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Capable?

Shi Wei immediately replied, "Yes, find someone capable who can suppress the news. Yes, let's do that!"

Soon after that, Shi Wei perked up, "Guan Jing, call Qin Hong and tell him... It's alright, I'll do it!"

As soon as Shi Wei hung up, she called Qin Hong herself. Qin Hong had read the news about Shi Wei earlier, and she didn't know how to react to that.

It was just yesterday when Qin Hong received an order from Fu Chengyan, saying that she had to be in Shi Wei's good books. As for the reason, she had already guessed it from Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan's tone. Thus, when Qin Hong received Shi Wei's call, she put up a front. Since Shi Wei needed her help this time, she spoke humbly, unlike the other day.

"Ms. Qin, can we meet up?"

"Ms. Shi, you know how busy I am. Plus, shouldn't you be dealing with the arising matter?" Qin Hong had read the news about Shi Wei, and her contempt for this woman heightened.

"Ms. Qin, please don't believe those rumors being spread online. That isn't me. Can we meet up and talk? Or can you give me Mr. Fu's phone number? You can also give me his assistant, Mr. Zhou's number." Shi Wei was certain if she met up with Fu Chengyan, the man would help her by doing Fu Xicheng a favor. But Shi Wei obviously made a miscalculation, as Qin Hong told her neither Fu Chengyan nor Zhou Zheng's number.

That left Shi Wei with no choice but to go to Fucheng to look for Fu Xicheng.

When Fu Xicheng's secretary informed him of Shi Wei's arrival, he didn't want to see her. Nonetheless, Shi Wei barged into his office. "Xicheng, you have to save me this time!"

Shi Wei closed the door pitifully. Before Fu Xicheng realized what was going on, she pounced onto him and buried herself in his arms, sobbing out loud. "Xicheng, you must trust me! The photos are fake. Someone framed me!"

"Someone framed you? Shi Wei, do you think I'm a fool? The photos were taken some time ago. You were in your teens back then. Tell me, did you..."

"Xicheng!" Shi Wei stood on tiptoes and kissed the corner of Fu Xicheng's lips lightly. As soon as she saw Fu Xicheng froze, she seized the opportunity and went for it.

Shi Wei was in total control of the situation, as she was certain that Fu Xicheng would fall into her trap. Not long after, she had successfully aroused Fu Xicheng. With that, she shoved Fu Xicheng onto the sofa as she knelt to unzip his pants.

Fu Xicheng's eyes went dark with desire. He wanted to shove her away, but the woman's skilled tongue made him weak in the knees, and he succumbed to the surging desire within him.

Meanwhile, Shi Wei grasped the opportunity to tell him, "Xicheng, I was a virgin when I had sex with you for the first time. You know that. I'm not someone like that! You're my one and only. Someone photoshopped those photos to frame me. I admit a few of them were me, but those are photos from a photoshoot! You can investigate the matter if you don't believe me!" However, Fu Xicheng, who was already aroused, only heard what she said half-heartedly. The only thing that he wanted now was for her to go on with her act, "Yes, I know. Wei, go on!"

After a while, Fu Xicheng let out a groan in satisfaction, then Shi Wei stood up and went into his embrace. "Xicheng, I was wrong no matter what happened. I'm sorry."

Fu Xicheng stretched out his hand to tousle Shi Wei's silky hair. "I know. I will help you, but this will be the last."

"Okay. I love you, Xicheng!" Shi Wei brushed a kiss across his lips. "Do you want more?"

For that split second, Fu Xicheng's gaze darkened, but he shook his head. "Let's talk about it tonight!"

Fu Xicheng came to Shengyuan's building once again, and it was also for Shi Wei this round. Only that this time, Fu Chengyan wasn't nice to him anymore. Fu Xicheng didn't even get to meet the man initially.

For that whole morning, Fu Xicheng waited in Shengyuan before Fu Chengyan arrived.

Though Fu Xicheng was full of complaints, he dared not show his genuine feelings as he needed the man's help.

"Two cups of teas." Fu Chengyan pressed on the intercom and asked his secretary to bring them in. He smiled, crinkling up his eyes while gesturing for Fu Xicheng to sit down.

Fu Xicheng had no idea why he felt so inferior in Fu Chengyan's presence.

"Have a seat," Fu Chengyan's lips curled up in a smile, "Looks like you really like that Ms. Shi, huh?"

Fu Xicheng froze immediately. He hadn't said anything yet, but Fu Chengyan had already guessed the reason and said it out loud. To hear it from him actually embarrassed Fu Xicheng.

Fu Chengyan's eyes narrowed. Right then, his secretary had brought in the drinks. Then, he gestured for his secretary to hand it to Fu Xicheng. "Here, try this. It's fresh from this year's harvest. I remember your father loves tea, but I don't know if you like it."

"My father loves tea." Fu Xicheng was pleasantly flattered when Fu Chengyan suddenly mentioned his father. "I can't believe you still remember that."

Fu Chengyan chuckled and took a sip. After putting the cup down, he said, "We're from the same clan."

Right across him, Fu Xicheng's brows slightly furrowed, as Fu Chengyan's words were terrifying. Nonetheless, he answered, "Thank you."

"What do you need me to do this time?" Fu Chengyan drummed his knuckles on the table gently. "Your fiancée... Is it Ms. Shi, the eldest daughter of the Shi family?"

"Yes," Fu Xicheng replied uneasily, "Someone framed Wei this time too, so... Previously, you allowed Wei to act in a TV drama produced by your company, right? I heard Xinhuang Entertainment, which is owned by you, is well-known in the industry. Hence..."

Fu Chengyan raised his hand to stop Fu Xicheng's words. "I can help you, but this time the situation is even worse than before!" Fu Chengyan's voice was cold as he said, "I'm a businessman, and businessmen don't take bad deals. Xicheng, since you're helping your father in Fucheng, I believe you should know that well."

"You're right." Fu Xicheng knew what Fu Chengyan meant. However, he had already promised Shi Wei to get Fu Chengyan's help.

It wasn't exactly a small matter as well, so Fu Chengyan was the only one who could resolve the situation.

"You should think it over. The entertainment industry is complicated. I can help her, but she needs to show her sincerity."

"What do you mean by that?" Fu Xicheng frowned as he realized things weren't as simple as he thought. "If I can do it, of course I will..."

"I don't need you." Fu Chengyan raised his hand to cut him off. "I think Shi Wei's company isn't going to protect her after what happened."

Fu Xicheng's expression froze. "You really do know everything!"

"Ask her if she's willing to join Xinhuang." Fu Chengyan replied calmly. Fu Xicheng was shocked, as he didn't expect Fu Chengyan would say that. "You're willing to sign Wei?"

"She has to come over to talk about the details. If she's willing, she can go to Zhou Zheng. He's the one managing Xinhuang's affairs. I'm merely recommending her."

"Okay, got it."

After leaving Fu Chengyan's office, Fu Xicheng felt uneasy. He thought it'd be hard to get Fu Chengyan's help, but the man agreed to help almost immediately.

Shi Wei, who was waiting outside, rushed over to Fu Xicheng when he came out. "Xicheng, how did it go? Did Fu Chengyan agree?"

Fu Xicheng nodded in response, and Shi Wei flung her arms around him excitedly. "Darling, I knew you could do it! Thank you for doing this for me." Shi Wei stood on tiptoes and kissed him.

However, Fu Xicheng was unprepared for Shi Wei's enthusiasm, so he pushed her away. 'Don't get too excited yet. Fu Chengyan had agreed to help you, but he wanted to sign you to Xinhuang!"

"Sign me to Xinhuang?" Shi Wei was taken aback. She bit her lips, obviously stumped. "But I have an ongoing contract at Xinjia, I…"

"Well, that ultimately falls on you. My uncle is willing to help his family, but he won't help others without getting anything in return. Wei, he's a businessman after all!" Fu Xicheng recalled Fu Chengyan's aura when he was talking. The contrast between them was distinct.

At first, Shi Wei was full of hesitation. But when Fu Xicheng mentioned the word "family", she immediately made up her mind. "Okay, I'll go terminate my contract with Xinjia now." Xinjia is nothing compared to Xinhuang Entertainment.

Xinjia is just an ant in comparison. Meanwhile, Xinhuang Entertainment is a company under Shengyuan, owned by Fu Chengyan.

And Fu Chengyan?

Well, he's a powerful man in Jiang City. If I can build a connection with him, I will have a successful career for sure.

With that, Shi Wei made up her mind. "Xicheng, tell Fu Chengyan I said yes."

Soon after her decision, Fu Xicheng made a call to Zhou Zheng. However, Zhou Zheng told him that Shi Wei had to terminate her contract with Xinjia before Xinhuang could start discussions with her.

Hence, Shi Wei had no choice but to agree to terminate her contract as soon as possible. But the woman also requested Xinhuang to suppress the news immediately.

After Zhou Zheng hung up, he glanced at Fu Chengyan, "Mr. Fu, Shi Wei said yes."

A smile lit up Fu Chengyan's face as an icy glint appeared in his eyes. "Good job!"

Zhou Zheng arched his brows and replied, "Thank you for the compliment! I'll go prepare the contract now. As soon as Shi Wei terminates her contract, I'll sign her to Xinhuang." He had been waiting for this day for a while now.

If Shi Wei finds out about the truth, would she regret her actions today?

If she knew Shi Nuan, who she despised immensely, was now her boss, how would she react?

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No one knew how Shi Wei would react upon finding the truth later on. But as of now, she was elated. She thought her career would advance since Fu Chengyan had agreed to help her.

And so, Shi Wei went to Mr. Li at Xinjia to terminate her contract. Although her reputation was ruined, she was still Xinjia's artiste. Xinjia had spent tons of money and effort to make her popular. Even if Shi Wei was now practically useless to Xinjia, they were still unwilling to let her go just like that.

But she wasn't exactly born yesterday either. When the Shi family and Fu family found out Shi Wei received Fu Chengyan's help, they helped her to negotiate with Xinjia's CEO.

At first, Xinjia's CEO wouldn't agree to her conditions. But after a phone call in the midst of their negotiation, he had agreed to terminate Shi Wei's contract. However, since Shi Wei was the one who wanted to terminate her contract, she had to compensate the company.

The Shi family and Fu family agreed to pay the compensation. With that, Shi Wei ended her contract with Xinjia. Soon after, Shi Wei wanted to meet with Zhou Zheng to ask him to suppress the news. But, Zhou Zheng had only agreed to discuss further after their contract agreement.

Shi Wei didn't think much as she headed to Xinhuang's building. This time, she was well-prepared, unlike last time. Since her reputation had already been ruined, and she had just ended her contract, Shi Wei wanted to sign a contract with Xinhuang as soon as possible.

When Zhou Zheng handed Shi Wei her contract, she signed it immediately without reading it. Her actions had taken Zhou Zheng by surprise. Then, he stared at Shi Wei in amusement, "Ms. Shi, you signed the contract without reading it? Don't you have any requests?"

Shi Wei gave Zhou Zheng what she thought was a seductive smile and said, "Mr. Zhou, I trust your character. Besides, you helped me even when I'm in this plight. Of course, I trust you!"

What a fool!

Zhou Zheng stared at Shi Wei, who was acting coquettishly. He didn't pity or covet that woman. He trusted Fu Chengyan's judgment. His boss always had a keen eye for discerning people. The Shi Wei right in front of him had nothing besides her looks. Yet she was a crafty woman.

Zhou Zheng touched his jaw, seemingly satisfied with Shi Wei's answer, "Since this is business, I think you should read through the contract. We're colleagues from now on. Ms. Shi, if something happens to you later on, you'll rise and fall together with Xinhuang. Am I right?"

Zhou Zheng's words seemed to insinuate something. Even Shi Wei realized something was amiss. She frowned and flipped open the contract that she had just signed and paled visibly when she read the first page.

While flipping through the pages anxiously, Shi Wei stared at the contract in front of her in utter shock, with regret written all over her face.

After reading through the whole contract, Shi Wei clenched her teeth and asked, "Mr. Zhou, I trusted you. But this contract is full of clauses unfavorable to me! Why didn't you remind me earlier?"

A smirk formed on Zhou Zheng's lips. "I did remind you earlier. But you acted swiftly before I could even react. See, I even prepared an entire speech to discuss with you." "You..." Shi Wei was enraged. "This contract is unfair. It should be voided!"

"Voided? Ms. Shi, the contract becomes effective once the parties have signed it. Even if you aren't in business, I believe you should know it well." Zhou Zheng took the contract from her and smirked. "Do you think this contract is unfavorable to you? Based on your current situation, which I believe you are well-informed, Xinhuang is bearing a tremendous risk for signing you. If you insist on voiding the contract, we can do it. But a breach of contract will cause... Ms. Shi, I reckon you should consider the consequences."

"You!" Shi Wei never expected Zhou Zheng would do this to her. "I'm Mr. Fu's family!"

"Which Mr. Fu?" Zhou Zheng continued smirking. "Mr. Fu Chengyan handed Xinhuang to me, so I get to call the shots. Are you referring to Mr. Fu from Fucheng or my boss?"

Shi Wei paled visibly. "Does Fu Chengyan know what you just did?"

"Not everyone has the right to address Mr. Fu with his full name." Zhou Zheng stood up with a sharp glint in his eyes. "Ms. Shi, think about it. Come to me after you've made up your mind. Xinhuang will always welcome you with open arms!"

Zhou Zheng was about to leave, but Shi Wei mustered her courage and stopped him. Clenching her teeth in anger, she shouted, "Wait!"

"Ms. Shi, go on," Zhou Zheng stopped in his tracks and smiled.

"I agree. But you have to help me settle this matter immediately. And... I'm the supporting lead in this drama, but I demand to call the shots!"

Zhou Zheng arched his brows as he turned to look at Shi Wei. "Ms. Shi, you've made a prompt decision. Actually, if you abide by this contract, nothing will happen, right?"

"Yes!" Shi Wei gritted her teeth in fury. Although what the man said was true, there was still a clause that was unfavorable to her.

It was stated that Xinhuang would turn her into a superstar in the next five years, but she could not have any scandals or any mishaps that would jeopardize her reputation during this period. Aside from that, Xinhuang would get 10% of her earnings during the first year, which meant she wouldn't be getting anything then.

Those conditions were nothing in comparison to the worst. The worst part was if she had breached the contract, she would have to compensate Xinhuang 50% of her earnings for those five years.

It was apparent the contract was unreasonable, but the most abhorrent thing was that she signed it without even reading it.

Just then, Zhou Zheng tapped on the contract. "Ms. Shi, don't be upset. Xinhuang will make you into a superstar. I believe you know our capabilities well."

"Yes!" Since she had already signed the contract, there was nothing she could say.

But after Shi Wei vented her anger at home, her scandal that was spread online disappeared immediately. After that, Xinhuang posted an official post welcoming Shi Wei to their company and tagged Shi Wei in their official Weibo account.

Since Xinhuang Entertainment's status in the entertainment industry was apparent, the netizens flooded the comments in no time. Right after that, the new drama's official Weibo account had also tagged Shi Wei and announced that she would be part of the cast.

Instantly, netizens began discussing heatedly regarding Shi Wei. Although there were still negative comments about her, it appeared to be much better than before.

After all, Xinhuang was the main sponsor of the drama. And when the drama's official account had announced Shi Wei even before they announced the lead actor and actress, the netizens were guessing how she had secured her spot. As for her scandals, Xinhuang had released photos of Shi Wei back then, stating that those were merely photos from a photoshoot.

After reading their statement, Shi Wei heaved a sigh of relief. She was surprised at how swiftly Xinhuang dealt with the matter.

When Jiang Yu passed by Shi Wei's room, she thought something happened to Shi Wei again because of the mess in her room. "Wei, what's wrong? Did Fu Chengyan refuse to help you?"

"No, mom. Fu Chengyan agreed. I had already signed an exclusive contract with them, so don't worry!" Shi Wei reassured her mother. She recalled the contract she had just signed but decided not to tell her mother about it. "I'm fine, mom. It's all thanks to Xicheng. If it wasn't for him..."

"Foolish girl, he's your fiancé so of course, he should help you! But you should also work hard. Back then..." Jiang Yu sighed before continuing, "Since everything's cleared up now, it's best to put it behind us. You're lucky that Xicheng said nothing. But do find time to appease your father-in-law!"

"I know." Shi Wei's eyes flickered as she recalled how Fu Xicheng reacted that day. She clenched her teeth and said, "Xicheng loves me dearly, and his father treats me well too. Mom, don't worry. We should focus on granddad and Shi Nuan..."

All this while, Shi Wei had no time to deal with Shi Nuan's matter as she was embroiled in the scandal. "Mom, Shi Nuan can't get Huancheng's shares."

"I know!" Jiang Yu's eyes gleamed. "Your granddad is getting old, but your father and I are still clear-headed. We know who is family!"

Even though Jiang Yu said that, deep down, she was still worried.

She didn't expect the old man to give all his shares to that whore Shi Nuan. If Shi Nuan still had the shares, it would be easy to deal with her. She knew Shi Nuan well. As long as she took an intransigent attitude and devised a plan, they would be able to get the shares in no time.

Right now, Jiang Yu was worried that Shi Nuan had been telling the truth, which was the fact that she had already sold her shares. If that was true, it would be troublesome for them.

"Mom?" Shi Wei noticed something was wrong with Jiang Yu. "Are you worried about Shi Nuan selling her shares? Don't worry. She wanted granddad's shares for years. Do you think she'd be that foolish to sell her shares out? She won't do that! All these years, she kept taking my things from me. My dolls, both grandpa and grandad's affection, and Xicheng too! It took her some time to get the shares, so she wouldn't sell them out that easily!"

Shi Wei clenched her teeth. "I think Shi Nuan will come and gloat in front of me after she gets them. Mom, you must get it back from her!" Shi Wei clutched Jiang Yu's arm forcefully. "Of course!"

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After what happened in Fucheng, Shi Nuan had stopped going to work altogether. She knew that Fucheng was just waiting for her to resign. But she wasn't prepared to leave, so she remained at the Wutong Residence for now.

Earlier on, Fu Chengyan had instructed Zhou Zheng to show Xinhuang's previous operations to Shi Nuan. Since Shi Nuan had no experience working in the entertainment industry, she knew nothing about their operations. However, she was now one of Xinhuang's shareholders, so she still had to know some details.

For the past few days, Shi Nuan busied herself with reading documents and files about Xinhuang to familiarize herself with the artists under them and all their current projects.

Previously, Zhou Zheng was the one who dealt with everything. Once in a while, he would only show Fu Chengyan some documents. All this while, Fu Chengyan had trusted Zhou Zheng so much that he never even asked him about the details.

But recently, Zhou Zheng had to report Xinhuang's daily events to Fu Chengyan. To be frank, he had actually been reporting to Shi Nuan rather than Fu Chengyan.

It was fortunate that Shi Nuan was smart, as Zhou Zheng could effortlessly explain everything to her. Fu Chengyan had a keen eye indeed. Shi Nuan was capable because she could make business decisions well compared to that foolish Shi Wei. Yet, Shi Nuan didn't think that she was capable enough. After listening to Zhou Zheng's report for a few days, she got to know a bit about the entertainment industry, though she did think that it was fairly complicated.

The day eventually came when Zhou Heng arrived with Shi Wei's contract.

Fu Chengyan was busy in his study upstairs while Shi Nuan was cooking in the kitchen. She heard the doorbell and went to open the door. It was Zhou Zheng who had a briefcase in his hand. "Hello, Mrs. Fu!"

"You can just call me Shi Nuan." It felt ridiculous whenever Zhou Zheng addressed Shi Nuan as "Mrs. Fu" in a serious tone. Although she had corrected him a few times, Zhou Zheng still insisted on addressing her as "Mrs. Fu". Shi Nuan had no choice but to let him be.

"Yan is upstairs!"

"Okay." Zhou Zheng replied and nodded before changing into house slippers.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan turned and headed back to the kitchen.

Zhou Zheng had just changed into house slippers when the delicious smell from the kitchen assaulted his nostrils. Sighing, he had to admit Fu Chengyan's wife was indeed a priceless treasure.

Fu Chengyan, on the other hand, was in the midst of an international conference call discussing Shengyuan's collaboration with a UK company. Due to the time difference, Fu Chengyan had to call them at this hour.

When a knock sounded at his door, Fu Chengyan apologized to them before calling out, "Come in!"

Zhou Zheng came in and stood aside when he saw Fu Chengyan in the middle of a call.

Fu Chengyan tapped at the table absentmindedly as he continued talking for around half an hour. After hanging up, he raised his head to look at Zhou Zheng. "Anything?"

"Mr. Fu, this is Shi Wei's contract."

"She actually signed it?" Fu Chengyan raised his brows. He took the contract and swept his gaze over it. "Did she say anything?"

"She was terribly upset!" Zhou Zheng recalled Shi Wei's reaction back then. "She signed the contract without even reading it."

Fu Chengyan smirked as he tossed the contract aside. "I overestimated her. You can deal with the rest of it."

"Yes, Mr. Fu!" Since Fu Chengyan had allowed him to call the shots, he had decided to let Shi Wei off for now. Just then, Zhou Zheng recalled something and told Fu Chengyan, "I saw someone today."

"Who?" Fu Chengyan rapped his knuckles against the table.

"Shi Wei's manager, Guan Jing." Zhou Zheng replied, "She's working for Xinjia and was actually dissatisfied with Shi Wei. But Shi Wei had terminated her contract with Xinjia without bringing her along."

A smile lit up Fu Chengyan's face as he arched his brows, gesturing for Zhou Zheng to continue. Zhou Zheng continued, "Xinjia terminated Shi Wei's contract after finding out Xinhuang is going to sign her. But, Xinjia didn't give Guan Jing an explanation. I was thinking, since she worked as Shi Wei's manager, we should hire her to be Shi Wei's manager as she knows Shi Wei well."

"You can decide yourself for these trivial matters."

"Okay," Zhou Zheng replied. He knew Fu Chengyan was satisfied with his arrangements, so he said, "There's one more thing..."

Fu Chengyan frowned and beckoned him to continue, "Go on."

"It's about the house Mrs. Fu stayed in previously." Zhou Zheng paused, "She didn't end the contract, so the landlord kept the house empty. But recently..."

Fu Chengyan's brows knitted as his face darkened.

Zhou Zheng coughed twice before continuing, "The landlord called me today and asked about Mrs. Fu. Previously, I informed the landlord to keep an eye on it, so the landlord contacted me. He told me someone was loitering outside her house."

Zhou Zheng didn't make it clear, but Fu Chengyan was smart enough to guess who the person was. "What else did the landlord say?"

"Nothing much. He asked if Mrs. Fu got into trouble. He also took a photo of that person and asked if he should call the police next time." Zhou Zheng showed Fu Chengyan the photo.

Fu Chengyan glanced at the photo and smirked, "Of course he should call the police. Strange men who loitered outside people's houses should be handed to the police. We are tax holders who pay their salary, so they should help us out!"

Although Fu Chengyan appeared calm, Zhou Zheng knew he was extremely upset.

Fu Xicheng already had Shi Wei, and he had dumped Shi Nuan for the sake of money. But it seemed like he still wouldn't give up on her. Needless to say, Zhou Zheng was disgusted by that man too.

"I've already informed the landlord." Zhou Zheng thought Fu Xicheng must have had a death wish, as he refused to leave Shi Nuan alone. "And..." Zhou Zheng wiped at the cold sweat on his brows. There were too many things to report today.

By now, Fu Chengyan was already impatient. "Can't you say it all at once!"

"Mrs. Fu's mother, Mrs. Shi, went to her house. She left because Mrs. Fu wasn't there. But she cursed Mrs. Fu before leaving."

Fu Chengyan's gaze darkened further when he heard that. "Got it."

"So..." Zhou Zheng wasn't sure what to do since she was Shi Nuan's mother. Although no one would want a mother like that, she was still Shi Nuan's birth mother, so Zhou Zheng dared not do anything to her.

"When is Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei's wedding?" Fu Chengyan asked out of a sudden. Zhou Zheng was confused, but he replied, "Well... I don't think Fu Xicheng ever planned to marry her."

"Make him do so. Make sure they marry as soon as possible." Fu Chengyan told him impatiently.Right then, someone knocked at the door. Shi Nuan pushed the door open and poked her head in. "You're still working? Am I disturbing you?"

Zhou Zheng shook his head. "No, I'm done reporting!"

Fu Chengyan shot him a look, and he immediately zipped up his mouth and exclaimed, "Ah! I remember I need to deal with some other matters. Mr. Fu, Mrs. Fu, I have to leave now!"

"Um..." Shi Nuan was suspicious at his sudden departure. "I prepared dinner. Mr. Zhou, you can eat before leaving!"

Zhou Zheng paused, but he could immediately sense a sharp glare coming from his boss. He straightened his back and laughed foolishly, "Mrs. Fu, you're too kind. I really need to deal with those matters. Mrs. Fu, enjoy dinner with Mr. Fu! I'll leave now!"

Still surprised by Zhou Zheng's sudden departure, Shi Nuan turned to Fu Chengyan while biting her lips. "Why did he leave in a hurry? Was there something urgent that he had to deal with?" Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes, stood up, and gestured for Shi Nuan to come over. Shi Nuan walked over to him and asked, "What's wrong?" When she saw the contract on the table, she raised her brows. "Is this Shi Wei's contract?"

Fu Chengyan nodded and gave her the contract. "Take a look at it."

Shi Nuan smiled and flipped the contract open. Upon reading it, she raised her head in shock, thinking she must have misread it. But by the time she had finished reading, her mouth was wide enough to stuff an egg in.

Shi Nuan touched her own face. "Did I misread it?"

"What do you think?" Fu Chengyan arched his brows while he tucked a strand of hair behind her ears before chuckling. "You didn't."

"B-But Shi Wei is a clever person. Why would she agree to the unfair terms?" Shi Nuan bit her lips in disbelief. She had always thought of Shi Wei as someone petty.

The fact that they were both sisters, Shi Nuan knew Shi Wei well. She thought Shi Wei wouldn't sign the contract after reading the unfair terms.

Fu Chengyan smirked, "It seems unfair to you, but she might not think the same way as you do." Fu Chengyan took the contract from her and held her hand before walking out of the study together. "What did you cook for dinner?"

"Some simple dishes. You've been coughing for the past few days but refused to sleep early and take medication. So I had to put some effort into my cooking." Shi Nuan replied peevishly, then suddenly realized what he was trying to do. "Don't change the topic. You said Shi Wei might not think it's unfair. Why?"

"Think about her current situation." There was a slight warmth in Fu Chengyan's eyes as he held Shi Nuan's hand while walking down the stairs. When the man saw the dishes on the table, he couldn't help but raise his brows. "Darling, our dinner is really light and healthy."

Shi Nuan arched her brows in response, "If you listened to me and take your meds as told, I wouldn't have to resort to this!"

With a sigh, Fu Chengyan surrendered. "Should I think about what married men should pay attention to?"

"Hmm? What do you think you should pay attention to?"

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Shi Yunsheng was admitted for a whole week. During this week, Shi Nuan would visit him whenever she was free. After Shi Yunsheng found out Shi Nuan was married, he wanted to meet Shi Nuan's husband. Hence, he was able to recover quickly.

After Shi Nuan stopped going to Fucheng, she spent all her time at Wutong Residence and visiting Shi Yunsheng at the hospital. It was this day when Shi Nuan bumped into Jiang Yu upon reaching the hospital. Jiang Yu was furious upon seeing her, especially when she recalled how Shi Nuan refused to open the door to let her into her house.

At that instant, Jiang Yu immediately blocked Shi Nuan outside and refused to let her in.

But when Shi Nuan moved aside to bypass Jiang Yu, the woman grabbed her arm. "You damned brat! Why didn't you greet me?"

Shi Nuan frowned as she stared at her arm that was gripped by Jiang Yu. It was painful, so she struggled out of her strong grip. "Mom." Her tone was neither servile nor overbearing, so it was apparent how Shi Nuan felt about Jiang Yu.

Jiang Yu clenched her teeth. "Is this how you greet me?"

"Mom, if there's nothing else, I have to go in now. I've boiled some soup for granddad, so he must be waiting for me." Shi Nuan was about to head in, but Jiang Yu wouldn't let her go. "Stop right there. Explain what happened that day. Did you really distribute the shares that granddad gave you?"

"I thought I've clarified it that day." Shi Nuan smiled coldly. "Mom, I believe you've heard it loud and clear, so stop asking me again. It doesn't matter who holds the shares now. Nothing will change as long as Huancheng's shares remain the same. But if there's a slight change to Huancheng's shares, then..."

"How dare you threaten me?" Jiang Yu demanded, "Huancheng's shares had nothing to do with you. How dare you distribute it to others? Who did you give it to?"

Jiang Yu fumed in anger. "How much did he pay you? Tell him your mom wants them back!"

"Well, that would be impossible." Shi Nuan replied coldly. "Mom, I've always thought I did something wrong, as you've always treated Shi Wei better. But now, I think I was wrong. You've always been like this. The shares belonged to granddad, so he had the right to do whatever he wanted with it. Since he gave the shares to me, I may do whatever I want. It doesn't belong to you, so stop dreaming about it!"

"Damn it!" Jiang Yu gave Shi Nuan a slap across her cheek. "How dare you speak to me this way?"

"How dare you!" Suddenly, the door was pushed open, and Shi Yunsheng stood there furiously. His cloudy eyes were glaring at Jiang Yu. "How dare you slap Nuan in front of me? I can't imagine what you will do if I'm gone!"

"Dad, I..." Jiang Yu was flustered as she didn't expect the old man to wake up and see her arguing with Shi Nuan. "Dad, you have no idea what's going on. Shi Nuan distributed the shares you gave her to someone else! That's treachery! You've worked so hard to make Huancheng what it is today! If the shares ended up in an outsider's hand, it will be a huge issue!"

"Ha!" Shi Yunsheng harrumphed and glowered at Jiang Yu. He turned and waved to Shi Nuan. "Nuan, come over to granddad."

Shi Nuan frowned and massaged her left cheek, which was slapped by Jiang Yu before going over to hold Shi Yunsheng's hand. "Granddad, why did you come out? Let me help you back to bed."

But Shi Yunsheng waved her off and patted the back of her hand. "I'm fine. I've already recovered." Then Shi Yunsheng shot a glare at Jiang Yu and said, "I've given the shares to Nuan, so it belongs to her now. She is free to do whatever she wants with it. And about the outsider, I think you're the treacherous one, not Nuan!"

"Dad, how can you say that?" Jiang Yu gasped, "Do you know what you're talking about? Why would we give our shares to outsiders?"

"Really?" Shi Yunsheng sneered, "I think you're planning to do so. I'm not the old and senile man you think I am, so don't you dare disrespect me." Shi Yunsheng's gazed sharply at Jiang Yu, and she felt strangely guilty. But she immediately retorted back, "For Zheng, Wei, and I, all our shares belong to the Shi family. We won't give our shares to outsiders. But Shi Nuan wouldn't tell us who she gave her shares to. Dad..."

"That's enough!" Shi Yunsheng cut her off. "If you're that free, go home and monitor Shi Wei. Don't let her embarrass herself in public. You don't have to bother about Nuan anymore. I don't think you have time to take care of both of them. From now onwards, Jiang Shizheng and I will deal with her matters!"

"Dad…"

"Stop it. I need to rest. You should go home." Shi Yunsheng didn't want to hear Jiang Yu's nonsense anymore. So he returned to his room, tugging Shi Nuan along, while Jiang Yu was left at the door alone, clenching her fists angrily.

She didn't expect Shi Yunsheng would have that much affection for Shi Nuan. How dare that damned brat managed to get both Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng's affection! Meanwhile, in the ward, Shi Nuan held Shi Yunsheng's hand as he sat down before opening her thermos flask. Her eyes crinkled up in a smile and told him, "Granddad, you don't have to worry anymore!"

"I don't have to worry?" Shi Yunsheng obviously didn't believe her as he stared at her left cheek with a pained expression. "Sweetheart, why didn't you step away?"

Shi Nuan's eyes flickered as she smiled in resignation, accidentally tugging on her wound. She gasped in pain before replying, "Granddad, she's my mother. If I step away, it will happen again next time. Plus, I didn't know she was going to slap me out of a sudden."

Besides, Shi Nuan was already used to it. "You're still sick. Why did you get out of bed?"

"If I didn't get out of bed, will you be able to get rid of her that swiftly?" There was a burning rage in Shi Yunsheng's heart whenever Jiang Yu appeared in his mind. He took the bowl of soup from Shi Nuan and sighed, "I know you're upset. Well, your mom..."

"Granddad, let's stop talking about her." Shi Nuan smiled, "I cooked this soup for you this morning. Try it out."

Shi Yunsheng could only shake his head resignedly after seeing Shi Nuan's reaction. He lowered his head and sniffed at the soup. "Smells great! Nuan, you're getting better at cooking."

"Have more if it's good!" Shi Nuan took a chair and sat beside him. "I bought pork bones for the soup. Yan said it'll taste if I simmer it for a long time."

As soon as she mentioned Fu Chengyan's name, Shi Yunsheng's eyes crinkled up in a smile. "Yan seems to be treating you quite well!"

"Yes." Shi Nuan flushed in embarrassment. She refilled Shi Yunsheng's bowl after he finished the soup. "Granddad, here you go."

Shi Yunsheng was glad to see an obedient Shi Nuan too. Suddenly, a thought flashed across his mind as he looked at Shi Nuan. "You seem pretty free recently. Don't you have to work?"

Shi Nuan's eyes flickered, but Shi Yunsheng was staring at her, so she told him everything that happened back then in Fucheng. After he heard everything, Shi Yunsheng's cloudy eyes gleamed, and he left out a snort, "Fu Yuqing, how dare you do that to Nuan?"

"Actually, it's nothing, really." Shi Nuan tried to calm Shi Yunsheng down. "I was going to resign even if this didn't happen. It's awkward to see Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei hating on me. I didn't want to continue working for Fucheng, but they fired me before I could resign."

Shi Nuan's voice was laced with disappointment because she was reluctant to leave. Fucheng was the first company she worked for after graduating. It was fun to work together with Fu Xicheng back then, and they even mapped out their future together. Even Fu Yuqing, his father had acknowledged her and had already agreed to their relationship.

But everything changed after she went on that business trip for one year.

"Forget it. He doesn't deserve your sacrifice at all. It's good that you're not working there anymore." Shi Yunsheng didn't want Shi Nuan to work at Fucheng, but he knew his granddaughter well.

She seemed weak, but she was a stubborn and strong girl.

As for that matter, he knew she had drawn a clear line between personal affairs and work.

That was the reason Shi Yunsheng never interfered in Shi Nuan's affairs. But Shi Nuan's parents and sister were horrible. Although Shi Yunsheng was Shi Nuan's grandfather, he couldn't be by her side 24/7 to protect her. Shi Nuan was also a sentimental person because she never retaliated against her parents. Even if

they did something terrible to her. The girl must've suffered a lot because of them.

"What will you do then?"

"I'm still thinking about it. I'm thinking of taking a break for now." Shi Nuan grinned, "Granddad, are you afraid that I won't get a job?"

Shi Yunsheng knew Shi Nuan was reassuring him. However, he also knew Shi Nuan was capable enough to find a job later on. "What does Fu Chengyan think about you being jobless?"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips, knowing her grandfather was still worried for her. Hence, she patiently explained to him. "Yan wants me to take a break before going to work at Shengyuan." Shi Nuan beamed, "Shengyuan is great, but I want to rely on my own abilities."

Upon hearing that, Shi Yunsheng nodded. "Yes, he did well. You should go to work at Shengyuan." Shi Yunsheng approved of the man's decision. He patted Shi Nuan's hand. "Sweetheart, tell me. Are you really not upset regarding Huancheng's shares?"

"Granddad, have you regretted your decision?" Shi Nuan asked in surprise.

"Of course not!" Shi Yunsheng shot her an exasperated look. "I gave my shares to you, so they belong to you now. You are free to do whatever you want. But I still think you should think carefully. Fu Chengyan..."

"Granddad, Yan gave me Xinhuang's shares."

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Shi Yunsheng was taken aback and burst out into laughter. "You told me that last time." Shi Nuan told him Fu Chengyan gave her the shares of Xinhuang Entertainment previously. "But I…"

"Granddad, don't worry. Yan adores me." Shi Nuan assured Shi Yunsheng not to worry. "He's different from Fu Xicheng. The man has everything and needs nothing more, including Huancheng's shares."

Shi Yunsheng's eyes flickered before he nodded. "I know." Huancheng was a tiny company compared to Shengyuan. Shi Yunsheng knew that well. "All I want is for you to be happy. Sometimes we need these worldly possessions too."

With a nod, Shi Nuan answered, "I know what you're trying to say. You want me to be financially secure. To be honest, Yan told me he won't touch the shares even though it's under his name. The shares will still belong to me." Then she grinned, "I got the best of the bargain. I got Xinhuang's shares from him, and he even gave me his own shares. Now, I'm the biggest shareholder of Xinhuang."

Shi Yunsheng was surprised after listening to what Shi Nuan said. "You mean you're the biggest shareholder of Xinhuang now?" He didn't expect Fu Chengyan would do this for Shi Nuan. "That's good. Nuan, when will you introduce me to him?"

"Okay." Shi Nuan nodded. "After you get discharged from the hospital, I'll bring Yan to meet you." "Good, good!" Shi Yunsheng laughed. He chatted with Shi Nuan for a while until the doctor arrived to check up on him. After that, Shi Nuan left just as the doctor told him that it was time to rest.

However, Shi Nuan didn't know that someone had been stalking her the moment she stepped into the hospital. When she exited the hospital, that someone suddenly appeared in front of her. It gave her such a shock that Shi Nuan staggered backward, and the thermos flask in her hands fell to the ground.

Shi Nuan bit her lips and glared at the man standing in front of her, obviously upset. Then, she squatted down and picked up the thermos flask on the ground. Fu Xicheng had also squatted down, but Shi Nuan immediately stood up before he did and left in a hurry.

A look of displeasure appeared on Fu Xicheng's face, but he still followed her. "Nuan, what are you doing?"

Nonetheless, Shi Nuan didn't stop because of his words. At that moment, Fu Xicheng realized he had to do something. He picked up speed and blocked her. "Do you have to do this?"

"Obviously." A sneer appeared on Shi Nuan's face. She glowered at Fu Xicheng in disdain. Right now, the last shred of feeling she had for Fu Xicheng disappeared into thin air. "Mr. Fu, excuse me!"

Fu Xicheng wouldn't let her leave. "I've heard what happened to you. Why didn't you come to me?"

"And what's that?" Shi Nuan raised her head, staring at Fu Xicheng icily. "Why do I need to come to you?"

"You know what I mean, about our company. Why didn't you come to me after what happened? And regarding the information, did you..."

"Does it matter?" Shi Nuan cut him off with a smirk. "Does it matter to you that something happened to me? Does it matter to you I was the one who leaked the information?"

Fu Xicheng's brows knitted up. He really didn't like this woman who questioned him sharply. In the past, Shi Nuan wasn't like this. "Of course it matters. You are..."

"That's enough, Fu Xicheng." Shi Nuan couldn't be bothered with his nonsense. "It doesn't matter because I don't want to talk to you. You know what happened. Besides, I'm not in the mood to talk to you since I'm busy."

"Shi Nuan!" Fu Xicheng suddenly reached out to grab her arm. "Can we talk? Why are you full of hostility every time we meet? Did you forget we used to..."

"Yes, I had forgotten about it." Shi Nuan shoved Fu Xicheng's hand away and scoffed, "Mr. Fu, please remember your position. You're my brother-in-law. I can solve the trouble at Fucheng myself, so you don't have to worry."

"Shi Nuan," Fu Xicheng said through gritted teeth. "I told you about Shi Wei and me. I don't love her. I..."

"Fu Xicheng, that doesn't concern me. Since you chose her, please treat her well. You shouldn't be telling me that." Shi Nuan cut Fu Xicheng off frustratedly. She didn't expect Fu Xicheng to be this shameless by telling her repeatedly that he didn't love Shi Wei at all.

But what did he say when I had just returned from her business trip and found out that he had gotten engaged with Shi Wei? The woman he had always loved was Shi Wei, and not me. He had never loved me.

But what about now? How dare he said he didn't love Shi Wei at all? "You better watch out!"

"Shi Nuan," Fu Xicheng glared at Shi Nuan's back viciously. "Do you really think you're that innocent? You're from the Shi family, but your parents don't love you at all. You don't even have any family shares because you are nothing in your family. Do you think everything will just fall into your lap if you don't fight for it?"

Fu Xicheng clenched his fists. "If you are like Shi Wei, adored by your parents and have Huancheng's shares, then we'll be the ones getting engaged and getting married. I wouldn't have to marry Shi Wei at all."

"So it's all my fault then?" Shi Nuan stared at Fu Xicheng in disbelief. How ridiculous! "What a joke."

"You…"

"You're a healthy man with Fucheng backing you up. As someone who's born into a rich family, why are you so superficial? Do you need a woman's shares to prove yourself? I don't have any, but Shi Wei does, so that was why you chose her? Fine! I didn't blame you, so why are you blaming me instead? Fu Xicheng, only useless men would use women to advance in their careers. I thought you weren't that type of person, but..." Shi Nuan stared at Fu Xicheng coldly. "Fu Chengyan is much better than you even though both of you share the same surname."

"Shi Nuan, what did you say?" Fu Xicheng's eyes went red with rage instantly. "How dare you compare me to Fu Chengyan? What does he have? He has his family and Shengyuan behind his back. He's just the same, like me."

"No, I think you're completely different. You are nothing compared to him!" Shi Nuan snorted as she glanced at Fu Xicheng. "Besides his family and Shengyuan, Fu Chengyan owns many other things."

"Do you even know him well?" Fu Xicheng balled his hands into a fist. "How are you related to him?"

"Nothing. I was merely thinking that both of you bear the same surname. But compared to him, you're just a shame to mankind." Shi Nuan didn't want to drag this on and shot him a sharp glare. "Wouldn't a person like you be afraid of rumors spreading if you continue to harass me in front of the hospital's entrance?"

A smirk followed on Shi Nuan's face, "Even if you're not a famous person, your fiancée, Shi Wei is a celebrity." With that being said, a camera from not far away flashed at them.

Fu Xicheng noticed the camera, and his face fell.

At that moment, Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes and ran into her car when she saw him distracted. She drove away, leaving only a trail of fume from the exhaust.

Fu Xicheng wanted to go after her, but the camera's flashlight stopped him from doing so. He gritted his teeth and strode over. The person who took photos of them hurriedly escaped.

Meanwhile, Shi Wei was reading her script when she received a parcel. The maid brought up the parcel for her. Shi Wei opened it curiously, but her face immediately changed when she saw the photos inside.

The woman ripped the photos into shreds savagely as she trembled with rage. "Shi Nuan, you whore!"

"Fu Xicheng is mine! He's mine!"

Shi Nuan found out someone was tailing her and called Fu Chengyan to inform him. Her earlier conversation with Fu Xicheng had left her in disgust and discomfort, so much that it showed through her tone.

Fu Chengyan was in the middle of a meeting when his phone rang with Shi Nuan's custom ringtone. A cold glint appeared in his eyes when it rang.

The sudden sound shocked the managers in the meeting as they held their breath. They were trying to guess whose phone was ringing. This person is dead meat.

Previously, Fu Chengyan had ordered everyone to switch off their phones during meetings, so they would switch off their phones before entering the conference room. Nothing was more important than their boss, Fu Chengyan.

But unexpectedly, one clumsy fool didn't switch off his phone today.

This clumsy fool calmly took his phone out from his pocket and answered the call in front of the managers. "Hello?" His voice was gentle as he answered the call.

When the managers heard Fu Chengyan's voice, which differed from his usual icy tone, their eyes widened in shock.

Fu Chengyan swept his gaze across the managers and drummed his fingers on the table. "What's the matter?"

"I went to see granddad today." Shi Nuan told him. "I met two people today."

Fu Chengyan frowned when he heard her answer. Everyone straightened their backs, terrified by his frown.

The man glanced at them calmly before asking, "Someone that upsets you?"

"Yes. My mom and Fu Xicheng." Shi Nuan bit her lips. Right then, Fu Chengyan's gaze turned icy. "What did they do to you?"

"Nothing much." Shi Nuan shook her head. "But I think someone was stalking me. That person also took photos of me. I didn't offend anyone recently besides Shi Wei. Do you think it was Shi Wei?" At that moment, Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows and gestured for Zhou Zheng to continue the meeting. Zhou Zheng was about to cry when he saw his boss' order. But he would not dare to disagree with him and could only watch as Fu Chengyan leave the conference room without hesitation. The man continued talking as he walked out. "It's fine, don't rush. I'll handle this matter. They won't dare to hurt you."