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Warm. Shi Nuan's entire body felt excruciatingly hot, as though she were inside a huge oven. She felt overwhelmingly confused.

Through her daze, she could vaguely make out a silhouette. She felt a cool sensation on her hot cheeks and let out a disgruntled murmur. Squinting her eyes, the woman suddenly was taken aback by the figure in front of her. She felt like she was walking on clouds, only to fall heavily the very next second.

As though she had just awoken from a dream, Shi Nuan opened her bleary eyes only to see an unfamiliar face in front of her.

"Who are you?" she croaked, shocked by her own voice. Shi Nuan quickly pushed the man on top of her aside and jumped off the bed. "What have you done to me?"

The man stroked his chin; his eyes looked like those of a beast hunting its prey. "Are you pretending not to know or are you truly unaware, Ms. Shi?"

Feeling weak like jelly, Shi Nuan bumped into the coffee table and fell to the ground. Seeing Shi Nuan's state, the man raised his brow slightly and said with a smile, "Your parents said that you're still a virgin when they brought you to me."

"What?" Shi Nuan shook her head groggily. The last memory she had was of the scene in the study room. The words of her parents lingered in her ears. So is this the man who said he'd invest two hundred million into the company? Shi Nuan's expression grew even more unsightly, especially after seeing the man's smirk.

She lifted her head to look at her surroundings. This is a room in the Shi family home! So my own parents actually delivered me to a complete stranger in the midst of grandpa's birthday celebration?

Seeing how Shi Nuan looked, the man lifted her chin only to be hit in return. "Don't touch me! Stay away."

A dangerous glint flashed in the man's eyes at Shi Nuan's words. No longer advancing towards her, he watched as Shi Nuan continued to struggle. "Tsk tsk, what a show. What do you think your parents are doing now, along with your beautiful sister and future brother-in-law?"

Shi Nuan felt hot and cold at the same time. This feeling was all too familiar to her; she had once been given the same drug. The difference was that someone else had done it to her the last time, but this time it was her own parents who did it. Shi Nuan fiercely bit her lower lip to regain some consciousness. "What are you going to do to me? If there's something you need, I'll surely help you out."

Shi Nuan clenched her fists tightly and let her nails dig into her own flesh.

The man raised his brow and said asked with amusement, "What can you give me? What could I, Yun Shen, ever lack?"

Yun Shen? The third young master of the Yun family?

Shi Nuan's gaze darkened. She didn't expect this man to be Yun Shen – the promiscuous third young master of the Yun family.

"Huh!" Shi Nuan turned to look up at Yun Shen, hopelessness apparent in her eyes. The moment her eyes met his, a knock suddenly came from the door and Shi Wei's voice was heard. "Nuan? Are you in there, Nuan? Grandpa couldn't find you, so he asked me to look for you. Nuan?"

Shi Nuan forced herself to lift her head while using she pinched her own thighs with both hands, trying her best to not give in to the effects of the drug. She

looked at Yun Shen and asked coldly, "Are you on Shi Wei's side? Is there really a need for this?"

Yun Shen squinted his eyes, feeling amused by Shi Nuan's questions. Then, he merely raised his brows and responded with a smile, "What do you think?"

"You…"

"Are you in there, Nuan? Are you not feeling well? I'll get someone to come over right away. Open up, would you?" Shi Wei never stopped banging on the door. She sounded worried, but every word she said felt like a thorn piercing Shi Nuan's heart. Shi Nuan stared at the door in despair.

"Hmm, how interesting... You..." The moment Yun Shen turned, Shi Nuan struck his head with a vase. He glared at Shi Nuan right before passing out. "How dare you..."

Having used up all her energy, Shi Nuan collapsed directly onto the ground.

Through the door, she could hear Shi Wei telling other people that she could not find Shi Nuan, and that this was the only locked room, so they have no choice but to barge in.

Just as Shi Nuan thought today was the end of her, a dark figure suddenly appeared in front of her. He bent down to reveal his handsome face.

Shi Nuan bit down on her lower lip as she looked up. With red droplets forming on her lips, she reached out and tugged onto the man's trousers. "Save me, Fu Chengyan!"

Fu Chengyan squinted. As his cold gaze fell upon Shi Nuan's flushed face and her entire being on the floor, there was a trace of anger his deep, dark eyes. Lowering his gaze, he took off the suit jacket he was wearing and covered Shi Nuan with it. "Put this on!" Shi Nuan shivered slightly. She instantly smelled a masculine scent. It was a very crisp smell. Hugging her own shoulders and pulling the suit close, Shi Nuan asked with a shiver, "What should we do now?"

The banging on the door became increasingly loud and it sounded like someone was going to break in soon. But this was the second floor, and there was nowhere to hide in here.

Shi Nuan was experiencing hot and cold flashes alternately. The feeling was so intense that it was unbearable. She could only bite down on her lip to hold in her scream.

With his eyes darkening for a moment, Fu Chengyan quickly pulled Shi Nuan up from the ground and held her in his arms. "Don't be afraid. You have me!"

Shi Nuan's heart instantly calmed down. She tightly grabbed onto Fu Chengyan's arm with both her hands, as though the man would slip away if she loosened her grip.

In what felt like a blink of an eye, Fu Chengyan carried Shi Nuan into the bathroom just as the bedroom door was forcefully kicked open. Taking the lead were Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei.

"Nuan... Ahhh!" Shi Wei screamed in terror as she quickly grabbed onto Fu Xicheng's arm. "Xicheng, look who it is on the ground!" Shi Wei exclaimed while she scanned the place, looking for Shi Nuan.

Her mother had told her that Shi Nuan was inside this room and had been drugged, so there was no way the latter could escape.

Seeing the man on the ground, Fu Xicheng swiftly walked over and flipped him over. He was instantly shocked. "Yun Shen?"

"What? It's Yun Shen?" Shi Wei pretended to be surprised. "Isn't he the third young master of the Yun family? What is he doing here? And where is Nuan?

Where did she go? What should we do, Xicheng?" Shi Wei nervously held onto Fu Xicheng's hand. "What is Yun Shen doing in this room? This is the room Nuan used to sleep in. It has been vacant for a long time!"

"Don't panic, Wei. Get your parents here now..."

"What happened?" Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu had also rushed over. They were horrified when they saw Yun Shen on the ground. "What are you standing there for? Hurry up and get someone to take Mr. Yun to the hospital!" Jiang Yu exclaimed.

Shi Jingzheng, on the other hand, was much calmer. "What's going on?" He asked as he looked around.

"I don't know either," Shi Wei cried while clutching onto Fu Xicheng's hand. "I just couldn't find Nuan. I was looking for her everywhere and realized that this room was locked, so I asked Fu Xicheng to come over and help. In the end, we broke in only to see Mr. Yun on the floor with his forehead drenched in blood."

Shi Wei was a good actress. "But when Xicheng and I arrived, we still couldn't find Nuan," she continued. "Nuan is nowhere to be found, dad. I'm so worried about her!"

"That little brat..." Jiang Yu received a glare from Shi Wei before she could finish, then reluctantly changed her tone. "Where else could she have gone? She must have gone somewhere to have fun!"

Jiang Yu spoke petulantly but still looked around the room. "Have you checked the entire room? Since this used to be Nuan's bedroom, she could be in here. Keep searching!"

Jiang Yu opened up the closet only to find nothing.

Meanwhile, two people stood in the bathroom holding their breaths, especially Shi Nuan. Her muscles felt particularly tense as her hands clung onto Fu Chengyan's body. She gritted her teeth, trying her best to control her restlessness.

But the drug was so powerful that Shi Nuan nearly couldn't withstand it anymore. She couldn't bear the heat.

Fu Chengyan was a man, and a normal one at that. He naturally knew how strong the drug inside Shi Nuan's body was. He squeezed Shi Nuan's shoulders, exerting a light force in attempt to keep the woman awake. Shi Nuan closed her eyes slightly and bit her lip in pain. "I feel terrible, Fu Chengyan."

"Shh!" Fu Chengyan frowned and quickly covered Shi Nuan's mouth upon hearing her moan. Seeing how alluring the woman next to him looked, Fu Chengyan unconsciously gulped. His throat moved as he swallowed.

"What was that sound?"

Fu Xicheng thought he had heard a noise, but it was so faint that he didn't quite catch it.

Fu Chengyan's froze. He turned to look at a half-conscious Shi Nuan, who was already brushing her own body against his. The man's eyes turned dark. He grabbed onto Shi Nuan's wrists with one hand. "Behave! Bear with it a bit longer!"

"I can't. I feel awful!" Shi Nuan sniffled. Her entire being felt like it was on fire, and it burned so fiercely that she couldn't think straight. Moreover, she was very familiar with the scent of the man right in front of her. She liked it a lot. With that faint but crisp smell invading her nose, she just couldn't let go.

Outside the bathroom, Fu Xicheng and Shi Jingzheng glanced at each other then looked at the tightly-shut bathroom door. With a slight frown, Fu Xicheng reached out to hold the handle and opened the door.

He was disappointed to find the bathroom empty. Besides, it was such a tight space that it couldn't hide anyone.

"What's wrong?"

Shi Jingzheng also walked over and glanced at the bathroom, only to find nothing. With reluctance, his gaze swept the area a few more times.

"Looks like Nuan isn't here!" Fu Xicheng didn't know why, but the fact that they didn't see Shi Nuan in here made him breathe a sigh of relief deep internally.

He had no words to describe what Shi Wei had told him when she came looking for him. Upon hearing what Shi Wei said to him, Fu Xicheng felt his blood boil. But he refused to believe that Shi Nuan was such a person, so he had followed Shi Wei over to investigate. He was livid to see Yun Shen inside Shi Nuan's bedroom, but when they didn't see Shi Nuan with him, Fu Xicheng actually felt thankful that his ex-lover was missing.

Shi Wei was naturally unhappy. They had finally gotten their hands on such an opportunity, but Shi Nuan was nowhere to be found.

"Well, it looks like Nuan really isn't in here," Shi Wei said as she tugged on Fu Xicheng's hand. "Then where could she have gone?"

"Let's keep looking!"

On the balcony right outside the bathroom, Fu Chengyan clung onto the railing with one hand and held Shi Nuan's waist with another arm. With Shi Nuan in a delirious state, the two stood on the edge of the balcony. Looking down, it was a rather frightening sight.

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Shi Nuan was completely attached to Fu Chengyan's body. Her lips were glued to his neck. As if a damn had broken in her, she no longer had any control over her actions.

Fu Chengyan's body exuded a cool scent, and he was like the water to her fire. She couldn't help but snuggle closer to him, as if she was trying to bury herself in him.

His gaze deepening, Fu Chengyan stroked Shi Nuan's cheek lightly with his cold palm. "Wake up!"

Shi Nuan couldn't hear his voice at all – she just wanted to be near him. "D-Don't push me away! It feels terrible!"

Fu Chengyan inhaled sharply, feeling as though his body could explode any time at the sound of Shi Nuan's soft but charming voice.

He was never a man of virtue, but he had a little more patience when it came to Shi Nuan. But he had a beautiful lady in his arms and she was making advances on him. There was no way the man could remain composed.

"I feel horrible, Fu Chengyan." Shi Nuan's breathy voice lingered in his ears. With her red lips pressed against his earlobe, she nibbled onto it gently, as though she couldn't wait any longer. Desire flashed across Fu Chengyan's dark eyes. Holding the back of Shi Nuan's head with his palm and gently supporting her body, he kissed her on the lips. Shi Nuan let out a moan and voluntarily flung her arms around his neck. With her body completely leaning into Fu Chengyan's, she began to return the kiss.

Compared to her usual reserved self, she was much wilder today. Perhaps due to the drug's influence, Shi Nuan kissed rather eagerly, as though she was looking for an escape. Her body was completely glued to Fu Chengyan's, like a ship that had finally reached a harbor after wandering for a long time.

Just as the two lost themselves in the kiss, more voices came from Shi Nuan's room. They belonged to Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu, who had returned. "How can this be? We had clearly left the brat in here. How could she disappear just like that?"

"Let's keep looking. What's going to happen to that investment now that Mr. Yun has been injured?" Shi Jingzheng added. It wasn't easy to receive funding from the Yun family; they really didn't wish to offend them.

"Come to think of it, it's all your fault! I told you to keep watch outside, but it's too late now. That brat still managed to run off!"

Fu Chengyan's eyes darkened as he heard Shi Jingzheng's and Jiang Yu's voices getting closer and closer. Pulling Shi Nuan away, his chest tightened when he saw how misty-eyed she looked. Still, he bit Shi Nuan's ear and said, "Hold on to me tightly!"

Shi Nuan obediently wrapped her arms around Fu Chengyan's waist and leaned her head against the man's chest. "Close your eyes," Fu Chengyan said as he took a deep breath.

Shi Nuan did as she was told. Looking down at the ground beneath them, Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and jumped down with one hand tightly around her slight frame. He then carried Shi Nuan and proceeded to hide among the bushes in the back garden. Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu entered the bathroom to find the open window. "That damned brat! She actually managed to escape from here."

"What are you still standing around for? Hurry up and get someone to find Shi Nuan!" Shi Jingzheng was furious too. He didn't think that Shi Nuan could still run off after being drugged.

Fu Chengyan retracted his gaze only after Shi Jingzheng's and Jiang Yu's voices drifted far away. He shook his head helplessly as he looked at Shi Nuan tightly hugging him like a koala.

Carrying Shi Nuan, Fu Chengyan walked out of the Shi family home's back garden and climbed over a wall to leave the compound. Zhou Zheng had left the Shi family's house long ago. He couldn't help being shocked when he saw his own boss carrying Shi Nuan, but he still rushed over to open the door for the man. "What's up with Ms. Shi, sir?"

As Fu Chengyan's cold eyes swept across Zhou Zheng's face, the latter immediately straightened his back and let out a silly chuckle. "Where are we headed now, sir?"

"Wutong Residence!" Fu Chengyan said as he carefully placed Shi Nuan in the car, as if she was the most precious thing to him. Zhou Zheng couldn't look away until Fu Chengyan's cold glare fell on him. The former quickly started the engine and drove the black Maybach into the darkness.

Fu Chengyan placed his suit jacket over Shi Nuan, but the drug was so strong that she felt warm under the thick fabric. She removed the jacket and began to moan.

Zhou Zheng, who was in front, could tell what was happening to Shi Nuan, so he continued to keep his gaze forward. He dared not look at Shi Nuan. If Mr. Fu were to get mad, it would be extremely scary.

Shi Nuan felt beyond awful, with her body burning like a stove. She grabbed Fu Chengyan's hand, leaned over, her lips naturally landing on Fu Chengyan's. Her kiss was so eager and unrestrained.

Fu Chengyan pulled her away, but she clung onto him again. With the process repeating several times, the man stopped trying to hold her down. Shi Nuan happily brushed herself against Fu Chengyan's body like a child. When Zhou Zheng caught a glimpse of what was going on at the back, he nearly forgot to hit the brakes.

But with a cold glance from Fu Chengyan, Zhou Zheng immediately wound up the partition window, completely separating the passenger compartment from the driver's compartment. Zhou Zheng patted his own chest. That one glance almost caused his little heart to jump out of his throat.

But as he thought about what Shi Nuan just did to his own boss, Zhou Zheng couldn't help but feel curious. He didn't expect his usually composed boss to have such a side.

Fu Chengyan returned his attention to the woman beside him and saw Shi Nuan moving her restless hands all over his body like an octopus. He was beyond frustrated. Taking a deep breath, he grabbed Shi Nuan's small hands. "Stop it!"

Shi Nuan frowned when she heard the man refusing her in his low voice. She pouted and gently nudged her Fu Chengyan's chest with her head. "You're bullying me."

Fu Chengyan didn't know whether to laugh or cry when he heard that. He didn't expect Shi Nuan to behave like this when her guard was lowered. "How am I bullying you?"

"You're just bullying me! I feel hot and terrible! Mmph!" Shi Nuan wasn't in a normal state of mind, so she naturally didn't know what she was doing. All she knew was how uncomfortable she felt, and how she liked Fu Chengyan's scent and body temperature.

Thus, Shi Nuan continued to cling onto him once again and kissed the corner of his lips. This time, her hands were eager to join the fun as they coasted all over the man's body. The woman clutched Fu Chengyan's shirt and impatiently rubbed herself against him.

Fu Chengyan grabbed Shi Nuan's hand as his gaze darkened. "You started it, Nuan!"

He clasped the back her head with both hands to deepen the kiss, before letting one hand slide down her back slowly. His hand felt rather eager and trembled slightly. Shi Nuan completely gave in and welcomed Fu Chengyan's actions.

Zhou Zheng slammed on the brakes and the car came to an abrupt stop, the tires screeching from the sudden deceleration. In the backseat, Fu Chengyan quickly pulled Shi Nuan into his arms, but still leaned forward abruptly from the momentum. Shi Nuan fell directly onto the man's body.

Shi Nuan's head bumped into the front seat, causing her to nearly cry in pain. She moaned and stretched out her hands before frowning. "Huh? What's this? It feels really hard!" she said while giving it a squeeze.

Fu Chengyan suddenly inhaled sharply. He grabbed Shi Nuan's waist and gritted his teeth. "Don't touch it."

Hearing how cold Fu Chengyan sounded, Shi Nuan couldn't help but pout and look at him pitifully before saying, "You're being mean!"

Fu Chengyan was a jumble of emotions, but he still tried his best to endure it. "Be a good girl and let go!" he said while reaching out to stroke Shi Nuan's head.

"But you haven't told me what this is!" Shi Nuan said and gave it another squeeze. "Why is this attached to your body?" she blinked. Her innocent appearance made it difficult for Fu Chengyan to restrain himself, but it was even harder to make a move on her.

He could only take a deep breath, loosen Shi Nuan's grip on him and pull her into his arms. "Behave yourself!"

Saying that, Fu Chengyan wound down the window, letting the cold air in to calm himself down.

"Speed up!"

His gaze darkened for a moment as he suppressed his desires before making a call to Su Shaoqing. "Be at the Wutong Residence in 20 minutes!"

Just as Fu Chengyan hung up, he saw Shi Nuan restlessly rubbing against him again. The desires he had just managed to suppress came rising to the surface again. The man gripped his phone tightly. After taking a few deep breaths, he reached out to stroke Shi Nuan's face.

Zhou Zheng drove quickly towards the Wutong Residence, naturally unaware of what his boss was going through at the back. Just as they arrived at the entrance, they saw Su Shaoqing leaning against the door with a cigarette in his hand.

Zhou Zheng immediately opened the door. Fu Chengyan carried Shi Nuan out of the car and went straight into the residence.

Su Shaoqing gazed at Fu Chengyan's back in shock while holding his cigarette. Confusion crept into his playful eyes. As Zhou Zheng neared him, Su Shaoqing put out his cigarette and asked amusingly, "Who's that girl? I thought Chengyan never brings his women home."

Just as Zhou Zheng pursed his lips, thinking of an appropriate answer, Fu Chengyan's cold voice came from inside Wutong Residence. "Hurry up and get in here!" Su Shaoqing raised an eyebrow. It was rare to hear Mr. Fu speak with such an attitude, but he was rather amused. "Go on in!" He said while patting Zhou Zheng on the shoulder.

"Who's the girl, bro? Calling me over this late at night – don't tell me you've run into trouble!" Su Shaoqing smiled harmlessly. That casual demeanor of his certainly didn't match the white coat he was wearing.

Fu Chengyan lifted his head and stared at Su Shaoqing coldly. Su Shaoqing couldn't help but shiver slightly and let out a sheepish laugh. "Come on, don't look at me like that, bro. I'm just concerned about you! Besides, you've never brought a woman here... Has she been drugged?"

Su Shaoqing wasn't a doctor for nothing. He could easily tell what was happening to the woman. "Who was so bold to do this to your woman?"

Fu Chengyan carried Shi Nuan upstairs, placed her on a bed and glanced coldly at the talkative Su Shaoqing. "Shut it and take a look at her already!"

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Su Shaoqing walked over and took a close look. "She's been drugged, and it's a pretty strong one too. How long has it been? Since she's your woman, you should have just gone to me instead of asking me to come over!" he said with a smile, noticing that the woman was quite good-looking.

But the more he looked at her, the more familiar she seemed. Recognition flashed across his eyes after a long while. "Isn't this the girl from the Shi family?"

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow. "You know her?"

"Don't be mistaken. I don't know her!" Su Shaoqing was no fool. From just one sentence, he could understand the hidden meaning behind Fu Chengyan's words and immediately made himself clear. "Heheh, I don't know her, but I've met her once.

Rather, I'm curious why would get yourself tangled up with the Shi family. According to my information, the son of that small branch from your family, Fu Yuqing, is also connected to the Shi family!"

"Yeah, he is," Fu Chengyan nodded.

"So what should we do now?" Su Shaoqing asked while stroking his chin.

"You're a doctor and you're asking me what to do?" Fu Chengyan asked sternly. "Why else would I call you over?" "That's not it, bro. I'm saying there's such a beautiful woman in front of you, and you're actually not making a move? That's unlike you!" Su Shaoqing said exaggeratingly. "I have to tell... cough, I may be a doctor, but this isn't my specialty.

Besides, you haven't given me any information and I rushed over right after I finished my operation. Why would I have the antidote on me?

"I'm saying that the antidote is right here with you, so why did you still come looking for me?" Su Shaoqing asked in desperation.

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips. His darkened expression looked rather terrifying.

Su Shaoqing's eyes widened and immediately got it. "Are you saying you haven't done anything with her yet!?"

"Cut the nonsense and get to work already!" Fu Chengyan responded as he looked at the woman tossing and turning in bed. "Are you a quack doctor or what?"

"Hey, Chengyan, you're the one needing my help... Fine, I guess I don't have a choice. We'll have to lower her temperature, so get Zhou Zheng to bring some ice cubes over. But after cooling her down, she'll definitely be feverish the next day. I'll prescribe some medication, so do your best tonight!"

Once Su Shaoqing's words fell, Fu Chengyan turned to Zhou Zheng standing by the door, and the latter immediately came over. "I'll get some ice cubes right away!"

Shi Nuan was under the influence of the drug, so it wasn't ideal to leave her in someone else's care. However, there were no maids inside the Wutong Residence. It was just the three men. Fu Chengyan chased Zhou Zheng and Su Shaoqing out of the room.

Fu Chengyan filled the bathtub with water and dumped a pile of ice cubes into it before carrying Shi Nuan into the bathroom.

Shi Nuan climbed out of the tub the moment she felt the cold water touch her body. She grabbed Fu Chengyan's arm tightly and said with tears streaming down her face, "You're so mean! Stop bullying me! It's cold."

Fu Chengyan retracted his dark gaze a little and patted Shi Nuan on the forehead. "Be a good girl and don't move. Stay in there for a while!"

"Then you'll have to stay by my side!" Shi Nuan pouted. "I'm afraid of the cold."

Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing dragged Zhou Zheng out to the living room and looked at him with an innocent smile. Zhou Zheng suddenly shivered for a moment and looked at Su Shaoqing in fear. "Heheh, there's no point looking at me like that, Mr. Su! I don't know anything. I really don't know anything!"

Every member of Jiang City's Big Four sure had their own unique personalities. Su Shaoqing wasn't a businessman, but he was a well-known figure of authority in Jiang City. The city's greatest hope was in Su Shaoqing's field.

Zhou Zheng had worked under Fu Chengyan all this while, but he also often had to help Su Shaoqing out. So even if he didn't understand the latter very well, he still knew a thing or two about him.

Su Shaoqing was different from Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan was the kind of person who would do anything to get what he wanted, without any mercy. Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing always appeared to be smiling on the surface and treated others kindly, but as for what he wanted to do behind the scenes, nobody really knew.

Therefore, whenever Su Shaoqing smiled like this, it meant someone was about to get unlucky.

Su Shaoqing narrowed his eyes and let out a cold snort. His hands, which were always stained with bleach all year round, looked extremely slender and more delicate than a woman's hands.

He took off his white coat and threw it at Zhou Zheng before casually sitting on the couch with a perverse smile on his face. "You don't know? You're always by Chengyan's side and you're telling me you don't know?"

Zhou Zheng quivered. "I really don't know, Mr. Su. There are things Mr. Fu won't tell me."

"Is that so?" Su Shaoqing squinted. His smile looked rather sinister. "You really don't know? The Shi family's eldest daughter, Shi Wei, recently got engaged to Fu Xicheng, and now Chengyan is with the second daughter. Even if you don't tell me, do you think I wouldn't know?"

"Well, since you already know about it, then why are you still asking me, Mr. Su!?" Zhou Zheng wanted to cry. "I really don't know about what happened today. All I know is that Mr. Fu had gone to Old Man Shi's birthday celebration and came back with Ms. Shi in his arms."

"Ohhh...!" Su Shaoqing dragged out his word. "I see!"

He tapped the sofa with his slender fingers and was just about to say something, but looked up vigilantly and saw Fu Chengyan standing in the hallway.

Su Shaoqing's scheming face instantly turned into a happy smile and his narrow eyes also made a 180-degree change. "Bro, is Ms. Shi better now?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "You haven't left yet?"

"…"

Was he just getting cast aside like this? He had rushed over from a surgery right after receiving Fu Chengyan's phone call, and now he was being treated this way. "Come on, bro. You're being so unkind now!"

"Unkind?" Fu Chengyan scoffed and looked Su Shaoqing right in the eye. "There's no need to talk about kindness with you!"

"Hey, hey, hey, I just lent you a hand. Do you have to be like this?"

He wasn't going to let Fu Chengyan chase him away this easily. "Besides, aren't you worried that something might happen to Shi Nuan late at night? I'm a doctor, so keeping me here would be good for you!"

"There's no need!" Fu Chengyan frowned, clearly not wanting to continue the conversation with Su Shaoqing. "Send him off, Zhou Zheng!"

Su Shaoqing still wanted to act out a bit longer, but Fu Chengyan headed upstairs directly, not giving the man a chance.

Su Shaoqing raised a brow. Seeing Fu Chengyan walk away, his expression immediately changed again. He cast a cold glance at Zhou Zheng while leisurely adjusting the third button on his shirt. "You heard the man. Hahh... I'm exhausted. Hurry up and send me home!"

Zhou Zheng really wished he could lash out at this man whose attitude changed as quickly as a child's. But of course, Zhou Zheng dared not saying anything. He could only pick up the car keys in defeat and drive Su Shaoqing home.

Fu Chengyan returned upstairs and let out a gentle sigh of relief upon seeing Shi Nuan laying peacefully in bed. He stood by the bedside and watched her with an unusual hint of warmth in his dark eyes.

The man reached out to cover Shi Nuan with a blanket, then walked to the balcony with a cigarette in his hand. He had lit it, but he didn't take a puff.

Fu Chengyan had always been a restrained man. Nobody could make him do what he didn't want to do. And yet... He turned to look at a sleeping Shi Nuan. Maybe she's just a coincidence.

He had no intention to pull her towards him, but since she was now here, he didn't want to let her go either. The timing wasn't right, but Fu Chengyan never cared about such things.

But looking down at his own body, he really didn't expect the woman to have such an influence on him. No matter how much Fu Chengyan restrained himself, there were times he couldn't deceive others. In fact, he nearly gave in to her. But when he thought about how she might panic or regret when she woke up the next day, he endured it as much as possible.

Fu Chengyan stood by the balcony for a long time, enjoying the breeze. He only left for the study room after Zhou Zheng had returned.

"This is the footage of the events that happened at the Shi family's home, sir." Zhou Zheng had been by Fu Chengyan's side for many years, so he knew the man's habits. On his way back from sending Su Shaoqing home, Zhou Zheng had already begun looking into the incident that had occurred at the Shi family home earlier tonight.

With a cigarette in one hand, Fu Chengyan glanced at the information then lifted his head slightly to look at Zhou Zheng, causing the latter to quiver. "Sir?" Did I do something wrong this time?

"You get a double bonus this month!" Fu Chengyan said with his lips curled.

Zhou Zheng was overjoyed. He immediately said, "Mr. Su tried to dig up some information through me, but I didn't say anything. It's just that with his personality..."

"It's fine. Let him do whatever he wants."

"By the way, sir, it's true that Yun Shen agreed to pump some capital into Shi Jingzheng's business, but it's merely a verbal agreement. Moreover, Yun Shen never really has a say in Yun family matters. It's still up to Old Master Yun to make decisions, and it seems that the old man isn't even aware of this agreement."

Zhou Zheng noticed that Fu Chengyan didn't seem to take this matter to heart as he spoke, indicating that Yun Shen wasn't much of an obstacle at all. But Zhou Zheng didn't quite understand. "What on earth is Shi Jingzheng up to? I once heard that Shi Wei is the one Yun Shen is after."

Fu Chengyan frowned, showing a slight change in expression. "You're saying Yun Shen is into Shi Wei? Pfft. You underestimate him."

Zhou Zheng was rather puzzled. Everyone knew what kind of man Yun Shen was. "Then what should we do now, Mr. Fu?"

"Just leave it be for now. There's no need for you to worry about this!" Fu Chengyan briefly glanced through the information. "Check up on Huancheng's recent condition."

"Yes sir!"

"By the way," Fu Chengyan said while tapping his index finger on the desk and thought for a moment. "I told you to reduce the number of orders for Fucheng back then. How is it going?"

"It's being carried out now, but it seems like they're still unaware about it!" Zhou Zheng remembered that there indeed hasn't been much commotion on Fu Yuqing's side. This was strange too. Fu Yuqing was just a small branch from the Fu clan. He was honestly nothing much to the huge family at all.

But for some reason, Old Master Fu had personally asked Fu Chengyan to take care of Fucheng for the past few years.

Fu Chengyan never liked being given additional tasks so when he found out that Fucheng was just a small company, he didn't put much thought into it. But the past two years made Fu Chengyan realize that Fu Yuqing wasn't a simple man.

"Reduce it by another 10%! Isn't it about time for the South District to bid for tenders?" Fu Chengyan stroked his chin as his sharp gaze landed on the project reports on the desk. "Make it quick!"

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Fu Chengyan finally packed up his work when it was past midnight. He then lit a cigarette and stood on the balcony gazing at the sky. It was deep into the night, and the Wutong Residence was surrounded by complete darkness. He let go only after the cigarette had been put out. Those pair of sharp eyes looked brighter than usual under the night sky.

Fu Chengyan dropped by the master bedroom. At this time, Shi Nuan was already sleeping peacefully, but the man continued to watch over her lest the drug took effect again.

As he stood by the bedside gazing down upon Shi Nuan, he noticed that the woman's initially scarlet face had now returned to normal. She looked exquisite.

Fu Chengyan could tell at first glance that Shi Nuan was a beautiful woman. He just didn't expect her to look this good.

With a smile, he pulled the blanket over her with his slender fingers. This woman looked rather unruly when she slept. This demeanor was different from her usual appearance on the surface. It was probably too warm for her and she gave the blanket a kick, revealing her bare shoulder.

At that very moment, Fu Chengyan's gaze deepened and his breathing became more rapid. He lowered his head to look at the sleeping Shi Nuan, then glanced at his own body. He was now feeling rather despicable about himself.

It seemed like ever since Fu Chengyan had met this woman, he...hadn't quite been able to restrain himself.

The phone by the window suddenly rang, sounding especially loud in the silent night.

With a darkened gaze, Fu Chengyan walked over and picked up Shi Nuan's phone. There were a few missed calls. Aside a few calls from Shi Yunsheng and Jiang Shizheng, Fu Xicheng's number dominated the call log.

Fu Chengyan's lips curled into a smile. He muted the phone and let it flicker on its own, paying it no heed.

This man had always been a bit of a troublemaker!

Shi Nuan couldn't really sleep well. The front half of her body felt like it was on fire, whereas the back felt like it was immersed in ice. It was only after she began to warm up slightly that she felt more relaxed and comfortable.

But for some reason, Shi Nuan kept feeling as though there was someone gazing at her from behind. She even felt the chills in her dreams.

She opened her eyes to find herself in an unfamiliar room. Shi Nuan was naturally in a daze after waking up. She stared dumbfoundedly at everything in this room. The lack of familiarity made her feel unsafe, especially since an air of masculinity filled the room.

The thought of this made Shi Nuan quickly pull her blanket aside and look at her clothes.

Her black evening gown was gone and had been replaced by a man's white long-sleeved shirt.

The shirt was so big that it reached her thighs, looking a bit funny on her. She stared at what she was wearing in shock and slowly began to come to her senses.

It was grandpa's birthday party last night and she had gone to the Shi family villa to celebrate. Then, Shi Wei had tried to make things difficult for her. This was then followed by her own father calling her over, drugging her and sending her to Yun Shen. Then... Fu Chengyan's face suddenly flashed in her mind. It was him?

As the memories from last night began to resurface in her mind, Shi Nuan turned pale and couldn't help but tremble slightly.

She knew how much her parents favored her sister, but she had believed that no matter what, they were still her parents. Yet, Shi Nuan had not expected that they would sacrifice her just for the sake of Shi Wei and Huancheng. They had actually sent her to Yun Shen in exchange for two hundred million worth of funds.

So these are my own parents. So they've never actually thought about me at all.

Marriage?

If the agreement was to get me to marry him, why would they send me to his bed in such a rush?

"You're awake?"

A man's clear voice rang across the room, interrupting Shi Nuan's thoughts. She cautiously took a few steps backwards, only to accidently bump into the bed behind her and fall onto it. She looked rather pale.

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow at the sight of Shi Nuan behaving this way. Is she frightened?

Realizing how she had overreacted, Shi Nuan smiled awkwardly. "Mr. Fu!"

"Mhm," Fu Chengyan nodded. "Good to see you're awake. Are you feeling unwell? There's some medicine on the table for your fever." "Fever?" Shi Nuan asked in shock. "I don't have a fever. Was it you who saved me last night, Mr. Fu?"

Fu Chengyan squinted and replied with a smile, "Obviously!"

Shi Nuan took a deep breath. She didn't want to be indebted to this man, but he had still saved her. "Thank you! But my..." Shi Nuan awkwardly looked at the clothes she was wearing. "These clothes."

"I changed you into it!" Fu Chengyan said without any hesitation. "There were no maids or women in this house, so I'm sorry about this, Ms. Shi."

Shi Nuan bit her lip as she blushed. How could he say such a thing so straightforwardly?

Shi Nuan was rather embarrassed, feeling as though she had exposed her entire being to Fu Chengyan, which seemed to be a regular occurrence when she was around him. "Ah... That's not what I meant. I'm asking where my clothes are!"

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan raised his brow. It was obvious that the woman was embarrassed, but she was trying so hard to not show it, making her actions unnatural and awkward. He could only smile helplessly. "It's probably not dry yet! I don't have a washing machine here. All my clothes get sent out to be cleaned," he explained. "Are you hungry?"

Shi Nuan felt hungry the moment he asked that question.

She hadn't had anything when she went to the Shi family home last night. She spent all night walking around and had only filled her stomach before heading over.

As Shi Nuan nodded, Fu Chengyan pointed towards the bathroom and said, "There's a new set of toothbrush and toothpaste. Go wash up and come on down for some food when you're ready!" "OK!"

As Shi Nuan watched Fu Chengyan turn to leave, she covered her face, which felt like it was burning uncontrollably.

Shi Nuan speedily entered the bathroom and realized Fu Chengyan's taste was really extraordinary. Whether it was the bedroom or bathroom, the interior design of each room was top-class.

Judging by the brand new products on the sink, it was clear that Fu Chengyan had prepared these long ago. Shi Nuan felt her heart warm at the sweet gesture.

It was only after walking out of the bedroom did she realize it was Fu Chengyan's master bedroom. A strange thought suddenly crossed her mind.

Fu Chengyan stood below stairs watching Shi Nuan remain in place instead of coming down. He then gave the railing a light knock and asked, "Are you not hungry, Ms. Shi?"

Shi Nuan regained her composure and replied, "Sorry to trouble you, Mr. Fu."

She followed Fu Chengyan into the dining hall and realized how big the place was. Does Fu Chengyan live alone in this huge house? "Do you not live with your family, Mr. Fu?"

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow. The moment his cold gaze met her eyes, Shi Nuan couldn't help but quiver slightly. She didn't expect Fu Chengyan's eyes to look this cold. Feeling rather awkward, she pulled a chair out but remained standing for a long time.

Fu Chengyan retracted his gaze and his lips curled into a light smile. "Family? I don't have one yet!"

Shi Nuan's heart began to race uncontrollably, making her feel at a loss.

Fu Chengyan merely smiled and took out a pot of porridge from the kitchen. "It couldn't be helped last night. I had to lower your body temperature. The doctor said you might have a fever today, but since you're feeling alright, then that's naturally a good thing. You should eat some lighter food today!"

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan in surprise. He looked very different from the past few times she saw him. Today, Fu Chengyan wasn't in a suit. He merely wore a set of light grey casual clothes, but he still looked so good.

But she didn't expect the man to have such a homely side to him. He could even cook!

"It smells so good," Shi Nuan said as she took a whiff.

Fu Chengyan smiled and filled a bowl of porridge for Shi Nuan. "Then give it a try. I only started making it this morning, so there wasn't much time!"

"No, it's better than what I make," Shi Nuan said truthfully as she ate a mouthful. Fu Chengyan wasn't just handsome; he was also capable and could cook so well too.

Fu Chengyan squinted. He seemed pleased by Shi Nuan's reaction. "Since you find it good, help yourself to some more!"

"OK!" Shi Nuan nodded, but froze the very next second. She looked up at Fu Chengyan and the memories from last night's incident reappeared in her mind.

Shi Nuan remembered what Shi Jingzheng had said to her: she was still of use. She also remembered how she held onto Fu Chengyan on the edge of the balcony and even made a move on him. Fu Chengyan...

Shi Nuan bit her lip while gently stirring her bowl of porridge. "Mr. Fu, do you stand by your words from that day?"

She thought about it. If she really had to marry someone, then Fu Chengyan certainly wasn't a bad choice. At least she still had a say in this. At least this man was once her maternal grandpa's student and the old man knew him. At least grandpa Shi seemed to like him. At least he wouldn't decide everything on his own. At least she wouldn't have to submit herself and marry Yun Shen... or end up as Yun Shen's toy.

That man, Yun Shen, was well-known across Jiang City for his 'honorable deeds'. Yet, her own father had decided to give her away to such a man just for money.

Shi Nuan bit her lip until it almost tore. She lowered her head and gripped the spoon, feeling rather nervous.

Fu Chengyan's eyes narrowed as he looked at Shi Nuan. "What words?"

Shi Nuan looked up at Fu Chengyan in shock with a flushed face. She was embarrassed but didn't know what to say.

She had only considered that Fu Chengyan would either respond with a Yes or No, but she didn't expect this third response. What could she say?

"Hmm?"

Fu Chengyan put his spoon down and tapped the dining table with his slender fingers. He gazed at Shi Nuan with his pair of cold eyes, making the woman feel vulnerable. She could only grit her teeth and look at Fu Chengyan. "You said you'd marry me. Do you stand by your words?"

Fu Chengyan raised his brow. He didn't speak, but there was a hint of amusement in his eyes.

He made Shi Nuan feel so nervous, but hearing no answer from the man, she asked again, "Do you stand by your words?"

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Time came to a standstill. Shi Nuan's heart was beating quickly and uncontrollably. She suddenly regretted being so impulsive. No matter what, she shouldn't have said that.

Blushing and keeping her head down in embarrassment, Shi Nuan couldn't bring herself to look at Fu Chengyan. How could a girl ask such a shameless question?

Fu Chengyan had been staring at Shi Nuan the whole time. Seeing her chain of reactions from saying those words, a smile slowly worked its way into his eyes. He tapped his slender fingers on the table, one after another, as though knocking on Shi Nuan's heart.

Shi Nuan bit her lip, feeling even more awkward. She had been placed in a completely passive position. No matter what she said, everything seemed to sound very passive. "Uhh... Feel free to ask anything. Don't take me seriously!"

"But I already did!"

Fu Chengyan's voice had a hint of jest in it.

Initially, Shi Nuan had already planned to give up. Being embarrassed once was not a big deal, but she never expected Fu Chengyan to respond this way. Instantly surprised, she looked up and stared at him in disbelief. "Huh?"

She thought Fu Chengyan wasn't being serious. Moreover, from the way he had acted just now, she hardly had much hope. "I... beg your pardon?"

"You heard me," Fu Chengyan said with smiling eyes. "I'm a person who keeps my word and doesn't joke around. I said I'd give you time to consider, but since you've made up your mind, there'll be no turning back."

As he spoke, he was in control of both the situation and her heart from beginning to end.

For some reason, Shi Nuan felt a moment of fear, although that feeling disappeared shortly after.

Shi Nuan tried to force a smile but couldn't. "I... I just wanted to..."

"You don't have to tell me your reasons, Ms. Shi," Fu Chengyan interrupted her. "I'm not concerned about what changed your mind or sped up your decision-making. Things are turning out the way I want and that's good enough."

Shi Nuan had no idea how to describe her feelings. Should I entrust my life to him just like that?

"Don't worry, Ms. Shi. As I've said before: marry me and I'll give you the happiness you want," Fu Chengyan said as he tapped on the dining table. "If you agree, you can request anything!"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and thought for a moment. "Can I ask you something, Mr. Fu?"

Fu Chengyan raised a brow and stopped tapping the table. He then spread out his hand slightly, indicating Shi Nuan to speak. Shi Nuan bit her lower lip. "It's the same question as before: why me?"

Fu Chengyan did not respond and the atmosphere became tense.

He fixed his cold gaze on Shi Nuan, as though trying to search for something, only to retract it in the end. He laughed softly. "Do you really want to know the answer, Ms. Shi?"

Shi Nuan gave it a thought and nodded.

"Of course. If we get married, I'll be sure to manage things well. My wants are simple and I don't like anything complicated, so I've never considered a divorce."

Shi Nuan figured that since she was going to marry Fu Chengyan, she naturally had to convey her thoughts to him clearly.

Fu Chengyan raised an eyebrow. "That's great. We both think alike. I won't initiate a divorce if that's what you wish. But of course, just let me know whenever you wish to end this marriage!" he said with a smile. "So do you have any more questions, Ms. Shi?"

"You still haven't answered my question." Shi Nuan was persistent, almost to the point of paranoia.

Fu Chengyan remained silent then said with a smile, "There's no reason in particular. It just so happened that you appeared at the right time and place, and that makes you the right person."

Shi Nuan stared into Fu Chengyan's eyes, as though trying to find something within them. Fu Chengyan also looked at her, and their gazes locked. Feeling rather discouraged, Shi Nuan retracted her gaze. "Alright."

"So what's your answer, Ms. Shi?"

Shi Nuan bit her lip. "You already know it. My position in the Shi household doesn't give me access to any of the family's shares, nor do I have a place in the Shi family's business. You're aware of this, right?"

Fu Chengyan nodded. "Only a worthless man would depend on his woman like this."

"But what's what a lot of men do," Shi Nuan laughed.

"Do you have any more questions, Ms. Shi?" Fu Chengyan seemed very patient. He had always been patient when it came to work, but he had never had this much patience for a woman.

Shi Nuan thought for a long while in silence before speaking. "My relationship with the Shi family is very complicated. You've also heard from last night that my father...gave me to Yun Shen in exchange for two hundred million worth of funding, so once they..."

"You don't have to worry about this, Ms. Shi. I'll take care of these matters once we're married. Don't you trust me?"

Fu Chengyan raised his tone slightly and said in confusion, "I thought you'd talk more about issues relating to your benefits, Ms. Shi!"

"Benefits?" Shi Nuan felt rather uncomfortable for some reason. "There's no need. I trust you, Mr. Fu!" She didn't want her marriage to involve such things.

Fu Chengyan curled his lips. "Since you have no other questions... When do you want to get married, Ms. Shi?" He was being such a gentleman in this regard.

Shi Nuan felt complicated as her eyes dimmed slightly.

She used to picture her own marriage. Marrying Fu Xicheng would have been the happiest moment of her life. They loved each other so much that she was sure that Fu Xicheng would give her an unforgettable wedding. But in the end, Fu Xicheng left behind nothing but painful memories that would last a lifetime.

Her hopes for a beautiful, dream-like wedding had been dashed, and now she was going to marry Fu Chengyan. They had only met a few times and barely understood one another, let alone love each other.

"The sooner the better!"

Since she couldn't marry the person she loved most, she wanted to at least have a say in her marriage now. Even if it were to end in failure, she would have no regrets.

"I don't want my marriage to be tacky," she said. "If I don't marry you, I won't be able to run away from my parents' schemes."

Fu Chengyan's eyes shone with a slight chill. "OK, then today it is!"

"Today?" Shi Nuan was rather dumbstruck. "But... My household register is still at the Shi family home!"

Even though she wanted to get married as soon as possible, she didn't expect Fu Chengyan to be in such a hurry. "Can it wait a few more days?" It wasn't going to be easy to get the household register from her previous home. Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu would definitely not approve of her marriage if they were to find out about it.

Shi Nuan was in a bind. "It's impossible for me to get the household register from the Shi family by today!"

"You don't have to worry about this!" Fu Chengyan raised his hands and interrupted Shi Nuan. "Leave it to me!"

Shi Nuan look at him with suspicion, but Fu Chengyan merely glanced at her. "Let's eat before the food turns cold."

Fu Chengyan served Shi Nuan another bowl of porridge before getting up and walking to the living room to make a phone call. Judging from his tone, he was probably speaking to Zhou Zheng. "Head to the Civil Affairs Bureau! Yeah, bring them over!"

Fu Chengyan hung up the phone, then turned to see Shi Nuan looking at him. Meanwhile, he was leaning against the edge of the couch with his long legs folded, looking relaxed. "Done eating?" Shi Nuan nodded and got up to clean the table. Fu Chengyan merely watched instead of going over to help her.

He looked at her figure. The sun rays seeped in through the window and shone onto her body, giving her a relaxed and cozy vibe.

His life had always been very peaceful. All these years, he had been the only person living in the Wutong Residence. With one more person around now, it actually didn't seem too bad.

He wasn't uncomfortable with this woman's arrival. Perhaps, it would even be nice to have her by his side in the future. However...

Fu Chengyan's eyes narrowed slightly and his smiling eyes turned cold.

Zhou Zheng was highly efficient, arriving at the Wutong Residence in less than half an hour. As Fu Chengyan opened the door, Zhou Zheng straightened his back and took a peek inside. He saw Shi Nuan watching TV inside the living room.

Shi Nuan seemed like she was enjoying she show, and she was laughing uncontrollably. Her sweet voice sounded particularly beautiful inside the huge Wutong Residence.

Fu Chengyan raised a brow and cast an unhappy glance at Zhou Zheng, causing the latter to immediately retract his gaze. "They're here, Mr. Fu."

"Mm. Come in!"

Zhou Zheng quickly invited the Civil Affairs Bureau personnel in. "Please come in!"

It was their first time visiting such a place. Furthermore, it belonged to the second master of the legendary Jiang City's Big Four. The residence looked rather

different from what they had imagined, and the elegant decorations didn't seem to match this cold-looking man.

"Is this the lady you're marrying, sir?" The older-looking personnel glanced at Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan, thinking that the two looked perfect for each other.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and nodded.

Shi Nuan stopped watching TV. She looked at Fu Chengyan before turning to look at the other three people inside the living room.

She knew who Zhou Zheng was. As for the other two, she already had a rough idea of who they were from eavesdropping on their conversation just now. What surprised Shi Nuan was the fact that Fu Chengyan had actually invited them here. She couldn't quite believe her eyes.

She glanced at Fu Chengyan. "Is it OK even if my household register isn't with me?"

"It's fine, it's fine," the staff said with a smile. "The two of you haven't had your pictures taken yet, right?" Of course it'd be fine even without the document.

With Fu Chengyan's power, he could have everything he wanted with just a few words.

But they were curious as to who on earth this woman was. Fu Chengyan, who was rumored to turn all women down, was marrying her?

"Go take pictures of Mr. Fu and this lady here, Liu!"

After they had their photos taken, they filled in all their necessary information and obtained their marriage certificates shortly. The entire process took only a few minutes.

As Fu Chengyan stared at Zhou Zheng, the latter immediately returned to his senses and turned to the staff with a smile. "Thank you for coming all the way here. Please let me buy you a meal."

After Zhou Zheng had left with the other two, Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan were the only ones remaining in the Wutong Residence. Shi Nuan squeezed the little red book in her hand. With her palm feeling rather warm, she stared at the book in disbelief. "So I'm married now?"