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Shen Qianan took a step backward instinctively out of shock and her face became drained of color instantly.

I've underestimated Shi Nuan. I thought she's just another dumbass little b*tch that I can easily chase off. But this person doesn't play by the rules. She hasn't once fallen into any trap I've set. Instead, she has turned the tide in her favor. And now, I can no longer hold my ground against her.

Shen Qianan's face turned pale as the thoughts crossed her mind. Her eyes became watery as she bit her lip, yet not a single drop of tear ran down her face.

A moment later, she lifted her head to look at Fu Chengyan. "Yan... Please tell Shi Nuan that I-I don't have any ulterior motive. As you know, we were once engaged to each other, even though things didn't work out in the end. I'm sorry, but I've never intended to be a homewrecker. In fact, there's nothing I can do that will ruin your marriage if you two have a strong relationship, isn't that so? I hope that she'll not overthink things—"

"She hadn't read too much into things, nor can you mess up our relationship!" At last, Fu Chengyan broke the silence and declared in a cold tone. Then, he fixed his eyes on Shen Qianan emotionlessly. "It seems like I didn't make myself clear back then. This is a great opportunity to clarify things once and for all. I, Fu Chengyan, have never once fallen in love with you. Furthermore, we were never engaged and the child that you bore..." Fu Chengyan paused for a moment. Then he smiled. "Only my wife will give birth to my progeny, and Shi Nuan is my wife."

The crowd gasped in unison. But Fu Chengyan clasped Shi Nuan's hand and continued in a serious tone, "I will only ever be a widower and never a divorcee. If she dies, I'll never marry again. Likewise, she'll always be my wife even after I've passed on."

Shi Nuan raised her head to peer at Fu Chengyan as she felt a little discomfort from his grip on her hand. Then, she raised a corner of her lips.

She remained silent the entire time as her eyes met with his. Finally, after a long, awkward pause, someone could be heard laughing teasingly. A figure with a burly stature could be seen approaching Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan. The man scrutinized the two before letting out a laugh. "Hah! Chengyan, you've been showing off your love in front of us all the time. Well, not that we hate it. Still, displaying your affection in a public place is going a little overboard, don't you think?"

There was a hint of banter in his playful tone, clearly indicating that he was teasing them. But at his words, the crowd realized that Jiang City's Big Four knew about the marriage, and they were rooting for the couple.

"Mrs. Fu, don't be fooled by Chengyan's sweet talks. If he dares to bully you, you may come to look for us anytime. Pei Jingxiu and Li Heng might not be around, but you still have me. Oh yeah, and also my brother." Su Shaoqing cocked his brows while glancing at Su Bancheng, who agreed with a nod. The latter remained expressionless, yet the look in his eyes was full of sincerity.

Shi Nuan smiled. "I thank you in advance then." Following that, she turned to Fu Chengyan and reiterated, "You've heard that. If anyone dares to bully me, including you, I'll get them to help me."

"Good!" Fu Chengyan flashed a smile and nodded. "I'll punish myself if I ever bully you. There's no need for Jingxiu to dirty his hand."

At that, Shi Nuan nodded in satisfaction. "I'm feeling tired already. How about you?"

Fu Chengyan nodded his head. "Me too."

"Let's go home!"

"Okay!" Fu Chengyan agreed. "We should go back now!" Without further ado, he wrapped his arm around her and they prepared to leave.

Fu Zhengyun was enraged by Fu Chengyan's indifferent attitude and slammed his cane on the floor. "Listen, you rascal! If you dare to leave with this woman, I will never consider you as one of us again! And I'll never acknowledge her as my granddaughter-in-law!"

At that, Fu Chengyan turned to glance at Fu Zhengyun and Shen Qianan. "Grandpa, since you insist on siding with an outsider, I have nothing else to say to you. After all, many people are celebrating your birthday, so my absence won't make any difference. Zhou Zheng!"

"Yes, Mr. Fu!" Zhou Zheng hurriedly showed up from a corner. "How may I be of service?"

"Give the gift to my grandfather." After a short pause, he added, "Also, give a large gift to Ms. Shen as well."

"Yes, sir!"

Following that, Fu Chengyan put his arm around Shi Nuan's shoulder and left the scene. Both their arrival and departure were attention-grabbing.

In any case, there would be no reason for the Su brothers to stay around after the couple's departure. However, as a person who loved poking his nose into others' affairs, Su Shaoqing approached Zhou Zheng and interrupted, "Is that the gift Chengyan mentioned earlier?"

“That’s right, sir.” Immediately after Zhou Zheng clapped his hands, a servant holding a gift box came over swiftly, while another two people could be seen carrying a gunny sack.

All the people at the scene were curious to know what kind of gift Fu Chengyan had prepared for his grandfather. As Fu Zhengyun’s curiosity got the better of him, he quickly ordered someone to open the gift.

“Mr. Fu has especially gifted this calligraphy from the Ming dynasty to you, sir.”

Fu Zhengyun was elated the moment he caught sight of the calligraphy and fell in love with it instantly, “I-Is this authentic?”

Zhou Zheng nodded. “Mr. Fu will be glad to know that you’re pleased with the gift, sir.”

“This is good stuff! I absolutely love it!” Fu Zhengyun was grinning from ear to ear. But he followed up about the gunny sack. “What is inside the sack?”

“Oh, this is the gift Mr. Fu is giving to Ms. Shen.” After Zhou Zheng signaled to the two men in black behind him, they opened the sack swiftly. Following this, the head of a person came into sight. The man was tied up with visible scars all over his body while his hands were noticeably crippled and blood was constantly dripping from his mouth.

Everyone was aghast and took a step backward impulsively; all of them had a haunted expression on their faces.

Shen Qianan looked horrified when she gazed at the person’s face, and then she hastily covered Yu’s eyes. “What is the meaning of this, Mr. Zhou? It is Old Master Fu’s birthday today. How could you show something like this on a celebration day?” Shen Qianan shouted as she was evidently disturbed.

Nevertheless, Zhou Zheng said with a smile, “Red is an auspicious color, Ms. Shen. Mr. Fu has prepared this gift for you, and he also emphasized that the Fu

clan's servants must listen to their masters only. Obeying an outsider is equal to betrayal. You may not know the consequences of that, but you'll know it soon enough."

Shen Qianan was startled by his words. She tightened her arms around Yu as her complexion turned duller. "Did Yan say that?"

Zhou Zheng furrowed his brows but the smile on his face didn't fade. "Ms. Shen, Mr. Fu has ordered that only his wife may address him as Yan."

Shen Qianan and the crowd were rendered speechless.

At his remark, Su Shaoqing chortled. "Haha. I love this. Chengyan is a man of principles, after all. Truth be told, Nuan is pretty popular. Many men would do anything to have a chance with her. But since she's in love with Chengyan, I have to root for them. Isn't that right, Bancheng?"

"Yes." Su Bancheng nodded. "It's getting late. Since Nuan left already, there's no point for us to sit around here. We should leave now."

"You're right. It's pointless for us to stay any longer." After Su Shaoqing spoke, he turned to Zhou Zheng and teased, "What are you waiting for, Mr. Zhou? Are you waiting for a unicorn to pop a rainbow so that you can find the leprechaun's pot?"

"No, Mr. Su. After you."

With that, Su Shaoqing and the others left. But the crowd that remained was taken aback by their conversation.

The Su brothers addressed Shi Nuan so affectionately! Shi Nuan's status is significantly elevated now. After all, the Su brothers belonged to the Su family and the Jiang family. With those two prominent families supporting Shi Nuan, Fu Zhengyun would need to play his cards carefully before making his next move.

These incidents had Fu Zhengyun infuriated to the point that he was no longer in the mood to celebrate his birthday. After that, he ordered Fu Sheng and Fu Heng to entertain the guests before heading toward his room.

Damn it! I've made the wrong move this time! Who would've thought that the Su brothers would side with Shi Nuan?

The gloominess of his expression worsened after Fu Zhengyun threw a glance at Shen Qianan.

Hmph! Here I thought that this woman might be of some use! But she couldn't even stand a chance against the likes of Shi Nuan!

Shen Qianan, who was visibly shaken, carried Yu in her arms and followed behind Fu Zhengyun. "Grandpa..."

"Oh, Ms. Shen. I'm afraid you're not worthy to address me that way." Fu Zhengyun snorted. "Shen Qianan, you've disappointed me big time!"

"But Grandpa... It's not entirely my fault, either. It is because of Shi Nuan..."
Shen Qianan had used up all the tricks up her sleeve and even brought Yu out as her last resort. Yet, Shi Nuan's reaction was unfathomable.

She had been shocked in the beginning. But I was completely defeated by her retaliation after she met Yu.

"Don't blame others for your incompetence. No wonder my grandson was uninterested in you since three years ago. It wasn't unfounded." Fu Zhengyun was never fond of Shen Qianan, for starters. Her upset expression only further contrasted with Shi Nuan's calmness just now and highlighted the latter's capability.

These two might look similar on the outside, yet their personalities and capabilities are worlds apart.

“Old Master Fu, please be reminded that you’re the one who invited me back here. Yan is no longer the person I used to know. How could I possibly know what’s going on in his head?”

“Hmph! Then you should think of a way to deal with Shi Nuan. Otherwise, you’ll be of no use here.” At that, Fu Zhengyun flung up his hands in disdain and glared at her. “You’d better come up with something or else I don’t mind sending you back to C Country.”

“No! Anything but that!” Shen Qianan was panic-stricken. “I’ll think of something, and I’ll definitely get them to divorce each other. Please give me another chance.”

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Shi Nuan immediately let go of Fu Chengyan's hand that she was holding right after they got out of Fu Residence. The abrupt change left him in a dazed state. With a deadpan face, she continued walking without waiting for him.

After a while, Fu Chengyan frowned a little with an intimidating look in his eyes while catching up to her speedily. "May!"

Ignoring Fu Chengyan, Shi Nuan continued striding toward the door of his Maybach and came to a stop.

Fu Chengyan came over to Shi Nuan's side with quick and steady steps. He tried to grab her hand, but she withdrew it before he could manage to touch it. Fu Chengyan's own hand was left outstretched in the air as Shi Nuan glared icily at him.

The two stood still while staring at each other without uttering a single word. Fu Chengyan had never seen such an unfamiliar look in her eyes before this. It was exceedingly aloof, which stirred up uneasiness in his heart.

Shi Nuan stretched her hand out after a long moment of silence. "Key!"

Stunned for a moment, Fu Chengyan stared at her. Shi Nuan's eyelashes fluttered briefly before she said, "Give me the key if you're not gonna leave. I want to go home."

Upon hearing that, Fu Chengyan responded, "Okay."

Without delay, he took out his car key and opened the door to help her get into the car, but she shoved his hand aside.

He looked at her as she got into the car by herself. A sense of helplessness rose in him as he watched her put her guard up against him and kept him at arm's length.

Anxiety struck him as Shi Nuan remained muted while sitting quietly after he got into the car. It was as if he was non-existent. "May—"

"Please drive. I don't want to stay here even for a second," Shi Nuan interrupted. He had no choice but to abide.

Fu Chengyan drove slowly. It took them over an hour to arrive at Wutong Residence. Neither of them spoke throughout the entire journey.

As Fu Chengyan witnessed Shi Nuan's figure gradually disappearing after she got off the car and entered the house, he couldn't help but heave a deep sigh. A few moments later, Zhou Zheng's call came in. "Mr. Fu, the matter is done."

"Good. I want to see the report regarding Shen Shixiu on my desk tomorrow morning." After that, Fu Chengyan ended the call. There was an impassive look in his eyes as he looked out of the window.

Shi Nuan was standing in front of the door of their bedroom when Fu Chengyan reached the second floor. Wasting no time, she handed over a pillow and a blanket to him and said, "Go sleep in the guest room."

Fu Chengyan's usual neat look was disorganized by the pillow thrown at him. He met her unwavering gaze and said, "I thought you might have some questions for me."

Shi Nuan smirked mockingly while looking at him. "Well, I thought you'll take the initiative to tell me, or at least make an effort to keep them hidden until the very

end. But you didn't." Then she stood upright and shouted, "I don't want to talk to you for now! And I don't want to share a room with you either!"

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan simply stared at her without moving an inch.

To avoid making rash decisions that she would regret later, along with the reluctance to stay in an awkward atmosphere, she had decided not to see him temporarily.

Fu Chengyan could tell that she was suppressing her emotions. So, he nodded. "Okay."

With that, he spun around and entered the guest room, which was opposite their bedroom.

Shi Nuan exhaled after he entered the room and leaned against the wall. She smiled bitterly as she stared at the door of the guest room.

In reality, she had mustered every ounce of her strength back at Fu Residence to refrain from losing control of herself. She had only uttered those words back there out of pure exhaustion.

In fact, she had been feeling tensed the moment Yu called out to Fu Chengyan. I was betting on the small possibility that he would stand up for me. Good thing he did. Otherwise, I'll make a fool of myself at the scene. And I'll make the headlines the next day while being a laughingstock in Jiang City.

Shi Nuan got back to her room after her legs felt stiff from standing at the door for too long.

As she sat on the bed, the recollection of what happened earlier repeated like a video in her mind, including Fu Chengyan and Yu's silhouettes, not to mention Shen Qianan and Shi Wei's words.

Feeling irritated, she widened her eyes and gripped the corners of the blanket with her hands. After taking a deep breath, she took her phone to dial a series of numbers with her slightly shaky fingers.

Two beeps later, a raunchy voice could be heard saying in a suggestive tone, “Hey, Mrs. Fu. Why are you calling me at this hour? Hmm?”

Shi Nuan’s fingers quivered for a while after hearing that. She had a strong urge to drop the phone onto the floor as indecent images flashed across her mind. Then, she drew a deep breath. “Shaoqing, I-I have something to ask you.”

Su Shaoqing had arrived at his home not long ago. Old Master Fu has made a significant move tonight by publicly denying her status in their family. At first, I thought that she might not be able to take it. But who would’ve thought that she’ll say those things at the end? I even had the urge to give her a round of applause. In comparison, when Shen Qianan met with trouble back then, all she did was to ask for help from others, unlike Shi Nuan, who keeps her emotions in check and refute everyone’s verbal attacks on her. With this alone, she could easily become the matriarch of their family. Still, why won’t Chengyan’s grandfather accept her as one of their own? I don’t get what’s going on in his head.

Needless to say, Su Shaoqing didn’t mind Shi Nuan calling him. After all, Pei Jingxiu and Li Heng weren’t exactly the best people to answer questions regarding this topic, let alone being a listener.

Besides, it was apparent to Su Shaoqing that Shi Nuan had it worst among all, though she did well at that time. In addition, her breaking point wasn’t caused by the others but by her own misunderstanding of Fu Chengyan. After all, she had no concern for anyone but that man.

“Go ahead. What do you want to know?”

As Su Shaoqing spoke, he removed his jacket, unbuttoned the first three buttons of his shirt, plonked himself on the sofa, and heaved a sigh. “I’ll tell you in full whatever you want to know.”

At his words, Shi Nuan pursed her lips. “Shen Qianan. I want to know about her.”

Su Shaoqing narrowed his eyes at once. “Oh? What do you want to know about her? I may not know much about that woman, but...” He paused for a few seconds before continuing, “But I know the important parts, I guess.”

“What’s up with Yan and her?”

“What exactly do you want to know? Her relationship with Chengyan?” Su Shaoqing asked curiously. Then, he turned on speakerphone mode, headed to the bar counter and continued, “In short, it’s as you perceived. Before she left three years ago, she had been considering herself as his fiancée. However, Chengyan had never once acknowledged it, nor did he deny it.”

Following this, Shi Nuan’s tightened her grip on the phone while her eyes became somewhat unfocused. She raised a corner of her mouth. “Is that so?”

“But you should know that Chengyan acknowledged no woman as his girlfriend back then. Well, I’d say the women that were flocking around him were a little too many.” At this, Su Shaoqing let out a laugh. “It’s not without a good reason, though. For a fine and outstanding man like him, it’d be outrageous if no one likes him. As you might expect, Shen Qianan was one of them.”

“I see.”

“After that, things unfolded naturally. Since Shen Qianan could help him get rid of all the other women, he did at least try to fulfil her requests. But, as far as I know, they had never dated each other.” Right then, Su Shaoqing removed the cork from the wine bottle and poured the content into the glass. Swirling the glass, he leaned on the bar counter and continued, “Well, Shen Qianan was the woman picked by Chengyan’s grandfather. She was a good choice at that time. Hence, most of the Fu clan members favored her. But then, an incident occurred three years ago. It wasn’t a secret, but Chengyan made sure everyone who knew about it seal their lips in order to protect Shen Qianan.”

“What happened?” Shi Nuan felt a little tense. “Why did he need to protect her?”

“As for what happened, you should ask Chengyan about it. I’m not really sure about the exact details. One of two reasons he didn’t deny the false assumption about her being his fiancée was so that she could deal with the other women trying to approach him and prevent his family members from pestering him to get married. The second reason was that she had saved his life once.”

Shi Nuan bit her lip while remaining silent the entire time, and the sound of her breathing was the only indication that she was still on the line.

“Shi Nuan, sometimes whatever you see and hear might not be the whole truth.”

“What should I do to know the truth, then?” Shi Nuan inquired with a bitter smile.

“You too saw just now what Yan’s grandfather was like. And there’s that child too.” Even the thought of what happened earlier caused her much grief.

“Shaoqing, the thing that I cannot bear is that I had given him a chance to come clean with me, yet he didn’t.”

“You should know better than anyone how Chengyan has been treating you. To be frank, I’ve never seen him being serious and attentive toward a woman before. Ever since he got together with you, it was like he had turned into another person.” Su Shaoqing sighed and added, “I’ve witnessed your relationship with him. Yes, the duration of your relationship isn’t long. Still, isn’t it long enough for you to get to know someone deeply already? I can’t deny that he’s treating you like no other. You are truly special to him.”

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I'm special to him, huh? If Shen Qianan and her son never showed up, I might really feel that way. But not after they did.

"Hmm? Why are you not saying anything?"

Shi Nuan's mind had gone blank out of the blue. Although she had told herself to believe in Fu Chengyan and their relationship, her sentiments couldn't keep up with her rationality.

How could she endure the fact that there was another woman who looked very much like herself and who used to be her husband's fiancée in name? To top it all off, that woman also happened to have a child!

"Mrs. Fu, I've already said whatever I can. As for what you should do, I'll leave that to you. But before that, I want to emphasize a point. Their only purpose is to split you and Chengyan up. Chengyan wouldn't have married you if he doesn't love you. If he is truly in love with Shen Qianan, he'll definitely choose to divorce you regardless of your feelings once she has returned. But he didn't do that, did he? On the other hand, his grandfather and the others are cracking their heads to force you to divorce each other. Why do you think that they're targeting you and your emotions instead of Chengyan? You're a rational person, so I'm sure you know what all this means."

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. At this point, she was finally convinced by his pep talk.

Having said that, she knew deeply that things weren't as simple as they seemed. Despite understanding his good intentions, knowing was one thing and enduring it was a different thing altogether.

“Okay. I got it now. I’ll ponder over it carefully. It’s getting late. You should take some rest.”

After Shi Nuan ended the call, she stared at the ceiling blankly. Tonight is gonna be a long night ahead. I’ve never felt this like before, even when Fu Xicheng cheated on me by dating Shi Wei. So what’s going on with me now? I can’t seem to think straight, and it feels like my emotions are on a roller-coaster ride.

At the end of the day, she was but a normal human with a heart made of flesh and blood.

That night, both Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan suffered from insomnia.

Fu Chengyan was a strategist who always had his plans laid out carefully. Thus, he would never be caught off guard. However, Shi Nuan was always an uncertain factor in his life. He could never predict her actions with confidence since the first day she came into his life.

Fu Chengyan pinched his brows. He couldn’t make any reckless move despite knowing she was just nearby in the opposite room.

He couldn’t afford to make any impulsive decisions before getting to the bottom of things. While he wished to explain everything to her right away, he also knew her personality. Therefore, it would be pointless to make her listen to his side of the story with her current mental and emotional conditions.

The two stayed up till daybreak in their respective rooms that night. When Shi Nuan opened the door of her room, she saw Fu Chengyan getting out of his room as well, but his usual liveliness and confidence had faded away. Instead, in front of her was a man who looked dispirited.

Shi Nuan felt a pull on her heartstrings after she witnessed him looking like that. Although she wanted to say something, no words came out of her mouth. In the end, she cast a glance at him before going down the stairs.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan's eyes were tracking every little move she made.

"May!"

Upon hearing her nickname, Shi Nuan paused for a while. She glanced toward Fu Chengyan and curled her lips. "Are you gonna explain yourself?"

Fu Chengyan remained silent. After a short while, he asked, "Do you want to listen to my explanation?"

"Not now."

At her response, Fu Chengyan became taciturn once again. The gleam in his eyes faded, and he looked depressed and dejected.

Heartache rose in Shi Nuan as she caught sight of his pitiable look. Immediately, she turned away to avoid seeing him. Then she clenched her fists. "Give me some time. I need to prepare myself for it."

"Okay."

The two drove their own cars to work that day. Even with the effort of acting as though nothing happened, any sane person could tell that they had a rift in their relationship. As for the way to fix it, it all depended on Shi Nuan's attitude.

Rumors spread like wildfire among the staff of Shengyuan as they didn't see Shi Nuan get out of Fu Chengyan's Maybach.

Naturally, none of the staff knew what happened at Fu Residence the night before as Fu Sheng and Fu Heng had ordered everyone who was present to keep the news to themselves. Moreover, they had threatened to inflict stern punishment on those who let a word out.

However, after that incident, everyone came to realize the fact that Fu Chengyan had a wife, and that was Shi Nuan.

After Shi Nuan entered her office, she noticed Yuan Jia's gaze on her. She asked, "Why are you looking at me?"

Yuan Jia shrugged. "It's nothing. I just think that you seem a little off today." After scrutinizing Shi Nuan for a while, she shook her head and sighed. "Did you sleep well last night? You have dark circles under your eyes."

Shi Nuan was taken aback by her words. She took out a compact mirror after rummaging through her bag to take a clearer look. It's true. I look a little dull today. Then, she responded, "Yeah. I didn't sleep well last night. By the way, where's Mr. Lin?"

"Oh, Mr. Lin took the day off. I'm not sure what happened either, but he called to inform me regarding some tasks earlier this morning. Before I forget, these are the documents that he had instructed me to pass to you. He said that you should represent our company to make dealings with Prosperous Group later."

"Noted." Shi Nuan nodded and flipped through the documents. "Am I supposed to go alone?"

"I'll go with you. Hehe." Yuan Jia chuckled. "Mr. Lin also mentioned that I should follow you despite your capabilities. An extra person will help to increase your presence."

Shi Nuan raised her brows playfully. "Why don't you just admit that you want to have some fun?"

"Is it that obvious?" Yuan Jia placed her hand on Shi Nuan's shoulder. "Speaking of which, why didn't that person send you to work today?"

At her query, Shi Nuan's face stiffened at once. Then, she forced a smile. "Oh! You people seem to enjoy us showing off our love, don't you? Well, I'm giving it a rest today."

"Yikes!" Yuan Jia pushed Shi Nuan's shoulder. "Oh my god! I can't believe you! Don't you think that you can get away with anything just because your husband is that guy! Hmph!"

Shi Nuan might be smiling, but it didn't reflect the state of her heart.

If even the likes of Yuan Jia has noticed that I didn't come to work with Fu Chengyan, wouldn't it be safe to assume that Shen Qianan has noticed it as well? So, she has the final laugh now? I might have made her look bad with my words last night, but I'm certainly not the victorious one. She might be humiliated, but I can't say that I'm any better than her. I'm greatly affected by what happened too, and besides, it all means that I don't have enough trust in Yan.

Meanwhile, on the twenty-seventh floor, Shen Qianan had indeed realized that Fu Chengyan didn't come to work together with Shi Nuan. So naturally, she was feeling elated by this.

Shi Nuan might have gotten the upper hand last night. But at the very least, I can prove that their relationship isn't as good as it seems. As a fellow woman myself, I understand her thoughts well. It'd be impossible that she doesn't mind at all. So long as she is affected, it'll be easier to create a rift between them next time. Once she can no longer take it, their marriage will also come to an end.

While Shen Qianan was printing the documents, she was contemplating a scheme to cause more misunderstandings between them.

Obviously, she didn't notice Zhou Zheng walking past her as she was deep in thoughts. The man merely smirked in disdain as he saw her thoughtful look.

Then, Zhou Zheng knocked on the door of Fu Chengyan's office. "Mr. Fu, these are the documents you've requested."

In a flash, Zhou Zheng placed the documents on Fu Chengyan's desk and remarked, "Shen Shixiu didn't live with the Shen family in his early days."

Fu Chengyan's hand paused for a moment and he squinted. "Go on."

"Shen Shixiu is the eldest son of Shen Feng, and Shen Qianan is his half-sister with a different mother. Back then, Shen Shixiu's biological mother had a political marriage with Shen Feng, so they weren't in love with each other. However, many years back, he had a scandal with an actress called Shu Qing, though they both denied it and didn't end up having a relationship. But one day, the man suddenly acknowledge a daughter, Shen Qianan. At that time, the young girl was taken care of by Shen Shixiu's mother, but the latter got a divorce from Shen Feng after some time. It was then that Shen Shixiu disappeared into thin air. No one knew where he went until five years ago when he returned suddenly to the Shen family."

Five years ago?

Fu Chengyan stroked his chin, opened the file, and peered at Shen Shixiu's photograph.

This photograph is a little blurry. It must be a sneak shot. Judging from the air around him, I can tell that he's someone who more than meets the eyes. My guts tell me he's not to be underestimated. Three years ago, we did talk to each other face to face once, and it was about Shen Qianan. Back then, he didn't stop me from doing all those things but allowed me to deport her out of Z Nation smoothly. At that time, I didn't second-guess his intentions. Since his intentions didn't clash with my interests, there was no point for me to waste my resources to deal with him back then.

"What about the details of his activities between his disappearance until his return to the Shen family?" Fu Chengyan questioned after failing to find those records.

“My apologies, Mr. Fu. I still haven’t managed to dig the records within that timeline out yet. It seems to me that someone had deliberately erased this information,” Zhou Zheng answered. Come to think of it, finding nothing is a little odd in itself. I’m sure that getting my hands on information like this isn’t all that hard with my abilities. But if the other party had kept them hidden intentionally, then it’ll take some time to recover those records.

Feeling annoyed, Fu Chengyan tossed Shen Shixiu’s records aside. “Spread the news saying that Shen Qianan has returned! I want to see how the Shen family will react!”

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Shi Wei had been in an irritable state since she discovered Shi Nuan's newfound identity, and the sight of Fu Xicheng only served to fuel her anger.

I can't understand why do good fortunes always fall into Shi Nuan's lap? She's nothing but a woman who's beneath me in all aspects!

So it turns out that she knows Su Shaoqing and Su Bancheng and has even married Fu Chengyan ages ago! To think she has been keeping it from everyone and doesn't even confess when she knows how hard my mom and I are trying to secure a good match for her! How can she treat us like fools? Furthermore, she is Fu Chengyan's wife, while I am only Fu Xicheng's wife and an artiste under Fu Chengyan's company.

Now, Shi Nuan has won against me! Shi Wei had always been a proud woman, hence she could not accept the fact that she had 'lost' to Shi Nuan, whom she deemed to be inferior to her.

Fu Xicheng grew annoyed with Shi Wei over her tantrums and was about to leave the room when Fu Yuqing and Liu Minjun joined them. Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei happened to be sleeping over at Fu Yuqing's place tonight, and Shi Wei's tantrums had woken the old couple up. Usually, Shi Wei would keep her temper in check when she was at her in-laws', but it was different this time. She was simply too mad about her self-perceived defeat by Shi Nuan tonight.

"Why are you quarrelling? Look at both of you now."

Fu Yuqing slept in early nowadays due to his failing health. Although he had heard the sound of his son and daughter-in-law entering the house, he did not

demand them to report to him about the birthday banquet immediately in consideration that they might be tired out after a long night in the Fu Residence. Never had he expected them to quarrel not long after they stepped foot into the house.

Fu Xicheng put on a night robe and hurried out of the bedroom with Liu Minjun. Seeing how upset Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng were, he continued in a suspicious tone, "Has something happened over at the Fu Residence tonight?"

"What's going on?" Liu Minjun was puzzled too. "I thought both of you had entered the Fu Residence successfully? What happened?"

"Mom, stop asking!" Fu Xicheng did not wish to bring up the matter. After all, the discovery was a terrible blow to him. To think that the woman I used to love and dream of being with for the rest of my life has become another man's wife! Moreover, that man is far more superior to me in all aspects!

Simmering with anger, Shi Wei simply announced that she was going back to her parents' for the night. With that, she walked out of the house amidst Fu Yuqing's and Liu Minjun's protests.

Despite being upset about her rude behavior, the old couple advised Fu Xicheng to follow Shi Wei for fear of her safety at such an hour.

"Nothing will happen to her! Just let her go back to her parents' since she's in a bad mood!" Fu Xicheng could not be bothered about Shi Wei as his mind was fully occupied with Shi Nuan.

I have witnessed everything tonight. I bet Fu Chengyan doesn't really love her. Furthermore, there's that woman, Shen Qianan, around. If Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan divorce, will she return to my side?

"What are you thinking about? Your father is talking to you!" Liu Minjun caught the scheming look that flashed across Fu Xicheng's face. Her womanly intuition

told her that he was up to no good. “What happened at the Fu Residence tonight? Shi Wei seemed to be very angry. Who offended her?”

“I...”

“Tell me what has happened. I have the means to find out even if you don’t tell me. Has the Fu clan humiliated you?” Fu Yuqing felt that something must have gone very wrong at the Fu Residence.

“Nothing!” Fu Xicheng exclaimed impatiently. “What can they do to me? I think they can’t even be bothered with me!”

“You brat!”

“It’s Shi Nuan! Shi Wei is angry because of Shi Nuan!”

“Shi Nuan?” Fu Yuqing was shocked. “What does Old Master Fu’s birthday banquet have to do with Shi Nuan? Don’t tell me she is at the Fu Residence too?” Fu Yuqing thought that he had misheard what his son just said. Back then, I didn’t like her as she was not favored by the Shi family. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have force Fu Xicheng to dump her.

Seeing the disdain on Fu Xicheng’s face upon the mention of Shi Nuan, a surge of bitterness flowed within Fu Xicheng. So what if you look down on her? Now, she may be laughing back at you! ”Father, Shi Nuan has gotten married.”

“Married? To whom? Is it Su Shaoqing?” He had heard about the engagement before. “So what if she has gotten married? Stop thinking about her. She’s no longer your woman no matter how much you like her.”

“Your father’s right. You have married Shi Wei already. Stop pining over Shi Nuan. You are no longer a kid and must consider the bigger picture!”

“No, not Su Shaoqing. She has married Fu Chengyan instead.” Fu Xicheng almost broke down as he said that out aloud. “They had gotten married long ago, even before Shi Wei and I got married!”

“What are you talking about?” Liu Minjun and even Fu Yuqing, as experienced as he was, were taken aback. “You must have gotten it wrong. How could Shi Nuan...” Fu Yuqing’s voice trailed off as he completed the sentence in his heart. How could she marry Fu Chengyan?

Fu Chengyan is such a prominent figure. It’s impossible that he would take a liking to an ordinary woman such as Shi Nuan! But Fu Xicheng seems to be speaking the truth.

Fu Yuqing found it hard to accept this fact. “So Shi Nuan has married Fu Chengyan long ago? And Fu Chengyan even brought her to the Fu Residence today?”

As Fu Xicheng nodded, Fu Yuqing gasped for air and grabbed his son’s hands agitatedly. “What happened next? Tell me everything that happened today!”

Fu Xicheng collapsed on the sofa and kept quiet before he gathered himself and recounted tonight’s happenings to his father.

Anger rose in Fu Yuqing gradually as he heard his son’s words. “Why didn’t you stop Shi Wei? What if she lands us in big trouble because of her bad temper?”

A calculating glint flashed across Fu Xicheng’s eyes. Of course, I can’t let my father know that I’m secretly hoping that Shi Wei will ruin the relationship between Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan so that I may still stand a chance to get together with Shi Nuan!

But Fu Yuqing thought differently. “Have you forgotten that Shi Nuan is your sister-in-law? So logically speaking, Fu Chengyan is your brother-in-law now. You foolish boy! How can you forget that? There will be no lack of collaboration opportunities between Fucheng and Shengyuan if we manage to build a good

relationship with Shi Nuan. Only then will she speak well of us before Fu Chengyan. What good will it be to us if you and Shi Wei offend Shi Nuan? If we displease Fu Chengyan over this matter, both Fucheng and the Shi family will be in for it!”

“I...” Fu Xicheng had not thought about this. “But Shi Nuan’s relationship with Fu Chengyan is rocky. There is this woman, Shen Qianan, standing between them. I think...”

Fu Chengyan cut him off. “It doesn’t matter what you think. We still stand a chance so long as Shi Nuan is Fu Chengyan’s wife. Go to the Shi family’s house tomorrow and fetch Shi Wei. Talk some sense into her. It’s stupid of you guys not to make use of Shi Nuan’s new position.”

On the other hand, Shi Wei was having a difficult time in the Shi family’s house too. Jiang Yu and Shi Jingzheng reacted differently upon hearing the news about Shi Nuan’s marriage. Just like what Shi Wei had done, the former was so mad that she trashed the house, thinking that she had been taken for a ride, while the latter sank into silence gloomily as he recalled how badly the Shi family had treated Shi Nuan.

“If not for Wei going over to the Fu Residence today, we would still be in the dark. How dare Shi Nuan keep her marriage with Fu Chengyan from us!”

“She is right to do so!” Shi Yunsheng had come downstairs with the help of Mr. Yang. His frosty gaze swept across Jiang Yu and Shi Jingzheng before landing on Shi Wei.

“Nuan has married well. Shouldn’t her family be happy for her? Yet, all of you are so upset now. This is ridiculous!”

“Why should we be happy? She has married Fu Chengyan for six months already, and yet we don’t know about it. Furthermore, Wei and I have been running around like fools, trying to find a good match for her! She’s toying with us! Why should I be happy to have a daughter like her?”

“That’s right. You should not be happy!” Shi Yunsheng said sarcastically before continuing, “As her parents, don’t you feel ashamed that your daughter has kept such an important matter from you? You should reflect on yourselves before blaming Nuan! What lousy parents both of you are!”

He continued to sneer, “Your father and I know about Nuan’s marriage all along. Think for yourselves why she informed us but not you guys!”

“That brat must be...”

“Stop calling her as a brat. Jiang Shizheng is a university’s professor who has produced many outstanding students after all. Why does his own daughter use such coarse language?”

Tightening his grip on the walking cane, Shi Yunsheng glared at Jiang Yu with pure hatred in his eyes. “Do you know the reason why I dislike you since you join the Shi family over twenty years ago? Look at you now. You don’t resemble a refined lady at all! And look at your daughter! You have taught her to blame everyone but herself! Did she consider Nuan’s feelings when she snatched Nuan’s boyfriend from her back then? Nuan has now married well with her own capabilities. Why should you be angry with her?”

“I...”

Shi Wei had not seen Shi Yunsheng in such an enraged state before, thus she could not help but cower behind Jiang Yu. Feigning innocence, she tried to defend herself in a pitiful voice, “Granddad, I don’t mean that. I mean...”

“You are jealous of Nuan because she’s better than you in every aspect since young. And that’s why you can’t bear the sight of Nuan living better than you now!” Shi Yunsheng understood his granddaughter’s character well. “But Wei, everyone has their own strengths. Nuan has worked hard to achieve what she has today. You are doing well too. Why must you compare yourself to Nuan?”

“Granddad, why do you say that? In which aspect have I lost to Nuan? She is nothing but a slut that nobody wants since young and is not even an official member of the Shi family as she is adopted. I don’t understand why do you favor her instead of me, your own biological granddaughter!

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“Nonsense!” Shi Yunsheng glared at Shi Wei. “Nuan is your sister! How can you claim that she is not an official member of the Shi family!” Shi Yunsheng turned to glare at Jiang Yu, who in turn trembled in fright.

I haven't seen him so angry over my last twenty years in the Shi family! ”Dad, Wei is talking nonsense. Please don't take her words to heart! She is only in a bad mood. Usually, she shares a close relationship with Nuan! Am I right, Wei?” Jiang Yu glanced at Shi Wei through the corner of her eyes.

Tugging Shi Wei's hands, she continued, “Wei, quickly explain yourself to Granddad!”

“I...”

“Dad, Wei is in the wrong this time. I have not taught her properly.” Shi Jingzheng finally spoke up. He let out a sigh before continuing, “I will teach Wei well. She and Nuan are sisters. This is a fact that nothing can change!”

Shi Wei was no fool and caught Shi Jingzheng's drift. “I'm sorry, Granddad. I was only a-a bit angry just now because Nuan didn't discuss her marriage with us!”

“Fine then, since you admit it's your fault. Don't commit the same mistake again.”

Shi Yunsheng shook his head and sighed. “It's getting late. Wei, stay here tonight since you have returned home. But keep in mind that the Fu family is your family too now that you have married Fu Xicheng!”

“Yes!”

After Shi Yunsheng retreated into his bedroom upstairs, Shi Wei sneered, “What’s wrong with Granddad? Nuan...”

“Enough. Don’t say such things again.”

Shi Jingzheng spread out his hands and chided, “Nuan is Fu Chengyan’s wife now. Instead of making use of your sisterly relationship with her, you have actually ganged up with others to go against her. What is wrong with you?”

Shi Wei was stunned for a moment. “I...”

“But you said that there is a woman who resembled Nuan?” Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu exchanged glances before the latter caught his meaning and asked, “Oh yes, what did you say about this woman?”

“Her name is Shen Qianan. She claimed to be Fu Chengyan’s ex-fiancée, but Fu Chengyan did not admit to that. I don’t know if it’s true, but this woman has a child with her!”

“Okay, we get it. It’s getting late now. You should go to bed.”

Shi Wei looked at Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu before going upstairs reluctantly. After Shi Wei had gone upstairs, Jiang Yu turned around to look at Shi Jingzheng. “Zheng, is that girl...?”

Shi Jingzheng shook his head. “I don’t know. Does she really bear such a strong resemblance to Nuan?”

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On the other hand, Shi Nuan had been sleeping alone and refused to listen to Fu Chengyan's explanation since that night. In fact, they had not seen each other for a few days already, thus both of them were in a sullen mood now.

As a result, an air of gloom and despondency settled over the entire Shengyuan building, which was even more apparent during meetings that usually involved lively discussions. Shen Qianan was pleased to see the cracks emerging in the relationship between Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan and planned to take the chance to win him back. However, things were not working in her favor. Fu Chengyan had messed up her plans by preemptively stopping her from entering his office or getting anywhere near him.

Today, Shengyuan had an important guest- Shen Qianan's son, Yu.

But he was brought to the office by the Fu clan's servants and not Shen Qianan. The servants claimed that Old Master Fu could not bear his incessant wailing and gave in to his demand to see Shen Qianan. Thus, he had ordered them to bring Yu to the office.

At this moment, Shen Qianan was photocopying some documents on the 27th floor. I have been trying to find excuses to visit Fu Chengyan in his office these few days. But he is never around. I can't get near him at all! Though upset, there was nothing she could do about it.

Actually, Fu Chengyan had not been in the office recently because he was busy tracking Shi Nuan down. She had been avoiding him these days by going out of the office for business meetings. Thus, Fu Chengyan could not find a chance to explain things to her. The situation was even worse at home. It is as if Shi Nuan has made up her mind to ignore me! Fu Chengyan had never felt so frustrated in his entire life before.

Knowing that Shi Nuan and Lin Yu would be meeting the representatives from the Prosperous Group today, he decided to 'ambush' her. He had given Lin Yu a call after the meeting. His plan worked. Shi Nuan was sitting beside him now at the back of the car driven by Zhou Zheng. But she had been keeping quiet the

moment she boarded the car while Fu Chengyan had been showering her with attention. Zhou Zheng was shocked by this side of Fu Chengyan.

“May, Zhou Zheng says that there is a new BBQ restaurant. Shall we try it one day?”

“May, there is a Hollywood film screening this weekend. Shall we watch it?”

“May, we haven’t visited Grandpa for a long while. Why don’t we visit him this weekend?”

But Shi Nuan could not register his questions at all. His voice sounded like a buzzing noise to her. Narrowing her eyes into slits, she turned around to face Fu Chengyan, who was talking nonstop.

Why does he feel so distant to me when he’s only sitting beside me? ”Fu Chengyan.”

Fu Chengyan paused before exclaiming, “Yes!”

“Will you be quiet? You are so noisy!”

Even a usually calm person such as Shi Nuan could not take it any longer.

Zhou Zheng could not agree more with her. It was the first time that he had seen such a talkative side to Fu Chengyan. And I have been serving him for the last seven years!

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and cast a sharp glance at Zhou Zheng, who sat up straight immediately and rolled up the privacy screen.

The heightened tension between Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan became more apparent after the privacy screen was rolled up. Shi Nuan shifted her position to

put as much distance as possible between her and Fu Chengyan, but he kept sticking close to her.

She had difficulties breathing due to the inexplicable sense of oppression in the air. Suddenly, a shadow was cast over her as she heard Fu Chengyan asking her gently, “May, what should I do to get you to talk to me again?”

Shi Nuan blinked and stared at Fu Chengyan towering over her without saying a word. Fu Chengyan looked at her helplessly as he added, “You can vent your frustrations on me if you like. But please don’t give me the cold shoulder! I can’t take it!”

Shi Nuan pursed her lips together. If one took a closer look, one could see her lips slightly twitching. But she continued to look at Fu Chengyan without saying a word. “May!” Fu Chengyan exclaimed in utter helplessness.

“Do you feel terrible?” Shi Nuan finally asked.

Fu Chengyan was taken aback by her sudden question and exclaimed, “Yes!”

“I felt terrible that day too!” With that, Shi Nuan stretched out her hands and placed them on his chest, feeling his powerful heartbeat beneath his shirt.

A wry smile spread across Shi Nuan’s face. “I had been lied to and let down once. But I did not feel as terrible then as this time.” Although her voice was gentle, her words hit him like a ton of bricks, and his heart ached terribly.

“Yan, I have never thought of leaving you. What about you?”

“Me too! I have never thought of leaving you!”

“Then let me ask you, what is your relationship with Shen Qianan?”

Fu Chengyan lowered his gaze and fell silent. Shi Nuan's heart was beating furiously as she waited for his answer, but his silence only served to worsen her anxiety.

Finally, she said, "It's okay if you don't want to tell me..."

"We used each other." Fu Chengyan explained, "Back then, she liked me, and I needed a shield. But I've never loved her and am certainly never engaged to her before. She saved me once, so I promised to fulfil her wishes whatever it takes."

Shi Nuan was stunned. An incredulous look crossed her face. "So, she..."

"The situation is a bit complicated. Do you remember Song Jingyu?" Fu Chengyan sighed and sat back on his seat, closing his eyes before deciding to reveal the truth to Shi Nuan. "I almost fell into a trap laid by the Song family when I visited them in the capital three years ago. Shen Qianan was staying in the Fu Residence in Jiang City at that time. During my absence, she was kidnapped and went missing for over a month. When I finally found her, she had been raped by others. Not many people knew about it as those who knew had been silenced."

Massaging his temples, Fu Chengyan continued, "At that time, I owed her my life. She did not tell me what she had gone through during that one month but only begged me not to tell anyone."

"What happened next?"

"Afterwards, my father asked me to marry her, but she eloped with another man before the engagement party." Fu Chengyan met Shi Nuan's gaze. "I found her in a dazed state half a month later. She did not want to divulge who that guy was, but she was pregnant. Thus, I was left with no choice but to send her away."

"So is that child Yu? Then why does she claim that he is your son?"

In her heart, she had believed Fu Chengyan already. But I can't understand why Shen Qianan claims that the child is Fu Chengyan's when both she and Fu Chengyan know that it is not the truth?

Fu Chengyan frowned. "I don't understand that too. Yu and my grandpa did a DNA test, and it's confirmed that Yu is related to us by blood!"

"What?" Shi Nuan was shocked. "Are you saying that Yu is not your kid, but he's definitely a descendant of the Fu clan? How is this possible?"