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Because of what Shi Nuan said, Anna stopped talking and became silent.

She had never thought about this matter before. Shi Nuan had always seemed so arrogant, as if she did not care about anybody at all. To Anna, Shi Wei had always looked very pitiful and Shi Nuan had always treated Shi Wei so badly.

Come to think of it, Shi Wei was the one who would approach Shi Nuan to tell her something ambiguous, to which Shi Nuan would ignore, followed by Shi Wei apologizing to Shi Nuan in an aggrieved manner.

Anna began to feel embarrassed as she had always looked at things from Shi Wei's viewpoint. To her, Shi Wei had already humbled herself, but Shi Nuan had never seemed to even acknowledge her at all.

"You two are sisters, so why...."

"Why don't we get along?" Shi Nuan interrupted her and shook her head with a smile. "I want to know why we don't get along as well. What is it about us that made everyone think that we can't get along with each other?"

Anna was stunned. "Wait, so you and Shi Wei are fine with each other?"

Shi Nuan shook her head. "No, we really don't get along." She chuckled. "Do you think that Shi Wei has ever treated me as her little sister? If she did, have you ever heard her say one good thing about me?"

Anna thought about it earnestly. Basically, while Shi Wei had never said anything good about Shi Nuan, she said nothing bad either, but had merely led others to think otherwise about Shi Nuan. For example, she would say things like, Oh, Shi Nuan didn't mean it, she must have just panicked!

"All right, let's not talk about Shi Wei anymore. I don't have much time, so tell me, why are you here to see me?" Shi Nuan glanced at her watch which indicated that half an hour had passed. "My friend is still waiting for me."

"I wasn't the one behind the snake incident the other day." Anna said after thinking for a while. "No matter whether you believe me or not, I really didn't do it. Yes, I hated you and I wanted to teach you a lesson. However, all I did was to get them lock you in the bathroom. I had no idea that they would release a snake and I really didn't know...." Anna bit her lip. "I've already paid my dues. Look at me, I'm disfigured."

"So? What are you trying to say?" Shi Nuan asked her coldly. She was not a villain, but she was no saint either. She still could not forgive the person who had once tried to hurt her. Even if she were not the mastermind behind the release of the snake, she had put her in that precarious position to begin with. If not for Qin Yue who had walked past at that moment and saved her, Shi Nuan could barely bring herself to imagine what would she be like right now.

"I am here to apologize and I'm already disfigured. My brother told me to never offend you again, as there will be an enormous price to pay. Who are you, really?"

"That's not important." Shi Nuan could see the pieces coming together now. It seems like something definitely happened after she had fainted, and they were all probably directed by Fu Chengyan. "More importantly, since you have come and talk to me today, I am sure that you have understood some things?"

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes, as she felt that Anna seemed a little different after this incident. Indeed, Anna nodded the moment she finished speaking. "I don't know why Shi Wei is angry at you, but I hope this is the last time something like this happens between you and me."

Shi Nuan nodded with a look of understanding. "I understand what you are saying, and don't worry, I am not a cruel person either. I have no intention of seeking revenge with you. Also, I don't think you would want to know whether or not I have backing." Shi Nuan then stood up and paid the bill before saying, "Oh yes, after this incident, I'm sure you have gotten to know Wei better?"

Anna stared at Shi Nuan perplexedly, as she probably did not expect her to guess that. Shi Nuan merely smiled at her. "In that case, since we have let go of our prejudices against each other, let me tell you one more thing!"

Looking at Shi Nuan, Anna asked, "What is it?"

"Didn't you receive a love letter when we were still in school? You thought that it was from Qin Yue, right? However, he told you after that that the letter was meant for me, right?"

Anna's face revealed her exasperation. Even though she decided to come to a truce with Shi Nuan, it still bothered her that Shi Nuan chose this moment to bring that up.

Looking at Anna's annoyed expression, Shi Nuan continued, "I didn't want to bring this up, but since this has always been weighing down on your mind, I feel that I should tell you about it. Yes, that letter was meant for me, but I knew nothing about it, and I had never seen that letter before either. Qin Yue explained that he had given Shi Wei the letter for her to pass it to me. Anna, you are an intelligent person. I am sure you know by now how that letter appeared at your seat!"

Anna was still staring blankly into a distance. Shi Nuan could only shake her head and turn to leave. However, Anna stopped her. "It's Shi Wei's wedding the day after tomorrow. Will you be there?"

Shi Nuan straightened her back and turned towards Anna. "Why not?"

“The groom is your ex-boyfriend. Don’t you have any hatred in you? Don’t you want to snatch him back?”

Shi Nuan looked a little confused before she smiled in response. “Nope, not at all. I don’t believe there’s any point in revisiting the past. Moreover, I’ve thought about it. I think Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng suit each other more.

Anna did not expect that from Shi Nuan at all, and she looked at her confusedly.

“Nuan, why are you with this woman?”

Song Rongrong and Su Yian made their way just in time to see Shi Nuan and Anna standing at the cafe’s entrance. Song Rongrong stared at Anna defensively and said, “Oh, Anna, it seems like you haven’t learnt your lesson; are you back for more?”

Anna’s expression changed slightly before she looked at Song Rongrong in her eyes. “What do you mean by that, Song Rongrong?”

“You know very well what I mean. Listen, if you dare harm Nuan again, I will be the first one to hunt you down!”

“All right!” Shi Nuan interrupted Song Rongrong. “Don’t worry, Anna wasn’t going to do anything to me. We just run into each other and had a brief conversation.” Shi Nuan tugged on Song Rongrong’s arm and shot a meaningful glance at Su Yian, who quickly said, “Look at this, there are three of us here, she won’t be able to do anything either. Come on, didn’t we say we were going shopping today?”

Song Rongrong’s temper finally subsided when she heard that. However, she still glared angrily at Anna. Shi Nuan then looked at Anna helplessly, “Ms. An, since we have discussed everything now, we should also not be bearing anymore grudges against each other. Also, I have nothing to do with anything between you and Shi Wei.”

Shi Nuan then dragged Song Rongrong and Su Yian away. Anna stared at them for a long time before she finally lowered her head to stare at her own shoes. It wasn't until her mother called that she finally left the mall.

Song Rongrong was still very agitated when Shi Nuan pulled her away. "Why did you have to say that to Anna? She is basically part of Shi Wei's gang. If not for you holding me back, I would have beaten her up."

"All right," Shi Nuan tried to appease Song Rongrong, who was practically exploding with anger. "She really didn't do anything to me!" Shi Nuan then explained the whole incident to them. "She really said that?" Song Rongrong and Su Yian were taken aback.

Shi Nuan nodded earnestly. "Something must have happened between her and Shi Wei because her attitude towards Shi Wei has changed as well.

"I'm sure something has changed. You didn't see it, but after you fainted, Fu Xicheng took you away. Then, he found out that Anna and her gang orchestrated the whole affair, so he had Anna taken away. What did your sister Shi Wei do? Not only did she remain silent, she even pretended not to know Anna, and merely watched when Anna was taken away. Come to think of it, Anna's face..." Song Rongrong could not help but shiver at that thought as her eyes met Su Yian's.

Su Yian was silent for a while as well, and their strange silence raised Shi Nuan's suspicions. "Wait, so you are saying that Anna was taken away again after I fainted? So....Anna was disfigured because of Yan?"

Song Rongrong leaned back and pretended that she was really busy. "Ah, there are so many people at the mall today, right, Yian?"

"Yes, yes, of course there are a lot of people here. It's the weekend after all!" Su Yian immediately continued. "Should we continue to shop?"

Sensing their sad attempts to change the conversation's topic, Shi Nuan could only let it go.

At night, Shi Nuan told Fu Chengyan about her run-in with Anna. At the same time, he was holding her in his arms affectionately while planting warm kisses on her neck. This made Shi Nuan feel a little ticklish and she pushed him away. "Hey, don't fool around, I am telling you about something serious!"

"Well, I am seriously doing something with you too!" Since he didn't get what he wanted, he switched positions and lifted Shi Nuan onto his lap in one swoop. With one hand on her slender waist and another caressing her cheek, he spoke as their eyes met, "How are you still in the mood to mind other people's business?"

Shi Nuan could feel her tension growing as her face turned red immediately. With her hands balled up in a fist, she punched his shoulder. "Hey, don't be so shameless!"

"What is shame?" He then cupped her face with one hand before inching closer to kiss her lips, taking in every bit of her scent at the same time. "When I am with you, do I even need superficial things like that?"

She never knew that he could be such a smooth talker. Shi Nuan was a little swayed by Fu Chengyan's teasing, but she still continued speaking as she placed her hands on his shoulders. "Hey, don't try to change the topic. Tell me, did you give out instructions to injure Anna's face? Even though she got someone to lock me up, appearances are really important to a girl, you...hey, why are you biting me?"

She cried out loud as she held onto her neck while glaring at him.

However, Fu Chenyan continued to lick Shi Nuan's hands discontentedly. As he tried to lick her neck, she lost balance and fell from his lap. Luckily he was agile enough to hold her before she hit the ground.

Finally, their discussion was lost in between Fu Chengyan's kisses. With his moves, there was no time for Shi Nuan to think at all. In the end, all she could do was to go with his flow.

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When they were done, Fu Chengyan carried Shi Nuan into the bathroom for a shower. After that, Shi Nuan could not find any energy within herself to ask more about Anna, and soon she fell fast asleep. With a smile in his eyes, Fu Chengyan laid her on the bed gently before heading to the study.

According to Zhou Zheng, there were basically not much happenings in K country. In response to that, Fu Chengyan stroked his chin before instructing Zhou Zheng to move their people back, temporarily letting down their guards. It was only at the end that he remembered that he had more instructions for Zhou Zheng.

When Shi Nuan woke up in the morning, she didn't feel right. Her entire body felt weak and she couldn't muster up any energy at all.

It was only when the sun shone into the room that she could think clearly. With her eyes as large as saucers, she thought for a while before getting out of bed.

"You are awake?"

Fu Chengyan's voice came from the door. Shi Nuan was stunned before she kicked off the covers. "Why didn't you wake me up?" With a glance at the clock, she realized that it was already past eight. "Don't you have to be at work today?"

"No hurry." Fu Chengyan was a picture of calmness. He walked over and tidied her tousled hair. "Do you still remember what I told you last night?"

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes and tried to think. “What did you say last night?” All she could remember was that they were talking about Anna, but he began to touch her and before she knew it, they.....

Shi Nuan then glared at Fu Chengyan. “You kept disturbing me when I was trying to talk to you last night!” She complained bitterly. “What did you say to me?”

“We are going to the office today, yea?” He whispered to her ear. “Do you remember that now?”

Shi Nuan suddenly came to the realization that he did say something like that, but it was when he was all over her. Of course she could not remember what he had said, she was barely conscious then.

Now that she remembered it, she hesitated. “Are we really going?”

“Yup!” Fu Chengyan nodded. “Don’t tell me that you are thinking of just staying at home the whole day!” Even though he did not want her to suffer, he also did not want her to just do nothing at home. Even though he was more than able to take care of her, he was still very aware of her capabilities.

Shi Nuan immediately shook her head. She definitely did not want to be a slacker and just waste away at home. However, she had been on a break and had not thought of what she wanted to do. “In that case....I’ll go and give it a try. However, let’s make things clear. I want to attend an interview and you are not to get involved!”

“All right!” Fu Chengyan chuckled and pinched her nose. “Of course I know that our little May is perfectly capable. All right, wash up and get dressed, we will leave immediately after breakfast!”

“Hang on.” Shi Nuan grabbed his arm. “I...I haven’t even sent in my resume!”

“Oh, I’ve gotten Zhou Zheng to settle that for you earlier. Just so happens, they set the interview for today.” He wasn’t expecting her to be worried about this. “All you have to do is to mentally prepare yourself for the interview, that’s all!”

By the time they finished breakfast, it was about 9.30am. Shi Nuan got into Fu Chengyan’s car, and it was only then that she remembered, “Which department did you help me apply for?”

“The projects department.” Fu Chengyan replied while looking sideways at Shi Nuan. “Just go to the projects department first, since you were in the same department when you were at Fucheng.”

Shi Nuan nodded. “All right, that makes sense.”

Fu Chengyan had actually planned this for his own benefit. It would be good for Shi Nuan to receive some training and experience at the projects department. For the Fu family to accept her as his partner, she still had to put in a lot of work to prove herself.

He did not set out to make Shi Nuan do all these. Based on his character, he couldn’t care less even if his family did not approve of her. However, he thought of how Shi Nuan had brought him to meet both Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng. Clearly, she was very serious about this relationship, so he wanted to show his sincerity too.

He had another reason for placing Shi Nuan at the projects department. Fu Renjiang’s people had always populated this department. Even though Fu Renjiang had already been removed, he still wielded some influence in the department. He had already planted some people into the department to replace the existing ones, but he still lacked a leader of the pack.

Fu Chengyan glanced at Shi Nuan and realized that she was already bent over her work.

She was an independent and opinionated person. Her talents had been buried all the while when she was at Fucheng, and she had no clue of her own potential. However, he knew it very well. It took an extraordinary person to be able to successfully negotiate that deal at Yun Cheng.

“Ummm.....”

“Mm hmm?” Fu Chengyan threw a sideways glance at her. “Anxious?”

Shi Nuan nodded. “A little!” To her, Shengyuan was still a large company, which was incomparable to Fucheng, where she had worked before. She did not know Shengyuan too well either, so she wasn’t sure how well she would do in the interview later.

Fu Chengyan could not help but smile at her distressed look. “I could open a backdoor for you if you beg me a little?”

“No!” Shi Nuan rejected him without any hesitation. “I want to do it by myself, not with your help!”

“What are you thinking of?” Fu Chengyan laughed out loud while shaking his head. “All I am saying is, would you like me to share some tips with you? Or I could tell you something about the interviewer?”

Shi Nuan’s eyes lit up. “Really?”

Fu Chengyan maintained his prim and proper composure. “However, May, you should know that I am a fair person. If I were to open up this backdoor for you...”

Shi Nuan’s face fell as he continued. “You would have to give me some benefits!”

“Such as?” Shi Nuan could not help but snort when she heard him. “How are you being fair? Sounds like you are trying to reap some benefits for yourself!”

“Oh?” Fu Chengyan’s raised his eyebrows. “Even if I were reaping benefits, it would have been just for you.” He then pointed at his face. “So, May, you are really not planning on bribing me, even just a little?”

Shi Nuan pursed her lips as a pinkish blush spread through her face. Looking at how he was heavily dropping hints, she answered a little helplessly, “You really are not shy at all, aren’t you?”

“What is there to be shy about when I am with my own wife?” Fu Chengyan was still pointing at his face. “May!”

With a flushed face, Shi Nuan took a quick glance at her surroundings before giving him a quick little peck on his face. She then quickly settled back onto her own seat and sat up properly. “Drive carefully!”

With a smile in his eyes, Fu Chengyan said, “The interviewer is Lin Yu, the director of the projects department. He has been with Shengyuan for about two to three years since coming back from abroad. He was with our overseas branch but I had brought him back to lead the projects department because of the internal shifts within the company. He is a very fair person and may not be easy to deal with, but he knows talent when he sees it. So, you don’t have to be too anxious when you meet him, just be yourself and it should be fine.”

“That’s it?” Shi Nuan raised her eyebrows slightly at that.

“Did you expect otherwise? Shengyuan has always valued talent, and it is not as hard to get in as the rumors say.” Fu Chengyan answered as he drove into the Shengyuan’s basement carpark.

Fu Chengyan had a private carpark at the basement, which was set apart from the other employees. Naturally, he took a different path as well.

Shi Nuan hesitated as she watched him get down from the car. “Other people won’t see us, right?”

Fu Chengyan's lips curled up a little. "Are you afraid of being seen?" He leaned one arm against the door and looked at Shi Nuan with interest. Shi Nuan bit her lips and said, "I've said that I want to rely on myself!"

"Fine, I'll stop teasing you. This is my private carpark and normally no one comes here. Later on, you can go upstairs with me and have Zhou Zheng bring you to the interview." Seeing her hesitation, he stepped forward to clasp her hand.

Shi Nuan thought of resisting him, but his hand had completely engulfed hers, and there was no way for her to pull her hand out. All she could do was let him have his way. "Why are you so anxious when I am not even worried?"

Fu Chengyan then brought Shi Nuan upstairs. Zhou Zheng's eyes nearly fell out of their sockets when he saw his boss openly bringing Shi Nuan to the office, and even holding her hand in public.

Fu Chengyan glanced at Zhou Zheng crossly. "Mr. Zhou, bring Ms. Shi to her interview with the projects department!"

Zhou Zheng suddenly came to his senses and realized that he had been out of line. He then quickly replied, "Yes, Master Chengyan!" Then, he said respectfully to Shi Nuan, "Mrs. Fu, this way please!"

"Mr. Zhou, just call me Shi Nuan when we are in the office." Shi Nuan could not help but remind him, especially when she was trying to stifle a giggle at his serious demeanor. She didn't look that scary, did she?

"Don't worry May, it's just formality. I have faith in your capabilities!" Fu Chengyan patted her head and said gently. Shi Nuan nodded, but she could not help but blush as she thought of how Fu Chengyan behaved this way even with Zhou Zheng around.

Fu Chengyan looked at Zhou Zheng again and said, "If anyone asks, just say that May is your distant relative. You don't have to say anything else."

He then walked straight into his office. Shi Nuan looked at Zhou Zheng with slight embarrassment before saying, "So sorry to trouble you, Mr. Zhou."

"No, no trouble at all." Zhou Zheng quickly waved with his hands. "Then Mrs. Fu ... I mean, Ms. Shi, please come this way!"

The moment Zhou Zheng brought Shi Nuan to the projects department, the chatter began instantaneously. Why was Mr. Zhou from the 27th floor here at the projects department? He brought a beautiful woman with him too. She was probably brought directly into the department?

Shi Nuan was blessed with a good sense of hearing, so she could hear everybody's chatter. However, she merely straightened her posture, pretending that she heard nothing at all. On the other hand, Zhou Zheng was already perspiring inwardly. These aunties sure spend more time and effort on gossip than they do on their work!

"Please don't be offended, Ms. Shi!"

"No, not at all." Shi Nuan smiled at Zhou Zheng, who was about to implode with anxiety. Thankfully, they soon arrived at the interview venue. Zhou Zheng knocked on the door and pushed it open before walking into the room. "Mr. Lin, I've brought the interview candidate here."

Hearing that, the man put down his pen and lifted his eyes to glance at Shi Nuan before scanning her from head to toe. "Please come in!"

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Zhou Zheng brought Shi Nuan into the room and introduced her. “Mr. Lin, this is Ms. Shi who is here for the interview.”

Shi Nuan nodded at Lin Yu and said, “Good morning, Mr. Lin, I am Shi Nuan.”

She looked very gracious with no trace of fear.

Lin Yu merely glanced at Shi Nuan briefly before looking at Zhou Zheng. Understanding his intention immediately, Zhou Zheng said, “I still have work to do upstairs. I’ll leave you to this, Mr. Lin.”

After Zhou Zheng left, Lin Yu finally looked at Shi Nuan properly and gestured for her to sit down.

He took out her resume from his drawer. Zhou Zheng had passed the resume to him just last night, saying that he wanted to introduce a person for the job. Lin Yu had always been a fair and just person, so he would never let anyone sneak in through the backdoor.

Even though he had not known Zhou Zheng for long, he still had a good grasp of his character. For him to be Fu Chengyan’s right-hand man all these years, he must be very capable, and would definitely not do something unfair.

Lin Yu hadn’t been particularly interested in meeting this Shi Nuan. However, when Zhou Zheng handed him her resume, he said that he would definitely regret not meeting her, which piqued his interest.

Lin Yu scrutinized her resume to find that she was not really outstanding with just decent working experience. However, considering that Shi Nuan was able to take down that project, he felt that she must be rather capable.

Shi Nuan remained calm and confident as Lin Yu sized her up. This was something that he appreciated. “Ms. Shi?”

“Yes, I am Shi Nuan!” She nodded.

Lin Yu nodded as well while he put her resume aside. “Now, I’ve read your resume, Ms. Shi. To be honest, your working experience is rather average, but I am quite curious about one of your previous projects. Could we have a chat about it?”

Zhou Zheng headed straight to Fu Chengyan’s office the moment he left the projects department. “Master Chengyan, I’ve brought Mrs. Fu over to the projects department. I believe that Lin Yu is interviewing her right now.”

Fu Chengyan merely glanced at Zhou Zheng and his hands never stopped working. Finally, he put his pen down after flipping through the documents and frowned slightly. “You don’t have to worry about her anymore. However, I’d like you to explain this document to me. Why is there an increase in the orders to Fucheng last month? Whose idea was it?”

“Th....that’s Old Master’s intention!” Zhou Zheng said with a slight perspiration growing. “Some time ago, Fu Yuqing was looking for Old Master. I’d only found out about this not too long ago. My guess is that Old Master is hiding this from us....”

Fu Chengyan sniggered and closed the file. “So, it seems like this Fu Yuqing has completely disregarded my existence, hasn’t he?” He said while standing up suddenly. “Get An Chenyu to come here.”

“Master Chengyan, why do you want to look for An Chenyu?” Zhou Zheng was baffled as he did not understand what Fu Chengyan was trying to do.

However, when he felt Fu Chengyan's keen glare on him, he immediately said, "I'll call An Chenyu right now."

When An Chenyu picked up Zhou Zheng's call, he felt very suspicious. Didn't Fu Chengyan already agree to let the An family go? Why is he looking for me again?

An Chenyu was resting at home when he saw Anna coming down the stairs. He called after her. "I heard from Ma that you met Shi Nuan yesterday?"

Anna felt her chest tighten. "Yes, what's up?"

"Didn't I tell you to not offend her again?" An Chenyu massaged his temples. "Are you ignoring me now?"

"No," Anna explained immediately. "I didn't do anything to Shi Nuan. Yes, I was wrong the last time. When I ran into her, I talked to her about this, and she said to let this go." Anna bit her lips as she gripped onto the staircase railings. "Don't tell me that something has happened! I really didn't do anything to Shi Nuan!"

"All right, I know." An Chenyu waved his hands. "I need to get something done, so if Pa and Ma ask, just tell them I am out for a meeting." An Chenyu got changed before dashing to Shengyuan Group's headquarters.

On her end, Shi Nuan had been able to answer every single one of Lin Yu's questions. Finally, he told her to go home and wait for the news. He did not ask anything about her background.

The moment Shi Nuan left Lin Yu's office, her phone rang with a call from Fu Chengyan. Shi Nuan looked left and right before picking up the call cautiously. "What's up?"

"Are you done with the interview?" Fu Chengyan's clear voice had a hint of a smile too. "Hmm?"

“Yea, I’ve just finished the interview. Are you spying on me?” How else would he call the moment she left the room?

Fu Chengyan chuckled, “Come up since your interview is over!”

“No!” Shi Nuan rejected him immediately. “I’m heading back.”

“Come on, there is nothing for you to do at home anyway. Just come up!” Fu Chengyan persuaded her softly. “Just come, I have something exciting to show you!”

Thinking that it’s true that she didn’t have much to do at home, Shi Nuan headed to Fu Chengyan’s office after hanging up the call. As she was worried about being spotted, she took the lift to Fu Chengyan’s private basement carpark before taking another lift up to the office.

Zhou Zheng had been waiting at the lift entrance for a long time before Shi Nuan arrived. He went up to her quickly and asked, “Mrs. Fu, what took you so long?”

“You have been waiting for me?” Shi Nuan stared at Zhou Zheng suspiciously before feeling rather sorry. “I was worried about being spotted, so I took a longer route and nearly got lost along the way!” Shi Nuan said, before continuing, “Don’t call me Mrs. Fu, just call me Shi Nuan!”

“Yes, yes, yes.”

Zhou Zheng brought Shi Nuan to Fu Chengyan’s office door. He knocked and pushed the door open when he heard the permission to go in, respectfully inviting Shi Nuan into the office first.

This was the very first time Shi Nuan had come to Fu Chengyan’s office. It was decorated in a classy, minimalist style. Shi Nuan pushed the door open to find Fu Chengyan busy at work. She then tiptoed into the room before closing the door again.

However, Fu Chengyan had already lifted his eyes and was waving at her, “Come here!”

Shi Nuan raised her eyebrows. “No, just focus on your work. I’ll make myself at home!”

She scanned the office and continued to ignore him. Instead, she took a leisurely walk around the office, sizing up the place from corner to corner.

Fu Chengyan could not help but shake his head at Shi Nuan’s actions, but since he was really busy, he continued working.

Soon, Shi Nuan completed her office tour, but she could not bring herself to disturb Fu Chengyan who was still working earnestly. She then sat at a corner and began to flip through a magazine.

However, she became bored after a while. Then, she tucked her hands under her chin and just stared at Fu Chengyan who was still occupied with work.

She had always known that he was so handsome that it was impossible for one to take their eyes off him. She had seen him work from home before, but he looked a lot warmer and casual. At the office, he had to put on a more serious demeanor.

As the sun rays shone through the window and surrounded Fu Chengyan, he looked a little more serious.

Shi Nuan was completely stunned by this sight of him. If not for a knock on the office door, Shi Nuan knew that she would have continued to indulge in this dreamy sight.

Fu Chengyan lifted his eyes to meet Shi Nuan’s adoring eyes. His lips curled up a little as he waved to her. “Go and open the door!”

Shi Nuan collected her senses and said, "That is not too appropriate, right?" Apart from Zhou Zheng, she did not know anyone from Shengyuan. Moreover, not anyone could enter Fu Chengyan's office. If others saw her in his office, there would be a lot of chatter and speculation again.

To Fu Chengyan, all these considerations were completely unnecessary. "What's so inappropriate about it? Just go and open the door!"

Shi Nuan then pushed away her worries and went to open the door. She then met a bespectacled woman dressed in modest business wear. "Good morning!"

She was a little surprised to see Shi Nuan, but she was so well-mannered she immediately regained her composure and nodded to Shi Nuan, "I am CEO Fu's secretary, Mai Qi."

Shi Nuan cleared a path for her, saying, "Please come in."

Mai Qi then smiled at Shi Nuan, saying, "CEO Fu, An Chenyu from the An Group is here."

"Alright, bring him in!"

Fu Chengyan's cold voice rose behind Shi Nuan. Mai Qi then immediately left the room. Shi Nuan turned to look at him. "An Chenyu? You mean, Anna's brother?" Shi Nuan bit her lips. "Should I excuse myself?"

"That's not necessary." Fu Chengyan waved at her. "Come here!"

Shi Nuan walked over to him just as he got up to hold her hand. He then led her to the lounge. She thought of resisting him but there was no way he was loosening his grip. Shi Nuan said helplessly, "What are you trying to do? Why did you get An Chenyu to come here? Also, I've already forgiven Anna for all those things between us, so I don't think you'd need to..."

There was another knock on the office door. Fu Chengyan smiled and said, "Come in!"

Mai Qi pushed the door open and said, "Please come in, Mr. An. CEO Fu is inside!"

An Chenyu nodded. He did not see Fu Chengyan until Fu Chengyan stood up. It was only then when An Chenyu looked at him baffledly, together with the woman whose hand he was holding.

"CEO Fu!"

Fu Chengyan nodded and looked towards the doorway. "Two cups of tea and a glass of lime juice."

"Yes, sir." After Mai Qi left, Fu Chengyan invited An Chenyu to take a seat.

Even though An Chenyu looked very calm on the surface, his heart was actually thumping madly inside. He did not know who Shi Nuan was, but he would have guessed that she was no ordinary person, given that she was not only by Fu Chengyan's side, but he was holding her hand firmly.

Fu Chengyan glanced at An Chenyu before saying, "This is my wife, Shi Nuan."

Apart from him, both Shi Nuan and An Chenyu looked confused. Shi Nuan glared at Fu Chengyan, but he merely patted her hand calmly, indicating that she should not be agitated.

On the other hand, An Chenyu's mind went into overdrive after being in shock. Before this, he had thought that this woman was Fu Chengyan's girlfriend or lover, so it was actually understandable why Fu Chengyan would punish Anna for offending her. However, now that he found out that Shi Nuan was actually his wife, Fu Chengyan definitely had a good reason for his fury then.

"Good morning, Mrs. Fu!"

“Good morning, Mr. An!”

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An Chenyu sized Shi Nuan up and felt that she looked a little different from what he had imagined. Anna had described Shi Nuan to be an immoral woman, but she had behaved very graciously just now. As she sat next to Fu Chengyan, she complemented him perfectly.

Fu Chengyan's dark eyes fell onto An Chenyu. As they deepened further, An Chenyu immediately became conscious of his behavior and quickly withdrew his gaze.

"Please sit down, Mr. An. There is no need for formalities here!" Comparatively, Fu Chengyan was very calm.

An Chenyu sat down again, with his hands placed awkwardly on his knees. Mai Qi soon reappeared with the beverages and An Chenyu received his cup politely. "I wonder why Mr. Fu has asked me to come here today?" An Chenyu could not understand why Fu Chengyan was looking for him. After all, he had already agreed to release Anna and let An Group go.

Fu Chengyan's lips curled up slightly as he released his grip on Shi Nuan's hand. He opened his drawer to take out a document which was then handed over to An Chenyu.

An Chenyu took a brief glance at the document and realized that it was the An Group stocks that Fu Chengyan had purchased earlier in his bid to squash the group. Even though this was not the stocks in its entirety, it was still an enormous share, at least to An Chenyu.

An Group was not really stable to begin with when they were being crushed by Fu Chengyan. No matter how much ability An Chenyu had, it was going to be difficult for An Group to relive its glory days again.

An Chenyu knew this very well, but he still wanted to give it a try. An Chenyu's hands began to tremble as he looked at the document. "Mr. Fu, what do you want from me?"

Fu Chengyan's mouth curled up again. "You are indeed a smarty-pants!" He enjoyed working with intelligent people, as it saved him a lot of trouble.

"Simple. Here's ten percent of the stocks. If you cooperate with me, they will be returned to you, on top of collaboration opportunities between An Group and Shengyuan!"

An Chenyu looked at Fu Chengyan with shock. It had never crossed his mind that Fu Chengyan would actually think of working together with An Group. If Fu Chengyan was really willing to work with An Group, this would spell endless progress and development for them! "Mr. Fu, please let me know what you'd like me to do. If I can fulfill it, I'll definitely make sure it is well done!"

"It's not some difficult tasks, and it's not about whether or not you are capable of it." Fu Chengyan said as his slim fingers tapped on his kneecaps. "Also, it's not something that you need to do on your own."

"Mr. Fu, what do you mean?"

"Your sister, Anna." Fu Chengyan said. Caught by surprise, An Chenyu quickly said, "Mr. Fu, I know that Anna has done something wrong in the past. However, she knows her mistakes now, and has repented. She has just met Mrs. Fu yesterday, and has apologized to her. Therefore, Mr. Fu, could you let Anna go?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes further with a smile forming on his lips. His eyes then fell on An Chenyu again. He did not expect An Chenyu to be this protective of his sister! "Mr. An, you have misunderstood me."

“In that case, what do you mean, Mr. Fu?” An Chenyu could not help but heave a sigh of relief when he saw that Fu Chengyan did not seem to mean what he had thought. “Anna is really ignorant, so I wonder how she can actually help you?”

“Is your sister good friends with Shi Wei?”

An Chenyu’s eyes twitched when he nodded, “Yes.”

“Then, let her continue to be good friends with Shi Wei. I don’t think this would be a difficult task for Ms. Anna, right?” Fu Chengyan chuckled.

Shi Nuan kept listening to their conversation. When she heard Fu Chengyan say that, confusion appeared on her face. “Why would you allow Anna to continue hanging out with Shi Wei? Shi Wei...” Shi Nuan bit her lip and she could tell that Anna had definitely grown to be a little more mature after this incident. She knew Shi Wei too well. Hence, she did not want Anna to continue being with Shi Wei.

“What do you think, Mr. An?” Fu Chengyan raised his eyes to look at An Chenyu.

An Chenyu hesitated before saying, “This...”

He was no fool. He knew very well that all Fu Chengyan wanted was to use Anna as a pawn so that he could set her up by Shi Wei’s side. If Shi Wei still had plans to do anything to Shi Nuan, Anna would definitely know about it.

Indeed, Fu Chengyan had thought of everything, and he was very considerate and caring towards Shi Nuan. However, in most people’s eyes, it was not a good thing to do.

After this strike, Anna was not doing well emotionally, but here was Fu Chengyan, asking Anna to continue being good friends with Shi Wei. An Chenyu hesitated, as this was rather cruel for Anna.

However, with ten percent of An Group’s stocks dangling in front of him, together with the collaboration opportunities with Shengyuan Group, it was a very

attractive deal indeed. Comparatively, Fu Chengyan was about to suffer a loss this time.

“Mr. An, don’t rush into an answer just yet. Ponder over it slowly and I’ll be waiting for your good news.”

Fu Chengyan then kept the document after An Chenyu had finally left. Shi Nuan bit her lip and got up together with Fu Chengyan. “You didn’t have to do that. If Shi Wei wants to do something to me, she can just confront me directly. Believe me, I am no longer that pushover Shi Nuan.”

“I believe you.” Fu Chengyan smiled as he reached out to caress her hair. “But you need to understand that it is important to defend yourself first. Moreover, Shi Wei is your sister, and you should know her character better than I do.”

Shi Nuan fell silent. “Fine, but if Anna is unwilling, please let it go. She has had enough punishment by now.” Shi Nuan was no saint, but she wasn’t cold-blooded either.

If Anna really were a heinous person, Shi Nuan would have no sympathy for her at all. However, Anna had already repented. Shi Nuan felt that there was no need to push her to the edge.

“You see, this attitude of yours is the reason why you keep losing to Shi Wei.”

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Shi Wei’s wedding was to be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. It was considered as one of the most prestigious hotels in Jiang City, and early bookings were generally needed to secure a wedding spot here.

This wedding was very important to both the Fu and the Shi families, who made it into a huge affair, inviting everyone they knew. All the who’s-who from the business industry rushed to attend the wedding as well. However, they were not there because of Fu Yuqing, nor because of the Shi family.

They were there because Fu Yuqing bore the flag of the Fu family, namely Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan's family was one of the most distinguished families in Jiang City, and it was everyone's dream to have some form of connection with Fu Chengyan. Therefore, many industry giants used their connections to attend the wedding. With so many guests, the atmosphere was very grand indeed.

Luckily, Fu Yuqing had gotten Liu Minjun to book the entire third floor of the Grand Hyatt Hotel, which helped eliminate any awkwardness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fu Yuqing, together with Mr. and Mrs. Shi Jingzheng, were standing at the entrance to welcome the guests. Everyone had a huge smile plastered on their faces, and Fu Yuqing was extremely happy with the wedding

"How's it going at the back?" Fu Yuqing asked Liu Minjun, who was busy entertaining the guests. She then suddenly remembered, "Oh no, I haven't gone to see Weiwei yet. I wonder what she looks like now with the makeup."

"I'll take a look at her, In-Law!!" Jiang Yu was very happy today, as she could finally see her daughter marrying Fu Xicheng. Of course she was overjoyed. However, the fact that her daughter emerged the winner against that woman's daughter thrilled her even more.

Liu Minjun nodded when she saw Jiang Yu's enthusiasm. "That's a good idea. At the end of the day, you are Weiwei's mother, so you should know her better than I do."

Jiang Yu then said a few words to Shi Jingzheng before heading straight to the back.

At that moment, Shi Wei was already done with her makeup and was smoothing out the creases on her wedding gown. When she saw Jiang Yu enter the room, she asked, "Mama, are all the guests here yet?"

"Not yet. Did you know that almost every single prominent figure from Jiang City is attending your wedding today?" Jiang Yu could barely conceal her excitement.

“Wei, my beloved daughter, Mama wants the entire Jiang City to know that my daughter is the happiest, most blissful woman in this world!”

“Mama!” Shi Wei smiled shyly before asking, “Where is Xicheng?”

“He is outside, busy entertaining the guests. There are so many of them! Don’t worry, it’d be your turn to be busy later tonight.” Jiang Yu winked cheekily at Shi Wei. Shi Wei caught onto her meaning immediately and blushed furiously.

“Mama, what are you talking about? Stop being so shameless!”

“All right, what is there to be shy about now that you are about to be married? Actually, I think you should quickly have a child after you marry Xicheng. Then, everything in the Fu family will belong to you.”

“Have a baby?” Shi Wei’s face changed. “I’m still young, and I still want to be in movies. My figure will probably change drastically after I have a baby.” Shi Wei was not very willing to have a child now. “Let’s not talk about that now, Mama. Is Shi Nuan that annoying girl here yet?”

“She?” Jiang Yu had been so busy with the wedding, she had clean forgotten about Shi Nuan. “I don’t know, but didn’t you say that you have already passed the wedding invitation to her? She will definitely be here, knowing how prideful she is. If she doesn’t attend your wedding, the rumor mill will churn again.”

Shi Wei’s eyes lit up. “That’d good. She is my only little sister. If she doesn’t attend my wedding, I would be really disappointed.” Even though these words came out of Shi Wei, there was a certain grim look in her eyes.

No matter what, people were probably already talking.

Shi Wei clenched her fists before finally looking at Jiang Yu. “Mama, I’ve been so happy and blessed, I can’t let Nuan be all sad and lonely.”

“You are always the kindest person around. Don’t worry, there are so many rich men at your wedding, I’ll definitely pick a good one for your sister. She will never have to worry about anything for the rest of her life.”

They smiled at each other while their eyes met. Shi Wei even held onto Jiang Yu’s hand and said, “Mama, you have always been the best to Nuan and I.”

Outside the door, a pair of dark eyes emitted a fierce glare. However, she returned to normal very quickly. Looking happy and proud, the two scars on her face did nothing to mar her beauty at all.

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Anna eavesdropped on Shi Wei and Jiang Yu's conversation for a while, and got to know Shi Wei a little more. No matter what, the old Anna would have never expected Shi Wei to be such a person. Right now, the mere thought of how she had teamed up with Shi Wei to harm Shi Nuan made her feel angry.

Even though she has always been bossy and arrogant, she had never harbored ill intentions against other people, let alone do cruel actions like releasing a venomous snake. In the past, her impression of Shi Nuan was exactly how Shi Wei made her out to be. However, now that she heard the conversation between Shi Wei and Jiang Yu, Anna could not help but feel a shudder within her.

She was born and bred in a happy and healthy family where her parents and brother had doted on her, and she had grown up with no worries. It was very difficult for her to imagine how Shi Nuan could be set up this way by her own mother and sister. Not only was her boyfriend snatched away, they had even sent Shi Nuan to Yun Shen.

An Chenyu had just told Anna about this last night, after he completed a thorough background check on Shi Wei.

Anna was still a little skeptical, but based on what she heard just now, her brother was right.

“All right, Wei, I don't think it is appropriate for me to stay in here for so long. I should be out there greeting our guests. Oh yes, where are your two good friends?”

Jiang Yu looked around the room. “I remember that their names are Su Su and Anna? Didn’t you say that they were your good friends? Why aren’t they here?”

“They are here, Ma, Su Su is outside.” Shi Wei smiled. “How could she not attend my wedding? However, Anna is not...”

There was a knock on the door. Shi Wei and Jiang Yu looked at each other before Jiang Yu said, “It might just be your good friend.”

Shi Wei smiled. “That’s true. I’ll go and open the door then!” Shi Wei walked up to open the door with the smile still plastered on her face. However, her smile froze when she saw Anna. In fact, she stepped back in shock.

Covering her mouth, she looked at Anna with disbelief. “You....”

With a smile on her face, Anna said, “Wei, congratulations for finally tying the knot with your dream man! I hope that you will continue to be loving towards each other after you are married, and that you will have a child soon!” There was a twinkle in Anna’s eyes, and she really looked like she was joking. However, with the two scars on her face, she still looked creepy nonetheless.

Shi Wei quickly calmed down and took a deep breath before saying, “Thank you, Anna. I didn’t expect you to be here today, as I heard you....” She began to look rather sad. “Is your face alright? I’m sorry, I....I was taken aback. Who was the one who hurt you?”

Shi Wei was still a little creeped out when she said that, but she kept her gaze steadily on Anna’s expression while keeping her own emotions in check. All she saw was Anna gritting her teeth. “Who else but that bitch Shi Nuan?!” Anna touched her scars and snarled, “I’ll never let her off for this!”

Hearing this, Shi Wei glanced at Jiang Yu cautiously, whose eyes lit up as well. She walked over to pick up Anna’s hand and shook her head regretfully. “Sigh, I feel so bad for your face, Anna. I remember how beautiful you used to be!”

“Auntie!” Anna looked like she was about to burst into tears. “Am I very ugly?”

“No, no, you are not ugly at all. Anna is the prettiest ever!” Jiang Yu was completely speaking against her own conscience now. “Some people are so cruel, it doesn’t matter how good looking they are! Anna, I just feel very bad for you. Why don’t you go to the hospital for a checkup?”

“Mm hmm, I’ll definitely go to the hospital. But then, I thought that Wei was going to get married. If I go now, I may not see Wei for as long as another six months, and I wouldn’t be able to give my wedding blessings to her. Wei is my best friend, so I definitely have to be here to give her my wishes before heading to the hospital!”

As she spoke, she held Shi Wei’s hand. “Wei, you and Fu Xicheng have my very best wishes, and may you be together forever and never to part.”

“Thank you!” Shi Wei felt that Anna was behaving rather strangely, but she could not quite place her finger on it. It is probably because her face looks a little scary, she thought to herself. “Anna, I’m sorry, I should still apologize to you about this matter. No matter what, Nuan is still my sister, but I had no idea that she would do something like that to you. I am not expecting you to forgive her, but it is my wedding day after all. If Nuan is here later, please don’t make a scene with her, I beg you!”

“Don’t be like this!” Anna held onto Shi Wei hastily. “I promise you I won’t stir up any trouble with Shi Nuan today. However, I don’t want your relationship with your sister to be affected because of me. I don’t matter at all!”

“Hey, you ladies can continue chatting, but I’ll be out there talking to our guests.” Jiang Yu really did not want to be there anymore. Even though Anna was supposedly Shi Wei’s friend, her face really gave Jiang Yu the chills.

Similarly, Shi Wei was feeling rather freaked out as well. She had not expected Anna to turn up at all, let alone looking like that.

After Jiang Yu left, Shi Wei continued to touch up her makeup. From a short distance away, Anna saw how beautiful Shi Wei was, and her hatred for Shi Wei grew even more. She then reached out and caressed her own face subconsciously.

Even though Shi Nuan had ordered people to do this to her, Shi Wei was still the cause of it all. Look at Shi Wei now, pushing all the blame to Shi Nuan.

Anna might have been dumb in the past, but this did not mean that she would continue to be so.

Anna walked up to her and looked at Shi Wei enviously. "Wei, you are gorgeous! I heard that you have a movie to shoot immediately after the wedding, I am so envious! Wei, I'll be out of town for a while after your wedding. When I am back, I'll definitely watch all of your drama series and movies."

Shi Wei stopped doing her make-up and nodded in response, "Alright!"

"Oh yes, here is my present to you!" Anna then fished out a gift box from her bag. Shi Wei opened up the gift box and exclaimed, "Oh my, such a precious gift!" It was a string of natural crystals.

Shi Wei was immediately smitten. "This is really beautiful. Thank you, Anna!"

"You are very welcome. Put it on! I don't really have anything else that I can gift you, so this will have to be your wedding gift."

"Thank you!"

As she watched Shi Wei put it on, Anna's eyes turned colder even though she still had a smile on her face.

Anna put on a pair of shades after leaving the backstage area. She had loosened her hair bun and now her hair covered half of her face. She had also gone to the

bathroom and put on a thick layer of makeup, making her scar less visible. At least she didn't look as scary now.

Shi Nuan was dawdling at home. Honestly, if she had a choice, she really did not want to attend Shi Wei's wedding. However, if she didn't go, she knew very well that Shi Wei would cook up various ways to trouble her again. Instead of allowing that to happen, she might as well attend the wedding. She really wanted to see what else Shi Wei could conjure up.

Shi Nuan randomly picked out a white cocktail dress. It looked simple and elegant, and the dress hugged each of her curves beautifully, fitting her like a glove.

She then looked at herself in the mirror before putting her hair up in a casual bun and applying some light makeup. On the overall, she looked very natural.

When Fu Chengyan walked out of the closet, Shi Nuan was trying on her shoes. He was casually holding a tie in his hand, but he could not move his gaze away from Shi Nuan.

Some people just have that talent. Without doing anything, they could make other people freeze in their tracks. Clearly, Shi Nuan was one of them.

There was a glint in Fu Chengyan's dark eyes as his breath felt heavier. Shi Nuan noticed that there was someone behind her. When she turned her head, she saw Fu Chengyan standing at the closet, staring deeply into her with his dark eyes.

Shi Nuan's chest tightened as she checked herself out quickly. She then asked him, "Why? Is there something wrong with the way I look?"

While she was asking him that barrage of questions, she continued to look at herself in the mirror while twirling around, trying to find any imperfection. Fu Chengyan's breathing deepened once again as he saw how she looked as

ethereal as a fairy. His eyes deepened but he shook his head with a smile as he walked up to Shi Nuan.

“You look great!”

This was from the bottom of his heart.

Shi Nuan heaved a sigh of relief, but not before rolling her eyes at Fu Chengyan. “I thought that there was something wrong with me, with you looking at me like that!”

“Yes, there is something wrong!” His voice deepened, and there was a hint of suppression in his voice.

Shi Nuan was so focused on her outfit that she did not hear how suppressed Fu Chengyan sounded. All she did was to ask, “What is wrong?”

“You are the biggest problem!” Fu Chengyan swallowed a lump in his throat as he reached out to pat Shi Nuan’s head before pulling her into his arms. “Do you know how perfect you are? You are so beautiful, that I want to have you all to myself, put you into my pocket so you can be with me everywhere I go to, and other men would not be able to lay their eyes on you.” He said with a gradually deepening voice. “No, other women can’t look at you either!”

Shi Nuan was slightly shocked by his childlike yet impossibly sweet confession. Does he not realize how much these words would affect me?

She felt like a precious treasure that he kept firmly within his palms. Indeed, that made her feel that she was ‘the one’ for him.

“What?” Shi Nuan hadn’t said anything, and she was actually slightly frozen, so Fu Chengyan asked her, “Do....do you think that I am very domineering?”

“No, not at all!” Shi Nuan snorted as she heard Fu Chengyan actually doubting himself.

She then lifted her eyes to meet Fu Chengyan's eyes, with her arms wrapped around his waist. "Did you just have some honey, Yan? Because you are really sweet. And even if you were domineering, you are just like that towards me." She chuckled and nudged his chest with her head. "Don't you know that girls always want men, especially their men, to say these things to them?" She snuggled up against him and nodded. "Moreover, every girl loves a domineering CEO. And you, sir, you are indeed a domineering CEO."

"You!" Fu Chengyan's heart had already melted when Shi Nuan said that he was her man. Now that he saw that she was all smiles, he could not help but smile too. "That's right, I am the domineering CEO. The domineering CEO that belongs to the one and only May!"