

# I Want a Lifetime with You

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Shi Nuan could not help but laugh as she pushed him away. "All right, we are running late." Shi Nuan glanced at the clock. "But I am not going together with you."

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes quizzically. "Eh?"

"Don't you remember that no one else apart from my grandfather's know that we are married? If we appear at Shi Wei's wedding together, we are going to raise some suspicions!" As Shi Nuan spoke, she saw that Fu Chengyan did not look too happy. She knew deep down that he was very unwilling as well, so she tiptoed to give him a kiss on the corner of his lips.

Fu Chengyan's eyes deepened at that as he held the back of her head with one hand. Before Shi Nuan could collect her senses, he took over her lips again and gave her an even deeper kiss.

Spurred by his actions, Shi Nuan then returned the kiss. It took a while before they parted reluctantly. Shi Nuan was pouting and heaving slightly by then.

Fu Chengyan's eyes darkened at the sight of Shi Nuan's moving lips and the tousled color on them.

After spending all this time with Fu Chengyan, she knew very well what all these were leading to. She then immediately pulled away from him and pouted, "We still have places to go and things to do today, so do behave!"

She then reapplied her lip color before picking out a shawl for herself. The weather was getting cold. No matter how vain a person is, it was important to keep warm, let alone Shi Nuan who was different from the others.

“Alright, I know you are not happy. What about this, let’s just make a cursory appearance at the wedding and leave earlier. Then, tonight we will go and watch a movie!” Shi Nuan arranged his tie and scrutinized his chest carefully. “We still can’t let other people know your identity yet. I know you are unwilling, but I am just trying to help you minimize any potential trouble!”

“Yup!” The icy coldness in his eyes had disappeared. “I know.” He wasn’t angry at her for not introducing him to the other people. It was just that he did not want to waste his time on unnecessary people, especially not on people like that.

However, since Shi Nuan had insisted on attending the wedding, he could not stop her. The thought that Shi Wei could do something to Shi Nuan again made his gaze freeze again. However, she clasped his hand and patted him, “Hey, I know you are unhappy about this. Let’s go in your car then?”

“No need!” Fu Chengyan caressed her cheek gently. “Just do whatever that you want to do, you don’t have to be concerned about me.”

Shi Nuan smiled at that. “There is nothing that I really want to do. It’s just that at the end of the day, Shi Wei is still my sister. I don’t have any excuse to not make an appearance, and I don’t want her to use this as an excuse to treat me badly all the time. However, don’t worry, she won’t be able to do anything to me!”

The two of them then walked out of Wutong Residence. Shi Nuan drove herself in the red Ferrari which was a gift from Fu Chengyan.

Her white cocktail dress formed a huge contrast with the fiery red Ferrari, causing quite a sight. This did not quite correspond with her normal behavior.

Fu Chengyan reached out to caress her head. “Go ahead first, I’ll be right behind you!”

“Alright!” Shi Nuan stepped onto the accelerator and sped off. His smile subsided after he watched her car leave, and he called up Su Shaoqing. “Where are you now?”

“Hey Fu Chengyan, you are a little cruel aren’t you? Why should I go to the wedding? I don’t have any connection with them at all!” Su Shaoqing screamed at him while he was changing. “Also, what kind of promise did you make with Su Bancheng? He was supposed to go for this event, and now he has blackmailed and bribed me into going. You know very well that I don’t get along with him!”

“You are sounding very energetic. Seems like that brother of yours showed you some mercy yesterday after all?” Fu Chengyan’s lips curled up but his voice was unbearably cool.

This angered Su Shaoqing instantly, who was just about to unleash a barrage of curses onto Fu Chengyan. “How dare you say that, you and Su Bancheng...” Before he could finish his sentence, he lost his voice. He stared awkwardly at the man that was standing at his door before swallowing the lump in his throat. When his eyes met that man’s piercing glare, the brightest beam appeared on his face as he asked, “Brother, why are you here?”

He was referring to Su Bancheng, who stared stonily at Su Shaoqing. “You don’t need to know what deal I have struck with Fu Chengyan, but you definitely must go to this event. If not...” Su Bancheng’s lips curled up. “I will go back to Sheen City, and leave the Su family’s empire to you. I don’t think that’s what you really want, right?”

Su Shaoqing’s heart dropped when he felt that he was being forced unwillingly into a corner. “Yes, that’s not what I want at all. I think it is better for you to remain at Jiang City. Su family can’t do without your capabilities!” He already despised himself as it is. “However, why did Aunt ask you to attend the wedding? She knows people from the Shi family?”

“That is none of your concern.” Su Bancheng looked at him coldly as he reminded him. “You are running late.”

Su Shaoqing immediately came to the realization too. “Damn, I’m really going to be late.” He glanced at his phone and realized that Fu Chengyan had yet to hang up. “Chengyan, you heard all that?”

Fu Chengyan harrumphed at him coldly over the phone. “How dumb can you be?” Fu Chengyan said to him jeeringly. “Shaoqing, you should remember that I’ve always had the habit of recording every single phone call right? What do you think Jingxiu and Heng will do if they hear how dumb you sounded?”

“Hey Chengyan, are you threatening me right now?”

“Come over now! I’ll send this recording to the both of them if you are late by even one minute!” Fu Chengyan said coldly before slamming down the phone.

Su Shaoqing immediately wailed, only to be met with a glare from Su Bancheng.

When Shi Nuan made it to the wedding venue, almost all of the guests had arrived. The first one to notice Shi Nuan was Fu Xicheng, who had spotted her the moment she appeared at the entrance.

It was no coincidence that he spotted her. To be honest, he had his eyes fixated at the entrance, waiting for Shi Nuan to appear. He did not know what he was still waiting for, but he just hoped that Shi Nuan could make it. Even more so, he wished that Shi Nuan could be the bride in this wedding instead.

After a long consideration and struggle, Fu Xicheng had finally come to the realization that he loved Shi Nuan. Yes, he really loved her. However, his father forbade their union, because Shi Nuan did not have any company stocks in her hands. To his father, Shi Nuan was not worth anything at all.

The truth was that Shi Nuan did have the Shi family’s company stocks in her hands. In fact, her share might just be more than Shi Wei’s. Hence, Fu Xicheng was in a dilemma as to whether or not tell Fu Yuqing about this. However, he did not dare to tell his father in the end. If Shi Nuan had really given those company stocks to other people, he and Shi Nuan wouldn’t be able to get married anyway.

Just as he was deep in these thoughts, Shi Nuan walked into the venue. She registered her name at the entrance and presented a red packet.

Known for her extravagance, Shi Wei was also excited to show off her newly elevated status. Hence, most of their university mates were in attendance. Everyone was there because of Fu Chengyan. As Fu Xicheng's uncle, Fu Chengyan was definitely expected to attend the wedding.

As long as they could get to network with Fu Chengyan, the sky would be the limit for their futures.

Shi Nuan was already communicating with Song Rongrong and Su Yian before she arrived. Knowing that they were already there, she looked around for them hurriedly. Lo and behold, she saw the two of them snacking at a corner. Hence, she went up to them happily.

Fu Xicheng was chatting with several guests when he saw Shi Nuan come in. Just as he was about to excuse himself to go to her, there were simply too many guests who wanted to speak to him, making that an impossible mission.

By then, Shi Nuan was already with Song Rongrong and Su Yian. "How are you girls eating already?"

"What else is there to do apart from eating?" Song Rongrong shrugged her shoulders. "Unless you want us to be like them?" She pointed at their ex-classmates. "Look at them, all trying to suck up to the rich people. Tsk tsk!"

Shi Nuan shook her head and chuckled while picking up a tart from Song Rongrong's plate. "You are right."

"Where's your hubby? Why are you here all alone?"

"He'll be here soon!" Shi Nuan replied. "He definitely has to be here for occasions like this, but not many people know about our relationship, and neither do I want to let people know about it."

Song Rongrong and Su Yian both nodded their heads and mimed zipping up their lips.

Suddenly, Song Rongrong shouted out in surprise, “Your husband is here!”

She pointed at the entrance, where Fu Chengyan’s arrival had already caused a commotion. Not all the people in the crowd knew who Fu Chengyan was. However, the sight of his unique outfit and the fact that people were thronging him piqued everyone’s curiosity about his identity.

Fu Yuqing and Shi Qingzheng rushed over to greet him too. “Brother, here you are!” Immediately, everyone began to discuss the relationship between Fu Chengyan and Fu Yuqing.

Fu Chengyan shot a cold glance at Fu Yuqing. When he raised his hand slightly, Zhou Zheng instantly stepped forward to hand him a red packet.

Fu Chengyan’s lips curled upwards a little with his icy stare rendering his expression unreadable. Nobody dared to comment much on Fu Yuqing’s attempt to claim kinship, but everyone noticed that Fu Chengyan’s reaction was rather cold.

Somehow, under Fu Chengyan’s glare, Fu Yuqing began to feel a little fearful. However, Shi Jingzheng kept sizing up this extraordinary man. She couldn’t help but exclaim to herself, how is there still such a man in this world?

While Fu Xicheng seemed not bad, he was nothing next to Fu Chengyan.

With a vague smile, Fu Chengyan handed the red packet to Shi Jingzheng. “Congratulations on your daughter’s marriage, Mr. Shi.” He said. Everyone held their breath as they could not quite understand what Fu Chengyan meant.

Clearly, both Fu Chengyan and Fu Yuqing shared the same surname. Were they not related? Did Fu Chengyan come here because of the Shi family?

Shi Jingzheng was rather surprised, as he did not quite know this young man before him. On the other hand, Fu Yuqing's face was frozen with embarrassment. Of course he was angry, since he had been completely looked over, but he could only suppress his true feelings.

Fu Chengyan glanced casually at the crowd and said, "Oh yes, is Old Mr. Shi here? I had a really good conversation with him just a few days ago, and we were supposed to have another battle of chess today."

Everyone was surprised once again. He played chess with Old Mr. Shi? Clearly, Old Mr. Shi was the reason why he was here!

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Even though Shi Jingzheng was taken aback, he still controlled his emotions for the special occasion. At the same time, he recalled that Fu Chengyan had come over to send a birthday gift to the old man during his birthday. Now that he mentioned playing chess with the old man, they must have been meeting up on their own.

The more he thought, he concluded that his father and Fu Chengyan must be friends. However, while the old man had been going out a lot recently, he never mentioned this to him at all.

Shi Jingzheng sized up Fu Chengyan and said, "My father is resting inside. Would you like to have a chat with him?"

Fu Chengyan nodded, "I'll excuse myself then!"

From the moment he stepped into the venue, Fu Chengyan had not acknowledged Fu Yuqing at all. He merely glanced at Zhou Zheng before leaving. Zhou Zheng then handed a gift box to Shi Jingzheng. "This is Master Chengyan's wedding gift to Ms. Shi and Mr. Fu."

"Oh, thank you, Mr. Fu!" With one look, someone immediately stepped forward to help Shi Jingzheng with the gift.

Fu Yuqing stared at Fu Chengyan and Zhou Zheng's back view grimly with his clenched fists.



He had not expected Fu Chengyan to snub him like this in front of so many people. He had already taken the initiative to greet him, but Fu Chengyan had completely ignored him, much to his chagrin.

Fu Yuqing felt completely embarrassed at the way all eyes fell on him. However, Fu Chengyan was warmer to Shi Jingzheng.

Fu Yuqing glanced at Shi Jingzheng. Even though they were in-laws now, he still felt that he had lost his pride. He had thought that Fu Chengyan was here to support him, only to have the complete opposite happen instead.

There was no way Fu Yuqing could accept this. He was going to use this occasion to get closer to Fu Chengyan but it did not come to fruition.

Looking at Fu Yuqing's stony face as he recalled the earlier situation, Shi Jingzheng could piece the puzzle together.

Fu Chengyan was escorted to Shi Yunsheng's room by the hotel manager. Even though Shi Yunsheng was at the wedding, due to his age, he did not want to tire himself out by entertaining the guests. Hence, Shi Jingzheng booked a room for him.

As the hotel manager escorted Fu Chengyan, he could not help but size him up along the way. Who had not heard of Fu Chengyan in Jiang City? However, very few had the chance to meet him in person. Of course everyone's curiosity was piqued as the famous Master Chengyan finally appeared.

He pushed the door open and said, "Mr. Fu, Old Mr. Shi is right inside."

Fu Chengyan sent him a sweeping glance before stepping into the room. Shi Yunsheng was indeed resting in this room. However, there was one more person in the room: Jiang Shizheng.

The two of them were engaged in a game of chess when they both looked up. They then put down their chess pieces when they saw that it was Fu Chengyan. “Yan, you are here?”

“Yes, Granddad, Grandpa!” Fu Chengyan replied while walking up to them. He removed his jacket and draped it casually over his arm before standing next to the old men. “So you are playing chess?” He took a glance at the game and smiled as he realized that it was a close fight. “Both of you sure are early!”

Shi Yunsheng smiled as he invited Fu Chengyan to take a seat. “We are not that early. I wasn’t planning on coming, but I was worried because I knew that Nuan would definitely want to be here!” Shi Yunsheng sighed as he looked around. “Where is that girl?”

Fu Chengyan flashed a small smile. “Outside. We didn’t come together.”

Jiang Shizheng looked up with a stony face. “Come on, are you messing around just like Nuan? How much longer do you want to delay your wedding? Don’t tell me that this is up to Nuan. As a man, if you aren’t in agreement, what can Nuan do?”

The thought of Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei together just angered Jiang Shizheng. Even though Shi Wei was his granddaughter as well, he saw for himself that she had been especially loved and spoiled since she was little, and it was not like she would miss the attention of an old man like himself. However, it was different for Shi Nuan who had been treated completely differently since she was a child. Because of this, Jiang Shizheng became more and more disapproving of the Shi family, even towards his own daughter Jiang Yu.

Instead of being offended, Fu Chengyan nodded. “Grandpa, you are absolutely right. I really have not handled this matter properly. It’s just that Nuan is worried that if others know about our marriage, there will be people come looking for me.” He said calmly and unaffectedly. “Grandpa, you know very well that I don’t mind it at all, or else I wouldn’t have chosen to marry Nuan. However, Nuan still needs some time to adjust herself.”

Fu Chengyan continued confidently and calmly. However, Jiang Shizheng was not in that good a mood. "Isn't this all about Nuan's own stubbornness? Moreover, this problem that she is worried about will always remain. That is your identity and it can never change."

"Grandpa, trust me, it won't take that long." Fu Chengyan whispered confidently. "I never engage myself in a losing battle."

"Get Nuan in here! I haven't seen her in a long time." Jiang Shizheng knew very well that this student of his was very independent and opinionated, therefore he had no intention of changing his mind. However, because Shi Nuan was his granddaughter, he still felt that he should be doing something.

Fu Chengyan smiled as he pulled out his phone and gave Shi Nuan a call.

Shi Nuan had just come out of the bathroom when she ran into Fu Xicheng. He stopped her at her tracks and stared steadily at her.

Shi Nuan felt extremely uncomfortable with that, so she said coldly, "Excuse me!"

He refused to let her go. "Nuan, I need to talk to you!"

"I don't think there is anything for us to talk about." Shi Nuan refused to give Fu Xicheng the time of day. To her, they had no more ties to each other, so she was no longer obliged to be nice to him, let alone have a chat with him. "Excuse me, I said!"

"No, Nuan, I know you still care for me. Look, aren't you here for my wedding? If you didn't care for me, you wouldn't be here at all!" Fu Xicheng continued to speak self-indulgently. "Nuan, actually I..."

"Stop." Shi Nuan interrupted him exasperatedly and frowned at him. "Fu Xicheng, you are really quite a funny guy, aren't you? I'm not sure what your brain is made of, but isn't it perfectly normal for me to attend my own sister's wedding? I am just here to give her my blessings, and it has absolutely nothing to do with you."

Shi Nuan spoke resolutely, with no trace of affection that she used to have for him. It was as if she was just looking at any ordinary person, but an ordinary person that annoyed her as well.

“You really don’t have to think so much. To me, you are merely a stranger. Now, this stranger is about to be my brother-in-law, that’s it!”

Shi Nuan then attempted to walk around him to leave, only to have him grab her arm to stop her. “I don’t believe you, Nuan. You still love me. There is no way you could have forgotten about us. We were together for three years. Three whole years! I know you are not that kind of cruel person. Listen to me, Nuan, just say that you still love me, and I’ll marry you right away.”

“Are you mad?” Shi Nuan shook off Fu Xicheng’s hand immediately. “You may be crazy but I am not. The whole of Jiang City knows of your big fat wedding, and now you want to walk out on your bride? Do you even know what you are doing here?”

“I thought that you were just irresponsible towards me, but as it turns out, you are simply a man with no honor. Shi Wei was the one that you wanted to marry, but here you are telling me that you want to walk out of your own wedding? Fu Xicheng, you are really not a man. Where is your sense of responsibility?”

Shi Nuan’s eyes were completely ice cold now. “I don’t want to talk to you anymore. This is Shi Wei’s and your wedding. You should be out there, not here with me. Get off me!”

No matter what, Fu Xicheng refused to give way, and Shi Nuan’s patience was wearing thin. At this very moment, her phone rang, so she stepped back to fish her phone out of her bag. She hesitated when she saw Fu Chengyan’s number, but she still picked up the call. “Hello!”

“Where are you?”

“At the bathroom!” Shi Nuan said. “What’s up?”

“I’m with Granddad and Grandpa. They want to see you.” Fu Chengyan continued. “Is someone there with you?”

Shi Nuan could not help but gasp at his ability to predict. As Fu Xicheng was still there, she could not help but reply in a rather annoyed fashion, “Mmhmm, my brother-in-law is here.”

Fu Chengyan’s eyes darkened and everything suddenly froze around him. “Stay there and wait for me. I’ll be there immediately!”

“Hey...no....” Before Shi Nuan could finish talking, Fu Chengyan had already hung up.

Shi Nuan stared dumbfoundedly at the phone for a while as she did not know what to do at all. Fu Xicheng was still here. Will they begin to fight when Fu Chengyan gets here? Moreover, based on her current relationship with Fu Chengyan.....

“Who called you?” Fu Xicheng suddenly leaned towards her, giving her such a big shock that she nearly dropped her phone. Shi Nuan immediately took two steps back and looked at Fu Xicheng defensively. “It’s none of your business!”

“What do you mean it’s none of my business? Nuan, I am your....”

“Brother-in-law.” Shi Nuan interrupted him through gritted teeth. “I know you are my brother-in-law, so there is no need to keep reminding me of that. Anyway, so what if you are my brother-in-law? It does not mean that I am obliged to report every phone call to you!”

“Shi Nuan!” Fu Xicheng clasped her hand and gritted his teeth. “Do you have to speak to me like this? You know how I feel about you, so why are you treating me like this? Don’t tell me that you really have someone else in your life now?”

“Let me go!” Shi Nuan felt very uncomfortable with Fu Xicheng holding her wrists so tightly. “What are you doing, Fu Xicheng? Let me go! You know very well that

since you have chosen Shi Wei, there can never be anything else between you and I. Let me go!”

Shi Nuan growled but Fu Xicheng still refused to let go. “Shi Nuan, you are mine. Let me make myself clear: I am not letting you go, not in this lifetime!”

“What are you doing?”

Both Fu Xicheng and Shi Nuan was shocked by Fu Chengyan’s cold voice. In fact, Fu Xicheng was so stunned by his appearance that Shi Nuan took the opportunity to push him away and walk up to Fu Chengyan. “Mr. Fu!”

Fu Chengyan looked down at Shi Nuan’s face and his eyes immediately darkened as he spotted the red marks on her wrist. “Ms. Shi!”

Fu Xicheng then looked at Fu Chengyan while he was still baffled. Why is he here? ”Uncle! What are you doing here?”

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Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes but his gaze was still upon Shi Nuan, completely ignoring Fu Xicheng in the process. This made Fu Xicheng feel rather awkward, as he did not know what to say at all.

Sensing the subtle unease in the atmosphere, Shi Nuan said, “Mr. Fu? Why are you here?”

Fu Chengyan’s lips curled up slightly as he said, “I was just having a chat with Old Mr. Shi where he brought you up, Ms. Shi.” He barely responded to her question, but she understood his meaning immediately. “You are good friends with my Granddad? He had just given me a call just now, asking me to join him.”

“In that case, shall we?” Fu Chengyan said while Shi Nuan nodded hurriedly. “Yes, let’s go!”

Of course Fu Xicheng was not about to let Shi Nuan leave so easily. “Nuan!” He called out to her. “You promised to talk this through with me.”

Shi Nuan frowned at him. How could he still not give up, even with Fu Chengyan’s appearance?

Fu Chengyan’s eyebrows raised slightly at that. Despite his mounting domineering aura, his expression remained unchanged. He then looked sharply at Fu Xicheng and said brusquely, “If I remember correctly, you are getting married to the eldest Ms. Shi today. Instead of being at the hall as you should, here you are disturbing your sister-in-law? That’s rather strange, don’t you think?”

His tone was rather flat, but still sounded authoritative nonetheless. This was especially so with the elevated pitch in his final sentence, which gave more effect to his authoritative presence.

Fu Xicheng's heart thumped. Something felt strange, but he could not put his finger to it.

He looked at Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan who were standing side by side. They weren't exactly stuck to each other, but there was not much distance between them either. Next to Fu Chengyan, Shi Nuan looked even more petite than ever, and the two of them looked strangely perfect for each other whilst side by side. A sense of crisis then rose within Fu Xicheng.

Fu Xicheng's gaze fell upon the two of them. Even though he was not happy about it, he knew very well that Fu Chengyan had stated the truth. "I...."

"It's getting late, and I don't think it'd look very good if the bridegroom is nowhere to be seen at the banquet hall." Fu Chengyan said as he glanced at Shi Nuan. "Ms. Shi, shall we go?"

Shi Nuan nodded. "I haven't seen my Granddad for a while."

"Timing is perfect, because your Grandpa Jiang Shizheng is there too." There was now a hint of gentleness in Fu Chengyan's otherwise cold voice. "They are both so superb at chess, they make me feel ashamed of myself."

Shi Nuan looked up to his eyes and said teasingly, "Mr. Fu, you are too humble! Both my grandfathers are just playing around, how could they compare to you?"

Fu Xicheng was both annoyed and frustrated at how they completely ignored his presence. "Uncle, you...."

Fu Chengyan lifted his eyes and shot a glance at Fu Xicheng. "Since it is your wedding, you should be playing your part, no? Did your father invite me here today to just watch you make a fool out of yourself?"



Fu Xicheng's face fell as he looked at Fu Chengyan, and took another look at Shi Nuan. "Uncle, let's not joke around. I'll be going out to entertain the guests now."

Shi Nuan's eyes grew a little colder as she watched Fu Xicheng walk away hurriedly. As she glanced at her wrist which he had grabbed onto earlier, she headed to the bathroom to wash her hands again. When she came out, she saw Fu Chengyan standing at the door staring at her with his deep dark eyes.

"What's wrong?"

Fu Chengyan's lips curled up but he didn't say much apart from "Come here!" as he beckoned to her.

Shi Nuan did not know why, but Fu Chengyan clutched her hand when she walked up to him. Compared to the chills she felt earlier, she currently felt nothing but comfort and warmth.

Shi Nuan looked down at Fu Chengyan's grip on her hand before looking up to his slightly curled up lips. "You look like you are in a good mood?"

Fu Chengyan's eyebrows raised a little as he stared at her smooth and fair hand. This man is just so strange sometimes. His temper is probably worse than women! She thought to herself.

"Come on, Granddad and Grandpa have been waiting for us for a long time!"

On their way to Shi Yunsheng's room, Fu Chengyan never let go of Shi Nuan's hand. She wanted him to let go, but he was not having it. "No one is going to see us here!"

Fu Chengyan reached out to gently caress her forehead. "What are you so worried about?"

Shi Nuan had no choice but to let him hold her hand.

When they arrived at Shi Yunsheng's room, the two old men were embroiled in a bitter battle. The game was so close they began to argue with each other, and neither of them was willing to back down at all.

Shi Nuan could not help but burst out in laughter, which stopped both Jiang Shizheng and Shi Yunsheng in their argument before looking at the two of them awkwardly.

Shi Nuan was quite happy as she rarely had the opportunity to see this childish side of both her grandfathers, but she did not dare to be too obvious about it either. It was Fu Chengyan who walked in calmly while still holding Shi Nuan's hand. "Granddad, Grandpa, I've brought Nuan with me."

"Nuan! Come and sit here!" Shi Yunsheng beckoned to her. "Come and sit next to Granddad."

"Nuan, come and sit with Grandpa!" Jiang Shizheng refused to be left behind either.

Shi Nuan was plunged into a dilemma as she looked at Shi Yunsheng and then turned to look at Jiang Shizheng. Finally, her eyes could only fall on Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan's lips curled up slightly as he whispered a few words to Shi Nuan. She immediately smiled and nodded, "Alright, I'll go and make some tea while you chat with Granddad and Grandpa!"

Shi Nuan headed to the side table where she chose the tea leaves and set the kettle to boil. She then began to brew the tea earnestly.

Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng's eyes met briefly before they both put down their chess pieces. "Come on, let's go and take a seat!"

The three men were deep in conversation while Shi Nuan made the tea patiently, forming a very harmonious scene indeed. However, before they knew it, the two

old men began to argue again. Shi Nuan felt a little helpless but she was still rather amused by how sweet the situation was.

“Here’s your tea, Granddad, Grandpa!” Shi Nuan handed the tea cups to Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng respectively. Then, she looked at Fu Chengyan and said, “Yan.”

When Fu Chengyan received the tea cup, his slim fingers brushed past Shi Nuan’s fingers, which made her shiver a little before shooting him a disapproving glare. Of course the two old men caught that little interaction. The sight of Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan behaving in this manner alleviated much of their initial worries.

Even though they have never brought it up, they had been rather worried for Shi Nuan. After all, Fu Xicheng was her ex-boyfriend while Shi Wei was her sister. Of course she would be somewhat affected by this wedding. However, they might have been overthinking it. Now that she was with such an outstanding man, there was no reason for Shi Nuan to be affected by Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei’s wedding at all.

“Nuan, I can finally rest easy.” Shi Yunsheng sighed. “I don’t have any other wishes for now, apart from you and Yan’s marriage....”

“Granddad, Yan and I are married, aren’t we?” Shi Nuan smiled. “Don’t worry, I am really fine!”

“You know I don’t mean that. Look, you two may be married, but you haven’t had a wedding yet. Also, you haven’t met the Fu family.” Shi Yunsheng’s worry was echoed by Jiang Shizheng.

Jiang Shicheng trusted Fu Yancheng, as he was his student after all. However, as this had to do with Shi Nuan’s happiness, he had no choice but to worry for her. “Shi is right. Both of us will continue to worry as long as you don’t hold a wedding!”

Shi Nuan shook her head and looked at Fu Chengyan imploringly. However, not only did he not help her, he responded with a quizzical look at her. Shi Nuan bit her lips as she felt like she had been pushed to a corner. She was at a loss now.

“Granddad, Grandpa, didn’t I tell you this already? Yan and I don’t really need a wedding. Yan and I....we....”

“Granddad, Grandpa!” Finally, Fu Chengyan could not bear to see her in this dilemma anymore. He rested his hand over her hand and said calmly, “We will definitely hold a wedding, so that I can let everyone know that Nuan is my wife. However, before we can do that, Nuan needs to cross several hurdles first. I can help her with some of them, but she will still need to finish the rest by herself.”

He spoke in a calm and collected manner, and did not hesitate at all in front of the older men.

“Promises can be too burdensome, but they can also be too fickle. I don’t make promises easily, but I will use my actions to show you that Nuan has married the right man. Yes, Nuan has her concerns, but we are a married couple, so we will bear the burdens together. Since she is not willing to hold a wedding now, I have chosen to respect her feelings.”

Shi Nuan looked up to Fu Chengyan with gratitude in her eyes.

She knew that both her grandfathers’ concerns were normal now that she had married Fu Chengyan. She also knew that Fu Chengyan wanted nothing more than to have their relationship out in the open. However, he was forced to consider her feelings first.

Shi Nuan put her hand over Fu Chengyan’s hand this time. “Yan, thank you!”

Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng were both taken aback, as they had not expected Fu Chengyan to say something like that. Both of them shook their heads. “Alright, alright, we are too old to meddle with you young people and your viewpoints. However, Yan, you must treat Nuan well. She is a very kind and

forgiving person, so while she may not take certain things to heart, not everyone else behaves the same way. You know what I am talking about?”

Fu Chengyan nodded. “Yes, I do. Granddad, Grandpa, don’t worry. I am committed to protect Nuan for the rest of my life, and I will definitely not allow anyone to hurt her.”

“Good to hear that!”

“Hey, why are you guys so serious? Look at me, I am the main subject of your discussion and I haven’t said anything yet!” Shi Nuan saw that the atmosphere was getting rather tense, so she quickly chimed in. “Granddad, Grandpa, after some time when Yan’s and my relationship stabilize a little, we will definitely hold a wedding. That’d be fine, right?”

Shi Nuan refilled their teacups. “It’s Shi Wei’s wedding today. Granddad, Grandpa, you two are really not going out there to take a look?”

“Hrrmph, take a look? They probably don’t want to see us two wretched old men, for fear that we will disrupt them!” Jiang Shizheng’s temper was threatening to flare up as he harrumphed coldly. He knew his daughter a little too well. “Let’s wait for a while before going out, so that we don’t be annoyed by what we see!”

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## Chapter 144

Shi Wei had coincidentally gone to the restroom when Shi Nuan went, so the former watched everything unfold before her eyes. Shi Wei was upset to see that Fu Xicheng still missed Shi Nuan. The woman was fuming and prepared to charge towards them, but someone grabbed her arm.

Shi Wei swiftly turned to look at the culprit and was surprised to see that it was Anna. “Why are you holding me back?”

Anna dragged her to a corner. It was obvious that Anna had reapplied her makeup, but the scar on her face was still barely visible, so Shi Wei was scared. The fear on Shi Wei’s face did not escape Anna, so the latter scoffed at her quietly. She said, “What can you do if you go up to him right now?”

Anna checked their surroundings surreptitiously. When she saw that Fu Chengyan had left, she exited the restroom, dragging Shi Wei behind her. “Today’s your wedding. If you make a scene now, everyone is going to laugh at you. You literally just got married! So, if you create a ruckus about this, it’s going to embarrass the Fu family.”

Shi Wei calmed down after listening to Anna’s analysis. She then looked at Anna dubiously.

While Anna’s reasoning made sense, it was unlike her to think so far ahead which was why Shi Wei had qualms about her advice. Anna’s heart skipped a beat when she saw how Shi Wei was looking at her, but she smirked and said, “Your next line is ‘When did you become so smart?’”

“When did you...” What? Shi Wei felt as if she had been seen through, but she shook her head and vehemently denied, “No, I don’t mean that, Anna. Don’t take this the wrong way.”

“Alright, we’re friends, so I won’t blame you for this. I used to be a stupid woman, so I got set up by that evil woman, Shi Nuan. I learned to be more alert then on.”

Anna then sized Shi Wei up, and when she saw the latter letting her guard down, she sneered internally before assuring Shi Wei, “We’ll take this up with her eventually. Now, your mission is to lock Fu Xicheng down, have him wrapped around your finger. If you guys get married, there’s no need to fear Shi Nuan.”

“Yes, you’re right. I wasn’t thinking straight.” Shi Wei was furious earlier, but she had sobered up from Anna’s words. “Let’s go, Anna.”

“Okay.” They left with their arms linked together, but all Anna could think of was that Fu Chengyan did seem related to Shi Nuan somehow. No wonder my brother asked me not to cross Shi Nuan. I don’t want to cross her if Fu Chengyan has her back.

Anna shuddered. She didn’t want to go through that night a second time. Her brother had told her that Fu Chengyan had promised to help the An Group from now on, so he asked her to lay low and not make any rash moves.

“What’s wrong?” Shi Wei felt that something was off with Anna as her face was drained of color. “Are you feeling unwell?”

“It’s nothing,” Anna said, “The wedding hasn’t begun yet, so you should go to the waiting room. I’ll go to the hall and watch Fu Xicheng for you.”

“Sure!”

Anna left Shi in the waiting room. The moment Anna was out of her sight, Shi Wei quickly made a phone call to Jiang Yu, “Mom.”

“What happened? Why did you call me? I’m busy as heck outside there. Just stay here if you have nothing to say, or just call your friends over.” When Jiang Yu walked in and saw Shi Wei reclining on the sofa, the woman felt frustrated.

Shi Wei quickly stood up once Jiang Yu made her appearance. “I can’t wait any longer, mom. I won’t be at peace as long as that bi\*tch, Shi Nuan isn’t married.” She forced her next words through gritted teeth, “Mom, didn’t you promise to help me?”

“Why the rush? When have I ever gone back on my promises?” Jiang Yu said. “Did something happen?”

“I…” Shi Wei angrily recounted what she saw at the restroom, but she omitted the fact that Fu Chengyan had been there too. Jiang Yu’s eyes gleamed after hearing that, and she clenched her fists. “How dare that little b\*tch do this? Looks like I have to chase her out!”

“I think so too, mom. Xicheng will always think about her as long as she remains single. Do you know what he said just now? He said if she agreed to it, he would cancel his wedding with me and marry her instead. They obviously don’t care about me, you, or the Shi family at all.”

“Alright, I’ll settle this as soon as possible. Just get ready for now. Nobody can ruin your marriage.” She would never allow Shi Nuan to ruin her beloved daughter’s marriage.

Jiang Yu pulled out her phone and dialed a number the moment she left the waiting room. “Hey, Yunwan, is he here? He is? That’s great to hear! We did say that they would make a cute couple. It’s lucky we’ve decided that they’re going to marry each other when they grow up. Oh, okay, I’ll be waiting then.”

Jiang Yu narrowed her eyes and hung up. “Well, that little b\*tch got something good,” she snorted, “But it’ll be good for the Shi family if Shi Nuan were to marry him.” There was a conniving glint in her beady eyes.



Shi Jingzheng glared at her when he saw her return to the main lobby. “Where did you go? Don’t you know what time it is?”

“Where else could I have gone? I went to check up on Wei. I have to watch over her during her wedding – I am her mother after all.” Jiang Yu pouted. “I heard them saying that Fu Yuqing is dissatisfied with you. What happened?”

“What else could it be? Guess who came just now?” Shi Jingzheng asked as a smile bloomed across his face. “Fu Chengyan did.”

Fu Chengyan?

Jiang Yu’s eyes shone. “Where is he?” She had not seen him although she had been in the hall most of the time.

“He went to the old man,” Shi Jingzheng beamed, confusing Jiang Yu. “Why did he go to the old man? And what does it have to do with Fu Yuqing being displeased with you?”

Shi Jingzheng snorted. He then whispered something to her, and her eyes widened. “You’re saying that Fu Chengyan came not for Fu Yuqing, but for the old master?” Jiang Yu couldn’t believe it. “How did he get to know Fu Chengyan?”

“I am not too sure about that. Probably during his birthday. The old master went out a few times after that, no? I think he went to meet Fu Chengyan. Yu, I think our family is going to become rich now!” Shi Jingzheng exclaimed, unable to contain his excitement. Jiang Yu’s eyes darted around as she thought about it, “It’s a pity that Wei likes Fu Xicheng. If she likes Fu Chengyan...”

Jiang Yu didn’t continue, but Shi Jingzheng knew what she was trying to say. “W-What about Shi Nuan then?” He tentatively suggested.

“No,” Jiang Yu refused without even thinking. “Fu Chengyan is a powerful man, but Shi Nuan isn’t. She is not worthy of him.” More importantly, if she marries Fu

Chengyan, then Shi Wei is going to be lower than her in terms of social status. Jiang Yu would never agree to that. That little bi\*ch doesn't have the right to marry Fu Chengyan.

"Don't mess around. I'm doing this for our family's own good. If we manage to get related to Fu Chengyan, that means we'll have ties with one of the four big families of Jiang City. Not everyone has the privilege to say that."

"No!" Jiang Yu clenched her jaw and whispered, "I will match Shi Nuan up with another person. He'll come in a minute."

"Who is it?"

"The Su family, also one of the four big families. Do you remember how I saved a woman when I was young?" Jiang Yu smiled. "She's the young miss of the Su family, Su Yunwan. I heard that her son is a mysterious one. Not many have seen him before. When I saved her back then, she promised me something."

"You're saying that you've arranged for Shi Nuan to marry Su Yunwan's son?" Shi Jingzheng asked, his eyes shone with greed.

Even if he's no Fu Chengyan, anyone is fine, as long as they can help my family. Shi Jingzheng thought about it and nodded. "You'll have to pay attention, then. He..."

"Don't worry, I called Su Yunwan earlier. She said her son would come today," Jiang Yu said confidently. Even though having Shi Nuan marry Su Yunwan's son was being too nice to that little brat, she figured that it was acceptable if it meant that the Shi family would have an alliance with the Su family.

Shi Wei's wedding started at seven, sharp. There weren't a lot of people during the exchange of vows in the church that morning, so Shi Nuan didn't go. She was here for the banquet with Fu Chengyan. At this moment, Shi Wei made her grand entrance with Su Su's help. Since there were a lot of people there, Shi Wei didn't have the time to care about Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan and the others left the waiting room. She was holding Shi Yunsheng, while Fu Chengyan walked with Jiang Shizheng. They were chatting all the way, with Fu Chengyan humbly listening and responding with poise.

The chatter in the hall died down when they walked in, for their little group was a bizarre matchup. The young couple were each standing by an elder, and it was a harmonious sight. They looked like a family – any outsider who didn't know better would think so.

Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng were giving a toast, but they turned to at Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan when entered. Even though Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan had no interaction, they looked so matching together. Shi Wei looked at Fu Xicheng's hand, and she noticed he was gripping his glass tightly, his gaze furious. Shi Wei was stunned, but still she went ahead and held his hand. "Why are you just standing there, Xicheng? Let's go and give a toast to grandpa."

Fu Xicheng looked at Shi Wei, complex emotions churning in his eyes. He was still greatly displeased. For some inexplicable reason, Fu Xicheng felt like Shi Nuan was drifting away from him, and their relationship had become strained to the point of no return. Nuan! Fu Xicheng called her name silently as he followed Shi Wei, who was stalking towards them.

# I Want a Lifetime with You

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It was a full house now, and almost everyone had arrived. The guests saw Shi Nuan escorting Shi Yunsheng to his seat in a quiet corner while Fu Chengyan and Jiang Shizheng sat down too. Since Fu Chengyan wasn't someone who could be ignored, everyone's eyes were on him no matter where he went. Thanks to him, Shi Nuan was the center of attention too.

Everyone was talking about the girl who was holding Shi Yunsheng. Some knew her, so they started discussing among themselves. They noticed Fu Chengyan sitting with Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng, so they deduced that the two elderly men were trying to match the girl with Fu Chengyan.

When Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng came over, they overheard the conversation and gripped their glasses tightly, distaste apparent on their faces.

"Grandpa, you're here!" Shi Wei went up to them, holding Fu Xicheng's hand. She was all smiles. "You're here too, Nuan."

Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng nodded in acknowledgement, but they said nothing. Shi Wei went to stand beside Shi Nuan. "I'm glad you came, Shi Nuan." She then looked at Fu Chengyan and greeted, "You're here too, uncle."

Shi Nuan almost couldn't hold her laugh in. She looked at Shi Wei, then at Fu Chengyan. Shi Wei was delighted to see Fu Chengyan, and she tried strike a conversation with him, but the man ignored her and didn't even spare her a glance. That embarrassed both Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng.

Fu Xicheng looked at Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan. He heard what the guests had said, but he didn't believe the old master had this idea in mind. Besides, he

understood Fu Chengyan's character – he detested it when people interfered with his business. However, Fu Chengyan's attitude today baffled him.

“Hello, uncle.” Fu Xicheng then approached him and poured some wine for Fu Chengyan. “Thank you for coming to my wedding.”

Fu Chengyan smiled and glanced over Fu Xicheng. “Congratulations on your wedding,” he replied. Then, the man tapped on the table. “I have to drive home later, so I can't drink any alcoholic beverages. Zhou Zheng!”

The moment Fu Chengyan called him, Zhou Zheng replied, “Mr. Fu.”

With just a look from Fu Chenyan, Zhou Zheng took out a document from his briefcase and handed it to Fu Xicheng. “This is Mr. Fu's gift for you, Ms. Shi and Mr. Fu. Congratulations on your wedding.”

Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei looked at each other before accepting it. “Thank you, uncle.”

Fu Chengyan nodded. “It's your wedding, so you should entertain the guests. Don't spend too much time on me. I'll talk with Mr. Shi and Mr. Jiang.” With that said, he turned away and ignored the pair.

Fu Xicheng noticed the obvious ‘leave us’ Fu Chengyan was hinting at. The man looked at Shi Nuan, reluctant to leave, but he saw that Shi Nuan too paid him no heed. It angered him further, but he suppressed his fury as there were many guests around, witnessing this exchange.

“Wei and I will be taking our leave, then. Please excuse us.”

Shi Wei was standing beside him, feeling disgruntled. It was her wedding, but she felt that Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan had stolen the limelight. Also, isn't Shi Nuan supposed to feel sad? Why does she look like she's okay?

“Aren't you going to wish me, Nuan? It's my wedding today.”

Shi Nuan looked up with a teacup in her hand. The woman was surprised to hear that from Shi Wei, but she smiled courteously and complied, "Since it's your wedding today, I have to wish you something, sister." Shi Nuan then poured some tea and handed it to Shi Wei. "I've been feeling unwell lately, so I can't have any alcohol. Siblings face everything together, they say, so let's down this cup of tea." Shi Nuan raised her cup of tea. "I wish you all the best in your wedding, and till death do you part," Shi Nuan said it warmly. She was genuinely wishing for their loving future, nothing else.

Even so, Shi Wei still felt uneasy. No matter what Shi Nuan said, she would still think that her sister was mocking her and cursing her. Shi Wei raised her cup, but her attention was on Shi Nuan's face, as if she wanted to glean something from her expression to satisfy her ego.

Shi Nuan arched an eyebrow. "Aren't you going to drink it, Wei?"

Shi Wei downed it. "Thank you for your blessing, Nuan. Don't worry. Now that you've given me your most beloved person, I'll protect him to the best of my abilities. I won't let him get snatched away."

Shi Nuan frowned. She felt uneasy listening to what Shi Wei had said. Next to her, Fu Chengyan felt disgust roil in his stomach. He narrowed his eyes, his gaze darting between the sisters. His face was glacial, and he emanated iciness, affecting everyone around the table.

Everyone settled their gaze on Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan was taken aback, but she chuckled at Shi Wei's provocation. "Of course you have to treasure your love, Wei. Keep him close and don't let him go." With nothing more to say to her sister, Shi Nuan sat down and looked at Shi Yunsheng. Noticing that the old man looked livid, Shi Nuan patted his hand. "Would you like some tea, grandpa?"

Shi Yunsheng snapped out of it and heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that Shi Nuan was smiling. "Sure. Can you pour some for the both of us?" Fine, since she doesn't mind it, I shouldn't interfere.

"Wei, go and entertain the other guests with Xicheng." Shi Yunsheng sighed after seeing them leave, feeling dissatisfied. "I'm sorry that you have to go through this."

Shi Nuan's lips curved up into a gracious smile. "Not at all. All the people I love are here now, so there's really nothing to be upset about." Her eyes shone with contentment and they conveyed her sincerity.

The old men smiled at each other in resignation, then they looked at Fu Chengyan. "Hear that, Chengyan? Everyone here is her beloved."

"Yes, of course she loves both of her grandpas," Fu Chengyan said warmly. He then turned to look at Shi Nuan and found her staring at him as well. They locked eyes and neither could tear their gaze away.

Song Rongrong, Su Yian, and a few of their friends were at another table. After they saw what happened, they started to gossip about it. "I think something's really off with the sisters."

"So what? Haven't you heard?"

"About what?"

"Oh, right, who's that guy at Shi Nuan's table? He's so young and handsome. I don't think there's anyone here who looks better than him. Plus, I think they're afraid of him."

When they saw Song Rongrong and Su Yian munching on the sunflower seeds, they leaned towards them. "Why are you two so quiet? Isn't she your best friend? Who is that man to her?"

Song Rongrong and Su Yian looked at each other, and raised their eyebrows, prompting each other to explain. Song Rongrong gave in and chuckled, “Weren’t you guys listening? Even Shi Wei’s husband had to call him his uncle. The strange thing is, as far as I am concerned, Fu Xicheng doesn’t have any uncles. Oh, right, back at the gathering, everyone said Shi Wei was working at a new company. I remember hearing her say that the CEO is her husband’s uncle.”

“Hah, are you kidding me? He can’t be Xicheng’s uncle. He’s too young!” Everyone had guessed who Fu Chengyan was, but they didn’t expect him to be this young. “Wait, what were you saying, Song Rongrong? Are you saying that even though Shi Wei calls him her uncle, he’s not acknowledging her as his niece?”

Song Rongrong smiled. “I didn’t say that. I know nothing at all.”

Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng went around to entertain a few more tables of guests after that. Shi Wei had had too much to drink, so she was wobbling in her heels. The woman leaned against Fu Xicheng, held his arm and pressed her chest against his. “Are you upset, Xicheng?”

Fu Xicheng’s heart skipped a beat. He knew what Shi Wei was doing, but he removed her hand anyway. “There are a lot of people here. What are you doing?”

Shi Wei pouted, “Today’s our wedding, but I don’t think you’re too happy about it.”

“No, I am happy.” Fu Xicheng’s patience was already running thin, but Shi Wei chose now of all times to throw a tantrum. “I’m just tired. We entertained a lot of guests today.” He looked down at her reddened face, which seemed to be the aftermath of too much alcohol. “I can bring you in to rest if you don’t feel well.”

“I want you, Xicheng.” She stood on her tiptoes and breathed into his ear. Fu Xicheng’s gaze darkened, and he gulped. “Wei!”



“Don’t you want me, Xicheng?” Shi Wei then slid her hand into his tuxedo. Fu Xicheng panicked, then he quickly stopped her hand. “Alright, I’ll take you inside now.”

Shi Wei smiled smugly. She knew he couldn’t resist her. After being with him for so long, she knew exactly what he was thinking.

Fu Xicheng bumped into Shi Wei’s parents as he took her away. “Dad, mom, Wei drank more than she could handle, so I’ll take her inside to rest. We might need you to entertain the guests for us.”

Jiang Yu quickly looked at Shi Wei. “Are you alright? Don’t drink if you can’t handle it.”

“I’m fine, mom.” Shi Wei leaned closer to her mother. “Is he not here yet, mom? Match him up with Shi Nuan. It’s best if you can announce their marriage right away. You have to make her marry that man.” Shi Wei couldn’t wait for it.

“Alright, I’m doing it for you.” Jiang Yu patted her back and looked at Fu Xicheng. “She’s yours from now on, Xicheng. Treat her nicely.”

“Yes, mom.” After Jiang Yu saw them off, she looked at her husband. “What are you looking at? Entertain the guests!”

“What about you?” Even though it was a whisper, he heard fragments of the conversation just now. “What’s your plan?”

“Su Yunwan’s son is here. I have to introduce Shi Nuan to him.” She went toward where Shi Nuan was sitting.

“Dad, Mr. Fu,” Jiang Yu greeted them briefly and looked at Shi Nuan. “Nuan?”

“Mom.” Shi Nuan stood up and greeted her.

Jiang Yu dared not do anything outrageous before Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng. However, she scrutinized Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan, then the woman approached the former. "I need to talk to you about something, Nuan. Can you come with me?"