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Fu Chengyan sent Zhou Zheng and the others off. He overheard Shi Nuan on his way back and smiled. “Yes, married.”

Shi Nuan covered her face in embarrassment. She didn’t know Fu Chengyan was right behind her. The woman was at a loss as she stood up and said, “It’s late. I should go home now.”

“Shi Nuan!” Fu Chengyan called out her name, so Shi Nuan stopped in her tracks. She froze and turned awkwardly, “Ah?”

Shi Nuan’s adorable reaction amused Fu Chengyan. He told her, “It’s still early.”

Shi Nuan’s face blushed red. “R-Really?” Shi Nuan replied in embarrassment. This was the first time she had ever been this awkward in front of Fu Chengyan.

Shi Nuan thought, The more I meet Fu Chengyan, the more I embarrassed myself in front of him. Every time we met, I’d be in a mess.

Fu Chengyan noticed how embarrassed Shi Nuan looked and stopped teasing her. He went over and tucked a strand of hair behind her ear. “Do you want to go back now?”

Shi Nuan nodded. “Yes.”

Fu Chengyan sighed, “Fine, I’ll give you a ride home.”

“No need,” Shi Nuan hurriedly rejected his offer. But after she said no, an awkward silence ensued. It was Fu Chengyan who spoke out first, “Look at you. How will you go back like this?”

Shi Nuan looked at herself before her face reddened further.

She was still wearing Fu Chengyan’s shirt. Although his shirt was large, it was a provocative sight.

Belatedly, she recalled that there were two staff here. So was she dressed like this the entire time?

Shi Nuan bit her lips and glared at Fu Chengyan. “W-Why didn’t you tell me earlier?” After all, she was a woman. Even if the staff were female, Zhou Zheng was a man!

No wonder Zhou Zheng tried to avoid glancing at her. Even if he did, his gaze seemed strange.

Shi Nuan thought mournfully, There were so many people right here, but no one informed me that I was a mess! I even wore this to take the wedding photo with Fu Chengyan. That’s so crazy!

Shi Nuan was so embarrassed that her face flushed a bright red. She thought it was all Fu Chengyan’s fault, as he was the one who gave her this shirt. Getting married was a major life event. How could he do this to her?

In comparison to Shi Nuan’s embarrassment, Fu Chengyan appeared overly calm.

The change in Shi Nuan’s expression amused him. All he did was grin as he grabbed Shi Nuan’s shoulders to calm her down. But Shi Nuan slapped his hands away. “Fu Chengyan, this isn’t the end for you!”

Fu Chengyan burst out laughing, “Okay, it’s my fault.”

His eyes sparkled in delight when the woman started acting cute towards him. But when he recalled her long, fair legs... Fu Chengyan's gaze darkened, and he pinched the bridge of his nose. "It's my fault."

Actually, he had his own selfish reasons. When he saw Shi Nuan's legs, all he wanted to do was to push her onto bed shamefully.

He was a normal man, and she was his lawfully wedded wife.

Last night, he had tried his best to hold his desire back, not because he was an honorable man, but because he was afraid the woman might wake up in a panic. That was why he restrained himself from ravishing her.

As Fu Chengyan's slender fingers held Shi Nuan's shoulders, he had to admit that Shi Nuan was gorgeous, especially after wearing his shirt. He had his selfish reasons for letting her take the photo in his shirt.

But since Zhou Zheng was there... Fu Chengyan started wondering. Should he give Zhou Zheng a fresh pair of eyes?

Zhou Zheng was sending the two staff back. Suddenly, the air surrounding him chilled instantly. A strange sensation crept up his spine. "What? Is Mr. Fu so merciless?"

Shi Nuan was surprised to hear Fu Chengyan admitting that he made a mistake. It wasn't his fault entirely, as she wasn't on guard at all. When she noticed how intimate she was with Fu Chengyan right now, she blushed again.

She shoved Fu Chengyan away and turned her head away in embarrassment. "Where are my clothes?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. The heat on his palm had disappeared, so he looked away. "Let's go upstairs first."

"Okay!"

Shi Nuan felt complicated. How unbelievable! I just got married to Fu Chengyan? It happened so fast that she still thought it was a dream.

Shi Nuan went upstairs to Fu Chengyan's bedroom. Back then, she had thought his house was beautifully and elegantly decorated. It seemed different from those wealthy families' choice of decoration.

Shi Nuan glanced around. It took a long time, so she searched around for her phone. It was in Fu Chengyan's room. She hurriedly retrieved it and realized that her phone was switched off.

Shi Nuan switched her phone on and was greeted by numerous missed calls. Most of them were from Fu Xicheng, and the rest were from her two grandfathers.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and called her maternal grandfather, Jiang Shizheng, first.

"Grandpa, it's me, Nuan!" Shi Nuan said, "My phone ran out of battery last night. Why did you call me?"

"Where are you?" Jiang Shizheng had been worried for the entire night, and he sighed in relief upon hearing Shi Nuan's voice. "Last night, did you go to Mr. Shi's house? He called me at midnight and asked me where you were. That was when I knew something went wrong. Nuan, tell me. What did the Shi family do to you?"

Jiang Shizheng seemed to hate the Shi family, although Shi Nuan didn't know the reason behind this. When Shi Nuan grew up, she realized her grandfather not only treated the Shi family this way, but he also treated his daughter, Jiang Yu, this way too.

Shi Nuan bit her lips. "Grandpa, don't worry. I'm fine. Last night, I was in a foul mood and left after greeting him happy birthday. My phone ran out of battery so I didn't get to answer your call."

Shi Nuan thought about it and decided to not tell Jiang Shizheng about what happened last night. As far as she was aware, Jiang Shizheng hated the Shi family. If he knew what Jiang Yu and the Shi family did to her, he'd go to their house and kick up a fuss. Shi Nuan didn't want her grandfather to argue with the Shi family because of her. Her grandfather treated her well, unlike the Shi family.

"Really?" Jiang Shizheng found it hard to believe, but since Shi Nuan insisted that she was fine, he said nothing. "Girl, you must tell me if something happened. I'll get even with them."

"I know, grandpa. Don't worry, no one can bully me! Grandpa, you should rest since you were worried the whole night. I'll come and visit when I'm free."

Shi Nuan hung up and her gaze darkened before calling Shi Yunsheng. Shi Yunsheng asked about what happened last night. "I'm not old and senile yet. I know they had upset you based on the commotion last night. You should've come to me instead of running away."

"Grandpa, I know," Shi Nuan replied, "Don't worry, I'm fine. I didn't want to upset you last night. Look, I'm all good now."

"Okay, I know you're a filial granddaughter. Protect yourself well and don't come to the Shi household anymore. If you miss me, just tell me and I'll ask Mr. Yang to drive me out."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan was delighted. She didn't want to go there too. "If I miss you, I'll ask you out on a date!"

When Shi Nuan finally hung up, she spotted Fu Chengyan coming towards her with a box in his hand. The man had disappeared a while ago.

Shi Nuan's phone was still clutched in her hands, but her heart started thumping loudly.

Fu Chengyan gave her the box. "Your clothes are still wet, so I went to buy this for you. Put this on!"

"Thank you!" Shi Nuan swiftly took the box and opened it. It was a long, fairylike dress. Shi Nuan flipped the fabric over, but the label had already been taken off. The material and logo were recognizable, though, and Shi Nuan's eyes widened in surprise. This dress was from St. Dee, which was famous for its haute couture.

"You don't like it?" Fu Chengyan asked.

Shi Nuan shook her head. "No, it's pretty. But how did you know my size?" She immediately regretted saying that, especially when she met Fu Chengyan's gaze that insinuated something. Her face flushed red again. "I'll go change now!" She hurriedly ran to the restroom but nearly hit the door in her hastiness.

Fu Chengyan reminded her to be careful with a hint of a smile in his voice.

Fu Chengyan shook his head in resignation when he saw how clumsy Shi Nuan was.

The dress was unexpectedly a perfect fit. Even the underwear fit her well, too. Technically, they were both strangers, but the man knew her size just by sweeping his gaze over her.

Shi Nuan gnawed on her lower lip and gazed at the blushing woman in the mirror. She gave herself a slap in frustration. "Shi Nuan, wake up! Wake up!"

Shi Nuan prepared herself mentally before tugging on the dress awkwardly and leaving the restroom.

The man wasn't in the bedroom. Shi Nuan had no idea why she was relieved by that fact. She patted her chest, but noticed the man walking out from his walk-in closet. Her eyes widened instantly.

She had always known that Fu Chengyan had an athletic build and a perfect body, but she was still in awe. The man looked good no matter what he was wearing.

Fu Chengyan had a light-colored suit on. His suit was custom-made, highlighting his perfect figure. He was absolutely flawless.

There were some delicate intricacies that set this suit apart from other traditional suits. Under the jacket, he was wearing shirt made of excellent material. He had unbuttoned the shirt down to its third button, showcasing his tanned skin and bare chest. Overall, the suit gave off a casual vibe instead of a formal tone.

His cufflinks were a plain silver and shaped like a safety pin.

His outfit stunned Shi Nuan. The man could look good in anything, and she couldn't take her eyes off him.

Fu Chengyan was holding his cufflinks with one hand as he tidied his sleeves. When he saw Shi Nuan's star-struck gaze, his lips curled up into a devilish smile. Raising his eyebrows mischievously, he asked, "What's wrong?"

Shi Nuan retracted her gaze with a shy smile on her face and said nothing.

Suddenly, her phone rang, ruining the mood. Shi Nuan gave an awkward laugh before lifting the hem of her dress up and headed towards her phone. But when she saw the caller's name, the smile on her face froze abruptly.

Fu Chengyan noticed Shi Nuan's change of expression, and his eyes narrowed.

Shi Nuan bit her lips and rejected the call, but her phone started ringing again almost immediately. Shi Nuan frowned and stared at the phone for a long time.

Suddenly, a huge hand reached over and took her phone away. The man's voice rang above her head, "If you don't want to answer it, then don't. It isn't good to hesitate."

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Shi Nuan was startled when the man took her phone away. Fu Chengyan raised his brows at her suspiciously, "You're reluctant?"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips in displeasure. She didn't know what Fu Chengyan was implying, but ever since Fu Xicheng had cheated on her with Shi Wei, she had already given up on that man. "No!"

"Really?" Fu Chengyan snorted in disbelief.

Fu Chengyan obviously didn't believe her. But on second thought, who was Fu Chengyan to her? Their relationship now was not as simple as before. "No matter if you believe it or not, I have nothing to do with Fu Xicheng right now." Shi Nuan paused, "Don't worry. Since we're married, I won't betray you!"

Fu Chengyan raised his brows in surprise and smiled, "Great. Let me give you a ride back."

"Okay!"

Shi Nuan knew it was useless to explain. The man was an adult who could think for himself. She couldn't influence him at all.

Fu Chengyan had come to Shi Nuan's neighborhood before, so he drove there without getting lost. When Shi Nuan was about to get out of his car, Fu Chengyan stopped her. Shi Nuan's hand that was holding the handle stilled as she turned to him. "What's wrong?"



Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "I know that this marriage came out of the blue, but that is our reality now, and I hope you remember that!"

Shi Nuan frowned. She was taken aback and stared at Fu Chengyan without a word.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows. "Got it?"

The man was used to being in control of others, but he was cautious whenever it concerned Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan's lips thinned before she nodded, "Give me some time."

They were married, but it had been less than 24 hours since she carelessly got herself married. Shi Nuan was in a daze, but she knew she was married, and there were bound to be changes in her life.

The corners of her lips tilted upwards as she tried to appease him, "Actually, you don't have to remind me. Since I've married you, I'll do whatever married couples do—"

"Shi Nuan!" Fu Chengyan cut her off. There was a hint of amusement in his eyes. "Don't panic. I'm just making small talk. I won't gobble you up like a tiger."

Shi Nuan forced an awkward smile on her face. You're scarier than a tiger, she thought. But of course, she didn't say that out loud. She merely replied with a smile, "Okay!"

"Go. You must be tired since last night. Be careful and don't get a cold." Fu Chengyan's gaze settled on Shi Nuan when he said that, but Shi Nuan started blushing because of his reminder.

Nothing happened between them last night, but Fu Chengyan's words were ambiguous. Anyone's imagination would run wild upon hearing his words, let alone Shi Nuan, who wasn't a carefree person.

Shi Nuan blushed and gripped the handle tighter. “You—”

“Three days. After three days, I’ll come pick you up!”

“Eh?” Shi Nuan gazed at Fu Chengyan in surprise. “What’s happening in three days?”

Fu Chengyan grinned, “Do you think we’re going to live separately after getting married?” He stressed on the words “live separately”, causing a tremor to run through her body.

An embarrassed look crept onto her face. That look was evidence enough that she had never thought about living together as a married couple.

Shi Nuan relaxed her grip and leaned back in the seat. Her slightly awkward actions revealed her thoughts.

Shi Nuan was nervous, and she could feel her palms perspiring. She clenched her fists before relaxing them. “I-I’m sorry. I’m not prepared for that!”

Although they were married, Fu Chengyan was still a stranger to Shi Nuan.

All she knew about him was that the man was the CEO of Shengyuan Group, and that he was one of the Jiang City’s Big Four, hence no one dared to go against him. She knew nothing else about him.

Shi Nuan didn’t know Fu Chengyan’s preferences, family life and social connections.

Shi Nuan was only beginning to realize how careless she was. She had entrusted her future to a man she knew nothing about. Plus, she had only met him a few times prior to their marriage! Shi Nuan massaged her temples as she felt a headache forming. She gave herself a few light slaps to sober up before sheepishly asking, “Mr. Fu, can I retract my decision to marry you?”

Fu Chengyan raised his brows and glanced at Shi Nuan.

In the past few minutes, he watched as Shi Nuan's expression changed from torn to regretful, and to frustration, finally settling on something that looked akin to insanity. None of them were positive.

Am I that unreliable in her heart? She regrets getting married to me just after a few hours?

Shi Nuan gazed at Fu Chengyan hopefully, but the man raised his brows with a smile on his face. He seemed to be in a good mood, but his next words dashed all her hopes immediately.

He told her, "I can only be widowed, not divorced."

Shi Nuan was dumbfounded. She finally realized that she had found herself an unbeatable opponent. Shi Nuan gulped in dejection. "Mr. Fu, we just got married. I think it's not too late to go back on it since no one is aware of it yet. We can—"

"Ms. Shi!" Fu Chengyan's fingers drummed against the steering wheel casually. He wasn't flustered like Shi Nuan. Compared to Shi Nuan, Fu Chengyan had everything under control. "I told you, I can only be widowed, not divorced. You yourself admitted that we just got married. Are you demanding a divorce right away?"

Fu Chengyan smiled, "I believe you've heard stories about me."

Shi Nuan could only smile like a fool as there was nothing else she could say.

Fu Chengyan locked the doors and shifted in his seat to better examine Shi Nuan, as though he found her entertaining. The calmer he was, the more uncertain Shi Nuan felt. She turned her head to hide her face and tried to open the door. To her dismay, Fu Chengyan had already locked the doors. The woman was exasperated. "Fu Chengyan, you can't force me into this!"

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows. "Force?" He savored the words as his icy gaze met Shi Nuan's. Like a cheetah stalking its prey, there was a hint of viciousness in his gaze. "Ms. Shi, did you already forget that you begged me to marry you?"

Shi Nuan's heart skipped a beat. There was truly no way out of this. "B-But, I..."

Since Shi Nuan was reduced to tears, Fu Chengyan stopped glaring at her and smiled. "Did I frighten you?" The man continued, "I was just teasing you."

Shi Nuan was terrified and leaned on the door limply. She stared at Fu Chengyan but said nothing.

Fu Chengyan reached out to tuck a strand of hair behind her ear. Shi Nuan couldn't help but tremble as she turned away from him. Suddenly, she heard the sound of the seatbelt unbuckling. Lifting her gaze in surprise, she was greeted by Fu Chengyan's face right in front of her. He was so close to her that her heart stopped beating for a moment.

Fu Chengyan's slender fingers pulled her seatbelt away as he smiled. "I hope you were teasing me too."

Shi Nuan stared at Fu Chengyan as her breath quickened. She didn't know what was on his mind, but he was too near to her. The man's scent surrounded her.

His scent differed from other men's as he had a faint but crisp fragrance, with a hint of passion-fruit and lemon. The light, pleasant aroma enveloped her as he invaded her senses.

Shi Nuan panicked and turned her head away before nodding submissively, "Alright, I understand."

She was no match for Fu Chengyan.

Since Shi Nuan was obviously frightened, Fu Chengyan raised his brows before frowning. "I didn't mean to frighten you. I just want you to know, since this

happened, why avoid it? You should face it straight on. Maybe it might end up differently.”

Shi Nuan took a deep breath. She pressed her lips together tightly before forcing them to curl upwards. “Okay, I’ll get used to it as soon as possible. Three days. You promised you’ll give me three days!”

Fu Chengyan’s eyes shone with mirth as he found her response humorous and endearing. How interesting. She reacts differently from others. Even though she’s scared out of her wits, she still tries to negotiate with me.

“Of course. I am a man of my word. I hope you won’t react the same way as today when I come for you three days later.”

Shi Nuan bit her lips. “I’ll leave now.”

“Okay.” Fu Chengyan unlocked the doors. When She Nuan heard the audible click, she immediately opened the door and ran away without saying goodbye.

Fu Chengyan burst into laughter when he saw how she ran while lifting the hem of her dress up. Her flustered footsteps sold her out. The man was once again reminded of how she regretted her decision and shook his head in resignation.

Someone knocked on the window. Fu Chengyan raised his head and saw a man outside his car.

He gazed through the window and smiled coldly.

Fu Xicheng had been waiting downstairs for Shi Nuan since early morning. After she disappeared suddenly last night, he had felt relieved but worried at the same time. Hence, he arrived early morning to wait in front of Shi Nuan’s door.

Last night, Shi Nuan did not go home. He had knocked on the door for a long time and tried to call her, but she ignored all of his calls.

This morning, when a car pulled over outside Shi Nuan's building, he began to observe it. The car had stopped for a long time. He had no idea what the people inside the car were talking about. Just as Fu Xicheng was about to give up, Shi Nuan opened the door and scurried away from the car.

The car was obviously expensive, so it had to belong to a wealthy man. Fu Xicheng recalled Shi Nuan's flustered exit and recognized the car from the last time she arrived home in it. With that in mind, he strode over to the car furiously and knocked on the door.

But the man in the car ignored him. Fu Xicheng knocked for a long time, but he received no response.

"Open the door! Who are you? How are you related to Shi Nuan?"

Fu Chengyan stared coldly at Fu Xicheng outside his car. An icy smile spread across his handsome face. He stepped on the accelerator and sped away.

Want to see me?

Fu Xicheng, you're not qualified to do that!

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Fu Xicheng was upset when the car sped away. He stomped his feet and yelled, "What kind of man hides in a car? Come out if you dare!"

Unfortunately, Fu Chengyan didn't hear him yell at all. His car vanished from sight, leaving Fu Xicheng in the dust. Fu Xicheng could feel fury building up as he watched the car speeding away, but there was nowhere for him to vent his anger.

Damn it! I'd dated Shi Nuan for a long time, but she had always refused to spend a night with me! But this man who appeared out of nowhere got her to spend the night with him!

Fu Xicheng clenched his jaw. If the man hadn't refused to get out of the car, he would've given him a good beating!

Right now, Fu Xicheng had no idea that his actions would affect his company.

Fu Xicheng gritted his teeth as he watched the car speed away. He had never imagined that the conservative Shi Nuan would spend the night with a man. It never crossed his mind to reflect on what he did last night.

Shi Nuan rushed back home and closed the door before sliding to the ground, panting heavily.

She felt horrible.

Shi Nuan wasn't reckless by nature and would normally think twice before making a decision, especially one of such importance. She had no idea why she married Fu Chengyan so impulsively today.

It was true that Fu Chengyan was a successful man and that other people would be terrified of him, too. But now that she thought of it, marrying him wasn't the only way out. Perhaps she had been pushed over the edge by the Shi family last night, as their plan could have ruined her future for real. But now, she had handed her fate to Fu Chengyan instead.

"Oh, Shi Nuan. What have you done?" Shi Nuan clenched her teeth. She remained on the floor for some time before collecting herself and standing to her feet.

She checked her appearance in the mirror. The blushing woman that stared back at her was unfamiliar to her.

She had thought that she would be devastated and heartbroken. After all, her family and the person she held dear to her heart had joined up to betray her. But in reality, it only upset her for a moment before she realized Fu Xicheng wasn't her everything. He was no sun – there was no reason for her to orbit around him.

Perhaps the Shi family was too desperate to sell her out, or perhaps Fu Xicheng had treated her too mercilessly. After being betrayed, Shi Nuan's first reaction wasn't to feel upset. Rather, the first thought to occur was how she could escape the Shi family.

Shi Nuan splashed water on her face to wake herself up before going to her living room. She plopped down on the sofa.

A knock on the door surprised her. After a brief hesitation, she went to the door and looked through the peephole. When she saw Fu Xicheng outside, her brows furrowed.

How dare Fu Xicheng come after what happened last night?



Shi Nuan glared at the man through the peephole. She inhaled deeply and decided not to open the door. But Fu Xicheng wouldn't stop knocking. His persistence that she once found admirable was now extremely annoying.

Fu Xicheng was still seething at the man who had ignored him downstairs. He knocks grew louder and more aggressive as time went by and Shi Nuan refused to even acknowledge him. Exploding, he yelled, "Shi Nuan, open the door!"

Since Shi Nuan didn't reply him, Fu Xicheng continued to harass her, "Shi Nuan, I know you're at home. I saw you come back earlier."

Shi Nuan raised her brows in alarm.

"I'm worried about you. Where did you go last night? Do you know that your sister and I were worried sick? Why didn't you come home? We called you so many times, but you didn't even pick up. Why didn't you answer our calls? Don't you know how worried we were?"

"Worried?" Shi Nuan sneered, "Why would you be worried? Weren't you lot disappointed because Yun Shen didn't rape me? What are you really worried about?"

The fact that Fu Xicheng joined her parents' plan to drug her revolted Shi Nuan extremely.

Even when Fu Xicheng started dating Shi Wei, she never thought of taking revenge or hurting them. But what did they do? They plotted to ruin her and even sacrificed her in exchange for Yun Shen's filthy money!

What would she do if Yun Shen really raped her last night? Or what if Fu Chengyan didn't arrive in time to bring her away? It would be a wholly different story now if that had happened.

It was her grandfather's birthday party last night and the Shi family invited distinguished guests from the upper-class society. If those people had seen her in an intimate position with another man, her life would be ruined.

So what did Fu Xicheng just say? He was worried about her? Would he worry about her?

"Shi Nuan, open the door and let me explain. I don't know what happened last night. Wei told me you went missing and she said the room that you used to stay in was locked. I was worried, so I—"

"Enough, Fu Xicheng," Shi Nuan cut him off ruthlessly. "I'm not a three-year-old child. I can tell right from wrong. It was obvious what had really happened last night, so don't pretend to be innocent. If you think you can use me to get the two hundred million from the Yun family, dream on!"

Shi Nuan said angrily, "Leave. You're not welcomed here."

"Nuan!" Fu Xicheng seemed upset upon hearing her words. "Why are you so on guard? We're doing this for your own good. We will never harm you!"

Shi Nuan scoffed at his words, "Never harm me? I have had enough of that. Think about what all of you had done and ask your conscience if you've really never harmed me! Fu Xicheng, please leave! Seeing you... No, hearing your voice alone disgusts me!"

Fu Xicheng refused to give up even though Shi Nuan had already asked him to leave. He banged on the door harder. It seemed like he would never leave if Shi Nuan kept ignoring him. "Shi Nuan, you don't want me to disturb your neighbors, right? Open the door, let's talk. You've misunderstood everything. I betrayed you by dating Wei, but the other things aren't as you think!"

Since Shi Nuan said nothing, Fu Xicheng continued, "Tell me, do you have someone else now? Just now, I saw you getting down from a luxury car

downstairs. Were you with that man last night? Where did you go last night? What did you do? Nuan, you—”

“Enough!”

Shi Nuan couldn't believe what Fu Xicheng had just said. The man had gone overboard. “Who was I with doesn't concern you.” How dare he question me?

Fu Xicheng's anger flared up upon hearing her answer. “Doesn't concern me? I'm your boyfriend!”

“You're just my ex!” Shi Nuan jeered, “Don't forget that you're Shi Wei's fiancé now.” Shi Nuan thought he was being absurd. “Fu Xicheng, you're being ridiculous. When you got engaged to Shi Wei, you wouldn't admit that we were a couple. What's wrong? Are you crawling back to me because you regret your decisions? Does Shi Wei know that you're here today? If I call Shi Wei right now—”

“Nuan, why do you have to do this?” Fu Xicheng never imagined Shi Nuan would be so ruthless. “You weren't like this back then. I remember how gentle and sensible you were. Why are you—”

“What about me? Ha! I've always been like this. The woman you knew back then wasn't me! Or, should I say you've never tried to get to know me at all?” Shi Nuan cut him off with a sneer. “We have nothing to talk about. I remember clearly what happened last night. I, Shi Nuan, am not someone who can be controlled like a puppet. Tell Shi Wei to be careful. Otherwise, I'll make her regret doing this to me!”

Shi Nuan wasn't a cold-hearted person. If it weren't for the cruel deeds they did, she wouldn't have responded this way.

After saying that, Shi Nuan rubbed her eyes. Lowering her head in dejection, she smiled bitterly. Even if her parents treated her badly back then, she would only be

upset for a while. She was good at entertaining herself, and if she ever felt lonely or craved human interactions, she'd play chess with her grandfathers.

Grandpa told her playing chess would calm one down and allow you to come to terms with your innermost feelings.

Shi Nuan had tried to persuade herself that her parents wanted her to be independent, but when she saw how well her parents treated Shi Wei, she knew that she was only lying to herself.

After all these years, she was still grateful for what Shi Wei did back then to save her. But what about Shi Wei? All Shi Wei did was to take advantage of her gratitude in order to take away Shi Nuan's things and achieve her own goals.

When they were young, Shi Wei took her toys away. Now that they were grown-ups, Shi Wei took her boyfriend away.

Shi Nuan had had enough of this.

Even if she was indebted to her sister for saving her life, she had repaid her debt over all the years.

Fu Xicheng was stunned when he heard her words. Strangely, he felt that something was slipping away from him. He wanted to grab it, but it slipped through his fingers like water and sand.

“Nuan! Your sister... I... Open the door, please. I'll explain everything. We've been dating for a long time. You're a great person, but I've always thought of you as a little sister. You know how gentle your sister is. When you left for a year, I spent more time with her than you, so I couldn't help myself. I never thought of hurting you, so I was going to tell you when you returned. But your sister and I were afraid you wouldn't be able to accept it, so we—”

“So you planned to get engaged secretly when I wasn't here? The whole Jiang City knew you got engaged when I finally returned. What about me? Ha! If I

kicked up a fuss, I'd be the other woman who lusted after my brother-in-law, right?" Shi Nuan snorted. But Fu Xicheng cut her off hurriedly, "No, Nuan! How can you think that way? We never wanted to do this to you!"

"Really?" Shi Nuan scoffed, "If I hadn't come back earlier than expected, your engagement party would've gone on smoothly, right? None of you have considered my feelings, so what right do you have to act innocent here?"

"Nuan, you... Listen to me. Don't just find any man out there because you hate us. Do you know who is he? Do you know—"

"What I know is that he treats me better than you all. At least he wouldn't betray me and sell me out for two hundred million!"

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“Better? Do you know him well? How long have you known him? Nuan, I know you found a random man to make me angry. But doing this—”

“Enough, Fu Xicheng. If you won’t leave, I’ll call the police.”

Shi Nuan had enough of Fu Xicheng. Even if she didn’t know Fu Chengyan well, at least the man wouldn’t lie to her and hurt her.

Shi Nuan wanted to cut ties with Fu Xicheng. This was for their own good. But sometimes, Fu Xicheng was too stubborn and he just wouldn’t give up. The man refused to leave even after hearing what Shi Nuan said. He kept yelling Shi Nuan’s name, and her neighbors who walked past him were already gossiping.

Shi Nuan had no choice but to let him be.

Outside, Fu Xicheng’s fury intensified when he couldn’t hear Shi Nuan’s voice anymore. “Shi Nuan, open the door. Let’s talk. Do you think evading me will solve the problem? You can’t avoid me forever!”

“Excuse me, are you a resident here?”

Fu Xicheng had been there for quite some time when two police officers suddenly came up behind him. They studied Fu Xicheng before telling him, “Someone made a police report, saying there was someone causing a ruckus and being a nuisance to the public here. If you’re not a resident here, please come with us.”

Fu Xicheng was taken away by the two police officers and Shi Nuan finally had some peace.

Right when Shi Nuan was about to let her defenses down, her phone rang. She hesitated when she saw the unknown number, but answered the call anyway. "Hello?"

"It's me!" A low male voice traveled through the speaker. Shi Nuan was stunned. "Fu Chengyan?"

"Yes!" Fu Chengyan nodded. "Has he left yet?"

Shi Nuan was surprised. "You were the one who called the police? Are you still here?"

She was about to call the police, but the police officers arrived before she could do so. Shi Nuan thought it was her neighbor who had called the police, but it turned out to be Fu Chengyan?

Shi Nuan ran to her balcony, but the familiar car wasn't down there anymore. She was suspicious, "I don't see your car!"

"I'm back home." Fu Chengyan poured himself a glass of water and he leaned back on the sofa, drumming his fingers against the glass.

Shi Nuan had no idea what to say. The man had already left, but he still managed to resolve this problem for her. She owed him another favor now. "Thank you."

Fu Chengyan raised his brows. He took a sip of water and replied with a grin, "We're married. You don't have to be so polite."

Married?

Shi Nuan bit her lips and blushed.

It seemed strange to hear him say that word out loud. Strangely, she didn't seem to hate that.

"Since he has left, rest well. You should also pack up your belongings. I'll be there to pick you up in three days' time!" Fu Chengyan bid her goodbye and hung up.

Shi Nuan felt warmth spreading in her heart as she stared at her phone after Fu Chengyan hung up.

Besides her two grandfathers, Fu Chengyan was the only person who cared about her feelings and circumstances. Perhaps marrying him wasn't that unacceptable, even if she didn't love him at all.

Shi Nuan covered her face with her hands to cool down her flushed cheeks before pocketing her phone. She stood up and went to change her outfit.

Actually, Fu Chengyan was right. Since they were officially husband and wife, they would eventually have to stay beneath the same roof. There was nothing to miss about her home, anyway. Since Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei knew her address, she had to move to prevent unwanted trouble.

She started packing immediately. Although this house was rented, she had accumulated a good deal of stuff over the years. Since she had decided to move, it would be too late to pack last minute. After making up her mind, Shi Nuan started packing up. She would throw away unwanted stuff and pack up the rest. It took her the entire day.

Fu Xicheng never expected that Shi Nuan would actually go through with her threats and call the police. He told them his name in hopes of using his status to get out of this ordeal, but the police officers merely snorted and didn't let him go. When he told them that he was a member of the Fu clan, the police officer responded, "Even if Mr. Fu is here, we have to follow the procedures."



Fu Xicheng didn't know that Mr. Fu was the one who had called the police. Of course the police couldn't let him leave that easily.

Fu Xicheng had no choice but to call Shi Wei. When Shi Wei heard that Fu Xicheng was in the police station, she immediately headed over.. Fu Xicheng walked out after recording his statement and was greeted by Shi Wei, who tugged at his hand. "What happened? Why are you at the police station? They said you were a nuisance to the public? Xicheng, what happened?"

Fu Xicheng was irritated by Shi Wei's incessant bombardment of questions. But when he saw how worried Shi Wei was, he reigned in his impatience and told her, "It was Shi Nuan."

"Nuan?" Shi Wei frowned. That witch again? Despite her inner thoughts, she pretended to be worried and blamed herself. "I'm sorry, Xicheng. It was all my fault. Why don't we call off our marriage? You can go back to Nuan. Will she forgive us that way?"

"What are you talking about? Who do you think I am? I'm a human being, not a thing. Plus, don't you know how I feel about Shi Nuan? I've always thought of her as my sister. You're the person I love!"

Fu Xicheng pulled Shi Wei into his arms and patted her back gently. "Don't ever say that again!"

Shi Wei smiled smugly when she heard his response. However, she said, "What about Nuan? I think she had misunderstood us badly. I've never wanted to hurt her."

"Let's talk about this later on. Shi Nuan won't listen to us right now. I even felt guilty last night as I was worried that something bad would happen to her. So, I went to her house to see how she was doing today. I can't believe she had the audacity to call the cops on me."

“You mean Nuan was the one who called the police?” Shi Wei asked. She shook her head dubiously and continued, “I don’t believe you. Nuan isn’t someone like that. She likes you a lot, right?”

“She likes me?” Fu Xicheng scoffed, “She doesn’t like me at all. Today, I saw her getting out of a luxury car. The owner of the car was obviously rich. Shi Nuan kept saying we hurt her, but that was merely her excuse. She must’ve been secretly dating another man all along.”

Shi Wei was stunned as confusion flashed across her eyes. Her heart was full of hatred. She thought the person Shi Nuan loved the most was Fu Xicheng. That belief was what led her to set Shi Nuan up and force her to leave Jiang City. For the past year, she deliberately crossed paths with Fu Xicheng so that the man would notice her and fall in love with her.

Shi Wei was not only confident with her looks, but she was also good at putting up a front and presenting herself as a sweet, pure woman. She was popular in the entertainment industry – there were plenty of people who were obsessed with her. So, she was certain that Fu Xicheng would fall for her instead of that dull woman.

As she had expected, Fu Xicheng fell for her and started pursuing her passionately. Shi Wei’s schemes progressed as planned and they ended up together naturally. Fu Xicheng was even willing to dump Shi Nuan to be with her.

Everything went well – even the Fu family adored her. Shi Wei thought that she had humiliated Shi Nuan badly and had thoroughly crushed her younger sister under her foot, but now Fu Xicheng was telling her that Shi Nuan had found herself another wealthy man? No, this couldn’t be it!

“Xicheng, are you sure it’s true? But Nuan isn’t someone like that!”

“Why not? This morning, she had a new dress on. The dress looked expensive, it must have cost at least a few hundred thousand.”

“A few hundred thousand?” Shi Wei exclaimed in surprise. She gnawed on her bottom lip. “Then what should we do? What about dad? Didn’t he say that Mr. Yun fancies Nuan? Last night, Mr. Yun even got hurt in Nuan’s room!”

A vicious glint flashed across Shi Wei’s eyes. She thought something would happen between Shi Nuan and Yun Shen last night, but that useless Yun Shen got assaulted and fainted instead.

There was an ongoing rumor that Yun Shen loved both women and men. He was also known in Jiang City for his sexual prowess and lack of self-control.

Shi Wei chose the man because of that very reason. She wanted Shi Nuan to lose her virginity to Yun Shen so that no one would want her after that! But she never expected that Shi Nuan would be able to escape.

Last night, they sent Yun Shen to the hospital. She heard that he flew into a fit of rage after waking up this morning and demanded an explanation from the Shi family.

Shi Jingzheng came to her this morning and told her to talk to Shi Nuan with Fu Xicheng. He wanted Shi Nuan to apologize to Yun Shen. Yun Shen wasn’t favored in the Yun family, but he was still a part of that powerful family in Jiang City.

Shi Jingzheng was still waiting for the two hundred million from the Yun family. Of course, he wouldn’t let this opportunity pass.

“What else? We have to console Yun Shen, or else your father wouldn’t get the money and he’ll also risk angering the Yuns.” Fu Xicheng frowned as he blamed everything on Shi Nuan.

“But Yun Shen fancies Shi Nuan...” Shi Wei bit her lips and trailed off. “I don’t want Nuan to marry that man, but dad said his company needs the money. If I don’t love you, I would take Nuan’s place.”

“What are you talking about?” Fu Xicheng frowned. He felt uncomfortable whenever he thought about that pervert, Yun Shen. He tightened his arms around Shi Wei. “You belong to me. I won’t let you be a part of the deal. Plus, Yun Shen fancies Shi Nuan. Even if you wanted to replace her, Yun Shen wouldn’t say yes. He might even be angered at your actions. Never say that again to upset me!”

Fu Xicheng hugged Shi Wei and caressed her hair. “Okay, let’s go home and think of a solution.”

Shi Wei’s eyes flashed cunningly and the corners of her mouth tilted upwards into a sly smile. But when she pushed Fu Xicheng away, the smile on her face was gone, replaced by a pleading look. “I know. But promise me you’ll think of a way to save Nuan. No matter what, she’s my little sister. She’s my only sister! If we have a choice, I don’t want her to be with that Yun Shen!”

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 45

Three days passed in a flash. Shi Nuan had packed up her stuff and was waiting for Fu Chengyan to come pick her up. In the past three days, many things had happened. One of them was that the Yun family had found out that Yun Shen got hurt and demanded to stop collaborating with the Shi family.

Shi Jingzheng panicked because of that. The man had to go to the hospital to apologize to Yun Shen and take the initiative to call Shi Nuan too. But Shi Nuan wasn't a fool and refused to apologize. Shi Jingzheng blamed her saying that if the Yun family took revenge on his company, it would all be Shi Nuan's fault.

Shi Nuan almost laughed in exasperation at the absurdity of his words. That was the first time she had ever heard something so ridiculous from her father. Suddenly, she realized sadly that she didn't know her own father at all.

Shi Jingzheng asked her to apologize and also told her to seduce Yun Shen so his family would let the matter slip. If she could get Yun Shen to marry her, that would be great. The Shi family would get the Yun family's support in addition to the Fu family's support. That way, the Shi Family would be able to advance further.

When Shi Nuan heard how deluded he was, she immediately hung up on Shi Jingzheng and blocked his number.

Shi Nuan wouldn't sell herself out for the Shi family's interest. She wasn't even a stakeholder of the company. When her grandfather wanted to give her 5% of his share in Huancheng as her eighteenth birthday present, the whole Shi family jumped out to stop him. Their reasoned that she was still young and not born for business.

But previously, when Shi Wei turned eighteen, she received 10% of Huancheng's share as her birthday present. Shi Nuan remembered none of the members were against this, but she evidently did not receive the same treatment.

What could Shi Nuan say? Nothing at all.

Even if she wasn't interested in the company, they were both born to the same parents. She didn't understand why Shi Wei received preferential treatment. She only wanted them to treat her fairly!

When Fu Chengyan arrived downstairs, he made a call to Shi Nuan. She picked up instinctively. "Hello, who is this?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes dangerously. "You didn't save my number?"

His low voice was laced with displeasure. If Shi Nuan was beside him right now, she'd be terrified by his viciousness.

Shi Nuan swallowed before laughing awkwardly, "I forgot about it."

"Save it now!" Fu Chengyan told her, "I'm already downstairs."

"You're already here?" Shi Nuan ran to the balcony to peek downstairs. She immediately spotted his car parked at the entrance. "Ah, I'll go down now. But my stuff—"

"No need, I'll go up now!" Fu Chengyan hung up and narrowed his eyes at the man next to him. "Let's go up!"

Su Shaoqing opened his eyes and stared sleepily at Fu Chengyan. "Chengyan, how can you do this to me? Why do you ask me for help every time? You can go to Jingxiu or Heng!"

Su Shaoqing complained, "Don't you know that I worked the night shift last night? I had just finished the surgery, but you summoned me here before I could even rest!" Su Shaoqing was telling the truth. He had just left the operating theatre and still had his white coat on when Fu Chengyan told him to come over.

Fu Chengyan swept his gaze over Su Shaoqing and said, "You're the youngest among us!"

"I..." Su Shaoqing swallowed his complaints. "Fine. I'm a nice person, anyway. But Chengyan, what are you doing here?"

Fu Chengyan unbuckled his seatbelt and got out of the car. Su Shaoqing thought it wasn't fun at all and stopped with the small talk. The man also unbuckled his seatbelt.

Although he was terribly sleepy, it was rare to see Fu Chengyan personally pick up someone, and this piqued his curiosity.

It has been ages since Chengyan got himself a woman. Who is this woman who forced this disciplined man to make the first move? She must be extraordinary.

After thinking that way, Su Shaoqing felt much better. He was glad that Fu Chengyan came to him first, because that meant he was the first one to know about this woman.

Fu Chengyan couldn't be bothered about what Su Shaoqing was thinking. When he went upstairs, Shi Nuan had already opened the door. She saw Fu Chengyan coming in and told him, "I have a great deal of stuff. Can you bring all of them down alone?"

Shi Nuan pointed at the boxes in her living room. Actually, she was surprised by the amount of stuff she owned. Ever since Shi Nuan started living alone, she had bought things for herself over the years. It didn't seem that much at first, but after she packed everything up, she realized that she was quite the hoarder.

Fu Chengyan raised his brows as he studied Shi Nuan's house. It wasn't big, but it seemed cozy enough for her. The man swept his gaze over her belongings, which were piled up in the living room and he raised his brows involuntarily. "That's a lot of stuff!"

He thought she would just pack up a few outfits as he had everything she needed back at home. But since the woman packed up almost everything in this house, that meant she had thought about their relationship a lot.

Shi Nuan blushed in embarrassment. "What should we do? Actually, I don't have to bring everything along. But since I'm moving out, I'm thinking of terminating the tenancy agreement. If that happens, I won't have a place to put all my stuff."

"It's fine. You can continue renting this place," Fu Chengyan told her, "I have everything you need back home."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan nodded and started unpacking her stuff, but Fu Chengyan stopped her from doing so. "You don't have to do that."

Shi Nuan arched her brows in confusion.

Fu Chengyan turned his head to the door. "Aren't you going to come in?"

Su Shaoqing walked in reluctantly, dragging his feet. "Damn it, Chengyan. Are we even friends? I thought you brought me along for something important, but turns out it's to ask me to help you move houses? There is so much stuff, you... Hey, aren't you that..."

The truth dawned upon Su Shaoqing as he gazed at Fu Chengyan with a hint of realization in his eyes. His eyes sparkled as he smiled innocently, "I was wondering why you were being so enthusiastic!"

Shi Nuan stared suspiciously at this man who came in uninvited. He was wearing a white shirt and his hair was slightly messy. But there was a cunning look in his eyes, and his smile sent a chill down her spine.



“Hello, I’m Shi Nuan. You are?”

Su Shaoqing narrowed his eyes and smiled, showing his brilliant pearly whites. “I’m Su Shaoqing, a friend of Chengyan. You can call me Shaoqing or... Hey! Chengyan! Why did you step on me?”

Su Shaoqing yelled in pain, “I was just greeting my sister-in-law! Don’t tell me you’re jealous of this too?”

Shi Nuan blushed when Su Shaoqing addressed her as “sister-in-law”. She said, “Fu Chengyan, don’t be rude, he’s your friend after all.” Su Shaoqing must be here because Fu Chengyan had asked him to help me move out.

Since we need his help, he can’t treat him that badly. She continued, “Mr. Su, would you like a drink?”

Su Shaoqing arched his brows and shot Fu Chengyan a smug smile before replying, “Thank you, I would like—”

“He doesn’t need drink. Su Shaoqing, don’t you want to finish this up and go back to sleep?” Fu Chengyan frowned and glared warningly at Su Shaoqing.

A hint of jest flashed across Su Shaoqing’s cunning eyes. He knew his friend was upset, so he stopped teasing him. “I’m not thirsty, don’t worry. Where is the stuff that needs moving? Let me help!”

Later on, he’ll definitely complain to Jingxiu and Heng that Chengyan kept bullying him.

Since she’ll keep renting the house, Shi Nuan unpacked her stuff and returned them to their original position. She only brought along her necessities. At last, Su Shaoqing plopped himself on the sofa while panting heavily. Shi Nuan brought him a glass of water. “Thank you for your help today, Mr. Su!”

“No problem, no problem.” Su Shaoqing observed her and realized that she wasn’t as unreasonable as the rumors suggested.

He glanced at Fu Chengyan and belatedly realized that the man was glaring at him icily and gulped – Fu Chengyan was turning into a devil! “By the way, are you moving in with Chengyan?”

Shi Nuan blushed and peeked at Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan took the glass of water from Shi Nuan and glanced at Su Shaoqing calmly, “Do you have a problem with that?”

“No, of course not!” Su Shaoqing had finished the glass of water. He was eager to gossip but thought better of it since Fu Chengyan was glaring at him.

Shi Nuan watched their banter and was certain that they were good friends. She tugged at Fu Chengyan’s hand. “Are you hungry?”

Fu Chengyan raised his brows and glanced at Shi Nuan’s hand holding his. Shi Nuan realized what she was doing and immediately released his hand. “It’s late, so you must be hungry. I’ll cook now!”

There were still some ingredients in her refrigerator. Shi Nuan lived alone, so she had learned to cook at a young age. Since Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing didn’t refuse, she went to the kitchen to prepare a meal.

“Make yourselves at home while I’ll cook a few dishes. It won’t take long.”

Only after Shi Nuan went to the kitchen did Fu Chengyan tear his gaze away from her. His eyes settled on Su Shaoqing. “You can leave now!”

Su Shaoqing’s eyes widened in shock. What an ungrateful friend! He refused to leave. “Chengyan, did you hear what Shi Nuan said? She said she’s going to cook for me! This is her house, not yours. You have no right to chase me out! I won’t leave!”

Fu Chengyan arched his brows and smirked, "Well, I'm sorry to tell you that what belongs to Shi Nuan belongs to me too."

"A-Are you serious?" Su Shaoqing was taken aback. This was the first time he had ever seen Fu Chengyan so serious. "You've decided to be with Shi Nuan? And I mean marry her!"

Fu Chengyan was silent as he glanced towards the kitchen. When he saw Shi Nuan flitting around the kitchen busily, he finally thinned his lips and said, "We're already married."