Jiang Shizheng understood what he was saying quickly, and his expression froze, but he snapped out of it quickly. "She just came back from overseas, so I think she's still adapting to the jetlag.

Since you're here today, Yan, why don't you stay for a meal?" He then called Aunt Fei over. "Get some groceries. Nuan and Yan are going to have their meal here today, so pick up the pace." Jiang Shizheng took out a few notes and handed it to Aunt Fei.

Aunt Fei had been working here for years, so she knew what Jiang Shizheng was thinking. She squinted before taking the money and left. "Yes, sir. Enjoy your chat with Mr. Fu and the little young lady."

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan while her grandfather was talking to Aunt Fei. She couldn't understand how Fu Chengyan would know Jiang Shizheng. On the other hand, Fu Chengyan smiled at her. "You seem surprised to see me, Ms. Shi."

"Of course I am. Aren't you? Are you really my grandpa's student?" Shi Nuan couldn't believe it, for Fu Chengyan was a no ordinary person.

Fu Chengyan arched his eyebrow, but he did not answer her. "Do you think we'll lie to you? There is no need for that." Fu Chengyan replied. Shi Nuan bristled, wanting to retort, but she was out of any comebacks.

Jiang Shizheng's eyes gleamed, then his gaze flitting between Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan. "She's the girl I've been talking to you about, Yan. My granddaughter has been a great student, and now she's a director in her company." Jiang Shizheng praised his granddaughter to high heavens, and Fu Chengyan agreed. Whenever Fu Chengyan glanced at her, Shi Nuan could feel her skin tingle.

"Alright, you guys have fun. I'll go to my study now." Jiang Shizheng patted Shi Nuan's hand. "He's our guest, Nuan, so entertain him for me."

Jiang Shizheng left before Shi Nuan could refuse. Shi Nuan wanted to follow him, but after she glanced at the unmoving Fu Chengyan, the woman sat down reluctantly. "I've never heard my grandpa talk about you, Mr. Fu. When did you become his student?"

He squinted. "Is that so? But Mr. Jiang always talks about you." Fu Chengyan replied. When he stood up, Shi Nuan scrambled backward in shock. "Stay away from me!" She looked at him angrily.

"I thought you said you don't know me, Ms. Shi. We should sit closer and get to know each other quicker, no?" Fu Chengyan smiled. "We shouldn't let Mr. Jiang down, you know." He whispered in her ear.

"Why you..." Shi Nuan blushed. Now she knew why her grandfather called her back. She would be an idiot if she didn't get the message by now. However, she didn't expect her grandfather to be in such a hurry. She only had a breakup, but that didn't mean she was unwanted. Also, of all the men he could have found for me, he just had to get Fu Chengyan.

She had just refused his advances yesterday, but her grandfather was already trying to matchmake her him today. I don't even know how he thinks about me! "Don't take this the wrong way. My grandpa's just doing this for fun. He's bored, you see. So, don't take it too seriously."

It's only a breakup. It's not like nobody wants me. Besides, I'm still young, so men will come in droves. I'm spoilt for choice. "Don't you think it's heard to breathe this way, Mr. Fu?" Shi Nuan felt suffocated. She started pushing at his

chest with both hands. "Can you at least be a bit reserved and keep some distance between us?"

Fu Chengyan squinted at the woman who was pushing at him. She looked like someone who was saying no, despite secretly wanting it. However, Fu Chengyan knew she wasn't that kind of woman.

The hands on his chest were trembling right now, the warmth from her palms making Fu Chengyan arch his eyebrow. He looked at her face that was covered in makeup. He frowned and touched her face. "Don't apply so much foundation next time. It doesn't suit you."

Shi Nuan was angered and shoved him away. "You pervert! Why the hell did you say that? I like applying this much makeup, so what? It's none of your business!" The woman stood up impatiently. "I'll take a look at what grandpa is doing."

She went to Jiang Shizheng's room and knocked. "Can I come in, grandpa?"

"You may."

Shi Nuan entered the room after getting her grandfather's permission. She saw him standing by the bookshelf, reaching out to select a book. It was a journal on some modern-day fun facts. When Jiang Shizheng saw that it was her, the man waved at Shi Nuan. "Come here, you little kid."

Shi Nuan went up to him. "What are you reading, grandpa?" Shi Nuan took a look and saw that all of them were shapes she couldn't understand, so she closed the book. "I went out of my way to come back, and not only did you invite someone irrelevant here, you scurried away." "What do you know, you little kid?" Jiang Shizheng flicked her forehead and looked at her lovingly. The man sighed. "Do you know who he is?"

"I do. Everyone knows here who he is, but I've never heard you telling me that he's your student." Shi Nuan grew up under Jiang Shizheng's care, but then she eventually went back to the Shi residence. Jiang Shizheng used to take her with him to class, so most of his students knew her.

Jiang Shizheng's gaze darkened, then he smiled. "You were no more than a toddler back then. Yan was already a star student of mine, but then he went overseas, so it's normal that you don't know him."

Jiang Shizheng put back the journal and held her hand. "What do you think of him as a person, you little kid? I think he's nice. Well, I know all about him, so—"

"Hold it." Shi Nuan frowned, feeling half-amused, half-annoyed. "Don't look at me like I'm some unwanted bachelorette, grandpa."

"Oh, so you know about that, huh? Even if you are unwanted, Yan isn't. I've gotten the perfect man for you. Look at you, suffering so much after all these years. Did you think I won't find out about it if you don't tell me?" Jiang Shizheng had been livid when he saw the news.

"What did Shi Jingzheng have to say about this? And what about that old b*stard?" How dare they let my beloved granddaughter down! "I told you Fu Xicheng's no good, but you didn't listen to me."

"Grandpa!" She stomped her foot in frustration. "S-Stop scolding me. I-I know I am not the best in seeing through people. Now that I know his true colors, I won't make the same mistake."

"Alright, let's not talk about that b*stard who has no taste. Let's talk about Yan. Nuan, I'm not getting any younger, and you're the only one whom I'm still worried about. I don't need you to live in great wealth. All I want is for you to be in peace and happiness. Yan's my student, so I have faith in him."

"But I—"

"Oh, Mr. Fu, why are you alone out here? Where's the master and the little young lady?" Aunt Fei's voice came from the living room. Shi Nuan and Jiang Shizheng looked at each other, and a moment later, they heard Fu Chengyan say, "Ms. Shi seems to dislike me."

Shi Nuan looked at her grandfather in annoyance, while he looked back at her awkwardly, then she snorted. "I can follow your arrangements in anything else, grandpa, but not this."

This matter was related to her happiness, so she didn't want to be too rash about this. If Fu Chengyan ended up being like Fu Xicheng, it would be a tragedy for her.

Jiang Shizheng was in no position to keep this discussion going on. His plan was to have his granddaughter meet Fu Chengyan and see if they could get some sparks going, but now that Shi Nuan was so reluctant, Jiang Shizheng thought he shouldn't interfere anymore. "Alright, I won't mention this anymore, but Yan's a nice young man, so—"

"Grandpa!" Shi Nuan frowned. "I won't visit anymore if you keep this up." Shi Nuan interrupted him. "We should go out now. Leaving Mr. Fu alone in the living room is no way to treat a guest."

"You little kid..." Jiang Shizheng was helpless, so he gave up on this prospect for now.

When Fu Chengyan saw them coming out, he looked at Shi Nuan and smiled. "Sir."

"Sorry for that, Yan. It's not every day you come here, and yet we've been discourteous." Jiang Shizheng felt embarrassed, since he was the one who pulled this off today. "Cook something for us, Fei."

Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan were invited to have a meal together, then they spent the rest of the afternoon in Jiang Shizheng's house. When Fu Chengyan received a call, that marked the end of his visit, and he said goodbye to Jiang Shizheng.

No matter how he looked, Jiang Shizheng thought his granddaughter was a great match for Fu Chengyan, so he didn't want them to miss each other. "It's getting late, Nuan, so you should go back too. Will you mind sending her home for me, Yan?"

"Grandpa!"

"I'll be honored to." Fu Chengyan replied, then he looked at Shi Nuan with a smile. There was an irresistible charm in his smile. Shi Nuan frowned. For some reason, she disliked Fu Chengyan treating her this way, but now that he had said so, she couldn't refuse him, or else it would be rude.

Shi Nuan smiled awkwardly, "Sorry for troubling you, Mr. Fu."

"Not at all."

They went down after saying goodbye to Jiang Shizheng, but not long after that, Shi Nuan bade Fu Chengyan farewell. "I don't want to trouble you, Mr. Fu, so I'll hail a ride back."

"You seem to really dislike me, Ms. Shi." Fu Chengyan arched his eyebrow. "Could it be that you have something going on for me?"

Shi Nuan was annoyed by his way of thinking. "Don't take this the wrong way, Mr. Fu. I just think we should maintain some distance between us, since we're not related. You seem to be busy, so I won't be bothering you now, Mr. Fu. Good day."

Shi Nuan was about to leave, but Fu Chengyan quickly grabbed her hand.

Fu Chengyan squinted, feeling delighted after seeing her blush from anger. "It's not an emergency though, and I've promised Mr. Jiang I'd send you back, so I can't go back on my promise. Besides, abandoning a lady at the side of the road is not what a gentleman should do."

Fu Chengyan seemed to be agreeable, but in all actuality, he was being very bossy. The man tightened his grip on her hand, unwilling to let her go. Shi Nuan looked angrily at her arm he grabbed, and her face turned scarlet. "Let me go, Fu Chengyan!" She said angrily.

"Fate blows in random directions, Ms. Shi. If you can't run away from it, why don't you face it? Isn't that right?" Fu Chengyan looked at her. There was another layer of meaning in his question. Shi Nuan bit her lip and stopped struggling.

When Fu Chengyan noticed she wasn't struggling as much anymore, he let her go. "Please come in, Ms. Shi." Shi Nuan looked at him angrily, but still she complied. Fu Chengyan smiled. "Seatbelt."

Even though Shi Nuan had gotten into the car, she didn't want to have any contact with Fu Chengyan. After telling him an address, she didn't speak with him anymore, save for the occasional reminders when Fu Chengyan took a wrong corner.

Fu Chengyan wasn't an idiot, so he could see her distaste for him. When they came to her complex, the man glanced at her. "The deal still stands, Ms. Shi. Call me anytime when you want to pull the trigger."

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. "You seem to be a successful man, Mr. Fu, and you're still an eligible bachelor. If you just say the word, I think the whole of Jiang City's ladies would line up to be your partner. You don't have to waste your time on me."

"That's what you think, not me." Fu Chengyan tapped his fingers on the steering wheel, then he unlocked the doors. "Now that we're here, I shouldn't bother you anymore, Ms. Shi." He knew what he should do at all times, so the man was patient with his prey. He knew when to strike and when to retreat.

Shi Nuan went down. "Thank you for sending me home, Mr. Fu, but I can't accept your deal. I'm sorry. I just got out of a hellhole, so I don't want to subject myself to another one."

"How do you know I'm a hellhole before you even tried, Ms. Shi?" He smiled. "I don't believe in absolutism, but I digress. It's late, Ms. Shi."

Shi Nuan closed the door and saw the Cayenne off before turning around. The moment she did, Shi Nuan froze.

She looked at the man standing not far away from her. He was in a suit, looking energetic. The woman felt her heart squeeze, and her face paled. The façade she had been keeping up for the whole day almost crumbled in this moment. She clenched her fists, her nails digging into her flesh, but she couldn't feel it. Her attention was on the man before her, and she bit her lip.

Fu Xicheng had seen her from awhile back. Since she got out of that black Cayenne, he had never taken his eyes off her. He had thought about how awkward it would be between them after the breakup, and how she would hate him for that. However, he did not expect her to get over him in such a short time and hook up with another man.

For some inexplicable reason, Fu Xicheng felt annoyed and angered when he saw Shi Nuan leaving that car. He stared at her, looking displeased. "Who was the man who sent you back just now?"

Fu Chengyan felt amused. How dare he interrogate me after cheating on me with my sister? "That has nothing to do with you, no?"

"How can it have nothing to do with me?" Fu Xicheng was furious. "Do you know what you're doing, Shi Nuan? Yes, I know Shi Wei and I have hurt you, but you can only accept it now that it has happened. You don't have to hook up with the first man you see! It's degrading!"

"Degrading? Do you know what you're talking about, Fu Xicheng?" Shi Nuan thought this man was laughable, unbelievable, even.

"I know you can't accept me being with Shi Wei for now, but you're still young. You will find someone who will love you. I am your brother-in-law now, Nuan.

I won't hurt you." Fu Xicheng said. He paused when he called himself as her brother-in-law. A moment later, he looked at her hesitantly, and he noticed that she had gotten prettier after a day of not meeting her.

"Well, thanks for your concern then." She sneered. "But please don't show up in front of me ever again." She could let it go like Elsa if she wanted. Even though she couldn't let go of her love for him for now, the woman would not allow herself to be weak in front of him.

"Why must you do this, Nuan? Just let me go. It's over between us. I love Wei a lot."

"Alright, alright, I get it. You love Shi Wei a lot. Gross. What do you want me to do then? You don't like me finding trouble with you? Well. I don't like you prancing around like a carousel.

See, the problem here is that I took a step back, but you didn't. Life is made up of little concessions and compromises, you know." Shi Nuan couldn't understand what he was thinking.

What makes him think I can get along with them as if nothing happened after they hurt me so deeply? Do they think I'm Mother Mary or something?

"Do you know about how much Wei has to suffer at home just so you won't get into trouble? Wei and I love each other, but your grandfather won't bless us! This is all because of you, Nuan! Don't you feel the least bit guilty?"

"Guilty? Hah! We aren't in a court, Fu Xicheng, so drop the judge act. You aren't fit for it, you clown. Why should I feel guilty when both of you are in the wrong? Now, please, leave my line of sight immediately."

"Shi Nuan!" Fu Xicheng looked at her incredulously. He couldn't imagine the docile woman who agreed to everything he said and thought about him all the time would turn out this way.

"How could you? You disappoint me. And to think I promised Shi Wei that you wouldn't hurt us because you're her sister. I was wrong about you."

"Damn right you are, Fu Xicheng. Did you leave your brain at home today? What woman would forgive a man who cheated on her as well as the b*tch who took him away?

How dare you ask me to be nice to you two? I am not a saint, and I am not someone whom you can bully easily, you prick! And get this right. I'm the one who was wrong about you. I must have been blind to fall for an asshole like you back then, so f*ck off. Now!"

Shi Nuan thought she would go crazy if this conversation with Fu Xicheng kept up.

"Why must you do this, Shi Nuan? Is it because of that man? Who was he? The man who sent you back? What did he say to you to make you so unreasonable?

It's only been a day." Fu Xicheng couldn't accept Shi Nuan treating him this way, so he thought the man in the black car had made her this way. "You weren't this kind of woman back then."

"So what kind of woman was I? The kind who listens to you, calls you 'master', and meows at you all day like a cat? The kind who follows your every order like a Golden Retriever in obedience class? Even you yourself said that our relationship needed some trials and tribulations to strengthen it.

The company needs my skills, so you sent me overseas on a business trip. You didn't even let me call you often while I was away! Have you been scheming since then, Fu Xicheng, huh? Was sending me overseas a plan for you to hook up with Shi Wei in my absence?!"