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Fu Xicheng did not want to come as a reception like that was an annoyance for him. Even though Fu Xicheng knew the people Shi Wei invited, he did not like them. However, Shi Wei was his wife so he had to attend the banquet. Fu Xicheng decided to come with the thought of seeing Shi Nuan today, .

As Shi Wei was talking to Anna, she saw that Fu Xicheng had arrived. She rushed over and wrapped herself around his arm, "Xicheng, you're here!" She smiled sweetly and said, "You have worked till so late at night, are you tired?"

At first, Fu Xicheng was still a little reluctant but twitched his lips when he saw the smile on Shi Wei's face and remembered that today was her birthday, "I'm not tired. Are you unhappy that I arrived late?"

"Why would I! You are working hard to support our family so how can I be unhappy! Xicheng, many friends came and Nuan is here too!" Shi Wei held Fu Xicheng's hand, "I will bring you to meet them!"

Fu Xicheng raised his eyebrows slightly upon hearing Shi Nuan's name, his pupils shrank slightly and he nodded, "Okay!"

Then, Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng met several groups of people. Seeing that it was almost time, Shi Wei sent a message to Anna, "How is it going on Su Su's side?"

"It should be fine! But Su Su hasn't replied yet, so I am not sure!" Anna replied and looked around. She tried to send a message to Su Su but she did not reply nor did she answer the phone. All of a sudden, Anna had a bad feeling, but she was unable to tell what was amiss.

Shi Wei tidied her long hair as she put her phone back. She exclaimed when she saw that Fu Xicheng was absent-minded. He turned back to look at her immediately and asked, "What's wrong?"

"It's nothing. I just thought of Nuan and wonder where she has gone. She was here just now." Shi Wei bit her lip and looked around, "Anna, have you seen Nuan?"

Anna frowned, "Didn't I just send her to the lounge to get some rest? She might have drank a little too much. However, it has been more than half an hour, why hasn't she come back?" Anna said again, "Wei, it's time for you to cut the cake!"

"Yeah." Shi Wei nodded and sang in the same tune as Anna, "It's almost time and everyone is here except Nuan..."

"I'll go and check on her!" Fu Xicheng suggested, "She is your sister, and she can't be absent on such an important occasion!" Fu Xicheng said as he was unable to control his urge to see Shi Nuan.

He had been looking for Shi Nuan since he arrived at the venue. However, he did not want to upset Shi Wei so he had not mention Shi Nuan.

Upon hearing that, Shi Wei's eyes lit up and she enthused, "Sure, let's go together! Nuan still have some misunderstandings towards you so let's go over and settle it!"

Fu Xicheng nodded his head and patted the back of Shi Wei's hand, "That's really thoughtful of you."

Shi Wei smiles as she and Fu Xicheng excused themselves explaining that they had to entertain an important guest and hope that they would give them a moment.

When Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng left, Anna narrowed her eyes and explained, "Wei left to find her sister Shi Nuan. I'm sure everyone knows that she was here

earlier!" Upon hearing Anna's words, everyone turned to look at her suspiciously, feeling that there was a hidden meaning behind her words.

Satisfied with what Anna said, Shi Wei turned and looked at Anna hesitantly, "Anna, help me to entertain my guests. I am going to see Nuan and take the opportunity to apologize to her!"

"Sure!" Anna agreed readily. After Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng left, several people walked up to Anna and tarted to gossip, "I heard that Shi Nuan and Shi Wei did not get along since young. It seemed like there might be a story behind it!"

"Have you forgotten? A few months ago, Shi Nuan created a scene at Shi Wei's engagement party. It even went on the news. There was rumors that the sisters were fighting over the same man!"

"Really? Did such a thing happen?"

"Anna, do you know any inside information?"

"What else do you want to know? Why not we follow them! I have a feeling that we will be amused!"

A babble of gossips burst among the crowd and as they chatted as they headed towards their direction. Anna walked at the back. She quickly gave Shi Nuan a call to check where she was and if she had left.

At that time, Shi Nuan was in the washroom. At first, she thought of leaving but she was unwilling to concede defeat. Instead, she wanted to see what Shi Wei had planned for her. If she really hired paparazzi, she would break the bonds of sisterhood with Shi Wei.

When Anna saw that Shi Nuan was safe, she heaved a sigh of relief.

Now, she did not have any feelings of jealousy towards Shi Nuan. The reason why she helped her was to get pardon from Fu Chengyan's. That way, she would not hurt anyone and start afresh.

Anna quickly caught up after deleting her call history with Shi Nuan.

Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng walked in front. Shi Wei kept saying that no matter what Shi Nuan say later, he should not be angry with her as she had personally apologized to Shi Nuan, who had agreed on putting away the past and moved on in peace.

"Xicheng, do you blame me? Do you have any regrets? Actually, the reason why I wanted Nuan to come over today was to apologize to her. Furthermore, I invited all these rich young men. Perhaps, Nuan may fancy one of them. I must admit that I was a little selfish. But I love you so much, I do not want to let go of you!"

Fu Xicheng was startled momentarily and he felt slightly dismayed.

Now, he could not explain how he felt towards Shi Nuan and Shi Wei. When he was dating Shi Nuan, he felt that she was dull. On the other hand, Shi Wei was passionate and in that aspect, they were compatible. As for Shi Nuan, she was cautious and conservative. Those personality traits did not mean anything to Fu Xicheng but when he felt something was lacking in comparison to Shi Wei. However, he had been thinking a lot about Shi Nuan ever since he started going out with Shi Wei.

"Okay, I am not blaming you. I will not respond to anything she says," he added as he patted Shi Wei's hand. "Although we have hurt her before, we will try to compensate her in the future. I'm sure she will forgive us!"

"Yes!" Shi Wei nodded her head, "Nuan should be in that lounge!" When she saw that Fu Xicheng was about to push the door open, she quickly stopped his hand, "Let me do it!" He nodded and stepped back.

Shi Wei narrowed her eyes and knocked on the door, "Nuan? Are you inside? It's me. Everyone is waiting for you for the cake cutting ceremony!"

When she did not hear any reply, Shi Wei turned behind and looked at Fu Xicheng, "Perhaps Nuan has fallen asleep?" When she knocked on the door again, she could hear passionate moans coming from inside the room. The low guttural voice of a man and the moans of a woman. As adults, both Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng were able to make out the sounds especially when the moans of the woman inside were loud.

Blushing momentarily, Shi Wei said, "Perhaps I have mistaken, she must be in another room!"

At that moment, Fu Xicheng's faced darkened. He clenched his fists as he stared at the door with his eyes seething with rage. Shocked by the look on his face, Shi Wei said hurriedly, "Xicheng, let's go elsewhere to take a look!"

"Today's your birthday and I have booked the whole floor." Gritting his teeth, "Who else could be inside?"

"But..."

When Shi Wei saw that Fu Xicheng was about to push the door open, she rushed to block him, "Xicheng, calm down. We might have mistaken. Please do not be impulsive." As she said, she could see that Fu Xicheng's face had turned ugly, "Nuan is not like that, she..."

"Get out of my way!"

"Xicheng, no!" Shi Wei stopped Fu Xicheng. She grabbed his arm and shook her head, "Xicheng, don't. Someone is coming!"

Indeed, a huge group of people who were at the banquet were streaming over. At the sight, Fu Xicheng furrowed his brows furiously and glared at Shi Wei, whose face turned pale and immediately shook her head, "It wasn't me. Why did they

come?" Shi Wei took a deep breath and leaned in to Fu Xicheng's ear, "Calm down. Let's appease them. We will go see Nuan once they leave."

Fu Xicheng furrowed his brows. Shi Wei added, "Even if the person inside is Nuan, you can't open the door now, can you?"

Seeing that Fu Xicheng had calmed down considerably, Shi Wei squeezed his hand, "I will go and appease them first."

She looked at Fu Xicheng then twitched her lips while no one was looking. Then, she asked, "Anna, why have they come?"

Anna laughed awkwardly, "Nothing, nothing, they..."

"Oh, we had nothing to do and the hosts aren't at the banquet anymore so we wanted to see what Ms. Shi's important guest is up to." Someone replied.

Suddenly, a loud scream could be heard from inside of the room. Everyone exchanged glances, "This..."

Shi Wei felt awkward and she quickly explained, "Don't be mistaken. It must be a misunderstanding, my sister... my sister was just resting after a few drinks..."

"Resting? If she is resting, then let us invite her out then. Today is your birthday. It is not right for your sister not to be present." The crowd was getting nosy.

The fun had just started and they didn't want to miss it.

Shi Wei had gotten the reaction she wanted. She wanted Shi Nuan to be humiliated in front of everyone and ruined her reputation.

"But..." Shi Wei looked at Fu Xicheng hurriedly and said, "Today, Nuan had too much to drink. Let's not disturb her."

"If Ms. Shi is not willing to knock on the door, we will do it then!" All of a sudden, someone walked out from the crowd. He was stopped by Fu Xicheng as he went near the door. Fu Xicheng glared at him coldly, "No one can open the door!"

"Mr. Fu, everyone means well, furthermore..."

"Why are you guys here?"

At that moment of tension, a clear and loud voice came from the back suddenly. Everyone was startled for a moment before turning back to saw Shi Nuan looking at the crowd suspiciously, "What is this?"

Shi Wei's eyes widened and she looked at Shi Nuan in disbelief before looking back at the door, "Nuan, you...what are you doing here?"

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Everyone was looking at Shi Nuan in disbelief. It was as if they were certain that the person in the room was Shi Nuan. As such, they were shocked to see the woman standing in front of them.

Shi Nuan was suspicious as she observed the expressions on everyone's faces. "Why can't I be here? Wasn't Anna the one who sent me here to rest just now?" Shi Nuan said and looked at Anna. Anna quickly composed herself and replied, "Yeah, that's right, but... "

"This is impossible. Nuan, weren't you in the room just now? Then, who is... " Shi Wei's mind was in a whirl, she was not sure where it went wrong. Anna did tell her that Shi Nuan was already inside the room and Su Su had also sent Yun Shen into the room. What was going on?

"What's not possible? I was indeed resting in the room just now, but I had too much to drink ad was feeling unwell, so I went to the restroom," Shi Nuan explained, as she scanned through their faces again. "What are all of you gathering here?"

Color had drained from Shi Wei's face. "Nuan, errr... as you know, it's my birthday and it's time to cut my birthday cake, so... Xicheng and I came to invite you over!" Shi Wei replied as she and a deep breath. Her fists were clenched tightly as she said reluctantly, "Since you are here, let's go now!"

"So many people had come here just to invite me?" Shi Nuan asked with a smile on her face. "I feel really honored. It's as if I'm more important than you, the birthday girl!" She let out a laugh and continued, "Then, why was everyone here before I arrived?"

"That was nothing!"

As soon as Shi Wei finished her sentence, passionate moans could be heard from inside the room.

Shi Nuan's eyes darkened as she asked, "What's going on inside the room?"

"Someone could have entered the wrong room. Since you are alright, let's go out first. We shouldn't be disturbing them!" Shi Wei said as she tried to pull Shi Nuan away but Shi Nuan stood rooted to the spot. "Something doesn't seem right. Shi Wei, isn't this entire floor reserved by you today? Who could it be inside the room then?"

The man who was blocked by Fu Xicheng earlier took a look at Shi Nuan then tried to open the door, but failed. The sounds from the room were getting louder and louder and it was not difficult to guess how intense the situation was inside.

Fu Xicheng had already retracted his arm when he saw Shi Nuan appeared unscathed in front of them. As such, that man went passed Fu Xicheng to reach the door. He tried to push the door open a few times but to no avail. He then kicked the door open forcefully.

"Oh my god!" The man exclaimed in shock. "Isn't this... "

Those who had looked over in curiosity could not bear to continue watching anymore. Shi Wei, who was also one of the curious onlookers almost fainted at the sight. Fu Xicheng held onto her waist at once, which prevented her from falling. "Wei, are you alright?" He asked.

Shi Wei gripped the man's arms with her trembling hands as she witnessed the fierce battle between two men and one woman, which was going on in the lounge. The woman was none other than Shi Wei's good friend, Su Su.

When Su Su saw Shi Wei and the party behind the woman, she fell into despair. As for the two men, one was Qin Yue and the other was Lin Chenghao, the son

of one of the directors of the Changlin Group. The two men seemed like they were under the influence of drugs and had not noticed that the room was already filled with people.

Shi Wei hurried forward as she shouted, "Get out, get out immediately!"

Fu Xicheng tugged on Shi Wei's arm to stop her from moving further. "Don't go there!" He said, before looking at the group of men standing behind them. "Why are you guys still standing here? Pull them apart now!"

The farce lasted for some time, while the situation remained chaotic. Some people helped to separate the three while others watched on in anticipation awaiting further developments.

Shi Nuan stood at the doorway watching with a cold expression as the situation unfolded.

She had no sympathy for Su Su at all. If she had not known about the scheme beforehand, Su Su's current tragic fate would have been hers instead. Shi Nuan had never imagined that Shi Wei would go to such lengths to destroy her.

She turned her gaze to Shi Wei and the look in her eyes became colder. She clenched her fists tightly. Although she did not say a word, she had totally given up on Shi Wei.

Shi Wei was completely at a loss when she saw Su Su all curled up with lifeless gaze. Although Su Su was covered with clothes, she had disheveled hair and her face was flushed and swollen. There were also some wounds on her arms.

As Shi Wei approached Su Su, she panicked and pushed her away and started screaming, "Don't touch me, don't touch me!"

"Get out! Everyone get out now!" Shi Wei was on the verge of breaking down so she turned to shout at those who were rubbernecking.

Fu Xicheng frowned. He did not expect things to turn out this way. He patted Shi Wei's shoulder and said, "Look after her, let me handle it!"

Fu Xicheng led the party out. However, some people had already recorded the dramatic scene, which included taking indecent photos and videos of Su Su.

After the crowd dispersed, Shi Wei cautiously moved closer towards Su Su. However, Su Su pushed her away and yelled, "You get out too!"

"Su Su, calm down! Look, it's me!"

"It's you! It's all your fault! Get out now!" Like a startled animal, Su Su was easily provoked in her current state. Her eyes were bloodshot with rage as she glared at Shi Wei and shrieked, "Get out of my sight!"

Shi Wei wanted to say something else, but Su Su was not willing to hear her out. Anna stepped forward and said, "Wei, why don't you go out first? Su Su is unstable now. Let me try talking to her instead!" Anna gave Shi Wei's hand a pat and continued, "It's your birthday today. You should take care of your guests. Leave Su Su to me!"

"But... " Shi Wei was still worried. However, those people present at her party today were either the rich or the upper class. If the situation was not handled appropriately, Su Su's future could be ruined. She had to do something about it as soon as possible. "OK then, I'll leave Su Su to you."

Anna heaved a sigh of relief after Shi Wei left and walked towards Su Su. Even though Su Su was resistant towards her as well, it wasn't as bad as her reaction towards Shi Wei.

Anna removed her jacket and put it on Su Su while saying, "Su Su, just cry all you want to!"

"Why! why did they treat me that way?" Su Su clenched her fists tightly. "Why does it have to be me?"

Su Su's eyes were bloodshot and she was on the brink of insanity. "Why is it me?" She asked repeatedly.

"Su Su, what happened exactly? How did you end up here? Shouldn't it be... "

"Why am I here? I want to know that too. Why did Shi Wei ask me to watch Yun Shen? Didn't she know what kind of person he was?"

As Shi Wei left the room, her mind was occupied with questions. She just could not figure out the turn of events. It was Shi Nuan and Yun Shen who were supposed to be inside the lounge. But not only Shi Nuan wasn't there, even Yun Shen...

"Nuan, you..."

When Shi Wei returned to the banquet hall, there were not many people left. Some had gone back after being reassured by Fu Xicheng. Shi Nuan was one of the remaining few and appeared to be waiting for Shi Wei.

Shi Wei composed herself and walked over. "Nuan," she spoke.

Shi Nuan curled her lips and said, "Sis, you look sad but that's understandable. After all, no one would be happy for such a thing to happen on their birthdays. Besides, the victim is your best friend!" Shi Nuan laughed before she continued, "Sis, are you upset because your party is ruined? Or because your good friend was taken advantage of?"

"You... Nuan, how can you say that? I didn't wish for that to happen as well. Birthday parties can be held every year but... I don't know why this happened too. I'm upset because Su Su is my best friend and she had landed in such a state. But on the other hand, I am also glad that you were not there, otherwise it might have been you... "

"Exactly! That's why I'm so happy. I'm thankful that it wasn't me too." Shi Nuan looked at Shi Wei, beaming, as she continued, "Sis, please don't take any

offence. I'm not gloating over your friend's misfortune. In fact, I'm sad that this happened too. But I just can't help feeling relieved that it didn't happen to me. I'm sure that sis, you will be happy for me too!"

"... "Shi Wei was speechless with rage and gritted her teeth. "Of course I am happy for you," Shi Wei replied, as she looked at Shi Nuan, wishing that she could tear off that smug face immediately. She did this intentionally. She must have known that she was the target of today's conspiracy for her to have said those words. "But Nuan, after all, my best was the one involved in this unfortunate event, so maybe you... "

"I know what you want to say. I shouldn't be laughing right?" Shi Nuan twitched her lips and continued, "But she's your good friend, not mine!" Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes as they turned icy. "Sis, I'm not sure if you've heard of this saying."

"What saying?"

"The day has eyes, the night has ears." Shi Nuan said with a wry smile. As expected, color immediately drained from Shi Wei's face. "There's also another saying that goes—shooting yourself in the foot. This shot must have felt so painful huh, sis?" She carried on.

"You... " Shi Wei was no longer able to keep up with the pretense. "Shi Nuan, you b*tch! Have you known it all along that... "

A slight chill ran though Shi Nuan's body and she ran her hand through her hair. Looking pale, she replied, "Indeed, I knew. You wanted to drug me right? Otherwise, you wouldn't have been so kind to ask Anna to send me to the lounge. Sis, you can only do something only once. It won't be effective if you repeat the same trick the second time."

Just then, Shi Wei's face turned white. She retreated a few steps as she saw Yun Shen making a sudden appearance. The man had a playful glint in his sloe eyes and the corners of his mouth curled up onto an evil smile. Shi Wei met his eyes,

and when she saw that perverse look on his face, she instinctively swallowed her saliva anxiously.

Shi Nuan squinted her eyes. Judging by the look of Yun Shen's expression, she understood at once that the man was also aware of the trap. He had beaten the perpetrators at their own game, which explained why Su Su had ended up in that situation.

"What happened? Why is everyone standing here?" Yun Shen took a few long strides towards the two women and said to Shi Wei, "Ms. Shi, you are not looking too well. What happened? Ms. Shi, you're the star for tonight. If others see you looking like this, they will think that something catastrophic had happened!"

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Shi Wei had almost broken down when she saw Shi Nuan appeared unscathed in front of her.. She smoldered with resentment after seeing Yun Shen as she recalled the look on Su Su's face. She gritted her teeth and clenched her fists tightly. "Why is Mr. Yun here? Didn't I see you getting tipsy and entered the lounge to rest just now?

"Yeah, I indeed had a bit too much to drink. It was still Ms. Shi's friend who accompanied me to the lounge just now!" Yun Shen replied with a sly glint appeared in his wry eyes. The man sized Shi Wei up and continued, "Is Ms. Shi sure that you don't have to see a doctor? It's not very auspicious for you to be looking so pale on your birthday!"

Shi Wei staggered and almost tripped.

There were rumors about Yun Shen being fearless and indifferent and did not abide to any principles. Words also had it that he was ruthless and vicious. Anyone who offended him had not ended up well.

It had never occurred to Shi Wei that Yun Shen could be that inhumane. It seemed like he had already found out what was going on. "Mr. Yun, you're right. As a matter of fact, I'm not feeling well and that's why I look pale. I shall make a move first then."

Yun Shen's lips curled up into a smirk as Shi Wei fled in a hurry. A mischievous glint appeared in his eyes as he turned his gaze towards Shi Nuan. "Ms. Shi, it seems like we are quite fated!"

"Are we?" Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes as she answered.

"Of course! You see, this is the third time I saved you from harm." Yun Shen smiled. His foxy eyes were fixed on Shi Nuan. "I can stop worrying now after seeing that you are safe," he said.

"Really?" Shi Nuan met his gaze and replied, "Mr. Yun saved me thrice?" When did he save me? The woman wondered. Even if he had, tonight was definitely the only time.

After hearing what Shi Nuan said, Yun Shen couldn't help but express disapproval. "Tsk-tsk. It seems like Ms. Shi is really heartless. How could you have forgotten me, your life savior!"

She pursed her lips into a thin line and furrowed her brows. "I really appreciate Mr. Yun's help tonight. But you did that to save yourself too! Besides, I would have been fine even without your help." Shi Nuan made it very clear. Even if Yun Shen had not done anything, she would still be unharmed. On the other hand, she felt that Yun Shen had gone a little overboard. Su Su was still a woman after all.

Although Shi Nuan was not fond of Su Su, she felt that it was too cruel for a woman to have to go through this ordeal. However, she was glad that it wasn't her. When she saw the way Su Su looked just now, she had frozen for a moment due to shock. It was impossible for Shi Nuan to imagine the way she would have handled it if it was her instead of Su Su.

Yun Shen arched his eyebrow and wanted to say something when Shi Nuan's phone suddenly rang. The woman took out her phone and took a look at the screen. A tender expression appeared in her eyes as she answered, "Hello?"

"Has the gathering ended?" Fu Chengyan asked in a gentle tone. Hearing his deep voice over the phone elevated Shi Nuan's mood instantly. "Yup, it has just ended," the woman answered.

"I'm outside now. You can come out!"

"You are here?" Shi Nuan's eyes brightened. When she noticed that Yun Shen was still looking at her, she walked further away before she continued in a happy tone. "OK, give me a while. I'll come out now!"

The woman kept her phone and said, "Sorry, Mr. Yun, I'll have to go now. It's getting late."

Yun Shen looked at Shi Nuan with his unfathomable eyes as he followed behind her.

Shi Nuan saw a car parked outside when she walked out. However, it did not belong to Fu Chengyan. The car looked familiar but Shi Nuan could not remember whose it was. When the car door opened, Su Shaoqing stepped out.

There was a look of surprise on her face as she saw Su Shaoqing. She walked over and asked, "Why are you here?"

"Why? Is Mrs. Fu very shocked to see me?" Su Shaoqing said with a smile in his stretched eyes. However, his gaze shifted behind Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan followed the direction of his eyes and frowned as she asked, "Why did he come out too?"

"There's nothing to be curious about." Su Shaoqing replied. "Let's get into the car!"

Su Shaoqing opened the car door on the passenger's side for Shi Nuan. After Shi Nuan was seated, she immediately noticed Fu Chengyan who was seated at the back. "Yan!" She exclaimed in surprise.

Fu Chengyan nodded and said, "Fasten your seat belt!"

Shi Nuan put on her seat belt at once. Doubts started arising in her mind after Su Shaoqing got into the car. "Why are both of you here?" However, she finally realized what was going on. "So, you doubled up as Su Bancheng today?"

Su Shaoqing extended his hands in front of him and let out a helpless sigh. "Tell me about it. I can't even assume my own identity now and have to use another's name!"

Shi Nuan giggled uncontrollably as she said, "Su, you have such a good sense of humor!"

"Thanks for the compliment, Mrs. Fu!" Su Shaoqing stepped on the accelerator and sped off into the night.

Yun Shen was still standing at the main entrance after they left. A twinkle remained in his pitch black eyes, as he stared in the direction of the car which just drove off.

"Wouldn't Mr. Yun be curious about the identity of the man who picked my sister up just now?"

Yun Shen turned to face Shi Wei and raised his eyebrows. Shi Wei laughed. By now, she had fully regained her composure. "That man is Su Bancheng from the Su family. Does Mr. Yun know him? My sister loves befriending rich men. The people she hangs out with are mostly those people, and Su Bancheng is one of them."

The twinkle in Yun Shen's eyes disappeared and was replaced with a chilling look. He smiled dryly as he replied, "Oh? Your sister seems pretty popular."

For no reason, Shi Wei suddenly felt like she had difficulty breathing. She had just noticed the frightening look in Yun Shen's eyes. "Mr. Yun, just now you..."

"Haha!" Yun Shen suddenly let out a laugh and inched towards Shi Wei. The woman retreated fearfully until she was pushed against a wall. Shi Wei supported herself with both her hands on the wall. Her heart was thumping so hard that she could almost felt it in her mouth. "Mr. Yun, what are you doing?" She asked, feeling intimidated.

"Why is Ms. Shi so afraid?" Yun Shen leaned in and laughed softly next to Shi Wei's ear. "You know, I have never been interested in those who offer themselves to me." The man picked up a few strands of her hair and twirled it around his slim fingers; his smiley eyes met Shi Wei's panic-stricken gaze. "Your friend was too eager. She's not really my cup of tea."

A chill ran down Shi Wei's spine. It's him. He knew it. He did that to Su Su intentionally. "Mr. Yun, why did you do that? Su Su... "

"Huhhh?" Yun Shen dragged out the word. "I'm afraid Ms. Shi does not really know me well. I have never been interested in those who offer themselves to me, but, for those who plot against me; I will always pay them back double. Your friend should be pretty satisfied with the two men I had specially chosen for her! They are both quite knowledgeable and have good family backgrounds."

"Yun Shen, you... " Shi Wei pushed the man away from her and raised her hand wanting to slap him. However, Yun Shen grabbed her hand and pinned it against the wall firmly clenching it. "I have never been a gentleman who's protective towards women. Ms. Shi, that was my gift to you. Be thankful that you were not the one I offered as a sacrifice!"

Shi Wei was trembling non-stop as she was engulfed in fear. Yun Shen pushed Shi Wei away forcefully and put his hands into his pocket. He looked at the woman and said, "Even though you're not my cup of tea, I'm sure that many other men would enjoy a top-grade treasure like you. If Ms. Shi is interested, you are welcome to look for me any time. I know plenty men who would be happy to serve you!"

Shi Wei dropped down on the floor with a traumatized look as she watched Yun Shen walk away. Her fists were clenched tightly and her body shook uncontrollably.

After Fu Xicheng settled the guests, he saw Shi Wei sitting at the main entrance in a daze. He hurried over and helped her up. "Wei, what happened?"

Shi Wei threw herself into Fu Xicheng's arms right away. She burst out into tears as she trembled.

The man had assumed that she was upset over what happened to Su Su. He patted the woman's back while comforting her, "You shouldn't blame yourself for what happened tonight. It's all... "Fu Xicheng paused to think for a while and continued, "It's all Qin Yue and Lin Chenghao's fault. They went overboard."

"Where are they now?" Shi Wei finally remembered her friend after Fu Xicheng brought it up. "I have to go and see Su Su."

Su Su had left from the back door with Anna. Her emotions were extremely unstable at the moment and was willing to talk to anyone. Anna felt a flash of guilt as she held Su Su.

Although it was Shi Wei's idea, she was part of the plan. Even though she had managed to save Shi Nuan, Anna had greatly underestimated Yun Shen.

"Su Su, how are you feeling?" Su Su had not stopped trembling and she looked ghastly. Anna tried to keep an eye on Su Su as she drove but she couldn't help feeling worried. Finally, Anna parked her car by the roadside to check on Su Su. "Su Su, you have to tell me if you are not feeling well, OK?"

"Medicine! go to the pharmacy, I need medicine!" Su Su said, as she grabbed Anna's hand. "I want to shower. Anna, I want to shower!"

"OK, Su Su. Calm down first! I'll take you home after getting the medicine."

"I am not going home, I don't want to. My parents will kill me if they see me like this. Anna, what should I do? What should I do!" Su Su hugged Anna and sobbed uncontrollably. "Why? Why did they treat me that way?"

"Su Su, stop it. Calm down. Let's go to the pharmacy first and after that I will... I will accompany you to a hotel. I will stay with you!"

"Anna, don't leave me alone. I only have you now." Su Su was terror-stricken. She had felt so despondent at the lounge just now that she thought of ending her life. She was feeling aggrieved over what happened. If Shi Wei had not insisted on plotting against Shi Nuan, she wouldn't have been humiliated so badly and landed in this predicament. It was all Shi Wei's fault.

And that Yun She was a devil. He had swapped the wine that was laced and had even gotten two men to perform the act.

"Don't worry, I will never leave you alone, Su Su." After Anna took Su Su to a hotel, Su Su locked herself in the bathroom for a long time and washed her body repeatedly until her skin was almost peeling off.

If Anna hadn't dragged her out, she would still be inside the bathroom.

Anna wiped Su Su's hair while Su Su remained in a daze. Suddenly, Su Su turned around and gripped Anna's arm. "Anna, all these happened because of Shi Wei, it's all her fault. I was humiliated and you were disfigured. Why is she still well? She was the cause of everything. She wanted to take revenge on Shi Nuan because she was jealous but why are we suffering the consequences?"

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Anna reached for her cheek as Su Su spoke and her eyes darkened. Biting her lips, she replied "Wei said that she felt bad. She had not anticipated that things would turn out like that!"

"She feels bad? Ha!" Su Su started crying. As she wiped away her tears fiercely, she continued, "Why would she feel bad? You didn't see the nonchalant look she had while you were being dragged away by those people. It was as if your fate was never her concern.

It's impossible for her to feel any guilt. She was even disgusted by your disfigurement and was avoiding you. If you hadn't looked for her, there was no way she would... "Su Su was overpowered by her anger and did not mince her words. However, words once spoken, could not be recalled.

When Su Su noticed that color had drained from Anna's face, she quickly grabbed Anna's hand and apologized, "Sorry Anna! I wasn't intending to hurt you, I... "

"I'm fine!" Anna hugged Su Su. "You shouldn't be overthinking now. Just have a good sleep, I will be here with you!"

"Anna, I feel really unjust. I don't want to take it just like that. She had been pitting herself against Shi Nuan over the years but what has that even got to do with us? Why is it that we are the ones who ended up suffering instead?"

Looking at Su Su, Anna was reminded of her pain. In fact, she had already seen Shi Wei's true colors after she was disfigured. But Su Su had remained close to

Shi Wei back then. After the incident tonight, Anna had thought that Su Su would hate Shi Nuan. She did not expect Shi Wei to be the target of her wrath instead.

"Anna, don't you feel any resentment at all? Your face is like that because of her. You..."

"Su Su, let's drop it." Anna turned her head and said, "My face will recover in due course. Yours is a more pressing problem. You... "

"I want to sue them! I will take legal action against them." When the topic turned back to herself, Su Su suddenly got agitated again. "I want to sue them, " she persisted.

"Sue them? Who is 'them'?" As Anna's mind drifted to Qin Yue, she felt a jab to her heart. She held on tightly to Su Su's hand and said, "Su Su, errr..."

"No, I can't sue them. If I do that, everyone will know that I have been humiliated. Anna, what should I do? So many people have witnessed it tonight. Those people are all within the circle and they have all seen it. Tell me, what should I do? What's going to happen to me!"

Su Su was unable to control her emotions once she thought about her ordeal tonight. "Anna, what should I do!"

"Su Su, just relax first, OK? Don't think too much." Anna held Su Su in her arms as she patted her back gently. "Fu Xicheng had already helped to settle the situation. What happened tonight would not be leaked out. No one else would know about it. But I will support you if you still want to sue them."

"No, I am not suing them anymore. If I do that, the matter would be publicized. I'm don't want that!" Su Su shook her head violently as she grabbed Anna's hand. "Anna, would you look down on me?"

"Of course not! Why would I?" Anna caressed Su Su's face and wiped her tears away. "None of this is your fault, Su Su. If you don't want to sue them, we won't do that but those two... "

"Where are they now?"

"I'm not sure but they are probably still there. Maybe Shi Wei or Fu Xicheng would know. I asked Shi Wei about it before I left with you just now. She said not to worry and promised to handle it properly. She would definitely be giving you a proper explanation!"

"Explanation? What explanation can she possibly give? Can I get my virginity back?" Su Su's eyes darkened as she mentioned Shi Wei's name. "I won't let it slide so easily. I will make sure that she gets a taste of her own medicine."

"Su Su." Anna embraced Su Su and said, "Sleep now, don't think about anything. You'll feel better when you wake up tomorrow morning."

As Shi Nuan sat in the car, the repercussion on her from the incident still haunted her.

Shi Nuan had already changed seats by this time. She was seated at the back of the car with Fu Chengyan, while Su Shaoqing became their chauffeur. Su Shaoqing noticed that she had been silent for a while. He took a look at Fu Chengyan and raised his eyebrows. "Mrs. Fu, why are you so quiet?" He asked Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan snapped out of her daze and sighed. "I don't know what to say," she answered.

"Tired?" Fu Chengyan held his wife's hand and gave it a light squeeze. "Why is your hand so cold?" He asked, while furrowing his brows. "Shaoqing, turn up the heater!"

"Why didn't you wear warmer clothes? Although it's still not the coldest period of the season yet, the temperature at night is still a lot lower than the day, enough to sent you freezing."

"Geez, I'm fine!" Shi Nuan looked at her hand, which was being tightly held by Fu Chengyan and chuckled, "Do I seem that frail to you?"

"I'm just bothered with what happened tonight!" Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan and continued, "Do you know that Su Su... errr, Shi Wei's friend, she was... " Shi Nuan had difficulty getting the words out. Her mind was occupied with the look on Su Su's face just now.

Fu Chengyan held her hand even tighter and said, "Don't be scared, you are not the one."

"I know." Shi Nuan replied before jerking her head up. "How did you know what I wanted to say? You knew what happened upstairs?"

"That goes without saying, Mrs. Fu. Do you know how long Chengyan and I have been waiting for you downstairs? We've been keeping tabs on you!" Su Shaoqing noticed from the rear-view mirror that the couple had interlocked fingers. He arched his brows at their public display of affection. "We would have gone upstairs long ago if it didn't risk exposing our identities."

"You planted your men upstairs?"

Fu Chengyan nodded. "I sent a few men to protect you as I was worried."

It was just a simple sentence but it felt especially heart-warming to Shi Nuan, . Even though he wasn't physically there with her, he was always looking out for her. No wonder she had felt that there were people among the crowd who had their attentions on her just now. Could they be Fu Chengyan's men?

Warmth surged through Shi Nuan's heart. She scratched the back of Fu Chengyan's hand lightly and placed her head on his shoulder. "Thank you, Yan!"

"The word 'thank' doesn't exist between husband and wife! It's my duty to protect you anyway." Fu Chengyan reached out and touched her head before adjusting it to a more comfortable position.

Shi Nuan's smile extended to her eyes as she replied, "OK!"

"Hey, hey, excuse me! Can you two consider the feelings of a bachelor? Won't it prick your conscience to act so lovey-dovey in front of a lonely man like me?"

Shi Nuan couldn't help but giggled at what he said. "Su, you even know the word 'lovey-dovey' huh? Very 'in' indeed!"

Su Shaoqing arched his brow and replied, "Of course! I have to keep up with the times."

Fu Chengyan curled his lips and said, "You are only good at picking up such frivolous knowledge. If only you could apply your brilliance on serious matters as well."

"Tsk! How can you say that!" Su Shaoqing grumbled. "Hey, your lives are in my hands now. You two better treat me well. If I got pissed that my hand slipped... "

"Then you'll definitely be the first to die. Feel free to test it out if you don't believe me!" Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes as they turned cold.

Su Shaoqing raised his eyebrows and said, "Chengyan, stop scaring me all the time." He paused, before continuing, "What are you intending to do about today's incident? Even though Mrs. Fu is unharmed, she was the target after all. She escaped because she was clever but it doesn't mean that those people should get away without getting punished!"

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes into a slit as they reflected a dangerous glint. However, being aware of Shi Nuan's presence, he softened his gaze immediately.

Even so, Shi Nuan could still sense the man's threatening aura. She patted Fu Chengyan's hand and said, "I'm fine. Besides, after today, any remnants of my sisterly bond with Shi Wei would be completely severed. I'm not a saint so I can't keep forgiving her and disregard the heartache she caused me. So, you don't have to worry about me. I didn't feel the desire nor the need to take any actions against her previously but since she won't let me off and kept provoking me over and over again, I shouldn't tolerate her anymore. It's better that I take care of it instead!"

The corners of Fu Chengyan's mouth curled up as he heard what the woman said. "Sure!"

"Don't worry, I'm no longer the weak Shi Nuan who's always being taken advantage of. I will keep getting stronger and better so you won't have to worry about me all the time!"

"I'm all happy!"

"I know!" Shi Nuan laughed heartily. "I know you are good to me."

Shi Wei had indeed kept her promise that whatever happened last night would stay behind closed doors; on top of that, Fu Xicheng had also spent quite a bit of effort pacifying the crowd to ensure that they keep their mouths shut. However, there were so many people there and would definitely have one or two rebels. Besides, among the guests were paparazzi who were hired by Shi Wei.

What did paparazzi do for a living? They completed tasks which they were entrusted with in exchange for money. And Shi Wei had paid them to fulfill a mission. But Shi Wei did not tell them who the woman inside the room was. Therefore, the paparazzi had snapped as many juicy photos as they could when the situation went out of control.

As the saying went, money makes the mare go. If Shi Wei could engage paparazzi to help her, others could very well do the same.

She believed that she had managed to keep the matter under wraps and promised that no one else other than those present would know about it. However, a scandalous video filmed at Shi Wei's party was released online the next day.

Even though the images were censored to conceal their identities, members of the public had managed to make connections to various identities of people. Moreover, as Shi Wei was an actress, reporters immediately started conducting investigations at the hotel the minute the video was exposed. The incident from last night had made headlines in various tabloids.

Shi Wei received a call from her manager, Guan Jing, early in the morning. "Shi Wei, what happened last night? Who are the people in the video?"

"What did you say?" Shi Wei turned as white as a sheet and her hands started trembling. "What video are you talking about?"

"You don't know? The shit hits the roof! Why didn't you tell me about this last night?" Guan Jing growled as she tried to suppress her frustration. "It's all over the internet now. Many people are even speculating that the woman in the video is you. There are also others who think that it's your friend. Shi Wei, are you aware that this matter has blown up? The hotel is surrounded by paparazzi now. Hello? Shi Wei?"

Shi Wei dropped down on the floor and was momentarily stunned. She snapped out of her shock after some time and got up. Immediately, she rang Anna, "Anna, Shi Wei here. Did you..."

"Shi Wei, what's going on? Didn't you say that the videos have already been deleted? Didn't you promise that yesterday's incident would not leak out? What's happening now? Su Su is devastated! Do you know how hard I tried to console her last night? How could you do this! The paparazzi had already found out our location and are camping outside our hotel now. Shi Wei, you are too much!"

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Anna shouted at Shi Wei as she was furious and she didn't want to hear Shi Wei's explanation. Shi Wei was shocked at Anna's outburst and color drained from her face. "Anna, please hear me out. I don't know anything about this. I have only heard about it too. I don't know how... "

"You don't know? Shi Wei, why are you treating me like this? Anna and I are always looking out for you but you left us in the lurch when we needed you the most. And now, you have even circulated those videos and photos? Shi Wei, how can we ever trust you again!" Su Su yelled at Shi Wei after she snatched over the phone.

Her emotions were once again triggered by this news in the morning. "Is this how you treat me?" Su Su pressed on as she had been driven to the brink of insanity,

"Su Su, listen to me. It's not me. I've never imagined that things would turn out this way. It's all Shi Nuan's fault. It's all because of that b*tch! It should have been her instead of you yesterday."

"Shi Wei, that's enough!" When Su Su noticed that Shi Wei was still trying to shirk responsibility, she felt even more disappointed with her. "Those paparazzi were all hired by you but you're telling me it's Shi Nuan's fault? Do you think that make sense? This is a personal feud between you and Shi Nuan. Why did you get Anna and I involved? Shi Wei, listen up, if you don't settle this matter properly. I will expose everything! I'll tell everyone that you were plotting against Shi Nuan."

Su Su was already at her wit's end and was no longer able to think clearly. Her only thought was to make Shi Wei pay back for her suffering.

She was entirely devoted to their friendship but not only did Shi Wei not help her, she even added another big blow. A woman's virginity was so important and yet she was ruined by Qin Yue and Lin Chenghao just like that. To make things worse, most of the party's guests last night were from the rich and upper class. Now that things had blown up, Su Su's family would be implicated too.

Su Su was shaking uncontrollably. She slammed the phone on the floor and hugged Anna sobbing out loud. "Anna, what's going to happen to me? What should I do? I feel cheated and unjust! Why did this not happen to Shi Wei instead? It should have been her!"

"Su Su, don't cry." Anna was affected by Su Su's grief and started crying as well. She was emotionally tormented by both her hatred towards Shi Wei and guilt towards Su Su. "You still have me, I'll always be on your side!"

After a long time, Anna finally managed to calm Su Su down. Not knowing what to do next, she decided to seek advice from An Chenyu. She stepped away from Su Su while speaking to her brother over the phone.

Around half an hour later, the reporters and paparazzi who were camping outside the hotel dispersed. It was then that An Chenyu arrived to fetch Anna and Su Su.

Anna was overwhelmed with relief when she saw An Chenyu. She threw herself in his arms at once and exclaimed, "Brother, it's so good to see you!"

An Chenyu patted Anna's shoulders to comfort her before checking, "Where's your friend?"

"She's inside. She has just calmed down. Brother, regarding this matter... " Just as Anna was about to explain the situation to her brother, the door suddenly opened. Su Su was standing there with her eyes swollen from crying, gripping tightly on the door handle.

Su Su lifted her head to look at Anna. When she saw the man standing next to Anna, she was stunned for moment before slamming the door shut.

Anna immediately said, "Su Su, there's nothing to be afraid of. This is my brother, An Chenyu. You've met him before, remember?" Anna continued pounding on the door, saying, "Su Su, don't be scared, my brother is here to pick us up. He said that the paparazzi outside had already left. Don't worry, no one would see us."

The door was opened again after a while and Su Su stuck her head out. She sized An Chenyu up before opening the door fully. She looked at An Chenyu cautiously while she greeted him, "Chenyu." Her voice was hoarse and she looked extremely haggard.

An Chenyu took a glance as Su Su and nodded. His eyes darkened as he said, "Don't worry, the people outside are gone now. I parked my car at the back door. No one would spot us when we go out later."

Su Su felt a little more relieved after An Chenyu's reassurance. "Thanks, Chenyu!"

"Don't stand on ceremony, you're Anna's friend," An Chenyu replied while removing his jacket. He passed it to Anna and said, "Anna, put this on for Ms. Su, we're leaving now. I have sent some of my men to lure the reporters away but I can't guarantee that they won't realize it's a trap and return here!"

"OK. Su Su, we should leave this place immediately. Quickly put on my brother's jacket!"

The three of them exited from the back door of the hotel. Even after they got into the car, Su Su was still paranoid and kept looking behind. She was worried that there would be people following them.

Anna felt even more guilty when she saw how terrified Su Su was. She put her arms around Su Su's shoulders and said, "Su Su, shall I ask my brother to send you home first?"

"No! I don't want to go home. Anna, can I stay at your place? My parents will surely kill me if I go home now. They will definitely do that!" Su Su shook her head anxiously. The thought of having to face her parents frightened her. "I don't dare to go home!"

"Brother... " Anna looked at An Chenyu, feeling conflicted. An Chenyu creased his brows slightly as he thought of an idea. "Since Ms. Su doesn't want to go back, why don't she stay at my place instead for the time being?" An Chenyu owned a villa at the suburbs which he did not usually visit. He would only go there sometimes for short getaways when he was feeling down. It was a quiet and peaceful environment. There was only a helper who would go and clean the place twice a week.

After hearing his suggestion, Anna took another look at An Chenyu before nodding her head. "Sounds good," Anna agreed and turned towards Su Su, encouraging her. "Su Su, you can't hide from this forever. We can definitely find a way out. Just rest at my brother's villa for the next few days. As for your parents... you'll still have to face them sooner or later!"

"I understand. Thank you, Anna!" Su Su hugged Anna tightly. Hard times would always reveal true friends. She knew that Anna was the only one who truly treated her well. "Anna, if you ever need my help, I will always be there for you too!"

An Chenyu and Anna left after sending Su Su to the villa as An Chenyu had some other matters to attend to. When they were alone in the car, An Chengyu said to his sister, "This is an accident, Anna, it has got nothing to do with you."

"Brother!" Anna cried out, as her eyes reddened. "No, this happened all because of me. I was entirely focused on Shi Nuan's safety and totally forgot about Yun Shen... Yes! It's Yun Shen! I could never imagine that he would treat Su Su that way!"

An Chenyu's eyes darkened and he patted Anna's hand. "Even if you had kept an eye on Su Su, whatever that was meant to happen would happen eventually. This was not something you could have prevented single handedly." An Chenyu shook his head and continued, "Steer away from people like Shi Wei in the future. She is capable of doing anything. It was you the last time. Now, it's Su Su. Who knows it might be you again next time." An Chenyu never like Shi Wei anyway.

She even plotted against her own sister. Even if the victim last night was not Su Su, it would have been someone else. Shi Wei was one who would not hesitate to use unscrupulous means to achieve her goals. She even dared to offend a character like Yun Shen.

"I know." After last night, Anna was even more certain of Shi Wei's true colors. "Oh, brother, regarding Fu Chengyan... "Anna stared out of the window and noticed that something didn't seem right. "Brother, that's not the way home!"

"Yup!" An Chenyu nodded and said, "I'm taking you to see Fu Chengyan now!"

"We're meeting him now?" Anna couldn't help but quiver. "Brother, can I not go?" She was scared of Fu Chengyan.

Ever since she found out that Shi Nuan's husband was Fu Chengyan, she had even started being scared of Shi Nuan. She had personally seen Fu Chengyan's ruthlessness. The one thing that was scarier that death was a living hell and that was exactly what the man had made her go through.

"Don't worry, he won't do anything to you since you have saved Shi Nuan."

"But..."

"Trust me. We might even need his help for Su Su. I'm sure you don't wish to see Su Su hiding in the villa for the rest of her life!" An Chenyu saw the look of hesitation on Anna's face and said, "Just listen to me."

An Chenyu brought Anna to Prosperous Dynasty. Anna had been to this place previously, which was the beginning of her nightmare. As such, the woman had been feeling nervous since the moment she stepped out of the car. "Don't be

scared!" An Chenyu said, as he held on to his sister's hand to give her reassurance and support.

Zhou Zheng led An Chenyu and Anna to the private room, which was exclusively reserved for Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing were in the middle of a poker game when the siblings arrived. Fu Chengyan's eyebrows raised when he saw them.

Su Shaoqing threw his cards on the table as he said, "Look, who's here!"

An Chenyu did not know Su Shaoqing, but there weren't many in Jiang City who could sit at the same table as Fu Chengyan and still look so calm and composed. After looking at Su Shaoqing, it only took a moment before it became clear to him who the man next to Fu Chengyan was. "Master Chengyan, Master Shaoqing."

"Master Shaoqing?"

Anna looked at Su Shaoqing with a shocked expression on her face. She pointed at him and said, "Aren't you... "

Su Shaoqing arched his eyebrow. "Does Ms. Anna know me?"

Anna shook her head immediately and replied, "No, I don't!"

Su Shaoqing curled his lips and drummed his fingers on the table. "Chengyan, why don't you say something since they are already here?"

Fu Chengyan tossed his cards on the table and lifted his head up. He took a glance at An Chenyu and Anna then said, "Mr. An and Ms. Anna, please take a seat!"

"Thank you, Master Chengyan!" An Chenyu replied as he sat down. An Chenyu continued after making sure that Anna had sat down as well, "Why is Master Chengyan looking for my sister?"

"It's about last night," Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes as he said, "Ms. Anna, you did well!" Then, he carried on slowly, "May and I owe you one."

"Please don't say that!" Anna was flattered. Fidgeting her hands she said, "Mr. Fu, I'm sorry about the way I treated Shi Nuan... I mean Mrs. Fu previously. I'll make sure it doesn't happen again. Please take last night as me making it up to Mrs. Fu."

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes again before smiling with a nod. "Since I already said that I owe you one, I intend to fulfill it." Fu Chengyan always kept his words. Upon hearing what the man said, An Chenyu swiftly told his sister, "Anna, you should thank Mr. Fu!"

"Oh! Thank you, Mr. Fu!" Anna knew that it would not be wise to reject Fu Chengyan as it would meant not showing him respect. "If that's the case, Mr. Fu, can I ask you for a favor?"

"Tell me what it is, Ms. Anna!" Fu Chengyan extended his arms, indicating his willingness to listen.

Anna hesitated for a moment but she continued with An Chenyu's encouragement, "My friend... that friend of mine is called Su Su, she... Can you please help her?"