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Fu Chengyan was right. No matter how unreasonable Jiang Shizheng was, he still had some common sense and conscious, especially when the other party was his ex-student.

He knew his ex-student's temperament well, or else, he wouldn't have introduced Shi Nuan to Fu Chengyan a few months back. Jiang Shizheng had hoped that they would become a couple and something good might come out of it. However, as Shi Nuan was unwilling at that point in time, Jiang Shizheng had not insisted.

But what he did not expect was that, once he stopped forcing it to happen, the two of them actually got together.

Now that Fu Chengyan was singing his praises, the anger which Jiang Shizheng previously felt had completely dissipated. He let out a snort and said, "Don't think you can fool this old man so easily. Let me tell you, if you fail to provide me with a good explanation, you know my temper!"

"Yes, yes, of course I know. Sir, aren't you already sure of my character?" Fu Chengyan finally managed to pacify Jiang Shizheng after a bit more of convincing. He looked at Shi Nuan before adding, "Grandpa, since May and I are already married, when do you have time for us to meet you?" Fu Chengyan was a thorough person. "Although you were my teacher, now that I am May's husband, my status has changed. I should greet you formally."

"Yup, of course you should!" Jiang Shizheng was glad that Fu Chengyan paid attention to such details. The thought that the old man from the Shi family was still not aware of Nuan and Fu Chengyan's union made him even happier. "Since this is the case, you guys can come over tomorrow if you are free!"

“Sounds good!” Fu Chengyan laughed light-heartedly as he replied. “I’m free tomorrow, is it convenient for Grandpa?”

“Sure, tomorrow it is then!”

After the date was fixed, Jiang Shizheng chatted for a while more to Shi Nuan before hanging up the phone contentedly.

Shi Nuan heaved a sigh of relief before glaring at Fu Chengyan grumpily and said, “So, do we really have to go see Grandpa tomorrow?”

Honestly, she was not mentally prepared for that yet. The woman was at a loss just now as her grandpa was questioning them.

Compared to Shi Nuan, Fu Chengyan was a lot more composed. He reached out to touch the woman’s forehead gently and ruffled her hair.

Seeing how relaxed the man was, Shi Nuan wondered if she was making a mountain out of a molehill. After all, Fu Chengyan was her grandpa’s favorite student. He probably would not make things difficult for him. However, she was still very troubled at the thought of tomorrow’s visit to the old man and the need to provide an explanation to him.

“Okay, don’t think about it anymore. I’m not even worried, why are you so stressed over it!” Fu Chengyan held the woman’s hand and gave it a reassuring pat. “Do you think Sir is such an unreasonable man?”

“That’s not the case!” Shi Nuan shook her head and said, “I know grandpa’s character and he’s definitely not a difficult person. But as you know, I wasn’t receptive towards the idea when he introduced us at first. He would undoubtedly have his suspicions now that we have suddenly gotten married!” She was indeed concerned. After all, she had not married Fu Chengyan because of love initially. She was worried that her grandpa would be disappointed with her after he found out the truth.

“Silly girl!” Fu Chengyan had a sharp observation. Just by looking at the woman’s expression, he could guess her thoughts. He held her hand and walked out of the study, saying, “There’s nothing to worry about. We can just tell grandpa that I pursued you shamelessly and finally moved you with my sincerity.”

Shi Nuan gave a chuckle and replied, “Do you think grandpa would believe this explanation?” She sized him up before she continued, “You don’t seem like someone who would act so shamelessly!”

The man arched his eyebrow and scratched the woman’s nose with affection. “Hard to say!”

Shi Nuan slapped his hand away and said, “Hmph, then we shall say that tomorrow and see if grandpa believes it.” The woman thought for a while and decided that it was the best explanation they could come up with for now.

“Anyway, there is no reasonable explanation when it comes to love.” Fu Chengyan gave her hand a squeeze and said, “Okay, let’s end the discussion here and talk about something else instead. So, where did you go today?”

Shi Nuan was reminded of something when the man brought this up. “I didn’t expect your guess to be so accurate.”

“Huh?”

Fu Chengyan removed his jacket after the couple entered their bedroom. When he heard what the woman said, he put down his jacket and looked at her attentively.

Shi Nuan bit her lips and hung up Fu Chengyan’s jacket, before continuing, “I went to the teahouse today as Yian wanted me to tally the accounts. She told me that my mom and sister went there today as well!”

“Why would they be there?” The man furrowed his brows. “To find trouble with you?”

Shi Nuan shook her head and replied, "They don't know that I own the teahouse."

Fu Chengyan nodded. "Oh right! Then what were they there for?"

"They were there to look for aunt... to look for Fu Xicheng's mom to discuss the marriage between Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei!" The woman explained. Fu Chengyan merely nodded and did not seem surprised. "You have already anticipated it right?"

As expected, Fu Chengyan nodded again. "You should know what Fu Yuqing's objective is. There's no way he would give up this opportunity," the man said, and gave Shi Nuan a meaningful look.

The woman paused for a second before she agreed. "The reason Fu Xicheng kicked up a scene at my apartment last night must be because of his marriage with Shi Wei too, right?" She bit her lips and wondered. "When he received news that grandpa has transferred his shares to me, his attitude towards me seemed different. He even said some strange things to me!"

"Did he ask for a reconciliation? And said that he was only together with Shi Wei because of her shares and he actually wasn't serious about her?" Fu Chengyan said with contempt.

Shi Nuan was not surprised at all that he had speculated everything correctly. Given his brains, it was not difficult for Fu Chengyan to have thought of that. "That's exactly what he told me. But what I didn't understand was, why would he think that I'll forgive him after he betrayed and deceived me? I'm not an idiot!"

"Of course you're not an idiot," Fu Chengyan scoffed. "He's the one."

From the man's tone, it was obvious that he despised Fu Xicheng. Indeed, he had never thought highly of him.

In fact, Fu Chengyan might even know better than Shi Nuan what Fu Xicheng had in mind. Perhaps, Fu Xicheng had once truly loved Shi Nuan, but eventually

gave her up because of his material desires. Naturally, it was impossible that he wanted her again because of love.

Shi Nuan let out a light laugh and said, "Let's not talk about him anymore. But it's actually good news for me that he's marrying Shi Wei."

Shi Nuan was not who she used to be anymore. She no longer felt anything over Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei's affairs. She was just glad that Fu Xicheng would stop pestering her after he married Shi Wei. As what else went on between the both of them, she was not the least interested.

"I'm glad that you think this way!" Fu Chengyan stroked Shi Nuan's long hair as he asked, "Shall we go out for dinner tonight?"

"Oh no! You've reached home for so long and I haven't prepared dinner yet!" Shi Nuan suddenly realized and had a look of guilt on her face. "Why didn't you remind me? I... You have been working so hard at the office while I was just lazing around at home. And I couldn't even let you enjoy some warm home-cooked food!"

"Don't be silly," Fu Chengyan said, as he touched her face and pinched her cheeks. "Go get changed now, I'll buy you a nice meal and we can also go and choose a gift for grandpa!"

"Okay!" Shi Nuan held Fu Chengyan's hands as she tiptoed and kissed the corner of his lips. "You should go get changed too and off we go!" she said.

With smiling eyes, Fu Chengyan touched the corner of his lips and followed Shi Nuan into the dressing room.

As a matter of fact, meeting Jiang Shizheng was rather stressful. It was not that Fu Chengyan had anything to fear, but the timing was a little too early. However, it was not really a big issue.

He had never intended to hide their marriage from anyone. He just wanted to respect Shi Nuan's wishes. It was true that they got married because of other reasons at the start. If she was not yet ready to share those reasons, he would not force her to do that.

His eyes twinkled as he stared at the woman's back view. The woman pulled out two outfits and displayed them in front of him, asking for his opinions. "Yan, which one do you think is nicer?" Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan with a cheerful smile. "Which one do you think I'd look better in?"

"You look good in both of them!" Fu Chengyan's smile extended to his eyes. However, Shi Nuan glared at him disgruntledly and said, "I can only wear one of them!"

"This one then!" Fu Chengyan pointed to an outfit randomly. "Wear this tonight. You can wear the other set tomorrow when we visit your grandpa!" He answered as he put one of the outfits back into the wardrobe. "Hurry go get changed!"

Which woman did not like to look pretty? Receiving compliments from others always made one happy. This would be especially so if the compliment came from her own husband. Although Shi Nuan was not a vain woman, praises were always welcomed.

After she finished changing, Shi Nuan twirled in front of the mirror and fiddled with the label of the dress. Just then, Fu Chengyan walked out of the dressing room in a fresh outfit. She asked, "Yan, is St. Dee your own brand?"

The man raised his eyebrows. "Why would you say so?"

Shi Nuan laughed softly and replied, "I have been wanting to ask you about it. Ever since I came to the Wutong Residence, I never had to worry about my outfits. Other than those that I had brought here, the rest of the clothes in the dressing room all belong to the same brand."

Fu Chengyan laughed and said, "Yup, it's a brand under Shengyuan. You can find it in every mall of Shengyuan's, but not many people know about it!" The man said, as he picked up a tie. He looked at Shi Nuan with twinkling eyes, as if he was suggesting something.

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes. Reading his mind, in a resigned manner, she took over the tie from his hands to tie it for him.

The woman tiptoed and circled her hands over Fu Chengyan's neck. As she breathed softly, she said, "I'm not complaining, but why do you want me to do it for you when you can do it yourself? Before I married you, you have been tying your own ties all along!"

As Shi Nuan whined, the man chuckled. The woman arched her brows as she tilted her neck and looked at Fu Chengyan. "Why? Did I say anything wrong?"

"Since we are married now, shouldn't this be a wife's duty? There's a saying that goes, 'to tie a man down forever, you have to tie his tie for him'!"

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Shi Nuan laughed out loud before throwing him a prickly stare. “Are you sure this saying exists?” she asked.

“Of course!” Fu Chengyan grabbed her hand. He was gazing at the woman intently with his deep-set pitch black eyes, as if wanting to penetrate the depths of her heart.

Shi Nuan’s heart skipped a beat and she felt an indescribable feeling. Just by looking at him, her heart had already done a few rounds of somersaults.

As the woman snapped out of her daze, she pulled her hand out of Fu Chengyan’s grip. “I never knew you were so frivolous!” Even though Shi Nuan was nagging at him, she was feeling blissful.

While she was focused on tying his tie, she also realized how simple happiness could be. Being with Fu Chengyan did not turn out to be as unbearable as she had thought.

Shi Nuan let go of the man after she was done with the task. However, Fu Chengyan pulled her into his arms again. He lifted her head and looked at her seriously. “Since you are already with me, you just have to trust me!”

The woman’s heart starting racing again. She tried to shift her eyes away but Fu Chengyan held her chin in place, forcing her to look up at him. “Understand?”

Shi Nuan’s face was flushed red and she looked away awkwardly, but the man followed her gaze. There was no way she could escape his blazing eyes. The woman’s heart was beating wildly. She was glad that Fu Chengyan did not harp

on it. She felt only relief when he let go of her. Nodding her head, she replied, “Understood!”

When the two of them stepped out of the house, it was already 8 p.m.. Shi Nuan’s mind was completely occupied with getting a gift for Jiang Shizheng. As such, once they reached town, she immediately dragged Fu Chengyan to choose a present. The man shook his head helplessly and stopped her. “Let’s have dinner first!”

“But grandpa’s present... “ Shi Nuan bit her lips and continued. “It’s getting late. What if the shops are closed after we finish dinner?”

“Eat first!” Fu Chengyan insisted. “We can think about that after dinner!”

“But... “ Shi Nuan wanted to object but was interjected by the man. “If grandpa knew that I kept you hungry, he wouldn’t let me off! C’mon, let’s go eat. Even if we don’t get to buy the gift today, there’s always tomorrow!”

The woman had no choice but to obey her husband.

As it was already quite late, Fu Chengyan took Shi Nuan directly to Yun Shui Jian. When the manager of Yun Shui Jian saw that Fu Chengyan arrived, he immediately greeted the man warmly. “Mr. Fu, you’re here!”

Fu Chengyan took a glance at the manager and acknowledged him with a nod. “Yup, is it empty now?”

“Yes, we have always kept your private room ready for you,” the manager said, before adding, “Mr. Li and Mr. Su are here too!”

As the manager saw Fu Chengyan arch his brows, he continued saying, “Does Mr. Fu want to join them? They are in the private room next to yours.” The manager glimpsed at the woman next to Fu Chengyan and had a look of surprise on his face, but did not say anything.

Fu Chengyan frowned and twitched the corners of his mouth. He and Shi Nuan looked at each other simultaneously.

Shi Nuan's hand, which was interlocked with Fu Chengyan's, trembled slightly and stiffened. She fixed her gaze on Fu Chengyan, awaiting his decision.

It seemed like an impactful day for Shi Nuan. Earlier on, her grandpa found out about her marriage to Fu Chengyan. And now, they had to bump into Li Heng and Su Shaoqing. It was indeed eventful.

Although the woman did feel that it was too soon, she was not completely against the idea of meeting his friends. If Fu Chengyan wanted to, she would go along with it.

However, Fu Chengyan had been observing the woman and had taken in her reaction. He replied the manager, "Not now, maybe another day. Please take us to our room now."

"Sure." Although the manager did not know who Shi Nuan was, he could tell that she was dear to Mr. Fu, and he himself had been paying close attention to Mr. Fu's actions. Mr. Fu had not let go of that woman's hand since they first entered. She must be someone really important.

After the manager brought them to their private room, Fu Chengyan removed his jacket. Shi Nuan habitually took the jacket from him and put it down. Then, she looked at him and said, "I thought that you would want me to meet them!"

Fu Chengyan raised his brows slightly as he heard the woman. "Do you want to?"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips but did not answer. With an understanding, the man continued, "Let's not meet them today. I'll introduce you to them officially next time! Besides, I haven't even met both your grandpas yet!" Shi Nuan caught the deeper meaning to Fu Chengyan's words. At the same time, he had also elevated the importance of Jiang Shizheng and Shi Yunsheng. She nodded her

head as she felt a warm fuzzy feeling in her heart. “We shall meet them next time then, today feels too informal anyway!”

“That’s what I’m thinking too!” Fu Chengyan ordered a few of Shi Nuan’s favorite dishes and instructed the manager to leave the room.

Speaking of Li Heng and Su Shaoqing, it was also by coincidence that they met each other today. Su Shaoqing was away for a long time. As such, he naturally had a lot to catch up with Li Heng. Fu Chengyan was the focus of their conversation. They were both surprised that Fu Chengyan had suddenly gotten married without informing anyone. It was likely that everyone from the Fu clan was also kept in the dark.

Li Heng’s dim eyes lit up at the news. He tapped his long, slender fingers and said, “I wonder who this lady is. These people from the Fu clan... Ha!”

Even though Li Heng and Fu Chengyan were close friends, he did not think too highly of the Fu clan. As he thought about that woman... Li Heng’s eyes darkened.

Su Shaoqing was a smart man. Judging from Li Heng’s behavior, he knew that the man had not been able to leave the past behind him. “Heng, you can’t dismiss everyone from the Fu clan just because they treated you that way. You need to understand that you had hurt their daughter, whom they took pains to find. Because of you, she had even left the country. You should count yourself lucky that the Fu clan did not create any trouble for you.”

Li Heng’s eyes darkened even more as he lifted his head to look at Su Shaoqing. “You are speaking as if you had never hurt anyone.”

Su Shaoqing turned pale and tightened his grip on his wine glass, before loosening it again. He let out a bitter laugh and said, “It seems like we have suffered from the same fate, being continuously defeated by members of the Fu clan.”

Li Heng frowned as he replied, "I think you've had too much to drink!"

Su Shaoqing shook his head. "I feel like drinking more, so that I can numb these feelings." The man finished one more glass of wine before saying, "OK, that's enough. It's getting late."

"Yup!" Li Heng concurred. "It's late indeed."

As the two men walked out of the private room, they saw the waiter entering Ya Yun Ge. The both of them looked at each other. Just then, the manager, who had spotted the men, hurried over. "Mr. Li, Mr. Su."

"Fu Chengyan is here?" Li Heng squinted his eyes as he looked towards Ya Yun Ge, but he only saw a back view.

The manager nodded in succession and replied, "Mr. Fu is inside. He arrived not too long ago. Mr. Li, would you like... "

"Who is he with?" Li Heng asked, as his lips curved up into a smile.

"He's here with a rather good-looking woman, but I'm not sure who she is. Mr. Fu was holding her hand all the while." The manager replied after pondering over his choice of words. Once he was confident that he had not said anything wrong, he looked towards the two men and continued, "Mr. Li, Mr. Su, would you like to join them?"

Li Heng waved his hand. "Shaoqing and I have to go somewhere else. Oh, send a bottle of wine inside and say it's from me!"

Li Heng and Su Shaoqing looked at each other, and Su Shaoqing raised his eyebrows. With a playful glint in his sloe eyes, he teased, "Heng, it seems like you're down on your luck. I've already met his wife a few times and she's indeed quite pretty. It's so unfortunate that they closed the door on you even before your first meeting."

“Are you sure that the phrase is used this way?” Li Heng let out a gloomy laughter and continued, “Shaoqing, did you learn your English from a physical education teacher?”

Li Heng walked straight away after he said that, and Su Shaoqing arched his eyebrows. “Heng, you’re not jealous, aren’t you? I think you’re jealous of me!”

When Fu Chengyan heard that the wine was from Li Heng, he raised his eyebrows and said, “Have they already left?”

“Yup, they just left. Mr. Li said that they had to go somewhere else!” The manager replied, and took a thorough glance at Shi Nuan. He was still not entirely convinced of what Su Shaoqing had said earlier on. Is this woman really Fu Chengyan’s wife?

Shi Nuan had a good impression of Li Heng after she heard that the man had gifted them with the bottle of wine, even though he did not have the time to greet them personally. She felt that he had proper etiquettes.

Meanwhile, an unfathomable glint appeared in Fu Chengyan’s eyes, and he swept a sharp look at the manager. The manager froze for a second before averting his gaze awkwardly and walked out.

“That friend of yours seems pretty good!”

“Good?” Fu Chengyan arched his brow. “Pretty good indeed.” Although he was generous enough to give them this bottle of fine wine, Fu Chengyan knew Li Heng’s character well...

Drumming his slim fingers on the table, the man said, “Let’s eat, I’ll bring you to meet them next time!”

“OK!” Shi Nuan stared at the sumptuous dishes laid out on the table and thought that they looked delicious.

The woman had never been to Yun Shui Jian before, but the name was frequently brought up in discussions among her colleagues when she used to work at Fucheng. Jiang City had a few mysteries. One of them was the identity of the owner of Prosperous Dynasty, while another was the identity of the real owner of Yun Shui Jian.

Even though Yun Shui Jian was just a restaurant, not everyone had the privilege of dining there, as money wasn't the sole determining factor for one to be the restaurant's patron.

Judging from the way the manager was treating Fu Chengyan, Shi Nuan had her guess.

"What are you thinking about?" Fu Chengyan was putting food onto the woman's plate when he found her in a daze. "How can you be distracted even when good food is right in front of you?"

Shi Nuan snapped out of her thoughts and smiled at the man. "Nothing much, I was just wondering who could be the boss of this place. The attitude of the manager towards you just now... "

"You thought I'm the boss of Yun Shui Jian?" Fu Chengyan let out an amused laughter as he picked up some vegetables and placed it on Shi Nuan's plate. "It's not me!"

Shi Nuan arched her eyebrow as she inquired further, "Who is it then?"

"I'll introduce you to him another day!" Fu Chengyan laughed. Just then, someone knocked on the door. He twitched his eyebrows as he said, "Come in!"

The person who entered was Zhou Zheng. Following him was the manager of the House of Chigu.

Shi Nuan was startled to see them. Before she could react, Zhou Zheng had already walked in with Mr. Qin, the manager of the House of Chigu. “Mr. Fu, Mrs. Fu!”

Compared to Shi Nuan’s reaction, Fu Chengyan’s was much more composed. He looked at Zhou Zheng and said, “Have you brought it here?”

“Yes, Mr. Fu. I have brought it here as you instructed.” Lying in Mr. Qin’s arms was an elongated wooden box. He stepped forward and handed the box over to Fu Chengyan. “It arrived just a few days ago. This calligraphy is from the Tang dynasty. There are some defects which I wanted to fix before passing it to you, however, Mr. Zhou told me that you wanted it immediately, so... “

“That’s right!” Fu Chengyan raised up his hand to stop the man from talking. “Just leave it here, it’s good as it is.”

When Shi Nuan finally recovered from her shock, she asked, “Is this for my grandpa?”

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Shi Nuan had known the answer before he nodded. After observing Mr. Qin's reaction towards her, the woman raised her eyebrows and said, "So, the House of Chigu is yours?"

Fu Chengyan laughed before dismissing Zhou Zheng and Mr. Qin with a wave. After the two men left the room, Fu Chengyan unveiled the calligraphy scroll. "Are you surprised?" he asked.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and glanced sideways at Fu Chengyan. "So, did you intentionally trick me the previous time when we got grandpa his present?" Although she was not angry, the woman had difficulty describing her current feelings.

As he did not deny it, she was unable to get mad at him. "Why are you not answering?" She asked.

Fu Chengyan gave Shi Nuan a meaningful look as he brushed the scroll with his fingers. Tapping on the paper, he explained, "It was your own idea. I was originally thinking of something else when you suggested the House of Chigu," the man laughed and continued, "I have never bothered with the means, I only care about the outcome."

Fu Chengyan looked at Shi Nuan with twinkling eyes and a blush spread across the woman's cheeks. She lowered her head and continued eating as she had nothing else to say.

The next day, Shi Nuan woke up early. As they were going to visit Jiang Shizheng, she wanted to bring her grandpa something else other than antiques,

calligraphies or paintings. Needless to say, at the woman's insistence, Fu Chengyan had started stewing soup at sunrise.

Over at the Jiang family, Jiang Shizheng had already informed Aunt Fei earlier that Shi Nuan would be back today, together with her newlywed husband. Aunt Fei had been working for Jiang Shizheng all this while, but never knew that Shi Nuan had gotten married. As such, she got a shock when she first heard the news but recovered from it quickly. The woman went to the market at the crack of dawn and had been busying in the kitchen preparing food.

Aunt Fei had watched Shi Nuan grow up. Although there were two kids in the Shi family, Aunt Fei was never fond of Shi Wei. When Jiang Yu and Shi Wei came back to visit each year, she could tell that their concern for Jiang Shizheng was just superficial.

Although Aunt Fei was only a servant, she was rather respected in the Jiang family. She had also watched Jiang Yu grow up, but had never taken a liking to the young mistress. However, Aunt Fei always had a soft spot for Shi Nuan.

When Aunt Fei stepped out of the kitchen, she saw Jiang Shizheng reading the papers in the living room. However, he looked distracted as he was taking intermittent glances towards the door.

Jiang Shizheng quickly retracted his gaze when he noticed Aunt Fei looking at him. He glared at the servant as he heard her chuckle. "Go back to the kitchen!"

"Right away!" Aunt Fei answered as she wiped her hands on her apron. Just then, the doorbell rang. Jiang Shizheng stood up halfway, but immediately sat back down again. "Why aren't you opening the door?" He shouted towards Aunt Fei.

Aunt Fei went and opened the door at once. She was well aware that the old master had been feeling unsettled since morning.

“Missy, Sir.” Aunt Fei opened the door and greeted Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan, who stood at the doorway with their fingers interlocked. Aunt Fei was surprised only for a moment before opening up a path for them to walk past. “Please come in, Missy and Sir!”

“Aunt Fei!” Shi Nuan beamed. “Where’s grandpa?”

“He’s in the living room. The old master has been waiting for Missy and Sir since morning!” Aunt Fei chuckled as she reached out to take the present from Fu Chengyan’s hands. However, Fu Chengyan said with a smile, “Aunt Fei, I’ll hold it myself!”

“Sure!” Aunt Fei couldn’t help but steal a few more glances at Fu Chengyan.

It was not the first time she met this fine young man but she had always known him as the old master’s student. Even though words had it that he was a powerful figure, Fu Chengyan was always polite towards her and had never put up any airs. As such, Aunt Fei held a good impression of him.

“Come in now, Missy and Sir!”

Shi Nuan was secretly delighted when she saw the look of approval in Aunt Fei’s eyes. However, she suddenly remembered that her grandpa did not seem to be very happy with their marriage. She took a glance at Fu Chengyan and wanted to let go of his hand. But Fu Chengyan tightened his hold instead.

Aunt Fei was feeling ecstatic as she took in the scene. “Missy, you and Sir should go and have a chat with the old master. He kept nagging when you were not around. I shall go back to the kitchen and continue cooking. I’m preparing your favorite dish ‘Buddha Jumps Over the Wall’.”

“There’s gonna be ‘Buddha Jumps Over the Wall’?” Shi Nuan had an excited glint in her eyes as she said, “Thank you Aunt Fei!”

Fu Chengyan changed into a pair of slippers after getting a pair for Shi Nuan. Then, he held her hand as they entered the living room together.

Jiang Shizheng had been listening to their conversation and was eagerly waiting for them to join him in the living room. But when they finally appeared in sight, the old man immediately adjusted his posture and pretended to be reading the newspaper.

Shi Nuan saw that although her grandpa was holding the newspapers, his eyes were, in fact, looking towards their direction. She tried hard not to laugh at the old man's ridiculous behavior.

Jiang Shizheng narrowed his eyes and let out a snort when he saw that Shi Nuan was trying to suppress her laughter. The woman let go of her husband's hand and said, "Grandpa, I'm back!"

"Hmph, I thought you have already forgotten your way home." As Jiang Shizheng spoke, he lifted his head to look at Fu Chengyan. Even when Fu Chengyan was just standing naturally with a gift box in his hands, his imposing presence could still be felt. Although Jiang Shizheng was quite happy to have him as a grandson-in-law, he still displayed a look of dissatisfaction. "Well done, young man!" he said in a sarcastic voice.

"Grandpa!" Fu Chengyan greeted Jiang Shizheng, who let out a cold harrumph. "I'm afraid I can't afford that honor."

Fu Chengyan picked up at once that his teacher was still upset with him for stealing away his beloved granddaughter without telling him. "Of course you can."

Jiang Shizheng turned his face towards the side, which caused Shi Nuan to start panicking. She stared at Fu Chengyan before moving forward to pacify the old man. "Grandpa, don't be angry, it's all my fault. N-not telling you that Yan and I got married was my idea!"

“Huh?” Jiang Shizheng was not convinced. “Stop finding excuses for this fella. I know him too well.”

“It’s true!” Shi Nuan felt bad as she tugged on Jiang Shizheng’s arm. “It’s really my fault. Yan wanted to inform everyone before we registered our marriage, but I did not allow him to.”

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan after finishing her sentence. However, Fu Chengyan said, “Grandpa, it has got nothing to do with Nuan. It’s my bad.”

“Hmph! You think I don’t already know that? I only have one darling granddaughter. How could you have kidnapped my darling girl without saying anything to me!” Jiang Shizheng was not really angry, but he was still slightly mad at them for keeping it from him. He needed to put up this act in order to make a stand.

Shi Nuan’s head was throbbing. She bit her lips and said, “We did not keep it from you deliberately. Yan and I got married in a rush and I wasn’t mentally prepared for it yet. We were intending to tell you after some time, but you suddenly found out about it first... “

Before Shi Nuan finished talking, Fu Chengyan grabbed her hand and gave it a light pat. “Haven’t we brought some soup for grandpa?” he said. “Go bring it into the kitchen to Aunt Fei!”

Shi Nuan looked like she still had something to say, but she downcast her eyes once she met Fu Chengyan’s gaze. As he nodded his head briefly, Shi Nuan got the hint right away that he wanted to talk to her grandpa in private.

After Shi Nuan left with the soup container, Fu Chengyan turned his gaze back to face Jiang Shizheng, and found himself staring into the old man’s penetrating stern eyes. Fu Chengyan raised the corners of his lips and seemed unruffled. “Sir, why don’t we play a game of chess?” He proposed.

Jiang Shizheng let out a cold snort before getting up. "Alright, let's go to the study!"

A faint smile appeared on Fu Chengyan's face again as he got up and walked behind Jiang Shizheng.

Although Jiang Shizheng had aged, he was still extremely fit and took brisk steps. When the two men entered the study, Fu Chengyan's sharp eyes found the chess set. He laid it out and waited for Jiang Shizheng.

Jiang Shizheng glanced at Fu Chengyan and said, "Don't think I'll forgive you so easily just because of what Nuan said. Nuan's my granddaughter and I know her character very well!"

"Sir, you're right!" Fu Chengyan went along while arranging the chess pieces. "Sir, you have been good at chess since my schooling days. Why don't you let me have a head start?"

"Fat hope!" Jiang Shizheng took a side glance at Fu Chengyan and continued, "Don't think you can hide your true intentions from me. When I first introduced Nuan to you, even though you did not express anything, I could tell that she was not the only one for you. Your relationship foundation can't be that strong."

The old man made the first move while keeping his shrewd gaze on Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan had a black chess piece in between his fingers and he was looking very much relaxed. The man twitched his lips and picked up another black chess piece. "Sir, that's not entirely correct. Feelings sometimes catch us by surprise. But of course, they may also be developed over a period of time," he said.

While Fu Chengyan spoke, Jiang Shizheng placed another piece on the chessboard. The younger man paused for a moment before continuing, "My feelings for May have indeed caught me by surprise, while May grew to like me over time."

Jiang Shizheng was momentarily stunned. He had not expected such honesty from Fu Chengyan.

In his impression, this student of his had all along been very mature and had a stable personality, even from a young age. Jiang Shizheng already knew it back then, that Fu Chengyan had a bright future ahead, and was meant to accomplish great things.

Fu Chengyan never publicized his intentions, but once he set a goal, he would make sure he achieved it.

It was also because of these traits which he possessed, that Jiang Shizheng had introduced him to his granddaughter.

Nuan had a mild temperament and lacked resolution. Jiang Shizheng was exactly the type of man she needed to shield her from the brutalities of life.

As Shi Nuan was still reeling from her breakup with Fu Xicheng at that time, she was not receptive to her grandpa's arrangement. Jiang Shizheng was not one who would force his wishes on others. Seeing that Shi Nuan wasn't interested, he did not insist upon it.

But he had never expected that those two would actually get married, and only after such a short period of time. If the old man had not discovered it accidentally, he would probably still be kept in the dark.

Jiang Shizheng couldn't help being upset, even though one was his precious granddaughter and the other was his favorite student. The anger which he had felt last night was indeed genuine.

After Fu Chengyan made another move, he saw the expression on Jiang Shizheng's face. In a soft voice, he said, "Sir, are you worried about the relationship between May and I? Or are you worried that I won't treat her well?"

Jiang Shizheng lifted up his head and asked, "Are you really serious about Nuan?"

Fu Chengyan paused and kept quiet. After a seemingly long while, he looked into the old man's eyes and said, "I'll be honest with you, Sir. I am not entirely proud of the manner in which May and I got married. But please be rest assured that May is the woman I am going to spend the rest of my life with!"

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Chapter 119

When they left after dinner, Shi Nuan kept bugging Fu Chengyan to tell her what went on between him and Jiang Shizheng. Even though her grandpa had held back in expressing his displeasure, she knew that the old man was not pleased that they had made their move first before asking for his permission.

But the situation seemed to have changed after their game of chess. At dinner just now, she could clearly sense the difference in her grandpa's vibe as compared to before.

During dinner, Jiang Shizheng not only ate two bowls of rice, he also kept putting food onto Fu Chengyan's plate. Even herself, the old man's biological granddaughter, did not get to enjoy such treatment.

While Fu Chengyan was occupied, Shi Nuan took the chance to ask her grandpa what exactly did Fu Chengyan tell him. She also kept guaranteeing that she and Fu Chengyan would have a happy marriage and get along well with each other.

However, what she got was a knock on her head from the old man, who said, "A married daughter is like splashed water." His granddaughter had already started defending Fu Chengyan even though they were newlyweds.

However, the tone of Jiang Shizheng's voice was one of relief, instead of anger.

Shi Nuan could tell that her grandpa had already approved of their marriage. However, neither of the men told her how Fu Chengyan managed to convince grandpa.

As such, Shi Nuan had been pestering Fu Chengyan to tell her what happened ever since they left her grandpa's place.

As Fu Chengyan drove, he could see that Shi Nuan was very bothered by it. The man laughed as he reached out to touch his wife's head. "I didn't really say much. I just promised grandpa that I will always be good to you. I also told him to keep tabs on me!"

"I don't believe you!" Shi Nuan lifted her chin and continued, "Grandpa is not that gullible. I don't believe he would relent just because you said that."

Fu Chengyan couldn't help but let out an amused laugh. "So, you hope that grandpa would make things difficult for us again?"

"Errr..." Shi Nuan bit her lips and said, "I don't mean that. I just don't think that grandpa would be so easily persuaded."

Actually, Shi Nuan was just scared. She already knew that her grandpa would not be too hard on Fu Chengyan, but she just could not help worrying. Even though they were already married, her relationship with Fu Chengyan was actually not that stable yet.

The reason why Shi Nuan was reluctant to tell her two grandpas about her marriage was because she did not want them to worry. It was also because she lacked self-confidence.

After going through one failed relationship, Shi Nuan had not intended to jump into the next one so soon. Fu Chengyan was an accident. She was also not confident that it would work out well, especially when their marriage was a tactical one. At least, that was the case when she first decided to marry Fu Chengyan.

"Okay, since the matter has already been resolved, let's stop harping on it! OK?" Fu Chengyan said as he ruffled Shi Nuan's hair.

“I’ve bought movie tickets. The movie is starting in one hour’s time!” Fu Chengyan said. Shi Nuan raised her head in surprise. “You bought movie tickets?”

“Yup!” Fu Chengyan nodded. “I heard from Zhou Zheng that the theaters are screening a few Hollywood blockbusters recently, are you interested?”

“Of course!” Shi Nuan nodded excitedly. “Anyway, there’s nothing to do at home if we go back so early.” Besides, she enjoyed watching Hollywood blockbusters. When she was dating Fu Xicheng previously, he was always too busy to go out with her, not to mention watching movies together.

Shi Nuan also remembered that, even during those times when they went out, whenever Shi Nuan suggested watching literary films, Fu Xicheng would turn her suggestion down, expressing contempt for the cringe-worthy movie genre. Whenever she proposed watching a Hollywood action movie instead, Fu Xicheng would come up with another excuse, saying that a lady should not watch such violent genre. He also doubted that she would be able to understand the movie even if they watched it.

Come to think of it, Shi Nuan suddenly realized that, back then when she and Fu Xicheng were dating, they had not engaged much in any couple activities.

Shi Nuan couldn’t help but shake her head and let out a self-deprecating soft laugh. Only upon self-reflection had she realized the problems between she and Fu Xicheng.

“What are you laughing about?”

Fu Chengyan noticed that Shi Nuan was looking a bit glum. Keeping one hand on the steering wheel, he held Shi Nuan’s hand and gave it a gentle squeeze. “You don’t feel like watching?”

The woman shook her head and replied, “It’s not that. I was just reminded of the past and realized how silly I was last time.”

Fu Chengyan arched his brow. With one look, he already knew that Shi Nuan was feeling emotional. Patting the back of her hand, he said, "It's time to move on from the past. Your present is great."

The woman lifted up her head and nodded. With a chuckle, she said, "Don't worry about me, I was just suddenly overwhelmed." Shi Nuan still had a good grasp of her own feelings and situation.

She was a lot happier as compared to before. "Are you really not going to tell me what you and grandpa talked about?"

Fu Chengyan laughed lightly, tickled by her tenacity. "I didn't really say anything. I merely told grandpa that you only agreed to be with me after I shamelessly pursued you, and I will never let you down," he answered as he held her hand. "If I ever betray you, you will get everything that belongs to me."

Shi Nuan's heart skipped a beat. Although Fu Chengyan said the last sentence in a teasing manner, she could not help feeling a little upset. She looked down at Fu Chengyan's slender hands. She felt him tightening his hand around hers as his voice sounded over her head, "But there will never be such a day!"

After Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan had left, Jiang Shizheng picked up the newspapers again, but was unable to focus at all.

Just then, Aunt Fei came out of the kitchen with a bowl of soup. "Old master, Missy had specially prepared this soup for you. She said that you must finish it."

"That silly child!" Jiang Shizheng smiled contentedly. His mind went back to the scene where Shi Nuan dragged him to the balcony just now, and insisted on explaining about her relationship with Fu Chengyan. She had also continuously put in a good word for her husband.

Fu Chengyan was Jiang Shizheng's student. He had watched him mature from a boy into a man, and was very sure of his character. Jiang Shizheng was actually quite happy that his granddaughter had tried so hard to defend Fu Chengyan.

That would at least meant that Shi Nuan had already gotten over her previous relationship. Besides, Jiang Shizheng also knew that Fu Chengyan must have put in some hard work, in order for Shi Nuan to recover over such a short period of time.

Aunt Fei was also secretly feeling happy when she saw Jiang Shizheng's satisfied expression. "Old master, you haven't been in such high spirits ever since that incident happened to Missy."

"Is it that obvious?" Jiang Shizheng was indeed genuinely pleased. "I knew I had a keen eye for people. Yan is a good kid, and the same goes for our Nuan!"

"Yup, yup. Even I could see the look of tenderness in Mr. Fu's eyes when he looked at Missy!" As Aunt Fei was talking, she noticed that Jiang Shizheng was gulping down the bowl of soup. Feeling comforted, she said, "Old master, one is your darling granddaughter, and the other is your outstanding student. You can finally rest assured that Missy will have a good life from now onwards!"

"The children will be able to take care of themselves!" Jiang Shizheng was already smiling ear to ear when he said that. "Aunt Fei, go get some rest!"

After Jiang Shizheng dismissed Aunt Fei, he went to the study. A twinkle appeared in his astute eyes as he looked at the chessboard.

As Fu Chengyan was his student, he trusted him in terms of both intellectual abilities, as well as the quality of character. There was also another reason Jiang Shizheng was willing to entrust Nuan to Fu Chengyan.

Given Fu Chengyan's social status, getting married to him meant that Nuan had a strong backer. This way, even after the old man passed on, he could be rest assured that Nuan would be well taken care of. Jiang Shizheng believed that Fu Chengyan would definitely treat Shi Nuan well.

As his thoughts ran through his head, the old man pulled out a book from the bookshelf. Hidden among the pages was a photo. The photo was already

yellowed. In the picture, there was a beautiful young lady dressed in a flowery dress, which seemed to be swaying in the wind. She was beaming brightly.

As Jiang Shizheng traced the woman's outline on the photo, a drop of tear fell from his eyes.

Aunt Fei was standing at the doorway, looking at Jiang Shizheng. She couldn't help but shake her head and sigh. After waiting for a while, she knocked on the door and entered, "Old master, it's time to take your medicine and rest!"

Jiang Shizheng snapped out of his trance and slid the photo back into the pages of the book. He wiped the tears away from the corners of his eyes and answered, "OK!"

After Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan exited the cinema, the woman was still feeling excited over the movie that they had just watched. Holding Fu Chengyan's arm, she asked, "Where are we going next?"

"Shall we just walk around?" Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan's hand, as he tilted his head and stared into her twinkling eyes. "Yeah?" He pinched the woman's cheeks playfully.

The man spoke in a bright and clear voice, which sounded starkly different from the first time they met. It was also different from how he sounded when Shi Nuan met him at Xinhuang previously.

There was always a tenderness in his voice when he spoke to her.

Shi Nuan touched the spot on her face where Fu Chengyan had just pinched. Then, she tilted her head sideways and nudged Fu Chengyan's shoulders with it. "Sure, I'm so full from eating too much popcorn just now!" Shi Nuan lifted her head and grinned. "It's all your fault! Why did you keep stuffing my mouth with popcorn!"

“I was worried you’d be hungry!” Fu Chengyan smiled lovingly as he pinched Shi Nuan’s cheeks again. “You’re too skinny!”

“That’s not possible!” Shi Nuan retorted. “I’ve put on so much weight,” the woman said as she patted her cheeks and pinched her arms. “We should get a weighing scale at home. I realized I have grown a lot fatter ever since I married you!”

Shi Nuan puffed up her cheeks, as if she was not feeling satisfied. She also couldn’t help but tiptoe and pinch Fu Chengyan’s face.

As the woman continued playing around with his face, Fu Chengyan stopped walking and bent slightly forward. He leaned in closer to Shi Nuan, and patiently stood on the spot while she continued with her actions.

Shi Nuan seemed to be addicted to pinching the man’s cheeks. She was running his fingers over his face, enjoying herself.

Fu Chengyan was very cooperative as he accommodated his wife. Not only did he not show any annoyance, he kept a slight smile on his face.

Curious passersby couldn’t resist taking a second look at the attractive pair, especially when they were engaged in such childish play. A woman even exclaimed, “Oh my god! That guy is so good looking! He’s looking at his girlfriend with such gentle eyes.”

“Totally! I want a boyfriend like that too!”

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Chapter 120

Time was passing so quickly that, in a blink of an eye, it was already the end of the month. Both the Shi family and the Fu family had been actively engaged in the preparations for Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei's wedding.

Meanwhile, Shi Wei had also been at Xinhuang for a period of time. She had started with the promotional activities of her upcoming movie, and had also received news that the crew would start filming in the middle of next month.

Since their wedding was to be held on the third of next month, Shi Wei had taken time off to go for gown-fitting and make other preparations. However, as compared to Shi Wei, Fu Xicheng had been holding a passive stance throughout the wedding preparations so far.

His engagement to Shi Wei happened too suddenly. Adding on to the fact that Fu Xicheng had yet to completely get over Shi Nuan, the man was very reluctant to proceed with the marriage. This was even more so after he got to know that Shi Nuan had Shi Yunsheng's shares.

Therefore, Fu Xicheng had been using work as an excuse to reject Shi Wei's multiple requests for him to accompany her to the gown-fitting sessions, causing the woman to feel very frustrated.

She had opined that the reason Fu Xicheng was acting this way was because of Shi Nuan, which made Shi Wei dislike her even more.

Shi Wei went for her gown-fitting session accompanied by her good friends, Anna and Su Su. Anna saw that Shi Wei was in a bad mood and inquired about the reason. After being aware of the thoughts that Fu Xicheng was harboring, her

temper sparked too. “What does Shi Nuan want? Why is her presence still lingering?”

“Anna, you can’t say that. After all, Nuan is still mad at me because of my relationship with Xicheng.” Shi Wei let out a sigh and continued trying on the gowns listlessly. Although she said that it was not Nuan’s fault, her expression betrayed her.

Anna had a straightforward personality. She had been bearing a grudge against Shi Nuan since a long time ago. During their schooling days, Shi Nuan was the most popular girl in class due to her good looks and excellent grades. She was even the reason most guys joined their course.

Anna was confident of her own looks and wondered if those boys were actually blind, to have ignored her group, and went after Shi Nuan instead.

“How can she be mad at you? How is this your fault? I think you make a good pair with Fu Xicheng. Besides, they were not even married. It’s perfectly normal for you and Fu Xicheng to get married now.” Anna looked towards Su Su as she spoke, and asked, “Why are you not saying anything?”

Su Su shook her head and replied, “I was just thinking if Shi Nuan would turn up at our class gathering tomorrow.”

“Class gathering?” An unfathomable glint flashed across Anna’s eyes as she looked at Shi Wei.

Shi Wei raised her brows when she saw that sly look in Anna’s eyes. “Anna, what are you thinking of doing?” She asked.

“What do you mean what I’m thinking of doing? Tomorrow is our class gathering, but I almost forgot that Shi Nuan was our good friend in school!” Anna sneered and continued, “Wei, I’m not sure if you know, during that one year while you were overseas filming, Shi Nuan behaved so arrogantly in school!”

Anna let out a cold snort and tugged on Shi Wei's hand. "Don't worry, since Shi Nuan is so mean to you, we shall let her have a taste of her own medicine tomorrow!" She said.

"Anna, don't act rashly. No matter what, Nuan is still my younger sister. Although our relationship has soured, I'm still her elder sister!" Shi Wei pulled out of Anna's grip and held her hand instead. A bright glint flashed across Shi Wei's eyes, as her lips curled up.

She was too familiar with Anna's character. The more she was not allowed to do something; the more she would rebel against it.

Also, Anna had indeed loathed Shi Nuan when they were in school. It all started when a guy whom Anna liked, rejected her confession and pursued Shi Nuan instead. That incident remained a knot in her heart.

"You treat her like a sister, but has she ever treated you like one? That's enough, Wei. I know you are worried about her, but you should stay out of this. Anyway, I have decided that no matter what, I'm going to teach Shi Nuan a lesson. Otherwise, she would just grow increasingly outrageous and keep taking advantage of you."

Shi Wei narrowed her eyes and secretly gloated. However, she maintained a worried expression as she looked at Su Su.

Su Su shook her head and said, "Wei, just keep out of this. It's a feud between Anna and Shi Nuan, you know that too!"

Shi Wei looked down towards the ground helplessly. Making sure that Anna and Su Su were not looking, the woman clenched her fists tightly as the corners of her mouth curved up into a cold smile.

Shi Nuan, I'll see what else you can do now! You want to snatch Fu Xicheng away from me? I'll show you the price you'll have to pay for it tomorrow.

Shi Nuan had originally not intended to attend the class gathering tomorrow. However, Song Rongrong and Su Yian kept persuading her to go, saying that they had not attended a class gathering in a long while. Moreover, they had a few other good friends from those days whom they had not met in a long time too. When the class monitor, Liu Min, got married previously, none of them had attended her wedding. This time round, Liu Min had specially called to remind them of the class gathering, and insisted that they had to go, for the sake of the camaraderie they shared.

Shi Nuan was feeling tortured by the pressure coming from Song Rongrong and Su Yian. Furthermore, Liu Min had even personally given her a call tonight, to make sure that she turned up, as the class monitor wanted to introduce some friends to her.

After the woman hung up the phone, she fell into a daze for a second. Just then, Fu Chengyan came out of the shower, with water still dripping from his wet hair. Shi Nuan put away her phone and asked, "Why didn't you dry your hair?"

As the man curled his lips, Shi Nuan walked into the bathroom. She came out with a towel and waved at him.

Fu Chengyan's eyes narrowed into slits as he took a glance at Shi Nuan. He was secretly overjoyed with her actions. They were behaving more and more like a long-time married couple.

Shi Nuan walked over and pinned the man down on the sofa, before getting behind him and drying his hair gently with the towel.

It was a cozy and harmonious scene in the bedroom as dim lights cast a warm glow on the couple. Shi Nuan's fingers were moving nimbly through Fu Chengyan's hair. As she gently massaged the acupoints on Fu Chengyan's scalp, he let out a comfortable sigh and closed his eyes, enjoying the moment.

"I may be coming home late tomorrow night."

After hearing what Shi Nuan said, Fu Chengyan lifted his head and opened his eyes. He looked at Shi Nuan and asked, "You've a gathering?"

Shi Nuan nodded and started explaining, "Yeah, it's a class gathering. I wasn't intending to go initially, but Rongrong and Yian wanted to go, and our class monitress also called personally, so..."

"Just go if you feel like going!" Fu Chengyan let out a light laugh and held Shi Nuan's hand, giving it a pat. "You are quite free recently anyway, it's not good to be cooped up at home all day too. Just go if you want to!"

"Okay then!" Shi Nuan smiled and added, "If that's the case, I won't be able to prepare dinner for you tomorrow night."

"No worries, I have a dinner appointment tomorrow anyway." Fu Chengyan paused for a second before he continued, "Is it with your classmates from... Jing University?"

Certain details about Shi Nuan ran through his mind. "Remember to stay alert!" He cautioned.

The woman's heart skipped a beat and her fingers, which were gently pressing on Fu Chengyan's head, quivered. She quickly understood what the man meant. With her lips slightly pursed, Shi Nuan replied, "I will."

The next day, Shi Nuan received a call from Song Rongrong early in the morning, asking her what time she would reach the gathering tonight. Shi Nuan was busy pruning branches in the garden when her friend called. She froze for a second after hearing Rongrong's question before asking, "What time are we supposed to reach?"

"I heard it's starting at 7 p.m., but I don't think we should reach so early. Oh, I heard that Shi Wei might be there too!" There was a hint of displeasure in Song Rongrong's voice, as she continued, "That b*tch, Shi Wei, didn't seem like she

would be interested in such gatherings. I wonder why she would attend tonight's event. She must be up to no good!"

Shi Nuan couldn't help but laugh at Song Rongrong's tone. "OK, OK, that's enough. We're all schoolmates after all." Even though that was what Shi Nuan said, deep down inside her heart, she was well aware that Shi Wei would always find trouble with her, no matter where she was.

Her mind drifted back to the times when they were still schooling. Academically wise, she had always performed better than Shi Wei. Shi Wei was not good at studying. She retained a year and ended up in the same grade as Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan remembered that during those days, Shi Wei saw her as a competitor in all areas. Whenever Shi Nuan scored higher than Shi Wei in an exam, she would get scolded by Jiang Yu at home for embarrassing Shi Wei.

As Shi Nuan was still young at that time, she did not understand why her mother would hold such an opinion.

Subsequently, Shi Wei dropped out of school to pursue her acting career overseas. Only after that did Shi Nuan truly feel free. As such, Shi Nuan had the best time of her life during those two years when Shi Wei was not around. Although the two good friends of Shi Wei would occasionally pick on her, Shi Nuan was already contented with what she had.

The location of the gathering was decided by Liu Min. The former class monitor had good leadership qualities. Even though she was a girl, she was more capable than a lot of other guys. Liu Min was even the president of the students' council during that time.

Liu Min married the son of a high-ranking official and was leading a comfortable and fulfilling life. Words had it that Liu Min's husband was quite a powerful man in Jiang City. He was the reason they were able to make a reservation at the Prosperous Dynasty tonight. Everyone felt honored to be able to dine there.

As the gathering was supposed to start at 7 p.m., Liu Min was at the restaurant since afternoon to make preparations for the event. Song Shen, Liu Min's husband, was employed at the Ministry of Land and Resources. It was rumored that he was acquainted with the boss of Prosperous Dynasty, which made it easy for him to make the reservation.

Liu Min was busy entertaining her ex-classmates, who had started to stream in. In addition to those from her class, Liu Min had also extended the invitation to a few of the more active curve wreckers from their course. As spouses were also invited, the gathering had a bustling atmosphere.

Shi Nuan, Song Rongrong and Su Yian arrived at about 8 p.m.. One entire floor of the Prosperous Dynasty was reserved for the gathering. People were happily reminiscing their old school days. Some were discussing their ambitions during that time, when everyone seemed to be driven and full of dreams.

Others shared the successes they had after leaving school and most were singing praises about themselves. It was natural that people would want to show off to each other how well they were doing at the current moment in life.

Suddenly, someone brought up the names of Shi Nuan and Shi Wei, and starting talking about how they were pursued by many during the school days.

"I heard that Shi Wei has become a hot celebrity now. No matter how popular Shi Nuan was back then, it seemed like she had faded into the background."

"Exactly! There was even a poll to decide which one of them was the most well-liked girl in our course during that time!"