said, "I'm going for a meeting now. Yuan Jia, show Ms. Shi around so that she can familiarize herself with the environment. Fill her in with the important matters then bring her to HR for onboarding procedures."

Lin Yu spoke fast and left with wide strides as soon as he finished. Lin Yu was quick and vigorous; it took Shi Nuan a while to gain back her senses.

Yuan Jia smiled at Shi Nuan, "Don't mind him, you will get used to that. That happens very often," Yuan Jia explained, she probably thought Shi Nuan was not used to the pace in the office.

Shi Nuan denied hurriedly, "No, I think it's OK. Ms. Yuan, do you have time to show me around and introduce the coworkers to me?"

"Sure, let me introduce some coworkers to you first. Then I'll bring you to HR for onboarding procedures. But Ms. Shi, have we met elsewhere? Your previous workplace perhaps? You look very familiar," Yuan Jia asked.

"Not that I can think of. I guess that's because I have a generic face, hence the familiarity. I was with an ordinary company previously," Shi Nuan was not trying to keep her previous working experience a secret- she just purely did not want to get involved with Fucheng.

Yuan Jia could not help but smile as she scrutinized Shi Nuan, "Your look is nothing like the average women." Yuan Jia was telling the truth. She had seen a lot of pretty girls, but one as classy as Shi Nuan who stood out with her own characteristics in the crowd, was extremely rare. That was why when Shi Nuan said that, Yuan Jia just treated her as being overly humble.

Yuan Jia introduced some coworkers from the project management department and they were equally curious about her. Shengyuan's recruitment was seasonal and they did not recruit just anyone. Shi Nuan was the only one accepted at this timing; everyone expressed their curiosities about her status. Shi Nuan explained that she was indeed just an ordinary person. Shi Nuan then mentioned that she was Zhou Zheng's distant relative when Yuan Jia insisted on the answer. That ended their wild guesses.

Zhou Zheng was, after all, Fu Chengyan's right-hand man. His status symbolized his authority which was just behind Fu Chengyan and the shareholders. They stopped asking when Zhou Zheng's name came up.

Shi Nuan finally escaped their interrogation and followed Yuan Jia to HR. After the onboarding procedures, Yuan Jia led Shi Nuan to her desk.

Normally, senior management meetings lasted for a very long time. This meeting was called for suddenly. All of them were caught off-guard and they did not have time to prepare. In the end, they were criticized by Fu Chengyan during the meeting. They were asked to present a better proposal as soon as possible. When it came to operation updates on the finance department and overseas department, Fu Chengyan always kept a very close tab. After the meeting, everyone looked like they had been skinned alive. They were very exhausted and they left the meeting room wearily.

Fu Chengyan looked at the messy documents on the desk and then he pushed them all away, "Throw them away. Get them to come up with a better proposal. Lin Yu stays."

Lin Yu was preparing to leave; he stopped immediately as soon as he heard Fu Chengyan's instruction, "Yes? CEO Fu?"

Fu Chengyan stood up and glanced at Lin Yu, "About the development on the piece of land at West City, what's your progress?"

Lin Yu reported, "Currently we are having preliminary evaluations. West City is considered a high risk area and it is also located in the suburban area- some of the places were long abandoned. I have been to that place before, there were psychiatric hospitals and rehab centers nearby, so it was basically determined not suitable for development. CEO Fu..."

Fu Chengyan raised his head and interrupted Lin Yu, "No need to rush. Complete the evaluation first. I heard that those places might be shifted away. Moreover, that piece of land has not been plotted yet. It is still unknown if those places are in the territory. But since you mentioned it, then we must prepare the corresponding precautions. I prepare to place the bidding for that piece of land for development."

Fu Chengyan made himself very clear- he was determined to get that piece of land. They had to overcome any problems that surfaced.

Lin Yu understood that Fu Chengyan's intention was firm, so he nodded and replied, "I'll do this right. Be rest assured, CEO Fu." Lin Yu used to be in overseas; he returned to the country ambitiously. He had faced a fair share of failures in Jiang City before. Some companies could not meet with Lin Yu's ideas and it disappointed him.

When he entered Shengyuan, Lin Yu realized that the way Fu Chengyan worked shed a light on him. He could see his future again. Lin Yu deeply admired this man's character- the way he handled things and his foresight. He always treated Fu Chengyan as a god-like existence. He never thought Fu Chengyan would open a backdoor in his department for a woman.

Lin Yu recalled the woman named Shi Nuan. He investigated her once before. Shi Nuan had a beautiful track record but that did not mean anything. Shi Nuan worked in Fucheng before, and truth to be told, Lin Yu looked down on Fucheng.

Lin Yu never expected that night, the highest authority of Shengyuan, Fu Chengyan, would call him personally and indicate his intentions.

"Anything else?" Fu Chengyan noticed Lin Yu's hesitancy.

"About Ms. Shi. If I may ask, who is she to you? I don't mean anything. Just that I have never seen you give any preferential treatment at work," Lin Yu chose his words carefully.

"You think this is preferential treatment?" Fu Chengyan supported his chin with one hand but his sight was upon the documents that were scattered on the desk. He appeared rather inattentive.

Lin Yu could not grasp the meaning of Fu Chengyan's response, he could only seek help from Zhou Zheng's with his eyes. Zhou Zheng was smart enough to turn his head away and pretend to be very busy.

Lin Yu dug a grave for himself and Zhou Zheng did not want to accompany him!

It was definitely better to stay alive.

Fu Chengyan noticed Lin Yu's nervousness and he curled his lips, "If you think this is preferential treatment, it's a preferential treatment then."

Lin Yu and Zhou Zheng were made speechless.

Fu Chengyan put down his hand, "Since it is a rare occasion for my preferential treatment, let's make it worthwhile." He stood up, picked up one of the documents and left the rest for Zhou Zheng. He continued, "Be sure to take good care of her. Assign her with the easy tasks you have on hand. She has spent time in the project management department before but her exposure is not enough. You said this is a preferential treatment, then make sure it becomes the best preferential treatment. Give your best resources to her so that she can get started with ease. Oh right, arrange her to be on West City's development too."

Fu Chengyan left the instructions and strode off. Zhou Zheng and Lin Yu stared at each other but Lin Yu was in a greater shock. He never thought Fu Chengyan would admit to this preferential treatment so directly and even made sure it was done thoroughly.

Even Lin Yu himself could not confirm the complexity and difficulties of the development of West City. Even in the project management department, not everyone had the experience or qualifications to participate in it. His big boss just easily let Shi Nuan, a rookie who just joined the company, to partake in it. This was hard to digest, even for Lin Yu.

Zhou Zheng sighed and tapped on Lin Yu's shoulder, "Get used to it. The first time I saw Master Chengyan throw himself at her and offer his utmost courtesy, I nearly dropped my eyeballs."

"Master Chengyan? Threw himself at her? For Shi Nuan? Shi Nuan and Master Chengyan?" Lin Yu's eyes flashed with a glint.

Zhou Zheng nodded, "Yes, their relationship is exactly what you have in mind. So just teach her nice and easy. She could have just stayed at home but she asked for a job. Master Chengyan didn't want her to go to other places so he could only place her somewhere nearby. You happened to be the one Master Chengyan trusts the most. All the best! I believe in you!" Zhou Zheng tapped on Lin Yu's shoulder.

"This is too flattering. The one Master Chengyan trusts the most is you!" Even so, his words still pleased Lin Yu. Now knowing that his boss entrusted him with his wife and even placed her in his department, Lin Yu who had such high integrity had to focus on this preferential treatment now.

"I have to leave now. Think about what you should do next," Zhou Zheng reached for the door and paused, he thought of something he needed to say, "About Master Chengyan's wife working at your department, no one knows other than the few of us. No one knows Master Chengyan is married, so..."

"I got it. I will keep my mouth shut," Lin Yu nodded.

"All I am saying is, if someone were to doubt Mrs. Fu, you can just say that she is my distant relative."

Lin Yu smiled bitterly then he quickly gathered the documents and went back straight to project management department.

Yuan Jia noticed Lin Yu's return and got up hurriedly, "Director Lin, I brought Shi Nuan to familiarize the surroundings and introduce the coworkers in the project management department to her. We did the onboarding process at HR too." Yuan Jia met Lin Yu's eyes and continued, "I arranged Shi Nuan to replace Li Si's position. Li Si is on maternity leave now. I plan on further rearrangements after she gets back."

"Got it," Lin Yu nodded and signaled Yuan Jia to go back to work. He then walked to the front of Shi Nuan's desk. He nodded when he saw Shi Nuan moving the

old files on previous projects to her desk and starting to read them. He knocked on her desk, "Ms. Shi, please come to my office."

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Frankly speaking, Shi Nuan had just entered the company, so Lin Yu had not assigned much work to her. Hence, Shi Nuan was entirely unsure as to what she ought to do, and merely asked Yuan Jia for some old project cases to look over and to get a better understanding of Director Lin's character.

Just as she was doing her research, the man of the hour arrived out of nowhere. Shi Nuan closed the file she was reading and followed Lin Yu into the office.

This was already her second time in Lin Yu's office. The office was still as it was the previous time she was here; it appeared as though nothing had changed. Speaking of changes, however, there was one thing that stood out. Where there had been stacks of files and documents on Lin Yu's desk last time, it was completely empty at the moment.

Lin Yu seemed to be sizing Shi Nuan up as he turned to look at her, before gesturing for Shi Nuan to take a seat. "Ms. Shi, there is no need to be nervous. Since you have already passed the test, we gladly welcome you to the project department. From this day on, let us work hard together, to seek greater heights!"

"Yeah," Shi Nuan nodded, then laughed a little. "Director Lin, you don't have to be so courteous. Please, just call me Shi Nuan."

Lin Yu stared at Shi Nuan, seemingly shocked by her words. Although this was not the first time the two of them have met, he still did not really understand Shi Nuan's personality. Besides, he didn't even know that Shi Nuan was Fu Chengyan's wife the first time they had met. He realized this now, but Shi Nuan seemed to be incredibly calm both times they've met, without a shred of anxiety.

According to Lin Yu's experience, those that were on the same level as Shi Nuan were all married to men like Fu Chengyan, and they tend to have the aura of a noble lady, but Shi Nuan appeared down-to-earth. She didn't seem to be using her status to her advantage, and that made Lin Yu admire her a little more.

Since Shi Nuan did not expose her status, and the higher ups wanted to keep this under wraps, Lin Yu decided to act as though he did not know anything as well. "Alright, Shi Nuan!" Lin Yu smiled. "Were you looking at the documents regarding some of our older projects?"

"Yes, I was."

"Tell me your thoughts!" Lin Yu gazed at Shi Nuan calmly. "Please, speak your mind."

"Huh?" Shi Nuan was taken aback for a moment. She didn't expect Lin Yu to ask such a difficult question from the very beginning. "These projects are all complete already, and I feel that the later stages of the projects were very well done. Quite a few of the malls under Shengyuan were built according to these guidelines, so there aren't many problems at all. I'm sorry, but I'm afraid that's all I have to say. Although I was previously in a project department as well, I didn't have much exposure, and have a lot more to learn."

Shi Nuan was very humble, but at the same time, her words were truthful. Before this, she had only worked at Fucheng. It was a small company, so there was little chance to showcase one's abilities. As such, the knowledge that Shi Nuan was exposed to was very limited.

Lin Yu nodded in agreement. "Actually, just looking at these files is not going to be of much help to you. I personally do not enjoy idle theorizing and prefer to see it in action!" Lin Yu stood up, took the suit jacket that was on the chair and pulled it on, before reaching out and knocking on the table. "Since you have just entered the company, I'm sure that you don't have much work on hand at the moment."

“Yes!” Shi Nuan was about to bring this up, but she did not expect Lin Yu to beat her to the punch. In addition, from the looks of things... “Director Lin, are you heading out now?”

“That’s right,” Lin Yu nodded. He pulled out a folder from the drawer, then placed a portion of the documentation inside it again. “Since you don’t have much to do, follow me!”

“Now?” Shi Nuan froze in shock for a moment, but quickly regained her senses. “Alright, I’ll go get ready right now to follow you out!”

Lin Yu looked at how quickly Shi Nuan moved. The way she carried herself differed from the pompous aura that rich folk tend to have, earning Shi Nuan more brownie points from Lin Yu. As he closed the door behind him, Shi Nuan was standing outside, prepared and ready to go.

Coincidentally, Yuan Jia was heading in the same direction as well. “Director Lin, are you heading out now? Are you going to the Western District?”

“Yes.” Lin Yu took the documents from Yuan Jia and took a quick look at them. “Redo this. Oh, that’s right, you don’t have to follow me out today. Shi Nuan is coming with me. I want you to redo these documents right now, and I want to see all the data completed before I return!”

He then returned the documents to Yuan Jia. “Do you understand?”

Yuan Jia quickly collected herself then glanced at Shi Nuan with a strange look in her eyes. Shi Nuan looked up at Yuan Jia as well, and gave her a friendly smile.

Lin Yu, however, did not care much for their exchange. When he realized that Shi Nuan was not behind him, he turned his head and said with displeasure in his voice, “Ms. Shi, please pay attention. You have just entered the company. Do you want to leave a bad impression on your boss?”

“I’ll be there right now!” Shi Nuan hurried to catch up with him. “However, Director Lin, I’m still new to the company, and this job as well. By bringing me out for a job like this... Are you not afraid that people might gossip?” Shi Nuan did not think much of this at first, but remembering the look that Yuan Jia just gave her... It was clear the way their perception of her had changed.

Lin Yu stopped for a moment when he heard that. He reached out to press the button to call for the lift, then turned to look at Shi Nuan. “Don’t forget that you’re here at Shengyuan to work. This is for yourself, for the company, and not about the way your colleagues look at you!” Lin Yu had always been meticulous when it came to work. To him, work was work, and personal matters should be settled outside of working hours. He was not responsible for the dissatisfaction between his staff and subordinates due to the unfair distribution of work. If that were the case, he would never have enough time to finish what was truly important.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips, then muttered, “I understand.” What Lin Yu said was the truth, there was no way for her to refute that. Yet, she had just entered the company and somehow managed to make enemies already. It just didn’t seem to bode well for her.

Realizing that Shi Nuan had accepted his reasoning, Lin Yu didn’t elaborate on the matter.

Lin Yu’s car was parked at basement one of the parking lot. Only when the two have boarded the car, did Lin Yu speak. “We’re heading to the Western District. That area is a little remote, so if you don’t think you can handle that, you can still get out of the car now!”

“Is this about the development of the Western District?” Shi Nuan’s eyes lit up. “Why would I not be able to handle that!”

This project was something that she had already read about when she was in Fu Chengyan’s study the previous night. Shi Nuan had thought that it was still in the midst of preparation, but was it actually about to begin already?

Lin Yu nodded as he saw the excited look in Shi Nuan's eyes. "Indeed, it is the development of the Western District. However, it is currently still under inspection."

"Does this mean that we are heading over for an inspection now? Shi Nuan asked as she pulled out her phone to start searching up the location of the Western District, along with some information on the surrounding areas. "There is a mental hospital over here? And a drug rehabilitation center as well?"

Surprised flashed through Lin Yu's eyes. He did not expect Shi Nuan to pinpoint the problem from just a glance.

Shi Nuan frowned a little as she spoke, "The mental hospital was previously situated within the downtown area, but it created quite a commotion as there were several accidents related to it. Hence, it was decided that the hospital would be moved to a less populated and more remote area. If this project were to start, this is the first issue that we ought to consider. Furthermore, there is a drug rehabilitation center right next to it, which will leave an impression as well."

She continued to look up information on the surrounding environment. "There is a river here, and an abandoned factory as well. The river was polluted a long time ago, which is why the factory was forced to stop operating." Taking note of all these details, one by one, Shi Nuan started to feel a little apprehensive. "This particular project seems rather challenging. We have to first resolve all these problems, but also ensure that our construction will not cause environmental problems in this area."

"You're pretty sharp," Lin Yu looked at Shi Nuan with admiration and newfound respect. He couldn't help but feel guilty for the prejudices he had towards her before this.

It seemed as though some situations require deeper observation, rather than merely judging from their cover, or, in this case, their resume. It seemed like Shi Nuan did have her own special talents as well. After all, she had been able to catch the eye of Fu Chengyan. Knowing how Fu Chengyan was like as a person, he would never take a second glance at a useless woman.

“These are certainly issues that we have to take into account in order to build and expand this area. Many things have to be taken into consideration, which is why we are here to take a closer look today!”

Lin Yu’s car got off the expressway and started heading towards the Western District. The two stopped by a gas station on their way to West City to refuel. In the meantime, Shi Nuan took the opportunity to leave the car and take a short walk in the vicinity to check the area out. She returned from the walk to see Lin Yu leaning against the side of the car, an unlit cigarette in hand.

When he noticed Shi Nuan, Lin Yu put the cigarette back into his pocket, then asked, “What did you see?”

“The staff at the gas station mentioned that there are usually not many people in this area. Cars that visit this place are usually just taking a pit stop or leaving the drug rehabilitation center. If we were to develop this place, we must take into consideration the market, and decide if it’s more economically beneficial to build a shopping mall or a medical facility, or perhaps something else. We have to think this through.”

Lin Yu quirked his lips up into a smile, “Get back into the car, we’ll continue the conversation there!”

The two talked about many things along the way. Their ideas and thought processes were very similar. Lin Yu quickly realized that Shi Nuan was a very intelligent lady, and only needed a little hint to understand what he meant.

When they arrived at their destination, Lin Yu parked the car by a large tree. “We’re here!” He called out, then paused for a moment before continuing. “The roads here are a little uneven and hard to navigate. Next time, you’ll need to make better preparations.”

Shi Nuan looked down at the heels she had on and chuckled a little helplessly. “Got it.” She hadn’t expected herself to end up on a road trip with Lin Yu on her very first day, let alone such a remote place. Although the heels that she was

wearing weren't particularly high, traversing the gravelly road proved to be rather problematic.

Lin Yu seemed to be able to tell that Shi Nuan was troubled. "You must understand that we face many unexpected situations every single day. You won't always be given the chance to prepare yourself for it. All we can do is to challenge ourselves and take every possibility into account." He paused, then continued, "After all, opportunity only presents itself to those who are prepared."

"Indeed, it's as you say, Director Lin," Shi Nuan nodded firmly. Lin Yu was a practical person with a set of firm principles, which he applied to everything he did.

Lin Yu chuckled, "You don't have to be so serious about it. Since you're working under me now, just call me Lin Yu!"

"How could I ever!" Shi Nuan shook her head without missing a beat. Lin Yu was still her superior at work, and didn't want him to make an exception for her, even if she were Fu Chengyan's wife. In fact, that was exactly what she feared, which was why she didn't allow Fu Chengyan himself to give her any special treatment. "How about this. I won't call you Director Lin, I'll call you Master instead!" After all, Lin Yu had been teaching her all this time. Within a short period of time, Shi Nuan felt as though she had learnt a lot already.

Lin Yu paused for a moment, then replied, "That works!"

"Master!"

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It was a calm and silent night; even a pin drop could be heard. It was the first time Shi Wei entered the house that belonged to Fu Xicheng and herself. She was filled with happiness.

Fu Xicheng stayed with Fu Yuqing and Liu Minjun all this while. However, Liu Min realized the need for more personal space as her son had married. She had thought of this earlier and bought a marital home for them both. It was not too far, and was right next to the Fu family.

Owing to the fact that her daughter-in-law was a celebrity and might get a lot of attention, especially from the media, Liu Min spent a fortune on the renovations and furniture, all according to Shi Wei's wishes.

She was engulfed in happiness as she stepped into the house, completely forgetting about Fu Xicheng, who was drunk.

"Hey, Wei. Please bear with Xicheng today. He was thrilled and drank a couple more drinks," she said. Liu Min knew that Shi Wei was tired, even though her expression showed otherwise. She felt sorry and was in an awkward position as her son was sleeping soundly at the side.

"Mum, don't worry. Xicheng is my husband, I'll definitely take good care of him. It's late now, both of you should go back and rest now," Shi Wei said while looking at Fu Yuqing. "Mum, dad, good night!"

"Alright. I'll hand Xicheng to you. Sorry for the trouble," Liu Min said.

"My pleasure."

Shi Wei felt relieved after sending off Xicheng's parents and walked over to Xicheng. The aureate evening light shone on Fu Xicheng's handsome-looking face; she reached out and gently touched his face. "Finally! You are mine!" she said.

Shi Wei removed her shirt and took a bath. As she walked out of the bathroom, she saw Fu Xicheng naked on the bed and in a mess. She tiptoed over, trying not to wake Xicheng. She took a cloth and started to clean Xicheng up. As she reached the space between his thighs, Shi Wei could feel it turn hard, and she blushed. Slowly, she held it with both of her warm hands.

He could feel the palms in his dream; subconsciously, he flipped and pressed Shi Wei against the bed. As he leaned forward, Shi Wei could feel the warmth of Xicheng's breath; their bodies got closer, and he eventually kissed her with passion.

The next day, when Shi Wei woke up, her man was still asleep. She then reached her hands out and touched Xicheng's face. Fu Xicheng suddenly opened his eyes and saw Shi Wei next to her. At that moment, he was stunned. Why am I on the bed with Shi Wei? He then remembered they were married yesterday; he had yet to get used to it.

"Good morning!" Shi Wei had a smile on her face as she saw Xicheng spacing out. She then asked, "Xicheng? What's wrong? Why are you staring at me like that?"

"Ah, it's nothing. I was thinking about how much I drank last night. How did I even end up like this?" he said, trying to cover up.

"Says you. You drank so much that it was mum and dad who helped carry you into the room," said Shi Wei with a blush on her cheeks. "Alright, wakey-wakey! Time to get up!"

After they washed up, Shi Wei suddenly remembered and asked, "Oh, what did Uncle give you last night? A gift, I suppose?"

Uncle?

Fu Xicheng's gaze deepened, "You mean Fu Chengyan?" Xicheng had a weird feeling last night, especially when he saw Fu Chengyan sat beside Shi Nuan. Unexpectedly, he did not repulse Shi Nuan; that was the feeling that made Xicheng uncomfortable.

"Yeah? What's up? Why do you seem a bit unhappy about Uncle?" she asked with curiosity.

"Let's stop calling him uncle. Moreover, we are not biologically related, and we're around the same age," Fu Xicheng urged impatiently. It seemed like he wanted nothing to do with Chengyuan. If Shi Wei's instinct was right, Xicheng hated Fu Chengyan.

Shi Wei did not like him too. She did not know why she had this weird feeling churning in her stomach every time she saw them. "Okay then! It doesn't matter anyway," she said.

"Right..." he replied. As Fu Xicheng opened the gift, he raised his eyebrow in confusion. Shi Wei took a closer look. There were two things in the gift box: one was a travel-around-the-world ticket, and another was a document, with Shi Wei's name on it.

Shi Wei took it up, and her eyes were wide open, "Wow! This is an endorsement by CMC! My gosh! It is a well-known brand in Europe! Everyone is talking about it! I didn't know that Fu Chengyan was so capable!" Shi Wei's eyes were shining bright like a diamond, and she couldn't take her eyes off the gift.

Compared to the travel-around-the-world ticket, Shi Wei personally liked the endorsement more. After all, she had the money for travel, and it was just a matter of time. But what was the meaning behind this endorsement? It meant a lot to her – resourcefulness, perseverance, and worth, which was crucial to her in the entertainment industry.

“My gosh!” Shi Wei was revolved and wrapped in happiness. “Xicheng! I love you so much!” Shi Wei gave a kiss on Xicheng’s lips. What she did not realize was Fu Xicheng’s infuriated expression.

From Fu Xicheng’s perspective, it was a slap on his face. He did not need money, but Shi Wei lacked resources. Fu Chengyan had both.

“I have to call Guan Jing now. We must turn the tables and win!” he expressed confidently.

Meanwhile, the news report about a popular celebrity who got married to a rich man’s son was all over the news. The words spread like fire, and it was soon on the news headlines; it was even in the finance section.

When Zhou Zheng handed the file to Fu Chengyan, he couldn’t help but scoff, “Master Chengyan, these were sent out by Shi Wei’s manager, Guan Jing. Xinhuang was unaware of it.”

Fu Chengyan smirked as he glimpsed through the headlines; it was the same old tricks that the media would use. They would exaggerate things to attract readers, and it was nothing new. “Well, anything else?”

“Lingyu took Mrs. Fu to the western district. It seems that Lingyu decided to train Mrs. Fu herself.”

Fu Chengyan glanced at Zhou Zheng, “Huh? Are you bored and have nothing to do?”

Zhou Zheng was taken aback and straightened his posture, “No, sir. My apologies. I’ll get prepared now and head to Xinhuang.” Zhou Zheng knew that he almost crossed a line.

About Shi Nuan’s problem, it was not a big deal; even if it was, it was not Shi Nuan’s fault.

Fu Chengyan waved him off, "You're dismissed."

As Zhou Zheng left, he immediately picked up the phone and called Zhang Qing and Shi Wei, who worked in the public relations department. "Take care of Shi Wei's problem," he ordered.

"Shi Wei? What happened to her?" Yu Meng asked. She had only heard of her name but had not met Shi Wei personally. Even though she worked in the public relations department, she did not care about a small celebrity like Shi Wei.

Previously, Yu Meng was curious if Xinhuang had signed Shi Wei.

Upon hearing it for the first time, she immediately searched for the news about Shi Wei. She facepalmed, "Is she obsessed with becoming famous?"

"Absolutely!" Zhang Qing exclaimed as he received the memo too. "Since she has already signed on with Xinhuang, I'm not sure what else she is trying to do," Zhang Qing complained. At once, he took up the phone and called Guan Jing. "What is this all about?" he asked, feeling disturbed. "You did all these without going through us?" He was agitated that Guan Jing had taken matters into his own hands.

"What?" Guan Jing answered while watching the news. He was filled with satisfaction from the look of his expression; the news coverage about Shi Wei was indeed a success. However, the annoyance in Zhang Qing's tone was something he had not expected. "Mr. Zhang, what do you mean?"

"What do I mean? It's all about Shi Wei's publicity. We are still in the midst of discussing with the Board, yet you ignored us and started spreading the news. Are we non-existent to you?"

"I-I..." Guan Jing never thought that it would be this serious. "But p-previously when we..."

“I don’t care how it was run previously. Our company, our rules. We need to rebrand Shi Wei. Otherwise, the previous incidents may be leaked,” Zhang Qing sounded authoritative.

Zhang Qing then hung up the phone and called Zhou Zheng. He told Zhou Zheng that everything was settled and promised that he would take care of the rest.

Shi Nuan followed Lin Yu the whole day. Basically, they were strolling around in the deserted land of West City while scouting out the area. Lin Yu was a knowledgeable person; she told Shi Nuan everything that was on her mind. Shi Nuan was right behind Lin Yu, with a pen and notebook in her hands. She followed obediently with her high heels on while Shi Nuan led the way. It was late in the evening, and the sun was setting before Lin Yu stopped. “Alright! Let’s call it a day!” Lin Yu said while looking in Shi Nuan’s direction. Shi Nuan looked exhausted as she could barely stand.

However, Shi Nuan was someone who was persevering. Neither did she complain nor make any fuss about how tired she was.

Lin Yu looked at Shi Nuan’s feet. It seemed to be worn out after the day’s hard work. She stood uncomfortably as she moved her feet constantly, trying to find the most comfortable position.

Lin Yu nodded with satisfaction, “Let’s head back!”

“Okay,” Lin Yu replied while closing her notebook. Lin Yu followed Shi Nuan to the car. As they sat down, Shi Nuan started to search around, but only manage to find a bottle of plain water and handed it to Lin Yu. “Here you go, take it. It’s my fault for being inconsiderate and caused your injury.”

“Oh, it’s nothing!” Shi Nuan finally understood why Lin Yu was not driving. She thought that Lin Yu had left something behind. “It’s not that painful. Anyway, I’m willing to sacrifice for the sake of beauty,” she replied.

Although Shi Nuan said so, she was rubbing her feet constantly. “Thank you very much for bringing me out, sir. I learned a lot today,” she thanked Lin Yu sincerely.

“Look at the time! Let’s head back to the office, shall we?”

“Sure!”

They headed back to the office, but it was past the office hours. Hence, Shi Nuan went downstairs.

As she entered her car and settled, she felt as if someone was behind her. Without hesitation, she abruptly turned around and saw Fu Chengyan in the back seat with a pile of documents in his hands. She had no idea when he entered, and was surprised. “You’re off work?” Chengyan asked.

“You gave me a scare!” she yelled, as she patted her chest, feeling relieved. Her face was slightly pale and she asked, “And why are you in my car?”

Shi Nuan glared at Fu Chengyan as she felt irritated. Fu Chengyan smirked and folded the documents. “So, you’re with Lin Yu the whole day?” he asked with a neutral voice, sounding as if nothing had happened.

Shi Nuan nodded. “Yeah, Sir Lin Yu brought me to West City. Didn’t you tell me about the development plan in West City? I am so glad that he brought me along,” she said with a big smile. “Hmm, I just joined the company, yet Mr. Lin involved me in such an important project. Do you think it’s inappropriate?” she asked.

Shi Nuan did not realize that Fu Chengyan’s expression darkened. “Mr. Lin?” Fu Chengyan asked in irritation. He bit his lips and continued, “You address Lin Yu as so?”

“Yeah, yeah. He is my senior, and I learned a lot from him! Calling him that wouldn’t be a problem, right?”

“Of course, there is a problem with it! And it’s a big problem!” Fu Chengyan blurted out, “I am your husband. If he is of such superiority, then am I inferior to him?”

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Shi Nuan was stunned for a second, and not a single word was spat out. She thought that Fu Chengyuan was mad, but after thinking it through, she burst out in laughter. “Ah! Then isn’t Lin Yu cooler than you?” she jokingly said as she turned around.

Fu Chengyan frowned and put the documents aside. “So proud of yourself now, huh?”

Shi Nuan pursed her lips as she tried not to laugh. She shrugged and shook her head, “Umm, no?”

Fu Chengyan squinted; his eyes narrowed in the dim-lighted car. Suddenly, Shi Nuan’s felt her chest tighten as she swallowed her saliva. She was nervous and accidentally kicked the door, hurting her feet and cried out in pain.

“What happened?” Fu Chengyan asked as she heard the tense cries. He frowned and looked in Shi Nuan’s direction, “What’s wrong?”

They were in the car park. He immediately opened the door and went to the driver’s seat. Shi Nuan was massaging her feet in pain. He then lifted her feet to check on her; he was surprised when he saw Shi Nuan’s ankle swollen like a tennis ball. Her feet were worn out as well, which made Fu Chengyuan frown.

He massaged gently on her ankle, “Is it painful?”

“Not at all!” she shook her head. Although she was, she did not want Fu Chengyan to worry about her. “It’s okay. I’m alright now,” she said. “I bumped into something, and it was a small incident. No big deal.”

“Are you sure?” Fu Chengyan sensed something wrong as he raised his eyebrows. Again, he reached out to massage Shi Nuan’s ankle, but this time, he was rather rough. Shi Nuan took another deep breath and tried to retract her legs; she was unable to move as Fu Chengyan held them firmly.

“It doesn’t hurt?” Fu Chengyuan glared at her. “Why are you wearing high heels to work?” Even though his voice was cold and emotionless, Shi Nuan knew that Chengyuan was worried about her.

Fu Chengyan lectured her; she was aggrieved and looked down. She dare not say a single word. With an icy cold expression, Fu Chengyan said, “Don’t assume that staying silent would solve the problem. Why didn’t you change before you went out with Lin Yu? And he didn’t care about it when you got hurt?”

“This has nothing to do with him. It’s my fault!” Shi Nuan felt bad if Lin Yu were to be involved in such a trivial matter. “It’s my first day at work. I had no idea that he would bring me to West City. If I had known, I wouldn’t wear this pair of heels!” she explained, tears rolling down her cheek.

Her pinky finger wandered about flirtatiously. Toying with his fingers, she then poked the back of Fu Chengyan’s hands in a cheeky manner. She bit her lips and said, “I’m sorry. It’s my fault. I promise I’ll take good care of myself next time.”

“Next time?” Fu Chengyan raised his voice. “You just don’t care at all!”

“That’s not true!” Shi Nuan protested in dissatisfaction. “As I said, today’s an exception. You know, we girls just want to look pretty all the time – it’s natural for us to wear high heels. Also, it’s not like I’ll go to West City every day, right? Usually, we just stay in the office and it bores me.” Shi Nuan mumbled softly, sounded like a chanting monk.

Fu Chengyan pinched the space between his brows and shook his head; he was frustrated as he looked at how helpless Shi Nuan was. He pinched Shi Nuan’s ankle again, “Still hurts?”

“A little. I’ll just put on some meds when we get home later. It’s not that serious, after all. Yan, you’re too worried,” Shi Nuan said. Fu Chengyan looked up and glanced at her; she knew Fu Chengyan was still mad so she shut up immediately.

Fu Chengyan stood up and raised his tone even more, “Just once!” His arms wrapped around Shi Nuan and he carried her out of the car. “Yan, what are you doing?” she asked as she was taken aback.

“You’re hurt, aren’t you? How are you going to drive then? Sit at the side,” he said. Shi Nuan knew she had done something wrong. She obediently nodded and allowed Fu Chengyan to carry her in his arms like a little kitten who was hurt. She was pleased and smiled broadly.

Fu Chengyan looked at her, “And you still laughing?”

“Yan, you’re so annoying at times. More annoying than my grandpa, and just like an old man that nags the whole day,” she giggled.

“Huh?” Fu Chengyan scowled – it was a warning. Shi Nuan grinned joyously and clung to his arms. “You’re mine, you old soul!” she teased while reaching out and put her hands on Chengyan’s forehead. “Yan, don’t frown. Otherwise, you’ll really become an old man,” Shi Nuan soothed his forehead like an old woman with a sincere heart. “If you become an old man, how are you worthy of me?”

“Shi Nuan!” Fu Chengyan gritted his teeth and almost let go of her. Shi Nuan clasped onto Fu Chengyan’s neck, “Yan! Stop trembling! I’ll fall!”

Fu Chengyan lost his temper till he could hardly feel anything. After she put Shi Nuan down on the front passenger’s seat, he asked, “What’s for dinner tonight?”

“Hmm... Ah! Can we have hotpot tonight?” Shi Nuan was clouded with thoughts. “Beef! Beef hot pot!”

“Sure. Then we’ll have to buy some ingredients,” he agreed and started the car engine. He then looked at Shi Nuan, “How’s the first day at work?”

“Not bad!” Shi Nuan paused for a while. “I think Mr. Lin treated me very well. He is very strict, but a leader was once a follower too!”

Fu Chengyan looked disturbed and frowned again; his eyes darkened, “Don’t mention other men in front of me regardless of whether or not you’re close to him. Wait... No... Stop calling his name!”

“Haha! Yan! You’re so childish. Isn’t that cute?” Shi Nuan burst out in laughter. “Hehe! Are you jealous?”

“No means no!” Fu Chengyan reaffirmed.

“But you’re the one who started this conversation!” Shi Nuan replied jokingly.

“Then, we’ll change the topic,” Fu Chengyan said. “Let’s talk about something else.”

“Okay then,” she pondered for a moment and patted his forehead. Fu Chengyan was difficult to please as he acted arrogantly; she was sure that he was jealous. “Eh? If you drive my car, how about you? How will you go to the office tomorrow?” she asked as she suddenly remembered that Fu Chengyan left his car behind.

Fu Chengyan glanced at Shi Nuan impatiently, “That’s not my only car. Zhou Zheng will handle it.”

“Okay then,” she nodded. As she looked around, she gasped, “Huh? Where are you going? This is not the way home!”

“Who said that we were going home?” Fu Chengyan secured one of his hands on the steering wheel, while another hand stroked Shi Nuan’s floppy hair. “Are you hungry?”

“Not really.”

Chengyan stopped the car by the roadside. Shi Nuan was worn out; as she slept soundly, her head tilted over and almost fell. Luckily, Fu Chengyan was swift and held Shi Nuan's wobbly head as she was about to fall.

Shi Nuan snapped out of her sleep. She opened her eyes in a daze and saw Fu Chengyan looking at her. She blushed and asked in a daze, "Huh? We're home?" Then, she said again, "Eh! No... We're not heading home. Then you... Did I fall asleep?"

"Stay here. I'll go get something," Fu Chengyan's voice was soft like cotton. His heart softened when he heard Shi Nuan's confused voice as she woke up. He gently held Shi Nuan's head and adjusted it into a more comfortable position. "I'll be right back," he said.

"Mm..." Shi Nuan nodded as she was half-asleep. "Go quickly..." she urged.

Fu Chengyan exited the car and headed towards a pharmacy. As he returned, he shook his head pitifully as he saw Shi Nuan fast asleep again.

When Shi Nuan woke up again, she was already in bed; the curtains were closed, blocking the light from outside. Shi Nuan got up and looked at the time. It was almost eight o'clock. She was asleep for almost two hours. As she looked down, she realized that her feet were no longer in pain; the swelling had subsided, and it was cleansed with medicine. Shi Nuan beamed, and she was content.

She scratched her head as something crossed her mind. She hurriedly got down the bed, put on her clothes, and tidied her hair. She went to the study room but did not see Fu Chengyan.

As she reached the staircase, she could sniff the aroma of the boiling hotpot. Her eyes were wide open, and she quickly ran down the stairs. Then, she saw Fu Chengyan come out of the kitchen with an apron tied on his waist. He looked gentle and soft as he was in his casual wear.

Fu Chengyan saw Shi Nuan at the staircase and waved his hands, "Come here!"

As Shi Nuan was about to rush towards Fu Chengyan, he nagged, "Slowly! Your feet aren't fully recovered yet!"

Shi Nuan slowed down her steps, walked steadily towards Fu Chengyan. She hooked onto Fu Chengyan's arm, "Yan! It smells so good!"

"Hungry now, huh?" Fu Chengyan looked at Shi Nuan's coquettish expression. He smiled and patted on Shi Nuan's head, "Go and wash your hand first. Dinner is almost ready."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan replied in excitement.

Shi Nuan obediently washed her hands. As she was at the dining table, Fu Chengyan acted like a gentleman and pulled the chair for her. Shi Nuan was embarrassed as she scratched her head. "Why didn't you wake me up? And did you go to the supermarket again?" Shi Nuan looked at the dining table; the mouth-watering beef hotpot was ready, and the table was filled with side dishes. "There's so much food! I don't think we can finish all of these!"

Fu Chengyan paused for a moment and said, "It was Zhou Zheng who prepared this. Well, it seems like it's really a little too much."

Shi Nuan nodded. A little too much? It was obviously too much for two.

"Well, let's eat." Fu Chengyan passed the bowl and chopstick to Shi Nuan. As they were about to take the first bite, the door rang. "Who's that at this hour?" Shi Nuan asked as they were not expecting anyone.

Fu Chengyan's eye glimmered, and a streak of light sparkled in his eyes. Curling his lips, he stood up and patted Shi Nuan's shoulder. "Eat first if you're hungry. I'll check it out."

Fu Chengyan walked steadily towards the door. As he opened the door, Su Shaoqing jumped at him, "Surprise!"

Fu Chengyan squinted and stared at Su Shaoqing. A bark could be heard, and Fu Chengyan's expression darkened. He asked, "What are you doing?"

"Tsk tsk... Chengyan, listen to how emotionless you sound. I am your buddy, remember?" Su Shaoqing said as Arnold barked cooperatively again, scurrying towards Fu Chengyan and licking his thigh. Fu Chengyan's heartstrings were tugged at as its innocent-looking eyes locked with his.

Arnold sniffed something that piqued his interest and went into the dining room. Woof! Woof!

"Arnold! Stop!"