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“This girl sure can put on an act!”

Su Shaoqing spent a long time watching the surveillance footage. A profound smile formed in his eyes as he heard Shi Wei’s words. “Right, Zhou Zheng?”

“That’s right!” Zhou Zheng turned to Su Shaoqing. “What will you do now, Mr. Su?”

“That’s enough. Whatever that is meant to happen will happen. I’m just here to watch the fun. It’s getting late, so I’ll be heading back now!”

Su Shaoqing patted his clothes and walked away, as though he had nothing to do with everything that just happened.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan brought Shi Nuan to Su Shaoqing’s private hospital. The staff here had received word that Fu Chengyan would be heading over, so they were waiting for his arrival and they immediately rushed over as they saw Fu Chengyan arrive with a woman in his arms. “Mr. Fu!”

Fu Chengyan responded with a grunt and exited the car. He looked at the doctor while holding onto Shi Nuan. “She’s been bitten by a snake. Find out if her blood has been cleansed of the poison!”

“What...” The doctor immediately looked at Shi Nuan’s wound. “Put this lady down, Mr. Fu. We’ll give her a check-up right now!”

The injury on Shi Nuan's leg had been cleaned, but to prevent the possibility of toxins remaining inside her, the doctors recommended for her to be observed throughout the night. If nothing were to happen by morning, then she would truly be fine.

It was a long and nerve-wracking night, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief when Shi Nuan finally woke up the next morning.

Shi Nuan felt heavy-headed the entire night and woke up to find herself in the hospital. As she sat up to look around, she felt warmth on her forehead. Lifting her head, she saw Fu Chengyan standing right in front of her with a grim expression. "You're still feverish."

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and Fu Chengyan immediately poured her a cup of water. "How do you feel?"

Shi Nuan slowly regained her senses after drinking the water. "Why am I in a hospital?" she asked Fu Chengyan before remembering what happened last night. "Yesterday's incident..."

"Don't worry. I'll take care of it!" Fu Chengyan took the cup and touched Shi Nuan's forehead. "Let me know if you don't feel good anywhere!"

Shi Nuan placed her hand on top of Fu Chengyan's, gently lowered both their hands and shook her head. "I'm doing great. I'm fine now."

She remembered what happened last night and how she had been bitten by a snake. Shi Nuan lifted the blanket and sighed gently as she looked at her leg wrapped in bandages.

Fu Chengyan's chest tightened slightly as he saw how tired Shi Nuan looked. He reached out to hold Shi Nuan's hand. "I couldn't protect you."

Hearing Fu Chengyan blame himself, Shi Nuan quickly shook her head. She might have looked pale, but she was now feeling much more energetic than

before. “How could you be blamed for this? It had nothing to do with you. No one knew that such a thing would’ve happened last night!” said Shi Nuan. “Do you know who did it?”

“Yeah. I’ve already asked Zhou Zheng to check it out. Leave this to me, OK?” Fu Chengyan lifted Shi Nuan’s hand and gave it a kiss. “You need some rest.”

Shi Nuan nodded then continued, “Umm... This incident probably has something to do with Shi Wei and her...”

“That’s enough. Since you’ve agreed to let me take care of this, I’ll handle it well. You don’t have to think too much about it.”

“But...” Shi Nuan was hesitant. She had never gotten along with Shi Wei, but she couldn’t understand why the latter always went after her, especially right now. “Aren’t she and Fu Xicheng about to get married already?”

“Married?” Fu Chengyan curled his lips. “Speaking of which, I think it’s about time I gave her something to do. It’s annoying if she’s constantly keeping an eye on you.”

Fu Chengyan arranged for the doctor to examine Shi Nuan, and was relieved to learn that all the toxins had left her body.

Song Rongrong and Su Yian dropped by only when it was afternoon, not because they weren’t worried about her, but because with Fu Chengyan around, they didn’t even have a chance to worry about Shi Nuan. When they approached Fu Chengyan, he told them Shi Nuan needed to rest, making it obvious that he didn’t want them bothering her.

Still, Shi Nuan overheard them speaking and told her friends she was alright now.

“Oh, Chengyan is so worried about you!” Song Rongrong exclaimed. “You should’ve seen how handsome he looked last night.”

Song Rongrong's eyes shone as she spoke, "How lucky you are to stumble upon such a good husband!" She sounded full of envy.

Shi Nuan and Su Yian smiled at each other. They had long gotten used to Song Rongrong's behavior. As they shook their heads and watched Song Rongrong put on a show, Su Yian opened up a thermal container. "I made you some soup. I know you don't have much of an appetite now, but you should still take good care of your body."

"She's right, Nuan," Song Rongrong chimed in while nodding fervently. "An has been boiling this soup all morning and wouldn't even let me have some!" She pouted with her eyes full of hope. Shi Nuan smiled and passed her bowl to Song Rongrong. "Then you can have some."

"It's fine." Song Rongrong pushed Shi Nuan's hand away and observed the room they were in. "Tsk tsk, this is a top-tier ward! Chengyan sure is generous," she said. "Speaking of Chengyan, where is he?"

Shi Nuan looked up. "I told him to go home. He stayed here all night without getting any sleep, then busied himself with work here all morning." She felt sorry for him and guilty at the same time. "None of this would have happened if I had been more careful yesterday."

Song Rongrong arched her brows and exchanged glances with Su Yian. "Tsk tsk, so you know how to feel bad for Chengyan! But that's good. Still, I have to say this: you're married, so it's only natural for him to remain by your side when something happens to you!" To Song Rongrong, Shi Nuan was now Fu Chengyan's wife, so if anything were to happen to Shi Nuan, and Fu Chengyan did nothing about it, Song Rongrong would never forgive the man. "But since Chengyan is tired, it's our turn to look after you!"

Yet, the tired man who had been sent home by Shi Nuan was now on the underground level of Prosperous Dynasty.

Inside a gloomy-looking room, a woman was hung upside down with her limbs tied up, screaming in anguish.

“You can’t do this to me. You’re abusing your power and this is illegal. Let me go! Do you not know who my brother is? He’s An Chenyu, CEO of An Group! He’ll never forgive you for doing this to me! Who the hell are you guys? Let go of me! Arghh...!”

Anna screamed endlessly in this dark and empty room.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan sat inside Room 8888 of Prosperous Dynasty with half a cigarette between his slender fingers. Clouds of smoke filled the air, but he didn’t take a single puff.

It was as though time had stopped at this moment. His dark gaze focused on what was shown on the surveillance camera, without any trace of emotion on his face.

Zhou Zheng and Liang Lin stood nearby, glancing at each other. Anna’s screaming was heard one after another through the surveillance, but Fu Chengyan had no intention of putting a stop to it.

Suddenly, the room door opened and Li Heng appeared before everyone’s eyes.

Zhou Zheng and Liang Lin immediately straightened up. “Mr. Li!”

Fu Chengyan looked up and glanced at Li Heng. “What are you doing here?”

With a curl of his lips and an arch of his brow, Li Heng leaned against the door. “It’s been a while since I last saw you angry,” he said casually but with a profound gaze.

Fu Chengyan frowned and narrowed his eyes at Li Heng. “Is there something you want to say?”

Li Heng shrugged. "Don't you think you're going too far? She's a woman!" he said, only to receive a sharp glare from Fu Chengyan. "Oh? But I recall how you did the same to my sister's foster mother three years ago," the latter responded.

Li Heng's expression immediately changed and a hostile aura formed around him. Meeting Fu Chengyan's gaze, a silent rivalry unfolded between the two men in an instant.

The two were equally matched and it was unknown who would be victorious, but their subordinates, Zhou Zheng and Liang Lin, were in a bind. They exchanged glances as their respective bosses glared at each other, having no choice but to try their best to suppress their existence and smile bitterly inside.

Eventually, Li Heng scoffed, "Don't think I wouldn't dare punch you, Chengyan!"

Fu Chengyan curled his lips slightly as he tapped his own kneecaps with his slender fingers. "Is this what you should be saying to your own brother-in-law? Aren't you afraid I'd say something to her?"

Li Heng's eyes were full of hostility, but eventually suppressed himself. "She has already left!" The corner of his lips twitched slightly. "This is the last time I'll put up with you," he said and paused for a moment before speaking again. "An Chengyu is here!"

Fu Chengyan lifted his head, suppressing the emotions in his eyes. He then got up, walked to Li Heng's side and patted the man on the shoulder. "My uncle and aunt are waiting for her to come back too. If you don't give up and just keep waiting, she'll come back one day."

Fu Chengyan then retracted his arm and glanced at Zhou Zheng. "Give Anna back to An Chenyu."

"Uhh..." Zhou Zheng was puzzled. "So we're just letting Anna go like this?"

Zhou Zheng couldn't understand. Under normal circumstances, Fu Chengyan wouldn't let her live, considering what she had done. This was the first time Fu Chengyan was being so merciful. "But Mr. Fu, she..."

"Let her go," Fu Chengyan said with a flick of his wrist. "Tell him: if he doesn't know how to educate that sister of his, I wouldn't mind doing it for him." Fu Chengyan had no trace of warmth in his voice. He then turned to Zhou Zheng and added, "Cease collaborations with An Group."

Looking up in shock, Zhou Zheng immediately understood and declared, "I'll hand her over to An Chenyu at once. I surely won't disappoint you, Mr. Fu." Then, he readily walked away.

Meanwhile, Li Heng raised an eyebrow and looked at Liang Lin, asking, "Who do you even work for?"

Liang Lin immediately straightened his back and clenched his butt cheeks. "Of course I belong to you, Mr. Li! Hehehe!" he said, trying to flatter his boss.

Li Heng squinted and responded while casting Fu Chengyan a glance, "I thought you were intending to serve someone else."

"I wouldn't dare!" Liang Lin was about to cry. "Weren't you the one who told me to follow Mr. Fu temporarily, Mr. Li?"

Fu Chengyan let out a cough and glanced at Liang Lin solemnly, causing the latter to immediately stop talking.

Li Heng curled his lips and patted Fu Chengyan on the shoulder. "Relax. Your old man doesn't know about your marriage yet, does he? Won't he find out if you cause such a stir?"

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Fu Chengyan frowned slightly at Li Heng. Li Heng squinted in return, but said nothing more.

After taking care of things here, Fu Chengyan headed straight to the hospital. Shi Nuan happened to be resting while Song Rongrong and Su Yian sat next to her. The two friends felt guilty for not being alert last night, despite clearly knowing that Shi Wei and Anna harbored ill intentions towards Shi Nuan.

Even though Shi Nuan was out of danger now, Song Rongrong still felt that things wouldn't have turned out this way if she had been more careful herself.

Seeing Shi Nuan began to fall asleep, Song Rongrong pulled onto Su Yian's arm and the two quietly left the room.

"What's wrong?" Su Yian asked as she noticed Song Rongrong's behavior. "Is there something you want to say?"

Song Rongrong pursed her lips. "Shi Wei and Anna really went too far this time. They used a poisonous snake! Who knows what would've happened to Shi Nuan if Qin Yue hadn't shown up on time!" Just the thought of Shi Wei using a snake to harm her own sister made Song Rongrong feel utterly disgusted.

Su Yian was always a docile person, but that didn't mean she couldn't be angered. Su Yian and Shi Nuan were alike. They would never cause any trouble on their own accord, but if someone were to cause them trouble, they wouldn't back down. It was clear that Shi Wei and Anna had crossed the line this time. "What are you planning? Tell me!"

“You know what I’m like. I’m going to teach them a lesson no matter what.”

“There’s no need!”

A cold voice rang out from behind Song Rongrong. She turned around and saw Fu Chengyan.

He cast a cold glance towards Song Rongrong and Su Yian before giving them a light nod. “Chengyan? Nuan said you’d gone home to rest,” Song Rongrong quickly said.

Fu Chengyan’s narrow eyes gleamed slightly. “I’m here to see how she’s doing,” he answered. “Thanks for looking after May.”

“Nonsense. Nuan’s our friend too. We didn’t get there in time when something happened to Nuan, and she ended up getting hurt.” Song Rongrong saw the rage in Fu Chengyan’s eyes as she spoke. From this, she knew how serious the issue was and that Fu Chengyan was truly angered. “Sorry, Chengyan.”

“It’s fine.” Fu Chengyan raised his hand to indicate that this matter had nothing to do with them. “I’ll take care of May’s matters.”

Song Rongrong and Su Yian came to a realization as they exchanged glances. “T-Then we’re counting on you, Chengyan.”

Su Yian tugged onto Song Rongrong’s arm and together they turned to Fu Chengyan. “Well, Rongrong and I have other matters to take care of, so we’re leaving Nuan in your care, Chengyan.”

Su Yian dragged Song Rongrong and left. When they had walked far enough, Su Yian breathed a sigh of relief and patted her own chest. “That was so scary.”

“What are you so afraid of? It’s not like Chengyan would eat anyone,” Song Rongrong said, but she could also tell something was off about Fu Chengyan’s mood.

Although Fu Chengyan didn't blame them, it seemed like he didn't trust them either. After all, they were Shi Nuan's best friends, but they weren't around when the incident happened.

"Forget it. It's normal for him to be mad. It's a problem if he's actually not mad!"

After seeing Song Rongrong and Su Yian off, Fu Chengyan stood at the door for a long while before heading in.

At that very moment, Shi Nuan was sleeping peacefully. The sun rays shone through the windows, gently stroking Shi Nuan's face. As Fu Chengyan saw Shi Nuan move slightly, he walked over to close the curtains. The ward turned dark in an instant, and his brows relaxed slightly as he looked at the woman in bed.

Fu Chengyan walked over and stood by Shi Nuan's side, gazing at her pale face with his profound eyes. He stretched out a hand, only to freeze when it was half a centimeter away from Shi Nuan's face.

After a long while, Fu Chengyan retracted his arm, took out a newspaper and sat by the bed.

By the time An Chenyu took Anna out of Prosperous Dynasty, the woman had already been injured all over and looked horrendous. Despite An Chenyu having been through a lot in life, seeing his sister in this state made him feel sick. He looked at how bloodied Anna was, then looked up to see the magnificent Prosperous Dynasty.

Well aware that he couldn't mess up in such a place, An Chenyu had been planning to strike a deal with these people for years. Yet, he didn't expect his first deal with them to be like this.

An Chenyu carried Anna into the car, and the latter screamed in pain every time her body came into contact with anything. "Brother, you have to avenge me," she cried.

“That’s enough! Be quiet!” An Chenyu glared at Anna before asking in distress, “What on earth did you do? Didn’t I tell you before? You must never cause any trouble for Jiang City’s Big Four and anyone from Prosperous Dynasty.”

“Are you even my brother? Look at the state I’m in! Are you not going to avenge me?” Anna stared at An Chenyu in disbelief. “Why did they do this to me!?”

“Why?” An Chenyu looked at Anna in frustration. Despite being injured, the woman was still causing such a fuss. “Anna, have I ever said anything when you did whatever you wanted in the An family? But this is Jiang City, not the An family. If you want to be unreasonable, at least know who you’re up against. How can I help you if you cause trouble at Prosperous Dynasty?” An Chenyu spoke and quickly started the engine. “I’m taking you to the hospital first. We’ll talk about the rest later!”

The hospital An Chenyu was taking Anna to happened to be Su Shaoqing’s private hospital. This place had the best facilities and medical team.

An Chenyu had met Su Shaoqing before, so he knew this hospital belonged to the man. He wasn’t close with Su Shaoqing at all, but Su Shaoqing owed him a favor as An Chenyu once saved a woman several years ago.

So when An Chenyu brought Anna to the hospital, he immediately went to look for Su Shaoqing. It was clear that he wanted Su Shaoqing to save Anna.

At this moment, Su Shaoqing was just about to enter Shi Nuan’s ward, but Fu Chengyan opened the door from inside. A pair of cold eyes looked straight at Su Shaoqing. “What do you want?”

Su Shaoqing raised his brows and looked into Shi Nuan’s ward with a smile in his eyes, only to have his vision blocked by Fu Chengyan. “If you have something to say, say it or get lost.”

With a smile stuck between his lips, Su Shaoqing stroked his chin and stared at Fu Chengyan with interest. “This isn’t too nice of you, Chengyan— Ahh!” Before

Su Shaoqing could even finish, a fist flew towards him, but he managed to evade it just in time.

Su Shaoqing backed a few steps and continued to evade the attacks. Fu Chengyan moved swiftly and accurately. Every movement was perfectly aimed towards Su Shaoqing's vital points.

After a few rounds, Su Shaoqing quickly raised his hands in surrender. "Seriously, Chengyan, are we even friends? You're attacking me the moment you see me!" He panted slightly and looked at Fu Chengyan. "Looks like you're still mad. But what I'm about to tell you will probably piss you off even more."

Fu Chengyan lifted his gaze and clenched his fist. "Say it!"

Su Shaoqing flinched slightly and gulped. "An Chenyu is here."

Fu Chengyan frowned. "For what?"

"To ask for my help!" Su Shaoqing responded. "You haven't forgotten, have you? He saved Ling's life a few years ago. Hah, he's pretty smart to approach me. Why do you think he's coming to me? Ling's not even my sister. She's yours."

"Get to the point!" Fu Chengyan said harshly while frowning.

"The point is, An Chenyu isn't just asking me to help Anna. He also wants me to help mediate peace. That punk doesn't know who's behind Prosperous Dynasty, so he's thinking of getting close to you through me. Then, he'll have you talk things out with the owner of Prosperous Dynasty."

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows as a gleam of light flashed across his deep eyes. "Did you agree?"

"Of course! You know how much I hate owing others. Since he's made his request, of course I have to say yes," Su Shaoqing answered and quickly raised

his hands in surrender upon seeing Fu Chengyan's deadly gaze fall on him. "I only agreed to help; I never said it'd work out! Oh hey, you're awake, Shi Nuan!"

Fu Chengyan froze. He quickly retracted all his hostility and glared at Su Shaoqing before turning around with a smile, but Shi Nuan was nowhere to be seen.

Fu Chengyan turned back to Su Shaoqing with narrowed eyes, only to find that the man had fled.

Fu Chengyan clenched his fists and his intimidating aura dispersed only after a long time. He stood at the door for a while until he calmed down, then went back in.

Having fled the scene, Su Shaoqing triumphantly put his hands into the pockets of his white coat. As several nurses greeted him while walking by, Su Shaoqing quickly retracted his smile and nodded sternly.

When he returned to his office, An Chenyu had already been waiting in there for a while.

"Mr. Su." An Chenyu quickly got up upon Su Shaoqing's return. Su Shaoqing raised a hand, asking the man to remain seated, then had his assistant bring in two glasses of water. "Sorry, I only have plain water here!"

"That's fine. Water will do. Water is more than fine!" An Chenyu might have been here to request a favor, but the person he was dealing with was Su Shaoqing. He still didn't have enough courage.

After the assistant left, An Chenyu took a few sips of water and tried his best to relax. "Mr. Su, I came here today to request that you fulfil the promise you had made that year."

Su Shaoqing raised his brows and stroked his chin. "Please continue, Mr. An," he laughed softly.

An Chenyu continued firmly, "My younger sister attended a classmates' gathering yesterday. I don't know what happened, but she somehow incurred the wrath of Prosperous Dynasty and got herself into trouble. She's back now, but I fear that the matter isn't as simple as it looks. You've always been very capable, Mr. Su, so I'd like—"

"You'd like to ask for my help?" Su Shaoqing smiled. "But you'll have to think carefully now. I do owe you a favor, and I do intend to keep my promise. But are you sure this is the favor you wish to ask from me?"

An Chenyu was taken aback for a moment. He didn't quite understand what Su Shaoqing meant, but thinking about how serious Anna's injuries were, he could only nod. "Yes!"

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“Alright, I accept your request. I’ll definitely cure your sister, but you might want to ask her what she did, Mr. An. The person who did this to her wasn’t just anybody. It was Fu Chengyan!”

An Chenyu jumped and stared at Su Shaoqing in disbelief.

When he first came over, An Chenyu had wanted to have Su Shaoqing ask Fu Chengyan to negotiate with those people. He had once saved Fu Ling’s life. Not many people knew Fu Ling’s true identity, but he did.

Many years passed and Fu Ling’s location was currently unknown, but the Fu family and Fu Chengyan still owed An Chenyu a favor. An Chenyu figured that if he were to bring up this matter, Fu Chengyan would definitely help him. But he didn’t expect that the person Anna angered was Fu Chengyan himself.

Su Shaoqing squinted. His charming eyes held a glimmer of light.

The man was well aware of what An Chenyu was planning. Since he owed An Chenyu a favor, he would naturally return it. But he was different from Fu Chengyan. Su Shaoqing never liked being tied down by others, and An Chenyu had clearly crossed the line.

There was someone in his heart—someone whom he still had difficulty talking about after all these years.

Su Shaoqing got up. His hands, which were stained with bleach all year long, looked so abnormally fair that they seemed rather sinister. He calmly pinched the third button of his coat with his slender fingers.

“You should head back and ask your sister how she angered Fu Chengyan, Mr. An. After all, Fu Chengyan is not easily infuriated, but once he’s mad... I’m sure you’ve heard of what happened years ago.”

An Chenyu turned pale and clenched his fists. “Thank you for the reminder, Mr. Su,” he said with a gulp. An Chenyu didn’t know what Anna had done to offend Fu Chengyan, but he knew how Fu Chengyan took care of such matters.

Rumor was that someone once laid a finger on a woman. That woman used to be by Fu Chengyan’s side. No one knew what relationship the woman had with Fu Chengyan, but Fu Chengyan treated her extremely well. To avenge that woman, Fu Chengyan instantly disposed of the young master of the Chen family, and the entire Chen family was wiped out within one night.

According to rumors, that woman was the one Fu Chengyan loved, but Fu Chengyan never clarified this matter. But ever since that incident, everyone knew not to offend Fu Chengyan.

An Chenyu walked out of Su Shaoqing’s office in a daze and headed to Anna’s ward.

Su Shaoqing was the kind of person who would keep his promises. All the doctors in charge of curing Anna were experts who had returned from abroad. Anna was an extremely vain woman; being severely injured from head to toe was the most torturous thing that had ever happened to her.

She was now fully wrapped in bandages and she laid in bed, unable to move.

An Chenyu stood at the door, shivering with fear as he looked at her. Anna hadn’t seemed to calm down. She was extremely hostile despite being covered by bandages. “Get out of here, all of you! Get out!”

Anna tried to get up, only to be pinned down by the nurses and doctors. “Please calm down, miss!”

“How can I calm down? Let go of me and get out!”

“Are you done?”

An Chenyu shoved the door open and glared at Anna coldly.

Anna’s face had been wrapped up. She peered at An Chenyu through a very small opening in front of her eyes. This was her first time seeing An Chenyu look this furious, so she was very afraid. “Brother.”

Anna instantly stopped fussing about, and she couldn’t help but cry.

An Chenyu furrowed his brows and turned to the doctors and nurses. “Could you please leave for a moment?”

After all the medical personnel had left, An Chenyu closed the door and walked in. “Are you OK?”

“No, I’m not OK at all. Brother, you have to take revenge for what they did to me!”

“Revenge?” An Chenyu laughed coldly. Seeing how unrepentant Anna was, he kind of regretted asking for this favor from Su Shaoqing. “Do you not know what you did wrong?”

“What did I do wrong? I didn’t do anything.” Anna stared at An Chenyu in disbelief. She couldn’t believe that her brother, who always loved and pampered her, was actually questioning her instead of helping her. She was clearly a victim now. “Are you not going to take revenge for me, even when I’ve been reduced to this state?”

“That’s enough!” An Chenyu interrupted her coldly. “I don’t want to argue, but what did you do at Prosperous Dynasty last night? I went around asking for help, but no one dares lend a hand. Tell me what you did that caused Fu Chengyan to personally do this to you.”

“Fu Chengyan!?”

Anna’s eyes widened. The cold eyes belonging to that man instantly surfaced in her mind. She turned to An Chenyu in shock. That dumbfounded look on her face nearly caused An Chenyu to crumble. “You really did something to piss Fu Chengyan off?”

“No! I didn’t!” Anna quickly shook her head. “You have to believe me, brother. I really didn’t. I...” she explained while on the verge of tears. “Yes, I’ve seen him, but that was a long time ago. He never even bothered me! You have to believe me. I didn’t even see Fu Chengyan this time—how could I have angered him?”

Anna frantically tried to get out of bed, but fell back down in pain when her movements caused a strain on her injuries. She reached out to grab An Chenyu’s leg. “I really didn’t offend Fu Chengyan, brother!”

“That’s impossible!” He wanted to believe Anna, but Su Shaoqing’s words were even more credible. After all, someone like Su Shaoqing wouldn’t lie to him. A huge figure like Fu Chengyan would never bother with them, unless Anna had truly enraged him. Otherwise, there was no way he would personally deal with small fries like them. “If you’re saying you didn’t piss Fu Chengyan off, then what on earth did you do yesterday?”

“I...” Anna opened her mouth but dared not speak.

An Chenyu was livid and anxious, especially seeing Anna remaining so secretive up until now. “How can I help if you don’t tell me?”

“I... Brother, I really didn’t mean it. I just wanted to teach her a lesson,” Anna said in fear. “I never thought it’d end up this way. You have to save me. I...”

“Don’t rush. Take your time. Who are you talking about?”

Anna gulped. “My classmate, Shi Nuan. I just can’t stand her. She stole my boyfriend while we were at school, and now she wants to steal Shi Wei’s

boyfriend. Shi Wei is her own sister! I got so mad seeing her flirting around at the party, so I... I had some people teach her a lesson while she went to the bathroom. But I didn't expect the people I hired to use a snake."

"Snake?"

An Chenyu's expression changed as he looked at Anna. "You sure have a lot of guts, using a snake like that. Don't you know it could kill someone? Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan..." An Chenyu wondered why this name sounded so familiar. "You said you were just teaching Shi Nuan a lesson? Then why did Fu Chengyan do this to you?"

"How would I know? I..."

Anna couldn't understand either. All she did was teach that wench a lesson; how did it end up being related to Fu Chengyan?

"That's enough. Get some rest. I'll find out about this. Fu Chengyan doesn't seem like an irrational guy, so he naturally wouldn't do anything if you really are innocent. But if you dare hide anything else from me, know that even I won't be able to help you!"

Anna was in complete chaos after An Chenyu left. She couldn't figure out how she had offended Fu Chengyan. But this was a pressing matter, and Anna quickly thought about Shi Wei. Remembering the relationship between Fu Chengyan and Shi Wei's fiancée, Fu Xicheng, she immediately gave Shi Wei a call.

Shi Wei happened to be choosing a gown. A few days ago, Liu Min had someone send a few pieces over. After Shi Wei had tried them all, she liked two in particular. But the sizes weren't too fitting, so Liu Min took the dresses back to have them adjusted.

Shi Wei looked at herself in the mirror with a satisfied smile on her face. Then, the housemaid, Qing, walked over with Shi Wei's phone. "You have a phone call, Ms. Shi Wei!"

Shi Wei nodded. She was in a particularly good mood. But her expression changed slightly upon seeing Anna's name on the screen. She felt annoyed but answered the phone anyway. "Hello, Anna? Are you OK?"

"I... I'm fine. My brother got me out," Anna answered, feeling slightly comforted upon hearing Shi Wei ask about her. "Wei, last night..."

"I'm sorry, Anna. I couldn't save you in time last night... But you know—those guys—they..." Shi Wei sounded like she was about to cry. "I'm sorry, Anna!"

"It's fine. I've gotten out of there," Anna said. "Wei, can you help me with something?"

"What is it?" Shi Wei asked, despite feeling extremely reluctant.

Hearing an opportunity, Anna quickly answered, "Isn't Fu Chengyan your fiancée's uncle? Can you get Fu Xicheng beg Fu Chengyan and ask him to let me go just this once?"

"Fu Chengyan? Anna, why would you ask me to beg Fu Chengyan for no reason? Besides, you know that even though he's Xicheng's uncle, it's...not easy to negotiate with him." Shi Wei turned her down without a second thought. "It's not that I don't want to help you, Anna. There's just nothing I can do."

"Shi Wei, you..."

"Alright, Anna, I still have things to do. Talk to you later!" Shi Wei hung up the phone and squinted. Jiang Yu happened to walk past the boutique, hence she opened the door and entered. Seeing how gloomy Shi Wei looked, she couldn't help but ask, "What's wrong? Did someone make you mad? You're about to become a bride and you're still not happy?"

“It’s nothing!” Shi Wei put her phone away and put on a smile. “How does this dress look, mom?”

“Good! It looks so good!” Jiang Yu said while happily gazing at Shi Wei. “You always look stunning, Wei!”

Meanwhile, Anna stared at her phone in disbelief, not expecting Shi Wei to turn down her request. “Shi Wei!!” she yelled while gritting her teeth and clutching onto her phone tightly.

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As An Chenyu estimated, An Group was thrown into turmoil the very next day, receiving numerous complaints and investment withdrawals. This was a huge blow to the company.

An Chenyu was in hot water because of this matter, and the An family fell into panic. The shareholders of An Group began to protest one after another, accusing An Chenyu of screwing up. During this period, An Chenyu noticed that the company's shares were fully acquired.

As the An family finally understood the seriousness of this matter, An Chenyu was left with one last option.

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The secretary, Mai Qi, walked over as soon as Fu Chengyan left the meeting room. "Mr. An of An Group is here, Mr. Fu."

Fu Chengyan frowned and cast Zhou Zheng a glance. The latter immediately straightened his back, saying, "Mr. Fu, we've successfully acquired almost half of An Group's current shares and Shengyuan is now the second largest shareholder. It's absolutely possible to go up against An Chenyu, but..." Zhou Zheng didn't quite understand Fu Chengyan's actions. Fu Chengyan would usually suppress his opponents directly without giving them any room to breathe, but he was being especially merciful this time.

Fu Chengyan curled his lips. "You want to ask why I'm letting him survive?"

Zhou Zheng nodded. "It's unlike you!"

“An Chenyu is quite a talent. Letting An Group fall isn’t what I want.” Fu Chengyan left promptly after saying just these few words.

Zhou Zheng pursed his lips while thinking, you’re already causing them so much suffering to the point of no return—how can they not fall?

But Zhou Zheng dared not say his thoughts out loud in front of Fu Chengyan. He could only follow the man.

An Chenyu had been waiting in the guest lounge for quite a while. Throughout his time in here, he had already received countless phone calls about how An Group’s stocks were falling even more rapidly than yesterday.

Truthfully, coming to Fu Chengyan had always just been a backup plan. But now, this was the only way.

Comparing An Group with Shengyuan was no different from throwing straws against the wind. An Chenyu had no other abilities but he was very knowledgeable about current affairs. Taking this into consideration, he decided to look for Fu Chengyan. It was Anna who had started all this trouble, but An Chenyu had no idea how Shi Nuan was connected to Fu Chengyan. However, the fact that Fu Chengyan responded in such a way indicated that things weren’t as simple as Anna had described.

“Mr. Fu!”

An Chenyu quickly got up as Fu Chengyan opened the door to enter. But Fu Chengyan raised a hand at An Chenyu, telling him to remain seated. He then had Mai Qi pour them some tea. “You wanted to talk to me, Mr. An?”

An Chenyu glanced at Fu Chengyan before turning to Zhou Zheng. Recalling how this man before him was the one who had personally returned Anna to him, he now understood that Anna had certainly angered Fu Chengyan, and his energy dwindled slightly. “Mr. Fu, I came here today to request for your mercy. I don’t know what my sister has done to anger you.”

Fu Chengyan looked up at An Chenyu with a curl of his lips. “Looks like your sister hasn’t told you what happened, Mr. An!” Holding the teacup with his slender hands, he looked much calmer than the cautious An Chenyu.

Fu Chengyan picked up the teacup and took a sip before continuing slowly, “Isn’t your sister very well-acquainted with the eldest daughter of the Shi family?”

An Chenyu suddenly raised his head. “My sister has always had a wide circle and I don’t usually intervene with her friendships, so…” He carefully observed Fu Chengyan’s expression while contemplating how to explain this matter. But seeing Fu Chengyan raise an eyebrow slightly seemed to indicate that the man didn’t quite agree with him. An Chenyu frowned. “I’ve indeed heard my sister mention the eldest daughter of the Shi family, Shi Wei, but it’s always been girls’ stuff so I don’t really interfere with the people she befriends.”

“In that case, you’ve been a little negligent as an elder brother, Mr. An. Some people are worth interacting with closely, but some shouldn’t even be touched. I’m not sure if you get what I mean, Mr. An.”

“Yes, I do!” An Chenyu promptly answered. He was no fool and understood what Fu Chengyan meant.

Shi Wei wasn’t worth becoming close friends with, for this incident surely involved her. Fu Chengyan was willing to meet him and even took the effort to say such things. With that, An Chenyu felt slightly more courageous. “Thank you for the reminder, Mr. Fu.”

“Mr. An, I’ve never been a guy who enjoys meaningless conversations. I dislike it even more when people only pretend to agree with me on the outside,” Fu Chengyan said as he put his teacup down. “I can let An Group and your sister go, but I have one condition!”

“Please name it, Mr. Fu!” Hearing Fu Chengyan’s words, An Chenyu was overjoyed on the inside. Even if An Group were to crumble now, as long as Fu Chengyan let them live, they could one day rise again.

“It’s just a small matter: have your sister break character!”

“Character?” An Chenyu was doubtful. “What character?”

Fu Chengyan curled his lips and turned to Zhou Zheng with a gesture, and the latter immediately walked over. “A character for a good show, of course, Mr. An.”

After Fu Chengyan left, Zhou Zheng handed An Chenyu something to read. “You may not know this, Mr. An, but it’s true that your sister only hired someone to teach the ma—I mean, Ms. Shi Nuan—a lesson. But in the process of it all, someone changed Anna’s instructions and used a venomous snake. Do you know what this means? Had there been any delay in finding Ms. Shi Nuan, that snake would have taken her life. Are you aware of what could have become of your sister?”

An Chenyu’s expression darkened as he took the document from Zhou Zheng. After reading through it briefly, he closed it and said, “Thank you for the reminder, Mr. Zhou!” An Chenyu looked rather shocked, but deep down, he felt beyond resentful.

“As for what Mr. Fu wishes for me to do, please let me know, Mr. Zhou. I’d be glad to accommodate Mr. Fu in any way, as long as it ensures An Group’s survival and my sister’s wellbeing!” An Chenyu said, but he didn’t miss out on Zhou Zheng’s slip of the tongue. “Mr. Zhou, are Ms. Shi Nuan and Mr. Fu together?”

“Mr. An, you will naturally learn new things when it’s time,” Zhou Zheng said with a cold smile. “As for something you shouldn’t know, you should pretend not to know anything even if you do!”

“Yes.” An Chenyu’s expression changed. “I understand!”

An Chenyu breathed a sigh of relief as he walked out of Shengyuan and received a phone call from his father, An Lin. “They’ve stopped buying the shares, and

things at An Group have calmed down for now. Come back home for a while, Chenyu!”

“Alright, I’ll head back right away!” Gripping the document in his hand, An Chenyu made a phone call to Anna.

After several days of treatment and rest, Anna was recovering well and felt much more energetic. But a few light scars remained on her body. The doctor said that if she wanted everything gone, she’d have to undergo reconstruction surgery. Such a process couldn’t be done within one or two days; it would take up to two years.

Anna had been feeling depressed for the past few days. She had heard from her parents that Fu Chengyan wanted to destroy An Group. Anna couldn’t figure out how she had angered Fu Chengyan, so she blamed everything on Shi Nuan and held a big grudge against her.

In addition, she had been trying to contact Shi Wei for days, hoping that Shi Wei would help a long-time friend like her. Yet, Shi Wei hardly ever answered her calls. Even if she did, she would say she was busy.

“Come home, Anna!” said An Chenyu the moment his call got through. Sensing that something wasn’t right, Anna’s heart skipped a beat. “Brother, is An Group—”

“No, An Group is safe!” An Chenyu interrupted. “The doctor said you’re fine now, so come back home!”

“But I…” Anna said reluctantly while glancing at the scars on her neck, arm and face. “Brother, it’s all her fault. That b*tch, Shi Nuan, did this to me—”

“Stop it!” An Chenyu cut her off sternly. “Are you still blaming Shi Nuan? I’ve investigated this matter thoroughly. You’re the one who was jealous of her and got someone to hurt her. You’re not a child anymore, Anna. Use your brain.”

“Brother...”

“That’s enough. Come back and we’ll talk!” As An Chenyu hung up, Anna bit her lip and stared at her phone furiously.

Anna arrived home to find her parents and brother waiting. Seeing Anna finally return, her mother rushed up to hold onto her. “My poor little girl! I can’t believe Fu Chengyan—”

“Mom,” An Chenyu interrupted while glancing at his mother impatiently. “Fu Chengyan isn’t to blame for this. It’s Anna’s fault.”

But the older woman refused to listen. Even if Anna had done something wrong, she didn’t want anyone teaching her own daughter a lesson. She was an overprotective mother who didn’t care who Fu Chengyan was.

But after hearing from An Chenyu, An Lin glared at Mrs. An. “That’s enough. You’re being too soft-hearted. Do you think Fu Chengyan would’ve let the An family go this easily, had Chenyu not gone to ask him to fulfil the promise made years ago?” He then turned to Anna, saying, “I don’t usually care what kind of nonsense you get yourself into everyday, but you’re actually brave enough to anger Fu Chengyan? Are you insane?”

“Dad, I... I didn’t.” Anna felt stumped too. She just wanted to teach Shi Nuan a lesson, but who knew things would end up this way?

“Do you know why Fu Chengyan did this to you? The truth is he had no intention of dealing with you, but you went looking for trouble,” An Chenyu said while handing the document he received from Zhou Zheng to Anna. “That girl, Shi Wei, sure is a good friend, huh? Take a look at what kind of people you’ve gotten involved with.”

“I...” Anna was lost for words and suspiciously took the document from An Chenyu. “What’s this?”

“Why don’t you take a look? You said you just wanted to teach Shi Nuan a lesson, but why? What has she ever done to you? This information shows that you’re the ones who always cause her problems, and look who benefits every time. You said you didn’t ask them to use a snake, so why did they? You’re lucky the snake didn’t kill Shi Nuan. If it did, you wouldn’t be sitting here talking to me right now.”

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Chapter 130

Anna stared at all the information shown by An Chenyu in disbelief. “No. This can’t be. Shi Wei is my best fr...” Before she even finished, she saw a picture of Shi Wei talking to those men.

Anna looked up. “Brother, where did you get this? Shi Wei...”

Anna and Shi Wei had been close friends for many years. To her, Shi Wei was in the same boat as she was. To her, Shi Nuan treated Shi Wei poorly and would always harm her from the shadows. Anna always felt Shi Wei was the type who would rather endure all her suffering to avoid causing trouble.

But Anna was much more quick-tempered. On top of that, she always loved the heroes she came across in stories since her childhood, and thought of herself as a messenger of justice. Hence, she completely did not expect the way Shi Wei was being described in what she was reading now.

An Chenyu was heart-broken to see his own sister looking like this. “I always thought you’re quick-tempered and do whatever you please because mom and dad spoiled you like a princess, but you’re not terrible by nature. You said you’ve been holding a grudge against Shi Nuan, but think about it: what has Shi Nuan ever done do you? And what have you just done to her?”

“I...” Anna couldn’t accept the truth.

“Think carefully. But I’m warning you: don’t mingle with Shi Wei and Su Su anymore. I’m sure what you’re reading now has made you aware what kind of people they are! Also, don’t mess with Shi Nuan from now on. You should understand by now why Fu Chengyan did this to you.”

Anna was suddenly dumbstruck. “Are you saying Shi Nuan managed to hook up with Fu Chengyan?”

“Shut up!” An Chenyu said with a glare. “I don’t care how reckless you used to be, but from now on, do NOT mess with Shi Nuan. She’s not as easy of a target as you think. As for what relationship she has with Fu Chengyan, that’s not for you or me to judge, unless you want An Group to crumble along with you!”

As he said all this, An Lin and Mrs. An were dead silent.

After being on the right track for the past few years, An Lin had left An Group in An Chenyu’s hands. Thankfully, An Chenyu was a capable man. An Group might not have been able to compete against all those large companies, but it had indeed moved up a notch under An Chenyu’s leadership.

But with this incident, An Group was instantly brought back to its beginnings. It wasn’t going to be easy to rise again.

Knowing Anna was the cause of all this, An Lin grounded her for the next few days. As for the scars on her body, Anna had to take it as a lesson and would only be sent abroad for cosmetic surgery after she had reflected on her own actions.

Anna was completely devastated upon learning how she had been used by Shi Wei.

The woman always had a fiery personality and thought she could do no wrong. She poured her heart for Shi Wei, but she never expected for herself to be treated this way.

An Chenyu was extremely pained to see Anna in such a state, but there was nothing he could do. On the other hand, An Lin felt this incident could possibly change Anna’s attitude.

It was now nighttime and Shi Nuan happened to be reading. After being discharged from the hospital, Fu Chengyan forbade her from doing any hard labor. The 'hard labor' he spoke of included washing the dishes. Shi Nuan now felt like she was completely useless.

While Fu Chengyan was working in the study room, Shi Nuan received a phone call from Shi Yunsheng, who informed her that Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng's wedding was to be held three days later. Although Shi Nuan was now married to Fu Chengyan, no one knew about this. Moreover, Shi Yunsheng was still worried that Shi Wei's marriage to Fu Xicheng would make Shi Nuan upset.

Shi Nuan felt her grandfather was overthinking. To her, Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng were merely regular people; as long as they didn't cause her any trouble, she wouldn't even think about them.

But Shi Yunsheng was still an elder to her, and she couldn't stand the thought of him worrying about her.

After hanging up, Shi Nuan pondered for a moment. She then brewed some ginger tea and headed upstairs to the study room.

Fu Chengyan was just arranging his documents, but immediately paused and turned towards the door upon hearing light footsteps approaching.

Shi Nuan was surprised that Fu Chengyan could hear her coming despite being so careful. "How is your hearing so good?"

Fu Chengyan smirked and waved towards Shi Nuan, asking her to come over. "Why haven't you slept?"

"I can't sleep!" Shi Nuan replied as she handed Fu Chengyan his tea. The man raised an eyebrow. "Why'd you make me ginger tea? It's not like I have a cold." Still, he drank it without any resistance.

Shi Nuan watched with a smile as she saw Fu Chengyan obediently finishing the entire cup. "Winter's almost here, so it gets pretty cold at night. You work till so late at night too."

Saying that, Shi Nuan casually walked behind Fu Chengyan, placed her slender fingers on his forehead area and began to massage it lightly. "Are you not done yet?"

"Almost. Just a bit left!" Fu Chengyan answered while really enjoying this moment. He kept his work, leaned back on the leather couch and let Shi Nuan do as she pleased.

Shi Nuan's fingers were rather skillful. It didn't take long for Fu Chengyan to feel relaxed. Seeing the weariness on Fu Chengyan's face, Shi Nuan was slightly worried. "Why can't you finish your work by the end of the day instead of dragging it on until night?"

But when she thought about it, Fu Chengyan was the CEO of Shengyuan. He had to be aware of every task that was being carried out, no matter big or small. How could he not be busy?

Moreover, Shi Nuan knew that aside from Shengyuan Group, Fu Chengyan still had to take care of matters relating to Xinhuang, House of Chigu and even Prosperous Dynasty. "Yan, aren't you tired having to take care of so many things?"

Fu Chengyan curled his lips. "I'm OK!" He then held Shi Nuan's hand and pulled her into an embrace. "Are you worried about me, May?"

Shi Nuan couldn't help but roll her eyes. "Not at all," she said. As Fu Chengyan entangled her hand with his, Shi Nuan lowered her head and lifted his fingers. "Why should I be worried if you don't even bother to look after yourself!"

"Who says I don't look after myself?" Fu Chengyan responded as his gaze darkened slightly. "I care very much about my own body." He then held onto Shi

Nuan's hand. "You're here in the study room so late at night. Is there something you want to tell me?"

Shi Nuan arched her brows. "I actually would've forgotten if you hadn't asked. I've brought you to meet my maternal grandpa, but now I'm wondering if I should take you to meet my paternal grandpa." She then bit her lip and thought for a moment. "I just got a call from the old man saying that Shi Wei's and Fu Xicheng's wedding will be held in two days. He's worried that I'd be upset, but why would I be?"

As Shi Nuan saw Fu Chengyan's face darken slightly at her words, she wrapped her arms around Fu Chengyan and pressed her forehead against his neck. "Are you jealous?" she asked in amusement.

"What's that?" Fu Chengyan smirked, pulling Shi Nuan away and placing his forehead against hers. His eyes had long regained their usual clear gaze. "Have you been jealous before, May?"

Shi Nuan raised an eyebrow and put on a big smile. "No, but I wouldn't mind if you made me jealous," she laughed softly and reached out to pinch Fu Chengyan's face. "If you dare!"

Fu Chengyan was entertained by how childish Shi Nuan was being. He looked down to see Shi Nuan pinching his face and didn't stop her at all. "In that case, I really wonder if I should make you jealous!"

"You dare!?" Shi Nuan exclaimed and tightened her pinch on his face. "I dare you!"

Fu Chengyan laughed and removed Shi Nuan's hands from his face. "Continue!"

Shi Nuan became serious again. "I was thinking that granddad is worried because he hasn't met you or seen how we're doing. He doesn't have to worry about me at all, but he's still an elder. We got married without a word, so I want to take you to meet him."

Fu Chengyan also became solemn and pondered for a moment. It wasn't particularly bright inside the study room. It was now deep into the night; the sounds of cicadas could be heard and the smell of fall was in the air. It was cold outside, but the house was full of warmth.

A gentle light shone in Fu Chengyan's eyes as he held Shi Nuan by the hand. "It's about time I met him." He understood Shi Nuan's intentions. She wanted to let Shi Yunsheng know that she was doing well, and that Shi Wei's actions couldn't impact her in any way.

His kind wife's thoughts were always this- simple and pure.

Fu Chengyan's gaze deepened as he held Shi Nuan's face. "I'll leave the arrangements to you. I'm always available!" he said with intimacy in his eyes.

Shi Nuan was overjoyed. Giving Fu Chengyan a peck on the lips, she said, "You're the best."

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes as his gaze became even deeper. The moment Shi Nuan left his lips, she felt an air of passion and wildness coming from Fu Chengyan. He was different from usual.

Shi Nuan's eyes widened. Having been together with Fu Chengyan for so long, she knew what that gaze of his meant. Feeling her chest tighten, she gripped onto Fu Chengyan's shoulders and gulped. "Yan, umm—"

Before Shi Nuan could even finish, Fu Chengyan pressed his lips against hers.

He was never an honorable man. He treaded carefully before having her, but now that she was his wife, he could no longer hide his desire for her.

"You really are a vixen, May."