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“It’s not as bad as you’ve made it out to be. She’s only a secretary!” Song Jingyu never thought much of Mai Qi. To her, Mai Qi was only a laborer and would listen to whoever offered her more money.

But clearly Song Jingyu didn’t think things through. She overestimated herself and underestimated Mai Qi.

After Mai Qi left Song Jingyu’s lounge room, she went straight for the hall. She didn’t seek Zhou Zheng or Fu Chengyan directly, but instead had someone bring her some ice for her face. She waited until the pain subsided before she went to look for Zhou Zheng.

Mai Qi had already tried her best to cover it up, but Zhou Zheng could still see the light hand print on her face. “You’ll need to fix your makeup later.”

“Okay.” Mai Qi rubbed her face. “Which part of the annual meeting are we at?” Mai Qi looked at the stage and saw some Shengyuan staff members performing. She flipped through her program booklet and asked, “The next program is... Shi Wei’s?” She looked at it again. “Mr. Zhou, Shi Wei isn’t actually that talented. The other artists from Xinhuang have more talents to offer, yet this Shi Wei is choosing to sing? And she’s singing...”

Mai Qi was quite surprised. Singing could both be difficult and simple.

Hai Na’s performance was a dance, while Bai Qing chose to do something more elegant — playing a traditional Chinese instrument. Bai Qing was Xinhuang’s top star, so Mai Qi had arranged for her to be in the second last slot. She had

already changed into traditional clothing and was sitting quietly by the side, looking like a beautiful painting.

This made Shi Wei's choice of singing look as if she hadn't put much thought into it. And Mai Qi had looked into Shi Wei and learned of some things from her past, so she couldn't understand why she had attended.

"Just observe. How's the preparation for the lucky draw later?"

"All done. Don't you trust me, Mr. Zhou?" Mai Qi closed her program booklet and handed it to the assistant behind her. "I'll go fix my makeup first."

Shengyuan's staff were performing on the stage while Shi Wei was looking on feeling unimpressed. She was displeased with her performance slot. But Guan Jing and Su Su were trying to have her see things from a different perspective. "This isn't a bad time slot as there won't be many other performances after you. You're still new in Xinhuang so it's best if you don't have any conflicts with Bai Qing."

Guan Jing gave Su Su a pointed look. Su Su hurriedly nodded and said, "Wei, you should know, you have much more of an advantage with your singing than Bai Qing. Not many people will understand or appreciate her and her traditional instrument. You're different. You even chose a well-known pop song. And the endorsement deal for St. Dee is between the two of you as well. Bai Qing's traditional image today will be completely incompatible with St. Dee's usually trendy image."

"What you're saying is true, but you know how my singing is. It's only average at best!" Shi Wei frowned. She liked acting. As for singing, it wasn't her strong suit at all.

She had enrolled for all sorts of classes when she was younger, including learning the piano, the accordion, even the violin. But she had no talent at all and was just completely disinterested. So when she entered the entertainment

industry and her manager wanted her to release an album, she quickly declined. All she wanted to do was act.

But it wasn't like she could perform a play at the annual meeting! And setting up a play required a lot of time and rehearsal. Time was what she didn't have.

"Next, let's welcome Xinhuang's Ms. Shi to the stage for her performance."

The host had already called her name but Shi Wei was still in the middle of prepping. She froze when she heard her name. But her acting training kicked in and she quickly regained her composure.

She stood up and calmly walked to the stage. She took a bow, then said, "First of all, I'd like to extend my wishes for Shengyuan to continue to expand and be even greater each year. I've only just joined Xinhuang this year and joined this great Shengyuan family. This is all thanks to..." Shi Wei looked shyly towards Fu Chengyan who was sitting in the audience seat, "This is all thanks to Mr. Fu who has put his trust in me. In the future, I promise to always do my best to become Xinhuang's and Shengyuan's pride and joy. I'll be singing Fish Leong's 'Courage' and I hope that everyone has the courage to strive forward and to rise to all challenges ahead."

Shi Wei prefaced her song with a long speech, before moving to the center of the stage and beginning her song.

Shi Wei's little speech had admittedly encouraged those in the audience and they could easily disregard her singing skills. Bottom line was her performance wasn't amazing but it wasn't bad either.

But this didn't include Song Jingyu who had just entered the hall. She had just taken a seat and was surprised to see Shi Wei on the stage. She was especially horrified when she saw Shi Wei giving Fu Chengyan seductive glances while giving her speech.

She stared intently at Shi Wei. When Shi Wei reached the chorus of her song, Song Jingyu suddenly stood up, walked to the side of the stage, and grabbed the microphone off the MC. “This really is a good song. But oddly, Ms. Shi does better talking than singing.”

Shi Wei froze when her singing was interrupted, never expecting Song Jingyu to suddenly appear. Shi Wei’s face paled after hearing what Song Jingyu had to say.

She gripped her microphone tightly with one hand while having an unpleasant but restrained look on her face. She trembled slightly. “What are you doing, Ms. Song? I understand that I’m not that skilled in singing, but this is also a form of my sincerity. I’m an actor so singing isn’t a strength of mine.”

Shi Wei spoke while allowing her emotions to shape her expressions. Her eyes slowly turned red, making her look pitiful and had the audience feeling for her.

Shi Wei was truly an actor. Just a tiny action and she had the support of the Shengyuan staff members who were looking. “That’s right. She’s an actor. It’s good enough that she’s willing to get on the stage to sing.”

“Exactly. And she was in the middle of performing. Even if it wasn’t that spectacular, it’s still incredibly rude for someone to interrupt her!”

“Shhh. Not too loud. That ‘someone’ is basically ‘royalty’. I think there’s trouble ahead for Shi Wei.”

Things were getting a little chaotic. Song Jingyu’s entourage noticed that things weren’t looking right and wanted to go up to her but were stopped by others. Song Zhenyan too wanted to quickly remove Song Jingyu, but she caught sight of Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan clearly had his people block Song Jingyu’s entourage, the very entourage chosen and appointed by Song Zhenyan. She wasn’t happy about it, but because of Fu Chengyan, she had no choice but to endure it.

Fu Chengyan waved his hand to Shi Yu's bodyguards, to keep the situation under control.

Song Jingyu stood at the side of the stage and looked at Shi Wei, shouting angrily, "Courage"? Who gave you the courage to stand here? Don't for a second think you're special just because you're Xinhuang's artist. Who let such a talentless person on the stage?"

"Ms. Song. I've always thought you were someone from a prestigious family so it's quite a shock to me that someone like you would behave in such a manner." Shi Wei looked at Song Jingyu with a wronged expression then looked at Fu Chengyan again. "Mr. Fu, even though I'm just an artist from Xinhuang, I'm also a human. Did Mr. Fu invite me here today just to humiliate me?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and smiled, but there were hints of iciness in his demeanor. He looked at Shi Wei then at Song Jingyu and decided he had enough of their little show. He stood up and said, "Please escort Ms. Song back."

"Yan, what are you saying? How can you do this to me?"

Song Jingyu was furious that Fu Chengyan was choosing to side Shi Wei over her. "Yan, what's with this change of heart? You and Shi Wei..."

Fu Chengyan frowned deeply and with a tinge of anger. Annoyance flashed across his face. He looked at Song Zhenyan, "Mother, you were the one who brought her here. Sort it out yourself."

Song Zhenyan flushed with awkwardness. "Yan, Jingyu hasn't been feeling well today. She shouldn't be held responsible for what she did. I'll take her home first."

Fu Chengyan nodded then walked on to the stage with those long legs of his. He took the microphone handed to him by Mai Qi and looked to those sitting in the audience, then at Shi Wei. "As it's Shengyuan's annual meeting today, I'd like to take the opportunity to make an announcement."

Everyone was pretty startled by Fu Chengyan's sudden actions and so all eyes were firmly locked on him. Fu Chengyan continued, "St. Dee, which is a subsidiary of Shengyuan, has been looking for an endorsement model for a while now. We've looked into various celebrities both local and international, including those from our own Xinhuanet. After much deliberation, I've decided..."

Everyone was listening to Fu Chengyan with bated breath; not just those in the audience, but a very nervous Shi Wei as well. Compared to the humiliation she had just endured from Song Jingyu, this was an even bigger deal for her. Bai Qing had yet to perform but Fu Chengyan was making his announcement right then, which meant...

"Ms. Shi will be the new endorsement model for St. Dee."

Shi Wei breathed a sigh of relief after hearing Fu Chengyan's announcement and practically beamed with joy.

She looked at Fu Chengyan excitedly. "Mr. Fu, is this true? Am I really the endorsement model for St. Dee?"

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow and smiled, "Of course. I never go back on my words. From today onwards, Ms. Shi is the endorsement model for St. Dee in the China region."

Shi Wei felt as if lady luck had paid her a visit that day. Despite all the upsetting incidents that had happened, that one endorsement deal was enough to wipe away all the negative stuff.

Bai Qing, who was sitting in the audience, felt her face turn pale. She tried standing up but nearly collapsed. It's a good thing her manager quickly caught her or she really would've taken a bad fall. "How?" How could it be Shi Wei?

Song Jingyu, who had been dragged to the entrance by Song Zhenyan, also heard the announcement. Her eyes glazed over in fury and she glowered at Shi Wei. She was so enraged she didn't even realize her finger nails were cutting into

her palm. "Aunt, let me go. That Shi Wei is a b***h. I'm going to destroy her! How dare she go after Yan! I'm not going to let her go!"

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Cheers and applause had erupted from all corners of the hall, so no one noticed Song Jingyu nor heard her threats.

Song Zhenyan dragged Song Jingyu away and the hall eventually calmed down.

Shi Wei walked towards Fu Chengyan with a big smile and reached out her hand. “Mr. Fu, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I promise I won’t take it for granted.”

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow then looked at Shi Wei’s outstretched hand. He frowned slightly before shaking her hand. “I’m looking forward to what you have to offer.”

Fu Chengyan only shook hands with Shi Wei for a short while before quickly letting go, but it was enough for some to catch the moment on camera.

Fu Chengyan turned and looked at the audience. “Alright, let’s continue with the programs. What’s the next performance?”

“Mr. Fu, it’s time for the lucky draw!” Mai Qi rushed up to the stage to inform him. “We’ll need Mr. Fu to do the draw.”

Fu Chengyan grinned. “Oh? And what’s the prize?”

“It’s the grandest prize of the year.” Mai Qi indicated for the assistants to carry the lottery box onto the stage. Su Su went up to guide the very excited Shi Wei off the stage. In her excitement, she naturally didn’t notice Fu Chengyan taking out a

handkerchief to wipe his hands, or see him tossing the handkerchief to Mai Qi and telling her to get rid of it.

Mai Qi raised an eyebrow and quickly tucked the handkerchief away.

Under the expectant eye of everyone, Fu Chengyan placed his hand into the lottery box. “The lucky number is... 127. A blue tag. Who is number 127?” announced Fu Chengyan while looking at the audience.

Shi Nuan felt the man sitting beside her suddenly stand up and looked over to see Lin Yu holding the lucky blue 127 number tag.

“Congratulations to Mr. Lin from the project management department.” There were hints of laughter in Fu Chengyan’s low register. “Ms. Mai, what’s this super grand prize?”

“It’s a car!” Mai Qi smiled. “Mr. Lin sure is very lucky. Congratulations, Mr. Lin. Please come with me to collect your prize when the annual meeting is over.”

Lin Yu grinned. “Thank you, Mr. Fu.” Lin Yu then sat back down in his seat, as calm as if he weren’t the person who just won a great prize. Other the other hand, Yuan Jia had nearly shouted in joy and was as excited as if she was the one who won. “Mr. Lin. Isn’t it amazing? A car! I heard that it’s a Land Rover! That’s worth at least several million!”

Lin Yu smiled faintly, “I think so.”

“Mr. Lin, why aren’t you happy?”

“I am. Can’t you tell I’m happy?” Mr Lin asked, yet he continued to chat on his phone. Yuan Jia wanted to continue but was stopped by Shi Nuan who discreetly shook her head and whispered, “Shush.”

“Fine.”

The annual meeting was nearing its end and it was time for the last performance which was Bai Qing's.

Bai Qing had learnt many skills since she was a little girl and this traditional Chinese instrument was one she had played from young. Her state of mind had been affected by the endorsement model incident earlier, but since she was there, it was impossible for her to leave mid-way. She shoved down all the unhappy thoughts before going on stage, finished her performance, then quietly left the stage.

Finally, it was Fu Chengyan's turn to give a speech, which also indicated the closing of the annual meeting. By the time everything ended, it was already twelve midnight. Most people quickly rushed off and soon there were only a handful of people left in the large hall.

Bai Qing, who was in a bad mood, quickly left with her manager. Shi Wei too left with Guan Jing and Su Su. Though there were a few unpleasant incidents that night, at the end of the day she had nabbed the endorsement deal and that was all that mattered.

In the end, there were only a handful of people scattered around. From the Fu family, there were Fu Sheng, Fu Heng, and Ning Xin. Seeing that most people had left, Fu Sheng approached Fu Chengyan. "Yan, today's debacle will surely reach your granddad. That Shi Nuan..."

"What about her?" Fu Chengyan played dumb. "Shi Nuan has been doing well, especially in the project management department. Even the normally critical Lin Yu is complimentary of her."

"You know that's not what I'm talking about." Fu Sheng replied sharply. "Did you not see what your mother and Song Jingyu did today? She and Qianan..."

"Father worries too much. I'm not that thoughtless. Shi Nuan is Shi Nuan, Shen Qianan is Shen Qianan, I know the difference. It's getting late. Father and Uncle should go home soon."

“Sheng, Yan is correct. He’s in his thirties, not three. He knows how to handle these matters. You don’t need to worry too much about him.”

“You... Forget it. I can’t be bothered with nagging at you anymore. But remember. It doesn’t matter what relationship you have with this Shi Nuan. But now that your mother and Song Jingyu knows of her existence, they surely won’t leave her alone. I can’t guarantee what they will or will not do to this innocent girl.”

Fu Chengyan grinned. “It looks like father is quite worried about me. Don’t worry, father. I know what I’m doing.”

“Then I have nothing else to say. But remember, whatever your mother does, she is still your mother.”

“I understand. As long as they don’t do anything too drastic, then I won’t do anything.”

After sending Fu Sheng and Fu Heng off, Fu Chengyan took out his phone and sent Shi Nuan a text asking her where she was.

“Backstage. I’m with Mr. Lin and the others. Yuan Jia insisted on seeing Mr. Lin’s new car,” replied Shi Nuan. Then in a separate message, “Have your father and uncle left?”

“Yup,” replied Fu Chengyan before giving her a call. “I’m nearly done here. Shall we go home together?”

Shi Nuan hesitated and bit her lip. “I don’t think that’s a good idea. Your car is too eye-catching. Plus, I’ve gotten enough attention today.” Even though most people had left, there were still enough people around to be a witness.

Plus Shi Nuan had enough of being at the center of attention that night. She didn’t want to become an easy target for any attacks. It gave Shi Nuan goosebumps when she recalled Song Jingyu’s expression when she had seen her earlier — as if she had seen a ghost.

“Then what are you going to do?” Fu Chengyan laughed in exasperation. “You’re not thinking of ditching me are you, May?”

Shi Nuan blinked her eyes. “Don’t use such a pitiful, childlike tone with me. When did I say I was going to ditch you? I just think we should go home separately. Also, you drove, but I drove too!” Shi Nuan sighed helplessly. “Behave!”

“Very well.”

Fu Chengyan put his phone away and saw Zhou Zheng walking towards him. “Has the matter been taken care of?”

“More or less. We should see some headlines about you and Shi Wei tomorrow.” Zhou Zheng showed the photos to Fu Chengyan. “Mr. Fu, please choose one.”

Fu Chengyan quickly browsed through the photos and halfheartedly chose one. “This will do.”

He then noticed another photo with Song Jingyu. He pointed at it and said, “Use this one too.”

“Mr. Fu, this...” Zhou Zheng felt surprised and confused. “Mr. Fu, I don’t quite understand. You’re putting yourself on the line and it doesn’t seem worth it.”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. “This is the fastest solution. I don’t want to wait any longer.” Fu Chengyan waved his hand. “Have someone sort it out tonight. I want to see these in the headlines tomorrow. Even better if it reaches those in the capital.”

“Yes, sir. I’ll take care of it right away!” Zhou Zheng knew Fu Chengyan was willing to put himself on the line because he was tired of waiting. Plus, they had crossed the line. If not, he wouldn’t be in such a hurry to take them down.

After Zhou Zheng left, Fu Chengyan dismissed his bodyguards and headed to the parking lot. He called Shi Nuan again. “Not done with looking at the car?”

“Nearly done. We’re about to head downstairs. Mr. Lin will send Yuan Jia home and I’ll drive myself. What about you?”

“I’m at the parking lot. Let’s go together. I know you don’t want to go in my car, but you can at least follow my car.”

“Okay!” Shi Nuan couldn’t help but laugh and agree, thinking that there likely wouldn’t be anyone around. “I’ll follow you from behind.”

Fu Chengyan got in his car and departed a few minutes earlier. Shi Nuan too got into her car and said her goodbyes to Lin Yu and Yuan Jia before leaving Prosperous Dynasty.

It had been a tiring night. Shi Nuan could feel the tiredness setting in. She drove slowly, all the while maintaining the phone call with Fu Chengyan. Liekkas’ music came from over the phone and it was very soothing. Shi Nuan gradually found herself relaxing and laughed lightly. “I didn’t think you would listen to songs like this.”

“Mai Qi was the one who downloaded it but I found it alright too,” chuckled Fu Chengyan. “May, do you know what we look like right now?”

“Hmm?”

“Don’t we look like we’re having an unspeakable affair? We’re legally married and yet we’re running around in secret. May, when are you going to make me official?”

Shi Nuan couldn’t help but laugh, her face blushing red. “As if I’m the one who is unwilling! To be honest, if you wanted to, we could make the announcement tomorrow.” Shi Nuan had thought it through. All this hiding and keeping things a secret wasn’t going to work. If the Fu family weren’t willing to accept her, then the timing of it all wouldn’t matter. They would still reject her either way. So rather than hiding and running around in secret, they might as well have it all out in the open.

“This way, your parents will know that you are my husband and they shouldn’t go around arranging blind dates or recruiting fiancés for you,” pouted Shi Nuan.

Fu Chengyan froze before he chuckled out loud, with a hint of affection in his voice. “Is my wife jealous? Hmm? Is she jealous of my ‘relationship’ with Song Jingyu?”

“Of course not!” Shi Nuan quickly denied, unwilling to admit that Fu Chengyan had guessed her thoughts. “I just think that you’re my husband, but your parents keep arranging future wives for you. How do you expect your legally married wife to respond?”

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“Darling, I can see that you’re jealous,” Fu Chengyan said as he appeared to be in a good mood. “But, don’t worry. Given that it’s rare for me to see you jealous, I will resolve this matter to your satisfaction!”

Just as he spoke, he noticed that he was being followed and couldn’t recognize who it was. The car maintained a close distance no matter how fast he drove. Whoever they were, they were not worried about exposing their identity at all. Fu Chengyan accelerated his car, but the car behind him kept up.

He squinted as he could hear Shi Nuan’s laughter. “May, don’t follow me. You should turn into Wenjiang Street at the next junction.”

“Why?” Shi Nuan started to worry when she heard Fu Chengyan’s tone change all of a sudden. However, she had no idea what was going on. Shi Nuan looked in front and could no longer see Fu Chengyan’s car anywhere.

“Yan, where are you? What’s going on? Answer me!” Shi Nuan yelled, “Yan!”

“I’m fine. May, listen to me. Turn off at the next junction. When you reach Wenjiang Street, give Pei Jingxiu a call.” Fu Chengyan ended the call immediately. He narrowed his eyes and looked behind him before flooring the accelerator. The car behind increased its speed to keep up.

Fu Chengyan considered his options before making a sharp turn into another street. He realized that his tail was an equally skillful driver when he saw him execute the same maneuver. Under normal circumstances, Fu Chengyan would have lost him by now.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows in frustration and gave Li Heng a call. “Li Heng, lock into my location now. I’m being followed by another car. Get Liang Lin to hack into all the security cameras nearby to see who is doing this!”

“Alright!” Li Heng replied as he put down his phone and turned on his computer. He also instructed Liang Lin to hack into the security cameras before sending Fu Chengyan all the data.

“Yan, who in K Nation have you offended?” Li Heng asked in a grave tone. “Isn’t today Shengyuan’s annual meeting? You...”

Fu Chengyan inquired as he raised an eyebrow, “Can you get someone here in time?”

“I’m afraid they won’t make it!” Li Heng replied as he checked the GPS system on the computer and located the perpetrators. “There are three people in the car. Two males and one female. They are also armed. Can you handle them?”

“I don’t have a choice now, do I? It will be too late by the time you arrive,” Fu Chengyan replied coldly. “Help me find a place nearby that’s suitable.”

“Make a turn five hundred meters in front of you and then turn right. You will enter a one-way street that leads to the highway. There, you will find some ruins where you can set a trap.” Li Heng paused for a moment before continuing, “What about Shi Nuan?”

“I asked her to seek out Pei Jingxiu.” Fu Chengyan pursed his lips with a grave expression on this face. “I’ll wait for you and Shaoqing if you guys can get there in time.”

Fu Chengyan made a turn when he finished and drove according to the directions that Li Heng had given him. The male driver of the car behind was surprised. “Sir, this is not the way back to Wutong Residence.”

“Keep following him.”

“But what about the ambush that we have set along the way to there...”

“Enough! Just keep going!” The man sitting behind glared at the driver. “Fu Chengyan seems to be doing well so far, but nothing is going to save him today. He is doomed.”

Li Heng had already hacked into the perpetrators’ phones. He became increasingly concerned and asked, “Chengyan, where is Shi Nuan now?”

“Wen Jiang street. I’m not sure whether she will give Pei Jingxiu a call.” Fu Chengyan’s face darkened. “I didn’t see anyone following her car when they were behind me, so she should be...”

“No, I’ve managed to find out some information by hacking into their phones. They have placed an ambush on the way to your home. I’m sure that they know your habits well given how detailed their plan is. Your marriage...”

“Damn it. May!” Fu Chengyan said with haste, “Li Heng, get Shaoqing and Jingxiu to go and find May!”

“Stay calm, Shaoqing is already on his way to you. I’ll call Jingxiu again!”

As for Shi Nuan, she felt lost after Fu Chengyan ended their call. She wanted to call him back but couldn’t get through. Shi Nuan started to panic when she realized that there was a car approaching her from behind. It didn’t seem to be slowing down.

She slammed her foot on the accelerator and made a turn at the junction. After that, she immediately took out her phone and found Pei Jingxiu’s number. “Pei, it’s me, Shi Nuan.”

“What is it?” Pei Jingxiu narrowed his eyes as he could hear Shi Nuan’s voice trembling over the phone. He knew instantly that something was wrong. “Where’s Chengyan?”

“Pei, Yan and I are being followed on our way home. Yan has driven off by himself and seemed to have a tail on him. I’m driving another car by myself. However, I’m also being followed, and Yan asked me to call you. Pei, what should I do now?”

The cigarette in Pei Jingxiu’s hand was almost burnt out. He then stood up and grabbed his jacket as he walked out. “Stay calm. Where are you now?”

“Yan asked me to go to Wenjiang Street, and I’m on my way there now. Pei, what should I do now?”

“Wenjiang Street?” Pei Jingxiu closed his eyes for a brief moment before opening them immediately. “I have an idea. You should drive around Wenjiang Street when you get there. I’m coming right now. Stay on the line as I need to locate your position.”

Just as he had finished speaking, Pei Jingxiu took out another phone before he felt a dark figure behind him. He stopped in his tracks. When he saw Ning Xi, he glared at her fiercely. “Go back!”

“Will you be fine alone? Do you need me to go?” Ning Xi asked. She knew Shi Nuan was in danger as she had overheard his call.

Ning Xi recalled how well Shi Nuan had treated her as if she was her own sister in recent months. She couldn’t help but worry. “At least I can be of some help!”

“Go back, don’t let me repeat myself!” Pei Jingxiu then said in a grave tone, “Keep me updated on Shi Nuan’s location.” He handed Ning Xi the phone before disappearing from her sight.

The car behind Shi Nuan kept following her closely without letting up. Shi Nuan didn’t dare slow down as she kept the accelerator floored. They sped through the streets in the middle of the night.

She drove a few circles around Wenjiang Street when she arrived. But her tail seemed to have realized what she was doing. "It doesn't look good. She must be waiting for help. Increase your speed and ram into her."

"What if we hurt her? Aren't we supposed to take her alive?"

"It's fine as long as she's not dead."

As Shi Nuan saw the car behind closing the distance, she held onto the steering wheel as her body started to tense up. At the exact moment when she thought she would be hit, another car flew past her and rammed into the car behind her instead.

She could hear the car tires screeching loudly. The sound was extremely ear-piercing in the deserted street. But Shi Nuan continued to drive away. Only when she was certain that she was no longer being followed did she stop driving.

Shi Nuan turned around in shock. She could see that the car that was following her was badly damaged from the collision. On the other hand, the car that rammed it was unscathed and was still on top of its target.

Shi Nuan then saw someone getting out of the car. The man was wearing a black suit. He lifted his long legs and kicked the man who was trying to escape from the damaged car.

Shi Nuan couldn't see clearly what the man did. All she knew was the two men who came out of the damaged car were pinned to the ground.

Her eyes widened as she stared blankly at Pei Jingxiu. In her mind, she recalled Su Shaoqing's words from the other day. He said that even if Fu Chengyan and Li Heng combined their strength, they would still be no match for Pei Jingxiu.

Yan asked me to get help from Pei Jingxiu, but what about yourself?

Shi Nuan hastily got out of her car and ran towards Pei Jingxiu. As she was still panting, she said, "Pei, I...they...Yan..."

Although her words were incoherent, her meaning was clear.

Pei Jingxiu glanced at the two men on the floor from the corner of his eye. They were so badly beaten that they couldn't move. He nodded. "Yan is more than capable of taking care of himself. Not many can hurt him, so you don't have to worry!"

Pei Jingxiu knelt down beside the men and glared at them with his long, narrow eyes. "Are you going to talk, or do I have to beat it out of you?"

"Do what you will, but you won't be getting anything out of me. Besides, the men going after Fu Chengyan are the top assassins from the Qin Clan. Do you think he would survive?"

"Is that so?" Pei Jingxiu raised his eyebrows as his gaze turned cold. He put his hands around the man's neck and gave it a twist. He then proceeded to the next man with a lethal smile on his face. "I don't think you know who I am. I'm never interested in anything worthless. What do you think?"

"I'll talk, I'll tell you whatever you want. Our employers are from the Z nation. They ordered us to kill Fu Chengyan and to take this woman alive. Though they didn't say what for."

"Very good!" Pei Jingxiu nodded. He then put his arms around the man's head and gave his neck a twist.

Shi Nuan watched dumbfounded throughout the entire scene. When she recovered her senses, she retreated a few steps and looked at Pei Jingxiu in horror.

Pei Jingxiu stood up and noticed Shi Nuan's pale face. He took out a handkerchief from his pocket with his slender fingers and wiped his hands as he looked up at her. "Were you shocked?"

"Pei...those were human lives. How could you..." Shi Nuan realized that she was indeed in shock right now.

Pei Jingxiu smiled instead. "They're not citizens of our country and had likely smuggled themselves in. No one is going to care whether they live or die," Pei Jingxiu explained in an emotionless tone. "Besides, they wanted to kill both you and Chengyan, so I don't think they deserved to live!"

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“But...” Shi Nuan wanted to protest, yet she decided against it when she saw the emotionless expression on Pei Jingxiu’s face.

She gulped as she looked at the two lifeless bodies on the ground. It was then that she realized how fragile life was. They had just been breathing down her neck a while ago but now are no longer part of this world.

It wasn’t that she was a saint, but she had never seen anything like this in real life. Nothing could have prepared her for this. Even if she had seen it before on TV or read about it in novels, those were all fake. Besides, she didn’t witness it with her own eyes. But now that it unfolded in front of her, she was indeed frightened.

Shi Nuan stared at Pei Jingxiu. She couldn’t understand what went through his mind, given the fact that he could still remain calm under those circumstances.

Pei Jingxiu narrowed his eyes and looked at Shi Nuan. He realized that he had really given her a fright. He paused for a moment before apologizing, “I’m sorry that I frightened you.”

Shi Nuan nodded but then shook her head immediately. “Pei, I know that you wanted to save me. But, you killed them because of me, I...what about them? All the security cameras here would have captured what happened. Pei...you...”

“Don’t worry!” Pei Jingxiu was relieved when he heard what Shi Nuan said. He was worried that she would be too stunned to react. However, she seemed to be brave enough. “Someone will take care of it.”

“But...” Shi Nuan pointed at the men on the floor. “Will you really be fine?”

Pei Jingxiu was about to reply when his phone rang. It was Ning Xi who called. “How did it go?”

“All the security footage around you has been wiped. But time is of the essence. You will need to leave immediately,” Ning Xi explained as she looked at them through her screen. “Someone will clean up after you!”

Following that, she added, “There’s an ambush along the way to Fu Chengyan’s house. It appears that someone really wants him dead. Both of you should stay away from there!”

“Alright!” Pei Jingxiu took a look at Shi Nuan. “Let’s go. I’ll send you back!”

“Sure!” Shi Nuan nodded obediently. “About them...will you really be alright? Pei, you have to be honest with me.”

“Yes, I’m sure of that. Let’s get in the car!” Shi Nuan got into the front passenger seat. Pei Jingxiu looked at her and said, “There’s an ambush on the way to Wutong Residence. You can’t go back yet until all the threats have been removed!”

“Then...” Shi Nuan hesitated. “Pei, I don’t have anywhere else to go. Also, what about Yan? What happened to him? Where is he? Given that I’m being hunted, he must be in danger too!” Shi Nuan’s face went pale as she spoke. “Pei, do you know where he is?”

Pei Jingxiu raised his eyebrow and smiled as he reassured her, “Don’t worry, there is hardly anyone who can beat Yan given how tough he is.”

“Didn’t the guy just now say that they were from the Qin Clan? Who are they and where are they from? What do those assassins want with Yan...”

“I don’t really know the details. Perhaps you can ask Chengyan when you see him. I’ll take you back to my place first as Chengyan has a house there too.”

“But isn’t Mr. George staying there?” Shi Nuan asked. “It isn’t appropriate for me to go over there now. Pei, I’m fine. Please send me to...”

“You will either go to my place or Shaoqing’s. Chengyan will come to pick you up when he’s done!” Pei Jingxiu said as his expression grew increasingly stern. “Chengyan asked me to take care of you, so I have to make sure that you’re safe.”

“Alright, but Yan...”

“Shaoqing and Li Heng are on their way to him, so you can stop worrying now.”

Shi Nuan nodded. “Alright then, I’ll go back with you first!”

Right after Pei Jingxiu and Shi Nuan left, a bunch of men arrived to clear Wenjiang Street of the debris. They also removed the dead bodies.

Fu Chengyan kept driving until he was on the outskirts of the city and only stopped when he reached an abandoned factory. He turned off his car lights and opened the window. As he waited, he held a cigarette between his fingers but didn’t light it up.

He then saw two men and a woman get down from the car that was following him. They had weapons in their hands and approached him slowly.

He squinted as he fiddled with a lighter with his other hand, flicking it on and off. Only when their leader was close enough did he open the door and spring out of the car.

The three assassins couldn’t see what he was doing clearly. When they finally realized what was going on, Fu Chengyan had flung the lighter at them while he threw a kick towards their leader. The lighter ignited over their heads with a loud

bang. None of them could see what Fu Chengyan was doing. All they could hear was a loud noise as a bullet pierced the lighter and caused it to explode.

“Ah!” Their leader was stunned as his face was hurt from the explosion. He struggled to pick himself up while his two other companions were also injured, though their injuries weren’t serious.

“Boss, are you alright?” The female assassin helped her leader up.

“Fu Chengyan, I’m going to get you for this!” The man pushed away his companion as he raised his gun and started shooting at Fu Chengyan. However, Fu Chengyan evaded his shots by rolling over the roof of the car to take cover on the other side of the car.

He had a small pistol in his hand. After taking a quick aim at the leader’s forehead, he fired a shot right in the center of his head.

In the midst of the confusion, Fu Chengyan shot at the other male assassin and killed him. Now, only the female assassin was left. However, Fu Chengyan had ran out of bullets.

It wasn’t a habit of his to bring a gun with him. He was just taking precautions given the frequent news he received from K Nation. Nevertheless, he didn’t expect that he had to use it.

The female assassin did not expect Fu Chengyan to be so skillful. Two of her companions had already been shot dead before they could do anything. She realized that he had unbelievably quick reflexes and wasn’t to be trifled with.

The man who Fu Chengyan had just shot was among the top three assassins in the Qin Clan called Qin Qi. Qin Qi’s marksmanship was renowned within the clan, and no one could shoot more accurately than him. Ironically, he was shot right in the head by Fu Chengyan instead.

The female assassin waited for a while, but there was no sign of any movement from Fu Chengyan.

“Fu Chengyan, I know you are out of bullets! Only one of us will walk out alive from here. I’m going to kill you to avenge my companions!”

“Is that so?” Fu Chengyan held the gun in his hand as he racked his brain for ideas. He squinted and took out his phone from his pocket. Li Heng was still on the line and sent him the female assassin’s location.

Fu Chengyan put his phone back. When he felt that the female assassin was starting to feel frustrated, he said, “If you hadn’t come to get rid of me, I wouldn’t have the opportunity to kill you. Now that I’m going to die soon, can you at least tell me who paid you to kill me? I just don’t want to die without knowing!”

“I’ll tell you since you want to know about it so badly. Our employer is from your own country. He has paid a lot of money for us to take your life. So, don’t blame us as no one is going to turn down that much money.”

“Give me a name!” Fu Chengyan yelled impatiently. “I’m running out of time to talk to you!”

Just when the female assassin was distracted, Fu Chengyan dived over the car roof towards her. No matter how fast her reflexes were, they were still not enough to beat Fu Chengyan. With one hand, he grabbed the assassin’s gun and unloaded the magazine from it. His other hand then took out a military dagger and slit her throat before she could say anything.

She stared at him with her eyes widened in shock. She tried to cover her neck with one hand while her other hand pointed at him with disbelief. “You...you...”

She couldn’t believe how fast he was, given that there was no chance for her to react at all. Fu Chengyan had not only managed to remove her gun but also killed her at the same time.

Fu Chengyan picked himself up and glanced at his jacket, which was now stained with blood. He took it off and carried it in his hand. After that, he looked down at the female assassin who died with her eyes open and said, "I never liked anyone who talked too much!" In fact, he wasn't really interested to know who wanted him dead.

"You can come out now!"

"Tsk Tsk!"

Su Shaoqing couldn't help but shake his head as he held a gun in his hand. "My word! Chengyan, you're overdoing it here. I came all the way here just for you, but you managed to handle it singlehandedly. What did you need me for then? Are you trying to waste my time?"

Su Shaoqing glanced at the three bodies from the corner of his eye. "Not bad."

Fu Chengyan shot a glance back at Su Shaoqing. "Aren't you already late?"

"Of course, do you know how difficult it was to find this place? But it's really a good idea to get them out to a deserted place like this. Tsk tsk, who did you offend recently?"

Fu Chengyan wasn't bothered to entertain Su Shaoqing. He took another look at them and made sure that he didn't touch them at all before leaving.

Su Shaoqing rushed up to him when he saw that he was leaving. "Hey, don't you want to do something about them? At least..." Su Shaoqing swallowed his remaining words as he knew how Fu Chengyan did things. He wasn't going to do anything that he wasn't confident of. If he dared to walk away, it meant that he didn't leave any evidence behind.

"By the way, Li Heng said that there's an ambush near your house. I've already called Zhou Zheng. He is on his way to deal with it together with Liang Lin and Jiang Hu."

Fu Chengyan closed his car door but didn't start the engine. Su Shaoqing's words reminded him of something important. He glanced at him and asked, "How about May?"

"Tsk tsk, even under such circumstances, you can still rub it in on a poor single guy like me." Su Shaoqing sighed. However, when he saw that Fu Chengyan still had that murderous expression on, he stopped fooling around. "Don't worry. Aren't you confident in Pei Jingxiu's abilities? No one can get past him. By the way, he just called and said that there's an ambush near your house. So, he has taken Mrs. Fu back to his place."

Fu Chengyan nodded and went on to floor the accelerator.

Su Shaoqing gaped as he was left in the dust when Fu Chengyan sped off. He muttered to himself, "Hey hey, Chengyan. You always prioritize your wife over your friends. I just rushed all the way here to save you, and yet you left just like that. Chengyan..."

As Su Shaoqing was complaining, Fu Chengyan's car was no longer anywhere to be seen.

Su Shaoqing couldn't help but roll his eyes. He then glanced at the three dead bodies. "You guys are such an unlucky bunch. Why did you come all the way here in search of trouble? Other than getting yourselves killed, I still have to bury you. The worse thing is that I'm not even getting paid!"

I Want a Lifetime with You

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Shi Nuan was still traumatized by the incident. However, she tried to keep herself together because Pei Jingxiu was beside her. When she arrived at his house, Ning Xi brought her to the guest room to rest straight away. Only then did she collapse on the ground, trembling.

When Ning Xi saw her sitting on the floor, she helped her up quickly. “Nuan, are you alright?” Ning Xi was worried when she saw Shi Nuan’s face turn pale. “Are you not feeling well? Did you hurt yourself anywhere? Or do you need a doctor instead?”

“I’m fine.” Shi Nuan shook her head immediately as she held on to Ning Xi’s hand. Her face was still a little pale. “I’m alright. It’s just...I’m just a little tired. Don’t tell Pei about it. I don’t need a doctor too.” After sweeping her eyes across her surroundings, she determined that she was no longer in danger. Only then did she smile slightly. “Xi, can I trouble you for some clothes? I would like to shower!”

Shi Nuan’s body was very dirty right now. However, she kept thinking about how Pei Jingxiu took two lives in a brief moment without even blinking.

“Alright, I’ll go get them now. However, my clothes may not suit your taste!” Ning Xi gave Shi Nuan a look. “The bathroom is over there. You can wash up first. I’ll bring the clothes to you shortly!”

Shi Nuan nodded and waited for Ning Xi to leave. Only then did she heave a sigh of relief and entered the shower. She looked into the mirror and then at her own hands. “Don’t be afraid, Shi Nuan, don’t be scared. Everything will be fine, you

will be alright,” Shi Nuan tried to reassure herself. She only opened her eyes after a short while before gently slapping her own cheeks.

She understood that the assassins were trying to kill her and Fu Chengyan. Hence it was understandable for Pei Jingxiu to kill them. However, Shi Nuan’s mind kept telling her that they should have been handed to the police, and not...

“Nuan, I brought you some clothes. I think they should fit. The undergarments are also new. Our figures are kind of similar, so you should be able to wear them!”

“Thank you!” Shi Nuan smiled. “Thanks for your help, Xi.”

“It’s nothing. Just call me if you need anything. I’ll be outside.”

“Alright!”

Shi Nuan closed the door and let the shower rinse off all the dirt on her body.

After half an hour, she put on the clothes that Ning Xi had brought. However, when she opened the bathroom door, she was stunned.

She stood at the bathroom entrance and blinked a few times. There was a man standing in her room. She was shocked at first. But, it turned into joy quickly as she rushed over and jumped into his arms. “Yan.”

“It’s me!” Fu Chengyan didn’t move when he saw Shi Nuan rushing towards him. He allowed her to pounce on him as he caught her midair and hugged her.

His thin lips proceeded to lock onto hers, and they kissed for a long time. It was a passionate one too. When Shi Nuan recovered her senses, her top had already been removed by Fu Chengyan. He pushed her onto the bed and put one of his hands on her hips. He then pushed her hair aside with his other hand as he continued to caress her cheeks gently and then her chin.

Shi Nuan's face started to blush as her breathing gradually got heavier. She reached out her hand to feel around his face. She immediately put both arms around his neck and hugged him tightly. "Yan, you're alright! I missed you so much!"

Although they had just been apart for a few hours, it felt like an eternity for Shi Nuan. "Why did you leave me and went off on your own? Do you know how worried I was about you?" Although she knew that it was for her own safety, she still couldn't help but complain about it. "Do you know if anything happened to you, I...I can't continue living. How can you be so selfish to try and solve everything on your own?"

"Foolish girl!" Fu Chengyan reached his hand out to brush Shi Nuan's nose. "Look, I'm alright. There's not a scratch on me."

He then stroked her cheeks. "Don't worry. I chose to lead them away because I know I can handle them, alright?"

"But..."

Shi Nuan still felt that it wasn't a good idea as she became extremely nervous when she couldn't see him. She preferred to stay by his side, even if it meant that both of them would be killed together. "I don't want to go through another instance where you put yourself in danger while leaving me alone."

"Sigh!" Fu Chengyan frowned as he hugged Shi Nuan again. Both of them lay on the bed while looking into each other's eyes. "It was my fault this time. I won't leave you alone again, alright?"

"Alright!" Shi Nuan turned to hug Fu Chengyan as she buried her head into his chest.

Fu Chengyan hugged her with one hand while the other caressed her back to reassure her. "Were you frightened today?"

Shi Nuan recalled the bloody scene, although she didn't see any blood herself. However, it was still horrific and cruel.

As he realized she was trembling a little in his arms, Fu Chengyan patted her on her back. "Don't worry, it's over. Pei Jingxiu, he...he did what he could to save you. Besides, they are not from Z nation and have entered our country illegally. There's no trace of them here. Besides, they are assassins who are wanted by the international police."

"Assassins?" Shi Nuan took notice of the word. "When Pei rescued me just now, those men said the same thing. So are they really assassins? Why do they want to kill you? Or me?"

"It's nothing. You don't have to worry as I'll take care of it."

"How can I not worry? They intend to kill you. They may have failed this time, but it's hard to say..."

"Enough, don't worry about it. I'll discuss this with Pei and the others. Our enemies won't be taking any action for the time being, given that they have just failed. Are you tired already?" Fu Chengyan looked at his watch, and it was already four in the morning. "I'm sure you are!"

Shi Nuan nodded. "I'm tired." When Fu Chengyan hadn't returned just now, Shi Nuan was both worried and scared. But she forced herself to stay strong. Now that he was safe, her tense body finally managed to relax. Only now did she feel exhausted.

Fu Chengyan stroked her hair and curled them with his hands. He then patted her gently on her back. "Sleep now. I'll be here!"

Shi Nuan's anxiety started to dissipate quickly, and she fell into a deep sleep in no time.

Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Nuan with his obsidian black eyes. When he was finally sure that she was asleep, he put her down gently and tucked her in before leaving the room.

Downstairs, Pei Jingxiu, Li Heng, and Su Shaoqing were already waiting. They were in the midst of discussing the assassination attempt. When they saw Fu Chengyan coming down with his shirt not tucked in, Li Heng narrowed his eyes while Pei Jingxiu didn't say anything. However, Su Shaoqing couldn't stand it. "Chengyan, I haven't slept the whole night because of you, but you really put hoes before bros. You went straight to her room while I had to stay back and clean up your mess for you."

Fu Chengyan shot a glance at Su Shaoqing from the corner of his eye before sitting down. Ning Xi brought some tea out from the kitchen. "Pei."

Pei Jingxiu nodded. "It's already late. You should rest too."

"But..." Ning Xi wanted to say more but was stopped by Pei Jingxiu's sharp glare. She nodded instead. "I'll go to bed now. My room is just next to Nuan's room," Ning Xi said as she glanced at Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan immediately understood. "If it's not too much trouble."

When Ning Xi was finally upstairs, Fu Chengyan turned his attention back to the group. He had a grave expression on his face. "The assassins from K Nation said that someone paid a lot of money to have me killed."

"Tsk tsk, it appears that you have offended a lot of people over the last few years. Someone actually bothered to offer such a large reward for your death. Notwithstanding the fact that the assassins were professionals from the Qin Clan." Su Shaoqing paused. "However, your skills seemed to have improved recently. You can probably compare yourself to Pei by now."

When Su Shaoqing finished, the atmosphere in the living room felt a little strange. In fact, it became very awkward.

The other three didn't say a word, but their eyes were fixated on Su Shaoqing. Su Shaoqing shivered for a moment as he looked back at them quizzically. "What...are the three of you looking at me for? Are you planning to do something to me? You can't!"

As Su Shaoqing spoke, he pretended to hug his own chest in fear while looking pitiful.

Fu Chengyan snorted. "Do you want to see how good I have become? Sure, just come at me now."

"No thanks, Haha, we're living in a civilized society now. We should be promoting harmony. Harmony, I say!" Shaoqing waved frantically. "Besides, I'll never be able to beat you. I'm just curious who is the stronger one between you and Jingxiu!"

Pei Jingxiu shot a glance at Su Shaoqing as he knocked on the table with his fingers. "Enough, time to get serious! Chenyan, you start!"

"In recent years, I've offended quite a few people in the course of my business. However, none of them would go to the extent of hiring the Qin Clan to murder me, so we can definitely discount them."

"True, I share your sentiments on this!" Li Heng nodded. "Those are all businessmen. On top of that, they don't even have the guts." Li Heng paused for a moment. "I realized that their weapons are really advanced. Even if they failed the first time, they might still catch you the second time with the ambush at Wutong Residence. It appears that they were trying to get rid of you once and for all. However..."

"However what?" Fu Chengyan looked at Li Heng from the corner of his eye. "What have you found?"

"They wanted to take only your life, but with regards to Shi Nuan..."

“When I arrived, I saw them pursuing Shi Nuan. With their skills, they could have killed her easily. However, they didn’t do it. Before my arrival, they wanted to capture her alive. One of them told me that they wanted you killed, but she was to be taken back alive instead.” Pei Jingxiu was puzzled as to what their motive was.

“They wanted to capture Nuan?” Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrow in surprise. It was beyond him why they would want to do so. If it were someone he offended, he would understand if they were to take it out on her. But who did Shi Nuan offend? Their enemies didn’t want him alive, and yet they wanted to capture her?

“That’s correct. This is what puzzles me!” Pei Jingxiu said, “Shi Nuan couldn’t have offended anyone. Not to the extent that they needed to get the Qin Clan involved. Hence...”

“I understand. I will investigate this matter properly.”