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Chapter 571 Have A Baby

Although Huo Ling's statement was cryptic, Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing managed to pick up on her meaning. Li Heng had been quite anxious at the time, so he had practically dragged Huo Ling away. Huo Shenxing might not be as easy to get along with as Huo Ling, even if the latter had a good relationship with them.

According to rumors, Huo Shenxing's whereabouts were frequently shrouded in mystery, and his personality was actually quite bad. Hence, if they wanted him to save someone, everything had to work in their favor. The most important factor was his mood.

He would not save anyone if he was unhappy, regardless of who the other party was.

Despite the fact that they had never met him, rumors about him had been circulating for quite some time. Given Huo Ling's current reaction, they could tell that Huo Shenxing was definitely a difficult man to get along with.

Moments later, Fu Chengyan nodded. "It'll all work out in the end. However, since we haven't found your brother yet, I hope you can do your best, Ms. Huo." For the time being, that was all he could say. It was the first time in his life that he felt so insignificant and powerless in the face of life and death.

"Of course! I'll definitely give it my all to save her!" Huo Ling patted her chest and added, "Don't worry. As long as I'm here, everything will be all right!" Having said that, she yawned again, clearly exhausted.

"I'll send someone to bring you home first." At that, Fu Chengyan wanted to ask Zhou Zheng to send Huo Ling back, but she was concerned about Shi Nuan, so they went to Shi Nuan's ward again.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan was completely unaware of what had happened to Shen Qianan. When Li Heng and Pei Huan arrived to pay her a visit, the three of them began chatting.

Shi Nuan expressed her desire to be discharged from the hospital because her body was already fine, but Fu Chengyan objected. In truth, she knew that he must be quite busy during this period of time. Even so, he continued to keep her company in the hospital every day.

She was frustrated by her inability to do anything. The only thing she could do was to cooperate and undergo all the examinations and treatment.

At the same time, she was worried about Shen Qianan's safety. Her own condition had improved, but she still had not heard from Shen Qianan in a long time. The fact that she

had had a nightmare just a few days before didn't help matters. Pei Huan and Shi Nuan talked for quite a while. The former was aware that the latter was concerned, but she did not inform Shi Nuan of Shen Qianan's situation.

When Huo Ling entered the ward with Fu Chengyan and the others, she saw that Shi Nuan was in good spirits, so she went over and checked her pulse. "Good. You've been recovering well lately. The virus hasn't traveled to your heart, and the baby isn't affected either."

After Huo Ling finished checking on Shi Nuan's condition, she saw Pei Huan and the little boy in Pei Huan's embrace. Blinking at him, she piped up, "Hey, little disciple, your master is right in front of you. How could you not greet me?"

However, Bao pouted and hesitated for a while. Looking at Huo Ling awkwardly, he murmured, "You're not my master."

"Ha!" The moment Huo Ling saw that he refused to admit it, she let out a frustrated chuckle. "How dare you say that, little brat? Have you forgotten about the promise you made to me a few days ago? I even spent the last few days teaching you to recognize herbs!"

With that said, she placed her hands on her hips, looking angry. "Hmph! I'll show you who's boss!"

Subsequently, she started chasing after Bao in the ward. Pei Huan remained silent, allowing them to have their fun. Even so, she still could not help but say, "Be careful. Slow down!"

In the meantime, Shi Nuan looked at Pei Huan in surprise. "When did Bao become Huo Ling's disciple?"

"Not long ago. Ms. Huo has exceptional medical skills. It's beneficial for Bao to learn from her." Smiling, Pei Huan reached out and handed a couple of peeled grapes to Shi Nuan. "How do you feel now? Is the baby still very active?"

Immediately, Shi Nuan took the grapes and put them into her mouth contentedly. Hearing Pei Huan's question, she could not help but smile brightly. With a gentle grin on her face, she replied, "Yes. I felt fetal movement a few days ago."

"Really?" Pei Huan was excited to hear that. "This proves that the baby is healthy. It was the same for me when I was pregnant with Bao. He would kick around in my stomach, and sometimes he would get so naughty that I couldn't get any sleep at night."

She said it with a big smile and a happy expression on her face. On the contrary, Li Heng, who was next to her, lowered his head and frowned, clearly upset by her words.

While Pei Huan was conversing and laughing with Shi Nuan, she suddenly felt the grim mood the person beside her was in. Hence, she turned around to face Li Heng and inquired, "What's wrong?" His brows were deeply furrowed, and she could tell he was in a bad mood at a glance.

However, after a brief reflection, she could not figure out why he had suddenly become unhappy.

Little did she know that it was because he was saddened by her sharing her pregnancy experiences with Shi Nuan.

Back then, he did not know that Pei Huan was pregnant, and there were some misunderstandings between them, resulting in the two being separated for so long. Because of that, he was not present during her pregnancy or when she gave birth to Bao. Even though they had reconciled and were making amends, some things had happened, and they could never make up for them. For instance, during those years after Pei Huan had given birth to Bao, she must have had a difficult time raising a child on her own.

On the way back, Song Zhe drove the car, while Huo Ling sat in the front seat with Bao in her lap. The two of them continued to play around and seemed to be having a lot of fun.

Meanwhile, Pei Huan and Li Heng were seated in the backseat. She could clearly sense that his mood was unstable, so she reached out and placed her hand on the back of his. Li Heng, who had been silent the entire time, lifted his head and raised his eyebrows slightly in response to her curious gaze. "What's the matter?"

Twitching the corners of her lips, she placed her hands on his face and pinched his cheeks before pulling the corners of his lips. "I'm the one who wants to know what's wrong with you. What were you thinking just now? You seem to be in a foul mood."

Instantaneously, Li Heng controlled his expression and shook his head slightly. "It's nothing."

Sighing inwardly, Pei Huan leaned her head on his shoulder and whispered in his ear, "Heng, once I have fully recovered, let's have a baby."

Her words caught him by surprise. Immediately, he turned his head to face her. "Didn't you say that having Bao is enough?"

"Why? Are you afraid that you can't afford to support us?" she asked, her lips curving upward.

"Of course not. No matter how many children you want, I can afford to raise all of them." Li Heng pulled Pei Huan into his embrace. "It's just that I heard giving birth is extremely

painful. Did it hurt when you gave birth to Bao? Just now, you even said that he would kick you so many times that you couldn't get any sleep at night."

There was a hint of grievance and jealousy in his tone.

Listening to that, Pei Huan smiled. "Although I had a difficult time and giving birth was painful, I was more than willing to go through it for you and Bao." With that said, she nuzzled up against him and interlocked her fingers with his. "Heng, I know you're still kicking yourself for missing out on those few years with us, but I'm by your side now, and I promise I'll never leave you again."

Hugging her tightly, he rested his chin on top of her head and took a deep breath. In an instant, the fragrance of her hair filled his nose.

"Okay."

In the meantime, Huo Ling listened to their chat and stared at the little boy in her arms with envy. This little boy embodies the best qualities of both my prince charming and goddess!

At that thought, her face lit up with delight. Subsequently, she poked Bao's small head and uttered, "Your parents are going to give birth to a younger brother for you."

To her surprise, Bao pursed his lips as soon as he heard that and turned around to look at his parents solemnly. "Hmph! Do you no longer love me? What makes you want a second son?"

Since he looked unhappy, both Li Heng and Pei Huan were taken aback by his reaction. They were unsure how to explain it to him and felt awkward because of it. Even Huo Ling felt that she had said something wrong. Did I just ruin one of the most important events in my prince charming and goddess' lives?

While she was deep in thought, she heard Bao say, "You only need one son. I don't want a younger brother. I want a younger sister, an adorable little sister."

Startled, Pei Huan blinked several times, and the moment she saw her son's solemn expression, she almost burst into laughter. "Bao, you aren't fond of having a younger brother?"

"I prefer younger sisters. Mommy, can you and Daddy give birth to a baby girl? If I have a younger sister, I'll definitely treat her well!"

Then, he tilted his head, as if he was seriously considering something. "I'm going to save up a lot of money and buy her skirts and dolls. I'll buy her everything she loves, okay?"

“Okay. You can do whatever you want.” A smile crept onto Pei Huan’s face as she caressed Bao’s small head dotingly. “As long as you like it.”

Having said that, she exchanged glances with Li Heng and smiled. Both of them breathed a sigh of relief.

In actuality, they did not mind what gender the baby was as long as it was theirs, but if Bao liked girls, she would not mind having a baby girl.

Hearing that, Bao clapped his hands, his face beaming with joy. “Yes! Then, I’ll have a younger sister in the future. Wait, Aunt also has two babies in her tummy. Does that mean I’ll be the oldest brother in the future?”

“That’s right. You’ll soon be the oldest brother. You must cherish your younger siblings in the future, okay?” Pinching his nose, Pei Huan queried, “Are you tired after playing all day? Do you want to sleep in my arms?”

However, Bao shook his head excitedly. “No, I’m now a big boy. Daddy said that I should sleep alone in the future. Mommy, you should lull Daddy to sleep. Master Huo told me that I’ll only get a cute younger sister if you coax Daddy to sleep.”

Huo Ling was bereft of speech.

All of a sudden, she felt that the atmosphere in the car had become tense.

Laughing dryly, she remarked, “Ahem. I’m a doctor and also Bao’s master, so I... might have taught him a few things ahead of time.”

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Chapter 572 Return A Healthy Qianan To You

Shen Qianan stayed in the intensive care unit for two days before waking up. That was not what Huo Ling had expected. Fortunately, Shen Qianan did not have any adverse reactions when she woke up, but she didn’t seem to want to talk much. Huo Ling had done a checkup for Shen Qianan during the few hours she was there.

She had also administered several shots to relieve the patient’s pain. Shen Qianan was like a puppet on strings. She refused to speak, and wouldn’t even cry out when it hurt.

Out of boredom, Huo Ling stared at Shen Qianan’s face, which was identical to Shi Nuan’s, and said, “Um, you don’t have to worry. Once you get better, I’ll remove the scars on your face and body. You have to trust me. After all, I came from a family with medical background... Ms. Qianan, are you mute? Why aren’t you talking?”

Huo Ling had been observing Shen Qianan for several hours. She perceived Shen Qianan to be even duller than people who are mute. At least the mute would make noises when they got excited or when they wanted to talk, but Shen Qianan stayed completely silent. Only the sounds of her breathing were proof that she was still alive.

Huo Ling was a little discouraged. Feeling resigned, she sat by the bed as she looked at Shen Qianan. "Hey, I may not be able to eliminate the virus in your body completely, but I can try my best. Your sister..." Huo Ling said to herself. She had assumed that Shen Qianan would ignore her. Yet, when she brought up Shi Nuan's name, Shen Qianan, who had been silent the entire time, suddenly turned around.

Her hollow eyes fell on Huo Ling and asked, "How's Nuan?"

Perhaps it was because she had not spoken for so long, Shen Qianan's throat had gone dry, and her voice raspy. Upon hearing that, Huo Ling frowned and quickly got up to pour Shen Qianan a glass of water. "Have some water. Then, I'll tell you about Ms. Nuan!"

Shen Qianan nodded and replied, "Please help me get up!"

Huo Ling helped Shen Qianan up resignedly and fed her some water. "I may have reconnected your hand, but it won't be as functional as before. It would be best if you don't carry heavy objects," muttered Huo Ling as she helped Shen Qianan with the water.

Shen Qianan's eyes dimmed when she heard that, but she quickly suppressed her emotions. She finished the water in a serious manner and smiled faintly. "It's a blessing to be alive. I won't ask for much. Oh, you mentioned Nuan just now. How is she? The virus inside her..."

Shen Qianan had struggled when she found out that Shi Nuan was her biological sister. Some time later, she thought, Shi Nuan didn't do anything wrong. She's abandoned by our parents, just like me. Both of us have led different lives, but those experiences were terrible.

After some deliberation, Shen Qianan had long accepted their fate.

For some reason, Shen Qianan kept thinking and dreaming about Shi Nuan every night when she had been locked up by Fu Sijue.

When she was inside the cell that Ying had locked her in, she would hear Shi Nuan calling her name whenever she felt groggy. Her sister was begging her to come home soon.

Shen Qianan was concerned about Shi Nuan. She had even developed an emotional attachment to her.

She got upset whenever she recalled that Shi Nuan was pregnant, but the virus was still inside her.

“Don’t worry! You two are sisters. You’re concerned about her, and she’s just as concerned about you!” Huo Ling did not truly understand the bond between sisters because she was still young.

She grew up in a different environment from theirs. There were many members in her household, but basically she was not close to anyone.

Huo Ling was closest to her brother. They had a good relationship, but Huo Shenxing was a man, so his concern and care for her were different from those of women. That was why Huo Ling had difficulty understanding their sisterly bond.

However, she could feel that Shi Nuan and Shen Qianan sincerely cared for one another. “On most nights since you went missing, Ms. Nuan couldn’t sleep. She would have nightmares. Her condition fluctuated from time to time. I can only relieve her pain temporarily. You’re just like her. When you woke up, the first thing you asked was about her.”

“Then, how’s Nuan doing now?” Shen Qianan looked at Huo Ling worriedly when she heard that. “Nuan is doing fine, right?”

“She’s doing well. No worries! If you can get better soon and let her see you, she will definitely be delighted,” replied Huo Ling as she took out a glass bottle from her bag. “You’ll be feeling itchy or pain for some time. I have some sweets here that are made from traditional medicine. Take one whenever you don’t feel well,” she added.

Huo Ling’s innocent face had a seriousness and sober expression that did not match her age.

Hearing that, Shen Qianan looked at her in surprise, but she accepted the bottle of pills that Huo Ling handed her. Shen Qianan took one sweet out and put it in her mouth. “It’s sweet?” she said.

“That’s right.” Huo Ling smiled, her eyes shining like stars. “I don’t like bitter things, so most of the medicine I make is sweet, just like candy.”

Her eyes curved into crescents when she smiled. It was pretty and comforting. Shen Qianan, affected by Huo Ling’s mood, finally laughed.

“Phew!” Huo Ling breathed a sigh of relief when she saw that. She fanned her face with her hands and said, “You’re finally laughing. I’m starting to run out of ideas!” said Huo Ling as she pouted.

"Thank you, Ms. Huo!" Her mood improved, Shen Qianan said, "Actually, I'm feeling fine now."

"You still need plenty of rest. You have been injured for a hundred days, and your body is very sick. I will get you treated it within these few days!" Huo Ling said as she helped Shen Qianan lay back down. "I'll perform acupuncture to detoxify your body. Your condition is pretty serious, so that may hurt a bit. You have to tell me if you can't bear the pain!" she elaborated.

Shen Qianan nodded. "Okay!"

Hearing that, Huo Ling took out some silver needles and performed acupuncture on Shen Qianan after lifting her hospital gown.

Shi Nuan, who was standing by the door, watched the situation in the room through the window as she caressed her baby bump. Shen Qianan flinched when the needles punctured her, but she was determined not to cry out. She gritted her teeth and bore with it.

Shi Nuan covered her mouth, afraid that she would make a sound. Tears streamed down from the corners of her eyes, dampening the back of her hand. She felt a sudden force on her shoulders, so she turned around. Fu Chengyan had come to her side and placed a thick, wide coat on her.

He did not say anything as he took out some tissue from his coat pocket to wipe away her tears.

Fu Chengyan's rough fingers grazed Shi Nuan's skin as he gazed at her adoringly. He shook his head. "Everything's going to be okay!"

Shi Nuan could not help herself. She laid her head on his chest and placed her arms around Fu Chengyan's waist. Aggrieved, she asked, "Why didn't you tell me?"

She had seen Huo Ling acting rather mysteriously. She also recalled Li Heng and Pei Huan's hesitancy. Otherwise, Shi Nuan would not know the suffering that Shen Qianan had been through.

It's all because of me. Shen Qianan would not put herself in danger if it weren't for the virus inside me.

"Don't cry. She won't want you to be sad if she knows, right?" Fu Chengyan softly consoled Shi Nuan.

In the ward, Huo Ling had already kept her silver needles. Fu Chengyan extended his hand and patted Shi Nuan on the back. "Do you want to go in and look at her?"

Shi Nuan shoved Fu Chengyan away and took the tissue from his hand. She wiped her tears dry and nodded solemnly. "Yes!"

"Good. Then, you should stop crying then. Look, your eyes have become red now." His tone was helpless as he said, "Qianan will be sad if she sees you in such a state."

"Okay." Shi Nuan laughed through her tears and punched Fu Chengyan on the chest. "Are you starting to resent me?"

"Of course not!" he replied, his gaze a doting on. "All right, get in!"

Shi Nuan opened the door. Inside the ward, Huo Ling and Shen Qianan turned to look at them at the same time.

Shi Nuan pushed the door open and walked in with her baby bump. Fu Chengyan cautiously followed behind her, for fear that anything might happen to her.

Shen Qianan laughed when she saw Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan's acting like that. "Nuan, why are you here?" she asked.

"Qianan!" Shi Nuan shoved Fu Chengyan's hand away. She said to him, "I can walk on my own!" Then, she got to Shen Qianan's side and cautiously pulled out a chair to sit down.

Fu Chengyan, on the other hand, was afraid that Shi Nuan would catch a cold. He quickly grabbed a pillow and placed it on the chair before allowing her to sit on it.

"Qianan, how are you?" Shi Nuan extended her hand and took Shen Qianan's hand in hers. In a matter of moments, tears welled up in her eyes again. "I'm so sorry! This is all because of me!"

"Why are you crying?" Shen Qianan's entire body was weak because she had just completed her treatment. Her heart ached when she saw Shi Nuan crying. She said, "All right. I'm fine, aren't I? Ms. Huo is a brilliant doctor. I'm largely okay now. Ask Ms. Huo if you don't believe me!"

Shen Qianan glanced at Huo Ling and gave her a look.

Huo Ling nodded. "Don't you trust my skills? Qianan is almost recovered."

"But my sister's face..."

All women were concerned about how they look, especially the stunning Shen Qianan. Her face was full of scars. Though they might have mostly faded, they still did not look good on her face.

"Ms. Nuan, this is not a big issue. Leave it to me. I'm making a medicine for Qianan's recovery. I'll give it to her in a few days, so you don't have to worry about the scars."

Huo Ling patted her chest confidently. Raised her eyebrows at Shi Nuan, she said, "I promise to return Qianan to you completely whole!"

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Chapter 573 Nobody Can Hurt her

"All right. I shall leave my sister to you!" After all these days of hanging out with Huo Ling, Shi Nuan realized that this girl was pretty childish, aside from when she was treating her patients. Right now was an instant where she behaved like a child.

However, Shi Nuan had to admit it was comfortable being around Huo Ling. The latter would always try her best to keep her patients relaxed when nursing them. Thus, nobody would feel stressed.

Huo Ling was then taken away by Fu Chengyan after her playful act. He brought her to Su Shaoqing's laboratory to continue the research.

In truth, Huo Ling stayed in the hospital because she couldn't stop thinking about the antidote. Hence, she treated Su Shaoqing's laboratory as her home and remained there.

Setting aside her age, it was an undeniable truth that she was indeed a genius. Being a girl in her teens, it was impressive that she could remain placid when facing such situations.

Su Shaoqing always assumed that his medical skills were skillful enough. However, he discovered that he was wrong after meeting a medical genius like Huo Ling. His expertise was only within the field he specialized in. Thus, he became humbled and learned that there would always be someone more outstanding than him.

In the meantime, Huo Ling was sitting on her chair, attentively observing the microorganisms under the microscope. On her right-hand side laid the list of the viruses' compounds that she had calculated recently.

Su Shaoqing and Fu Chengyan were sitting aside, staring at her. The former pouted and said, "Say, if I convinced her to work at my hospital, will she bring me success in the future?"

He then nudged Fu Chengyan's arm with his elbow, which invited a despised look from the latter. "Do you seriously think that the Huo family will let their genius suffer at your side?" Fu Chengyan retorted.

“Hey, Chengyan! You’re crossing the line! What do you mean by suffering at my side?” Su Shaoqing fumed in displeasure. “I provide good conditions and benefits at my hospital. Besides, there’s even a free medical laboratory for Huo Ling’s research! I’ve investigated, and it appears the Huo family is actually against her studying medicine. Hence, she studies it secretly and can’t work under the name of the Huo family in the future, no matter how capable she is. If that’s the case, working under me is the best choice she can afford. At least, no one dares to offend my men, not even the Huo family!”

Su Shaoqing had been thinking about that for a long time. The more he observed Huo Ling, the more he realized how brilliant this girl was. If it weren’t for her young age, she would likely be famous for her achievements.

Fu Chengyan shook his head when he saw the former’s scheming look. He then landed his gaze on Huo Ling and fell into deep thought. It’s indisputable that Huo Ling’s a gifted person. Nevertheless, her current skills are not enough to solve this virus problem. I hope Huo Shenxing arrives as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Fu Sijue arrived at Frosa, and only then did he realize his companies had suffered a heavy blow. It was evident that the one behind these attacks wanted to eliminate any chance of his survival. When he was busy resolving the problems in Frosa, he wasn’t aware of what was happening in Jiang City. The underground casino got destroyed when he received the news and rushed back. Those companies that relied on the casino’s income to operate were affected too.

That wasn’t the worst part; When Fu Sijue returned, Shen Qianan was missing, and even Ying was nowhere in sight.

He only found out that Ying had imprisoned Shen Qianan in the Yun residence’s dungeon when he returned to his family home. Even then, he wasn’t sure if Shen Qianan was still alive after suffering from Ying’s torturing.

He had no way to get news about Su Shaoqing’s condition as Su Shaoqing’s hospital had blocked all of Shen Qianan’s information. As for the hospital, it was guarded heavily by Fu Chengyan’s men. No matter how skillful Fu Sijue’s subordinates were, they could not go in by force and rescue Shen Qianan. Moreover, Fu Sijue didn’t dare to act recklessly without knowing Shen Qianan’s precise situation.

Within a well-hidden base in the Western suburbs, a man was hung upside down on a torture tool with his eyes closed, breathing weakly.

Not far away from him sat Fu Sijue on the chair, fiddling with the object in his hands. He shot a cold glare at Ying, the man hanging, and uttered, “Have you realized your mistakes?”

Ying shut his eyes, refusing to utter a response. That outraged Fu Sijue. He shot a look at the man standing behind him – Yun, an assassin he raised together with Ying.

The difference between Yun and Ying was that the latter stayed out in the open while Yun operated in the dark. These two were Fu Sijue's left and right-hand men.

Hoping to keep a low profile, Fu Sijue had brought Yun with him to Frosa instead of Ying. Little had he expected that leaving Ying behind would be his greatest mistake.

Although Ying was like a brother to Yun, only the latter was loyal to Fu Sijue.

Ying had committed a reprehensible mistake. Yun didn't think the former had done anything wrong, yet he dared not go against Fu Sijue as Ying did.

Yun raised the whip in his hand. It was full of hooks dripping with brine water. A blow from that would undoubtedly be too much for anyone to bear, including them, who had superior physiques.

"Ying, just admit your mistake!" Yun persuaded.

Ying opened his eyes and uttered, "Mr. J, I did it for your sake. I'm not in the wrong!"

"Strike him!" Fu Sijue's gaze sharpened. He emitted a menacing aura that resembled hell's merciless and fiery ambiance. Then, he glared daggers at Ying while barking, "I've said it before. No one's can harm her. No one!"

Upon hearing those orders, Yun landed his whip forcefully on Ying. The latter's body instantly turned into a bloody mess. Painful cries soon reverberated in the air.

"Ying, apologize to Mr. J! You're at fault. That woman is Mr. J's lover, so you shouldn't have done what you did!" said Yun, hoping that Ying could admit his mistakes. However, the latter would rather endure the sufferings than admit his fault. "Mr. J, I didn't do the wrong thing. That woman is a jinx! Not only was she the reason you got injured heavily four years ago, but she also ruined your revenge plan today! Mr. J, don't you understand? She's a hex. Do you know what happened when you weren't around? Our underground casino, the few companies in Jiang City, even Yun Group-"

"That's enough! Those have nothing to do with her," Fu Sijue snapped, his fist curled tightly. He then approached Ying and clutched the latter's neck. "If Yun Shen didn't arrive on time that day, she would get tortured to death in your hands, wouldn't she? How dare you, Ying!"

He gritted his teeth while processing the enraged thoughts in his mind.

I dare not imagine what would happen if Yun Shen didn't show up that day. Would Ying beat Shen Qianan to death then? No. I refuse to accept the thought of that!

Fu Sijue tightened his grasp. The force he exerted on Ying's neck was enough to kill the latter. A cold look flashed on his face as he thundered, "How do you know about Yun residence's dungeon? Spit it out!"

Hanging upside down, it was the first time Ying sensed such a sinister and terrifying aura coming from Fu Sijue. He had never seen such a side of the latter before. Thus, his lips parted to speak. "Mr. J-"

"It seems like you have a death wish." Fu Sijue interrupted, swinging his hand and breaking one of Ying's limbs. "Who told you there was a dungeon in the Yun residence? Was it my father? Or-"

"No! It has nothing to do with my formal master!" Ying explained hurriedly.

"Ha! It's apparent that you don't take me as your master at all. So my father's the only one you'll obey, huh?" Fu Sijue fixed his cold look on Ying before pinching the latter's jaw and thundering, "What benefits do you gain from him? What's the reason behind your loyalty toward my father despite him being dead for so many years?"

"No, Mr. J. You're my master! Your father gave me my life, and he wanted me to follow you forever. Hence, I'll fulfil your every order without a doubt!"

"If so, why didn't you listen when I told you not to hurt her?" A trace of murderous intent flashed through Fu Sijue's eyes. "Why?"

"Because I know this woman will only ruin your life. You won't understand it now, Mr. J. But in the future, you'll see that I did all that for your sake," Ying uttered through gritted teeth as he endured the pain. "Mr. J, please wake up! This woman will only get in your way. I won't say a thing if you want to take my life now. However, I hope that your achievements and goals won't stalled by this woman anymore!"

"You have no right to interfere with my matters." Fu Sijue shoved him off; his cold gaze remained on Ying. "Since you've served me for so many years, I'll show you mercy by leaving your corpse intact."

"Mr. J!" Yun stared at Fu Sijue in disbelief. "Please spare his life as he has been your loyal servant for all these years!"

Yet, his pleadings only invited a grim look from Fu Sijue. The latter seethed, "Do you think I won't kill you? Don't think I'm not aware of what's going on in your mind. Let me warn you. Shen Qianan's life matters more than mine. I'll make those who dare to hurt her suffer! Anyone who does so will die an awful death!"

Then, Fu Sijue took out a miniature silenced gun and aimed it at Ying's head. He pulled the trigger without any hesitation.

“Mr. Ji!” Yun exclaimed before his vision settled on a now lifeless Ying.

Fu Sijue retracted his gun and wiped his hands clean with a napkin. Shortly after, he put on his usual look of indifference and ordered, “Clean up the mess. Yun, keep in mind not to go against my orders. Know that anyone who has the guts to challenge me will bear tragic consequences!”

“Yes, Mr. Ji!” Yun watched Fu Sijue leave. When he averted his gaze to Ying, who had stopped breathing, his fist tightened but released quickly.

After leaving the place, Fu Sijue returned to his mansion and had a shower to wash off the blood stench on his body. He then drove to the entrance of Su Shaoqing’s hospital.

It was pretty deserted around. However, as a person born with sharp senses, Fu Sijue immediately noticed the place had gotten surrounded by Fu Chengyan’s men.

A gloomy look flashed across his eyes. He tightened his grasp on the steering wheel while his eyes focused on the hospital’s entrance.

It appears Fu Chengyan has a good grasp of my power and situation after our recent encounters. He’s indeed a remarkable opponent, huh? This hospital is so well-guarded that it won’t be easy getting in, let alone finding out how Shen Qianan’s is right now.

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Chapter 574 Violating A Taboo Of Pei Jingxiu

Fu Sijue’s car stopped at the hospital’s entrance for a long while in the darkness. At last, it finally drove away under the moonlight. The situation of him waiting in front of the entrance was reported by the hidden guards to Fu Chengyan. Actually, Fu Chengyan had already seen the car parked in front of the hospital through the surveillance monitor.

His gaze was fixated on the monitor’s footage while he sank deep into his thoughts. After a long while, his lips curled into a faint smile as his eyes glimmered with a hint of light.

He didn’t expect Fu Sijue to be so caring and passionate about Qianan to even risk his life to come all the way to the hospital. After all, the hospital was full of Fu Chengyan’s moles. If Fu Chengyan didn’t sit here and had decided to arrest Fu Sijue instead, the matter would end immediately at that point.

Soon, the ward’s door was pushed open. Su Shaoqing stood in front of the door. He had been staying at the hospital these few days ever since taking over Shen Qianan’s case. Other than him, Su Shaoqing had never left the hospital as well. Besides, Huo Ling was also there.

Huo Ling had been spending her days conducting research about the virus on Shen Qianan and Shi Nuan. Su Shaoqing accompanied her.

“What are you looking at?” Su Shaoqing walked closer to Fu Chengyan and noticed the latter staring at the monitor. Yet, there was already no sign of Fu Sijue since a while ago. “Found anything new?”

Fu Chengyan shifted his attention away from the monitor and looked at the document in Su Shaoqing’s hands. “Are there any updates?”

“We only discovered the contents of the viral solution, but we don’t know how to cure it yet. I’ve used this information and compared it to the viruses that already exist. I realized this virus is extremely strong, and there isn’t an antidote to it yet. It currently only exists in Frosa, so I’m sending someone to visit Frosa and find out who was the culprit behind the virus.” This is such a troublesome situation.

Fu Chengyan nodded. “Keep up the good work!” With that, he lowered his head again and took another document beside him to read through it.

Su Shaoqing wasn’t interested in Fu Chengyan’s business-related issues, and he couldn’t understand them that well either. “Take your time and read through your documents. I’ll return to my lab and continue with the research.” Suddenly, he paused mid-sentence before continuing, “By the way, you’ve been staying at the hospital for such a long time. Nuan’s health isn’t too unstable currently. Are you seriously not considering moving back to your home? You know that my hospital has been closed for quite a while, right? I’m afraid I’ll have to close the hospital permanently if this goes on!”

Su Shaoqing looked at Fu Chengyan. You have been treating the hospital like your home, and you’re spending your entire day here!

Fu Chengyan’s stay had caused the elders in the Su family to complain to him, saying they weren’t allowed to visit Nuan and Qianan. Recently, Su Shaoqing would receive calls from the Su family’s members and friends daily.

He felt extremely troubled by it. This entire situation really has very little to do with me! These are all Fu Chengyan’s instructions. He was the one who said Shi Nuan’s sickness isn’t stable yet, and he said the situation is dangerous recently. Hence, he prohibited the Su family and the Fu clan to visit her.

Su Shaoqing had already complained about this matter with Fu Chengyan multiple times, but the latter ignored him and didn’t think of it as too big of a deal.

“Please, at least answer me. I think they’ll be fine resting and recovering at home. After all, Huo Ling’s acupuncture skills don’t just work in a hospital building.”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. “Looks like I’m not welcome here at all!”

"No, don't say that. Nuan and Qianan are members of the Su family, after all. They are my sisters, so I would never dislike them! Yet, don't you want to consider my suggestion more seriously? You being here is a waste of resources!" Su Shaoqing was almost begging Fu Chengyan at that point. "Actually, I don't mind you being a wealthy fool!"

"Shaoqing, you've just told me that May and Qianan are your sisters, and now you're talking about money with me?" Fu Chengyan mocked and raised one brow, to which Su Shaoqing replied with a sorrowful expression, "I've made a mistake. I don't want your money, and I'll even pay for your expenses instead. Please leave. I beg you."

Hearing that, Fu Chengyan smiled. "All right. I'll have someone gather my belongings within these two days and leave after that."

Su Shaoqing finally felt relieved when he heard Fu Chengyan's statement. "Sure. I'll find someone to help you pack right now. We don't need two days for that! I'll handle it by today!" Su Shaoqing even whistled as he skipped away gleefully.

Fu Chengyan rubbed his temples and felt slightly helpless. However, he quickly regained his composure and browsed through some recent information regarding Shengyuan Group.

Lately, Pei Jingxiu had been secretly handling the internal issues in Shengyuan Group. Most of those issues had already been resolved. Yet, Fu Chengyan didn't want to take any action right now. He wanted to see how many people in hiding Fu Sijue could draw out.

Then, he could use this opportunity to revamp the organizational structure and employees in Shengyuan Group to eliminate future problems.

Fu Chengyan scanned through the stack of documents. Soon, he had his attention fixated on the overseas department and the finance department.

His gaze darkened as he took out his phone and efficiently drafted an email. After editing his message, he sent the message to Pei Jingxiu.

Meanwhile, Pei Jingxiu had just completed his tasks when he saw Fu Chengyan's email. There were only a few simple words written in the contents: Keep these two people around.

Reading that, a dash of ruthlessness filled Pei Jingxiu's long eyes. He swiftly replied with one word: Ok. Then, he kept his phone away and lifted his head in response to the distant gaze in front of him. Softly, he asked in a distant tone, "Is there anything else?"

Ning Xi frowned slightly and responded, "Mr. Pei, it's time to take your medicine." Her voice was soft, and it seemed like she was used to Pei Jingxiu's coldness.

She held a cup of water in one hand and the cap of a medicine bottle in the other. There were a few pills in the bottle cap. "Mr. Pei, here's some water."

However, Pei Jingxiu merely stared at her icily. "Didn't I tell you to go to Sheen City?"

She kept the same actions as just now and raised her head stubbornly without speaking.

Seeing that, Pei Jingxiu knitted his brows together. Although his expression didn't appear to have changed, people who had been around him long enough would know that was a sign of his anger. However, Ning Xi didn't take any action and simply looked at him. "Mr. Pei, you've not fully recovered from your sickness yet."

"Ning Xi, I've said it before. It's time for you to return. I don't wish to speak about this for the second time!" His tone was chilly and emotionless.

Her usual stern expression stiffened as she looked at him unnaturally. Yet, she immediately tightened her grip on the glass of water and took a deep breath. "I will leave as soon as you recover from your sickness!"

"Are you negotiating with me?" Pei Jingxiu stared at Ning Xi intensely, "So, you won't leave if I don't take my medicine?"

Ning Xi felt her fingers shivering, but she nodded seriously. "I'll leave as soon as you take your medicine and recover from the sickness. At the very least, don't make me leave right now."

At the end of her sentence, she handed the glass of water to him again. "Mr. Pei, your health is important. You haven't been resting well these few days."

Pei Jingxiu stared at her persistent face and scoffed abruptly. He stood up and leaned his slender figure toward her, towering over her with his pressuring existence. He held her chin up with his long fingers, and his icy gaze met with her plain face. However, the words that came out of his mouth were like sharp knives that stabbed right into her heart. "Did you forget that you're merely a pawn and a tool for me? Ning Xi, even your name was given to you by me. Do not forget your identity!"

Ning Xi's face turned pale after hearing his remarks. She clenched her fists and lowered her hands beside her restlessly. She looked at him and felt his eyes were too frozen, and there wasn't a sign of emotion in those dark orbs.

She lowered her eyes and replied, "Yes, Mr. Pei. I've always known my place. If it wasn't for you, I won't even know where I'll be now."

With that, Ning Xi returned to her usual stance, and the gaze she had while looking at Pei Jingxiu had become as stony as his.

Pei Jingxiu furrowed his brow. When he saw Ning Xi's expression, there was a slight glimmer that flashed across his eyes, but it disappeared in the next second. "Go back immediately!"

"Yes, Mr. Pei."

She put the glass and medicine down, then turned around and left without hesitation.

However, Pei Jingxiu stood there. He clenched a fist and pressed it against the tabletop, but took over the glass and medicine with the other hand. He then swallowed the medicine quickly.

After exiting Pei Jingxiu's place, Ning Xi felt an icy sensation in her entire being. It was a coldness that was digging straight into her bones, and she hadn't felt this way in a long while. She had been living such a peaceful life recently, almost causing her to forget how she used to survive in the past and overlook her identity.

Suddenly, Ning Xi thought she was a ridiculous joke. Perhaps it was too funny for her, so she actually burst into laughter. After a long while, a series of faint footsteps sounded behind her. Her instincts and training allowed her to get on guard instantly and turn around. She then looked at the woman behind her coldly.

"Ning Xi, Mr. Pei wants me to remind you not to forget who you are."

Ning Xi tightened her fist. "How will I forget? We are all people who escaped hell, and it is difficult to forget that for the rest of our lives." She stared at the woman's face while speaking.

The woman looked at Ning Xi and snorted. "It's great that you still remember who you are."

Ning Xi pressed her lips together and replied, "I know it all too well. So, you're not the one who can lecture me about it!"

The woman raised one brow, expressing her disagreement with Ning Xi's statement. "We came from the same place, after all. There are certain things that I'd like to remind you of. Mr. Pei isn't someone that we can set our eyes on. Since the day we stepped into that place, our lives don't belong to us anymore. I hope you'll understand that!"

The woman stared at Ning Xi intently, to which Ning Xi stared back stubbornly. "I understand!"

"Mr. Pei had ordered me to book you a flight ticket to Sheen City. The flight is tonight."

Ning Xi lifted her head immediately. "What did you say?"

"The flight is tonight. Ning Xi, you have violated Mr. Pei's greatest taboo!"

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Chapter 575 Know Your Limits

After leaving the hospital, Fu Sijue went straight to the Yun residence. However, things were looking morose there, for the Yun family was worried if they would get into trouble from what happened two days ago.

They could still remember vividly what Yun Shen said when he took Shen Qianan away from the Yun residence, and they knew he meant every word he said.

According to the investigations done under the order of Yun Hao, Shen Qianan was indeed the daughter of Su Huaibei. Yet, because a reunion never took place, Shen Qianan grew up under the care of the Shen family in the capital all this while. The Shen family had always been at odds with the Fu clan and the Su family from Jiang City.

Although Shen Qianan was never doted on in the Shen family, her uncle, Shen Shixiu, did treat her well. Now that the Su family had also accepted Shen Qianan, she was under protection from the Shen and Su family at the same time. No one would dare to mess with her or the two families.

It had never been in the interest of Yun Hao to deal with such matters. However, since Yun Jing was not around, and Yun Hao was the eldest in the family aside from their matriarch, Jiang Jingyun, everyone would come to him for advice. Yun Hao was at loose ends. He sent his people to find out the condition of Shen Qianan, only to discover that there were no traces of her whereabouts. To be precise, someone had ordered a ban on any news regarding Shen Qianan.

Yun Shen was also not at home these days as he had been puttering around with his fellow friends. Thus, Yun Hao had no choice but to turn a blind eye to Yun Shen's deeds.

Just when Fu Sijue, also known as Yun Jing, arrived home, he was met by several elders of the Yun family in the living room. Even though these elders did own some shares of Yun Group, they did not have much right to speak up.

Yun Jing took off his coat and lay it on his arm as he casually strolled toward them and greeted, "Uncle Heng, Uncle Bei, what's the meaning of all this?"

"Jing, you're finally home!" Yun Hao uttered. He then ordered the housekeeper to serve Yun Jing a cup of tea before he relayed the things that happened recently in the Yun family to Yun Jing.

Despite being aware of some of the issues, Yun Jing narrowed his eyes in disbelief at the many things that had taken place while he was away from Jiang City. The fact that Fu Chengyan could identify some of his bases in no time raised his concern.

Fu Chengyan was indeed someone capable of causing harm to the Yun family, after all.

“Uncle Heng, don’t worry. Let me handle this matter. After all, the Su family and the Yun family share some good ties together. All of this must be a misunderstanding. I’ll settle it,” Yun Jing assured.

He listened to the details of every matter brought up by the elders before heading to his room upstairs. Before walking up the staircase, he got halted by the butler, who spoke up. “Mr. Jing, Old Mrs. Yun is requesting your presence.”

Yun Jing squinted his eyes and asked, “Is Grandma also informed of the news about Ms. Shen?” Dumbfounded by those words, the butler nodded his head after regaining his senses. “Yes, Master Yun. Old Mrs. Yun witnessed it when Mr. Shen carried Young Lady Shen out of the dungeon behind the artificial hill. Mr. Jing, please beware that Old Mrs. Yun has been moody lately. It’s best if you go along with what she wants when speaking to her.”

“Alright then. Please have the chef send some supper to my room.” Yun Jing nodded in acknowledgment. Then, he dashed toward his grandma’s room.

“Grandma, It’s me! Yun Jing,” he shouted as he knocked on the door.

Jiang Jingyun was reciting prayers in her room at that moment. Hearing Yun Jing at the door, she paused momentarily before answering, “Come in!”

Yun Jing promptly entered and spotted his grandma sitting on a reclining chair with a scripture book in her hands. The book seemed heavily worn out as the latter read it every night.

His gaze fell upon Jiang Jingyun. Soon, he realized that she was also sizing him up. Raising his head and slightly smirking, he walked toward her. “Grandma, what are you reading?”

“What a silly question! Isn’t it obvious what I’m reading,” replied Jiang Jingyun as her face darkened. She continued, “Jing, have you forgotten what I told you?”

“Of course not. I still remember,” replied Yun Jing. Worried that his grandma was in doubt, Yun Jing moved and sat on a chair next to hers before massaging her legs.

Unfortunately for Yun Jing, Jiang Jingyun did not buy his words that easily. She shook his hands off and shot a stern look at him. She looked utterly different from the amiable old lady she had always been. Her aged voice said, “Jing, I may be old, but I’m not

blind. It's been so many years since your granddad and dad passed away. I don't have much to ask for now except one wish, and that is for you to live well."

She then reached out her hand to caress Yun Jing's face. On a closer look, she pondered the resemblance of her grandchild's face to hers. Yet, contrary to the warm and friendly grandson in her memory, Yun Jing's face seemed more indifferent and icy now.

Placing a wrinkled hand on Yun Jing's cheeks, Jiang Jingyun shook her head and sighed. "Jing, it is good enough the way things are now. Listen to Grandma. Please don't-

"Grandma!" Yun Jing interrupted. "I'm a grown-up now. I know how to solve things on my own. Quit worrying about me!"

Jiang Jingyun's face turned blue upon hearing what her grandson said. She lowered her head to look at the scripture in her hands. A sense of dismay glinted in her sunken eyes as she mumbled, "It seems you won't listen to an old crone like your grandma now, huh? Your dad didn't listen to my words, and now you're doing the same..."

"Grandma, I'll agree to everything you say, except for this matter!" Yun Jing uttered determinedly. "You should've known this. A blood feud is not to be forgotten! Did you not tell that to me all those years ago?"

"But, Jing..." Jiang Jingyun replied while her hands trembled with the scripture still in her grasp. "The girl is innocent. I saw her that day, and she was prettier in person than in the photo you showed to me. But, look how much she has changed in such a short time. Jing, are you really not aware that she is indeed innocent?"

Yun Jing's eyes narrowed to slits. Yet, his eyes filled with hesitation and mixed feelings.

A sigh came from Jiang Jingyun's lips. "When will this back-and-forth vengeance finally come to an end?"

"Grandma, it's getting late. You should get some rest," Yun Jing curtly said. It was evident that he wanted nothing more than to end the conversation.

Jiang Jingyun helplessly glanced at her grandson before letting out a long and unhappy sigh. "Jing, whatever you do, please don't do things that you'll regret. Ms. Shen and that kid, they-

"Grandma, it's time to rest!" Yun Jing exploded and stormed out of the room.

Yun Jing was messaging his temples to cool himself down when Yun Shen walked downstairs carefreely with a strong smell of alcohol on his body. Evidently, the latter had just returned from drinking with his friends.

Yun Jing stared inquisitively at Yun Shen, and the latter also noticed the gaze from his brother. With a hand in his pocket and another on the railing supporting himself, Yun Shen let out a whistle as he looked at Yun Jing, intrigued. "Jing, when did you get home?"

Yun Jing kept silent while sizing Yun Shen up from head to toe. Finally, he uttered, "Shen, when do you plan to return to the company?"

"Well, have I not always been there?" Yun Shen raised a brow.

Yun Jing was instantly annoyed by his brother's lackadaisical manner. Nonetheless, he knitted his brows and forced himself to remain calm. "I meant resuming your work at the company, not just fooling around and doing nothing useful. You're part of the Yun family. That will never change. Don't you think you should do your part to contribute now that our family's in trouble?"

"Jeez, Jing! Your presence alone is more than enough for the Yun family. I know your capabilities, and I have confidence in you! Besides, we wouldn't want me to screw things up!" taunted Yun Shen. Resting his body against the wall, he pulled a lighter and a box of cigarettes out of his pocket. He fiddled with them before speaking once more. "Oh, yeah, Jing. Why did you travel overseas all of a sudden? Does Yun Group have any international business deals ongoing?"

The seemingly nonchalant words from Yun Shen got Yun Jing all tensed up. Thus, the latter questioned, "Shen, since when do you care about our businesses?"

"Oh, well. It's nothing major, but someone casually mentioned that you've set up a new company overseas while I was out drinking earlier. That sounds unbelievable to me. After all, we're one big family. Wouldn't everyone in our family know if you actually did start a new company?" Yun Shen retorted intentionally.

That instantly made Yun Jing's eyes narrow with murderous intent as he snarled, "It seems like you care a lot about everything I do, huh?"

"Of course!" Yun Shen smirked, a sense of provocation glowing in his eyes. He then continued, "By the way, Jing. Guess what I saw the last time I went to your villa out of boredom?"

It was then that Yun Jing shot a vicious glare and scolded, "Shen!"

Yun Shen's smile fell as his emotionless voice replied, "Calm down, Jing. I mean no harm, and you know that I'm not interested in the affairs of our family. Nevertheless, I'm curious why Ms. Shen would appear here at our family's residence. That said, have you come up with a convincing explanation to both the Shen family and the Su family if they ask you that question?"

He looked teasingly at his brother and added, "I'm not interested in meddling with matters like this. However, as you're aware, it means more harm than good for our family to stand against the Su and Shen family. Although I don't have a talent for doing business, I still hope for the best for our family and myself. What do you think, Jing?"

Upon hearing that, Yun Jing's brows twisted into a deeper frown. His sharp gaze aimed at Yun Shen. "I'll settle this matter on my own. As for Ms. Shen, it's funny because I heard that you rescued her?"

Yun Shen shrugged his shoulders and admitted unhesitatingly. "It's not a big deal because I was only doing what's right. By the way, I bumped into a mysterious figure in our home that day. How fortunate that I managed to follow that figure, or else I wouldn't have known about the many secrets within our home!"

Yun Jing remained composed as he took notice of Yun Shen's reaction all this while. He replied, "You've never cared about matters like this. So what if you've come to know them? You will not interfere, no matter what!"

"You're right, Jing! I didn't want to intervene at all. However, Ms. Shen bears an uncanny resemblance to Madam Ning from the Fu clan. As you probably know, the very look of Madam Ning makes my heart skip a beat. Thus, I couldn't help but step in," commented Yun Shen, who shot a deep look at Yun Jing.

"She's the wife of Fu Chengyan!" reminded Yun Jing.

Laughter rumbled from Yun Shen at that moment. "Divorce is fairly common nowadays. Don't you agree, Jing?"

"Know your limits!" Yun Jing barked before patting Yun Shen's shoulder with force. He then hinted, "Since you saved her life, you should pay Ms. Shen a visit and have a nice chat with her regarding this matter!"

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Chapter 576 Huo Ling And Yun Shen

Yun Shen controlled his expression and smiled. "Jing, you're right. It has been a couple of days since we got an update on Ms. Shen. Perhaps she is already dead by now."

The atmosphere became tense after Yun Shen said that. Yun Shen could feel the chilly aura from the man standing next to him. It was rare for Yun Jing to get angry. Even though Yun Jing did not show his anger through his expression, Yun Shen could tell that Shen Qianan must be someone important to Yun Jing.

Touching his chin, Yun Shen snorted after Yun Jing walked away. He then returned to his room.

Right after returning to his room, Yun Shen got an update from Fu Chengyan that they had to temporarily hold back the decision to buy Yun Group's shares.

Yun Shen placed away his phone and stroked his chin again. From his room, he could see the artificial mountain in the back garden of the Yun residence.

Despite living in the Yun residence for more than ten years, he never knew there was such a dark corner in the Yun residence. However, on second thought, Yun Shen sneered again. Ever since he witnessed the scene of that person with his mother more than ten years ago, Yun Shen suddenly felt like nothing was impossible to happen in the Yun residence.

Withdrawing his gaze, Yun Shen picked up his phone again and texted Fu Chengyan: Yun Jing is back, and he was testing me just now. After sending this text, he soon got a reply from Fu Chengyan: Let's stay put for now.

Yun Shen curled his lips and placed his phone away as he gazed indifferently at the scenery downstairs.

Su Shaoqing had pleaded more than ten times to discharge Shi Nuan, and his reasons were the same. This had interfered with his work.

It was not Fu Chengyan's intention to keep Shi Nuan at the hospital forever. However, with Shi Nuan's pregnant belly getting bigger with time, he could never allow anything terrible to happen to Shi Nuan during this period.

Fu Chengyan could never forgive himself when Shi Nuan was kidnapped and injected with some virus before this. Hence, he refused to let something similar happen to Shi Nuan again, and he would not even allow the possibility of this to occur to her.

Besides, the hospital had almost every piece of equipment required to treat Shi Nuan if she felt unwell. Most importantly, Fu Chengyan believed Shi Nuan needed time to rest and recover away from the Fu residence and Su residence, as there were too many people to distract her from her recovery.

Fu Chengyan did not tell anyone about the reasons he had in mind. He did not want anyone to disrupt his alone time with Shi Nuan.

Su Shaoqing's words were reasonable too. Moreover, he was also trying to test Fu Sijue's limits.

After getting Shi Nuan to sleep, Fu Chengyan went to Su Shaoqing's office. Li Heng, Pei Jingxiu, and even Yun Shen were there too.

Yun Shen might appear carefree and laid-back, but he was still a man of principle. He would honor the contracts since he had agreed to work with Fu Chengyan. That was not the only reason, as Yun Shen was also curious to know how Shen Qianan was doing.

After all, something terrible did happen to Shen Qianan in the Yun residence, and he was the one who saved her. Therefore, it was not only Yun Jing but Jiang Jingyun and Yun Hao also told Yun Shen to check on Shen Qianan since he was the one who saved her.

That was how Yun Shen ended up being in the office. As soon as he arrived, he stumbled upon them discussing the solution to plot against his brother.

Yun Shen stroked his chin. "Guys, aren't you worried I'll tell him about your plans? I am, after all, part of the Yun family."

Fu Chengyan glanced at him and ignored his words. Instead, he opened up the map and pointed at several marks as he said, "This time, I plan to return to the Wutong Residence, and I must pass through these places to get there. These spots are the easiest for them to ambush me."

He looked at Pei Jingxiu and asked, "Mr. Pei, can your men cover these places?"

Pei Jingxiu did not seem to be in a great condition. Upon hearing that, he glanced up at Fu Chengyan and then looked at the marked points on the map before nodding. "They can."

"What about these places? Li Heng, can I leave them to you?"

Li Heng nodded. "Are you serious about returning to the Wutong Residence? Isn't it safer for you to go to the Fu residence instead?"

"Wait a second. Why do you guys sound so certain that they will make a move tomorrow?" Yun Shen could not help but interrupt their discussion.

Fu Chengyan smirked. "We don't know that."

Yun Shen scoffed. "Do you think you can fool me with that?"

Fu Chengyan was someone who would not do something he was not confident in doing. If he had made these arrangements, he must have had his reasons. It was just that Yun Shen had yet to figure out Fu Chengyan's reasons. "You seem to understand my brother better than I do."

"After all, this is his last chance," said Fu Chengyan calmly. "If I did not guess wrong, he will come up with a plan to take Shen Qianan away tomorrow."

Yun Shen cocked a brow. "That makes my brother sound like he's gone head-over-heels for her."

After saying that, Yun Shen remained silent. It seemed like Fu Chengyan's explanation convinced him. "What do I need to do?"

"Tell them that Shen Qianan is perfectly fine, but she hates the person who abducted her to the core. We must make him feel like Shen Qianan believed he was the one who harmed her."

Yun Shen was slightly taken aback, but he still nodded. "Okay. I'll go take a look at my future sister-in-law and see how she's doing then."

He then walked out of the office, but he bumped into Huo Ling right after. He whistled at her with a suggestive look as he asked, "Hey there, gorgeous. Do you remember me?"

Huo Ling scoffed when she saw Yun Shen. Her tone was filled with nothing but disdain as she said, "Get out of my way!"

"Oh!" Yun Shen found her fierce temper adorable. He was even more in the mood to tease her when he saw her staring at him with a disdainful expression.

This was because other women would never look at him the way Huo Ling did.

Yun Shen reached out his hand and blocked Huo Ling's path. "Young lady, how old are you? You seem underage to me!"

"How dare you still flirt with me when you know I'm a minor? What a pervert!" Huo Ling gritted her teeth. She noticed Yun Shen's gaze was fixated on her chest, and he even clicked his tongue. Huo Ling immediately covered her chest with her hands. "Where are you looking? Pervert!"

Yun Shen took in her adorable reaction. "Does it make a difference? It's so flat that I can barely see anything."

Immediately, Yun Shen could feel a strong gust of wind coming toward him. He was quick enough to catch Huo Ling's wrist before her palm landed on his face.

The skin on her thin hand was soft and supple. Yun Shen could not help but shiver a little at that touch. It did not take long to hear Huo Ling cursing him out, "What the hell did you just say? Flat? You pervert!" She clenched her fist furiously. "Let go of me! How dare you say that my chest is flat? I'll kill you!"

Huo Ling had always been a rebellious kid. She knew she was still young and was aware that her puberty seemed a little slower than her peers, but this was something beyond her control.

She could endure her own flaws, but she could not tolerate others commenting about her flaws. Yun Shen's expression triggered her anger, and she felt her blood boiling.

Since childhood, her brother was the only person who could judge her, and no one else dared to do so.

"You perverted old man! Let go of me if you have the guts! I will fight you!"

Huo Ling struggled a few times, but to her surprise, Yun Shen had slick moves too. She could not find a way to escape from his grip.

Huo Ling raised her head in annoyance and glared at Yun Shen. Yun Shen clicked his tongue again with a smile reflected in his eyes. With a condescending gaze, he stared into Huo Ling's devious eyes. It was his first time noticing that a girl's eyes could actually look innocent with a few traces of mischief hidden among her innocence.

Innocent and mischief were two different concepts, yet they blended so perfectly in her expression.

"Darling, be gentle!" Huo Ling blinked innocently at Yun Shen. "It's painful. You're breaking my wrist here!" She even pouted and looked as pitiful as she could.

Yun Shen found it amusing to interact with Huo Ling. Her bright and innocent eyes were clearly filled with disdain and disgust toward him, yet she could still put up a pitiful act before him. He was somewhat reminded of a puppy trying to get its owner's attention.

Yun Shen's gaze softened at that thought, and he loosened his grip a little around Huo Ling's wrist without letting her go.

Reaching out his other hand, he ruffled Huo Ling's hair and said, "Good girl."

Huo Ling shuddered in disgust upon hearing that. She shoved Yun Shen away and staggered.

With her cheeks reddened, she shot a glare at Yun Shen. Her cheeks were puffed, yet it made her look even more adorable. It was a rather alluring sight to Yun Shen.

Unaware of Yun Shen's thoughts, Huo Ling was flustered at how her heartbeat quickened a little when Yun Shen talked to her and ruffled her hair while looking so gentle.

She clutched her chest, hiding the rapid heartbeat inside, as she shot another glare at Yun Shen. "Pervert! Must I remind you that I'm a minor?"

Yun Shen chuckled at that. "Young lady, is there a misunderstanding here?" He narrowed his eyes and asked, "Do you know where Ms. Shen's ward is?"

Ms. Shen? "Are you here to visit Qianan?" Huo Ling then got reminded about the time when Shen Qianan was sent to the hospital, covered in injuries. The person who sent her to the hospital seemed to be Yun Shen.

"Why are you asking for Qianan? Do you know her?" Huo Ling grew wary of Yun Shen as if she believed he was the one causing Shen Qianan's injuries. Yun Shen was entertained by her reaction. "I am the one who saved Ms. Shen. Can't I drop by to see how she's doing?"

Huo Ling raised her chin. "Sure. You can do that. Let me bring you there."

Yun Shen chuckled in silence. He rubbed his chin and followed behind Huo Ling.

In the ward not too far away from them, Fu Chengyan, Li Heng, and the others were watching them through the surveillance camera. Fu Chengyan suddenly felt his temple throb at that sight. He rubbed his temples, whereas Su Shaoqing chuckled. "Why do I sense something budding from this? If not mistaken, the last person who got Third Master Yun so invested was Nuan, am I right?"

As soon as Su Shaoqing said that, he immediately received a deathly glare from a certain someone.

"Come on. It was just a joke! I'm kidding!"

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Chapter 577 Cruelty

Yun Shen followed Huo Ling to Shen Qianan's ward. In fact, Shen Qianan's ward was not far away from Shi Nuan's. When Yun Shen passed by Shi Nuan's ward, a smile crept up his face as he saw Shi Nuan seemed to be sleeping.

Huo Ling could not help but frown upon noticing Yun Shen's smile. "You sleazy geezer, my Mr. Handsome will gouge your eyes out if you keep looking at his wife like that!"

The corner of Yun Shen's lips twitched. "Why are you calling Fu Chengyan Mr. Handsome but calling me geezer?"

Huo Ling snorted while fixing her gaze on Yun Shen in disdain. "Why so? That's as plain as the nose on your face. My Mr. Handsome is so dreamy, whereas you're salacious!"

Yun Shen narrowed his eyes. "I'm salacious? Are you blind?"

"It's a waste of time talking to you!" While Huo Ling was speaking, she knocked on the ward door. After receiving a response, she pushed open the door and entered. "Ms. Qianan, how are you feeling?"

Huo Ling came here to check on Shen Qianan's condition. Although Huo Ling's medical skills were brilliant, Shen Qianan was seriously injured. Hence, she could not recover right away. For the past few days, Huo Ling had been taking good care of Shen Qianan as Shen Qianan's lungs had also been infected before. Even though Shen Qianan was not in a particularly good condition, Yun Shen could not help but be impressed by Huo Ling upon seeing her.

Huo Ling shot Yun Shen a side-eye. "Now that you've seen her, you can get lost!"

Only then did Shen Qianan realize that Yun Shen was there. She was a little surprised as she asked, "Who are you? Yun Shen?"

Yun Shen smirked in response. "Ms. Shen, you still remember me!"

While he was speaking, he approached Shen Qianan. He fixed his gaze on her and stroked his chin, scrutinizing her. "Are you feeling better now, Ms. Shen?"

"Yes!"

In fact, Shen Qianan could not remember the incident the other day. The last impression she had of Yun Shen was when she met him at the villa in the past.

She had always thought that she was not close with Yun Shen. In addition, Shen Qianan felt confused about Yun Shen's attitude toward her, given his relationship with Fu Sijue. However, she did not show any emotion on her face. "Thank you for your concern, Mr. Yun. I'm all right!"

Yun Shen nodded. "It seems like Ms. Huo's medical skills are really brilliant. You had nearly stopped breathing when I brought you here that day. I was still worried that my family would be doomed if anything happened to you in the Yun residence."

"What did you just say?" Stunned, Shen Qianan lifted her head to look at Yun Shen. "I was at the Yun residence?"

Why don't I know about it?

Yun Shen narrowed his eyes. "Do you not remember, Ms. Shen?"

Upon hearing that, Shen Qianan thought for a while before shaking her head. "For the past few days, I've been pondering about it. Didn't someone lock me up? How did I get out from there?" Shen Qianan was not dumb. Apparently, she noticed some clues from Yun Shen's words. Not only that, she recalled the relationship between Fu Sijue and the

Yun family, so she made a wild guess. "I had been locked up in the Yun residence for days? Why is there such a place in the Yun residence?"

Raising his eyebrows, Yun Shen poured a glass of water and handed it to Shen Qianan.

Shen Qianan took the glass from him and thanked him. Right after that, she looked at Huo Ling as she suggested, "Ms. Huo, can I chat with Mr. Yun for a while? Look, I'm fine now. Can I receive today's treatment later?"

Huo Ling knitted her brows. "Okay. I'll go to the laboratory then. I'll be back after this sleazy geezer left."

Huo Ling did not want to see Yun Shen either. Judging from Shen Qianan's expression, she seemed to have something to tell Yun Shen, so Huo Ling picked up her bag and left.

Yun Shen's gaze was fixated on Huo Ling, and he regained his senses after quite some time as he heard Shen Qianan laugh. "Ms. Huo is an adorable girl!"

Yun Shen smiled without saying anything else. He then questioned, "What do you want to know, Ms. Shen?"

"You're the one who saved me?" Shen Qianan was practically sure of it.

If I'm at the Yun residence, that would be the only possibility. Otherwise, there's no way that Yun Shen will be here today.

As Yun Shen remained silent, Shen Qianan could roughly grasp the situation. "Mr. Yun, why did you save me?"

Yun Shen stared inquisitively at Shen Qianan without batting an eye. "What if I said I did that for no reason?"

Even he was unsure of the reason why he was so angry the moment he saved Shen Qianan. Perhaps Shen Qianan's encounter was similar to that person in my memory? Or maybe it's because Shen Qianan is Shi Nuan's sister? I've no idea. At that instant, all I knew was I had the urge to save this woman, so I rescued her immediately.

Hearing Yun Shen's words, Shen Qianan smiled lightly. "I owe you one, Mr. Yun!"

Yun Shen's lips curled into a smile. "It's no big deal. I have an ulterior motive for saving you. Have a good rest, Ms. Shen. I'll come to see you next time." He stood up and was about to leave.

When Shen Qianan saw Yun Shen was leaving, she called out to him, "Hold on! W-Where is he?"

Shen Qianan had been pondering a question for days. It seems like Ying wasn't under Fu Sijue's order to treat me like that because he showed open hostility towards me. To him, I'm a stumbling block to Fu Sijue. Thus, he wants to get rid of me so that I won't be a burden to Fu Sijue. That's understandable. However, Ying tried to end my life outrightly and without fear. Then, where is Fu Sijue? How can I be such shameless! Obviously, people wanted to take my life, but I actually worry about Fu Sijue's safety right now.

Staring at Yun Shen's back, Shen Qianan asked, "Fu Sijue is Yun Jing, and Yun Jing is Fu Sijue. Am I right?"

Yun Shen turned around and saw Shen Qianan's face was pale, which made him somewhat feel bad. "Yes."

Shen Qianan grinned. "I should've known about it. Why does he want to go against the Fu clan?"

"Well, maybe you should ask Fu Chengyan. Do you have anything else to ask, Ms. Shen?" Yun Shen chuckled.

"Where is he right now?"

"He's at the Yun residence!" Yun Shen reached out to touch his cufflinks as he added, "Ms. Shen, rest well!"

With that said, Yun Shen left the ward, whereas Shen Qianan was left alone, sitting on the bed while gazing blankly into space with soulless eyes.

If I still don't understand Fu Sijue's intention, it would imply that I've been living in vain all these years. Yet, for this reason, I can't help feeling a shred of pity toward myself. For over two decades of my lifetime, I never seemed to enjoy the life I wanted. Other than the matters of the Shen family and the Su family, I even need to endure Fu Sijue's entanglement. Sometimes, I knew that I had nothing to do with them, but I can't control myself.

Shen Qianan clenched her fists before reaching out to caress her face. After several days of treatment, Huo Ling said that the injuries on Shen Qianan's body were mostly recovered. Although Huo Ling also told her that the scars on her face would gradually disappear, she felt that some things could never be healed anymore. Even if the surface might seem perfectly unharmed, the core had already been rotten, just like her love for Fu Sijue, and it even could no longer be called love.

Shen Qianan closed her eyes. Perhaps she was focused wholly on her emotions, so she did not notice that Huo Ling had already arrived at her ward.

Meanwhile, Huo Ling stared at Shen Qianan with a complicated gaze in her eyes. Since Huo Ling was only sixteen years old, she was too young to understand the feelings of the adults.

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Chapter 578 The Scheme of Fu Chengyan

Fu Chengyan made quite a spectacle when picking up Shi Nuan and Shen Qianan at the hospital. He had arranged a fleet of more than twenty cars that were identical to one another and even assigned two highly-trained bodyguards in each vehicle.

With such great pomp in front of the hospital, it was hard not to catch the attention of others, who marveled at the sight. The crowd then realized that it should not be surprising to see such an elaborate arrangement. After all, it was one of the most well-known private hospitals in Jiang City, and the director was Su Shaoqing, one of the city's Big Four, no less. Hence, it was very likely that the visitors to the hospital were all rich and famous, and the crowd assumed that the display of grandeur must have been for one of those visitors.

Regardless, a lot of the passersby took out their phones and started taking photos before posting them on Weibo with various hashtags and headlines, including but not limited to their shocking discovery of the extravagance of a wealthy person in Jiang City and Jiang City's Big Four.

The posts soon went viral, with some of them gaining more likes and reposts than even the hottest gossip about celebrities in the entertainment industry. The netizens who saw the posts unanimously agreed that the wealthy person in question must be one of Jiang City's Big Four. Some netizens even claimed that they had seen Jiang City's Big Four at the hospital. The post quickly became one of the trending topics on social media.

When Liang Lin and Zhou Zheng saw the trending topics that appeared so suddenly and unexpectedly online, it caused an involuntary yet simultaneous twitch of their lips. However, they did not care about it but instead observed the live feed of surveillance cameras on the computer screen with solemn expressions.

Once everything was ready, Liang Lin reported to Li Heng that things were in place.

Soon after, Fu Chengyan, in all-black attire, helped a pregnant woman into one of the cars. Following that, Su Shaoqing also accompanied another woman into a different car.

After that, the cars drove out of the hospital compound. During the journey, they separated into several teams, each taking a different route at the designated intersections. It might seem like they were doing it arbitrarily, but the formation was constantly changing, with the cars switching in and out of lanes in an orderly manner so that it was impossible for anyone to track who was in the vehicles.

Sitting in a cafe opposite the hospital, a man kept his gaze firmly glued to the entrance of the building across. A while later, another man dressed in black approached him. “Mr. J, they’ve already left.”

Despite his subordinate’s words, Fu Sijue did not shift his gaze away from the hospital entrance. “Keep monitoring.”

Yun was confused. “But Mr. J, our men reported that Ms. Shen has already left in a car with Su Shaoqing.”

Fu Sijie turned to look at him. “And what happened next?”

When the other man stayed quiet, he drummed two long fingers on the table.

He stared at the hospital entrance for a long time, his expression slowly becoming twisted with anger. “Fu Chengyan!” he snarled, fists clenching so hard that his knuckles cracked.

Naturally, Yun noticed the rage that was radiating from his superior. “Mr. J, what do we do now?”

“Where are our men who’re stationed at the various crossroads?” Fu Sijie asked through clenched teeth as he glanced sharply at Yun. “You guys have some nerve disregarding my orders.”

The latter looked at him with unease. “Mr. J, our men didn’t see Ms. Shen initially... So they dared not make a move. We’re in Jiang City, after all. We can’t risk having you exposed. On the brighter side, since Fu Chengyan is agreeable to discharging the two ladies from the hospital, it means that Ms. Shen is all right—”

Before he could finish the sentence, his superior shot him a murderous look, and he subsided immediately.

Fu Sijue slammed a fist on the table; his expression was dark and thunderous. Fu Chengyan, it seems that I’ve underestimated you.

Fu Chengyan knew how cautious and skeptical he could be. Hence, the former put up an intricate show with the fleet of cars because he knew the latter would assume it was just a decoy and that Shen Qianan was not in one of the cars.

The plan worked. All the while, Fu Sijue had assumed that Shen Qianan must have been in the hospital still. It was only then that he realized Fu Chenyan had strategized everything.

Shen Qianan must have left in one of the cars and perhaps has even reached the Su residence safely by now.

True enough, the two women who got into the cars earlier were indeed Shen Qianan and Shi Nuan, though they had undergone some disguises. Even though Fu Sijue hated to admit it, he was well and truly duped by Fu Chengyan's clever trick. The latter had deliberately put on a show to confuse and distract him, misleading him into assuming Shen Qianan was not in the car and would hence continue monitoring the hospital.

By the time Fu Sijue discovered that he had been tricked, it was too late. Shen Qianan and Shi Nuan were long gone from the hospital.

That was precisely why he was so enraged.

Despite having planned for every possible scenario, he was still outsmarted by Fu Chengyan in the end. At the same time, Fu Sijue was forced to acknowledge what a powerful adversary the other man was. After all, he had spent years strategizing, yet it only took Fu Chengyan less than twenty days to figure him out and deliver a severe blow to him.

"What do we do now, Mr. J? Ms. Shen—"

Yun's words were cut off by a steely glare from Fu Sijue.

The latter clenched his fists. "The war's not lost yet," he said with a sharp glint in his eyes. "How's the situation in Sheen City?"

"All is well for now. Mr. J, about—"

Once again, Fu Sijue did not wait for his subordinate to finish. Waving his hand, he ordered, "We're leaving."

"But..."

Yun still could not understand Fu Sijue's intentions. If he really wants to seek revenge, why wait for so long? But if it's not revenge he's after, then why is he doing all this?

For the first time, he realized that he knew nothing about Fu Sijue even after all those years of being his subordinate. As cold and cruel as the man was, Yun had thought he would at least spare Ying, who had served him for years alongside Yun. However, Fu Sijue had proven him wrong with his actions, showing him just what would happen to those who betrayed and disobeyed him.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan, Su Shaoqing, Li Heng, and the rest took different routes and convened at Wutong Residence. The place was very secure as its vicinity was heavily guarded by Fu Chengyan's men.

Shi Nuan, with her pregnant belly, was carefully supported by Fu Chengyan as she waddled along. However, she was clueless about what had transpired on that day and

only thought Fu Chengyan was being needlessly ostentatious when picking them up from the hospital.

“Are you doing this because you’re afraid others don’t know how rich you are or something?” she muttered while walking.

Fu Chengyan had a faint smile on his face. She had been nagging at him throughout the whole car ride. “You must be thirsty,” he said lightly.

“I’m not.” Shi Nuan cast a dubious glance at the man beside her and saw him smiling from ear to ear. Even his eyes were sparkling with joy. “Why did you ask me that?”

She then turned to see the group walking behind her. The rest all carried similar smiles on their faces. At that, Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes, finally realizing the meaning behind Fu Chengyan’s words. “Oh, so now you think I’m naggy?” she grumbled in mock annoyance, making a show of punching him in the shoulder.

Smiling, the man caught her hand mid-air and squeezed it gently before landing a soft kiss on its back. “No way. You have a melodious voice, and I love it. You should talk more. I was just worried that your mouth might be dry, so I was trying to make you drink some water,” he deadpanned.

“Such glib words!” A blush crept up Shi Nuan’s cheeks in an instant. What is it with him now? I don’t know why he can set my heart racing every time he talks.

Su Shaoqing coughed loudly. “Hey, Chengyan, show some consideration, will you? Keep the lovey-dovey stuff away from us!”

He and the others naturally got an eyeful of the display of affection between the couple since they were walking behind them. Su Shaoqing was the first to voice his objections. How can they start indulging in a PDA as soon as they get home!

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. “Do you have a problem? If you do, feel free to leave. The exit’s over there,” he said, pointing in the direction of the door.

“Hey, are you kicking me out now that you no longer need me? That’s so harsh!”

Unfazed, Fu Chengyan raised a brow and smirked. “Glad you know that.”

“You...” Su Shaoqing faltered. Exasperation appeared on his face, though he soon regained his composure. “Forget it. I’m going to play nice instead of stooping to your level.” He then turned to Shi Nuan, putting on his best innocent look. “You must be tired, Nuan. Let’s sit down!”

Grinning, he went over to Shi Nuan. Just as he was about to sit down beside her, Fu Chengyan unexpectedly stepped in and nudged him out of the way. “Go sit over there!”

Su Shaoqing shot him a glare before walking away begrudgingly. “Chengyan, I’ll have you know that I’m technically your brother-in-law. Is this the way to treat your in-laws?” he complained.

Fu Chengyan ignored him. The former’s attention was solely on Shi Nuan. After helping his pregnant wife sit comfortably, he looked at Shen Qianan. “Your room is ready. Why don’t you ask the servant to guide you there?”

“All right.” Shen Qianan nodded with a slight smile. While she and Shi Nuan had reunited with each other and maintained an amicable relationship, it was somewhat awkward for her to interact with Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing. She could talk freely with Shi Nuan, who was a woman like her as well as her sister. However, it was a different story with the men. Shen Qianan was too embarrassed to talk to them about the things that had happened in the past and, as a result, was discomfited to be in their presence.

“Sorry to have troubled you,” Shen Qianan said to Fu Chengyan. “I guess, technically, you are also my brother-in-law now.”

As though he had not expected her to address him as such, the man looked surprised for a second.

There was a brief silence before he nodded. “Don’t worry about it. We’re family now.”

Only then did she finally feel relieved. “Well, thanks again. I’ll head upstairs then.”

“All right.”

Per Fu Chengyan’s arrangements, the majority of the servants in Wutong Residence used to be from the Fu residence. He had begun to handpick those people a few days ago. The remaining ones who had not worked for the Fu clan before were selected after a stringent process of interviews and background checks through Zhou Zheng. Hence, Fu Chengyan was confident that the servants would not pose any threat to his wife and Shen Qianan’s safety.

Shi Nuan watched the interaction between her husband and sister with a happy grin, pleased to see that they were on friendly terms. After Shen Qianan had gone upstairs, she turned to Fu Chengyan and the rest. “So Qianan will be living here? What about Ms. Huo?”

“It’s up to her,” Fu Chengyan said, glancing at Li Heng and Huo Ling. “She can stay here if she wants, or she can stay with Li Heng.”

Huo Ling weighed her options in her mind and preferred staying with Li Heng. After all, Aunt Zhang’s cooking was really delicious, and it reminded her of home. Besides, she

enjoyed being in Pei Huan's and Bao's company. The time staying with them had been the happiest period in her life. "I'd like to—"

Li Heng interrupted abruptly, "I think Ms. Huo should stay here. Since the virus in Shi Nuan's and Shen Qianan's bodies is now active, she could help them timely if the need arises. My place is too far from here."

Fu Chengyan nodded. "What about Huan and Bao?" he asked after some contemplation, knowing that they, too, had the virus.

"I can fetch them here," Li Heng offered immediately. He flashed Fu Chengyan a toothy grin. "If they are willing, they can stay here too. It's a big place. I'm sure there are enough rooms for everyone, am I right?"

The corner of Fu Chengyan's lips twitched when he heard Li Heng's suggestion. He could not help but feel that the latter was using him.

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Chapter 579 Our Baby Will Be Cuter

Shen Qianan went upstairs under the servant's lead. The room was tidy, and all the daily necessities, too, were prepared. It did not lack anything at all. Despite so, the servant still asked, "Ms. Shen, do look around and tell us if you need anything else. I'll head out and purchase them for you right away."

"There's no need for that." Shen Qianan opened the closet and saw a wardrobe full of clothes. All the clothes were brand new. In fact, the price tags were still attached.

Upon seeing that, the servant hurriedly said, "Because Young Master Chengyan and Madam made a last-minute decision to come back, we have not yet organized everything here. All these clothes were sent from the shop on short notice and chosen according to your measurements. We can always exchange these clothes if you don't like them!"

"It's fine. I love these clothes!" Shen Qianan took a look at the clothes and noticed that they were mainly from the brands under Shengyuan Group. Each piece of clothing was custom-made, so of course, she loved them. There was no reason for her to be fussy when ordinary people struggled to get even one piece of clothing while she had a whole wardrobe of them.

"You can leave for now. There's nothing that I am not satisfied with."

"All right!" The servant heaved a sigh of relief and asked, "Ms. Shen, what would you like to have for dinner tonight?"

“I am not a picky eater!”

Shen Qianan was well aware of the circumstances she was currently in. Considering the big scene that was made when they came over that day, she knew Fu Chengyan and the others must have been alerted and cognizant that Fu Sijue would surely make a move.

However, she did not know the rationale behind Fu Sijue’s actions. Did he make a move because he wants to confront the Fu clan or me?

A woeful smile touched Shen Qianan’s lips. I can’t be the reason. People like him would do anything to get revenge. His targets are first Pei Huan and Bao, then Shi Nuan, and me the last.

She closed her eyes slightly and then opened them. Upon hearing the sound of someone knocking on the door, she asked, “Who is it?”

“Ms. Qianan, it’s me, Huo Ling!”

When Huo Ling’s soft voice rang outside the room, Shen Qianan composed herself and answered the door, after which she saw the young lady poking her head into the room. The moment Huo Ling saw Shen Qianan, she giggled for a while. Stroking her own head, she said, “Ms. Qianan, my room is next to yours!”

“You’re staying here too?” Shen Qianan was quite surprised. “Aren’t you staying at Li Heng’s place?”

“Hehe, you all are staying here. Of course, I will be here too!”

Huo Ling swiveled her eyes for a moment and suddenly asked in a pitiful tone, “Do you not like me, Ms. Qianan?”

“No, no, that’s impossible!” There was no way Shen Qianan would not like her.

Although Huo Ling was only a teenager, her medical skills were excellent. Moreover, Shen Qianan could have lost her life had it not been for her. Huo Ling was her savior. Thus, it was impossible for Shen Qianan to dislike her.

Only when Huo Ling heard Shen Qianan’s reassurance did her face break into a smile. “That’s good. I am such a people person. Everybody loves me. It’s impossible that someone dislikes me!”

Her exclamation amused Shen Qianan. “Yes, you’re adorable!”

“Oh right! Ms. Qianan, let’s go downstairs. I’m famished!”

Huo Ling then walked hand in hand with Shen Qianan down the staircase. After the earlier lighthearted exchange, the latter's spirits had been lifted too.

In the meantime, Li Heng and Su Shaoqing had left, so Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan were the only ones in the living room.

When Huo Ling and Shen Qianan arrived downstairs, they were greeted by the sight of Shi Nuan sitting on the couch while Fu Chengyan sat next to her. The man was peeling oranges for his wife and fed the orange slices to her directly as he was afraid of getting her hands dirty. "If you want to eat oranges, that's fine. But you can't overeat. It's not good for your stomach!"

"All right. I know!" While speaking, Shi Nuan reached out to take the orange from Fu Chengyan's hand, but he motioned her to open her mouth and fed her yet another orange slice.

"Oh, I am so envious of Mr. Handsome and Mrs. Beautiful!" Huo Ling exclaimed and pulled out her phone from her pocket. After snapping a picture of the couple, she sent it to the WeChat group.

As she had joined the WeChat group earlier and became friendly with the group members, someone immediately texted the group after she sent the photo.

Su Shaoqing: What? Please don't let us witness PDA again! Li Heng: This is too much! Pei Jingxiu sent an ellipsis to express how speechless he was.

Pei Huan, too, chimed in with a text: Darling, let's teach them a lesson! Bao: Why would you do such a thing in front of a child!

Fu Chengyan's phone was right next to Shi Nuan. Upon seeing that the phone screen was flashing with notifications, she picked it up and unlocked it. Instantly, she was stunned by what she saw.

Then, she shot a sidelong glance at her husband, who looked at her confusedly and asked, "What's wrong?"

Shi Nuan could not find the words to reply, so she passed the phone to him.

Fu Chengyan merely darted a glance at his phone before tossing it to the side. Afterward, he gave another slice of orange to her and said, "Ignore them. They're just jealous!"

Shi Nuan was at a loss of words too. Huo Ling, who was standing at the staircase, squeezed Shen Qianan's hand and said excitedly, "Ms. Qianan, I am so envious of this! Say, when do you think I'll find someone who loves me this much?"

Shen Qianan glanced at her and said, "You're still young!" The latter was still a minor, after all.

"What? I am not young anymore!" Huo Ling declared confidently while puffing out her chest. However, when Shen Qianan glanced at her chest, she looked instinctively toward the older woman and was left feeling deflated. "Ms. Qianan, you're such a meanie!"

In a resigned tone, Shen Qianan said, "I'm merely saying that you're still too young to be in a relationship."

"Really?" Huo Ling asked suspiciously. Shen Qianan nodded with a serious look on her face and said, "Yes!"

"All right, then!" With that, Huo Ling continued to walk down the stairs hand in hand with Shen Qianan. "Mr. Handsome and Mrs. Beautiful, what are you guys doing there?"

Shi Nuan turned her head and looked at the duo. In a slightly amused tone, she exhorted, "Ms. Huo, don't snap photos sneakily the next time!"

"Well... That was not taking photos sneakily. That was me collecting beautiful things!" Huo Ling said with a straight face. She then looked toward Fu Chengyan and blinked at him. "Am I right, Mr. Handsome?"

The corner of his lips quirked upward. "Yes, whatever you say is right, Ms. Huo!"

"Yan!" Shi Nuan could not help but call out his name resignedly. Fu Chengyan merely smiled and said, "Come over and take a seat!"

Shen Qianan and Huo Ling then sat on the couch. The latter made herself comfortable, treating this place as her home.

On the other hand, Shen Qianan felt quite awkward as she took her seat, probably because she was accustomed to her old ways of behaving around Fu Chengyan. Although she had talked things out with him, she was still afraid of him.

Naturally, Fu Chengyan sensed her uneasiness, but he did not say anything. "Yu is at the Fu residence. He is doing very well. My mother and Aunt Ning are taking care of him."

Shen Qianan nodded. "Thank you."

"If you miss him, I could ask my men to send him over." Yu was Shen Qianan's biological child, after all. Moreover, Yu had a somewhat withdrawn disposition; he was not as sociable as Bao.

"You could do that?" Shen Qianan asked, her eyes lighting up with hope. Ever since she was taken away by Fu Sijue's people, she had not seen Yu for a very long time.

Although she did return before that, she was afraid Yu would be frightened if he saw her covered in wounds and scars. That was why she had been refraining from thinking about him. However, he was her own child. It was impossible for her not to miss him.

Fu Chengyan nodded. "We have a lot of spare rooms here, anyway. You don't have to worry about it."

At that, Shen Qianan let out a breath of relief and said, "Thank you. Thank you so much, Chengyan!"

"Qianan, we're family. There's no need to be overly polite!" Shi Nuan could not help but pipe up. She knew that Shen Qianan was probably still bothered by what had happened before. However, in her opinion, there was no reason for the latter to behave in that way since they had all cleared the air. "Why are you afraid of him? He doesn't bite. If he dares to do anything to you, I'll kick him out!"

Fu Chengyan arched an eyebrow. "Hmm?"

There was a mischievous gleam in his eyes. In response, Shi Nuan raised her chin and looked at him provocatively. "Did I say anything wrong?"

That had him smile in resignation. As he reached out to caress her head, he replied, "Yes, everything you say is right!"

Satisfied with his answer, Shi Nuan smiled. "That's more like it!"

"Ahem!" Shen Qianan cleared her throat.

Although she knew that the two of them were in love with each other, she still felt uncomfortable seeing the public display of affection between them both. When their attention was on her again, she asked, "Then..."

"I've asked Zhou Zheng to pick him up. They should be here soon."

"So fast?" Shen Qianan was not the only one who felt astonished at his reply. Shi Nuan, too, was taken aback.

Indeed, after a short while, the doorbell rang. Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows and said, "That should be them."

The servant answered the door. The next moment, Zhou Zheng came in with Yu in one of his arms while carrying the boy's small suitcase in his other hand.

Yu looked around with his large eyes, and his gaze eventually settled on Shen Qianan. "Mommy!"

"Yu!"

It had been a long time since Shen Qianan last saw him, so she got up hurriedly upon hearing him call for her. "Yu."

At that sight, Zhou Zheng put Yu down on the floor. When the boy saw his mother walking toward him, he ran toward her with his short legs and jumped into her arms. "Mommy, I miss you so much!"

"Yu, I miss you so much too!" Shen Qianan carried Yu in her arms. "Yu, you've been eating properly, haven't you? You've put on quite some weight!"

Yu smiled shyly. "They feed me every day." As he was replying to her, he rubbed his round belly. "I've gained weight. They said that if I do, Mommy will come back!"

"Yeah, they didn't lie to you!" Tears of joy welled up in her eyes. Hugging him, she nuzzled his head. Her worry from all this while melted away at that moment. "Yu, I will never leave you again, ever."

"Really? I love you the most, Mommy!" Yu caressed Shen Qianan's face with his hands and kissed her cheeks. "I love you, Mommy!"

"I love you too, Yu!"

As Shi Nuan watched the interaction between Shen Qianan and Yu, her expression softened. She reached out and squeezed Fu Chengyan's hand. "Yan, this is so nice. Do you think our baby will be this adorable too?"

She then looked up at him, her eyes twinkling with expectation.

With a gentle expression on his face, Fu Chengyan caressed his wife's hair. "Yes, our baby will be cuter!"

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After Yu's arrival, Shen Qianan seemed much more relaxed. It was most probably because the worry that had been weighing heavily on her heart was removed.

Carrying her son, she walked toward Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan with a smile on her face. "Yu and I will live here for the time being, then."

"Sure." Shi Nuan, too, displayed a smile as she reached out to touch Yu's face. Feeling the boy's tender cheek, she found herself being overwhelmed with a fondness for him. "Yu, do you still remember me?"

"Aunt Nuan!" Yu blinked and stared at her cutely. With that, Shi Nuan felt like her heart almost melted. "Yu, you're such a good boy. You and your mommy will live here from now on, okay?"

"Okay!" Yu smiled shyly. "I like you too, Aunt Nuan!" The next moment, he shifted his gaze toward Fu Chengyan, looking somehow confused.

Shi Nuan smiled again. "This is my husband. You should call him Uncle Chengyan."

Despite only understanding half of it, Yu nodded and uttered, "Uncle Chengyan!"

"Mmh!" Fu Chengyan nodded too. "Good boy!"

"Ms. Qianan, this kid is so cute. Let me carry him!" Huo Ling was an adolescent herself, but she liked children very much, including Bao and Yu.

She thought they were so adorable. "Yu, let me hug you!" she cooed.

The boy darted a timid glance at her and then at his mother, who put him right in Huo Ling's arms. "Yu, this is Huo Ling."

"Ling!" Yu buried his head into Huo Ling's embrace shyly. Smelling her scent, he blushed even redder, which caused Huo Ling to grow fonder of him. "Good boy. Let me give you some candy!"

In the evening, Su Shaoqing and Li Heng came over again. Pei Huan also brought Bao along. Li Heng thought it was fine for him and his family to come together since Pei Huan and Bao wanted to visit Shi Nuan. Yet, to his surprise, Su Shaoqing tagged along too.

Even though Wutong Residence was spacious, it felt crowded all of a sudden with so many visitors.

Instantly, the initial quiet place became merry thanks to the lively group.

The servants and chef of the Fu residence were also sent here by Fu Zhengyun.

In truth, he was still mad at Fu Chengyan for being unwilling to go back. However, he thought he should not let his granddaughter-in-law starve, so he picked the most diligent servants from his house and sent them here.

Undoubtedly, Fu Chengyan did not like it as Wutong Residence initially had no servants. Nonetheless, he did not reject his grandfather's offer after considering Shi Nuan's condition.

The chef, who was busy preparing food in the kitchen, saw the exuberant crowd consisting of adults and kids in the living room. She then secretly reported the lively scene to Fu Zhengyun.

At that time, Fu Zhengyun was having dinner with his sons and daughters-in-law but did not have much appetite as he felt that the atmosphere was desolate. Noticing that his phone kept vibrating, he picked it up and saw the pictures and voice messages sent by the chef.

A smile finally appeared on his gloomy face. "Haha! Good, good. Let's eat!"

Meanwhile, at Wutong Residence, everyone was lounging in the living room. The men were talking about business, whereas the women were chatting while watching television. Bao and Yu were almost the same age and were both boys. As such, they shared similar interests. The former brought a lot of his toys and shared them with Yu.

Due to her big belly, Shi Nuan sat on the couch the entire time and did not move much. A gentle expression was seen on her face as she watched the two children play together.

When Shen Qianan perceived that, she chuckled. "At first, I really thought that a child was a burden. But after having Yu, I felt that he was a gift from heaven."

Her eyes were filled with joy as she spoke. Upon hearing her words, Shi Nuan nodded. "Yes. Both Yu and Bao are very cute."

"Indeed!" Pei Huan chimed in as well. "But your situation is much better. Look at Chengyan. He is by your side all the time. No matter where you are, he can't bear to leave you." The next second, she glanced at Shen Qianan. "My case is almost the same as Qianan. We raised our kids alone. It's hard."

Li Heng, who was in the middle of a jovial conversation, stopped talking all of a sudden when he heard Pei Huan's remark.

Tilting his head, he looked in her direction with an unfathomable look in his eyes.

At that moment, Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing paused as well. In actuality, they all had good sight and hearing due to the environment they lived in all year round. Thus, they heard the conversation about children between Pei Huan and Shen Qianan clearly.

Unlike the emotions felt by Li Heng, Fu Chengyan was somewhat grateful for his relationship with Shi Nuan.

Pei Huan's departure and Bao's birth had always been Li Heng's regrets. Although they had gotten back together, he still felt he missed out on those years.

Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing also had a different emotion from Li Heng.

The latter had Bao and could still see his wife and child, but he had no one. Ever since he made that mistake, he seemed to lose the chance to amend it. Initially, he and Fu Ling were supposed to have a cute child by then.

There was a gleam in Pei Huan's eyes as she looked at Li Heng and flashed him a faint smile. She was using her action to tell him about her intention.

Narrowing his eyes, Li Heng picked up his phone and sent something to her. It was unknown what the content of the message was, but she seemed delighted, judging by the quirk of her lips. With that, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Just then, the doorbell rang again. That time around, Su Shaoqing was the one to walk over to the door. The moment he opened the door, his gaze was filled with befuddlement.

With his hand still gripping the doorknob stiffly, his eyes were locked on the person standing in the doorway.

His gaze was so intense that it looked like he was about to devour the latter.

Everyone thought it was strange that it took Su Shaoqing so long to open the door. Out of curiosity, they shifted their gazes toward the door and came to a realization.

The person standing outside the door was stunned as though she did not expect Su Shaoqing to be the one opening the door. After returning to her senses, she pursed her lips. "Mr. Su, are you not going to let me in?"

Fu Ling's clear voice jolted Su Shaoqing out of his trance. Squeezing the doorknob, he immediately made way for her. "Sorry. I... I just didn't expect you to come here."

Fu Ling threw him a glance. "I live here!" After that, she no longer paid him any attention and walked inside. "Chengyan, Nuan!" At the sight of Pei Huan, a smile finally graced her lips. "Huan, why are you here too?"

Seeing the people inside the house, she felt somehow surprised. "Nuan, have you been discharged from the hospital?"

"Yes!" Shi Nuan laughed. "Ling, come and sit here!"

Fu Ling nodded and sat down between Pei Huan and Shi Nuan.

Pei Huan and Fu Ling were good friends. In fact, they were each other's best friends back in university as they shared the same dorm. Despite not seeing each other for a long time, they still had a close relationship.

In truth, Pei Huan missed Fu Ling very much. As soon as the latter took a seat beside her, she excitedly grabbed her hand and chatted with her. "You've lost some weight. And why did you come home so late?"

"My workload at the office has been heavy recently. I had to work overtime." It seemed Fu Ling had become more composed compared to a few years back.

Pei Huan had also noticed the changes in her. At the same time, she also knew what happened between Fu Ling and Su Shaoqing. However, she was struggling to fend for herself back then, so she did not know the exact details of the accident that befell Fu Ling.

Regardless, she more or less felt heartbroken upon seeing the current Fu Ling.

Su Shaoqing's gaze darkened. Just as he was about to close the door, another figure walked in. "Jingxiu? Why are you here too?"

Pei Jingxiu stared at him as though the latter was a fool. "Can't I come?"

Su Shaoqing, who was initially in a bad mood, raised his brows when he heard Pei Jingxiu's response. "Of course, you can. This is Chengyan's place, after all. You can come as you like!"

Pei Jingxiu was taken aback as he did not understand what Su Shaoqing meant by those words. Usually, the latter would respond with a few more sarcastic remarks. Yet, he did not say anything else today. After sweeping his gaze around the living room, Pei Jingxiu furrowed his brows. There are so many people here.

"I asked him to come. It's been a long time since we all gathered together!" Just then, Fu Chengyan spoke. "Where's Ning Xi?"

Pei Jingxiu lifted his eyes and responded impassively, "She went back to Sheen City." Evidently, he did not feel like talking about Ning Xi.

Seeing the big group in their house, Shi Nuan cast a look at Fu Chengyan as she grabbed his hand. "There are so many people here. Can you handle it?"

After all, some of them don't get along well with each other.

Her question was referring to Su Shaoqing and Fu Ling.

That was because Shi Nuan noticed Fu Ling did not talk much since returning home and also looked somehow distracted. Apparently, the latter did not know Su Shaoqing would come over on that day.

At the same time, Shi Nuan was oblivious to the fact that Fu Ling was living at Wutong Residence as well. "Why isn't Ling staying at the Fu residence?"

Fu Chengyan cast a glance at Su Shaoqing and Fu Ling. "Her relationship with the Fu clan is complicated. I reckon she'd be unwilling to live there. She was upset when she went to the Su residence that day. It seems like the Su family went too far that year, so it's still hard for her to forgive them!" He then frowned and continued, "I asked Zhou Zheng to pick her up and send her here a few days ago. It's quieter here since there are lesser people around."

Shi Nuan shrugged and smiled in resignation. "But it's no longer quiet now."

Her husband caressed her head affectionately. "It's fine. Ling has great self-control. She won't do anything reckless."

However, she let out a sigh in response. "Don't you understand? The more she restrains herself, the less she will talk about her true feelings. If you want to help her and Shaoqing, this method definitely won't work!"

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan raised his brows. "How do you know I want to help them?" With a smile playing on his lips, he probed again. "Tell me, hmm?"

"Anyone can see that. Why did Shaoqing come back here again when he had left just now? You were the one who asked him to come back, and you are the only one who knows that Ling lives here!"

"What a smart girl!" He could not help but caress her head again. "All right now. Go and talk with Ling!"