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Each of them went back to their respective homes after the discussion. Fu Chengyan touched his pockets as he looked in Pei Jingxiu's direction. "I cannot thank you enough!"

Pei Jingxiu laughed. "I thought you would blame me for frightening her." He remembered how Shi Nuan looked at him at the scene. "Luckily, it was me that she saw and not you." He added, "Nevertheless, she is a brave one. She didn't scream at all, and neither did she faint!"

Any ordinary person would have panicked in the same situation. However, Shi Nuan didn't. No doubt she was a little traumatized, but that was all. Pei Jingxiu squinted and recalled the look on Ning Xi's face the first time he met her.

Fu Chengyan knitted his eyebrows slightly and said, "No matter what, I would still like to thank you again for today!"

"That's enough already. It's late now, time to get some rest!"

After Fu Chengyan went upstairs, Pei Jingxiu took out a box of cigarettes from his pocket. He proceeded to pick one out and placed it between his fingers while staring blankly out of the window.

That night, Zhou Zheng, Jiang Hu, and Liang Lin got rid of all the ambushers around Wutong Residence. There wasn't a lot of them, but they were all professional killers. If Fu Chengyan had gone home that night, he wouldn't have stood a chance no matter how good he was at fighting. He would be outnumbered.

“Mr. Fu, we have taken out all of the enemies there. What else do you need?”

“Good job. You guys should take the day off!” Fu Chengyan ended his call and turned to look at Shi Nuan, who was sound asleep. He smiled as he put the blanket which she had kicked away back on her. Just as he was about to leave, Shi Nuan grabbed his hand. She muttered in her sleep, “Yan, don’t go.”

“Alright, I won’t go.” Fu Chengyan held her hand as he sat by the bed. He held a newspaper in one hand while she held onto the other.

When Shi Nuan finally woke up, it was already past ten. She managed to sleep well last night. It was likely because she felt secure with Fu Chengyan beside her, on top of what they had been through yesterday.

When she opened her eyes, she saw Fu Chengyan leaning against the bed while reading a newspaper. The sun shone into the room from an angle. It brought with it a sense of warmth in the middle of winter.

Shi Nuan blinked her eyes. Fu Chengyan felt it instantly, even though it was just a minute movement. He put down his papers and looked at her. “Awake already?”

Shi Nuan nodded with a smile. When she saw that she was still holding onto Fu Chengyan’s hand, she felt embarrassed and let go. “W-Why didn’t you wake me up?”

“I didn’t want to disturb your sleep.” Fu Chengyan picked some of Shi Nuan’s hair and tucked them behind her ear. “How do you feel? Did you sleep well?”

“Yes, I slept well. Why did you wake up so early?” Shi Nuan asked as she flicked the sheets aside and got out of bed.

Shi Nuan felt a little awkward when she took a look around. She then remembered that she wasn’t at Wutong Residence but Pei Jingxiu’s house instead. “By the way, yesterday...”

“Since you’re already awake, you should go wash up. Breakfast is ready downstairs.”

“Okay.”

Shi Nuan patted the messy hair on her own head before heading to the bathroom quickly. The towels and toiletries were all new. She thought about last night’s events as she brushed her teeth. When she walked out of the bathroom, she blushed at the sight of Fu Chengyan changing.

He squinted his eyes and smiled. “You’ve seen everything. What’s there to be embarrassed about!”

“Stop it!” Shi Nuan went back to the bathroom and prepped herself before coming out again. There were clean clothes on the bed, and they looked new too. Shi Nuan picked them up and noticed that the price tags hadn’t been cut off. “Oh, did you go out in the morning to buy these clothes?”

“It wasn’t me, Ning Xi was the one who bought them.” Fu Chengyan replied. “Quick, see if they fit.”

“Alright!”

Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan’s hand as he led her downstairs. A lot of people had gathered there. It wasn’t just Pei Jingxiu and Ning Xi, even Li Heng and Su Shaoqing were there. On top of that, Zhou Zheng, Liang Lin and Jiang Hu had also joined them.

When all of them saw Fu Chengyan leading Shi Nuan down the steps, their mouths couldn’t help but twitch, especially when they saw how chivalrous Fu Chengyan was.

It was Su Shaoqing who was the quickest to react. He put on a broad smile and approached them. “Mrs. Fu, how do you feel? It was already late yesterday, and you were asleep. So Chengyan didn’t allow us to see you.”

Su Shaoqing shifted all the blame onto Fu Chengyan. “Don’t you know? We were all worried sick about you yesterday.”

At that moment, Fu Chengyan shot an angry glance towards Su Shaoqing, who quickly stopped. “As long as you’re safe. Everything is good!”

Shi Nuan couldn’t help but laugh out loud. “Su, I’m fine. Thanks for your concern!”

“Ignore him!” Fu Chengyan led Shi Nuan to join the group. “Why is everyone here?”

“Can’t we just visit for the sake of it? I remember that I have a place here too,” Li Heng said. “Don’t forget, I was the one who gave you the house as a present!”

“Now, how should I be thanking you?” Fu Chengyan replied with a sarcastic smile. He then turned towards Zhou Zheng. “Were you here early?”

“Yes, Jiang Hu and I were worried about both of you.” Zhou Zheng said as he stood upright. “The company has declared these two days as holidays. Jiang Hu and I don’t plan to rest, so here we are.”

Fu Chengyan snorted. “Alright, we do have something big on our hands.” Fu Chengyan looked towards Shi Nuan. “Are you hungry?”

Shi Nuan felt embarrassed when he called her suddenly. She looked around and quickly let go of Fu Chengyan’s hand when she noticed that everyone’s attention was focused on both of them. “I’m fine! Please continue chatting!”

“Nuan, I haven’t had anything yet too. Let’s have some breakfast!” Ning Xi stood up and approached Shi Nuan. “Mr. Fu, let me borrow Nuan for a while!”

Fu Chengyan nodded and patted Shi Nuan on her hand. “Go and get something to eat. I have something to discuss with Pei Jingxiu and the others!”

Shi Nuan nodded and went to the dining room with Ning Xi. She took a few more glances at Fu Chengyan as she was reluctant to leave him. She had the niggling feeling that there was more to the incident than meets the eye. It was just that Fu Chengyan refused to tell her anything.

“Nuan, don’t worry. Pei and the others will know what to do.”

Ning Xi took out the bowls and chopsticks. “I didn’t know what you like to eat, so I just randomly bought some food in the morning.”

“Thanks, actually I’m not a picky eater.” Shi Nuan suddenly remembered something. “By the way, thanks for going out and buying me these clothes in the morning. They fit nicely, and I like them a lot.”

“That’s great!”

Fu Chengyan glanced at the dining room before sitting down. He took the cigarette that Pei Jingxiu had passed over and kept it in his hand. “Are you planning to have them follow us the whole day?”

“Since we don’t have any idea of what their motive is, we might not make it in time if this happens again. You’re no longer alone. You have her now.” Pei Jingxiu tapped his cigarette as he looked in Shi Nuan’s direction. “I can see that she’s a good wife. Since you have made your decision, you will have to step up and be responsible for the two of you.”

Fu Chengyan remained silent in thought. “But if they follow me around, the secret will be out. Besides, when the Fu clan realizes that security around me has increased significantly, they would be worried too.” Fu Chengyan didn’t want his family to know what had happened.

“But if we aren’t around you, you will always be in danger. Last night’s incident could happen again anytime!” Li Heng protested. “Even if you survive, what about Shi Nuan?” Li Heng looked in Shi Nuan’s direction. “She doesn’t know

anything at all. How can you guarantee that they won't attack her even if they don't choose to attack you?"

"Fine. You can keep an eye on us but do it discreetly. Don't follow too closely. I don't need that many people around me. You should have more following May instead!" Fu Chengyan didn't want history to repeat. He could not afford to put Shi Nuan in another dangerous situation.

"Jiang Hu, arranged six men to follow Mrs. Fu."

"At once, Mr. Fu!" Jiang Hu nodded immediately. "How about you?"

"Two is enough."

"No, Mr. Fu. That's too little. I'll get four for you!"

"Two!" Fu Chengyan insisted. "I'm either at the office or at home. I'll go home together with her anyway. If there's too many of you, it will just attract unnecessary attention," Fu Chengyan explained as he looked at his other three friends. "Are you satisfied with the plan?"

Pei Jingxiu nodded. "We'll go with what you said." He then turned to the others and said, "Now that it's settled, you can all leave now!"

"Hey, Pei, you can't do that. We're all good friends here," Su Shaoqing protested while Li Heng stood up. "That's perfect. I have something to attend to at work, so I can't stay."

After Li Heng left with Liang Lin, Su Shaoqing had no choice but to leave too. Only Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan were left inside. Both of them proceeded to leave once Shi Nuan had eaten her fill.

Shi Nuan was constantly feeling on edge after the incident last night. Fu Chengyan took Shi Nuan to Su Shaoqing's hospital when he realized that Shi Nuan was still traumatized.

Su Shaoqing was visibly annoyed given that they had just met earlier, and here they were again. “Chengyan, why are you here when you’re doing fine? Or were you injured last night?” Su Shaoqing examined Fu Chengyan closely and didn’t see anything wrong with him. “So what brings you here?”

“Do you have a psychiatrist here?” Fu Chengyan asked. Shi Nuan, who was beside him, was stunned. “Yan, why do you need to see a psychiatrist? Are you alright?”

Su Shaoqing was puzzled too. “That’s right. Is there something wrong with you mentally? You look totally normal to me. Stop pulling my leg!” Then his expression became serious as he looked at Fu Chengyan. “Don’t tell me you were shocked by yesterday’s events?”

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips and glared at Su Shaoqing.

When Shi Nuan heard Su Shaoqing say the words ‘were you shocked yesterday,’ she immediately understood why they were there. “Yan, do you think that there’s something wrong with me?”

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“Not really.” Fu Chengyan knew immediately that Shi Nuan had misunderstood. He patted her on the back and held her hands by the wrists. “Taking you to see the psychiatrist doesn’t mean you have psychological problems.” Fu Chengyan smiled and shifted his glance to Su Shaoqing. “Get her here!”

“Sure, in the meantime, both of you should discuss it properly!”

Su Shaoqing left quickly as he didn’t want to get involved. Fu Chengyan smiled weakly. “You seem to be edgy and don’t look too good. You must have been traumatized last night. I just want the doctor to help you relax. Don’t worry. No one thinks that you’re sick.”

Shi Nuan nodded as she heaved a sigh of relief. “Fine, I promise I’ll see the psychiatrist. But I am really fine. It was the first time I experienced such an incident, and I wasn’t mentally prepared at all!”

“I know, next time I won’t leave you alone,” Fu Chengyan promised her.

Half an hour later, Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan left Su Shaoqing’s private hospital. Shi Nuan smiled when she saw Fu Chengyan let out a sigh of relief. “I told you I was fine. I was just feeling a little anxious, that’s all. Don’t worry. I know how to manage my own emotions.”

“Sure!” Fu Chengyan helped Shi Nuan put on her safety belt and drove out of the hospital.

It was already afternoon by the time they returned to Wutong Residence. Ning Xin quickly got up from the sofa when she heard the door open. “Yan, Nuan,



you're finally back." Ning Xin looked worried. "You didn't even let us know that you were not coming back last night. Yan, I waited together with your uncle for a long time before you finally called in the morning!"

Shi Nuan felt a little embarrassed and gave Fu Chengyan an awkward look. However, she heard him laugh in reply. "Uncle would be a happy man when I don't return home with May! Isn't it a rare opportunity for both of you to spend time together without the two of us getting in your way?"

Fu Chengyan explained as he took out Shi Nuan's slippers, "When we realized it was already late and the fact that we had a long day at work, we decided to stay at a hotel to relax."

Fu Chengyan glanced at Shi Nuan as he spoke. Shi Nuan nodded immediately and continued, "That's right. I'm sorry to have made both of you worry. However, it was really late and we were just exhausted. So..." Shi Nuan felt bad. "I promise you that in the future, we will inform you ahead of time if we're going to come home late or not at all. Is that alright?"

"Alright!" Ning Xin wasn't really angry.

When Fu Chengyan called in the morning, Ning Xin already had a good idea of what they were up to. She was worried that she had imposed herself on them for too long, so they stayed out to have some privacy.

"It doesn't matter as long as both of you are safe. You should be tired. Come and have a seat." Ning Xin waved Shi Nuan over and ushered her to sit. "I am worried about you because you work too hard and don't rest enough."

"It's nothing. I'm very happy at work. It's not tiring at all!" Shi Nuan laughed. "Aunt, have you had your lunch?"

"Yes, I did!"

“What about Uncle?” Fu Chengyan had changed into his slippers too and strode in leisurely. “Why are you alone at home?”

“Your uncle had just left after receiving a call. He said that it would only be for a short while.” Ning Xin laughed. “Actually, your uncle and I have decided it’s time to go home.”

“Go home?” Shi Nuan’s smile froze slightly. “You want to go home? Why? Is it not comfortable enough here?”

“It’s great here. How can it not be!” Ning Xin could see that Shi Nuan was feeling reluctant for them to leave. “Both your uncle and I have stayed here for a long time. All we wanted was just to relax for a while. This is still your home together with Yan, while our place is back at the Fu residence.”

“Didn’t you say so yourself that this is your home too? You have been enjoying your stay here, so why the rush to move back?” Shi Nuan was reluctant to see Ning Xin go. The main reason was that Ning Xin had become a motherly figure to her by always showing her care and concern.

Shi Nuan’s parents never showed her any affection or attention even though they were still around. Hence, she had never really felt the love of a parent.

Ning Xin managed to show Shi Nuan how warm it felt to have family around, although she had only stayed at Wutong Residence for two months. It was a feeling that Shi Nuan had never experienced all these years. Shi Nuan treated Ning Xin as her own family after spending so much time together in their home. Hence, she was really reluctant to see her go.

“Foolish child, why are you crying so easily!” Ning Xin felt sad to see Shi Nuan like that. “I’m just going home. It’s not like we’re never seeing each other again. Whenever you miss me, just give me a call and I’ll be here to see you!”

Ning Xin was reluctant to leave Shi Nuan too. Although she had her own children, her daughter was separated from her since she was young, while the

boy they brought up was her enemy's son. Even though they reunited with Pei Huan in the end, she was already attached to Li Heng.

Ning Xin would get upset every time she thought about Pei Huan.

"Aunt, don't feel sad. I promise to call you often when you go back. I'll invite you to tea too! I'm sure you're not yet aware that I partnered with my friend to run a tea house. Why don't I take you there for a look next time?"

"Sure, of course!" Ning Xin nodded and patted the back of Shi Nuan's hand. She then turned her attention to Fu Chengyan. "Yan, you have to promise me that you will take care of Nuan. Don't bully her just because we're not around. Or else I'll come back and teach you a lesson."

"Yes, definitely." Fu Chengyan nodded repeatedly. He couldn't help but smile. "It looks like you're the one who's biased now!"

"Look at you!" Ning Xin laughed. "Alright, it's decided then. Yan, my bags are packed. Can you help me carry them down?"

"Aunt, are you in a rush?" Shi Nuan's face was full of disappointment. "Are you sure you don't want to stay for a while longer? Or at least have a meal before you leave?"

"Silly girl, there are still a lot of chances to see each other again. I'm waiting for Yan to take you back to the Fu residence officially." Ning Xin continued, "Yan, let's go! Your uncle knows about it, and he will head home directly once he's done with his work. You can send me back first."

"Sure!"

Fu Chengyan went upstairs to bring Ning Xin and Fu Heng's luggage down. He came down shortly as there weren't many bags.

“Aunt, it’s time to go!” He turned towards Shi Nuan. “May, you should rest at home!”

“No, I want to go together!” Shi Nuan protested as she stood up. Ning Xin shook her head. “Don’t worry. You don’t have to come together. Besides, it’s not a good time for you to be seen at the Fu residence yet.”

“It’ll be fine. I’ll wait inside the car. Aunt, please let me come along!” Shi Nuan pleaded. “Besides, there’s nothing left in the fridge, and we still need to prepare dinner. I might as well go grocery shopping after sending you home.”

“Alright then!” Ning Xin agreed. “That’s a wonderful idea.”

Fu Chengyan put the luggage into the trunk while Shi Nuan helped Ning Xin out of the house.

After he opened the door to the back seat, Shi Nuan helped Ning Xin get in and sat next to her. “Yan, I’ll be sitting behind with Aunt to chat!”

Fu Chengyan nodded and got into the driver’s seat. He then started the engine.

“Nuan, I’m sure you don’t know that Yan was very cute when he was little. But he always had a serious expression on. During that time, a lot of girls were interested in him, but he was a good kid and didn’t get into a relationship as he was still too young!”

“Is that so?” Shi Nuan smiled as she leaned herself in between the two front seats. She turned her head to examine Fu Chengyan’s side profile. It was hard for her to connect Ning Xin’s description of him with the man she saw in front of her now.

When Fu Chengyan realized that she was watching him, he looked at her via the rearview mirror and smiled. “What is it? Did you realize that your husband has gotten more handsome?”

“You’re shameless. Don’t forget that Aunt is still right here!” Shi Nuan blushed as she leaned back into her seat and continued to chat with Ning Xin, “What happened after that? Aunt, was Yan always with you since he was little?”

“Yes, he was an obedient kid. But he was brilliant. While his friends were still in high school, he skipped several grades and went straight to university.” Ning Xin’s face was full of pride when she talked about Fu Chengyan. “I brought two kids up, Yan and Xiu. Both of them were introverts. Yan was really smart, while Xiu was obedient and filial. If not for the deterioration of my health, I would have continued to look after them.”

“Aunt, what you did is more than enough.” Fu Chengyan turned to give Ning Xin a glance. “Without you, I wouldn’t be the Fu Chengyan I am today!”

Ning Xin was the one who taught Fu Chengyan everything he knew when he was young. She was very strict with him and Pei.

“I know that both of you are filial, but I couldn’t help but feel you were both a little lonely then. I’m glad that you are married now,” Ning Xin replied with pride. She then pulled Shi Nuan’s hand close to her. “Nuan is a simple girl, and I like her a lot. I can also feel that you have become more gentle ever since you got together with her!” It was obvious to Ning Xin. There was no hiding from her.

“You’re just exaggerating!” Shi Nuan laughed. “When Yan and I met, he was already a wonderful person. He even saved me multiple times.”

“That’s good. It just goes to show that you are destined to be together. Whatever problems you might face in the future, remember to stick together. You have to trust and support each other too, alright?”

“Yes, I understand!” Shi Nuan nodded firmly as she blushed. “When we got married, we already decided to be together forever.”

Fu Chengyan smiled when he heard what Shi Nuan had said. His usual frosty expression and cold gaze seemed to have melted away. He squinted his eyes. Even though it was winter, he felt as if the winds of spring were blowing.

They finally arrived at the Fu residence as they chatted away happily in the car. Shi Nuan did not get out of the car. Fu Chengyan was the one who got down first. He proceeded to open the car door and helped Ning Xin out. Then, he grabbed the luggage from behind and said to Shi Nuan, "Wait for me in the car. I'll be back out shortly."

"Sure!"

Fu Chengyan closed the door and heard a melodious voice behind him. "Yan, you're back!" It was Song Jingyu. She yelled in the direction of the house, "Aunt Song, look who's back. It's Yan. He says he misses you and is back just to see you."

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The Fu residence became lively quickly. Song Jingyu rushed to Fu Chengyan, but he glared at her. “Can’t you see I’m helping Aunt?”

Song Jingyu bit her lip and glanced at Ning Xin. She felt irritated just looking at Ning Xin’s frail expression. However, she couldn’t show her displeasure in front of Fu Chengyan. She could only smile toward Ning Xin. “Aunt, it’s been a while. How are you?”

“Didn’t we just see each other yesterday?” It was obvious to Ning Xin that Song Jingyu wasn’t sincere. And she knew Song Jingyu didn’t like her too.

“That’s right. Just look at my poor memory. The days felt like an eternity. It must be because I missed you too much,” Song Jingyu lied through her teeth. “Aunt, let me help you in.”

“You don’t have to. Yan can do it!” Ning Xin declined Song Jingyu’s offer. “Yan, I can walk by myself now. Why don’t you go back first? Didn’t you say that you were busy with something?”

“Yes, will you be alright?”

“Why aren’t you even entering the house, given that you’re here. What do you have that’s so important? You have time to send your aunt home but no time to visit your own mother?” Song Zhenyan had rushed out in anticipation but didn’t expect to hear Ning Xin asking Fu Chengyan to leave instead. She wouldn’t tolerate such behavior. “Ning, he’s not your son. You won’t know how upsetting it is! He must be tired from sending you home, so why can’t you let him take a break or drink some water?”

“This...” Ning Xin felt awkward after hearing Song Zhenyan’s criticism. That wasn’t what she meant, but she knew what Song Zhenyan was really trying to say. Despite that, she couldn’t help but feel somewhat embarrassed.

She considered that Shi Nuan was still in the car and that Fu Chengyan would not have returned willingly if not for her.

“What else are you trying to say? It’s obvious to me you have an agenda. Your own daughter left home and disappeared for three years. And now you’re trying to stop my son from seeing me?” Song Zhenyan was increasingly rude and berated Ning Xin mercilessly.

“Enough!” Fu Chengyan stepped in when he heard Song Zhenyan’s ridiculous words. He furrowed his brows and said, “Mother, do you not see that I’m standing right here?”

“I...” When Song Zhenyan heard how Fu Chengyan spoke to her, it only made her angrier. “Yan, I’m your mother. How can you speak to me like that? That woman...”

“What woman? She’s my aunt who brought me up since I was little. She’s my mother!” Fu Chengyan interrupted Song Zhenyan angrily. “During the ten years you were away, she was the one who took care of me. Everything she did was for my sake. You shouldn’t belittle her.” Fu Chengyan patted the back of Ning Xin’s hand and said, “Aunt, you must be tired from standing out here, let me help you in!”

Fu Chengyan ignored Song Zhenyan and Song Jingyu after that. He helped Ning Xin into the house with one hand while carrying her luggage with the other.

When the butler saw Fu Chengyan enter, he approached them joyfully. “Sir, you’re back. Hand me the bags!”

“Sorry to trouble you!” Fu Chengyan passed the luggage to the butler and said, “Leave them in uncle’s room.”



“Sure,” the butler replied and proceeded to carry the bags up. Fu Chengyan helped Ning Xin up the steps. “I hope that you don’t mind what just happened.”

“Foolish child, I’m not that petty, am I? However, what she said was right. She’s still your real mother, I...”

“Aunt, you don’t have to belittle your own sacrifices. To me, you are already my mother in all ways except in name. Anyway, uncle is still not back yet. I’m worried that they might still cause you trouble. If there’s nothing important, I think it’s better for you to stay in the room.”

“Okay, I understand. I’m feeling tired too. I’ll go get some rest now.” Ning Xin understood Fu Chengyan’s character. He had a gentle heart despite the tough facade. She always knew what he was thinking as she was the one who brought him up. “Alright, Nuan is in the car alone. You shouldn’t let her wait for too long.”

Fu Chengyan let out a gentle smile. His eyes carried with it a tinge of warmth. “I’ll go back first then. Come and visit us anytime you’re free. May and I will always welcome you!”

When Fu Chengyan walked out of Ning Xin’s room, Song Zhenyan and Song Jingyu were there at the door.

Although Song Zhenyan was still angry at how Fu Chengyan treated her just now, she couldn’t afford to be keeping score at the moment. Her priority now was to get Fu Chengyan to stay. She would have to set aside her grudge against Ning Xin for the time being.

Song Zhenyan rubbed her hands as she looked desperate. “Yan, since you’re already home, why don’t you have dinner before leaving? Or better yet, why don’t you stay the night? There are a lot of rooms in the house for you to choose from anyway. How about your own room instead? I had it cleaned just in case you came back!”

Fu Chengyan shot a fierce glance at Song Zhenyan and replied coldly. "I won't be staying. I'm busy with something, so I have to go!"

Fu Chengyan walked past Song Zhenyan as he descended the stairs. She was stunned for a moment before giving chase. "Yan, what is so important that you need to deal with it now? It's already late, and Jingyu told me that the office is closed for two days. You don't even need to work! Are you leaving in such a hurry just because you don't want to see me?"

Fu Chengyan had his back facing Song Zhenyan. His lips twitched but he didn't respond. Song Zhenyan was so angry that she didn't mince her words. "Stand right there, you bastard! How can you treat your own mother like that? I carried you for ten months, and yet you show me this attitude? I've swallowed my pride to plead with you. If you still have a conscience, can't you just have dinner with me? Tell me, did the woman upstairs teach you to be like that? Is it her? Why is she so shameless? Even her own daughter abandoned her. Given that she's left alone, now she wants you for herself. She had already snatched someone else's husband away. Is she going to take away another person's son too?"

"Enough!" Fu Chengyan turned around angrily. His eyes were cold and frightening. "You are a lady from a prominent family and yet you don't even act like one. How can you say such terrible things? My decision to leave has nothing to do with Aunt. I'm leaving because I just don't want to see you and that precious niece of yours. If you still know what's good for you, you should leave the Fu clan immediately and return to Jiang City. Then I'll be able to come home more often!"

"You..."

Song Zhenyan turned pale instantly. She almost choked and could hardly breathe right now. She didn't expect Fu Chengyan's hate for her to be so entrenched.

"Yan, I'm your mother. You..."

"Do you only realize that now? When I needed you the most, you treated me like I was a burden. I know I wasn't the child you had with the man you loved the most. Hence, you easily abandoned both father and me. After that, you avoided

us like the plague. Since you made your decision to leave us, you should stick to it and not bother us now. You should be aware that leaving your name in the Fu family register is the only thing I can tolerate. So don't try and challenge my patience anymore!"

"Yan, it was your father who cheated on me then. He had a mistress outside. Fu Ling is the proof of his betrayal. Have you forgotten that? That girl, she..."

"Enough! I'm only tolerating you now because you're my mother. Or else how do you think you're still a member of the Fu clan? Ling couldn't be part of the family because of you. The debt you owe Ling and her mother can never be repaid in this lifetime."

"No, how was it possible for me to accept her? She was the one who wrecked our family apart. She was shameless!"

Fu Chengyan rubbed between his brows. "I don't want to argue with you anymore. This is my final warning to you. Don't disturb Aunt or threaten Father. Or else, I will lose what little patience I have left for you."

Fu Chengyan looked away from her. When he saw the butler, he asked, "Uncle, where's Granddad?"

"Sir, Old Master has gone out. He is meeting some friends and hasn't returned." The butler looked around at everyone and hesitated before asking. "Sir, are you leaving soon?"

"Yes, I still have something to attend to. Since Granddad and Father are both not in, please take care of Aunt. Uncle is still busy, and it might be a while before he returns." Fu Chengyan instructed carefully, "Aunt is resting in her room. Send someone to keep watch. No one is to disturb her until Uncle comes home. Or else they will be punished!"

"Yes, sir. Please have a safe journey."

After sending Fu Chengyan off, the butler looked towards Song Jingyu and Song Zhenyan. “Mdm. Song and Ms. Song, I will go on check on Mdm. Ning. If you’re feeling tired or hungry, please let the other servants know.”

“Hmph!” Song Zhenyan snorted behind the butler’s back. “Damn you!”

Song Jingyu was still gaping in shock after she had watched the whole exchange between Fu Chengyan and Song Zhenyan. She realized that she didn’t even know what to say. When she saw Fu Chengyan leave, only then did she recover her senses and called out, “Aunt Song, Yan has left!”

“So be it, didn’t you hear what he said just now? He wants us to return to the capital!” Song Zhenyan complained as she was still angry with her son.

Song Jingyu couldn’t help but frown. “Aunt Song, why are you scolding me? How can you say this to me? You promised earlier that you would help matchmake me with Yan. I don’t care. I’m going to stop him.”

Song Jingyu dashed out of the house and chased after Fu Chengyan. She ran as fast as she could. “Yan, wait! Don’t go!”

Song Jingyu managed to grab hold of Fu Chengyan’s sleeve just as he was about to open the car door. “Yan, why are you leaving so quickly? Isn’t this your home? I’ve already arrived for a few months now, yet you didn’t spend any time with me. Yan, I’m still your fiancée!” Song Jingyu hugged Fu Chengyan’s waist as she spoke coquettishly, “Yan, please stay! If not, take me with you. We can go out and have dinner together. After that, I’ll go over to your place. How about that?”

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## Chapter 244

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes when he realized that Song Jingyu was hugging him. He glared at her fiercely. "Let go!" His tone was extremely grave, and his voice echoed throughout the open space.

Song Jingyu was visibly shaken by it. But she regained her composure quickly. She shook her head and insisted, "No, Yan. Please don't go!" She hugged him tighter instead. "Yan, I know you always have a soft spot for me, right? I beg of you. Don't go, okay? I know you're angry with Aunt Song, but don't take it out on me too. I didn't do anything wrong!"

"I'll repeat one more time. Let go of me!" Fu Chengyan's forehead was contorted right then. However, Song Jingyu still refused to let go.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows. "Song Jingyu, I won't repeat myself thrice." Fu Chengyan then put his hand on the back of Song Jingyu's hand. Her expression changed to one of delight as she thought that Fu Chengyan had finally accepted her. What she didn't expect was that in the next instant, he squeezed her hand with all the force he had.

It felt as if her bones were going to break into pieces as Fu Chengyan was really strong, and he didn't seem to have the intention of letting go anytime soon.

Song Jingyu screamed in pain as her face turned pale at once. "Yan, it hurts. Let go of my hand, it's really painful!"

"Let go!" Fu Chengyan gave his final warning, but Song Jingyu still refused to do so. "I won't. I'm not going to let go even if you break my hand. If I let go, you will leave and I don't want that."

Fu Chengyan's gaze darkened as he narrowed his eyes. He twisted Song Jingyu's hand, and before she knew it, she was thrown overhead and landed heavily on the floor.

Song Jingyu cried out in pain as she crashed onto the ground on all fours. Her palms and elbows brushed against the rough surface and had blood oozing out of them. Song Jingyu started crying as she couldn't bear the pain. "Yan, how can you treat me like this? Why did you push me?"

Fu Chengyan gave her a condescending glare from where he stood, roughly five to six feet away. He then removed his jacket and threw it into the rubbish bin. After that, he used a paper towel to clean his hands. His expression was filled with disgust as if he had touched something filthy.

Song Jingyu's face became white as a sheet immediately. Any delusions that she previously had about Fu Chengyan had vanished by now. She had thought that no matter how much he hated her, he wouldn't have been so harsh on her. At the very least, he would still show her some respect on the account of the Song family. But now, she realized that she was nothing to Fu Chengyan. He despised her so much that even her touch was considered filthy.

Song Jingyu struggled to sit up. Her fists were clenched so hard that blood started oozing out of her wounds. It was a horrific sight.

Song Jingyu bit her lip helplessly. "Yan, don't treat me like this. I am your..."

"Enough, this is my last warning. If you touch me without my permission next time, you will suffer worse consequences." Fu Chengyan gestured to her with his eyes filled with contempt.

"You're a member of the Song family. You're my sister. Please consider your own status when you speak. If you still don't see the truth, I will not only bar you from the Fu clan but also the Song family. My capabilities...mother, I'm sure you know." Fu Chengyan's last words were directed at Song Zhenyan.

Song Jingyu's face was pale as she turned to see Song Zhenyan, who had just walked out of the house.

Song Zhenyan looked upset after hearing what Fu Chengyan had said. When she saw Song Jingyu half sitting on the ground, she rushed over and helped her up. "Jingyu, what happened to you? Are you alright?"

Fu Chengyan turned away and opened the car door without a care. He then got into the car.

Song Jingyu was relentless as she pushed Song Zhenyan away and wanted to open the front passenger seat's door.

Shi Nuan was sitting in the car all along and saw everything that had happened. She considered whether she should have gotten down and shown that pesky woman who the real Mrs. Fu was.

But she decided against it as their relationship was still meant to be a secret. However, she was still Fu Chengyan's wife. And she wasn't generous enough to tolerate another woman throwing herself at her husband all the time.

Luckily, Fu Chengyan had no interest in her at all. In fact, he despised her. Shi Nuan couldn't help but laugh when she saw Fu Chengyan throw away the jacket that Song Jingyu had touched and wiped his hands clean of her.

She wasn't an evil person. But it was satisfying for her to see him do all that. She admitted that she was gloating, but that woman shouldn't have thrown herself at her husband in the first place.

However, what surprised her was that Song Jingyu didn't seem to get it despite everything Fu Chengyan had done to her. No matter how much Fu Chengyan hated her, she would always manage to pick herself up and continue to pester him.

Shi Nuan thought that she wasn't thick-skinned enough to do the same. If she were rejected by Fu Chengyan, she would be too embarrassed to see him again. Even if she did, she would take a different route just to avoid him.

She knew she held all the right principles and values. She definitely wasn't as extreme as Song Jingyu.

However, she did not expect Song Jingyu to try and open the door. Shi Nuan frantically held the door shut as she stared at the woman outside the window.

Although Song Jingyu was a lady from a prominent family, she was no different from a madwoman at that moment as she forcefully tried to open the door.

Shi Nuan turned to look at Fu Chengyan for help. His expression darkened as he quickly pressed on the centralized lock. Only then did Shi Nuan heave a sigh of relief.

Fu Chengyan patted her on the shoulder. "Seat belts."

"Yes, yes." Shi Nuan nodded as she replied by reflex. She realized her mistake and stopped talking.

Although she can't be seen from the outside, she could still be heard.

When Song Jingyu heard a voice, she became even more outraged. She sprinted to the front of the car to see who it was as she clearly heard a woman's voice.

Luckily Shi Nuan had quick reflexes, and she bent down quickly.

Fu Chengyan grimly glanced at Shi Nuan before looking at Song Jingyu, who was banging on the bonnet. His eyes flashed with a tinge of impatience as he started the car engine and floored the accelerator. The car then zoomed right past Song Jingyu with an inch to spare.



“Ah!”

Song Jingyu let out a scream as she was pulled by the momentum of the car. She hit the ground rolling before finally falling flat.

She felt as if all of her internal organs had split open. Her body had rolled over a couple of times before she landed on a patch of grass by the side. However, she was unable to pick herself up no matter how hard she tried.

Song Zhenyan saw everything that happened and looked at Song Jingyu in disbelief.

She didn't expect Song Jingyu to be so extreme, but what shocked her even more was her son's heartlessness. He had no concern about her safety at all. Song Jingyu was lucky she was standing by the side of the car and not in front.

If she had been in front, she would have been run over already.

“Jingyu, are you alright?”

“Aunt Song, it hurts!” Song Jingyu hugged Song Zhenyan immediately and burst into tears. “It's so painful. Why is Yan doing this to me? He has changed, and there's another woman in his life now. But I don't like it. Yan should be mine. How could he try and run me over? There was a woman in his car just now. I'm afraid he has someone else already.”

“Good girl. Don't cry, Jingyu. I'll always stand by your side. Yan has gone overboard this time. How could he treat you like that!” Song Zhenyan was extremely disappointed with Fu Chengyan's actions.

She had thought that he was just angry because she abandoned him when he was young. She did not expect him to be so cruel, almost running over Jingyu. She hugged Song Jingyu tightly and felt bad for what she had been through. She did not for a moment think about how Fu Chengyan felt and did not trust him at all. It would be impossible for Fu Chengyan to run over someone given his

principles and driving skills. It also wouldn't be worth the trouble over someone who's not even important to him.

As Fu Chengyan drove away from the Fu residence, his mood was foul for the whole journey.

He didn't want to visit the Fu residence because he wanted to avoid Song Zhenyan and Song Jingyu. Although he wasn't keen to go home, he would still make an effort to return at least a few times in the past. But now, he wasn't willing to do so at all. If not for the sole reason of sending Ning Xin home, he would definitely have avoided going back.

Song Zhenyan's schemes and actions had never ceased to amaze him. He couldn't believe how she could blame everyone else for her own mistakes. It was as if everyone in the world was at fault except her.

"Yan?"

Shi Nuan could feel Fu Chengyan's dejection. She reached out her hand to hold his. "Are you alright?"

Fu Chengyan turned towards her and tried to smile. With a relieved expression, he said, "It's nothing!" Then he asked, "What would you like for dinner?"

Shi Nuan frowned. "Yan, we are a married couple. If you're upset, you should tell me. What's the essence of marriage? It means that we go through thick and thin together. If anything makes you sad, you should share it with me. Doesn't it feel terrible to keep everything to yourself?"

She hoped that Fu Chengyan would tell her his problems no matter how bad they were.

"Foolish girl, I'm fine!" His deep throaty voice revealed a tinge of exhaustion, but he tried his best to hide it. "Think about what you want to eat. We will be going to the mall to shop for groceries."

“Alright then!” Shi Nuan pursed her lips and leaned towards him suddenly. She moved closer and whispered in his ear, “Yan, no matter what happens, you still have me. I’ll always be by your side.” She then kissed him on his earlobe before planting another kiss on his chin.

Fu Chengyan’s eyes darkened as his adam’s apple started to move unconsciously. The car also started to slow down.

He turned to gaze at her intently. His adam’s apple continued to move as his eyes had a strange look in them. “May, don’t play with fire.”

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 245

When Shi Nuan saw a hint of lust in Fu Chengyan's star-like eyes, she quickly pushed him aside. Overwhelmed with embarrassment, she sat upright hastily before reprimanding, "Why are you like that? Can't you see how unsuitable the timing and place are? Keep driving!"

Fu Chengyan collected his composure as his lips widened into a smile. His eyes sparkled as he stroked Shi Nuan's hair. "Alright, sit tight!"

Shi Nuan tucked her lips in. "I already told you that I'm not a child. So don't keep using such methods on me." She continued, "Yan, your mother and Song Jingyu seem to be..." Difficult!

When Fu Chengyan heard those names, his eyes sank. Shi Nuan also felt that it was a mistake to bring them up now. She then laughed over it and changed the topic, "I would like to eat hotpot today."

"Hotpot?" Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow. He then looked at Shi Nuan reluctantly. "Do you know how many times we had hotpot this month?"

"Can't we?" Shi Nuan lifted her eyebrows and stiffened her neck as she glanced at him. "I love having hotpot."

Fu Chengyan sighed. "It's not that you can't. Although hotpots are delicious, you might fall sick if you have too much of them." Fu Chengyan frowned as he swept his eyes across Shi Nuan. "I'm just concerned for your health."

"But it's winter now. Isn't it normal to have hotpots during winter?" Shi Nuan paused for a while. "It's decided then, we will go out for hotpot."

“You mean eat outside?” Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows. Shi Nuan nodded and replied, “Yes, let’s eat out!”

After what had happened earlier on, Shi Nuan no longer had any desire to cook. She figured that Fu Chengyan wasn’t keen on doing so either.

Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Nuan for a while before nodding. He reached out his hands to touch her cheeks and said, “You’re the boss.” Foolish girl. He knew without even asking that she was worried about him. That’s why she suggested going out to eat hotpot.

Both of them drove to Huanhai City as Shi Nuan knew about a delicious hotpot restaurant that had just opened. Hence she suggested that they try it.

After Fu Chengyan parked his car, the two of them entered the restaurant. Shi Nuan had called to make reservations before they arrived. Hence, everything went smoothly. The maître d’ led them to a private room and Shi Nuan ordered the dishes as Fu Chengyan talked to Zhou Zheng on the phone, “Have you made any progress on what I asked you to do?”

Zhou Zheng was also eating at that moment. Fu Chengyan’s strange question had stunned him. “What do you mean, Mr. Fu?”

“The picture. I asked you to do it yesterday. It looks like you have forgotten.” Fu Chengyan’s annoyance could be felt through the phone. Zhou Zheng jumped when he recalled what Fu Chengyan had instructed him to do. He answered hesitantly, “Mr. Fu, I...have forgotten about it!”

“Forgotten! Excellent!” Fu Chengyan’s tone carried with it a hint of anger. Zhou Zheng put down his food immediately and sat up straight. “But you can’t blame me for what happened last night. Jiang Hu and I went to clear the ambushes near your house!”

Zhou Zheng felt like crying as he hadn’t had any rest since last night. He had just completed his task and finally got to have something to eat. He didn’t expect to

be interrogated by Fu Chengyan at that moment. “Mr. Fu, have some mercy. I’ll get it done right now, I promise. I guarantee that I’ll have something to report tonight.”

“Tonight?” Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes. “Tomorrow morning is fine. Get it done quickly!” Fu Chengyan ended the call without saying how he was going to punish Zhou Zheng.

Zhou Zheng was relieved and wondered if Fu Chengyan had decided to forgive him for forgetting.

In reality, Zhou Zheng was right. Fu Chengyan wasn’t going to hold him to task as he had indeed given a tight deadline. Fu Chengyan kept his phone as he turned to look at Shi Nuan.

The hotpot had been served, but it hadn’t come to a boil yet. Shi Nuan could only stare at the pot where the soup was scarlet red. It was going to be extremely spicy.

When Shi Nuan saw that Fu Chengyan had ended his call, she asked, “What is it? Isn’t the office closed for the holidays? Why do you still have something to discuss with Zhou Zheng?”

“It’s nothing,” Fu Chengyan replied as he noticed Shi Nuan already holding the chopsticks in her right hand, eager to try the food. When Shi Nuan realized that Fu Chengyan was looking at her, or her actions to be precise, she felt embarrassed and retracted her hand.

But Fu Chengyan quickly caught her right hand while his obsidian black eyes were fixated on it. She didn’t know what he was looking at as he examined her finger up close, so close that he seemed to be obsessed.

Shi Nuan felt curious as she observed Fu Chengyan’s actions. She took a picture of him staring at her finger while he held it. “What are you doing? The hotpot is ready, so we can start cooking now. You can let go of me too!”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes as they moved around in a flurry. He then nodded and replied, "Okay, the food is ready. Let's eat!"

Fu Chengyan let go of Shi Nuan's hand. Shi Nuan was still perplexed, but before she could ponder about it, her bowl was already filled with meat. "What are you doing? I can take them myself. You should go ahead and eat!"

Shi Nuan lowered her head, but her heart was filled with joy due to Fu Chengyan's sweet gesture, not to mention that the hotpot was extremely satisfying.

They didn't talk much until the end of the meal when Fu Chengyan suggested that they go shopping at the nearby mall. Shi Nuan couldn't help but ask, "Don't you hate shopping?"

"Huh? Since when did I say that?" Fu Chengyan reached out and grabbed Shi Nuan's hand to pull her closer to him. He then gently stroked her fingers. Shi Nuan's right hand had nothing on, so it looked bare.

"Let's go shopping. It's time to buy something."

"Huh?" Shi Nuan didn't understand what Fu Chengyan was trying to say at all. However, when they reached the jewelry section on the third floor, she immediately understood.

She was half a step behind Fu Chengyan as he kept hold of her hand. When Shi Nuan looked down at her right hand, a wide smile appeared on her face.

Fu Chengyan wasn't able to see her smile from the front. But when they entered the jewelry shop together, all eyes were on them.

"Welcome, how can I help you? Are you here to buy a ring?"

The salesperson looked at Fu Chengyan's dressing. Although she couldn't make out the brand, she could see from the material that it wasn't something ordinary

people could afford. Meanwhile, Shi Nuan looked radiant next to him. Although she wasn't wearing anything fancy, she gave others an impression that she was a professional. However, her hand was being held by Fu Chengyan. Hence, her look didn't seem to match her clothes.

“Sir...”

“Wait!” Fu Chengyan raised his hand and interrupted the salesperson. He glanced at Shi Nuan. “Come and take a look. Which one do you fancy?”

“So, you really wanted to buy a ring for me!” Shi Nuan couldn't help but laugh as she finally understood what he was doing just now. “That's why you were looking at my fingers during dinner?”

Fu Chengyan smiled with his eyes. “What are you waiting for? Hurry up and choose one.” Fu Chengyan walked to one of the cabinets and checked out the items on display.

Shi Nuan followed him and gave up at first sight of the rings. Fu Chengyan caught her hand. “Don't you like it?”

Shi Nuan shook her head. “It's not that. I just don't feel comfortable wearing such an expensive ring in the office.” Shi Nuan knew that her colleagues weren't aware that she was Mrs. Fu. Hence, if she were to wear such an expensive ring after the incident last night, they would definitely get the wrong impression. Shi Nuan didn't want to stand out at work like that.

Fu Chengyan lowered his gaze and nodded. “So what kind of ring would you like?”

“Erm, something that's less flashy, with a simple yet elegant design.” Shi Nuan went to see other display cases as she spoke, “Yan, come here. What do you think of this?” Shi Nuan pointed at a ring with a minimalist design. Not only was there no diamond, but there weren't any engravings on it too. It was just a simple ring, but its shape was kind of special.



Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "Can you please let us see that?"

When the salesperson saw that the ring Shi Nuan chose was neither eye-catching nor expensive, her attitude changed. She took another look at both of them and felt they weren't that rich. They probably only pretended to be rich.

"Sir, do you really not want to see other designs? This ring..."

"Show it to us!" Fu Chengyan glared at the salesperson impatiently. "What is it? Aren't you open for business? Can't you satisfy your customer's request?"

"Sorry, I'll bring it out at once!" Although the salesperson looked upset, she still brought out the ring and showed it to Fu Chengyan.

She thought that she could close a big sales deal today. However, she didn't expect them to be country bumpkins.

When another customer entered the shop, she left them and went to serve the new customers instead.

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes as he held the ring above her finger. "Do you want to try it on?"

Shi Nuan had noticed the difference in the salesperson's attitude. However, she didn't take it personally. She held out her hand for Fu Chengyan to slip the ring onto her finger. It was a perfect fit and did not look too jarring.

"How is it? Do you like it?"

"Yes!" Fu Chengyan nodded. He lifted Shi Nuan's hand that had the ring on to take a closer look. "It looks great!"

"I think so too." Shi Nuan then took off the ring. "Excuse me. We would like to take this ring."

Shi Nuan didn't say it loudly, but it was audible for the staff. There were a few sales representatives in the shop who hesitated to help Fu Chengyan as they weren't supposed to close the sale of another colleague. However, the salesperson who served them earlier on ignored them as she was attending to another customer.

"Sir, are you here to buy some jewelry for the lady? Please have a seat."

The new customer was Lin Shen and his fiancée, Zhou Qian. They were on a date and were shopping around. Zhou Qian had told Lin Shen that she wanted to take a look at some jewelry. Hence they both came into the shop.

Lin Shen heard Shi Nuan's voice and looked up. She smiled at them and said, "Mr. Fu, Mrs. Fu, what a surprise to see you here!"