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Chapter 521 Fu Chengyan Is The Actual Chairman Of Huancheng

"N-No!" Jiang Yu immediately opposed when she heard Shi Nuan saying she wanted to call the police. "Shi Nuan, the Shi family raised you for so many years. How could you be so heartless and call the cops? Isn't it enough that you're stealing Huancheng away? You want Wei to go to jail too?"

"Doesn't she deserve to go to jail? She caused Granddad to die of anger. She's a murderer. She deserves to rot in jail." Shi Nuan did not expect Jiang Yu to be so protective over Shi Wei to the point of helping the latter cover up a crime like this.

When Jiang Yu saw that Shi Nuan refused to let Shi Wei off the hook and was determined to call the police, she hurriedly grabbed Shi Jingzheng's hand. "Zheng, look at what Shi Nuan is trying to do. Hurry up and persuade her. For your dad's sake, for the kindness that we showed her over the years, tell her to let Wei go!"

Shi Jingzheng's mind was full of the images he saw in the video earlier. He never thought that the person he was the closest to and most familiar with would be such a person. When Shi Wei did those things, he had not expected them to be true at all.

Even if Shi Wei is a bit much sometimes, she doesn't go overboard. I'd rather believe that Shi Nuan framed Shi Wei for doing all these, but I can't believe that it's actually true.

Shi Jingzheng flung Jiang Yu's hand away. "I didn't expect you to be so cruel. You knew that Shi Wei killed Dad. How could you remain so indifferent? You could even sleep so well by my pillow after that. Jiang Yu, tell me, did you already know that Shi Wei wanted to anger Dad to death?"

"No, I didn't. Zheng, you have to believe me. Zheng!"

Shen Shixiu stood up to speak then. "Enough. These are your family affairs. We're having a shareholders' meeting now. I think you two can save your matters for later."

His gaze was fixed on Shi Nuan, and then he looked at all the shareholders present. "I think after what happened just now, everyone has already come to a decision in their hearts. Who will be Huancheng's chairman?"

He raised his eyebrows and heard the group of shareholders speak up. "Since Ms. Su Nuan is Huancheng's largest shareholder, she's naturally the new chairman of Huancheng."

"Yes, yes, yes. Ms. Su Nuan is Huancheng's chairman."

Shen Shixiu smiled. "In that case, I'll like to announce something regarding the shares I hold. I will sign a transfer agreement with Ms. Su Nuan later. I'm willing to transfer all the shares under my name to Ms. Su Nuan."

Shen Shixiu undoubtedly started another storm with his words.

Shi Nuan was also frightened. "Uncle Shixiu, I don't want them!" Although Shen Shixiu said before that he would give them to her, she had always refused it.

Although Uncle Shixiu doesn't lack stuff like this at all, when I think that they were given to him by Granddad, it means they belong to him. I can't take them.

However, Shen Shixiu shook his head. "Silly girl, it's useless for me to hold onto these things. I might as well give them to you."

He reached out to touch her head. "Rather than let the shares be so spread out, it's better to give them to you. I believe in Fu Chengyan's ability to get Huancheng out of trouble and go even further beyond."

"But-"

"Nuan!" Shen Shixiu shook his head. "Listen to me. Give these to Fu Chengyan later. He'll take care of them for you."

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. Just as she hesitated, Zhou Zheng said, "Mrs. Fu, you should accept it. It'll be more conducive to managing Huancheng in the future."

"All right." Shi Nuan knew that she could not keep refusing Shen Shixiu, so she could only nod and agree.

When Shen Shixiu saw this, he glanced to Jiang Zhan who immediately came over. The latter took out the documents from his briefcase. "I'll leave it to you, Mr. Zhang."

Shen Shixiu made use of the fact that Zhang Quan, as well as so many shareholders, was present to do the transfer that day itself. It was undoubtedly to cement Shi Nuan's position in Huancheng in the future. It was also to avoid a fight for shares that happened that day from repeating.

Zhang Quan understood and immediately got to work.

He was very efficient and soon finished writing up the transfer contract. Since the transfer to Shi Nuan was done in front of so many people, no one would have any doubts in the future.

When Shi Nuan saw this, she glanced at Zhou Zheng, who immediately put the document away. "It's done. Today's meeting ends here."

"Yes, indeed. It ended well. When will the chairman be taking office? As for Huancheng's recent operations..."

Shi Nuan gave Zhuo Zheng a look. After he nodded, she said, "It'll start tomorrow. There'll be someone stationed in Huancheng specifically to manage some of Huancheng's matters. As for our deficits, I'll have professionals come over and evaluate them later. In fact, the real owner of these shares isn't me, but my husband Fu Chengyan."

"How could that be?" Shi Jingzheng and the shareholders present were stunned again.

They originally thought that the shares were Shi Nuan's. They never thought that it was actually Fu Chengyan's. Why did Old Master Shi give his shares to Fu Chengyan?

No, why did Shi Nuan give her shares to Fu Chengyan?

Shi Nuan smiled. "I think it's better for my husband to take over Huancheng than me."

The crowd's expressions were grim and tense at first, but they relaxed afterward.

Well, in any case, Shi Nuan was a woman. It was not that they looked down on her, but Fu Chengyan's name and status were too powerful. Now that they heard that Fu Chengyan was the chairman of Huancheng, everyone's apprehensive hearts were finally relieved.

Shi Nuan saw this and stood up. "In that case, the meeting will end here today. As for Mr. Shi and Mrs. Shi..." She paused. "According to Mr. Shi's current shares, he can naturally still work in Huancheng. However, as for Mrs. Shi... I think you might need to take a trip to the police station."

"What did you say?" Jiang Yu got agitated again and shouted at Shi Nuan. "Shi Nuan, you're heartless!"

However, Shi Nuan retained her cool. "I think I've made myself very clear regarding the Shi family and me. Back then, it was true that Mr. and Mrs. Shi took me in, but the one who really raised me was Mr. Shi Yunsheng. When I got married, I also informed Mr. Shi Yunsheng, and the Fu clan gave him everything they should have given. I've repaid the kindness that I owed to Mr. Shi Yunsheng over the years for raising me. As for you... Back when Shi Wei got involved in a scandal, it was my husband who stepped in, allowing her to sign a contract with excellent conditions to act in films and be in advertisements. I thought that this was obvious to all! The money and reputation that Shi Wei earned during this time can be regarded as the betrothal gift my husband gave to the Shi family, as well as my returning the favor of these twenty years. Therefore, I don't owe you anything now."

Shi Nuan said these words in a powerful and resonating voice. She looked at Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu coldly. "That's why, you shouldn't try to vilify me with such words in the future, Mr. and Mrs. Shi. Otherwise, I'll sue you for slander!"

"You said it so well, Mrs. Fu!" Zhou Zheng could not help but applaud her.

Shi Nuan's lips curled up. "Zhou Zheng, please hand over all the evidence to the police. Remember to tell them that my grandfather's death was not an accident."

"Ah, Shi Nuan, you b*tch. I'll kill you! You bring nothing but bad luck. Do you have to break our family into pieces before you're happy? You and that shameless mother of yours are one and the same. You're both shameless!"

Jiang Yu was about to charge over and grab Shi Nuan. However, Jiang Hu saw this and kicked Jiang Yu away. "Damn it, what's wrong with this woman? How dare you raise a hand against Mrs. Fu?"

Jiang Hu was different from Zhou Zheng. He was a burly man, but he knew who he served. Since Shi Nuan was Fu Chengyan's wife, Jiang Hu served her too.

That woman ignored them time and time again and tried to hurt Shi Nuan, so Jiang Hu could not tolerate it anymore.

Jiang Yu was kicked away by the man and fell to the ground with a loud thud. Everyone was frightened, especially when they saw that she could not get back on her feet. They all turned away and pretended not to see what was happening.

Jiang Hu was about to kick her again, but Shi Nuan stopped him. "Forget it, Jiang Hu."

He finally stopped. "Mrs. Fu, we'll send you back."

Shi Nuan nodded and turned to look at Shen Shixiu. After pondering, she said, "Shixiu, do you want to join us?"

When Shen Shixiu heard her call his name, he narrowed his eyes and nodded. "Sure!"

Zhou Zheng frowned anxiously but did not say anything. He quickly packed their belongings. "This way, Mrs. Fu!"

Shi Nuan and Shen Shixiu left in tandem, while Zhou Zheng, Jiang Zhan, and Jiang Hu followed behind as subordinates.

Shi Nuan thought about it and turned to look back at Zhou Zheng. "Zhou Zheng, where did you get those videos? Also, why did you just so happen to have them with you today?" Those were all questions that she was curious about.

"Mr. Fu told me to bring them, saying that it'll be useful." Zhuo Zheng was confused as well. Can Mr. Fu see the future? How did he know that Jiang Yu would come?

Shi Nuan was also surprised. "Yan told you to bring it?"

"Yes. He asked Mr. Su to help get it." Zhou Zheng felt amused as he spoke. "Actually, the original surveillance feeds from the hospital had been destroyed by someone. It wasn't easy to recover them, but Liang Lin is amazing. His computer skills are unparalleled. It's just that he took a lot of time to retrieve them."

Shi Nuan nodded. "What about that video of the scene in the corner? And what about the ones in Granddad's room?" Some of the angles were really tricky. How could there be cameras in those places?

"It's really thanks to Mr. Su. You know him. He loves to spruce things up. That's why there are cameras in many corners of the hospital, especially blind spots. However, according to the layout plan, the hospital didn't have such things in the beginning. Mr. Su was the one behind it, so only he knew the details and locations of these surveillance cameras."

Hah!

Shi Nuan really did not know how to describe that finding. Su Shaoqing is really...

"Mr. Su is amazing, right?"

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Chapter 522 Shi Wei Has A Grudge

The corner of Shi Nuan's mouth twitched. "Amazing!" She thought Su Shaoqing was impressive to set the surveillance cameras everywhere in the hospital. Besides, she wondered if Su Shaoqqing knew he was wasting money by setting the surveillance cameras at unnecessary places in the hospital.

Su Shaoqing also set up the surveillance camera in the ward, and Shi Nuan wondered if this was allowed. Isn't this snooping on other people's privacy?

However, Shi Nuan did not say it out loud. After all, she would not be able to explain herself without Su Shaoqing's videos. Furthermore, Shi Nuan only knew Shi Wei and Jiang Yu were far more terrible than she expected after watching the video.

Shi Nuan sighed softly, even Shen Shixiu, who was beside her, felt the change in her emotion. "People can't come back from the dead, Nuan!"

Shi Nuan turned and looked at Shen Shixiu. "I feel I'm the one who caused Granddad's death." Although Shi Nuan did not do it, Shi Wei went to find fault with Shi Yunsheng out of her jealousy. In the end, Shi Yunsheng got too angry and passed away.

"You don't have to take responsibility for other people's wrongdoing. Nuan, you can't stop the others from doing that kind of thing." Looking at Shi Nuan's expression, Shen Shixiu knew she blamed herself.

The corners of Shi Nuan's mouth twitched slightly. "I didn't. I just feel like if I made things clear to Shi Wei and the rest of them, perhaps the things would not happen."

Shen Shixiu disagreed and shook his head. "As long as they are that kind of people, whatever you do would be the same, Nuan."

"Yes, Mrs. Fu. I think that even though you didn't do anything, they would still think you have committed an unforgivable sin. Hence, you really have nothing to do with these matters."

Zhou Zheng finally understood why Shi Nuan was behaving that way, so he quickly spoke up. He was worried that Shi Nuan would have negative thoughts because of those issues.

Looking at Shen Shixiu and Zhou Zheng's anxious faces, Shi Nuan smiled. "All right. Do you think I will be depressed?" Shi Nuan shook her head and continued, "Don't worry. I'm not that weak. However, Zhou Zheng, since these matters have been thoroughly investigated, should we pass them to the policemen?"

"Don't worry, Mrs. Fu. We've already done that. Mr. Fu was worried about unexpected situations at your side, so he asked me to prepare a copy."

Zhou Zheng had to admit although Fu Chengyan was not around, he had thought about everything in detail. He even foresaw that Jiang Yu would show up due to being dissatisfied and had planned ahead of time.

"That's good, then." Shi Nuan thought Shi Wei should be punished according to the law since she was the one who committed the crime.

"Shixiu." Shi Nuan looked at Shen Shixiu. "I still have something to do, so…"

"I understand." Shen Shixiu nodded. "I have something to do later too."

Shi Nuan nodded. She paused for a moment before continuing, "Since the matters over here in Jiang City are all taken care of, Shixiu, what are you up to next?"

"I'll go back to the capital after a few days. I will be the host when you and Mr. Fu visit."

"No way. How about this? Yan and I will have a farewell for you, Shixiu." Based on the familial connection that bonded them when she was younger, Shi Nuan thought she should thank Shen Shixiu for helping her at that time.

Although Shen Shixiu didn't really do anything, he supported Shi Nuan by being there. Besides, the shareholders of Huancheng respected him.

Shen Shixiu nodded lightly. "All right then."

"Good!"

With a smile on her face, Shi Nuan watched Shen Shixiu leave. After a while, she turned and looked at Zhou Zheng. "Zhou Zheng, why are you looking at me?"

Only then did Zhou Zheng realize he had been staring at Shi Nuan all the while. He quickly averted his gaze and said, "I-It's nothing!"

He did not dare to tell Shi Nuan he was wondering about the nature of Shi Nuan's relationship with Shen Shixiu just now. Furthermore, he was worried that Shi Nuan would think he would report to Fu Chengyan if she knew what he was thinking. In fact, he really did have the thought to report to Fu Chengyan earlier.

Shi Nuan smiled softly at Zhou Zheng, then she retracted her gaze. "Let's go back!"

"Do you want to go back to the company or go home, Mrs. Fu?"

"I would like to go home."

After busying herself with the meeting that day, Shi Nuan did not have the mood to go back to the company.

"I will ask Jiang Hu to send you back then. I have to go to the police station later."

Shi Nuan knew Zhou Zheng had to settle the aftermath in the police station, so she nodded. "Jiang Hu, please send me back."

Meanwhile in Huancheng, after Shi Nuan and Shen Shixiu left, Shi Jingzheng was furious when he looked at Jiang Yu's despaired expression. He was angry because of the matters pertaining to Huancheng's shares and Shi Yunsheng's death. Hence, Shi Jingzheng unleashed all his rage upon Jiang Yu. He raised his hand and slapped her face all of a sudden. "This is all your fault!"

Jiang Yu had not yet come back to her senses, but she was snapped back to reality after Shi Jingzheng slapped her. Holding her cheek, Jiang Yu looked at Shi Jingzheng's face, which was familiar yet strange to her. She could not believe that Shi Jingzheng

slapped her. "How can you slap me? How dare you slap me? Have you gone crazy, Shi Jingzheng?"

"I'm crazy? I think you're the one losing your mind!" Shi Jingzheng's eyes were red, and he glared at Jiang Yu angrily. "Look at what you and Shi Wei have done. Murder! How dare you take someone's life? Furthermore, the person you killed was my father!"

"Your father? Haha!" Jiang Yu thought she had heard a joke. She looked at Shi Jingzheng and said, "Yes. He's your father. But ask yourself, how did Shi Yunsheng treat me since I married you? He treated me badly. I gave birth to children for your family, and what did I get in return? Shi Yunsheng raises a b*tch's daughter! Wei is his biological granddaughter. But he favors Shi Nuan. This is all because of Jiang Yuan. It's all because Jiang Yuan's biological mother is Shi Yunsheng's first love, am I right?"

Jiang Yu looked at Shi Jingzheng coldly, and she continued, "That was why Shi Yunsheng asked you to marry Jiang Yuan at that time! He did not want Jiang Yuan to marry other people. It's a shame that Jiang Yuan doesn't want you, just like her shameless mother doesn't want your father. Haha!"

"B*tch!" Shi Jingzheng slapped Jiang Yu again, causing her to stagger.

Jiang Yu covered her face with one hand and supported herself with another hand on the meeting table. Her eyes were full of hatred. "You can beat me to death if you like. The old man has passed away, and Shi Nuan has taken control of Huancheng. What else do you have? Haha! Shi Jingzheng, you have nothing left!"

"You..."

Shi Jingzheng wanted to slap Jiang Yu again, but Jiang Yu raised her head and looked at him with hateful eyes. At that moment, Shi Jingzheng could not bring himself to slap her. His hands trembled, and his eyes reddened.

"You have no guts, Shi Jingzheng. You are the same coward as you were as twenty-five years ago. Your fiancée left with another man. But what did you do about it?"

"Shut up!" Shi Jingzheng yelled. "What do you know? You... Get lost! Get lost now! I don't want to see you anymore. Don't show up in front of the Shi family in the future!"

He could no longer face Jiang Yu when he thought of Shi Yunsheng's death at the hands of Shi Wei and her. He shouted, "Get lost!"

"Good. Very well. Shi Jingzheng, how dare you treat me like this today? You will regret it!"

Jiang Yu was thus kicked out of the Shi family by Shi Jingzheng. She was homeless, so she could only go to Shi Wei. Meanwhile, Shi Wei hid here and there because of what

happened recently. No one knew where she was, and everyone was looking for her, including the police. In fact, Shi Wei hid was hiding in a small abandoned warehouse in South District.

There was a man sitting opposite her. He wore an all-black suit, and he looked like a devil in the dark. The man wore an exquisite silver mask. Shi Wei could not see his face, but she could only catch a glimpse of the man's sharp eyes and delicate chin. Even so, Shi Wei could tell that the man had a handsome face.

She had stayed in the warehouse for many days. Having nowhere to go, she could only hide there. There was someone sending her food every day as she hid in the warehouse. Although Shi Wei felt bored, she knew she could not go anywhere temporarily.

It was the underlings who usually came, but the big shot was there that day.

Shi Wei had seen the man once. His codename was J. She did not know who the man was, but she did not bother finding out as long as he could help her.

J sat opposite Shi Wei, and he was playing with his phone.

Shi Wei felt restless as she looked at the man in front of her. "J, you promised me that you would avenge me. I've already done what you told me to do."

"Very good!" J smiled softly, and he spun his phone in his hand a few times. Suddenly, a notification sound was heard. J curled his mouth and said, "Ms. Shi, I think you'll be interested in something here."

Shi Wei looked at him in confusion. "What is it?"

"You'll know when you see it, Ms. Shi." J passed the phone in his hand to Shi Wei. She hesitated for a moment, but she took the phone in the end.

There was a video on J's phone. It was the video of the shareholders' meeting in Huancheng today.

Shi Wei watched the video intently, and she clenched her fist tightly. Her eyes reddened when she watched till the end of the video. Biting her lower lips, a stern look flashed across her eyes. "Shi Nuan!" How dare that b*tch do all this? She clearly wants to burn all my bridges and chances of getting through this!

Shi Wei kept watching the video. She watched the video intently and did not miss any of it. When she finished watching all of it, her body trembled. Finally, she was so frustrated that she wanted to smash the phone. "Shi Nuan, you b*tch!"

J quickly grabbed Shi Wei's hand. With a smirk, he took the phone away from Shi Wei and shook his head. "It's bad to be unable to hold your anger!"

"I don't care who you are or what you want to do. Also, I don't care about all of these. I just want to know when can you do the things you promised me?"

"Tsk, so impatient and pushy." J smiled softly and shook his head. "However, you don't need to wait any longer. I'm here today because of this." J stood up and looked at Shi Wei with an arrogant look. "I will let you out. You can take your revenge when the time comes. Don't you have a big grudge against Shi Nuan? This thing is for you."

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Chapter 523 Making Up For The Shortfall

J stuffed an item into Shi Wei's hand. She looked at J with a baffled look. "What's this?"

"Keep it, and find the right time to meet up with Shi Nuan. It has a manual for its operation. Remember. This is the only one, and do not ever lose it!" After finishing his sentence, J passed a mini communication device to Shi Wei. "Remember. Only use this when you have to. Okay?" J reached out and grabbed Shi Wei's chin, forcing her to look at him. "Understand?"

Shi Wei stared at J unblinkingly and blankly, as if there was something in J's eyes that had caught her attention.

She gulped subconsciously and nodded. "I got it!"

After hearing that, J smiled as he nodded. "By the way. I don't think it's a good time for you to go out now. Don't look for Fu Xicheng again. Understand?"

J was composed as he spoke, as though he was saying something very casual. On the other hand, Shi Wei knew J was giving a warning to her. Her pupils contracted slightly as she clenched her fists. "Understand."

I can't believe he knows I have gone out to see Fu Xicheng.

J appeared contented after seeing her countenance and released his hand from her chin before leaving.

Consequently, Shi Wei gasped, as she had undergone a stressful moment with J. For her, J gave her a stronger oppressive feeling than Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing. It was probably because she did not know his identity and intention. On top of that, she did not know if J wanted to harm her.

However, there was no way back for her. Ever since Su Su died unexpectedly that night after she exited the villa where Shi Wei was hiding, Shi Wei knew she had walked down a path of no return and ended up in desperation even if she wanted to opt out.

That night, Su Su died after Shi Wei knew what the former had done back then to determine to destroy her. Shortly after that, J showed up with a deal, blinding Shi Wei with vengeance. As a result, she accepted his offer, leading to the happening in the hospital.

Shi Wei closed her eyes, knowing that she was left with no choice. However, she felt bitter, as she believed Shi Nuan was the one who had ruined her promising future and wonderful life.

Shi Nuan is a name that has haunted me like a nightmare for many years. She's the person who has constantly outshone me. No matter how much I tried, she would be always better than me. I have no other choice, so I could only go against Shi Nuan to take everything away from her. Shi Nuan is just a child born to a b*tch. What makes her think she is more worthy than me?

Shi Wei clenched her fists before looking down at the two items J gave to her. Clutching the items in her palms, she knew that was the only chance to put Shi Nuan through hell. Otherwise, she would never get peace of mind for the rest of her life.

Shi Nuan stayed in the house most of the time after what had happened in Huancheng. Probably because of the pregnancy, she felt sleepier than ever lately. Therefore, she would not go out of the house if there was no need for her to do so.

Shi Nuan studied the data and report Zhou Zheng bought from Huancheng. Although Shengyuan Group had taken over Huancheng, Fu Chengyan assigned Zhou Zheng to take care of the new company because he was too busy.

In truth, Zhou Zheng already managed to work independently, so Fu Chengyan entrusted him with the company without worries. However, Zhou Zheng would still report to Fu Chengyan or Shi Nuan every other day about the condition of Huancheng.

Despite Fu Chengyan being the major shareholder of Huancheng, Shi Nuan was the one who took charge of the company.

It happened to be the day Zhou Zheng submitted the report after coming from Huancheng. "Mrs. Fu. What Mr. Fu meant is the crisis is irresolvable for the time being after what Huancheng had gone through. What we need to do is we must sort out the projects from the beginning of the year immediately. As for other problems, Shengyuan Group can only fix them with its capital," Zhou Zheng explained as he looked at Shi Nuan.

When he saw Shi Nuan read the report attentively, he stopped reporting and stood aside to wait for her patiently.

After reading a few pages, Shi Nuan frowned slightly before looking up at Zhou Zheng. "Zhou Zheng, this... Uh. Zhou Zheng, come over and sit down." She was too absorbed just now that she did not notice he had been standing all the while. "Take the seat!" insisted Shi Nuan.

"It's okay, Mrs. Fu. I can stand." Zhou Zheng smiled faintly. "Is there any problem?"

"Nothing. There is no problem at the moment. Just sit. My neck is sore when I talk to you like that," said Shi Nuan as she pointed her neck with a smile.

Upon hearing that, Zhou Zheng came to a realization and took a stool hurriedly before sitting down. Then, he straightened his back, seeming like waiting for Shi Nuan's order.

Shi Nuan looked up and rubbed her forehead. Feeling helpless, she shook her head before continuing to read the financial report. A moment later, she appeared doubtful. "I can't believe Huancheng has suffered such heavy losses."

She was surprised because Huancheng's market value was low. However, after reading the report, Shi Nuan felt the shortfall of the capital of Huancheng was far beyond her imagination.

It was no wonder that Fu Chengyan and Shen Shixiu said it was a company that no one would be willing to take over because it was in a mess. Who knew that Shi Nuan would be the one who did it, as it was a part of her grandfather's will.

I believe Grandfather did this because he knew Huancheng was going to go bankrupt. Could that be the reason he took this bold move? Could it be he transferred the shares to me because he knew I wouldn't just sit back without doing anything? Did he know Yan wouldn't let me operate the company aimlessly? Yan has intervened to resolve the crisis. Is that what Grandfather wanted? As for Shen Shixiu, he might have a plan too, and he'll definitely help me in case Yan never steps in.

With that in mind, Shi Nuan felt a little headache and massaged the bridge of her nose. As a matter of fact, her assumption had occurred to her before. It was just that she had mixed feelings after thinking about it again. Feeling a little tired, she took a deep breath before smiling resignedly. "Zhou Zheng, tell me the truth. How much money has Shengyuan Group used to make up for the deficit?"

"Two hundred million. That's the amount so far." Zhou Zheng pursed his lips before continuing, "I don't know how much more money will be rolling in."

Shi Nuan was rendered speechless and forced a smile with a weary look. "I got it."

"Mrs. Fu, please do not feel pressured about that. I believe Mr. Fu has his own reason to do that since he has involved himself in this. There is still hope for Huancheng. Mrs. Fu, you need to have faith in Mr. Fu!" That was the best Zhou Zheng could say after things had come to that point.

Shi Nuan nodded. "Okay. I know he will."

She knew what Fu Chengyan was capable of. However, it meant something else for Shi Nuan when it came to the matter of Huancheng.

"Mrs. Fu, actually, Huancheng isn't that bad yet. The big project from last year could help the company to earn a profit next year if we manage to deal with it in a proper way. It's all about a matter of time!"

"All right." Shi Nuan closed the report. "Thanks for your good work, Zhou Zheng. You were supposed to work for Yan." She never expected Zhou Zheng to work for Huancheng and Shengyuan Group at the same time.

"No worries, Mrs. Fu. I'm working for Mr. Fu, so these are my jobs. I'll get going if you have nothing else for me."

After getting Shi Nuan's permission, Zhou Zheng left the house right after gathering his things.

Shi Nuan massaged the bridge of her nose again, and Song Zhenyan, who was about to go downstairs, happened to see her. "Are you tired? You're pregnant. Stop worrying about the company. Let Yan do that for you."

After getting along for some time, Song Zhenyan and Shi Nuan had gotten closer to each other.

Song Zhenyan realized Shi Nuan, who had already been her daughter-in-law for quite some time, was not as obnoxious as she thought. On the contrary, Shi Nuan was a big help in improving the relationship between Song Zhenyan and Fu Chengyan.

Shi Nuan got up and tidied up her table when she saw Song Zhenyan. Seeing that, Song Zhenyan hurriedly came over to give her a hand. "It's okay. Let me help you!"

"No. I can do this!" Shi Nuan stretched out her arms, but she was stopped by Song Zhenyan. The latter said, "You are carrying a baby now. Let me help you with these. Just sit down and take a rest!" After saying that, Song Zhenyan quickly tidied up the documents on the table and looked at Shi Nuan. "Yan seems busy lately."

Shi Nuan nodded. "You're right. There has been a lot of work at the company. Yan told me something is something strange about the stock market recently. Not only does it affects Jiang City, but it also impacts the capital and Sheen City. That's the thing Yan

has been busy on." Shi Nuan smiled and noticed the radiant look on Song Zhenyan's face. "By the way, Mom, where have you been? I haven't seen you for the past few days."

"Haha. I just went sightseeing nearby. It's been many years since I returned to Jiang City. So, I thought of spending some time to pay a visit around here," answered Song Zhenyan in a seemingly good mood. "Nuan, I want to say sorry for what I did to you back then!"

Upon hearing that, Shi Nuan knew what Song Zhenyan meant and hurriedly said, "It's all over. See. I'm doing great now."

"You're right!" Song Zhenyan smiled. "Oh. I remember you have a pregnancy check-up today!"

After hearing Song Zhenyan's words, Shi Nuan finally realized she indeed had an appointment that day. Frustrated, she held her forehead. "Oh, no! I was busy with the work just now and had forgotten the appointment with Dr. Yu." Without further ado, Shi Nuan got up from the couch and continued, "Mom, you should continue with what you're planning to do. I need to go right now!"

"Wait!" Song Zhenyan also rose to her feet. "Are you going alone?" asked Song Zhenyan as she knitted her eyebrows. "Let me go with you. Yan is busy, and you need someone to take care of you. I'm free anyway!"

As Song Zhenyan spoke, she followed Shi Nuan upstairs. The latter was about to decline Song Zhenyan because she knew Fu Chengyan would send someone to protect her. However, seeing the eager look of her mother-in-law, who had buried the hatchet with her, Shi Nuan accepted her help. "Thanks, Mom. I hope I won't cause you any trouble."

"What trouble you are talking about? Let's go and pack your things now!"

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Chapter 524 Shi Wei Lost Her Mind

This was Song Zhenyan's first time accompanying Shi Nuan out of the house—a trip to the hospital for a checkup, no less—as the latter's mother-in-law. Unable to put her emotions into words, Song Zhenyan was certainly much more nervous compared to Shi Nuan, who was unfazed.

Yu Qing was already waiting for the duo when they arrived at the hospital. A hint of surprise was evident in her expression when she noticed Shi Nuan walking in with a middle-aged woman. "Mrs. Fu!" she greeted.

Shi Nuan nodded and responded, "Dr. Yu, I'll be counting on you."

Yu Qing gave Shi Nuan a smile and turned to look at the woman standing next to the latter, who explained with a smile, "Dr. Yu, this is my mother-in-law."

The doctor nodded in understanding. "Madam, do wait here for a moment. I'll give Mrs. Fu a checkup inside," said Yu Qing before leading Shi Nuan into the room for the examination.

As Shi Nuan was already well into her pregnancy for almost five months, her baby bump was clearly showing. Yu Qing examined Shi Nuan for a while and confirmed that all of her vital signs and lab results were normal. "Keep it up! I see that you're being well taken care of, but remember to walk around more instead of sitting down so often at home!"

"Okay!" Shi Nuan got down from the bed and smiled warmly at her assessing doctor. "Thank you, Dr. Yu."

"No problem at all!" Compared to many other pregnant women, Shi Nuan was actually very cooperative. Moreover, her physical condition was quite good, and some of the problems that she had were now being improved upon. The doctor went on, "Remember, the further into your pregnancy you are, the more taxing it'll be for you. Pregnant women might also feel some mood swings at times, and these are all perfectly normal. You just have to be your usual self and keep an open mind."

"Okay, I won't forget it!"

When Song Zhenyan saw Shi Nuan come out of the room with some documents stating the examination results, she hurriedly stood up and inquired, "How is it?"

"Mom, Dr. Yu said that the baby is very healthy, and my vital signs and lab results are all normal, so you don't have to worry!" answered Shi Nuan as she handed the papers to Song Zhenyan to take a look.

The latter merely smiled and shook her head. "As long as the baby's healthy, it's fine! I don't know how to read any of these anyway. Well, if everything's all right, shall we head back?"

"Sure!" Shi Nuan was feeling rather tired as well. Thus, she bade Yu Qing goodbye and left the obstetrics and gynecology department.

However, Shi Nuan stopped in her tracks on their way out of the hospital. With an embarrassed expression, she said, "Mom, can you wait here for a minute? I want to go to the restroom."

"What's the matter?" Song Zhenyan was stunned for a moment before continuing, "Oh, this is quite common for pregnant ladies; I used to go to the restroom all the time when I was carrying Yan as well. Do you want me to go with you?" Noticing that there was indeed something not quite right with Shi Nuan, she suggested, "Let's go!"

"It's all right, Mom. Just wait here for a while. I'll be right back!" Shi Nuan smiled as she handed the lab report to Song Zhenyan. "There're some chairs over there. Mom, you can sit over there and give me a minute. I won't be long!"

After settling Song Zhenyan down, Shi Nuan went to the restroom on the second floor. However, she could sense that there was someone watching her when she approached the entrance of the restroom, but no one could be seen when she turned around.

Shi Nuan could not help but crease her brows. After standing at the entrance for some time and not noticing anyone suspicious, she pushed open the door and entered the restroom.

Suddenly, a shadow loomed over her from behind, and Shi Nuan instantly took a step forward. When she turned around to confront the attacker, she saw Shi Wei holding a handkerchief and rushing toward her. Shi Nuan steadily took a couple of steps back and questioned, "Shi Wei?"

"Shi Nuan, you weren't expecting me, were you?" Seeing that Shi Nuan actually managed to dodge her twice, Shi Wei stretched out her hand and tightened her grip on the handkerchief. She stared at Shi Nuan begrudgingly, her eyes as vicious as a viper's. A shiver went down Shi Nuan's spine in spite of herself. With a deep frown, she asked, "Shi Wei, have you been in hiding during this period of time so that the police can't find you?"

"That's right. You don't seem too surprised to see me," responded Shi Wei as she eyed her sister coldly. "Shi Nuan, it's all because of you! If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have ended up where I am right now!"

"Were you the one who killed Su Su?" Shi Nuan naturally saw the handkerchief in the hand of Shi Wei, who was planning to use it to cover the former's nose and mouth. Thus, Shi Nuan arrived at a conclusion.

As her sharp eyes raked over Shi Wei, Shi Nuan used both her hands behind her back to speedily find her phone in her purse and, to the best of her recollection, press a certain series of buttons. While doing so, her icy gaze met Shi Wei's. Shi Nuan inquired, "Was it also you who caused Grandfather's death?"

"So what if it was me?"

"Grandfather was your family, and Su Su was your best friend! Shi Wei, how could you do this to them?"

Shi Nuan knew that she must not panic right now. Otherwise, Shi Wei would be able to see right through her. Hence, she could only keep talking to provoke Shi Wei and divert the latter's attention.

Just as expected, Shi Wei laughed out loud after hearing Shi Nuan's words. "Family? Did he consider me as his own flesh and blood? You should know that when I visited him in the hospital that day, I was thinking that as long as he was willing to give me the shares and give up on you, I wouldn't aggravate his condition. But, what did he do? He actually said that he would rather give those things to an outsider than hand them over to me! Who does that old fart think he is? Hah!"

As she laughed, her baleful eyes were overflowing with hatred toward Shi Yunsheng and Shi Nuan. "Tell me, who in the world gave you the right to snatch away everything that belonged to me?" Shi Wei continued.

"I didn't! I've never thought of snatching away your things!" Shi Nuan felt that Shi Wei had a screw loose. She always thought that she was an imaginary enemy to the latter, but the idea of snatching anything that belonged to Shi Wei had never crossed her mind. On the contrary, it was Shi Wei who would concoct schemes to lay her hands on whatever belonged to Shi Nuan and destroy them. After they grew up, Shi Wei would seize Shi Nuan's hard work, as well as her boyfriend.

Shi Nuan closed her eyes for a brief moment and took in a deep breath. "Then, what about Su Su? Both of you were such good friends. For you, she—"

Before she could finish, Shi Wei interrupted, "Friends? Haha! Did you say she's my friend?" She laughed as though she had just heard the funniest joke in the world. "Shi Nuan, don't kid me. Did you think that I wouldn't find out? Su Su stepped over to your side a long time ago, didn't she? For the sake of her revenge against me, she actually aligned herself with you and led me to do such things! It was all her—no, it was you!"

Suddenly snapping back to her senses, she sneered and continued, "Are you trying to buy time? Haha! Do you think that anyone can save you now?" A murderous glint flashed across Shi Wei's eyes as she gritted her teeth and glared at Shi Nuan. "Shi Nuan, I advise you to give up. If you behave yourself, I promise to leave your corpse intact—just like our grandfather's, so you can be buried in peace."

"Shi Wei, you're totally off your rocker!" At that moment, Shi Nuan knew that Shi Wei had completely lost her sanity.

Even though Shi Nuan had already made a phone call, she had absolutely no idea whose number she dialed, much less when the person she called would arrive.

Shi Nuan breathed in deeply and added, "You just want Huancheng, don't you? I'll give it to you!"

Shi Wei cackled and said, "Huancheng? It's too late, Shi Nuan. It's all too late. I've nothing to my name now, and I even have blood on my hands. What purpose would owning Huancheng serve me?" With a smile plastered on her face, the look in her eyes became murderous. "Killing one is murder, killing two is murder as well... If that's the case, Shi Nuan, it's time for you to go to hell too!" All of a sudden, Shi Wei charged toward Shi Nuan, but the latter dodged the incoming attack. Nevertheless, Shi Wei still managed to grab one of Shi Nuan's hands.

Due to her pregnancy and baby bump, Shi Nuan did not dare to fight with Shi Wei so forcefully. However, that was not the case for Shi Wei, who was ready to drag Shi Nuan down with her. Thus, she tugged at Shi Nuan mercilessly. When she noticed Shi Nuan's baby bump, she lifted her leg to kick the latter's bulging belly, but Shi Nuan shoved her away. At the same time, Shi Nuan's purse fell to the floor as Shi Wei grabbed it, causing the phone to fall out and be exposed.

Shi Wei eyed the phone on the floor, and her gaze became sinister. "How dare you try to call for help! Did you think that help would come in time?" As if she had gone insane, Shi Wei suddenly took out a syringe from behind. Fixing her malicious eyes on Shi Nuan, the woman raised her hand to stab her pregnant sister.

Immediately, Shi Nuan grabbed hold of Shi Wei's hand with both her hands as tightly as she could, but Shi Wei lunged at her with all her might.

Shi Nuan's strength was dwindling. Seeing that the tip of the needle was going to land on her soon, Shi Nuan clenched her teeth and turned her head to the side, causing the needle to hit the sink. With that, Shi Nuan abruptly let go of her hands. Shi Wei did not react in time and fell forward onto the sink as though her feet had tripped on something,

With a thud, Shi Wei's head knocked on the sink, and she slumped to the ground.

Shi Nuan's heart skipped a beat. When she noticed that Shi Wei lay unmoving on the floor, she flipped the latter over and discovered that Shi Wei's head was bleeding from the impact. Shi Nuan could feel her entire body turn cold. Nonetheless, she knew that this was not the time to be afraid. Hence, she reached out and placed a finger under Shi Wei's nose to see if she was still breathing. Upon realizing that Shi Wei was still alive, Shi Nuan heaved a sigh of relief.

Then, she hurriedly turned around to pick up the phone on the ground. Shi Nuan saw on the call log that the person whose number had been dialed was Fu Chengyan. She instantly spoke into the phone. "Yan, I'm in the hospital. I—" Before she could finish her words, her vision turned black all of a sudden. A black silhouette took over her so swiftly that she could barely see who it was.

The man snatched the phone away from Shi Nuan's hands and strangled her with one hand. His eyes gleamed sharply as he scanned the call log on the phone before throwing it away. "Mrs. Fu!"

Shi Nuan was forced to her feet as the man's hand strangled her neck. She kept hitting his arms incessantly, trying to break free from his grasp, but the man would not let her have her way so easily. "Stop struggling if you don't want to die!"

And so, Shi Nuan stopped fighting back. Although she was afraid, she forced herself to calm down. "Who are you?"

The man smirked and glanced at Shi Wei from the corner of his eyes. "Just as expected, she's a useless wench! I have to take matters into my own hands after all."

"Who in the world are you?"

"Our master would like to see you, Mrs. Fu!"

Shi Nuan looked at the man calmly and questioned, "So, you guys were the one ordering Shi Wei around? Is your goal not to kill me?"

The man smiled and replied, "It is not up to me whether to kill you or not. What else would you like to know, Mrs. Fu? I think it'd better for you to direct your questions to our master!" As soon as he finished, a handkerchief appeared out of nowhere in the man's hand. With a slight touch to her face, Shi Nuan felt her head become heavy, and she passed out.

After looking at Shi Nuan, the man glanced at Shi Wei again and scoffed. Then, he picked up the unconscious Shi Nuan and carried her away.

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Chapter 525 Shi Nuan Was Kidnapped

Despite being in a meeting, Fu Chengyan instantly answered his phone as soon as he heard the ringtone that was specially designated for Shi Nuan. He spoke on the phone multiple times but did not hear his wife say anything in response. All he could vaguely make out was the voice of Shi Nuan, who seemed to be talking to someone on the other end of the call.

Fu Chengyan immediately lifted his hand to stop his subordinate from continuing his report. In particular, when he heard Shi Nuan call out Shi Wei's name on the phone, he abruptly got up and declared the dismissal of the meeting. As Fu Chengyan frantically walked out of the conference room, Zhou Zheng, who had been focused on jotting down minutes of the meeting, got up at once as well. "Mr. Fu!"

"Quickly track my wife's location. Contact Jiang Hu and see where he is now!"

The man's expression was extremely solemn as he hastily walked toward the elevator. His hands clutched his phone tightly, and his face was as dark as the night.

Realizing the severity of the situation, Zhou Zheng instantly dialed Jiang Hu's number. Before the elevator doors shut, he hurriedly followed after Fu Chengyan and reported, "Mr. Fu, Jiang Hu says they're at the hospital!"

The hospital?

A sharp glint flashed across Fu Chengyan's eyes, which were as black as ink. He clenched his fists tightly as he listened to the intermittent voices of Shi Nuan and Shi Wei through the phone. After some time, Fu Chengyan heard Shi Nuan utter an incomplete sentence before her phone totally lost its signal.

"Mr. Fu..."

"We're heading to the hospital immediately. Where's Jiang Hu?"

"Mr. Fu, Jiang Hu said that your mother accompanied Mrs. Fu to the hospital today while he and the others waited outside, so—"

"Useless!" Fu Chengyan strode out of the elevator and got into the car directly.

Meanwhile, Jiang Hu found out how serious the situation was the moment he received Zhou Zheng's call. Thus, he contacted Su Shaoqing for the lockdown of the hospital.

Song Zhenyan could not help but feel somewhat worried after having waited for so long for Shi Nuan. She was about to go and look for her daughter-in-law when she saw a group of people surround the hospital. The person leading the group was Jiang Hu, the bodyguard who had followed her and Shi Nuan to the hospital.

"Jiang Hu, what happened?" Song Zhenyan walked over and saw Jiang Hu issuing a command for his men to surround the hospital. She instantly sensed that something was amiss. "Jiang Hu, where's Nuan?"

"Madam," greeted Jiang Hu courteously upon seeing Song Zhenyan. "We're looking for her as well. Weren't you with Mrs. Fu?"

"Nuan said she wanted to go to the restroom, so she asked me to wait for her."

Before Song Zhenyan could continue, Jiang Hu frantically led some people to the restroom.

"Mr. Jiang, there's someone here!" Jiang Hu's subordinate shouted as he stood at the entrance of the female restroom. Jiang Hu immediately walked over, but surprise flashed across his face when he saw the woman lying on the floor.

"Mr. Fu, we found someone, but... it's Shi Wei!"

Fu Chengyan's expression turned stern, and he stepped hard on the gas pedal.

The hospital was in complete lockdown; no one could get out without Fu Chengyan's orders. Su Shaoqing hurriedly came over when he heard what had happened. He was momentarily stunned when he saw Shi Wei, who lay on the ground. Then, he turned to Jiang Hu and inquired, "Where's Shi Nuan?"

The latter felt uncomfortable from head to toe under Su Shaoqing's knife-like gaze. "Mr. Su, I'm sorry!" He had not managed to watch over Shi Nuan.

However, the look in Su Shaoqing's eyes turned frosty as ice. "You're sorry? What happened? Don't tell me that you guys could not even keep an eye on one person!"

"[..."

By the time Fu Chengyan rushed to the hospital, there were already lots of people encircling the building. They were all basically Su Shaoqing's men. With a terrifyingly grim face, Fu Chengyan went past them and headed up to the restroom on the second floor. Following behind the man, Zhou Zheng could sense his employer's immense rage and frustration.

"Where is she?"

Fu Chengyan looked at Su Shaoqing, then at Jiang Hu. Lifting his leg, he gave Jiang Hu a kick in the chest.

The latter could not hold his stance against the blow, so he staggered a few steps back. Nevertheless, he managed to steady himself once more. "I'm asking you—where is she?"

"Mr. Fu!"

Fu Chengyan launched a kick at the bodyguard again. Unable to withstand the overwhelming force, Jiang Hu staggered a few steps backward and fell to the floor on one knee. "My apologies, Mr. Fu! I've let you down. I deserve to die!"

"Find her! Even if you have to flip the entire city upside down, find her!"

Fu Chengyan was like a raging lion at the moment; no one dared to approach him, fearing that they would be afflicted by his outburst.

They had seen Fu Chengyan in all sorts of demeanor, but they never had witnessed him in such a frightening state. His icy expression petrified those who laid eyes upon him. Again, he raised a leg and kicked Jiang Hu.

The latter instantly hit the wall at the back and spat out a mouthful of blood, causing the bodyguards standing behind him to glance at each other in fear.

They clenched their fists tightly, afraid that Fu Chengyan would vent his fury at them.

"Chengyan, take a look over here!" Picking up the syringe that was on the floor with his gloved hands, Su Shaoqing squinted at it and cast his gaze onto Shi Wei, who still lay unconscious on the ground.

As if just noticing Shi Wei, Fu Chengyan walked over and kicked the woman. "Is she dead?"

"No, she's merely unconscious!" Su Shaoqing shook his head. He scrutinized the syringe for a while before knitting his brows and saying, "It's obvious that Nuan was her target, but—"

"She didn't get her way!" Fu Chengyan finished Su Shaoqing's sentence. He recalled the phone call from earlier; Shi Wei was probably arguing with Shi Nuan, who smartly tried to buy some time.

The former indeed intended to harm Shi Nuan, but she did not have the chance to do so at all. At the end of the call just now, it was most likely that Shi Nuan spoke to him after having taken care of Shi Wei, but she did not expect there to be one more person coming after her.

Fu Chengyan balled his fists tightly. Doubtful that the liquid inside the syringe was a normal drug, he barked, "Take the syringe to the lab for analysis immediately! Find out what's inside!" Narrowing his eyes, he threw Jiang Hu a glance and commanded, "Bring this woman back to Prosperous Dynasty."

His voice was so cold and unfeeling, but it sent a shiver down everyone's spine.

If Shi Wei had fallen into the hands of the police, perhaps she could still escape unscathed. However, now that she was in Fu Chengyan's clutches, it was most probable that she would suffer a fate worse than death.

"Yes, Mr. Fu!" Jiang Hu got up from the floor, carried the woman on one shoulder, and left the place while leading a few other men.

Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing sized Fu Chengyan up with a tinge of amusement in his eyes. The latter's expression was simply too interesting at the moment. "What do you think?"

Fu Chengyan cast his gaze at the doctor. "Do you think that a woman like Shi Wei could possibly take May away?"

Su Shaoqing creased his brows and asked, "So, you suspect that someone else took Nuan away? Have you locked in on a target?"

Fu Chengyan shook his head in response and uttered, "I don't know yet, but since they've only taken her away, at least it means that May is still safe!" What he needed to do at the moment was recollect himself and think carefully. Who would want to kidnap Shi Nuan? Is it related to the Shi family or to me? But, at the end of the phone call just now, the man who took her away addressed her as "Mrs. Fu," so it's likely that their ultimate target is me.

"Chengyan?" Noticing that Fu Chengyan was exuding a murderous intent, Su Shaoqing inquired, "Have you figured out who it is?"

"Go find out what is inside this syringe and extract the surveillance footage here immediately," said Fu Chengyan as he pinched the bridge of his nose.

There was an evident gleam of sharp ferocity in his eyes.

News about Shi Nuan going missing soon reached the Fu clan and the Su family. The latter came knocking on the former's door, asking for an explanation from Fu Chengyan. However, Fu Chengyan was not even at home.

In the darkest corridor of the innermost part of Prosperous Dynasty, the man stood on the outside, staring at the woman lying on the ground inside the room. His eyes shone with bloodlust.

Jiang Hu opened the door and reported, "Mr. Fu, she's already awake. Our men taught her a lesson; she's just playing dead now!"

"Playing dead?" Fu Chengyan remarked in a cold voice. "Then, let her have a taste of living hell!" There was not a single hint of emotion in his voice. He was as calm as a millpond as he made that statement, but it made Shi Wei, who sprawled on the ground, tremble in fear.

She got up but collapsed back to the floor due to excessive fatigue. "Fu Chengyan, to bully a woman—are you even a man?"

"How dare you still spew garbage at this hour!" Jiang Hu kicked Shi Wei and pulled her by her hair forcefully. "Look closely! Mr. Fu's name is not one that you can simply utter!"

The deathly pale woman's cackle resonated around the dark room. Clenching her fists, she grinned sinisterly as Jiang Hu grabbed her hair. "Fu Chengyan, you must be very afraid now! Are you thinking about who could've kidnapped that b*tch, Shi Nuan? Haha! Too bad... Her tummy is already so big too! Too bad!"

Slap! Jiang Hu slapped Shi Wei hard across the face. "You b*tch! Looks like you won't know your place unless we give you a good beating!"

The latter laughed and screeched, "Beat me then! Even if you beat me to death, I'll never tell you where Shi Nuan is! Hahaha!"

"You b*tch—"

"Jiang Hu!" Fu Chengyan cast a glance at Jiang Hu and ordered, "Let go of her."

As reluctant as he was, Jiang Hu still threw Shi Wei to the ground.

Thud! The woman landed on the floor heavily. Resisting the pain, she got up and yelled with seething hatred in her eyes, "Fu Chengyan, beat me to death if you can! Besides, you'll never find out where Shi Nuan is for the rest of your life. Haha!"

"Is that so?" Fu Chengyan bent down, pinched Shi Wei's chin with his hand, and eyed the streaks of blood on her face. There were multiple wounds on her body made by Jiang Hu's whip dipped in brine. When Shi Wei moved even the slightest bit, she could feel the indescribable burning pain on her flesh.

Nevertheless, she could not show her fear, nor did she have the chance to be afraid.

Shi Wei knew that Fu Chengyan would never let her off the hook, but she was unwilling to tolerate such pain just like that. Even if I have to die, I will drag Shi Nuan along to hell with me!

"You must want to know who took Shi Nuan, that b*tch, away, right? Haha, too bad! I'm never going to tell—Ah!"

Shi Wei screamed in pain before she could finish her sentence. Fu Chengyan had taken a small army knife out of nowhere and quickly used it to cut her through her skin while she was still speaking. It took only a brief moment for him to slice a chunk of meat off her arm.

<u>"Ah! Fu Chengyan, you're not human! Ah!"</u>

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Chapter 526 Who Is J

Just when Shi Wei finished her words, Fu Chengyan stabbed her again. His speed was so fast that she did not even notice Fu Chengyan had made a move. However, the pain coming from her arm was telling her that it was real. "Ah! Fu Chengyan, how dare you take laws into your hands? It's against the law. Fu Chengyan... Ah!"

All afternoon, the smell of blood filled the dark room.

Fu Chengyan's move was smooth, quick, and ruthless. He did not even allow Shi Wei to take a breather at all. The place he made his move on and his cutting technique were superb, resembling the way ordinary people cut vegetables. He only made small slices, but it was extremely horrifying.

The wounds were small, but the speed of bleeding was tremendously fast. It was so painful that Shi Wei's entire body trembled. She wanted to run away, but she did not have the energy to do so.

Fu Chengyan did not want her to die. Instead, he wanted to torture her. Shi Wei had never anticipated such an outcome. "Ah! Kill me! Take my life now!"

"I told you! I won't kill people." Fu Chengyan pressed the sharp blade held by his defining fingers against Shi Wei's cheek. Her entire body was trembling as she stared at his hand cautiously.

Fear conquered her. She was more afraid of sustaining endless torture as compared to death. Since she was someone who cared about her looks more than anything else, she was scared Fu Chengyan would leave a scar on her face.

"Kill me! I beg you to kill me!" Shi Wei pleaded, her voice trembling.

Fu Chengyan cast an indifferent look at Shi Wei. The calmer he looked, the more afraid she was. She could not suppress her fear, and her terrified expression betrayed her emotions.

"Fu Chengyan, I'm Shi Nuan's sister, her elder sister! You can't treat me like this. Have you forgotten that I'm the only one who knows her whereabouts? How dare you treat me like this! Aren't you afraid that you will never be able to find Shi Nuan if I die?" she continued.

"Is that so?"

The coldness in Fu Chengyan's black eyes intensified.

He stretched his hand out and took over the handkerchief from Jiang Hu, wiping away the blood on the knife seriously and immediately throwing it to the latter. Rising to his feet, he looked down on Shi Wei. "Do you think I got you here because I want to know May's whereabouts?"

"Am I wrong? Only I know where Shi Nuan is now. You'd better release me now, or you will never see her again!" Shi Wei stretched her hand out to cover her arm, but she could not stop the bleeding.

She had never been so desperate in her life. Such desperation almost drowned her. Her consciousness was fading away as her eyelids grew heavier. It was as though she would close her eyes anytime in the next moment.

However, Shi Wei knew she must not allow herself to sleep, for once she slept, chances were she would not wake up again. "Let me go! I'll take you to Shi Nuan."

"It's too late!" Fu Chengyan smirked. "As compared to May, who do you think you are?"

Shi Wei's heart sank. "What do you mean?"

Fu Chengyan chuckled. "Why didn't I go and find May and waste my time here with you instead?"

Shi Wei stared at his eyes and suddenly became afraid. "You... You..."

"Who asked you to do this? Tell me, will you?" Fu Chengyan looked down at Shi Wei. "You have half an hour to answer my question. If I don't get a satisfying answer, your consequences will be worse than Su Su."

Su Su!

Shi Wei's pupils dilated as she looked at Fu Chengyan in disbelief. "You killed her! It's you!"

Fu Chengyan chuckled again with voids in the bottom of his eyes. "Killed her? You must be overthinking." Su Su was nothing short of a pawn to him. As long as she did not pose a threat to him, he would not make a move. However, Su Su was dead. There was only one plausible explanation—Shi Wei killed Su Su.

However, there is no way Shi Wei is the one who killed Su Su, judging from Su Su's death report and Shi Wei's current reaction. There is only one possibility left – Su Su's employer killed her. Most likely, Su Su's employer and the person behind Shi Wei are the same person.

"Are you not going to spill the beans?" He walked over and glanced at Jiang Hu. The latter immediately rushed over with Fu Chengyan's knife and aimed it at Shi Wei's face.

Even though Jiang Hu's speed was not as fast as Fu Chengyan's, it was enough to make Shi Wei suffer.

"Ah!" Shi Wei covered her face. "Fu Chengyan, you will go to hell. You will—Ah! I'll talk."

It was so painful she almost fainted. Nevertheless, every time she was about to faint, Jiang Hu would inflict a cut on her. The painful sensation would course through her whole body and jolt her awake again.

Shi Wei clenched her fists as she continued, "I'll talk!"

Fu Chengyan raised his hand, signaling Jiang Hu to stop.

Shi Wei had already fallen onto the ground. She dared not move completely, as the pain that she felt whenever she moved was unbearable. "I don't know the real identity of the man, but he said he would help me seek revenge. I already have no other options. I hate Shi Nuan. I hate her to bits!" she added.

"Be concise!" Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Wei. "Or do you want to have a taste of this?" With that, he took over an exquisite-looking whip from Jiang Hu. Just a glance of it made Shi Wei's face turn pale. She trembled and begged, "No! Please don't!"

This whip, which was full of thorns, was even more terrifying than the previous one that was soaked with brine. One whip was enough to tear her skin.

Shi Wei felt numbness in her scalp at the thought of that. "I'll say."

"His name is J. Every time I saw him, he wore a mask, so I don't know who exactly he is."

"Are you telling the truth?"

"Yes."

"Then how do you contact him?"

"I..." Shi Wei gulped as she saw Fu Chengyan's cold eyes. "I-I wasn't the one who contacted him each time. H-He was the same person who gave me the syringe. He asked me to inject Shi Nuan with the drug inside. B-But he merely taught me how to use the syringe without telling me anything else."

"Is that so?" Fu Chengyan chuckled and took out a small controller. "Then what is this?"

Shi Wei's face discolored the moment she saw the controller. "I..."

Fu Chengyan opened it. Inside was footage of a small surveillance camera. "Are you going to explain this?"

Shi Wei gritted her teeth. "I have no idea. I honestly have no idea about this. He merely told me that I could use it once, but I still had yet to use it."

It was true that Shi Wei did not know the thing was a surveillance camera. Not to mention, she didn't even know how she got caught back here. She roughly remembered she was quarreling with Shi Nuan, then fighting with the latter before hitting the sink.

Shi Wei's face immediately turned pale.

So I failed to do anything to Shi Nuan? She never got caught by others, but I got caught by Fu Chengyan?

"Fu Chengyan, you set me up!"

He raised his brows and asked, "Let me ask you one last time. Do you not have J's contact number? You should know that I hate being lied to the most."

She shook her head. "I-I don't know anything else. I have already told you everything that I know. Please let me go!"

Fu Chengyan frowned and tightened his fist on the surveillance camera. "Jiang Hu, I'll leave her to you."

With that, Fu Chengyan came out of the dark room. Zhou Zheng had already been waiting outside for a long time. When Fu Chengyan entered his sight, he hurriedly followed his employer and said, "Mr. Fu, we still haven't found Mrs. Fu."

Upon hearing that, Fu Chengyan exuded a cold aura and gave the thing in his hand to Zhou Zheng. "Track our target."

"What is..." Flabbergasted, Zhou Zheng looked at Fu Chengyan.

"You have two hours."

"Yes!"

"Chengyan, you should come over now!" Fu Chengyan received a call from Su Shaoqing right after coming out of Prosperous Dynasty. "To my lab!"

Fu Chengyan's face darkened. "Is something wrong with the drug inside the syringe?"

"Yes!" Sitting on the chair in his lab, Su Shaoqing had a cold expression. He, too, exuded a menacing aura. "Immediately come over!"

It was rare for Su Shaoqing to use such a serious tone. Fu Chengyan frowned deeply. "I'll be there in no time!" With that, Fu Chengyan turned to look at Zhou Zheng. "Go and find Liang Lin and Mr. Pei. Lock our target at once."

"Yes, Mr. Fu."

Fu Chengyan rushed toward Su Shaoqing's lab, only to see the latter looking at a group of data in a daze. The tension in the air was so thick that one could cut it with a knife, and Fu Chengyan's appearance merely amplified such feeling.

Fu Chengyan's expression did not look good. "What is going on? What is the drug?"

Su Shaoqing's brows furrowed. "In view of the time constraints, I still have not fully analyzed the ingredients of the drug. However, you must be mentally prepared."

"What do you mean?" Fu Chengyan also frowned. "Tell me!"

"This drug is identical to those found on Pei Huan and Bao."

"What did you say?"

As soon as Su Shaoqing finished his words, Fu Chengyan grabbed the former's collar and pulled him upward.

Fu Chengyan stared at Su Shaoqing as he clenched his fists. His eyes were full of coldness and menace. "I dare you to say that again!"

"This drug is likely the same as the one injected into Pei Huan and Bao. The result still hasn't come out, though. When I carried out the analysis just now, I found this dataset is the same as Bao. It looks like they have been targeting Shi Nuan. The virus in Pei Huan is probably the first generation, but the one in Bao and Shi Nuan—"

"Say that again if you dare." Fu Chengyan raised his hand and viciously threw a punch at Su Shaoqing's face. "You quack!"

Su Shaoqing did not feel angry despite getting hit by Fu Chengyan. He merely covered his cheek as his frown deepened. "Chengyan, stay calm. Now isn't the time for you to act rashly. The most important thing now is to find Shi Nuan immediately to see if there is anything in her body."

Su Shaoqing dared not continue further because he saw Fu Chengyan's grim and scary expression. It was as though the latter wanted to eat him.

Su Shaoqing gulped as he continued, "I just said maybe! Could it be that I'm a quack doctor and have misdiagnosed?"

Fu Chengyan stared at Su Shaoqing coldly. The latter impatiently scratched his head. "There's a lot of the drug remained in the syringe. Besides, when I found the syringe, the needle is broken. Could it be that they failed to inject Nuan with it?" Su Shaoqing added.

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Chapter 527 Shi Nuan Was Injected Too

However, the more Su Shaoqing spoke, the tenser the atmosphere of the laboratory became. In the end, Fu Chengyan punched the table in the laboratory with his bloodshot eyes. As he glared at the data in the hands of Su Shaoqing, he gritted his teeth. "Give me an exact answer immediately!" "Chengyan, where are you going?"

Su Shaoqing was worried that Fu Chengyan might be in danger. However, he did not have the time to stop him at that moment, so he could only call Pei Jingxiu for help. "Mr. Pei, where are you now? You should come over to Jiang City to check on Chengyan. I'm afraid something will happen soon." Anything that was related to Shi Nuan was a big matter to Fu Chengyan, after all.

On the other end of the phone, Pei Jingxiu frowned deeply. He had just understood a bit of the situation after hanging up the phone with Zhou Zheng. The next moment, he received a call from Su Shaoqing. Obviously, his expression would darken. "Okay, I understand. Where are you now? How's the situation?"

"Shi Nuan might have been injected with the same virus as Pei Huan and Bao!"

"What did you say?" Pei Jingxiu narrowed his eyes as he got up from his chair abruptly. All of a sudden, his calm eyes immediately lit up. "I will be there right away. Have you informed Li Heng?"

"Not yet." Su Shaoqing paused. "Isn't he overseas?"

"Inform Li Heng immediately. Ask him to come back as soon as possible." Pei Jingxiu instinctively thought that the matter was not so simple.

Pei Huan was injected with the virus three years ago, and Bao was injected with the same virus last year. This means that the other party is well-prepared and has planned all of these a long time ago. It's definitely not a coincidence to find Shi Nuan kidnapped and the same virus at the scene. If that's the case, with the other party's cunning personality, they must be targeting someone or something for taking action now after remaining in the dark for so long. If they could remain hidden for so many years and succeed now, their target must be the Li clan, Fu clan, or the Su family. Based on my deduction, the highest possibility is the Fu clan.

Pei Jingxiu had all those thoughts within his mind. He then took a deep breath. "Inform Li Heng now. Does Chengyan know about this?"

"Yes, he does. That's why he is so worried now!" It was also the first time Su Shaoqing faced such a tricky matter. "Anyway, you should just come over immediately, Mr. Pei. I can't leave the laboratory now. I must get this thing done right now!"

Su Shaoqing did not care much back then. However, he had no choice but to treat the problem at hand solemnly at the moment.

People have been infected with the virus consecutively, and they include a kid and a woman. The other party is even targeting a pregnant woman now. I can't imagine how much the enemy hates them. Is that the reason why the enemy is targeting those who are weak?

After hanging up the phone, Su Shaoqing could not calm himself down. After a few moments, he finally snapped back to his senses to call Li Heng.

Meanwhile, at C Country, just when Li Heng had just located the legendary Ghost Doctor, he was informed by Su Shaoqing of the matter. His face then darkened instantly. Even Pei Huan and Bao, who were sitting beside him, could feel the menacing aura that Li Heng emitted.

"What happened?"

Although Pei Huan and Bao had the virus within them, they had not fallen sick for the past half a year. They were just like any other ordinary person. Hence, although Li Heng did not stop looking for the legendary Ghost Doctor, Pei Huan had never thought about that anymore.

Since Pei Huan had the chance to start over with Li Heng and stay together with Bao, they were very happy during those times no matter where they went. Eventually, Pei Huan almost forgot their original intention of going there.

However, the coldness on Li Heng's face she had witnessed while she was playing with Bao just now was almost sufficient to murder someone.

Li Heng looked at her with furrowed eyebrows. After quite some time, he said, "We might need to go back to our country."

"Why? Is there something wrong?" Pei Huan had a bad feeling. "Who was it?"

"Shi Nuan," Li Heng replied. "It was a call from Shaoqing. He mentioned that Shi Nuan is missing now. No one knows what the intention of the other party is!"

"What did you just say?" Pei Huan stared at him with widened eyes. "You must have got it wrong. Who could... What happened?"

"At this moment, we don't know who they are or their motives. However, we are sure that Shi Nuan is missing now. Judging from Shaoqing's tone, I think the matter is quite serious now. Besides..." Li Heng paused. "Shi Nuan might have the same virus as you have within her."

Pei Huan could not sit still anymore. "Shi Nuan is pregnant. Who are they? Not only did they target me and Bao, they even target Shi Nuan now? Are they targeting the Fu clan?"

Li Heng frowned as he nodded. "It might be possible!"

Previously, he was still guessing whether their target was the Li clan. However, now that the Li clan had changed, there was nothing else that happened to the Li clan except the virus within Pei Huan and Bao. Now that Shi Nuan was also injected with the virus, it was obvious that their target was the Fu clan.

"Let's go home immediately!"

Shi Nuan felt that she had just fallen asleep. However, she could feel her whole body in pain once she woke up.

As soon as she opened her eyes, all she could see was the white color. She did not know where she was at that moment, but fragments of memory flashed across her mind. Only then did she sit up on the bed instantly.

Taking deep breaths, she tried to calm herself down. After a few moments, she managed to adapt herself to the surroundings. Shi Nuan frowned. The place she was at now was obviously a villa. It must be the villa of a wealthy person, and the bed she was on was a very comfortable bed.

She took a few moments before she snapped back to her senses. Then, she instinctively touched her stomach and realized that her child was still there. That was the first thing she thought about. She let out a sigh of relief, but her body stiffened in the next second.

After all, she did not forget what happened the moment before she fainted. She remembered that she was arguing with Shi Wei. Then, Shi Wei fell, but she tried to tell Fu Chengyan that she was fine. Later on, a man in black came in.

As she recalled that, her eyes narrowed. She lifted the blanket and got down from the bed. Just then, the door of the room was opened. An old lady, who looked like a servant, came in. She shot a glance at Shi Nuan when she put the dishes in her hands on the table. "Since you are awake, you should eat!"

Once the old lady put down the food, she was getting ready to leave. However, Shi Nuan was not willing to let her go. "Hold on."

The old lady looked at Shi Nuan coldly. "Is there anything else?"

"Who are you? Where is this? Why did you guys bring me here?"

Shi Nuan stared at the old lady intently. After hearing her questions, the old lady did not even bother about her. "If you don't want the child inside you and yourself to starve to death, you'd better eat your food obediently."

"Hey, I am asking who you are. Who asked you to bring me here? Where is your boss? I want to meet him."

Shi Nuan did not know who they were and what they wanted. The only thing she wanted at that moment was to leave that place, but she did not even know where she was. She could only get the information from the old lady, but the latter did not care much about her.

"I think you should finish your food quietly. I will come and tidy up later." Once the old lady finished her sentence, she shut the door.

"Hey, who are you guys? Why did you guys kidnap me here? What do you guys want?" Shi Nun ran toward the door and banged on the door forcefully.

Unfortunately, no one paid any attention to her.

After shouting for a moment, no one even bothered her. Besides, her throat was a bit sore, and she was hungry too. Scanning the surroundings, Shi Nuan realized the decoration in the room was quite unique. The person who took me must be a wealthy person.

Initially, she did not plan to eat anything, as she was unsure of what they wanted from her. She was also afraid that they might have put something in the dishes.

However, on second thought, if they wanted to hurt her or kill her, they could have done so in the hospital. However, they did not do so. They just drugged her and brought her to that place. That meant they did not intend to kill her, at least not for now.

Besides, she also knew that she should not act rashly. Otherwise, she would not have the chance to escape from the place. She might even die together with her baby.

Shi Nuan gritted her teeth. Staring at the dishes on the table, she slowly walked in that direction.

She did not know how long she had been unconscious. There weren't any communication devices in the room. There was nothing useful in the room either, not even a calendar.

After pondering for a moment in the room and glancing out of the window, Shi Nuan tried to break the window. Unfortunately, it was a burglar-proof window that could not be broken. Besides, she also realized that the windows could not be opened.

She then went to open the door. However, she realized the door was also locked from the outside.

"What do you guys want from me? Let me out!"

After staying in the room for almost half a day, the old lady came up several times to bring Shi Nuan water and food. She even brought some new clothes for Shi Nuan to change, but she would not tell Shi Nuan the location of the place or what they wanted to do.

After coming out of the room, the old lady went straight to the living room downstairs. "Sir, she is eating already."

Hearing that, the man raised his head with his hands holding onto a newspaper. His cold gaze fell onto the old lady as he nodded. "Okay."

"Sir, she said she wants to meet you. She has been saying that for half a day already."

When the man heard that, the lips of the man under the silver mask curved up into a faint, cold smile. "Is it?"

"Yes. Sir, what should I do?"

"Go and prepare dinner as usual!" J stood up from the couch. "No matter what she asked, just act as if you don't know anything!"

"Yes!" The old lady nodded. "Sir, if there is nothing else, I will prepare dinner now."

"Sure!"

A cold glint flashed across J's eyes as he pinched his purlicue with his slender finger after tidying his cufflinks.

Shi Nuan had no idea how long she had been shouting upstairs. She started to feel her voice getting hoarse. However, there was still no one that would bother her. Looking at the set of clean clothes placed on the bed, Shi Nuan creased her brows.

She did not feel good at that moment, as that was something unforeseen.

While she was very worried about her situation, she was even more worried about what Fu Chengyan would do if he could not find her.

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Chapter 528 You Are So Smart

Shi Nuan did not know how long she had stayed in the room, but the door only opened when the sky had turned dark. The person who was outside the door was still that same old woman. She looked at Shi Nuan and said, "Dinner is ready!"

Shi Nuan was quite shocked, but at that moment, she could not show any normal emotions. Hence, she stared at the old woman, but the latter did not care about her and turned around to walk away.

Shi Nuan immediately followed behind. She would rather go out and find out about the other party than stay in the room. Apart from that, she also needed to know where she was.

Shi Nuan followed the old lady down the stairs. As she walked down the stairs, she could feel a cold aura surrounding her. Even though it was summer, she still felt cold.

She frowned as the old lady brought her to the dining table. A man in black was sitting on the main seat with a newspaper in his hand. He seemed to be reading the newspaper. Shi Nuan walked closer. She could see that the man was wearing a silver mask on his face, but that was all she could see.

"Who are you? Why did you kidnap me here?" Shi Nuan asked as she walked nearer to the man.

Just when she was about to reach her hand and pull the man's mask off, the latter quickly stood up and dodged it. His reaction was so fast that Shi Nuan could not even react.

"Kidnap you here?" J laughed all of a sudden. His voice seemed to be processed as Shi Nuan could not recognize his original voice. She felt a sense of oppression as J looked down at her.

"Didn't you?" Shi Nuan asked.

"Mrs. Fu, how could you say that I kidnapped you here? I have provided you with delicious food and drinks." J paused as he scanned Shi Nuan's face. Interested, his smile remained as he observed her. "You should say that I invited you over as a guest instead."

"Be your guest?" Haha, yeah, right.

Shi Nuan stared at J angrily. "I don't know you, and this is also not how you should treat your guest." She gritted her teeth as she looked at the man and added, "I don't know what you want, but I'm telling you, my husband will come and rescue me when he knows I was kidnapped!"

J laughed as he heard Shi Nuan's reply. "Mrs. Fu, please have a seat. Standing is not good for a pregnant woman, isn't it?"

Shi Nuan clenched her fists tightly. Her words seemed useless against the man. It was as if she was beating the air.

J was not moved by her words at all. Thus, Shi Nuan gritted her teeth and sat down unwillingly before asking again, "Who are you?"

"Is that important to you?" J replied as he sat down elegantly. He was holding on to his cutleries. Under the silver mask, he was wearing a faint smile. "Mrs. Fu, you are pregnant. Don't you want to eat first before talking to me?"

Shi Nuan looked at him. She had no choice but to pick up her cutleries and began digging in.

J's smile widened as he saw the look on Shi Nuan's face. "I like to communicate with smart people like you. Unlike your sister, you are a lot smarter."

"My sister? Are you talking about Shi Wei?" Shi Nuan asked as she could not think of anyone else.

The last person she saw before she got kidnapped was Shi Wei. "Did you instruct Shi Wei to kidnap me?" she asked again.

J smiled faintly. "What do you think?"

Shi Nuan gripped her cutleries and sliced the meat in front of her forcefully, pretending it was J's face. It was as if that was the only way for her to release her anger.

"Tsk, tsk. Mrs. Fu, you just can't stay calm, huh?"

Mrs. Fu!

From the moment Shi Nuan came down the stairs, the man had been addressing her as "Mrs. Fu" instead of "Ms. Shi" or "Ms. Su." It seemed as though the man was targeting the Fu clan.

So Shi Wei was his pawn? Did he use Shi Wei to achieve his goal?

But, he could have instructed his subordinate to do so. Why did he use Shi Wei instead? Shi Nuan could not figure it out.

J's subordinate could have taken care of her quickly. There was no need to involve Shi Wei. There was only one logical explanation she could think of. "You wanted Shi Wei to help you achieve a certain goal?" Shi Nuan asked. J furrowed his eyebrows and remained silent.

Shi Nuan grabbed her cutleries tightly and continued to ask, "I've seen Huancheng's account details. There have been problems with the transactions since two years ago. These trivial problems were unnoticeable, but last year, some larger issues began to emerge. After that, the incident with my grandfather happened. Are you the reason why Shi Wei went to the hospital to infuriate my grandfather? Did everything happen because of you? Were you the person she met in that dark corner?"

For some reason, Shi Nuan connected all the dots, and her instinct told her that the man in front of her was the culprit behind all these. "Why do you want to go against Huancheng and the Shi family?" she continued asking.

"My grandfather did not do anything to you! And Shi Wei, she may hate me, but..." Shi Nuan paused for a moment and asked, "Were you the one who spread Shi Wei's scandals on the internet?" She recalled Fu Chengyan denying spreading the scandal.

Fu Chengyan was always a man of his words. If he said he did not do it, that meant he did not do it.

"You used Su Su to cause a stir and then made Shi Wei and her turn against each other, thus resulting in Shi Wei directing all her hatred to me? Because of Su Su's betrayal and all those scandals, Shi Wei could not get a foothold in the entertainment industry, and when my grandfather passed away, she was devastated to find out that my grandfather made a will with me being the biggest beneficiary. You took advantage of her hate against me and you sent her to kidnap me? Is that so?" Shi Nuan asked, staring straight at J.

J grinned as he maintained his smile. "I finally understand why Fu Chengyan fell for you."

For some reason, Shi Nuan could hear a hint of hatred in the man's tone when he mentioned Fu Chengyan's name.

Shi Nuan gritted her teeth and asked, "But why did you use Shi Wei against me? You could just send your subordinate to deal with me. Or should I ask, what grudge do you have with the Fu clan?"

Shi Nuan stood up and slammed the table with both hands. "You must be targeting the Fu clan, right? You've been addressing me as 'Mrs. Fu' from the beginning."

J narrowed his eyes. He was a little surprised. "Well, take a guess," he replied.

Guess?

Why did he bring me here? What are his motives?

Shi Nuan could not figure it out.

"Let's eat. Otherwise, the food will turn cold," the man said.

The man stood up, pressing his slender fingers against the table as he looked at Shi Nuan. "Take your time to think. You have plenty of time!"

"Stop right there!" Shi Nuan had no mood at all to eat. She was frightened whenever she thought that Shi Yunsheng, Su Su, Shi Wei or the people in the Shi family were all part of the man's plan. This man is crafty. He has planned everything thoroughly.

Even though she had asked so many questions, she still did not actually get any useful information at all. The only thing she could confirm was that the man had grudges with the Fu clan.

Hearing that, J replied with his back facing Shi Nuan, "Mrs. Fu, calm down. You are pregnant, so you shouldn't get agitated. I never wanted to hurt you in the first place."

Shi Nuan clenched her fist and asked, "Who are you? What do you want?"

"You will find out soon," he replied.

After J left the mansion, Shi Nuan tried to escape after she finished eating. However, she realized it was impossible to leave the mansion.

There were people patrolling outside the mansion, not to mention the several men in black who suddenly appeared inside the mansion. They were all well trained. She could not see their faces as they were all wearing a mask.

Shi Nuan clenched her fist and stared at the men angrily. She then went back to her room upstairs to think of a plan.

Inside the laboratory, Su Shaoqing finally analyzed the drug inside the syringe. He immediately called Fu Chengyan. "Chengyan, the results are out. It is indeed the virus that was found on Bao!"

Fu Chengyan's expression darkened. He held his phone tightly and then glanced at Pei Jingxiu and asked, "How long before we can track her?"

"Found it! It's in..." Pei Jingxiu widened his eyes as he stared at the screen. "Sheen City!"

Sheen City!

She is in Sheen City!

Fu Chengyan frowned. "Let's go to Sheen City immediately!"

"Wait, Chengyan." Pei Jingxiu stopped Fu Chengyan. "Don't make things worse. The person hasn't harmed Shi Nuan yet, so I don't think they would do anything to her. About the thing I mentioned just now, do you have any clues?"

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips with his expression so dark that it was frightening. "I don't have any clue at the moment. The Fu clan had offended many people in the past. However, not many of them have the capability to do something like this. I don't think any of them would do this."

Fu Chengyan was not an irrational person. He shut his eyes and suddenly thought of something. Then, he quickly switched on his phone. "Sh*t!"

"What's the matter?" Pei Jingxiu squinted his eyes. "What happened?"

"Shi Wei!" exclaimed Fu Chengyan as he stood up and said, "Mr. Pei, you take care of things here. I have to go to Sheen City immediately!" He paused for a moment and looked at Pei Jingxiu. "Prosperous Dynasty might be exposed. Everything here might be exposed too!"

A menacing gaze flashed across Pei Jingxiu's eyes. "It seems like they are really coming after you." Upon finishing his sentence, Pei Jingxiu immediately shut down the anti-tracker and continued, "Chengyan, who exactly did you cross?"

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips and said nothing. Pei Jingxiu patted his shoulder. "Let me handle things here. You should go to Sheen City."

Fu Chengyan nodded. As he was about to leave, Pei Jingxiu stopped him and shouted, "Bring Shaoqing with you!"

Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing brought along some men and rushed to Sheen City. Since Sheen City was not Fu Chengyan's territory, Su Shaoqing immediately contacted Su Bancheng.

After all, Su Bancheng was from Sheen City. Furthermore, the Jiang family had many connections with the authorities and mafias in Sheen City. It was not difficult for them to locate a person in Sheen City.

Su Bancheng had already been waiting for Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing when they arrived. They got onto a car immediately.

The car was modified with a series of sophisticated instruments used precisely for tracking and locating. "Based on the information Shaoqing provided, we narrowed it down to these locations. Our opponent is very clever. They chose all their locations in the suburbs. However, I think the most possible location is here."

Su Bancheng pointed at a well-known mansion area in Sheen City. "I've sent my men to survey the area just now. There's a mansion there that was bought last year but nobody knows who owns it. No one had been staying there, but recently, there were lots of men guarding outside the mansion."

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Chapter 529 Falling Into A Trap

"Bancheng, are you saying that they hid the man here? But..." It was evident that Su Shaoqing did not believe what he said. He turned around and looked at Fu Chengyan, who was staring at the villa quietly as his eyes glinted shrewdly. It seemed like he was thinking about something. "Chengyan?"

Pursing his lips, Fu Chengyan turned around to look at Su Bancheng. "I didn't bring many people with me here. Do you have enough people with you?" At that moment, he looked extremely calm.

Su Bancheng curled his lips into a smirk. "How can this benefit me?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "What benefits do you want, Mr. Jiang?" He asked his question calmly, so no one could tell whether he was angry. Moreover, he did not look like a man whose wife had been kidnapped.

A smile appeared on Su Bancheng's face. The corners of his long, narrow eyes crinkled as he stated, "I haven't thought about it yet. You can just put it on your tab first, Mr. Fu. We'll settle it later."

"Jiang Shizheng," Fu Chengyan said out of the blue. Upon hearing that, Su Bancheng froze. He narrowed his eyes and looked at Fu Chengyan, the smile on his face disappearing gradually. "What are you trying to say, Mr. Fu?"

"Mr. Jiang, does your grandpa have a younger brother?"

Su Bancheng's smile stiffened. A moment later, he let out a chuckle. "Mr. Fu, I'm glad we're not enemies."

"Of course!" Fu Chengyan grinned. "Considering our relationship, you're supposed to be my brother-in-law, right?"

Su Bancheng twitched his mouth, saying nothing.

Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing was dumbfounded. Initially, he was wearing a solemn expression as he was thinking about how they should save Shi Nuan. However, as soon as he heard the conversation between Fu Chengyan and Su Bancheng, he was stunned. I can't seem to understand what they are saying.

"You guys... Wait a minute. Why are you calling my brother your brother-in-law? Am I not your only brother-in-law here?" he asked. Although Su Bancheng is related to the Su family, he belongs to the Jiang family. So, his connection to Shi Nuan is...

"Wait. Jiang Shizheng? Bancheng, your grandpa's name is Jiang Shilin, right?" Su Shaoqing was smart. Immediately, he recalled everything, so he slapped his leg and said, "No wonder Shi Nuan's grandpa felt so familiar when I met him! I didn't know you guys were related."

Having said that, he turned around and looked at Su Bancheng. Su Bancheng slightly pursed his lips, saying, "I'll help you with Shi Nuan's matter, but I want to take over the Aureate Jade project!"

"No problem!"

With that, the two reached a mutual understanding.

Instantly, Su Bancheng sent someone to monitor the situation around the villa. Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing started preparing the equipment together. As they turned their heads around, they noticed that Su Bancheng was staring at the screen in a daze.

"Have you found anything?"

"Mr. Fu, do you know you've fallen into their trap?" Su Bancheng turned off the computer and looked at Fu Chengyan. As expected, Fu Chengyan remained unruffled.

"What do you mean?" Su Shaoqing asked, unable to comprehend what riddles they were talking about this time.

Su Bancheng glanced at Su Shaoqing as if he was staring at an idiot. The next second, he shifted his eyes back onto Fu Chengyan. "You already knew that Shi Nuan is not their target?"

Fu Chengyan nodded. "Since he wants to play some tricks, I shall play along with him!"

Hearing that, Su Bancheng broke into laughter. "Then, why did you ask me to come here?"

Fu Chengyan replied calmly, "Just in case." After all, he did not like to do something he was not confident of succeeding in, even if there was only a slim chance of failing.

He had guessed that Shi Nuan was not his opponent's target, so they would never do anything to her. Nevertheless, since Shi Nuan was with them, he could not act rashly.

The past two days were the most unbearable days Fu Chengyan had ever experienced. Unfortunately, he had to try his best to keep his composure. Otherwise, his opponent might take the opportunity to take advantage of him.

He knew those people would not hurt Shi Nuan. Hence, he slowed down his pace on purpose to find out what they were planning to do.

After a brief altercation with them, Fu Chengyan was now certain of their purpose. They kidnapped Shi Nuan in an attempt to take control of him. Once he started panicking, they would then make their next move.

If Fu Chengyan's guess was correct, it was very likely that something big would happen within Shengyuan Group in the next few days.

As he had expected, before he even did anything to save Shi Nuan, he received some news from Zhou Zheng. "Mr. Fu, someone purposely sold Shengyuan Group's shares at a low price just now. Also, there's an issue in the capital."

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "What is it?"

"Someone attacked Shengyuan Group's firewall a few times, but they don't seem to intend to succeed. They stopped doing anything after that."

"I got it." Fu Chengyan hung up the call. He could not help but roll his eyes, which initially looked emotionless.

Not long after, he received another call from Pei Jingxiu. "It seems like your opponent is determined to destroy your family this time. Not only did they attack Shengyuan Group, but they also did something to the systems of Prosperous Dynasty and our cinemas!" Despite the news he was bringing, there were no traces of anxiety in Pei Jingxiu's voice.

"I see. I don't think he will stir up any commotion for the time being. I'll leave everything in Jiang City to you for now." After ending the call, Fu Chengyan asked, "How are things going on at the villa? How many people do they have?"

"Around forty to fifty of them. It seems like all of them know how to fight. I'm just not sure how skillful they are. How many people have you brought?" As he spoke, Su Bancheng kept his phone. His subordinates had reported that the opponent at the villa was not letting their guard down. Many guards were circling the compound, and almost every corner of the villa was guarded. Although they were merely using Shi Nuan as a decoy, it was undeniable that they were powerful.

Fu Chengyan glanced at Su Bancheng before looking at Su Shaoqing. "Four!" he answered.

Su Bancheng's eyes twitched. "You're going up against fifty men with four people? Do you want me to call more people here?"

"There's no need for that!" Su Shaoqing spoke up. "Just ask them to stall those people for us. By the way, can your men hack their system?"

Su Bancheng shook his head. "They don't have any communication devices in the villa. Not even a phone cable." Therefore, there was no way they could find out the situation inside.

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows. "Lend me two of your men."

Then, he opened up the map Su Bancheng had given him. After browsing through the paper, he pointed at a few locations. "Shaoqing, bring two men to this spot. Mr. Jiang, please bring two men here. As for me, I'll go to this area. Can we do this in five minutes?"

Su Shaoqing lifted a brow while looking at Su Bancheng. "I can, but I don't know if Bancheng can make it in time."

"Of course, I can!" Su Bancheng retracted his gaze. Smiling, he reached out a hand to pat Su Shaoqing's shoulder. "Are you looking down on me?"

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan had been in the villa for a whole day. After she woke up this day, the old woman signaled to her that she had brought some food. As usual, she did not say anything to Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan knew she should not sit there and wait for something to happen. She had to find a way out, but she had no idea where she was at the moment.

The day before, she had taken the opportunity to observe her surroundings while the old woman was not paying attention to her. The only thing Shi Nuan figured out was that she was in a remote and wealthy residential area. However, she did not see any electronic devices, landlines, and network cables in the villa. Therefore, she could not contact anyone to save her.

Fortunately, the old woman did not lock the room this day. Shi Nuan spent a long time observing the situation outside through the window, so she could tell that all the guards were capable and well-trained. Nevertheless, she noticed that there was a pattern in their patrol. They would take turns to patrol the villa every fifteen minutes. Hence, even if she managed to escape from the house, she would have to find a way to hide from them. In that case, she did not have much time left now.

Shi Nuan glanced around the room. There was nothing except for some furniture.

Currently, she was on the second floor of the villa. When she saw the bedsheet on the bed, she recalled the tiny window she had seen while taking her shower in the bathroom. I wonder if that window can be opened.

In an instant, she ran to the bathroom and opened the window with all her strength. To her surprise, she managed to open it. Cautiously, she glanced out of the window. The second floor was not very high from the ground. As long as she tied the bedsheet tightly later, she should be able to escape.

For now, she only had to wait for the guards to change their posts. No one would probably notice her if she climbed out the window during that time.

At that thought, Shi Nuan strode back to the bedroom swiftly. She used all of her strength to rip the bedsheet, but it was harder than she thought.

There were no scissors in the room. Left with no choice, she fixated her gaze on the bowl she had used for breakfast that morning.

Picking up the bowl, she ran into the bathroom and closed the door and window to avoid noises from escaping. Afterward, she smashed the bowl hard.

She quickly picked up a shard to cut the bedsheet. Unfortunately, danger was fast approaching.

Right then, the old woman was waiting for Mr. J's order downstairs when she heard a noise coming from upstairs. Although it was not loud, she still heard it.

Soon, she received a call from Mr. J. "It's time for action. Leave the area as soon as you're done!"

Although his order was short, the old woman understood what he was saying. She picked up a syringe from the first-aid kit and headed upstairs quickly.

As Shi Nuan cut the bedsheet, she turned around from time to time to look at the door She tried to speed up her action, but the shard was not sharp enough. It took her a lot of effort just to make a hole in the bedsheet. Just as she was about to rip it open, someone opened the bedroom door. The old woman walked inside the room, staring at her with a cold, terrifying gaze. "What are you doing?"

Shi Nuan tightened her grip on the shard and hid her hands behind her. "What could I be doing? I'm the one who should ask you the question! Why are you guys locking me in here? Where is your boss? I want to see him."

To calm herself down, she mustered up her courage to yell at the old woman. Moreover, she did not want the latter to notice her nervousness.

However, the old woman's gaze fell upon the bloodstain on the corner of the bedsheet, and she immediately realized what Shi Nuan was doing.

Her eyes turned sinister as she questioned, "You're trying to escape, aren't you?"

"No!"

"Then, what is this?" The old woman pointed at the corner of the bedsheet. Shi Nuan's heart dropped as soon as she looked down. Before Shi Nuan could regain her senses, the old woman approached her. She moved so fast that Shi Nuan could not even react in time.

The next moment, Shi Nuan felt a sharp pain in her shoulder. The old woman had stabbed her with the syringe.

"Hey! What are you doing?"

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Shi Nuan cried out in pain as she grabbed the old woman's hand and yanked it forcefully from her arm. Then, she pulled out the syringe. Her arm was bleeding as she cast a menacing glare at the old woman. "What... What did you just inject me with?"

If she remembered correctly, Shi Wei had also tried to inject something into her body when they had a fight that day. However, she had managed to avoid it. In the beginning, Shi Nuan initially thought the syringe contained something that could render her unconscious. Now that the old woman was also attempting to give her an injection, she felt that it was something far more complicated than that.

The old woman staggered backward after being shoved away forcefully by Shi Nuan. As her eyes met Shi Nuan's gaze, she felt somehow scared. Nevertheless, she regained her composure quickly upon noticing Shi Nuan shaking her head, her footsteps turning wobbly and unstable. Soon, Shi Nuan fell to the ground.

"Mrs. Fu?" There was a hint of pity in the old woman's eyes, but she took a deep breath, picked up the syringe that had been pulled out by Shi Nuan, and plunged it quickly into the latter's arm.

However, she had only administered half the fluid when she pulled the needle out, unable to continue. She said to Shi Nuan, "It all depends on your fate now!"

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing were closely monitoring what was happening in the villa from somewhere nearby. Su Bancheng held a pair of binoculars as he observed the men. Noticing they would change shifts every fifteen minutes, he

threw a look at Su Shaoqing and said, "Take care of the people outside as fast as possible. We still don't know if there are people inside the villa!"

"None." Fu Chengyan shook his head. "There's no one inside the villa."

"How did you know about that?" Su Shaoqing was curious, but Fu Chengyan merely glanced at him briefly. Nevertheless, Fu Chengyan's eyes unconsciously revealed his emotions. "I'm only giving you five minutes to take care of these men."

"Okay!" Su Shaoqing rubbed his hands in anticipation while staring at the men around the villa. Having calculated the exact timing, they approached the villa from three different directions as soon as they got Fu Chengyan's approval.

Su Shaoqing and Su Bancheng were in charge of attacking the east and the west side respectively. Each side was guarded by around twenty men. After Su Shaoqing glanced at the two subordinates behind him and waved his hand, the two seized the right timing and rushed forward to attack. They were too fast that the guards barely even saw them. In no time, a loud crack was heard as Su Shaoqing twisted a guard's neck at lightning speed. As soon as the other man turned around to look, Su Shaoqing snapped his neck as well.

On Su Bancheng's side, things were going smoothly as well. It was undeniable that both brothers had the same preference for snapping their opponents' necks. They used such clean and precise technique that the opponents were dead before they even had the chance to react.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan had a different fighting style. He was agile, fast, and skilled with knives. Twirling a thin dagger with his long and slender fingers, Fu Chengyan approached the men and slit their necks in a swift motion. The men's eyes widened in fear as they gazed at Fu Chengyan before clutching their necks and collapsing to the ground, not even having a chance to cry for help.

It was evident that these men were mostly bodyguards or underlings and not highly trained assassins or special agents. Therefore, after quietly eliminating all the guards outside, Fu Chengyan, Su Shaoqing, and the others successfully entered the villa.

It was exactly what Fu Chengyan had predicted. Aside from the group of men guarding the outside, there was no one inside the villa. Hence, they were basically safe and sound after taking down those men.

Fu Chengyan glanced at both Su Shaoqing and Su Bancheng, and the three of them tacitly understood each other as they split up to search the rooms.

As expected, there were no communication devices in the villa, not even the most basic ones. The moment Fu Chengyan opened the door to a room, he saw Shi Nuan lying on

the floor. A pang of sorrow and shock surged within his heart as he rushed over quickly to carry her. "May?"

"Chengyan, I caught someone!" Su Shaoqing said as he pulled the old woman along with him. When he noticed Fu Chengyan holding an unconscious Shi Nuan, he asked, "What happened? Let me take a look at her!"

Leaving the old woman to Su Bancheng, Su Shaoqing rushed toward Shi Nuan and reached out to touch her forehead. Upon feeling its feverish warmth, he shifted his attention toward Shi Nuan's arms and started checking them urgently. His face darkened when he noticed a puncture on her arm. "Chengyan, I think... Shi Nuan might have been injected with something."

Just as he finished speaking, Su Shaoqing sensed an icy cold aura surrounding him. Fu Chengyan's eyes were filled with menace and anger as he glared at the old woman coldly. "What did you inject her with?"

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At first, the old woman intended to flee after giving Shi Nuan the injection, but she did not expect Fu Chengyan and his men to arrive sooner than the time frame her boss had given her. Just when she was about to run off after the injection, she witnessed the guards downstairs being eliminated swiftly. Worried that she might be slain as well, she quickly hid in a room, but she was still found by Su Shaoqing in the end.

As her eyes met Fu Chengyan's malicious gaze, the old woman was unable to utter a word.

"So you won't speak? Shaoqing, take her away. I have plenty of ways to make her talk!" With that, Fu Chengyan carefully held Shi Nuan in his arms and left the villa in a hurry.

Su Bancheng watched as Fu Chengyan left quickly. Then, he glanced around before going downstairs as well.

Instantly, his men cleaned up the place and disposed of the bodies in the villa. Now, it looked as if nothing had happened there.

At three o'clock in the morning, Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing rushed Shi Nuan from Sheen City to Jiang City and brought her to Su Shaoqing's hospital.

Realizing the severity of the problem, Su Shaoqing summoned several of their doctors who were involved in researching the virus and brought them into the emergency room.

Soon, the news that Shi Nuan had been saved but was still unconscious made its way quickly around the Fu clan and the Su family, who immediately rushed to the hospital afterward. In the meantime, Fu Chengyan sat by the hallway in the hospital, staring

anxiously at the entrance of the emergency room. No one knew how long he had been there, but they could sense the icy aura emanating from within him.

Su Shaoqing finally emerged from the emergency room at five in the morning. He took off his mask and walked toward Fu Chengyan with an exhausted look. "The babies are safe, and Nuan is temporarily fine. I've drawn some blood from her to perform some tests." As he spoke, he glanced at the large crowd of people behind him and rubbed his temples. "They all found out?"

Fu Chengyan shook his head and stood up to pat Su Shaoqing on his shoulder. "Thanks for your hard work. It's better not to let people know that May had been injected with the virus." At least for now.

Su Shaoqing nodded. "I know." It was not known whether the virus had really been injected into Shi Nuan's body, to what extent the virus had spread, and whether it would affect the fetus. As nothing has been confirmed yet, he could not tell them anything hastily. If the Fu clan and the Su family found out that Shi Nuan had been injected with a drug, they would surely panic.

"Just tell them Nuan got spooked and nothing else. She'll be sent to the ward in a while, and she'll probably wake up tomorrow."

Fu Chengyan nodded. "Got it!"

Su Shaoqing let out a sigh. "I'll have someone run a test on the blood sample and see what the heck they injected her with."

After Su Shaoqing was gone, Shi Nuan was pushed out of the emergency room. Seeing that, the Fu clan and the Su family hurried forward. "How is she now, Yan?"

Song Zhenyan was the first to speak up. She had been feeling terrible over Shi Nuan's kidnapping. She could not sleep or eat well ever since that happened. Things would not have turned out this way if she had accompanied Shi Nuan or dissuaded the latter from going.

Fu Chengyan glanced at Song Zhenyan with a weary expression. "It's all right. Shaoqing said that Shi Nuan is fine. She'll wake up tomorrow." He massaged his temples and looked at the people behind him. Spotting Fu Zhengyun and Su Yumin among them, he went over and told them, "She's all right. You must be tired after coming here in the middle of the night. Why don't you guys just head home for now? I'll take care of May."

"That won't do!" Su Yunwan and Lin Shuqin protested. "You've done so much to look for Nuan. You should go and rest instead. Your aunt and I will stay and look after Nuan," Lin Shuqin offered.

However, Fu Chengyan shook his head. "It's okay. I'll stay here and keep May company. You guys can come back tomorrow."

Lin Shuqin was about to say something when Su Huaibei stopped her. "Shuqin, if Yan wants to stay and keep Nuan company, let him do so."

Su Huaibei could see how much his son-in-law valued his daughter. He was confident that Fu Chengyan would rather injure himself than allow Shi Nuan to get hurt. Since Fu Chengyan insisted on looking after Shi Nuan, they did not say anything further.

"All right, then. If that's the case, let's all just go home now!"

After the head of the Fu clan and the Su family had spoken, everyone obeyed and left.

Fu Chengyan remained in the hallway for quite some time before heading toward Shi Nuan's ward.

He stood at the head of the bed. The sun was slowly rising, and as a glimmer of light filtered through the room, Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Nuan's slightly pale face.

Shi Nuan had disappeared for two days. During that time, he acted normally, moving with his plans accordingly. However, he now felt like he was quite a jerk.

He should not have risked Shi Nuan's life. Instead, he should have gone looking for her as soon as she vanished, rather than wait until he found her lying unconsciously on the ground.

As Fu Chengyan clenched his fists tightly, his sharp, piercing gaze was fixated on Shi Nuan. He could not take his eyes off her. If he was given another chance, he would stay by her side and never let her leave his sight for even a moment.

At that moment, his phone rang abruptly. Fu Chengyan picked it up, placing the phone next to his ear. "What is it?"

"Chengyan, we've managed to trace a series of the perpetrator's IP addresses, but the location is an abandoned area. Looks like they came prepared!" Pei Jingxiu's voice was heard over the phone. He paused for a moment before adding, "Shaoqing told me that Shi Nuan had been injected with the virus. Was it the same one that Pei Huan was injected with?"

As soon as he said those words, Pei Jingxiu heard a cold voice from the other side of the line. "Yes. I'd like to ask for your help in locating the perpetrator's whereabouts as quickly as possible." Anyone who dared to harm Fu Chengyan's loved one would pay dearly for their actions.