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Fu Chengyan was dressed in a grey suit with a matching white shirt and had his collars exposed. He looked very dapper in it. He gave her a condescending look while his expression remained indifferent.

When she stood beside him in her all-white gown, they both looked like a good match.

Fu Chengyan himself had always been a natural attention magnet. Hence, when Shi Wei was beside him, they became the focal point of everyone's attention. It wasn't just the employees of Shengyuan themselves, but even the stars from Xinhuang and the members of the Fu clan were surprised when they saw Shi Wei walking towards Fu Chengyan.

Everyone was focused on Fu Chengyan's reaction. However, he didn't say a word. All he did was curl his lips and grin. His deep black eyes were calm and looked like stars shining in the dark sky.

Everyone held their breath as they wondered who the lady who approached Fu Chengyan was.

Yuan Jia was also shocked to see Shi Wei as she held onto Shi Nuan's arms. She shook them and said, "Who...who is that girl? Why does she address Mr. Fu as 'uncle'? I didn't know he had any relatives."

Shi Nuan raised her eyebrows as her eyes flashed. At the same moment, she saw Shi Wei looking in her direction. Her gaze seemed to have carried with it an inexplicable provocation.

Shi Nuan quickly understood what Shi Wei's scheme was. There were a lot of people around, and most of them were Shengyuan employees and senior management. She tried to show everyone that she was somehow connected to Fu Chengyan as she felt that he wouldn't refuse her in front of so many people. Hence, he would implicitly acknowledge their so-called 'relationship'.

As long as he provided her with some affirmation, she would then be able to ride on his influence going forward. Shi Wei also knew that Shi Nuan worked at Shengyuan, hence, it was obviously both a provocation and a way of showing off to her.

"Damn it..."

"Didn't you see her coming in together with Bai Qing just now? I suppose that she is one of Xinhuang's stars. But she seems to be related to Mr. Fu somehow. Who do you think she is?"

"I heard about her before and seen her on the TV. I think she's called Shi Wei and is a big star too."

"Then both she and Mr. Fu are..."

Everyone chattered excitedly, and Shi Wei herself was relishing in the attention. Her eyes were fixated on Fu Chengyan. She said with a smile, "Uncle?"

If it wasn't for the fact that she had met Fu Xicheng first and that she wanted to cause trouble for Shi Nuan, Shi Wei felt that Fu Chengyan was the only man that deserved her.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows as he sneered at her when he saw what she was doing. He put a hand in his pocket and squinted his eyes but didn't give her any response.

At that same moment, another lady emerged from the crowd, "Who are you to claim you're a relative of Yan?"

It was Song Jingyu, who had been observing them for a while. She couldn't stand it when Shi Wei tried to get close to Fu Chengyan and called him 'Uncle'." She felt that Shi Wei was just trying to beguile him. Song Jingyu's female intuition was so strong that she instantly knew that Shi Wei was up to no good.

"'Uncle'? How dare you address Yan as 'Uncle'? I never knew he had a niece!" Song Jingyu pushed her aside as she glared at her fiercely.

Shi Wei had not expected another woman to spoil her moment like that. She felt that this woman seemed to be of some importance, or else she wouldn't have dared to make a fuss on such an occasion.

Shi Wei retreated a few steps after being pushed aside by Song Jingyu. Luckily, Su Su managed to catch her from behind. Su Su then whispered in her ear. "Are you alright?"

Shi Wei felt embarrassed but shook her head instead. "I'm fine." She picked herself up and took a deep breath before looking at Song Jingyu. "May I know who you are, miss?"

"Don't talk to me. I want nothing to do with you." Song Jingyu couldn't stand Shi Wei and shot back at her instantly. There was no room for any respect. She then turned to Fu Chengyan. "Yan, who is she? Why is she addressing you as 'Uncle'? I grew up with you, but why haven't I seen her before?"

Song Jingyu was adamant as her eyes were filled with rage. "Don't think just because you're all dressed up that you're oh-so-important. How dare you try to claim some connection with Yan in front of all the members of the Fu clan and all of Shengyuan employees. This will only cause unfounded rumors to start spreading around. Luckily, my aunt and uncle are here. All I need to do is to check whether they know you."

The matter escalated when Song Jingyu finished. It became a test of Shi Wei's integrity. If Fu Sheng and Song Zhenyan didn't know who Shi Wei was, she would be utterly humiliated.

Shi Nuan watched the drama unfold from a corner. She smiled to herself, but it wasn't one of gloat or mockery. She just felt that Shi Wei was too naive to try and connect herself to Fu Chengyan on such an occasion. It was likely to backfire on her badly.

Yuan Jia's eyes had widened in disbelief. "I'll go. The show is just getting better!"

"Shhh, just keep watching!" Shi Nuan patted Yuan Jia's hand and motioned her to be patient. Lin Yu, who was standing beside them, was feeling amused. As his eyes looked on inquisitively, his lips curled into a slight smile.

Fu Sheng and Song Zhenyan were forced to come out after being called out by Song Jingyu. Although Song Zhenyan felt that Song Jingyu acted disrespectfully, she was also curious as to who that lady was. Given that she dared to claim that she was a relative of theirs.

Shi Wei's initial confidence had now turned into pure panic. She had not expected her plan to turn out this way at all. She just wanted to elevate her own celebrity status. She expected someone as important as Fu Chengyan would be polite enough not to expose her on such a big occasion. Besides, she was a star within Xinhuang and Fu Xicheng was somewhat related to the Fu clan too.

Shi Wei looked at Fu Chengyan as if she was pleading for his help. Before Fu Chengyan could say anything, Song Jingyu couldn't wait anymore. "Aung Song, come and see if this woman is a relative of the Fu clan? Have I made a mistake instead? Because I have never heard you mention her before. Uncle, do you know her?"

Fu Sheng approached them to take a look and shook his head instead. "Perhaps she's a daughter of one of Yan's friends?"

Song Zhenyan snorted. "Yan's friend? Aren't all of Yan's friends about his age? It's impossible for their daughters to be this age!"

“Uncle, say something...” Shi Wei bit her lip. “I’m not Mr. Fu’s niece, but my husband is his nephew. His name is Fu Xicheng, and my grandfather is Fu Yuqing. So...it’s understandable for me to address Mr. Fu as ‘uncle’, isn’t it?”

“Fu Yuqing?” Song Zhenyan squinted her eyes as she shot a glance at Fu Sheng and Fu Chengyan. She saw that Fu Sheng was stunned for a brief moment but recovered his composure very quickly.

Song Zhenyan laughed coldly. “So it’s him. However, who told you that we are related? Not everyone with the surname Fu is related to the Fu clan, you know.”

Shi Wei’s body stiffened when Song Zhenyan finished. She bit her lip as she stood there stunned.

However, Fu Chengyan didn’t say a word throughout. He watched them as he squinted his eyes and let them sort it out themselves without him interfering.

Fu Chengyan’s indifference only demonstrated that he wasn’t someone that could be manipulated easily. It was difficult for Shi Wei’s scheme to work from the very beginning. Fu Chengyan wasn’t bothered to talk to a person like her too.

When Shi Wei realized this, she quickly became frightened. Fu Chengyan was just as they said he was. Her plan today was a big mistake by itself.

Not only had it failed, but she was utterly humiliated. She managed to cause embarrassment to Fu Yuqing and Fu Xicheng too.

Shi Wei gritted her teeth and racked her brains on ways to redeem herself.

When Song Jingyu saw Shi Wei’s expression, she said in a haughty tone. “I grew up with Yan, so it would be impossible for me not to know any of his relatives. I see that you really are an impostor.”

“You...Mr. Fu, say something. I really don’t know...”

“Enough!” Fu Chengyan interrupted Song Jingyu and raised his gaze. “It doesn’t matter if Ms. Shi isn’t aware of that. We all have the same surname, so stop harassing her.” Fu Chengyan said as he tried to hold back his smile. “Ms. Shi is one of Xinhuang’s artiste. She still needs to work hard and contribute to the development of Xinhuang.”

Fu Chengyan’s words were ambiguous enough to not side with either Song Jingyu or Shi Wei.

He then lifted his hand and motioned for Zhou Zheng to come forward, and Zhou Zheng approached immediately. “Mr. Fu!”

“It’s time!”

“Yes, the annual meeting can begin now.” Zhou Zheng said as he looked around. Mai Qi came forward at once and said, “Mr. Fu, Mr. Zhou, everything is ready.”

“Good, let us begin then!” Fu Chengyan declared. “Everyone, please be seated.”

This year’s annual meeting was a grand event. The welcome speech would be given from the second floor. In the meantime, everyone had their seats allocated to them. The seats were representative of their rank and status in the company. Those who were seated at the front were big shots, who made all the important decisions within the organization.

Fu Chengyan and Fu Sheng sat in the front row with all the other members of the senior management. They were then followed by high-level managers and top performers from each department, so on and so forth.

Shi Nuan was seated in the third row, together with Lin Yu and Yuan Jia. They were seated next to their colleagues from the finance department. The project management department had completed many big projects this year, especially the one in West City. Although it had just started, it had already received a lot of praise from Fu Chengyan.

Shi Wei and Bai Qing were seated on a different side, which was specially allocated to them.

Shi Wei was still fuming from the episode just now. She was angry at Fu Chengyan for ignoring her. In fact, she felt so outraged that she almost wanted to leave. However, Su Su stopped her and managed to convince her to stay. “You were lucky that Fu Chengyan didn’t expose you despite your attempts at making use of him. Don’t forget that you’re still with Xinhuang.”

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“But...” Shi Wei still couldn’t contain her anger. Although she was now famous, she didn’t expect it to be for the wrong reasons. It was definitely unacceptable for someone as vain as she was. It was made worse by the fact that Shi Nuan was there too.

Shi Wei looked in Shi Nuan’s direction and saw that she was chatting with the guy seated next to her. Her eyes flashed as she took out her phone and took a few pictures of them.

Just then, Su Su glanced at Shi Wei and asked, “What are you doing?”

“Nothing!” Shi Wei then kept her phone and looked in Song Jingyu’s direction instead. “Who is she really?”

“Didn’t you hear her call for Fu Chengyan’s parents just now? If my guess is correct, she is likely the daughter of Fu Chengyan’s uncle, Song Jingyu.”

“Song Jingyu!” Shi Wei grit her teeth and seared the name into her memory. She was definitely going to pay her back for the humiliation that she had felt today.

“You should just endure it first. Besides, Fu Chengyan didn’t really say anything much. It appears that he doesn’t really fancy Song Jingyu too!”

“Are you serious?” Shi Wei’s eyes sparkled. “If that’s the case, then there’s really nothing for her to be happy about.”



“Yes, so you don’t have to take it personally. Now is not a good time. Don’t fret about it; we’ll get our chances soon.”

On the stage, Mai Qi made a short introduction and said, “Now, let us welcome our host for tonight, Ms. Song Jingyu, to come up the stage.”

Song Jingyu was back to her usual poise and elegance after the earlier episode. Regardless of whether she was taught by Song Zhenyan or the Song family itself, she had been exposed to such occasions countless times, and it would be a walk in the park for her.

The pink mermaid gown that she was wearing looked absolutely stunning. The slight train of the gown was designed to mimic the glittering scales, and they sparkled as the lights shone on them. Ignoring the fact how Song Jingyu had lost her composure when she attacked Shi Wei just now, she actually looked picture-perfect.

When she realized that she had managed to capture everyone’s attention, she arrogantly lifted the train of her dress as she proceeded up the stage. She did not look the part of being tonight’s host, instead, she looked like she was going on stage to receive an award.

Song Jingyu looked proudly in Fu Chengyan’s direction, and her eyes were filled with delight. Although Fu Chengyan was looking back at her, his eyes did not carry any similar sense of delight, and neither was he impressed. He just watched her without any emotion. It was no different from when he was watching some other random person.

Song Jingyu’s hand, which was holding her dress, paused for a brief moment. However, she quickly recovered her composure and ascended the stage elegantly. She took over the microphone from Mai Qi upon reaching the stage. “Good evening everyone, I’m Song Jingyu.”

The audience erupted into applause while some even whistled.

“I believe everyone is looking forward to tonight’s event. To be honest, so am I...”

Song Jingyu continued talking. In reality, she was a beautiful lady indeed. Or else she wouldn’t have been taken in by her mother’s old flame. It appeared that she took on all the grace and poise her mother had. When she wasn’t throwing a tantrum, she looked absolutely normal and beautiful, even.

In comparison to the female stars from Xinhuang, Song Jingyu was not at any disadvantage at all. In fact, she was even prettier than some of them. No wonder she was full of self-confidence and was sure that Fu Chengyan would definitely fall for her.

Shi Nuan watched Song Jingyu from below the stage and admired her for her beauty. She, too, felt that Song Jingyu was very pretty.

Even Yuan Jia was dumbstruck by her looks. “I didn’t expect her to be so gorgeous.”

“Exactly!” Shi Nuan nodded. However, she became curious when she noticed that Lin Yu wasn’t really paying any attention to Song Jingyu. “Mr. Lin, don’t you think that she is pretty?”

“That’s just being superficial!” Lin Yu didn’t even bother raising his head. “I think you’re better looking when compared to her,” Lin Yu replied as he seemed to be chatting with someone on the phone.

Shi Nuan couldn’t help but smile when she heard him praise her. “Thanks for your compliments, Mr. Lin.” Shi Nuan tried to sneak a glimpse on Lin Yu’s screen and was pleasantly shocked to see that he was chatting with Su Yian.”

Lin Yu calmly turned his phone to a different angle when he felt that Shi Nuan was trying to steal a glance. After that, Shi Nuan could no longer see what was on his screen. He smiled at her, “Trying to steal a glance isn’t polite, you know.”

Shi Nuan raised her eyebrows. “You’re right. But...Yian is a wonderful girl!”

Lin Yu raised his eyebrows when he heard her reply as he pinched his forehead. "It's tiring to talk to someone who's too intelligent!"

Shi Nuan laughed as she nodded. "Then I won't ask you about it!"

Shi Nuan wasn't a busybody. But if things between Lin Yu and Su Yian did work out, it would definitely be great news to her. Especially since she knew Su Yian very well, given that she was her close friend. Lin Yu had many good qualities, and he was always serious about work. Shi Nuan also felt that he likely was a wonderful person at the personal level, given how he reacted to Song Jingyu just now.

After a while, Song Jingyu finally wrapped up her speech on stage. It was rare for the opening host to have blabbered on for so long. Mai Qi quickly took back control of the situation. "We now invite our president, Mr. Fu, to say a few words."

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows slightly. He then ascended the stage with the audience applauding in the background.

He walked past Song Jingyu and ignored her admiring gaze along the way. When he was in place, his eyes searched the audience until he found Shi Nuan. By then, Shi Nuan had already ended her conversation with Lin Yu. She looked up, and their eyes met. They could see each other smile through their eyes.

Fu Chengyan turned his gaze away shortly. "Good evening, everyone. I don't think I need any further introductions. Today is our company's annual meeting and also our annual appreciation night. Tonight is when we say goodbye to the old and welcome the new. On this special day, I'll dispense with the pleasantries. I hope everyone will continue to work hard. Past results are now in the past. Hence, we need to work together to build a better future. The more we sacrifice, the more we will be rewarded. Shengyuan has always focused on our employees. So at Shengyuan, what you're looking at isn't what you see now, but the future!"

The crowd was worked up after hearing Fu Chengyan's words. Actually, there wasn't a need for any flowery language. The best reward for the employees required action, which definitely spoke louder than words.

"Now, let the meeting begin!"

The audience erupted into another applause at Fu Chengyan's signal.

Mai Qi took over the microphone. "Let us begin with the first program for the night, that is, the first dance, which was similar to what we had last year. However, it will be conducted differently this time as I will not be dancing with Mr. Fu tonight. I'm sure you can guess how it's going to go by now. That's right! A few days ago, I have given all of you a number tag to wear! The men's tags will have a blue ribbon attached, while the ladies' will have a red ribbon. In a short while, my assistant will take out a box with all the ladies' numbers inside. Mr. Fu will then pick out one number from the box, and the owner of this lucky number will have the honor to dance with Mr. Fu himself as a kick-off for tonight's event. This is the ultimate reward for all the female employees at Shengyuan!"

The audience erupted into cheers the moment Mai Qi finished. Everyone knew who Fu Chengyan was and was aware of how big an honor it would be for any lady that danced with him.

"Of course, all of you ladies here stand an equal chance. The stars from Xinhuang also have their own numbers." Mai Qi's assistant started giving out number tags to them as she spoke.

Sitting among the crowd, Bai Qing and Shi Wei were surprised to see that this year's event seemed to be more interesting.

Though Bai Qing was already an established star with Xinhuang, she never had the opportunity to meet a prominent person like Fu Chengyan. Thus, even she felt excited. She looked around and could see all the ladies were waiting with equal anticipation.

“I now invite my assistant to bring up the lottery box.”

Her assistant brought up the box promptly and stood beside Fu Chengyan. Mai Qi approached them as she saw that they were in place. “Mr. Fu, please pick the first lucky employee of the night.”

Fu Chengyan nodded as his eyes looked into the audience. The ladies in the crowd had started yelling. “Mr. Fu, pick me! Pick me!”

“Mr. Fu, pick me!”

“ ... ”

The ladies kept calling out to him one after another. Obviously, he was very popular with them.

Fu Chengyan smiled as he searched the crowd. He finally found Shi Nuan among them. His gaze hinted to her that he was up to something. When Shi Nuan saw him looking at her in an inexplicable manner, something just clicked off in her brain. She remembered that she kept bugging Fu Chengyan about the use of the number tag.

Only then she realized that it was for the lucky draw and subsequently the first dance with him.

Shi Nuan had a strong feeling that the number he picked would be hers. It wasn't because she felt confident in herself. It was due to the look that Fu Chengyan gave her as if he had everything planned.

Fu Chengyan tried to hold back his smile as he put his hand into the box under everyone's watchful eye. It felt like an eternity to them, although it just lasted for a few seconds. Their eyes were fixated on his hand as he put it into the box and pulled it out.

He held the number tag in his hand and calmly showed it around to the crowd.  
“The number is...”

Song Jingyu, who was still on the stage, stared at Fu Chengyan in anticipation. She was extremely excited as she waited for Fu Chengyan to call her number so that she could rush forward to dance with him.

Song Jingyu was smiling as if she had already won. However, her eyes still trailed Fu Chengyan’s hand wherever it went.

Fu Chengyan stopped at the crucial moment and kept everyone in suspense.  
“Who do you hope it will be?”

“Me, me, me...”

Fu Chengyan smiled and repeated, “The number is...” He raised an eyebrow as he continued. “An auspicious and charming number, 520.”

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Song Jingyu, who was all smiles, had stepped out but stopped in her tracks all of a sudden. Especially after she heard Fu Chengyan call out the number. Her face was filled with disbelief. She glared at the number tag in his hands and heard him asking the crowd in a teasing manner. “May I know which of you ladies is number 520?”

Everyone looked down to check their numbers, but no one responded.

Fu Chengyan looked around. “No one?”

Shi Wei and Bai Qing, too, checked their numbers and were disappointed when they realized it wasn't them.

“How is that possible? It can't be!” Song Jingyu walked towards Fu Chengyan and snatched the number tag away from his hand. When she saw the number on it, she screamed, “It can't be, it just can't be!”

Fu Chengyan turned and asked, “Why can't it be? What's wrong? Is there anything wrong with the number I picked?” Fu Chengyan's voice was frosty as he glared at Song Jingyu.

Song Jingyu suddenly realized what she had done. She quickly hid the number tag in her hand and shook her head. “Nothing, Yan, I didn't mean that!”

“Give it back!” Fu Chengyan furrowed his eyebrows and took the number tag back from her hands. “Mai Qi, check the list to see who number 520 is.”

“Um, okay, I’ll do it at once...”

“You don’t need to.” A lady suddenly emerged from the audience. She wore a white shirt and a woolen top underneath with a chic black coat on the outside. She looked smart and professional. And because of her attire, she also stood out since everyone else was wearing a gown.

She held a number tag in her hand and held it up for all to see. “I’m number 520. I’m sorry, I was busy searching for it in my bag. I thought I had forgotten to bring it with me.”

Her voice was casual and didn’t carry much emotion. When compared to all the other ladies who were dying of excitement, she seemed calm as a cucumber.

The hall was instantly filled with chatters. Although they were all from the same company, the different departments did not really know each other well. It was because Shengyuan was very big and had many employees.

“Oh, it’s Shi Nuan. Mr. Fu, it’s Ms. Shi from the project management department!” Mai Qi said in delight. “Mr. Fu, I’ve just checked, and it indeed is her!” Mai Qi pointed at Shi Nuan as she smiled.

Fu Chengyan’s eyes sparkled, but he projected a calm facade. He tried to hold his smile back. “Are you Ms. Shi?”

“Yes, Mr. Fu!” Shi Nuan laughed. “Thank you for giving me the opportunity.”

“It’s just your good fortune.” Fu Chengyan smiled. “I guess fate has brought us together!”

Shi Nuan was stunned, and her eyes were filled with surprise. The audience who heard them yelled in delight. They had not expected Fu Chengyan to flirt with Shi Nuan in public.



Shi Nuan was stunned for a short moment but recovered her senses quickly. “You sure like to make jokes. I think fate has brought every one of us here tonight. Isn’t that so?”

“Yes...yes...yes.”

“Yes.”

Shi Nuan smiled. “It’s just that I’m a bit luckier today. I must still thank you for your Midas touch to have picked me.”

Fu Chengyan grinned. “Lin Yu, your assistant really has a way with words.”

Lin Yu was stunned for a second when his name was called. He stood up immediately and smiled. “Mr. Fu, you’re being too kind. Shi Nuan...is indeed very capable.”

While they were chatting, Song Jingyu, who was standing beside them, felt as she had been struck by lightning. She stared at Shi Nuan’s face dumbfounded as she couldn’t believe her eyes, “You...You are...”

Song Jingyu pointed at Shi Nuan. “Yan, she...she...”

Fu Chengyan’s shot a fierce glance at Song Jingyu from the corner of his eyes. He then immediately looked at Song Zhenyan, who was below the stage. He saw the shocked expression on Song Zhenyan’s face as if she had seen a ghost. She would have collapsed if not for Fu Sheng supporting her.

“Mother, I think Song Jingyu is tired from hosting today. You should take her backstage!”

Song Zhenyan glared fiercely at Shi Nuan when she recovered her composure.

Shi Nuan was puzzled as to why Song Zhenyan was glaring at her. She then heard Song Jingyu scream and saw that she had lost all the poise she carried with her earlier. “No, Yan, I won’t leave. This woman is a witch. Yan, have you already forgotten? She betrayed you all those years ago. How could you...”

“Enough!” Song Zhenyan rushed forward and grabbed Song Jingyu’s hand. “What are you babbling about?” Song Zhenyan walked closer and said, “Look properly, she is not Shen Qianan. Do you know where we are?”

Song Jingyu realized her mistake and looked at Song Zhenyan. “But Aunt Song...”

“Yan, Jingyu is tired. I’ll take her someplace to rest. As for the annual meeting...I’m sure you can take care of it!”

“Take care!”

Fu Chengyan nodded and motioned for Zhou Zheng to come. “Ask Jiang Hu to have two of his men accompany them.”

“Yes, Mr. Fu!”

Zhou Zheng got Jiang Hu to arrange for two of his bodyguards. “Madam, Ms. Song, this way please!”

Song Zhenyan knew that today wasn’t the time or place to kick up a fuss despite how upset she was. She could only grudgingly take Song Jingyu to rest backstage.

The dispute was just a small distraction to the evening and was quickly forgotten. It was a big day for the company, and it was also obvious that it was Fu Chengyan’s personal matter. No one could interfere, and neither did anyone dare to.

When Fu Sheng saw Song Zhenyan leave, he looked at Fu Chengyan before turning his attention to Fu Sheng and Ning Xin. He had mixed feelings about it. “It appears both of you already know?”

Fu Heng replied, “I won’t deny it if you believe that to be true.”

“That girl...”

Fu Heng squinted his eyes as he helped Ning Xin sit properly. “Brother, we’re already old. Let’s not interfere with his life.”

“But, that girl. She...”

“She’s called Shi Nuan, didn’t you hear it just now? She works in Shengyuan’s project management department. As she works under Lin Yu, how bad can she be? However, not everything is set in stone yet!”

Fu Sheng raised an eyebrow. “It looks like you know more than I do!”

“That’s not true!”

Fu Chengyan walked down the stage and took a look around. After that, he approached Shi Nuan and smiled at her. “I wonder how lucky I am to be able to have the honor of dancing with you?” Fu Chengyan reached out his hand in a chivalrous manner.

Shi Nuan hesitated for a moment as she looked around. She kept thinking about what Song Jingyu had said just now. She felt that Song Jingyu had been acting unpredictably and was saying things that didn’t really make sense. She didn’t seem to be of sound mind. But who is the lady that she kept bringing up? The look that Song Jingyu gave her was a very strange one indeed.

“Ms. Shi?” Fu Chengyan couldn’t help but raised his eyebrows when he saw Shi Nuan space out. “Huh?”

Shi Nuan recovered her senses and saw a familiar pair of hands in front of her. She bit her lip and placed her hands in his. "The pleasure is mine."

Fu Chengyan smiled as he led Shi Nuan to the center of the ballroom with one hand. He then put his other hand behind her waist in a gentlemanly manner.

Both of them became the focal point of everyone's attention. It wasn't just the ladies; even the men sighed with disappointment when they saw both of them together. If one were to look at Shi Nuan alone, her dressing seemed to be too monotonous today. In fact, it might actually be rude given the occasion.

However, when she stood beside Fu Chengyan, both of them looked inexplicably well matched. Especially with their relatively ordinary clothes. However, it made them both stand out from the crowd.

The music began to play as they stood in the center of the dance floor. Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan's waist with his hand as he started leading her. Shi Nuan was wearing three-inch heels today, which put her at the perfect height to match the tall Fu Chengyan.

Both of them started to dance gracefully on the dance floor. Their movements had great symmetry as they flowed with the rhythm. It was as if they were born to do this.

Shi Nuan was all smiles. She was initially worried that she had forgotten the steps but did not expect Fu Chengyan to be well-practiced. Soon enough, she quickly got into her groove with him leading her on.

Fu Chengyan looked proudly at Shi Nuan as if she was the only one he could see and no one else was there. "May, how do you find my dancing?"

Fu Chengyan asked in a very soft tone where only both of them could hear. Shi Nuan couldn't help but let out a smile, "You really are full of surprises, I couldn't be any happier!"

“Oh?” Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrow and said, “So, were you surprised?”

Shi Nuan raised her eyebrow too and pretended to be angry. “More shocked than surprised.”

“Being feisty now, are we!” Fu Chengyan didn’t believe her. He smiled. “I thought that you would be touched. Especially since I spent a lot of effort in making sure I got your number.”

“Hmph!” Shi Nuan felt a little embarrassed. “After such a high-profile display, I’m going to have a target at my back.” Although she was really happy with the surprise that Fu Chengyan had planned for her, she felt that it might sow the seeds of future problems.

“Don’t worry. I’ve already planted another bomb right in front of you.”

“Bomb?” Shi Nuan was stunned and turned her head immediately. She saw Shi Wei standing at a corner, glaring at them with animosity. “Are you talking about Shi Wei?”

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow. “Mm-hmm!”

“I don’t think it succeeded!” At least Song Jingyu went ballistic when she saw Shi Nuan just now. Shi Nuan felt that Song Jingyu wouldn’t do anything to Shi Wei and would be coming for her instead.

A woman’s intuition was usually correct, and that was why it worried Shi Nuan.

“Why was Song Jingyu so upset just now? When she heard that the number picked was 520, I could see from her face that she couldn’t believe it. Did she know about the number tag?”

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips. “It’s just a small matter.” He then said, “I promise you that Song Jingyu would not do anything to you.”

“Why?”

“You will know when the time comes.” As Fu Chengyan spoke, he spun Shi Nuan around. “Enough. Let’s concentrate on the dance and not think about anyone else.”

“Alright.” Shi Nuan nodded as she smiled at him. She swung away at his cue and came back before making another spin. She finally lay in his arms to end the first dance.

The audience erupted into loud applause as Fu Chengyan kept Shi Nuan in his arms. After a long while, he finally let her go with a smile. “Ms. Shi, you dance really well!”

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As both of them ended the dance, Fu Chengyan let go of his hand quickly. He then gave her a humble yet distant smile. Shi Nuan had also let go and nodded at him. She then started to walk away.

When Yuan Jia saw that Shi Nuan was done, she waved at her excitedly. “Shi Nuan, over here!”

Shi Nuan bowed slightly and smiled before moving through the crowd to meet Yuan Jia.

Yuan Jia grabbed onto Shi Nuan’s hand and said excitedly, “My goodness! I didn’t expect you to be so lucky. How was it? Tell me about what you’re feeling. How does it feel like to dance with Mr. Fu?”

“Um...” Shi Nuan couldn’t hold off Yuan Jia’s excitement. She pushed her back a little when Yuan Jia held onto her arm. She replied awkwardly, “It’s just the same as usual. Mr. Fu is a good dancer. Um...that’s all.”

“That’s it?” Yuan Jia yelled in surprise. She caught the attention of the people around them because she was too loud. Shi Nuan quickly covered Yuan Jia’s mouth. “Shh, lower your voice. Don’t you realize that I have become public enemy number one?” Shi Nuan said in frustration, “What else should I feel?”

“Well, didn’t your heart beat faster?” Yuan Jia refused to believe her. That man was Fu Chengyan, the man with the most authority in the Fu clan and the most powerful person in Shengyuan – someone who everyone was envious of. “Are you for real? How is it possible that you don’t feel anything?”

“The only feeling right now that I have is that if looks could kill, I would already be six feet under.” Not everyone was as carefree as Yuan Jia.

Everyone knew who Fu Chengyan was, hence, they would definitely jump at the opportunity to dance with him. But she ended up being the one to dance with him instead. Isn't it just a matter of time that she became everyone else's target?

“Tsk Tsk, I don't know how much good you did in your past life to be able to get to dance with Mr. Fu. It's definitely worth all the angry glares.”

Yuan Jia felt that Shi Nuan was overreacting to the hate she was getting. What can all those people do to her? “Nevertheless, that Song Jingyu looked like she wanted to eat you up. But, she is condescending to everyone and could eat anyone anyway. She treated Shi Wei...Wait, she is called Shi Wei while you are Shi Nuan. Both of you have the same surname, and it's definitely not a common one. Don't tell me you are related?”

Shi Nuan sighed. “Did you finally notice?”

She did not expect Yuan Jia to have realized it, but their surname was indeed very rare.

“That's right. Both of you...Shi Wei is a big star, and I just googled it. She's a daughter of the Shi family, that means you...”

“That's right. It's just as you thought – she's my elder sister!”

“Oh my goodness!” Yuan Jia yelled in surprise before covering her mouth immediately. “I was just thinking to myself how coincidental this is. So are you both really siblings?”

“Let's not talk about this today.” Shi Nuan patted Yuan Jia on her shoulder. Yuan Jia had wanted to know more, but when she saw Shi Nuan's reluctance, she decided against it.



The night began after the first dance. Mai Qi had arranged ample programs for tonight's event. One by one they started performing.

Other than performances, there was also a lucky draw. Although everyone was envious and jealous over the dance earlier, they were now even more excited about the prizes now.

The interest in Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan's dance waned as the night went on. However, there were two people who still couldn't let go – they were Shi Wei and Song Jingyu.

Shi Wei couldn't stand the fact that Shi Nuan got so lucky. How can someone so despicable have that much luck?

Shi Nuan was the one who was sacked from Fucheng and had fallen into many dangerous situations. She should have been the one to be assaulted. However, not only did she survive all those, she even got to work at Shengyuan Group.

Shengyuan Group was among the top companies in Jiang City; Fucheng couldn't even come close to Shengyuan. Although Shi Wei didn't want to admit it, it was the truth.

She grabbed and squeezed her bag tightly as her eyes started to turn red.

Soon after, it was Hai Na's turn to perform. Since she was new and used to be a dance trainee, she sang and danced energetically on stage. In a short while, she managed to capture everyone's attention. Below the stage, Bai Qing was chatting with her manager. They were discussing how to present their performance better. When she lifted her gaze, she saw Shi Wei glaring at someone.

When she followed Shi Wei's gaze, she was shocked to find out that it was Shi Nuan.

Bai Qing recalled that Shi Nuan was the lady who had just danced with Fu Chengyan. She could only remember her because of that. When she saw Shi

Wei's eyes, she couldn't help but smile to herself. She didn't expect Shi Wei to be jealous of an employee from Shengyuan. It could only mean that she was interested in Fu Chengyan.

"Bai Qing? Are you alright?" Bai Qing's manager saw her smiling to herself. "We were just talking about...what are you looking at?"

"Chen, do you know what Shi Wei's marital status is? Didn't she say that she was married?"

"Yes. I know who her husband is, Fu Xicheng. He's the young owner of Fucheng. However, Fucheng is nothing compared to Shengyuan."

Bai Qing smiled, "Oh?"

"That's true! Let's not talk about her anymore and get back on track. You will need to do your best later. I heard that St. Dee is looking for a local brand ambassador. We stand a good chance, so you have to work hard to secure the contract."

"St. Dee is looking for a brand ambassador?" Bai Qing raised her eyebrow. "Why didn't I hear about that?"

"You're always worried about your movies to think about these. Though, I have to warn you that Shi Wei is constantly looking for ways to take this contract away from you."

"Who does she think she is?" Bai Qing didn't even see her as a threat. "I've been in Xinhuang for a long time, so it's not going to be easy for anyone to get one over me. Don't worry about it!"

Shi Nuan felt that someone was watching her and turned to look around. When she realized that it was Bai Qing, she nodded at her and smiled. Her sudden reaction stunned Bai Qing. She didn't expect to be caught red-handed while

staring, and yet, Shi Nuan reacted politely to her. Hence, Bai Qing nodded in return.

Shi Nuan then turned her attention to Shi Wei. With her lips curled up in a smirk, she looked at her with contempt.

At the same time, Shi Wei was also looking at Shi Nuan. She could feel Shi Nuan provoking her through her gaze. Unknowingly, her hand that was clenching her purse tightened as she glared fiercely back at her.

“Wei, stay calm. It’s going to be your turn to perform soon.”

Shi Wei’s anger was slowly suppressed by Su Su’s words. “I just can’t stand it anymore. Did you know what that despicable Shi Nuan just did? She was mocking me. She actually dared to mock me.”

“You should be focusing on your performance right now. Don’t forget that it will be your turn soon. Today’s performance will determine if you get a contract as a brand ambassador. Don’t you see how well-prepared Bai Qing is?”

After saying this, Su Su brought a glass of water for Shi Wei. “You shouldn’t sweat the small stuff. Wei, you’re a smart woman. I’m sure that you understand this.”

Shi Wei finally kept her anger in check when she heard Su Su.

Song Jingyu was resting backstage as she kept thinking about what had happened. However, she was being watched by Fu Chengyan’s bodyguards hence couldn’t do anything.

Meanwhile, Song Zhenyan stayed by her side. She was worried when she saw Song Jingyu’s mood getting increasingly volatile.

Song Jingyu had many good qualities except for her strange behavior. It was the same issue that her mother had. And this was also one of the things that kept

Song Zhenyan worried. Her initial idea was to keep Song Jingyu by her side and hoped that she could change her character. However, she had forgotten that Song Jingyu's character flaw was inherited, not taught. Hence, there was no way to cure her.

Song Jingyu's obsessiveness was getting out of hand, and her infatuation with Fu Chengyan had also gotten more serious. That was the reason why the Fu clan, including Fu Sheng and Fu Zhengyun, opposed the marriage of Fu Chengyan and Song Jingyu.

"Jingyu, please sit down and stop turning. You're making my head dizzy." Song Zhenyan waved at her. "Come here."

"Aunt Song." Song Jingyu stomped her feet in frustration. "What do you think I should do? She...Did Yan do it on purpose today? How is it possible that he didn't know Shi Nuan resembled Shen Qianan? Besides..." Song Jingyu bit her lip. "Yan calls her into the office very often. His office."

"What did you say?" Song Zhenyan grabbed Song Jingyu's hand in shock. She looked at Song Jingyu with disbelief. "Are you saying that Yan already knew Shi Nuan? Which means he knew that she looked like Shen Qianan even before this?"

"Well, duh!" Song Jingyu was filled with hatred. She didn't expect Shi Nuan to look the same as Shen Qianan.

Besides, she found it strange that Fu Chengyan often called Shi Nuan into his office. Although she had not seen Shi Nuan before, she always felt that her back view looked awfully familiar. Now she finally knew the reason why. It was because Shi Nuan looked the same as Shen Qianan. "Aunt Song, do you think Yan..."

"That's impossible. Even if they look alike, they are still different people. Besides, don't forget how Shen Qianan left Yan and Jiang City. What does Yan hate the most in his whole life? If not for that, he would have forgiven me a long time ago.

He no longer has any feelings for Shen Qianan and won't have any for Shi Nuan too."

"But Aunt Song, I don't like Shi Nuan. I really despise her." Just the thought that both of them look alike drove Song Jingyu mad. "Aunt Song, you have to get rid of her."

"I'll think of a way to do that. No matter what, we won't let her stay!"

# I Want a Lifetime with You

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“You, the two of you! Come here!” Song Jingyu pointed to the two bodyguards Fu Chengyan sent over. “Yan only asked you to protect me and not to constantly keep an eye on me! I’m not a criminal!”

“But Mr. Zhou has made it clear. We need to follow the two of you and not to let you out of our sights,” replied one of the bodyguards. He wasn’t affected by what Song Jingyu had said, nor was he going to be nice to her.

“Please don’t make things difficult for us.”

“You...”

“That’s enough!” Song Zhenyan interrupted Song Jingyu. “Jingyu, how many times have I told you? You must always remember your status and watch how you conduct yourself!” Song Zhenyan frowned. “Look at how you’re behaving now!”

Song Zhenyan looked at the two bodyguards. “You know I’m Yan’s mother.”

“Yes, madam.”

“Since you know who I am, you should know that if you offend me, you’ll so going to get it!”

“We are only following orders, madam. Mr. Fu is the one who paid us, so we obey him.”

Song Zhenyan narrowed her eyes, "Alright, I won't make things difficult for you. But I want to have some tea now."

"I'll have someone prepare it," answered one of the bodyguards before leaving to do so.

Song Jingyu had requests of her own too. "I want to see someone. Bring Yan's secretary, Mai Qi, to me. Also, bring whoever prepared the lottery box today too."

Song Jingyu could not just let the matter go. She had clearly switched all the number tags in the box. How was Shi Nuan still being picked? The only explanation was that some part of her plan had gone wrong. "Bring them to me now!"

Mai Qi was in the middle of something when Fu Chengyan's bodyguard suddenly appeared in front of her. "Ms. Mai, Ms. Song would like to see you."

Mai Qi narrowed her eyes. "Now? What did Ms. Song say?"

"She's very emotional right now and she insists on seeing the person who was in charge of the lottery box," replied the bodyguard. Mai Qi pursed her lips.

"Where's Mr. Zhou?"

"Looking for me?" Zhou Zheng came over right then and took a look at the bodyguard. "Aren't you supposed to be watching over Ms. Song?"

"Mr. Zhou, he's here to tell me that Song Jingyu is looking for me. It's something to do with the lottery box." Mai Qi continued, "I've already informed Mr. Fu regarding the box and how we had already switched it back. Ms. Song must've found out, so..."

"What are you worried about. I'm sure you can handle this small issue," smiled Zhou Zheng. "You did well on this matter. Go and let Mr. Fu know."

"Okay."

Mai Qi followed the bodyguard to Song Jingyu's lounge room and saw that the person-in-charge of the lottery box was there too. "Ms. Song, you're looking for me?"

Song Jingyu narrowed her eyes at Mai Qi before walking over and slapping her across the face.

Mai Qi hadn't expected Song Jingyu to pull such a stunt. She covered her burning hot face with her hand and looked at Song Jingyu in disbelief. "Ms. Song, what did I do for you to slap me?" Mai Qi continued, "Hasn't Ms. Song been insisting that we are friends?"

"Friends? You?" Song Jingyu looked at Mai Qi coldly, contempt written across her face. "Look at yourself. Now look at me. Do you think you're qualified to be my friend? Do you think I would even spare you a look if you weren't Yan's secretary?" jeered Song Jingyu.

Mai Qi clenched her fists and glared at Song Jingyu. "I didn't realize Ms. Song was such a person. I guess I had mistaken."

"Do you think I care about what you think? There is no friendship between us! Haven't you gotten plenty of benefits off me too?"

"That's right. It's been my honor that Ms. Song has valued me all this while. So why am I here right now? Did you realize that I'm no longer of value so you're kicking me to the curb and gifting me a slap as a bonus?"

"You still dare to play dumb? Tell me, were you the one who switched the lottery box?" Song Jingyu reached out her hand, preparing to hit her again. But Mai Qi swiftly grabbed Song Jingyu's hand. "Ms. Song. Don't forget who I work for. You've already slapped me once so I'd advise you to think carefully before hitting me again. After all, I do work closely with Mr. Fu."

"You're threatening me? Who do you think you are? You think I'm afraid to touch you? Let me tell you. Even if you were to get in an accident someday, Yan



wouldn't utter a word. You are nothing but a lowly secretary after all, not worth our time. You think Yan would blame me?" Song Jingyu looked at Mai Qi as if she was one big joke. "Tell me! Were you the one who switched the lottery box?"

"I don't understand what Ms. Song is saying. The lottery box was prepared well in advance. Why would I need to switch it? Or is there some secret to the lottery box that I'm not aware of?" Mai Qi looked intently at Song Jingyu. "Is this a secret that Ms. Song knows?"

"Rubbish! What would I know?"

"That's a question for Ms. Song to answer." Mai Qi turned to look at Song Zhenyan who had been sitting all still and quiet at the side. "Madam, since you're here, please be my witness. Ms. Song slapped me today without cause or provocation and is trying to frame me for things I didn't do. Even though I'm just a secretary, I'm still one that was handpicked by Mr. Fu and have loyally served him for so many years." Mai Qi looked straight into Song Zhenyan's eyes, "Are you willing to be my witness, madam?"

Song Zhenyan narrowed her eyes. She hadn't said a word earlier because she wasn't aware of the ins and outs of what had happened. But at this point, Song Zhenyan had more or less figured things out.

There was a secret surrounding the lottery box. Song Jingyu had planned for Fu Chengyan to pick herself but in the end Fu Chengyan hadn't. As for why he hadn't, there was only one reason. The lottery box was fine initially, but Song Jingyu switched it for a rigged one, which was then switched back by somebody else.

Song Zhenyan looked up and down at Mai Qi in outrage. But Mai Qi's words weren't incorrect either, especially since Song Jingyu was the one in the wrong. And if Fu Chengyan found out, then matters would only be worse particularly since he already had misunderstanding towards Song Jingyu.

“Aunt, say something! You’re the wife of Shengyuan’s Director and the mother to the CEO. Surely you’re not going to be threatened by a lowly secretary?” Song Jingyu firmly believed that Mai Qi was the one who switched the lottery box.

There weren’t many people who had access and the authority to actually do anything. Basically it came down to herself and Mai Qi.

Song Jingyu felt that she was the victim of a large scam. For so many months, she had been constantly offering pretty clothes and nice food to Mai Qi. Who would’ve known that Mai Qi would enjoy those benefits but refuse to do this for her. Mai Qi couldn’t stand it at all.

“Aunt, are you going to help me or not? I don’t want to see this woman any longer. Get Yan and Uncle dismiss her from Shengyuan!” Song Jingyu saw that Song Zhenyan was still staying quiet. “I never want to see her again! Aunt, don’t you always say you love me the most?”

“Enough!” Song Zhenyan glared at Song Jingyu. “How much longer are you going to be throwing this tantrum of yours?”

“I’m not. Aunt, she’s clearly challenging you and your status. She’s threatening...”

“Ha!” snorted Mai Qi coldly. She looked at Song Jingyu as if she was looking at an idiot. No wonder Mr. Fu would never give her the time of day. Women like her would never be good enough to Mr. Fu. It was as if she was completely nuts.

“What are you laughing at?”

“Nothing.” Mai Qi looked at Song Jingyu before turning to Song Zhenyan. “I’m sure madam understands. This is only a job and it does me no good to make enemies. But even the tamest rabbit would bite if they were desperate. Don’t you agree, madam?”

“What do you want?” Song Zhenyan gritted her teeth. She never would’ve thought that she would be threatened by a lowly secretary.

“I don’t want anything. I’m just an insignificant secretary. I don’t have the guts to go against you or Ms. Song. So I’m sure madam, being so smart, can guess why I’m so bold right now?” Mai Qi massaged her swollen face. “I’ve left for too long. The big event is coming up. If I’m not there, not only will Mr. Fu be suspicious, but so will the whole of Shengyuan. Madam...”

“Go. Get out of my sight!” Song Zhenyan yelled in outrage. “Get out!”

Mai Qi smirked. “Thank you, madam.”

She stood up straight, held her head high, and walked out of the room.

“Aunt, how could you let her leave? She has to be the one behind the debacle today. She’s obviously trying to go against me. If it weren’t for her, then I would’ve been the one to dance the opening dance with Yan and not that woman. That...” Song Jingyu had a pit in her stomach just thinking about Shi Nuan. “Why aren’t you helping me, aunt?”

“Enough. Where is your brain? Why are they missing every time you need to use them?” Song Zhenyan was about to be frustrated to death by Song Jingyu.

Mai Qi was only a secretary. She naturally wouldn’t be so bold. Under normal circumstances, she could bluff her way out. But seeing that she was bold enough to say things so openly, then it only made sense that Fu Chengyan knew about it. Fu Chengyan knew about the rigged box but he didn’t expose them, likely because he didn’t want to humiliate them.

He very likely knew about Mai Qi being brought over here too.

While it’s true that it’s not a big deal for something to happen to a secretary, but if the secretary were one of Fu Chengyan’s most trusted aides, then that would be a problem.

“Haven’t I told you before? Be nice to Mai Qi! Aside from Zhou Zheng, Mai Qi is Yan’s most trusted person. She’s so young yet she’s managed to become the

head of the secretarial department, so she's obviously not someone to be messed with. Now look at what you've done. You've fallen out with her. What are you going to do in the future?"