

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 391

Everyone in the private room instinctively rose to their feet to welcome their arrival. Even Shi Wei joined in, albeit reluctantly. She was intimidated by Fu Chengyan's domineering aura. The same applied to Fu Xicheng. He had been gluing his eyes on Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan right from the very moment they stepped into the room.

Fu Chengyan was wearing a cream-colored sweater together with a pair of faded blue jeans. With his pretty face, he looked like a guy in his early twenties. Yet, he made sure everyone treated him seriously with his penetrating gaze.

As for Shi Nuan, she was wearing a similar outfit as him. Obviously, the two were rocking couple outfits.

The two made their way to the table, looking calm and collected. Fu Chengyan first helped his wife with the seat before sitting down himself. He scanned everyone in the room with his penetrating eyes and asked after a brief pause, "Why're all of you standing?"

"Oh, please excuse us! Come on, let's sit down!" Fu Yuqing was the first to break out of his trance. His eyes flickered with admiration while examining Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan's matching outfits. "Chengyan... Well... Mr. Fu and Mrs. Fu, I must say that the two of you really look like a perfect couple!"

Shi Nuan smiled in response. "Mr. Fu, thank you for the compliment. I think we look good too!"

She did not think there was any problem with complimenting themselves. With her eyes glinting with delight, she gave everyone else a cursory glance before

turning to the restaurant manager standing in the corner of the private room.  
“May I have the menu, please?”

“Nuan, we already made an order earlier,” Shi Wei couldn’t help but point out.

It pissed Shi Wei to see Shi Nuan basking in the limelight as that used to belong to her wherever she went. While I’m a superstar, Shi Nuan is only a wage-earner. What makes her so special that she’s capable of stealing my thunder now? Is it because she’s Fu Chengyan’s wife?

Shi Nuan was startled by Shi Wei’s reminder. Then, she quickly put the smile back on her face and asked the restaurant manager, “Is that so?”

“Yes, Mrs. Fu!” As it was not Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan’s first time patronizing the restaurant, the manager had long acquainted and been on good terms with the couple. In a friendly manner, he handed the menu to Shi Nuan and said, “These are the dishes ordered by the gentleman over there just now. However, some of them are not quite fancied by Mr. Fu. So…”

Shi Nuan nodded at him reassuringly. “Just leave it to me!”

She gave a fleeting glance at the list of dishes ordered by Fu Yuqing before starting to filter it. “Remove this, this, and that because Yan doesn’t like them. Also, these two dishes are too oily for Yan’s liking too!”

“Take out this… and this… There’re so many dishes on this list! Whoa, we actually ordered one dish from each category of the menu?” Shi Nuan looked at Fu Yuqing with a somewhat horrified expression. “Mr. Fu, although the dishes here are made with the finest ingredients, there are certain foods we shouldn’t consume together due to the theory of mutual inhibition. In fact, the same thing applies to people too!”

Fu Yuqing’s face stiffened in response. “I ordered everything because I wasn’t sure about Mr. Fu’s preference. It was a safe bet so that Mr. Fu can choose and eat the dishes he likes.”

“Mr. Fu, that’s very thoughtful of you.” With a pleasant smile, she added, “However, we shouldn’t be wasteful when it comes to food.” Shi Nuan closed the menu and announced, “That’ll be all. Other than the items I’ve removed, I’ll leave you to serve the dishes in the order you decide. All of us will have tea instead of liquor.” She turned to Fu Chengyan before saying to the restaurant manager, “Shall we go for Pu’er? It has a mild taste, and it’s gentle for your stomach.”

Fu Chengyan nodded. “Okay. I’ll leave you to make the decision,” he said, sounding distracted.

He reached out to give Shi Nuan’s hand a light squeeze as if everyone else at the table were non-existent.

Shi Nuan did not stop him from fiddling with her fingers. Meanwhile, she flashed a broad grin at Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. “Father, Mother, I’m sorry for not informing the two of you when I got married to Yan. So, I’m making it up to you guys by having this dinner tonight. Yan, I’m sure you’ve met my parents before.”

“I have.” Fu Chengyan nodded before fixing his gaze on Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. “I should start calling the two of you Father and Mother!” Right after that, he shouted at the door, “Zhou Zheng!”

The door to the private room was immediately pushed open from the outside. Zhou Zheng strode into the room with two bodyguards dressed in full black in tow. The two men had their hands full with shopping bags. “At first, I thought my marriage with May was something private between the two of us. However, since May has stressed the importance of certain traditional customs and etiquettes, I do see the need of adhering to them. Zhou Zheng!”

“Yes!” Zhou Zheng nodded and instructed the two bodyguards to pass all the stuff to Shi Jingzheng. “Father, please take a look at what’s inside!”

“There’s no need to do so. I’m pretty sure there must be some really nice stuff in there.” Shi Jingzheng knew from Fu Chengyan’s tone that he should be

contented with having the gifts offered by him. Also, Fu Chengyan had made it very clear that he was only here because of Shi Nuan.

“Since I’ve made May my wife, I’ll surely be nice to her for the rest of my life. So, I’d not like to hear anyone saying that I’ll dump May one day. No matter she likes it or not, she will be my one and only wife in my entire life.”

Everyone gasped at his remark; they had not seen that coming. Jiang Yu, who had made that exact remark before, was experiencing a burning sensation on her cheeks, feeling as though she had just been slapped by someone.

Jiang Yu felt so embarrassed that she dared not utter a word. Other than Fu Chengyan, no one else would dare to criticize her like that. If it weren’t for Fu Chengyan being there, she would not have hesitated to lash out at Shi Nuan. However, not only was the man here today, but he also did a great job at showing everyone how protective he was of Shi Nuan. At that thought, Jiang Yu couldn’t help but feel frustrated and annoyed.

Shi Nuan, you’re as shameless as your mother! You’re a jinx who only brings bad luck to the people around you!

Jiang Yu’s blood started to boil when she thought of Shi Nuan’s biological mother, who used to be loved by her husband too back then. Nonetheless, she was deterred from throwing a tantrum when she received a baleful glance from Shi Jingzheng.

“There’s no need for you to emphasize that. I believe in your love for my daughter now that you’ve married her, and I’m sure you’ll stay faithful to her too. But then again, there’s something I must say as Nuan’s father. Nuan is a very outstanding girl, and I must say that she’s pretty popular among guys. Before this, Mr. Su Bancheng and Mr. Su Shaoqing have expressed their interest in marrying her too, but you acted faster than them. Hence...”

“That just shows how deep my love for May is!” Fu Chengyan interrupted Shi Jingzheng. “In fact, I’m here today to make my stance clear and to eliminate any

misconceptions Mr. Shi might have. Look, I married May purely because she is the woman I love. I made the decision to make her my wife under no one's influence, and we have no financial stake in our marriage. We already made sure we were on the same page regarding that before we married each other."

"Say what?"

Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing asked at the same time, "What do you mean by that, Mr. Fu?"

"Nothing," Fu Chengyan answered in an indifferent tone. Then, he cast a glance at Zhou Zheng, who left the room together with the bodyguards knowingly.

Both Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing looked rather upset upon hearing what Fu Chengyan had said. It was because Fu Chengyan had just made it crystal clear that he had no special relationship with all of them just because he was Shi Nuan's husband.

"Shi Nuan is, after all, one of our family. Mr. Fu..." Just as Fu Yuqing was trying to voice his opinion, he was cut short by Shi Nuan. "Mr. Fu, you're right on that point. Since I'm one of the Shi family, this is a matter which only concerns my family and I," she concluded in a nonchalant tone.

Then, she turned to Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. "When I married Yan, we made a pact not to take anything from each other. It's because he's whom I love, not his wealth or power. Father, don't you think so?"

"What I think doesn't matter. Since ancient times, the opinion of parents has always been of the utmost importance, and it should always be adhered to in the marriage of their children. Yet, your mother and I aren't going to criticize you even though you didn't inform us when you decided to marry him. But it's totally unacceptable of you to make such a cold-blooded remark like that.

Is this your way to repay us who took care of you and raised you?" Jiang Yu could no longer hold back her anger. Smacking the table hard, she glared at Shi

Nuan menacingly and snapped, “Don’t you have any idea what’s the most precious thing to a woman? Why don’t you know how to take care of yourself?”

“Mother, I’m afraid you’re wrong about that. I only decided to marry Yan after careful deliberation and because I’m good at looking after myself. My decision and judgment turned out to be correct because Yan really treats me very nicely. What makes you think that I don’t know how to look after myself?”

“He treats you very nicely? Are you sure he’s doing such a thing? He doesn’t even give you anything! You know what? You will be left with nothing if he decides to dump you one day!”

“Shut up!” Shi Jingzheng cut her off by yelling at her, “What nonsense are you talking about?”

Immediately, he seized her by her shoulder and dragged her back to her seat.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan’s face fell slightly after hearing Jiang Yu’s remark. “You really are a very dedicated mother for helping me to think so far ahead. So, do you mean I should get my hands on all his money just in case he decides to dump me one day? Mother, are you trying to say that I will definitely be dumped by Fu Chengyan in the future?”

At the same time, Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. Although he was not uttering a word, his pensive eyes were laden with displeasure.

Both Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing knew that that was a sign of Fu Chengyan’s wrath. Because of that, they couldn’t help being pissed at Jiang Yu. They could not believe the woman had made that imprudent remark just now during their long-awaited dinner with Fu Chengyan.

Although they were Fu Chengyan’s seniors in the family, they knew he would not give them any special treatment solely because of that. He would not have even appeared at this dinner if it weren’t for Shi Nuan. Thus, they were careful not to curry favor with him too obviously.

But now, all hopes to ingratiate themselves with him were dashed because of Jiang Yu's stupid comment. It had obviously angered him. They might even risk losing their foothold in Jiang City because of her.

"Nuan, how can you think of Mom that way? She only spoke her mind because she's always cared about you. When you broke up with your ex-boyfriend, didn't she introduce you to many outstanding guys to help you move on?"

In fact, it's not bad to end up with one of those guys too if you weren't married to Chengyan now." Shi Wei bit her lips and added, "Mom only said those things earlier for your own good. So, please don't get the wrong idea."

"Don't worry. How can I possibly get the wrong idea from her words? Of course, I know Mother will only do things in our best interests. I know her biggest wish in life is to see you getting married to a perfect man. In fact, I do feel happy for you and Xicheng upon seeing how lovey-dovey you guys are.

At the same time, I must say that I'm really grateful for the two of you. Without the help from you guys, especially Mother and you, I wouldn't have been able to meet Yan and marry him. You guys brought us together! We're only able to have such a happy life because of you guys!"

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Every single word Shi Nuan spoke was nothing but the truth. It gave everyone – especially Shi Wei and Jiang Yu – a hard slap in the face. If they had not sabotaged and plotted against Shi Nuan back then, she might not have had the chance to meet Fu Chengyan, let alone getting married to him later.

Thus, Shi Nuan's sarcastic remark was actually true to some extent – she was somewhat grateful to them. After all, without all the dirty stuff they had done to her, she might not have been able to move on from the breakup with Fu Xicheng. She would not have met Fu Chengyan too.

They had hurt her so deeply that she had never thought of the possibility of patching things up with them. Just as she was struggling the hardest in life, Fu Chengyan appeared. It was impossible not to fall in love with him because he really treated her like a princess.

Jiang Yu's expression hardened. She had a pressing urge to give Shi Nuan a piece of her mind, but she dared not do so in the presence of Fu Chengyan. Having no other choice, she secretly harbored the grudge against Shi Nuan and made up her mind to teach Shi Nuan a lesson the next time when Fu Chengyan was not around.

Shi Nuan understood Jiang Yu too well to know what was on her mind. Therefore, she knew she should make full use of the occasion to humiliate her because she knew that the woman wouldn't dare to do anything to her in Fu Chengyan's presence.



When the waiter came to serve the food, Shi Nuan made use of the opportunity to go to the washroom. Immediately, Shi Wei left her seat and followed suit. Shi Nuan couldn't help but sneer at Shi Wei's behavior.

She knew her sister wouldn't be able to stand the idea of being overshadowed by her. As expected, her sister entered the washroom right after her and immediately locked the door. "Nuan!"

Shi Nuan cast her a sideways glance. "Wei, how can I help you?"

Biting her lips, Shi Wei ventured, "Are you and Fu Chengyan really married? I mean... Do you guys really have a marriage certificate?"

"Wei, do you think we're merely putting on an act? Should I get Yan to bring our marriage certificate over here to show you?" Shi Nuan raised her brows while observing the hesitation on Shi Wei's face with amusement.

Shi Wei shook her head. "No, that's not necessary. I'm just... I'm just really surprised to know that you actually got married to Fu Chengyan so early. Aren't you..." Although she did not complete her question, Shi Nuan understood what her sister meant. Obviously, Shi Wei still found it hard to believe that Fu Chengyan and her were to married each other.

With a breezy smile, Shi Nuan looked at Shi Wei and asked in a relaxed tone, "What are you trying to say?"

"Nuan, I'm very sorry for what I've done to you. I really didn't mean it. I just couldn't help myself to fall in love with Xicheng during the time you were away. Xicheng couldn't bear with the long-distance relationship with you, and that was why..."

"You don't have to keep on bringing that up because it's all but a thing in the past. Besides, your relationship with Fu Xicheng really doesn't bother me anymore."

“You might not be bothered by it, but what about Fu Chengyan? Are you sure he doesn’t mind it?” Shi Wei was doubtful on that point. In her opinion, a man like Fu Chengyan would not be comfortable to know that his wife had dated Fu Xicheng before and that there was even a slim chance that she still harbored feelings for him.

“Does Fu Chengyan know about your past relationship with Xicheng? Could he...”

“Wei.” Shi Nuan cut her off with a sudden chuckle. “Seems like you have forgotten that you’re still an artist under Xinhuang? For your information, I already married Yan when you first joined Xinhuang. Also, I already mentioned just now that you were the one who brought Yan and I together. So, of course, Yan knows about my past relationship with Fu Xicheng. Perhaps, you will get a clearer idea by start recalling things that had happened at that time. Don’t you find it fishy that Yan would always be by my side whenever you bumped into me? Or, can’t you notice how helpful he had been to me without asking anything in return?”

Shi Nuan flashed her a smirk. As she fumbled for something in her bag, she maintained a composed expression on her face. In the meantime, Shi Wei’s face was contorted with utter consternation.

All of a sudden, flashbacks of all the encounters she had had with Shi Nuan started flooding her mind. Every now and then, she would see Shi Nuan with Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing; they always looked like her guardian angels.

“Seriously? You already got married Fu Chengyan at that time, but you watched me embarrassing myself like a clown?” Shi Wei exclaimed. Never had it occurred to her that Shi Nuan would turn out to be such a scheming person.

Suddenly, she thought of all her previous interactions with Shi Nuan. More often than not, Shi Nuan would always hold back her anger under all circumstances. Shi Nuan had never been this aggressive before.

With a faint smile, Shi Nuan responded, “Of course, you’re free to interpret it that way. Yet, I’m not interested in wasting my time dwelling on the past. In fact, as long as you don’t cross me, I might not even have the time to bother about your business!”

“You... Shi Nuan, do you really think you’ve got all the bragging rights now that you’re Fu Chengyan’s wife? Have you forgotten about Shen Qianan? She used to be Fu Chengyan’s fiancée, and she even gave birth to his child. What makes you better than her when you’re just her replacement? Are you naive enough to think that Fu Chengyan really loves you?”

“Haha!”

“Why are you laughing? Did I say anything wrongly? Shi Nuan, I don’t even know why you’re gloating. Let me get straight to the point with you here. If you’re smart enough, you really should work together with us. Now that Fu Chengyan still has feelings for you and has yet to dump you, you should make use of the chance and rake in as much money from him as you can.

At least you’re left with something by the time he decides to dump you, aren’t you?” Shi Wei did not think there was anything wrong with her mindset, especially after she met Shen Qianan in person. It cemented her opinion that Fu Chengyan would definitely leave Shi Nuan one day because Shi Nuan was the spitting image of Shen Qianan.

“Nothing. Actually, I couldn’t agree with you more.” Smiling, Shi Nuan sauntered toward the sink to wash her hands. She then turned to face Shi Wei. “It’s a must for every woman to have that kind of awareness. Wei, you should watch out too. You know, Fu Xicheng used to date me. What if he regrets two-timing me when he realizes I’m so much better than you? Do you think he will ask to divorce you?”

Looking amused, she concluded, “In fact, I think that’s highly likely to happen!”

“You...”

“Wei, I think you’ve got a point. It’s always good to plan ahead, don’t you think? Actually, you should heed that advice too! Generally speaking, men are all fickle-minded and unpredictable. I still remember that Fu Xicheng had once promised me he would love me forever, but what happened in the end? He went on to marry you, didn’t he?”

“Shi Nuan, you shouldn’t blame me when you were the one who failed to keep your man!” Shi Wei would always freak out whenever Shi Nuan mentioned Fu Xicheng. She glowered at Shi Nuan and yelled, “I’m the woman he loves!”

“I know; that’s why I’m envious of you having a man who loves you so much,” Shi Nuan answered perfunctorily. “Look, I think it’s really time for us to head back to the room.”

“Shi Nuan, stop right there!” Shi Wei seized one of her arms to stop her from leaving. “Can’t you see I’m still talking to you? Before Fu Chengyan resents you and thinks of getting rid of you, you’d better make sure he gives you a share of his wealth! I’m telling you this for your own good because you won’t be pleased to be left with nothing after he dumps you!”

“Let me go!” Shi Nuan’s gaze darkened as she tried to shove Shi Wei’s hand away. Staring at her grimly, she snapped, “It seems like I should thank you for your constant reminder of how Fu Chengyan will dump me one day! Are you secretly hoping that will happen soon? Let me make this very clear to you, Shi Wei. I only decided to be here for the sake of Grandpa and Granddad. Do you actually think we’re here because of you?”

Shi Nuan snorted icily. “My relationship with Yan and my future have nothing to do with you. Are you guys trying to use me as a tool to gain an advantage over Yan? Dream on!”

Shi Nuan gave up trying to be pleasant. She went on to rebuke Shi Wei mercilessly, “I’m only willing to be here because of Grandpa and Granddad. After this, I won’t force myself to spend time with any of you!”

With that, she opened the door and marched out of the washroom. Shi Wei, who refused to give up, caught up to her. Her face was twisted with rage as she seethed, "Shi Nuan, how dare you be so arrogant? You know what? You're nothing but a pitiful orphan who was abandoned by your family!

You aren't part of the Shi family, and you aren't my parent's biological child at all! My parents only took you in and raised you like one of their own purely because they sympathized with you! Do you think you can get rid of us after getting married? You're an ungrateful bastard who has no idea how to appreciate people who took care of you for years!"

In a fit of rage, she blurted everything out without much thought. Yet, she regretted saying those things almost immediately. There was no way she could retract her remark, so she stared straight into Shi Nuan's eyes, seeing no point to cower in fear.

Contrary to her expectation, Shi Nuan did not look horrified or surprised to learn the shocking truth. Instead, she was staring at her so calmly as though she had long learned about the secret of her identity way before this.

Shi Wei looked dazedly at Shi Nuan, her lips pursed and her brows furrowed in confusion. "Are you losing your mind? Didn't you hear what I said just now?"

Shi Nuan smirked. "You're the one losing your mind here. Of course, I heard what you said." She chuckled. "What's the matter? Are you puzzled by my reaction?"

"A-Aren't you surprised to find that out at all?" Her reaction was not how Shi Wei had imagined before.

She had expected to see Shi Nuan look shaken, gob smacked, or even horrified when she learned the truth. She knew Shi Nuan had always been a person who cared about her family a great deal ever since she was a little girl. Shi Nuan was desperate for love from Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu.

Therefore, she always made sure she behaved the best in their presence. Because of that, Shi Wei thought Shi Nuan would experience a mental breakdown after realizing that she was actually an orphan. However, nothing of that sort took place as Shi Nuan only looked at her with calmness and composure.

“You...”

“Wei, care to share what sort of reaction you expected to see from me? Should I be wailing and yelling as I refuse to accept the truth? Should I be asking Fu Chengyan’s help to salvage my relationship with my parents as well as the entire Shi family? Do you actually expect Fu Chengyan to offer some advantage to the Shi family so that I can still be accepted as part of the family?”

Shi Wei stiffened with an extremely sullen expression on her face. Shi Nuan’s guess was spot-on. That was the exact reason why Shi Wei felt so embarrassed at the moment. “Don’t you feel sad at all to learn about the truth?”

“Sad? Perhaps I did feel that some time ago. However, it’s impossible to stay upset for too long because one will get used to it as time passes.” Suddenly, something struck Shi Nuan. “Oh, by the way, I forgot to tell you something just now. Actually...” She took her phone out from her handbag. “As Yan and I are still newlyweds, we’re basically inseparable. So, I’ve been on an ongoing voice call with him since I was in the toilet just now. Wei, I don’t think you mind it, right?”

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“What? You...”

Color drained from Shi Wei’s face as she stared at Shi Nuan with utter disbelief on her face. “How can you...” How can she do this to me?

Since when did she become so cunning and unpredictable?

Shi Wei was staring at Shi Nuan with so much bewilderment in her eyes. It was as though she was looking at a monster. “How can you do that? Our conversation should be private!” Shi Wei hadn’t been thinking at all before she spoke out of anger.

Oh, crap!

What will happen if Fu Chengyan heard everything I said just now?

Shi Wei’s eyes flickered with fear. At the sight of Shi Nuan’s triumphant face, her expression turned increasingly churlish. “You tricked me into this! Shi Nuan, you’re despicable!”

“I didn’t try to trick you at all. It’s not like I’m going to gain any benefit by sabotaging you,” Shi Nuan snorted disdainfully. “Look, Chengyan can’t stand being away from me for too long a time because he will start to miss me. So, I should really get going. As for you, please feel free to stay at the washroom for as long as you like.”

Shi Nuan then kept her phone back in her bag. Throughout the process, she maintained a calm and collected expression. When she spun around to make her way back to the private room, a crooked smile emerged on her face. Somehow, her mood was lifted when she thought of the devastated expression on Shi Wei's face.

Meanwhile, inside the private room of Yun Shui Jian, Fu Chengyan switched on the hands-free mode as soon as he received Shi Nuan's call just now. Therefore, everyone was able to listen to the conversation between Shi Nuan and Shi Wei.

Shi Jingzheng's face looked extremely grim. There were many times when he felt like lunging forward to yell at Shi Wei and ask her to shut her mouth. However, he dared not even stand – Fu Chengyan's aura was simply too intimidating.

Fu Yuqing was wearing a similarly ominous expression. Although he did not let his emotions show, he was secretly cursing Shi Wei for saying those things to Shi Nuan.

To his chagrin, Shi Wei turned out to be just as dumb as her mother, Jiang Yu. Both of them were only great at screwing things up.

If it were not because Shi Wei owned the shares of her family business, Fu Yuqing would not have allowed someone as stupid as her to become his daughter-in-law. Indeed, only a smart woman like Shi Nuan had what it took to deal with stuff as important as this.

In fact, Fu Yuqing only resorted to Shi Wei after finding out that Shi Nuan was not favored by her parents. The woman did not own any shares of the family business of the Shi family either. Little did he know that Shi Nuan would turn out to be the biggest winner in the end.

Her husband, Fu Chengyan, was a man who was admired by the people of Jiang City. Plenty of prestigious families in the city were desperate to marry their daughters to Fu Chengyan so that they could form a bond with him. To



everyone's disappointment, Fu Chengyan had ended up marrying a woman who had no powerful background, nor a gorgeous face.

Only then did Fu Yuqing realize the truth behind Shi Nuan's background. No wonder the people of the Shi family had always neglected her and reserved more and better resources for Shi Wei. It was because Shi Nuan was not Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu's daughter at all!

In the meantime, Fu Chengyan put his phone down and started drumming his slender fingers on the table, his expression remaining calm and collected. Compared to the others at the table, his composure looked very much out of place.

Fu Xicheng was unable to keep his cool as perfectly as Fu Chengyan. Under Fu Chengyan's domineering aura, the man was self-conscious and insecure. He was so spooked to hear the conversation between Shi Nuan and Shi Wei that he fervently hoped that a crack would suddenly appear on the ground to swallow him.

"Uhm... Mr. Fu, Wei is just..."

Before Fu Yuqing could finish his sentence, the door to the private room opened. It was Shi Nuan, who strutted into the room with a faint smile on her face. Sensing the tension in the air, she wondered with amusement on her face, "What's the matter? Why isn't anybody enjoying the food?"

She then walked over to the table and sat down beside Fu Chengyan. A trace of surprise flashed in her eyes when she spotted his phone on the table.

In fact, she did not have much of a plan when she left for the washroom just now. It was only her habit to be extra vigilant, knowing that Shi Wei would always be up to some sort of mischief whenever she had a private encounter with her. Despite that, there were times she would still be caught off guard.

Therefore, Shi Nuan had learned her lesson by preparing a backup plan every time she met Shi Wei in private. This time, calling Fu Chengyan was that.

Indeed, she did speak certain things and behaved in a certain way just now, intending to infuriate Shi Wei. Yet, it never occurred to her that it was so easy to make Shi Wei could lose her cool. Shi Wei was capable of saying anything with the right amount of provocation.

Never in her wildest dreams would she have imagined that Shi Wei would blurt out the secret of her background just like that. All the while, she had assumed that her secret was known to only Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. She did not expect them to have shared it with Shi Wei. Upon knowing that her sister was aware of it too, Shi Nuan finally realized why Shi Wei had been picking on her ever since they were little. As the three of them had never truly seen her as their family, they did not feel bad to sabotage her.

After sorting everything out in her head, the truth suddenly seemed more acceptable to Shi Nuan. At least, not only was she not upset about it at all, but she also even felt relieved.

Since Shi Wei had revealed that secret to everyone, it was time for Shi Nuan to stop pretending to be friendly with them. She was no longer part of the Shi family, so it followed naturally that she was no longer obligated to help them or even Fu Yuqing's family out.

Realizing that, she bet both Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing must have regretted their decision to bring Shi Wei along to the dinner.

Suddenly, Shi Nuan found herself in a much better mood. She ignored the ominous faces of the others at the table and started scooping food into her bowl with relish.

Reassured by how unaffected Shi Nuan's mood was and how brilliantly she had dealt with the trouble, Fu Chengyan did not see the need to do anything on his

part. He did not have to interfere, knowing well that Shi Nuan was capable of solving things on her own.

He had a lot of confidence in her.

Fu Chengyan then reached for his phone and took it back. He studied the face of everyone at the table furtively. The sight of their sulky expressions was such a great mood enhancer for him.

Then, he picked up his chopsticks and started putting food into Shi Nuan's bowl. Everyone else was at a loss of what to do while Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan were having a good time in their own bubble. Obviously, the couple did not share the unrest and discomfort of the rest. At the end of the dinner, the Shi family, as well as Fu Yuqing, did not utter a word. They knew it was an inopportune time to propose any business ideas to Fu Chengyan after what had happened just now.

At last, Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan turned out to be the only ones who enjoyed the feast. The rest had long lost their appetite because they couldn't help but be on tenterhooks in Fu Chengyan's presence. Everyone was in a trancelike state, even when Fu Chengyan summoned the restaurant manager over to pay the bill. They did nothing but watch as Fu Chengyan left together with Shi Nuan.

The oppressive atmosphere in the room finally eased up after their departure. As soon as everyone registered the change of events, Shi Jingzheng couldn't hold himself back from slapping Shi Wei. "You bastard! Do you have any clue how grave that blunder you just made is!"

"Dad!" Covering her cheeks, Shi Wei's ears were ringing, and she was left petrified. Staring at Shi Jingzheng with a look of utter disbelief, she exclaimed, "I can't believe you just slapped me!"

"Shouldn't I? What did I tell you before we came? I asked you to control your temper and not to get into a fight with Shi Nuan. But what happened in the end?" Shi Jingzheng was infuriated to see Shi Wei being unrepentant of her mistake. "Do you have any idea what a horrible mistake you just made? Fu Chengyan! Is

he somebody we can afford to offend? Shi Nuan has become a different person since she married Fu Chengyan, and it's obvious how much she means to him. How could you curse their relationship just now?"

"I... Even though I did make a mistake, you shouldn't have slapped me because of Shi Nuan! You've never done that to me, ever! What makes Shi Nuan so special? She's nothing but an orphan who doesn't even know who her parents are! What makes her think she can steal my thunder?"

Shi Wei continued to yell, "What has she done to deserve the love of Fu Chengyan? It's so obvious that she isn't good enough for someone like him!"

"Who is, then?"

Once again, the door to the private room was opened. Fu Chengyan was standing at the door, watching Shi Wei with an extremely somber expression. "Ms. Shi, why don't you tell me who you think deserves my love?" Shi Wei's heart lurched when she saw his ominous expression paired with his flinty stare.

None of them had anticipated Fu Chengyan's return. Did he catch anything we said just now?

All of a sudden, Shi Jingzheng felt as though it was the end of the world. "Yan..."

"Please, only my wife calls me that, Mr. Shi!" Fu Chengyan did not call Shi Jingzheng 'Father' like how he did just now. At that instant, Shi Jingzheng was sure that they had really offended Fu Chengyan for good this time. In a quivering voice, he ventured, "Mr. Fu... about that..."

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes dangerously. Ignoring the rest of them, he entered the room and took Shi Nuan's handbag that was on one of the seats. At a steady pace, he walked back to the door and stopped there. "In Jiang City, Shi Nuan's name is deemed equal to mine. I believe all of you should know well how I treat people who have offended me. If you guys aren't sure what I'm talking

about, I suggest you ask those two friends of yours, Ms. Shi. I'm pretty sure they'll be more than willing to share their miserable experience with you!"

"You..."

Shi Wei stumbled several steps backward as her face turned as pale as a sheet. "Su Su and Anna... It was you!"

Fu Chengyan smirked. "There aren't many people in the world who are important enough to be worthy of my effort. They aren't one of them, and the same goes for you!"

After saying that, he gave everyone else at the table a scan with his penetrating gaze. "This is the last time you guys will meet us together. Next time, just come straight to me if any of you want to meet me. There's no need to go through May because she doesn't have the time nor the mood to entertain all of you here!" He lifted his hand in the air and bellowed, "Zhou Zheng!"

Zhou Zheng immediately strode into the room. "Yes, Mr. Fu!"

With a crooked smile, Fu Chengyan instructed, "They are May's foster parents. They took care of her for years, so please help me write up a check. I'm going to appreciate their effort on May's behalf!"

"Yes, Mr. Fu!" Zhou Zheng nodded in acknowledgment with reverence. After Fu Chengyan marched out of the room, Zhou Zheng fished out a check from his briefcase and handed it to Shi Jingzheng. "Mr. Shi, here you go!"

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Shi Nuan waited outside until Fu Chengyan returned. When she spotted him, she smiled and took his briefcase from him. "What's wrong? You seem upset." Hmm, he seems a little down.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes slightly. "Did the Shi family do this to you often?"

"Huh?" Shi Nuan raised a brow. Something occurred to her as she chuckled out loud. "You heard them talking about me?" She seemed unperturbed, as that was what she had been through for the past twenty years. She used to be upset at their mocking words, but now she couldn't be bothered.

Since the Shi family refused to accept her, she didn't have to please them. No matter how hard she tried, they wouldn't change their minds. Why should she bother?

Shi Nuan knew they must've mocked her badly if even Fu Chengyan seemed displeased. She held his arm and rubbed her head on his shoulder affectionately. "Forget it. Why are you mad? You need to get used to it. I know they're not my family, so I won't get upset anymore. Ignore them. Besides, Grandpa and Granddad love me, don't they? I'm happy. Back then, I had them. Now, I have you!"

"Look at you. What a fool!" Fu Chengyan shook his head and pinched Shi Nuan's nose. He uttered affectionately, "You surely have me. I won't dump you."

"I know!" Shi Nuan giggled. "I'm stuffed!"

“Me too!” Fu Chengyan brought her out. Zhou Zheng was already waiting for them in the car. “Mr. Fu!”

Zhou Zheng got off the car politely. “I’ve already paid Shi Jingzheng. Where are you heading now?”

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows and looked at Shi Nuan. “Do you want to take a walk or head back now?”

“Let’s take a walk. I don’t want to go home just yet.” Shi Nuan could barely walk as she was so stuffed.

Fu Chengyan grinned and nodded. “Okay. let’s go.” He then told Zhou Zheng, “Leave the car with Jiang Hu. You must be tired. You can leave now.”

“No, Mr. Fu. I’m not tired at all!” Zhou Zheng returned anxiously. “Let’s not trouble Jiang Hu.”

Fu Chengyan arched a brow. “Sure.”

He held Shi Nuan’s hand and left. “Should we enjoy the scenery of Quzhou River? I believe it’s only a few streets away.”

“Okay!” A smile flitted across Shi Nuan’s lips. She felt warm in the cool night breeze as Fu Chengyan’s huge hand held hers. “When I was young, I used to have fun at Quzhou River with Song Rongrong and Su Yian. After graduating, we got so busy with work and rarely had time to take a walk, especially night walks.”

A faint smile appeared on Shi Nuan’s face as she reminisced about her past. It was apparent that she had had a great time back at university. “Song Rongrong is an extrovert and a great friend. Yian was more quiet, like me. When we were at university, it was Rongrong who brought us out every time. We’d buy some barbecue meat and have fun beside the river. It was years ago.” She sighed wistfully.

“Why are you sighing?” Fu Chengyan reached out and tried to smoothen the creases on her forehead. “You’re still young. Stop sighing like an old lady.”

“Fine, fine!” Shi Nuan muttered. “Yan, you’re so naggy.”

She might be grumbling, but her heart was warm as happiness filled her. She tugged on Fu Chengyan’s hand and trailed behind him, stepping on their shadows cheekily.

“Eh? Isn’t that Shaoqing?”

When they were nearby Quzhou River, Shi Nuan suddenly spotted someone they knew. “Yan, look!”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his gaze. As the streetlights were dim, he couldn’t see clearly, but that figure was obviously Su Shaoqing.

He furrowed his brows and strode forward with Shi Nuan.

“Shaoqing!” Shi Nuan called out.

Su Shaoqing spun around in surprise. “Why are you guys here?” he asked Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan.

“Why can’t we be here?” Shi Nuan teased with a smirk. “Don’t you have to work? I thought you doctors are supposed to work night shifts?”

“It’s my day off today.” Su Shaoqing looked at the river. “I mean, why did you come here all the way from Wutong Residence?”

“What about you? Your hospital isn’t near either!” Fu Chengyan glanced around but saw nothing. He then stared straight at Su Shaoqing. “Why are you here alone by the river?”



“None of your business!” Su Shaoqing scoffed. “I came because I love it! You and your wife can come, but I can’t?”

“Fine, fine. You can be here.” Shi Nuan was exasperated. “But Mr. Su, you’ve been acting strange recently. Oh, I saw you with a girl outside the mall that day. Are you dating her?”

“No. Stop being so gossipy. You’re already married,” Su Shaoqing snapped impatiently. “I won’t disturb your night walk. I’ll leave now.”

He left almost immediately like he was escaping from a ghost.

Shi Nuan stared at his retreating figure for a long time before she turned to Fu Chengyan, who was gazing at a dark spot thoughtfully. Curious, she called his name. “Yan?”

Fu Chengyan snapped out of his daze and looked at Shi Nuan. “Oh, it’s nothing.”

“What are you looking at? Is there something there? Shaoqing was staring in that direction, too. Are you—”

“It’s nothing.” Fu Chengyan shook his head. “Come on, let’s head over there.”

After Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan left, a lady stepped out from the dark spot. She stood there silently and watched as they walked away. A complicated look flashed across her face. After some time, her lips curved up gladly.

I never knew someone as heartless as him would get married. His wife seems like a nice person.

On the way back, Fu Chengyan remained silent, deep in thought. Shi Nuan was smart enough to know that she should not bother him. When they reached Wutong Residence, Fu Chengyan entered his study and made a call to Li Heng. “Li Heng, find out if Ling is still in C Country.”

“Chengyan?” Pei Huan’s voice sounded at the other end of the phone.

She stopped and asked, “What about Ling?”

Fu Chengyan paused abruptly. Sighing, he revealed, “Ling might be back.”

“What?” Pei Huan exclaimed. “She never told me she’s back!”

“You know where she is?” Fu Chengyan looked askance. “You’ve been in touch with her?”

“Yes!” Pei Huan hesitated before explaining, “I saw her, but she was being stubborn and refused to keep in touch with me. I think...” She trailed off and exhaled. “Why is she back? I thought she said she won’t be back, ever?”

Pei Huan knew Fu Ling well. The latter left Jiang City and cut off all ties because she had been hurt deeply. Hence, Pei Huan thought she wouldn’t be back.

“Chengyan, did you see her?”

“No.” Fu Chengyan shook his head. “I’ve been keeping tabs on her, but I’ve never actually interfered in her business. But she’s back now.” He was confused. “Recently, Shaoqing has been acting weirdly. Ask Li Heng to find out if Ling is still in C Country.”

“Don’t worry, I will.”

“Okay. How are you doing?” Fu Chengyan calmed down and questioned. “You’ve been there with Li Heng for some time. Did you find anything?”

“Don’t worry. Both Bao and I are fine.” Pei Huan chuckled. “What about you and Nuan?”

“We’re doing okay,” replied Fu Chengyan. He could hear Li Heng and Bao arguing about who got to sleep with Pei Huan tonight. Fu Chengyan pinched his brows in exasperation. “Is that Li Heng?”

Pei Huan paused before bursting out into giggles. “Yes. He’s been with Bao the whole day. Bao spends more time with Heng than I do!” The woman might be complaining, but the delight in her voice was evident.

Fu Chengyan smiled at her answer. “Good. I’m glad to hear that you’re doing well.”

“You should be,” quipped Pei Huan. Suddenly, Li Heng’s voice rang out. “Is that Chengyan?”

“Yep. Do you want to talk to him?” Pei Huan handed the phone to Li Heng.

“You were looking for me?”

“Yeah,” came Fu Chengyan’s reply. “Help me find out if Ling is back.”

“Sure!” answered Li Heng as Bao ran to him. “Daddy, are you talking to my uncle?”

“Yes. Do you want to talk to him?”

“Yes!” Bao giggled. “Uncle, I’m Bao!”

“Hi, Bao.” Fu Chengyan’s voice softened. “What are you doing?”

“Daddy and I were discussing who gets to sleep with Mommy tonight.” Bao pouted unhappily. “Daddy is mean. He always goes back on his word! I slept with Mommy last night, but I woke up in my bed alone! Daddy said I ran back to my room. How is that possible!”

Bao was already four and could process his thoughts well. Li Heng couldn't fool the smart little boy. "Uncle, Daddy's a bad guy, isn't he?"

"Yes, he is. Bao, go have fun with your mommy. Let me teach your daddy a lesson!"

Fu Chengyan consoled Bao and chuckled when Li Heng came back on the phone. "Li Heng, you're getting more shameless by the day."

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Li Heng raised his brows. “Shameless? I’m not as shameless as you.” He snorted. “Anything else you need?”

“Any progress there?”

“Not at the moment. What about you? Liang Lin told me Shen Qianan is back?” His expression darkened at the mention of the woman. “I told you not to spare her baby!”

“It’s a living being,” Fu Chengyan retorted. He was not that kind, of course. Shen Qianan had once saved him – he was merely returning the favor. Besides, he couldn’t stand aside and do nothing when Shen Qianan asked for his help.

“I heard Shen Shixiu is back too?”

Fu Chengyan’s face fell. “You’re well-informed, aren’t you?”

“Did you forget that Jiangyuan Group is partnering with Prosperous Group? Li Xufan told me Shen Shixiu has been in contact with him.” Li Heng waved a hand, hinting at Pei Huan to bring Bao out. When they both had left, he continued, “You want me to find out if Shen Shixiu and Shi Yu are the same person, right?”

“You’re smart. May told me Shi Yu left the Shi family to go to C Country when he was a teenager. Coincidentally, Shen Shixiu appeared in the Shen family when he was in his teens. We couldn’t find anything about him when he was young. Obviously, someone had deliberately erased his past.”

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes. "I've never connected them both. However, Shen Shixiu resembled both Shen Qianan and May a lot. That might be a huge possibility."

Li Heng pondered the possibility before saying, "I'll find out ASAP. You inform me if you find something too."

"Okay!" Fu Chengyan hung up. When he turned around, he saw Shi Nuan standing by the door. Waving her over, he asked, "You heard everything?"

Shi Nuan inclined her head. "Do you also think Shen Shixiu could be my uncle?"

"There might be a possibility, but I can't be sure yet." Fu Chengyan held her hand and gestured for her to take a seat. "There is no evidence to prove that for now. But since you're curious, I'll find out ASAP."

"Thank you, Yan." Shi Nuan was moved. "Actually, I'm not that sure either. I just want to find out who my birth parents are. Why did they leave me with the Shi family? How are they related to them? I think Grandpa knows something, but he refuses to reveal anything."

"He has his reasons for keeping it a secret."

"I know, so I didn't force him to reveal it." Shi Nuan knew Shi Yunsheng had his reasons for keeping her birth parents' identity a secret. As her grandpa had always said, sometimes, it might be better to stay in the dark.

However, Shi Nuan didn't think that way. She was an adult now, so she didn't want to have any regrets in her life.

"No worries. Both Shen Shixiu and Shen Qianan are in Jiang City now. If you're suspicious, I can arrange for a DNA test to find out your relationship with the Shen family." Fu Chengyan would resort to extreme means for Shi Nuan's sake.

However, Shi Nuan held his hand and shook her head. “Not now. Let’s not alarm them. It’s a complicated matter.”

Shen Shixiu was acting as if he didn’t know her at all. It’ll be okay if they weren’t related, but if they were related, and Shen Shixiu refused to acknowledge her, Shi Nuan wondered who she was to him.

“Sure!”

Meanwhile, the Shi family left Yun Shui Jian. Shi Jingzheng was frowning as he brought Jiang Yu and Shi Wei back. Shi Wei didn’t want to come back at first, but she dared not go against an obviously upset Shi Jingzheng. She had never seen her father this mad.

Previously, whenever Shi Jingzheng got furious, Jiang Yu would try to console him. But she realized that today’s situation was different and stayed silent, especially after Fu Chengyan played the recording of Shi Wei bursting out in anger.

“Didn’t I remind you not to argue with Shi Nuan before we left? Did you forget?”

“I... Dad, you saw how Shi Nuan provoked me deliberately. I’ve always talked to her that way, but she had never talked back to me like she did today.” Shi Wei replied indignantly. After all, what she did today was for the Shi family and Huancheng’s sake.

“Shi Nuan is arrogant because she’s married to Fu Chengyan. I need to let her know that she’s nothing but a replacement for Shen Qianan. She looks exactly like that woman! The one Fu Chengyan loves is Shen Qianan, not her. He’s only temporarily infatuated with her. Shi Nuan doesn’t deserve his love!”

“You! How dare you!” Shi Jingzheng glared at her. “You still don’t get who Fu Chengyan was threatening? He was threatening all of us! Everyone who stands against Shi Nuan will be standing against him! Even if Shi Nuan is Shen Qianan’s replacement, he hasn’t dumped her as for now.”

“Zheng, stop reprimanding Wei. She’s right. I think Shi Nuan did it on purpose. Didn’t you hear the entire conversation? Shi Nuan was obviously setting up a trap for Wei. She wasn’t trying to help us!” Jiang Yu had never liked Shi Nuan, so she didn’t have anything nice to say. “That ungrateful b\*tch! You think she’ll help us? We should be grateful she isn’t trying to bring us down!”

“You women are so gullible!” Shi Jingzheng was furious at the hopeless women in his household. “By the way, only your mother and I knew about Shi Nuan’s identity. How did you find out?”

Shi Jingzheng glowered at Shi Wei. It had just occurred to him that not many people knew about Shi Nuan’s identity. How did Shi Wei find out?

“I…” Shi Wei hesitated while Shi Jingzheng turned to Jiang Yu. “Did you tell Wei?”

“Yes. So what if I told her? After all, Shi Nuan isn’t our child. We raised her without demanding anything in return. Why? Do you want to be her real father?” Jiang Yu scoffed. “I knew you think differently of that b\*tch’s daughter. Tell me, are you still hung up over that b\*tch?”

“Enough, stop spouting nonsense. I’ve never thought of her that way. She’s way out of my league,” Shi Jingzheng snapped impatiently. “Besides, Shi Nuan is the offspring of her and another man. Why would I treat her well? You were the one who insisted on keeping her back then. Did you think I was happy with your decision?”

“You—”

“Dad, Mom. What are you talking about?” Shi Wei stared at her parents in confusion. She had no idea what they were talking about. “I know Shi Nuan isn’t my sister. Mom told me about it. But who is her mother? Do you know her?”

“No. That’s none of your business, young lady. It’s late. You should go to bed!” Shi Jingzheng dismissed her with a wave.



Shi Wei was curious, but her father refused to reveal anything, so she had no choice but to give up. I'll need to ask Mom about this next time.

After Shi Wei left, Shi Jingzheng glared at Jiang Yu sternly. "From now on, don't tell Shi Wei anything. You shouldn't impose your hate on the innocent girl." Shi Jingzheng didn't love Shi Nuan, but everyone else knew that Shi Nuan was his daughter. Hence, he couldn't go too far. "Besides, don't forget about my father's shares in Huancheng. He said he gave it all to Shi Nuan, didn't he?"

"Yes. I nearly forgot about that." Jiang Yu gritted her teeth. "What is he thinking? He knew Shi Nuan isn't a Shi, but he insisted on giving Huancheng's shares to her! He must be doing this on purpose!"

Jiang Yu was frustrated. "It's not just a few thousand. It's half of Huancheng's shares! If Shi Nuan stops working for Shengyuan, she might one day come to Huancheng with her shares and take over your position!"

Shi Jingzheng was also worried that would happen. Back then, he had been wary of Shi Yu because of the same reason. Shi Yu finally left later on. Shi Jingzheng thought his father would give him the shares, but the old man had ended up giving everything to Shi Nuan.

"That was why I told you to be nice to Shi Nuan, but look at what you did! She'll never come to you anymore." Shi Jingzheng felt his head throbbing at the thought. "Now, Fu Chengyan is on her side. We'll be in deep trouble if she gives her shares to Fu Chengyan."

"I don't think she will," Jiang Yu said doubtfully. "Shengyuan is huge. Fu Chengyan wouldn't be interested in our little company. Besides, didn't Shi Nuan say she signed a prenup before getting married? They won't get anything from each other if they end up getting divorced."

Jiang Yu was naïve. "You shouldn't worry."

"Hopefully," Shi Jingzheng returned. He wasn't as optimistic as Jiang Yu.

Fu Chengyan had made it clear that he was married to Shi Nuan, but he would have nothing to do with the Shi family. They never informed us when they got married. I don't think they will bother right now.

Shi Jingzheng whipped out the check Fu Chengyan told Zhou Zheng to give him before he left. He unfolded it to reveal a shocking amount of ten million!