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When Shi Nuan reached the hospital, the doctor made sure that Shi Yunsheng was over the hump before sending him out of the Intensive Care Unit.

Shi Yunsheng requested the doctor to keep everyone away except for Shi Nuan when he woke up from the coma. The doctor who was the same one who operated on him and remembered Shi Nuan's name. He accepted his request as he could recognize the girl named Shi Nuan.

That was why the other Shi family members were not allowed to enter the ward without Shi Yunsheng's permission. The doctor was worried that Shi Yunsheng would have a stroke if he got agitated again.

Jiang Yu was displeased with the hospital management and threatened to sue them. Shi Jingzheng sat quietly beside her, but he was obviously unhappy. He was devastated at his father's refusal to meet him after he woke up.

Shi Wei disguised herself and wore a pair of glasses. She had to be cautious of the paparazzi and not make things worse for herself. Though she was frustrated at Jiang Yu's temper, she was livid the moment she thought of the mastermind behind all the incidents.

"Stop it, Mother!"

"Stop? Did you see their attitude? How could they stop us from meeting our family?" She wanted to know if Shi Yunsheng was fine and force him to take back his shares from Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan heard Jiang Yu's sharp voice as she arrived. The woman saw her too and rushed towards her immediately.

Owing to last night's experience, Shi Nuan evaded Jiang Yu, which caused her to be unhappy. "Why are you here, you wretch?"

"I'm here to visit Grandpa." Shi Nuan stared coldly at Jiang Yu. She wanted to make her way into the ward but was stopped by Jiang Yu. "No one can enter the ward if things are not settled here!"

"Let go!" Shi Nuan didn't expect Jiang Yu to be so persistent. After all, she was a descendant from a renowned family. As compared to her well-educated grandfather—who was a lecturer at a university—she didn't know what went wrong with her mother's temperament.

Shi Nuan shook Jiang Yu off and glared at her. Jiang Yu was petrified by that look as if it that woman was looking down at her.

Impossible! She's not her!

She let go of her in a daze. The nurse came over and saw Shi Nuan as she approached the ward, "Are you Shi Nuan?"

"Yes, I am." Shi Nuan nodded.

"You're right on time. The old man was looking for you. Please follow me."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan nodded and followed the nurse.

The nurse alerted Shi Yunsheng as she finished changing his drip, "Sir, your granddaughter is here."

As Shi Yunsheng confirmed that it was Shi Nuan, he shouted, "Nuannuan!"

“Grandpa!” Shi Nuan placed down her belongings carefully with tears in her eyes, “I’m sorry for being late.”

“Silly child!” Shi Yunsheng held her hand, “Are you feeling better, Grandpa?”

“Yes, much better.” Shi Yunsheng spoke feebishly while staring outside. Shi Nuan nodded and asked, “They’re outside and they knew what you did, Grandpa. Did my mother quarrel with you?”

“As expected!” Shi Yunsheng shook his head, “I’d expected them to do so, but I was too old to handle them.” He sighed, “Nuan, I don’t plan to take the shares back now that they’re yours. I have to do it even if they make things difficult for you. I will leave this world one day, so I had to pass Huancheng to you before it fell into outsiders’ hands. Do you understand?”

Shi Nuan was stunned.

Shi Yunsheng squinted his eyes, “You’re not willing?”

Shi Nuan felt bad and replied, “No, Grandpa. Please don’t be mad at me.”

“Tell me about it. I can take it.” Shi Yunsheng was clear-minded after what had happened yesterday. Would he be scared of anything now that he escaped death?

Shi Nuan hesitated and said, “I sold the shares, Grandpa.”

“What?” Shi Yunsheng was shocked, “Why did you do so? Explain it to grandpa.”

Shi Yunsheng knew Shi Nuan well, and was sure that she had her reasons for doing so.

Shi Nuan nodded at his clarity and smiled, “I’m married, Grandpa.”

“You’re...” Shi Yunsheng was shocked again, “Nuan, was it because of Fu Xicheng...”

“No, Grandpa. He was nice to me, and you know him too.” Shi Nuan smiled genuinely when she spoke about Fu Chengyan.

Shi Yunsheng knew that she wasn’t lying. She was married to the right man. However, she said that he knew him. “Who is it?”

“It’s Fu Chengyan, Grandpa. The one who gifted you the jade chessboard on your birthday.”

“It’s him?” Shi Yunsheng remembered who he was. That man exuded the most outstanding aura of all the guests that night. “He came for you instead of the Fu family that night?” Shi Yunsheng asked.

Shi Nuan nodded, “Yes, he was the one who saved me too.” Shi Nuan told him briefly about what had happened.

Shi Yunsheng knew that something had happened that night, but he didn’t ask about it in fears that he might hurt Shi Nuan’s feelings. If Fu Chengyan was the one who saved her, he should be relieved that nothing had happened to her.

“Then? You’re married, but what about your shares?”

“Yes, Grandpa. I’ve given them to him. Will you be mad at me?” Shi Nuan asked carefully in fear of his temper. Shi Yunsheng shook his head, “Why should I, silly girl? You can handle them however you want with your spouse. But I need to know if you’re sure about it.”

Shi Nuan nodded. “Huancheng would not fall to Fu Xicheng’s hands with Fu Chengyan’s ability and status if he decides to intervene. Besides, I didn’t give him the shares just like that,” Shi Nuan smiled, “He gave me Xinhuang Entertainment in return.”

Shi Yunsheng was shocked once again at the name of the familiar and renowned entertainment company, “Xinhuang Entertainment?” Fu Chengyan had many investments, and had collaborations with many companies. Therefore, he knew about Xinhuang Entertainment.

He didn’t expect that Fu Chengyan would help Shi Nuan to such an extent, but he was relieved about it.

He tapped Shi Nuan’s hand with a warm smile, “Good for you, my child. I knew you would find someone right who truly cares for you.”

“Yes, Grandpa. He treats me well,” Shi Nuan smiled shyly, “Should I bring him to meet you formally after you recover?”

“Of course!” Shi Yunsheng was happy that her granddaughter would introduce her husband to him. He couldn’t wait to leave the hospital right away to meet him.

Shi Nuan knew that Shi Yunsheng was delighted, but it was not the right time. “Don’t get agitated, Grandpa. I can ask him to visit you in the hospital if you want. But I wanted to make it a little more formal.”

“Sure!” Shi Yunsheng reassured Shi Nuan, “But about your marriage to Fu Chengyan, do your parents...”

“You’re the only one who knows.” Shi Nuan’s lips twitched, “I didn’t want them or anyone else to know about our marriage.”

Shi Nuan had her own considerations; her marriage with Fu Chengyan was none of anyone’s business.

Besides, wouldn’t Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu pester Fu Chengyan if they knew about it? She didn’t want that to happen.

Shi Yunsheng was conscious about it. "I meant to tell you about this too. I have no opinions about your marriage, but I want you to be happy. What about Fu Chengyan's family?"

"Don't worry. He'll bring me to meet his family when things are settled." Shi Nuan's phone started ringing, and she let out a smile when she saw that it was her husband calling her. "I'm picking up a call, Grandpa."

"Hello, Yan!"

Fu Chengyan's meeting had just ended, and decided to call Shi Nuan to check on her. He smiled happily when she called his name, "Good girl, say it again!"

Shi Nuan staggered, "What?" As she realized what he meant, she blushed and covered her face, "No way! I'm with Grandpa now, he's awake."

"Hmm." Fu Chengyan sat down and signaled at his secretary to leave, "How's Grandpa?"

"The doctor said that he's fine, but he needs to recuperate in peace. By the way, I told Grandpa about us." Shi Nuan said while staring at Shi Yunsheng, "Do you want to speak to Yan, Grandpa?"

"It's okay, you can go ahead," Shi Yunsheng refused.

"Okay!" Shi Nuan tucked Shi Yunsheng in his blanket and tugged at her shirt, "I'll introduce you to Grandpa when he feels better."

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Shi Nuan was chatting with Shi Yunsheng but as Shi Yunsheng's body was still weak, he fell asleep in no time. Shi Nuan regarded Shi Yunsheng carefully and covered him in a blanket before taking her bag to leave.

Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu were still outside when she walked out. Jiang Yu hurried towards Shi Nuan when she saw her coming out of the ward, demanding, "What did your grandfather say to you? Did you persuade him about the allocation of the shares?"

Jiang Yu grabbed Shi Nuan's arms and shook her hard, "Spit it! Did you grandfather agree to allocate the shares for your sister?"

"Let me go!"

Shi Nuan used to pin her hopes on Jiang Yu but even she had to admit that she was being stupid and naïve back then. Jiang Yu had made herself clear that she did not care for Shi Nuan nor her grandfather. She only had her eyes on those shares.

"Grandpa is still sick but you are still thinking about those shares!" Shi Nuan clenched her teeth and continued, "I've said it before and I will say it again. I will never help nor interfere with grandpa's decision in the allocation of the shares. Both you and I have no right to meddle in this!"

"You bastard!" Jiang Yu was enraged, "How dare you talk to me like that, I am your mother!"

“You still acknowledge that you’re my mother?” Shi Nuan snorted in derision, “I’m afraid that you have never treated me as your daughter! Same for you, dad!”

“Nuan, how could you speak to mother and father like that?” Shi Wei disapproved of Shi Nuan’s attitude and tried to hold her hands but Shi Nuan avoided her. Shi Wei glanced awkwardly at Shi Nuan like she always used to. It was an old trick but it always worked like magic.

Shi Wei’s pitiful look naturally garnered attention from Jiang Yu and Shi Jingzheng and they glared accusingly at Shi Nuan.

Shi Jingzheng also felt discontent at Shi Nuan’s attitude towards him as Shi Nuan used to be meek in front of him. Was she just putting up an act? Is she showing her true colors now that she had gotten the shares of the old man?

“Nuan, what did your grandfather say to you?”

“He did not say much, just that someone had enraged him on purpose and his old sickness relapsed because of that. He told me it was nothing to worry about,” Shi Nuan said as she glanced towards Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. “As the son and daughter-in-law, mom and dad, you guys should take good care of grandpa as you are living together with him.”

“Bastard, is this the way you should talk to me?” Shi Jingzheng boiled with rage when he sensed the criticizing tone.

Shi Nuan, as a junior, dared to reprimand him publicly? How could he suffer that kind of humiliation? “Let me ask you again, what did your grandfather say to you? You can let dad know if you need money, I can give it to you, but I will never give in on the matter regarding those shares. You have zero knowledge in managing a company!”

Shi Nuan’s lips curved into a thin smile, “So that is your ultimate intention.”

“What?”

Shi Jingzheng was stunned, "I am Huancheng's president, it is only normal that I care for it!"

"Then are you still the son of grandpa? Why don't you care about his sickness instead? Have you cared about him ever since he woke up last night? You did not even greet him!" That was the real reason why Shi Nuan was disappointed at Shi Jingzheng. "Why do you think grandpa is giving me those shares? Do you really have no idea?"

"Let's not keep up with this crap. This bitch has always been displeasing everyone." Jiang Yu did not have Shi Jingzheng's patience and always revolted at the sight of Shi Nuan. "Ask her to give up those shares."

Shi Nuan laughed all of a sudden and casted an icy look at Jiang Yu, "You guys better drop the intention because I'm never giving any of you shares of the company."

"Are you saying you have the shares on hand?"

Shi Wei caught the point and her gaze darkened as a storm of hatred brew inside of her. I did not expect the old prick to really pass on the shares to that bitch Shi Nuan.

How could he?

Shi Nuan would hold all authority and power if she really had Huancheng's shares in her hands. Isn't she going to snatch all my stuff away then?

Shi Wei glanced at Fu Xicheng who did not utter a single word the whole time and she clenched her teeth and her fists. She breathed in deeply after a while and looked at Shi Nuan and smiled, "Nuan, I don't think it's useful for you to take hold of those shares. What say you if I buy them off your hands?"

"Buy?" Shi Nuan sneered, "How much money do you have to buy all of my shares?"

“I...” Shi Wei gritted her teeth, “I’ve been in the entertainment business for quite a number of years and I’ve saved up a portion. How much do you want?”

Shi Nuan looked mockingly at Shi Wei as she scoffed at Shi Wei’s naivety, “Since you enjoy being in the entertainment business, I think it’s best for you to stay in it and reap the fruits of your labor. Maybe you could even get the award for being the best actress or whatnot. I don’t think you’ve got any knowledge in managing a business anyway.”

Shi Wei’s best efforts to keep the smile on her face failed as she listened to Shi Nuan mocking her. She could not wait to rip Shi Nuan’s face off her. “Nuan, what are you saying? I can always learn even if I have zero knowledge. You don’t like managing business and it’s useless for you to keep those shares. Maybe you’ll even get cheated someday!”

“I don’t think it’s necessarily me that’s going to get cheated!” Shi Nuan said as she mimicked Fu Chengyan’s demeanor who spoke in all smiles but had no warmth. “I’m going to repeat myself once more. I will not give you guys one single share and it doesn’t matter how much money you try to give me!”

Shi Nuan casted an icy glance at them all, “Grandpa is already asleep so I’m leaving now.”

“You can’t go! Not until you explain everything clearly!” Jiang Yu stopped Shi Nuan when she was trying to leave.

Jiang Yu could not swallow her anger and was determined not to let Shi Nuan leave. These shares are not supposed to be in Shi Nuan’s hands. What about my Wei then?

Shi Jingzheng came over and said, “Nuan, my good girl, dad will give you anything you want other than those shares, okay?”

“Hah! So are you guys trying to threaten me?” Shi Nuan snorted as she clutched her fists tight and breathed in deeply. “There’s no use threatening me. I am not giving those shares away, especially not to you guys!”

She had expected the Shi family to come up with something but she did not expect for them to go to this extent.

At the same time, she was relieved that she had prepared ahead. Fu Chengyan was spot on with his predictions.

Shi Nuan’s lips curved into a smile, “Oh, I forgot to tell you guys. Grandpa had indeed given me those shares but I have given them away.”

“What did you say?” Shi Jingzheng was stumped at Shi Nuan’s remark. “You gave those shares away? When? To whom?” His hands grabbed at Shi Nuan as he glared menacingly at her, “Was it Shi Yu?”

Shi Nuan was astounded at Shi Jingzheng’s incensed stare. She had never witnessed him in this state.

Shi Jingzheng had a stronger grip than Jiang Yu. He clutched at her arms even harder when Shi Nuan kept mum and bellowed at her, “Nuan, answer me. Did you give those shares to your uncle?”

Shi Nuan gritted her teeth and glanced at her arms still being clutched by Shi Jingzheng. Then she held her head up and stared at her father, “What do you think, dad?”

“Did you really give it to Shi Yu? Are you crazy? He’s just an adopted son of the Shi family and not really one of us and yet you gave it all to him? Did you know how many shares your grandpa was holding? Huancheng will change hands!”

“Don’t exaggerate.” Shi Nuan snorted as she shrugged Shi Jingzheng off. “Uncle has been living with grandpa for so many years and grandpa has since acknowledged him as one of us. Are you saying you think otherwise?”

“What do you know? We are not related by blood. Your grandpa treated him as one of our own but who knows what is on Shi Yu’s mind? Maybe he only covets for grandpa’s assets.” Shi Jingzheng was furious at Shi Nuan. Shi Jingzheng had not expected for Shi Nuan to be such an ungrateful wretch. How dare she give those shares to Shi Yu!

“Where is Shi Yu? Is he hiding now that he has gotten all of the shares?”

“I did not give it to uncle.” Shi Nuan regarded Shi Jingzheng with an ice-cold gaze. “Uncle is still abroad and he does not and will never intend to vie with you for the asset. Dad, could you not think so lowly of others? Uncle has always regarded us as family. He would be so disappointed if he had known about this.”

“Then who did you give it to!” Shi Jingzheng demanded as he gritted his teeth, “Who else if not Shi Yu?”

Shi Jingzheng did not give a damn about what Shi Yu thought, he only cared about Huancheng’s shares and to whom Shi Nuan gave them to.

Shi Nuan smirked, “Dad, there’s no need for you to worry. I will not tell you. Just promise me to manage Huancheng properly and that you will not give your own shares away.” Shi Nuan was clearly hinting at his father not to transfer it to Shi Wei or Fu Xicheng. “I will guarantee that grandpa’s shares will not threaten your position at Huancheng. However, if your part of the shares has been given to someone else, I will not hesitate to take action then.”

“Is that a threat? Do you know who you’re talking to?” Shi Jingzheng gritted his teeth as he could not believe what he was hearing.

“Of course, I’m talking to my father. But, I’m also talking to Shi Wei’s father and the CEO of Huancheng. Both you and I have a lot to consider. I will not compromise about the shares as before. That’s all you need to know!”

Shi Nuan looked icily at Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng after she was done speaking. Shi Wei clenched her fists tight and glared at Shi Nuan, her gaze not unlike that

of a viciously venomous snake. Fu Xicheng had his hands on Shi Wei's shoulder to show his choice of whose side he took in the matter but one could notice the lustful gaze he threw at Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan furrowed her brows in contempt and looked away, "I have to get going."

"Stop right there! Shi Nuan, you bastard!" Jiang Yu hurled toward Shi Nuan and wanted to stop her from leaving but Shi Nuan was quick to dodge her, "Mum, I'd advise you to calm down if you really want the best for Shi family and Huancheng. Upset me and you risk changing the owner of Huancheng."

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“Nuan, wait!”

Fu Xicheng’s voice could be heard when Shi Nuan reached the entrance of the hospital.

Shi Nuan paused and saw Fu Xicheng approaching her.

Fu Xicheng walked up to her briskly and smirked, “Nuan, is what you said true?”

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes and she eyeballed Fu Xicheng, “Which one are you talking about?” She knew what was on Fu Xicheng’s mind judging by his look and he did not disappoint Shi Nuan when he said, “Mr. Shi really did give you all his shares? You were lying to them when you said that you gave it all to someone else right?”

Shi Nuan laughed at his question, “Did you think I was lying to them?” She did not answer and retorted with another question instead. Her question stumped Fu Xicheng and he furrowed his brows, as if he was discontent at her attitude, “I asked you first.”

Shi Nuan pouted her lips and felt a wave of disgust when talking to Fu Xicheng. She started to question her taste in men. Why did I even fall for a man like Fu Xicheng?

“I don’t think it concerns you whether I have my hands on the shares or not, Mr. Fu! You’re not a member of the Shi family anyway.” Shi Nuan said coolly.

“Of course it does!” Fu Xicheng panicked, “We, you and I...”

“You and I?” Shi Nuan sneered. “There is nothing between us! It doesn’t matter whether it’s on my hands or not. You don’t have the right to know anyway!”

“Nuan!” Fu Xicheng scowled at her, “How could you say that! Have you forgotten how happy you used to be when we were together? How much you loved me? Did you really have a change of heart in such a short period?”

“Change of heart? Fu Xicheng, do you have no shame?” Shi Nuan boiled with rage at Fu Xicheng’s words and attitude. “Who betrayed whom first? It was you who cheated on me with my sister. Don’t you ever forget that! So don’t come and shamelessly claim that I was the one who had a change of heart. Yes, I did like you a lot but it was all in the past. Do you think I would stoop so low to let you and my sister insult me after what you guys had done? I’m not as shameless as you!”

Shi Nuan gritted her teeth, “What more do you have to say? I don’t want to waste my time talking crap to you here!” Shi Nuan turned around and left but was stopped by Fu Xicheng as he gripped on her arm. “Nuan, do we really have to be like this?”

“You know that I have no feelings toward Shi Wei. You’re the one I love and I am together with her only because of...”

“Enough!” Shi Nuan shrugged him off. She had long moved on from Fu Xicheng. There was no changing her mind about Fu Xicheng, no matter what he said. “It’s none of my business whatever happened between you and Shi Wei.”

“Nuan, how is it none of your business? You’re the one I love, if you...”

“If I what?” Shi Nuan snorted. “Are you going to say that if I were to have the shares of Huancheng, you would not even consider being with Shi Wei? Fu Xicheng, you’re really despicable. Just stop talking if you want to save yourself some pride.”

“Don’t try to stir things up now that you’re already together with Shi Wei. And don’t blame me for not going easy on you because you guys went overboard this time!”

Shi Nuan then walked away without hesitation and sped off after getting in her car.

She had not expected for Fu Xicheng to be such an abhorrent person- someone who was only sucking up to her now that he knew she was Huancheng’s major shareholder. Is he really taking me for a fool? Does he think that I’m at his beck and call?

I will never stoop so low.

Shi Wei stood in the corner and stared at Fu Xicheng and Shi Nuan intently. With both hands gripping onto the wall, she glared viciously at Shi Nuan until she had left. Shi Wei wished for the wall to be Shi Nuan so that she could strangle her to death.

Why, why do both of our grandfathers treat Shi Nuan so well? Grandpa even gave his own shares to that bitch, Shi Nuan. And that Fu Xicheng. She had known that Fu Xicheng was together with her because of the shares in her hands.

But she did not care, as long as she could snatch him from Shi Nuan. She had vowed to take everything away from Shi Nuan, no matter the cost.

Shi Wei breathed in deeply to regain composure of herself as she walked towards Fu Xicheng and reached out to hold his hands. “Xicheng, what did Nuan say? Did she really give those shares away to someone else?”

Fu Xicheng was in a terrible mood. He felt deep regret upon contemplation of Shi Nuan’s words just now and got even exasperated when he saw Shi Wei approaching him.

“Xicheng?”

Fu Xicheng was frustrated and turned his head, “How would I know?”

“Xicheng!” Shi Wei bit her lips and put up a pitiful manner as she held Fu Xicheng’s arms with both her hands while her body trembled.

Fu Xicheng felt a pang guilt when he saw Shi Wei’s demeanor and he hurriedly apologized, “Wei, I’m sorry. I shouldn’t have treated you like that. You know how Shi Nuan is. She loathes us for what we have done and now she’s trying to avenge herself.”

Fu Xicheng patted Shi Wei’s hand which was still clutching his arm, “She doesn’t want to disclose whom she gave those shares to. What do we do now?”

“What can we do? We can only think of ways to force her to part with those shares. I don’t believe that she would give it away for free.” Those shares made up over 50% of Huancheng’s shares. Shi Wei did not believe that Shi Nuan would really be so dense to give it all away. She must be lying to us.

“Yeah, we have to think of something. You’re the eldest daughter of the Shi family and you’re the rightful heir to Shi family’s assets!” Fu Xicheng comforted Shi Wei as he tapped at her hand. Now that Shi Nuan was not willing to get back together with him, Shi Wei was his only hope.

Shi Wei kissed Fu Xicheng after hearing his comment, “You’re the best! Xicheng, we have to think of a plan. You know that Nuan is not savvy with managing a business. Plus, she never treats any of us well other than grandpa. I’m afraid that she will leverage on those shares and do things that harm the Shi family, Huancheng, and even us. We cannot sit idly by and let those shares fall into her hands. I know I’m being unfair to Nuan but I have no other choice.”

“I know, you’re doing what’s best for her too, in case she gets cheated by someone else in the future. Let’s go, don’t you have an audition today? I’ll send you there!”

“Xicheng, I know that you love me best.” Shi Wei beamed with hope as she thought of returning to the stage and becoming the center of attention as the popular celebrity.

What does Shi Nuan have to compare against me? She is just a lowly staff under Fucheng.

“Oh right, Xicheng.” Shi Wei bit at her lip, “Now that our relationship with Nuan is so tense. Do you foresee that she will cause problems in Fucheng as she’s still working there?”

Fu Xicheng’s face tensed. He had not thought of this. However, Shi Nuan did not make any major mistakes in Huancheng and it would be difficult to terminate her.

“Xicheng, what are you thinking about?” Shi Wei shook Fu Xicheng’s shoulders, “You don’t think that I’m too cruel to Nuan, right?”

“No, don’t overthink.” Fu Xicheng contemplated Shi Wei’s words and thought about Fucheng’s decreasing orders recently and his face darkened. “You’re right. I need to discuss this with my father. With Shi Nuan’s prejudice against me, it’s not a good thing that we keep her at Fucheng.”

When Fu Xicheng was considering all the methods to terminate Shi Nuan’s employment at Fucheng, Shi Nuan had made a decision as well.

Although Shi Nuan and Fu Xicheng were separated, she did not give up on her job because she drew a clear line between work and personal matters. However, Shi Nuan could not imagine herself working together with Fu Xicheng after this incident.

After all, Fu Xicheng had been harassing her since they were working together. She was pointed at by other colleagues as well. Shi Nuan could pretend that she didn’t hear those gossips but she could not pretend that she did not care for them.

Shi Nuan headed straight back to Wutong Residence right after she left the hospital. Fu Chengyan had not gotten off work yet. So, Shi Nuan went to the guest room and moved all of his clothes to the master bedroom. Shi Nuan started to decorate the room and changed the bedsheets after bringing Fu Chengyan's belongings in.

Shi Nuan noticed that time was still early when she was done and so she went out to buy groceries. She planned to cook a scrumptious meal for Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan did not see Shi Nuan when he was back home early. He wanted to give Shi Nuan a surprise thinking that she would be bored alone at home. Fu Chengyan did not expect for Shi Nuan to give him a surprise instead.

Fu Chengyan noticed something was different about the living room although it was very subtle. He could only spot the differences thanks to his eidetic memory. However, the room was much more heartwarming after the change, especially because of the vase of fresh flowers on the coffee table. Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes at the sight.

He beamed with delight as he went upstairs to the guest room. As per his expectations, all his stuff was gone and his lips curved into a smile while his eyes glinted.

Fu Chengyan went to the master bedroom and the room gave off a brand new vibe, even the curtains had been changed to a warmer tone of color.

He noticed the fresh bedsheets and walked over to the wardrobe to open it and inside, his clothes filled the void from before. His clothes were plain and simple while hers were colorful and refreshing. Fu Chengyan was pleased by just looking at them.

His slender fingers tapped on the wardrobe door and he heard Shi Nuan's voice coming from behind, "You're back already?"

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Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan standing near the wardrobe, as if he was deeply occupied in thoughts. Shi Nuan bit her lip and walked over hesitantly, "I'm just thinking... Now that we've... Anyway, I just decided to move your clothes here. You're not getting mad, are you?"

Shi Nuan regarded Fu Chengyan's face intently and tried to observe even his slightest shift in expression, out of fear that Fu Chengyan would get upset at her.

Fu Chengyan's lips curved into a smile and he looked warmly at Shi Nuan. He reached out his hand to pat Shi Nuan's head and then locked her into an embrace, "Why would I?" He was actually overjoyed.

He initially thought that the woman had no sense but she actually took all these initiatives. How could he get angry at her?

Shi Nuan was immensely relieved at Fu Chengyan's remark. She burrowed her head into Fu Chengyan's chest, "Why are you back so early today?"

"Because I miss you!" Fu Chengyan replied with his low and husky voice as he stroked Shi Nuan's soft hair and gazed lovingly at her.

Shi Nuan felt a warm sweetness filling her heart. She leaned in his chest and bit her lip, then she lifted her head to kiss Fu Chengyan's chin, "I've bought your favorite vegetables and made you a meal!"

Shi Nuan wanted to leave to make dinner but was stopped by Fu Chengyan who grabbed her hand, "You've been busy all day. Take a rest and let me prepare dinner!"

“Ah, but...”

“Take it as my treat.” Fu Chengyan brushed her nose with a finger as he grinned from ear to ear, “A treat for you being initiative!”

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan walking away and she blushed slightly. She touched the tip of her nose and could still almost feel the warmth of his fingertips. The warmth rippled from her nose to her heart.

Fu Chengyan was a good cook. Shi Nuan was sure of it after being together with Fu Chengyan for some time. However, today’s meal was even more savory.

She took several peeks at Fu Chengyan as if she was peering at some treasure. Fu Chengyan felt a bit helpless and could only put down his chopsticks and looked at Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan was stumped at Fu Chengyan’s sudden move and lowered her head awkwardly.

Fu Chengyan curved his lips, “Not hungry?”

Shi Nuan burrowed her head to eat and her head got lower and lower, close to getting her entire face into the bowl.

Fu Chengyan shook his head helplessly, “Eat properly, we’ll talk later.”

“Okay.” Shi Nuan felt embarrassed but she still stole a last glance at Fu Chengyan and this time she was caught in the act.

Shi Nuan did not eat much and after she was done eating, she sat up straight to face Fu Chengyan. It was undeniable that Fu Chengyan was a good-looking man. She was also deeply attracted by his calm demeanor.

Shi Nuan felt like she was going insane as her brain was filled with thoughts about Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan finally put down his cutlery and his slender fingers tapped upon the table, "You have something to say?"

Shi Nuan nodded, "I've told grandpa about us."

Fu Chengyan nodded in reply, he knew about this. He had guessed it when Shi Nuan called him just now. "And then?"

"My parents know about it too but they don't quite believe that I have given those shares away." Shi Nuan chuckled helplessly, "They really think that I covet Shi family's assets!"

"What do you plan to do?" Fu Chengyan cleared his throat slightly, "You need my help?"

"Not at the moment." Shi Nuan shook her head. She did not want to trouble Fu Chengyan for everything. "I've told them that my portion of the shares will not threaten them as long as they don't give away their own shares. I will put my shares to good use if they try to do so."

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips and Shi Nuan looked nervously at him, "Why? Did I say anything wrong?"

"No, you're actually doing the right thing." He just did not hope for Shi Nuan to be dragged into this mess so soon. The Shi family was not to be feared but they were Shi Nuan's parents after all. He did not want to be completely ruthless towards them. "Your shares are not actually enough to control them. The best you can do is to be on par with them. You have to have absolute advantage if you really want to do this. You get me?"

Shi Nuan's heart sank, "You know that I don't like to interfere in these. But I get what you mean. I don't have a lot of shares on my hands though." Shi Yunsheng did give her a lot already. The first time he had given 15%, then the other time 25%, making up a total of 40% in her hands. That was more than any other Shi family members. "You mean I should get the shares from other people?"

Shi Nuan had only known today that the first document she signed was inauthentic, only the second one was valid, only that she had not noticed it before. It was until at the hospital ward that Shi Nuan realized that grandpa had given her all 40% of his shares to her. No wonder mum and dad are so exasperated.

Shi Nuan was not business-savvy but she knew what the 40% of shares meant.

Shi Nuan continued, "I'll take care of it, don't worry." Fu Chengyan then got up to clean up the dishes and Shi Nuan stood up at the same time, saying, "Let me do it!"

Fu Chengyan put his hand over Shi Nuan's and shook his head, "Go take a seat and let me do it!"

Shi Nuan pulled her hand back but followed Fu Chengyan into the kitchen as she fixed her gaze on Fu Chengyan's back. "I've always thought that rich kids like you guys don't do chores personally."

Fu Chengyan paused and then said, "Then what do you think I should do?"

Shi Nuan contemplated for a bit before answering, "Just play around and live as you please." Shi Nuan was serious when she answered Fu Chengyan's question. Fu Chengyan merely chuckled at her words, "I went abroad when I was little. You know about that, don't you? Not every rich people live like that, not especially the Fu family. I would say that the Fu family is very strict when it comes to education."

Shi Nuan could see the melancholy in Fu Chengyan's eyes as he put on a thin smile. She went closer to him and leaned against his back, giving him a tight hug around his waist. "Thank you, Fu Chengyan!"

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan felt her light scent and the loneliness in her tone. Fu Chengyan merely waved his hands helplessly at her sudden move and let her hug him tight, "What are you thanking me for?"

“Thank you for giving me a home!” It was not until now that Shi Nuan felt like Fu Chengyan was her husband and they were a family.

She had parents and a sister but they did not make her feel like she had a family. Other than her grandfathers from both paternal and maternal side, nobody ever treated her nicely.

Shi Nuan rubbed herself against Fu Chengyan’s back, “I will take good care of you and will always be by your side.”

Fu Chengyan’s lips curved into a smile and his gaze softened.

“Okay, I will always be by your side too. But wifey, if you keep hugging me like this, I don’t think it’s likely that I can get these dishes done by this evening!” Fu Chengyan said teasingly.

Shi Nuan hurriedly let go of him. She distanced herself from Fu Chengyan and blushed, “I- I’ll let you do the dishes then. I’m going to watch the TV!”

Shi Nuan scurried away to the living room and Shi Nuan grinned as he saw Shi Nuan running away awkwardly.

Shi Nuan’s heart was pounding as it was her first time initiating intimacy and she still couldn’t believe that she had done something like that. She had never been the initiative one between the two of them all these years.

Shi Nuan had no idea what was playing on the TV as her thought was totally preoccupied by Fu Chengyan. She thought that she was going insane. It seems like.... I am quite into Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan walked over to the sofa and sat down beside her after he was done with the dishes. He waved his hands in front of Shi Nuan and she bit her lip. Shi Nuan then moved closer to Fu Chengyan and lifted her head to look at him.

Fu Chengyan patted at his lap and hugged her as he swept her into his embrace. With that, Shi Nuan's head rested on his lap and she placed her hands on his knees. Her eyes widened a bit as she looked at Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan reached out his hands to massage Shi Nuan's temples gently. She soon felt really relaxed and comfortable and her lips curved into a smile as she shut her eyes.

Fu Chengyan hands were not only slender and good-looking, they were also very flexible. Shi Nuan felt completely at ease after he massaged her for a while. His gentle fingers maneuvered skillfully at her temples as if they were dancing gracefully.

Shi Nuan's lips curved into a smile and she mimicked the movement of his fingers as she held her hands high until she touched Fu Chengyan's chin. "Lower, yes. Your head, lower it some more!"

Fu Chengyan obediently lowered his head and his out-of-the-world handsome face filled her sight. She ran her fingers across his face and when she reached his chin, she noticed he had a bit stubble and she poked his chin repeatedly to tease him.

Fu Chengyan could not help himself at her cuteness and reached out to hold her hand affectionately. "Don't play around!"

Shi Nuan pulled her hand out of his and continued to draw on his face using her finger. "Why is your skin so nice? It's even better than mine!"

Shi Nuan touched her face and then Fu Chengyan's and complained, "Your skin is better than a woman. I'm so jealous!"

"There's no need to get jealous. I'm all yours!" Fu Chengyan said as he gazed into the pair of iridescent eyes blinking back at him underneath those long lashes.

His expression grew stern as he fixed his gaze at the full, rosy pair of lips while his Adam's apple bobbed up and down. His ebony eyes were deep-set.

He sighed softly and brought her chin close to his as he planted a kiss on the lips that he had long yearned for.

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His kiss was gentle and lingering. Following his lead, she cupped his cheeks with his hands and her fingers reached his ears. She kissed him back affectionately. He played the seducer, enticing her into oblivion.

The kiss was passionate and lasted for quite some time before Fu Chengyan let her go. Shi Nuan breathed in deeply. Fu Chengyan carried her up and touched his forehead against Shi Nuan's and asked, "Does it still hurt?"

Shi Nuan was stumped by the question but soon understood what he meant as she turned her head aside, embarrassed. "No, it doesn't."

He was gentle last night. She had heard Rongrong say that it was common for girls to feel pain during their first time. However, she had only felt a little uncomfortable when he first entered. Afterwards, she was indulged with the feeling of him inside of her.

Shi Nuan blushed red crimson at the thought and tugged at his shirt, "Why do you ask? It's so embarrassing."

Fu Chengyan merely grinned at her as he lifted her chin and kissed her again. "Because I still want to do it!"

Shi Nuan was stunned at the remark. She reached out her hand to cover his eyes, "Naughty!"

Fu Chengyan laughed and he carried her upstairs. Shi Nuan wrapped her hands around his neck in astonishment.

Fu Chengyan had his lips on hers as he walked all the way to the bedroom and placed her gently on the bed. Shi Nuan felt her body warming up as Fu Chengyan towered over her. However, he did not put his whole weight on top of her.

He initiated the kiss on the bed and he ran his fingers through the contour of her lips and through her body. Everywhere he touched, Shi Nuan felt an insatiable desire beginning to consume her.

Shi Nuan laid on the bed, delirious and overcame with lust as she kept in sync with his movements.

This time it was different from the inexperienced exploration last night. His gentle, yet firm demeanor was leading them both to explore their horizons.

Shi Nuan surrendered herself completely to him and she lost track of time. She laid on top of Fu Chengyan, feeling exhausted from the intimacy. His hands wrapped around her waist as he guided her.

Shi Nuan reached out to Fu Chengyan's chin and pouted her lips, "I don't want it anymore."

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan bit her ears, "It's just the beginning."

"What?" Shi Nuan widened her eyes as she pushed Fu Chengyan away, "I really don't want it anymore. You weren't like this last night!" She had not expected for him to be able to go at it again.

Fu Chengyan held her finger and put it into his mouth as he lifted Shi Nuan up and placed her on his body, "May, you really have poor stamina."

Shi Nuan was stumped at his remark.

Is- Is he disdained at me? Plus, what does this have to do with stamina? It's clearly his problem.

“You’ll get better with practice!” Fu Chengyan whispered into her ears as he flirted with her ears using his tongue. Shi Nuan was taken aback and almost toppled over. Fortunately Fu Chengyan swiftly steadied her.

Shi Nuan reached out to hit Fu Chengyan on his shoulders, “Don’t play around anymore. I’m sticky all over. Let me go for a shower!”

“One more time, just one more time!” Fu Chengyan hugged her waist and Shi Nuan furrowed her brows, “Please be gentle... Ouch!”

It was a strange feeling. She was trembling and had wanted to push him away but the pair of deep-set ebony eyes were like magnets that pulled her in as she gazed into them. Finally, she gave herself in to the burning passion.

She steadied herself with both her hands against his shoulders as she clenched her teeth tight. It was only after some time that it came to an end.

Shi Nuan was panting heavily as she felt all energy was drained from her body. She laid on top of Fu Chengyan’s body and glared at him with her almond eyes. However, Fu Chengyan did not feel threatened by her glare. Instead, he felt his desire building up again, despite just having released it.

Shi Nuan was anxious when seeing his lustful gaze, “No more!”

Fu Chengyan blinked his eyes as he rolled her into an embrace. He patted her head, “Okay!” He still felt energetic but he had to take care of her feelings too.

She was still inexperienced and he did not want to scare her off. They had their whole lives ahead of them anyway. There was no need to rush.

Fu Chengyan kissed Shi Nuan’s forehead and he combed through her messy hair as he placed a strand of hair behind her ears, “You tired already?”

Shi Nuan nodded her head, “Song Rongrong lied to me!”

“Hmm?” He lifted his brows as he had not expected for her to think of someone else at this time. “What did she lie about?”

“She said that it’s easy to get addicted because it feels very good.”

“Then did you not feel good?” Fu Chengyan titled his brows as his tone got higher. His slender fingers brushed against her rosy cheeks and he chuckled, “You mean... I did not make you feel good?”

“No-, I...” Shi Nuan was at a loss for words and she lowered her head, “I... I did not mean that!”

She just felt as if it was not quite like how Song Rongrong described. Fu Chengyan did not hurt her but it really made her feel captivated. But Song Rongrong did not mention that men could go at it again and again!

Shi Nuan bit her lip as she was feeling a bit upset. “Ah, I don’t know how to explain it to you. I’m tired. I want to sleep!”

“Good girl, don’t sleep.” Fu Chengyan chuckled again as he saw her anxious look and pecked at her red lips, “Get up for a shower!”

Shi Nuan also felt uncomfortable and she reached out her hands to encircle Fu Chengyan’s neck, “I can’t walk. You carry me!”

“You sure?” Fu Chengyan’s gaze darkened but Shi Nuan did not understand his demeanor. Fu Chengyan then carried her into the shower.

Shi Nuan had only realized what he meant when she was at the door of the bathroom.

Shi Nuan clenched her teeth, “Fu Chengyan, you did not keep your promise!”

Fu Chengyan cuddled Shi Nuan again when she was relaxing herself in the bathtub and she suddenly felt that her impression of Fu Chengyan being distant and stand-offish was disappearing into thin air.

Fu Chengyan tilted his brows at her exasperated look and picked up Shi Nuan carefully from the bathtub, then he placed her gently on the bed. He kissed her forehead, "Okay, sleep."

Shi Nuan held Fu Chengyan's hand and she fixed her gaze on his body, "Then what about you? Are you not sleeping?"

Fu Chengyan grinned, "Yeah."

He laid down beside her. Shi Nuan suddenly felt an inexplicable feeling. She had thought that Fu Chengyan's path and her own were like two parallel lines that would never meet but against all odds, they did. And the man that was rumored to be cold and merciless was warming up her heart by her side.

Shi Nuan positioned herself to be closer to Fu Chengyan. She hugged Fu Chengyan's arms and Fu Chengyan turned to face her, his deep-set eyes again fixed its gaze at her.

Shi Nuan was a little stunned and she too stared back at him before burrowing her head closer to him while holding on to Fu Chengyan's arms tightly.

Fu Chengyan pecked at her forehead, "Sleep."

Shi Nuan shut her eyes but her hands were still tightly clutching on to his and not long after, a steady breathing could be heard. Fu Chengyan opened his eyes to look at Shi Nuan fast asleep and he grinned in satisfaction. The dim lighting outlined the man's gorgeous smile.

Shi Nuan woke up near dawn and the bed felt empty. She immediately opened her eyes. She fumbled around the nightstand to turn on the lamp but she did not see Fu Chengyan.

Her heart sank and she reached out to feel the emptiness beside her. It was no longer warm. She pouted her lips and clutched at the bedsheets tight.

After a while, Shi Nuan pulled away the sheets and got off the bed in a determined manner, as if she had made a decision. She went to the guest room and knocked on the door but nobody responded. Shi Nuan bit her lip and pushed the door open. The room was empty.

She was disappointed and turned around to return to her bedroom but she stopped short as she saw Fu Chengyan in his light grey pajamas, holding a cup of water, standing in front of her. He furrowed his brows, "Why are you up?"

Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Nuan and his gaze fell on her bare feet. His face grew stern looking at her feet and he asked, "Why didn't you wear shoes before heading out?"

Shi Nuan regained her composure and casted a glance at her feet, feeling wronged, "I thought you left because I didn't see you after I woke up. I thought you..."

Fu Chengyan sighed at her words and handed his slippers to Shi Nuan, "Wear this."

Shi Nuan obediently slipped it on. "Where... where did you go?" She regarded Fu Chengyan carefully, "It's so late already."

"I was at the study to finish some pending work." Fu Chengyan then handed the glass of water to Shi Nuan and carried her in his arms, "Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere in the middle of the night. Go get some more sleep okay?"

"What about you?" Shi Nuan lifted her head to face Fu Chengyan, "It's so late already. What kind of work couldn't wait till tomorrow?" She really thought that Fu Chengyan had gone off to somewhere else and it brought back the feeling when Fu Xicheng was cheating on her with Shi Wei.

I thought he belonged to me, but I was wrong.

Shi Nuan had always thought of herself as a tough person and she knew it was only because she did not have someone to depend on. She felt like Fu Chengyan was someone to depend on. However, she was afraid that she might lose him again, like how she had lost Fu Xicheng.

“Can you accompany me and not work anymore?” She tugged at his shirt and admitted to herself that she was being coy. But she wanted for Fu Chengyan to be by her side because she could only really feel him when he was physically beside her.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows as his gaze darkened. He nodded, “Okay, I’ll continue working tomorrow.” He hugged her tight to give her a sense of security. “Don’t worry, I’m not leaving. I never will.”