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As Fu Chengyan kept silent, Shi Nuan stared at him strangely. After a long time, she wondered if she had forgotten something important.

So... Fu Chengyan has known me a long time ago and has long been interested in me. But he didn't come to me because I was taken then. "So, you have actually been paying attention to me all this while?"

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips, with a smile tugging at the corner of his eyes. Hearing Shi Nuan's words, he grinned even wider. "Why? Are you touched now that you've found out just how deep my love for you is?"

"Yup!"

Shi Nuan gave a firm nod. "I really didn't expect that!" It turns out that Fu Chengyan's love for me is actually this deep.

"But since when did you like me?"

Once a woman was hung up about something, she wouldn't drop it easily. This was especially true for Shi Nuan now. She kept trying to get an answer out of Fu Chengyan.

However, the man refused to tell her. "Think about it yourself, and ask me again after that. Then, I'll tell you if what you think is right." As he spoke, he pulled the car over and glanced at Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan was at a loss. "Aren't we going to Grandpa's place?"

“Are you going to go there empty-handed?” Fu Chengyan raised his brows as he unbuckled his seat belt. “Wait for me in the car. I’ll be back soon!”

Fu Chengyan reached out to pinch Shi Nuan’s cheek and added, “Read a book if you’re bored. Don’t play with your phone. The phone radiation is not good for your baby!” Taking away the phone in Shi Nuan’s hand, he took out a magazine and handed it to her. “Be good!”

Shi Nuan squinted her eyes and could not help but frown at him behaving like a prospective dad. “I’m only at the first trimester. You don’t need to stop me from playing with my phone this early on!”

“No, the doctor said phone radiation is not good for the baby in your stomach. Be good! Tell me what you want to eat, and I will buy it for you later!”

“No need for that. Hurry up; go and get a present for Grandpa. We’ll eat at Grandpa’s place later anyway!” Shi Nuan then pushed Fu Chengyan out of the car.

Fu Chengyan reached out and stroked Shi Nuan’s head. “Wait for me!”

“Alright!” After Fu Chengyan got out of the car, Shi Nuan skimmed through a few pages of the magazine, and she soon got bored of it. She was just about to reach out to touch her phone when she thought of what Fu Chengyan said before he got off the car. So, she retracted her hand and turned to look at the scenery outside the window.

The place where Fu Chengyan had parked the car happened to allow her to see the big screen on the opposite square. At this time, the big screen was playing the trailer of a foreign blockbuster. It was said that the female lead of the blockbuster was also from the Jiang City of Z Nation and that the blockbuster would be released in Z Nation as well.

Nowadays, the market in Z Nation was a big slice of the pie that everyone was eyeing. Therefore, the crew of the blockbuster, White Nights, would also come to

Z Nation. As the female lead of the blockbuster was from Jiang City, the tour in Z Nation seemed to include Jiang City as well.

Shi Nuan didn't actually pay much attention to these things, but she often heard Song Rongrong talk about the foreign bigshots and celebrities. The latter had her own professional needs and interest in them.

Shi Nuan stared at the trailer on the big screen. For some reason unknown to her, she felt a sense of déjà vu. She looked at the female lead on the big screen. Although the actor was very old, she still looked charming.

After looking at it for a long time, Shi Nuan could not bring herself to tear her gaze away from it.

After that, the trailer on the big screen ended and was replaced by a jewelry advertisement, which was the endorsement of GUY. Shi Nuan knew about GUY, but when she saw that the spokesperson on it was also the female lead in the earlier movie, she stared intently at the woman this time, unable to look away. She did not even notice when Fu Chengyan got in the car.

Fu Chengyan placed all the gifts in the trunk. When he got into the car, he saw Shi Nuan spacing out as her eyes were fixed straight at the big screen on the opposite square.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "What's the matter?"

Shi Nuan came back to her senses. "You're back?"

"Yeah!" Fu Chengyan nodded and glanced at the big screen, which was already replaced by another advertisement. "Are you bored? What are you looking at?"

"Nothing!" Shi Nuan shook her head as she already dropped her gaze and glanced back. "Have you bought the gifts?"

“Yes!” After buckling his seatbelt, Fu Chengyan drove off. “I saw you staring at the big screen earlier and thought that you had gotten too bored!”

“No. A blockbuster, *White Nights*, was being introduced earlier. I think it’ll be released next month! It seems that we haven’t watched a movie in a long time, Yan. Let’s watch it next month, okay?”

“Okay!” Fu Chengyan nodded his head. “I’ll ask Zhou Zheng to book the tickets once it’s released!”

Shi Nuan smiled. Somehow, she kept feeling perturbed today, but she couldn’t put her finger on it. In short, it was not a good feeling. This kind of feeling came too quickly, and Shi Nuan couldn’t tell what it was, so she didn’t bother telling Fu Chengyan about it.

When they were outside Jiang Shizheng’s house, Shi Nuan got off and waited on the side of the road. Fu Chengyan needed to look for a place to park the car elsewhere.

Shi Nuan was carrying a bag in her hand, and on the ground next to her were the gifts that Fu Chengyan had just bought. While standing, she started counting out of boredom. Suddenly, a woman walked up next to her in a hurry. Shi Nuan didn’t see her and ran into her directly.

The woman didn’t seem to expect to run into Shi Nuan as well. She exclaimed and staggered backward. Fortunately, there was a tree behind, so she didn’t fall to the ground.

Shi Nuan also staggered backward before stabilizing herself.

“Are you alright?”

Shi Nuan walked over and saw that the woman was wearing sunglasses and a silk scarf around her head. Although it was not midsummer now, it was not that cold for her to wrap herself up like that.

Shi Nuan was about to say something else when the woman looked up and took another two steps back. When the eyes behind the pair of sunglasses fixed on Shi Nuan, the woman was stunned. She then walked past Shi Nuan and avoided her like the plague.

“Hey, are you alright?”

Shi Nuan looked at the woman’s weird behavior in astonishment, finding her strange. It’s not like she’s a superstar. Why must she cover herself up in such a manner? Besides, she ran into me, and yet she fled without apologizing. Do I look that intimidating?

“What are you thinking about?”

After parking the car, Fu Chengyan came over and saw Shi Nuan standing rooted to the spot in a daze while staring straight ahead. Fu Chengyan followed Shi Nuan’s gaze, only to see nothing there. Fu Chengyan couldn’t help but knit his brows slightly. “What are you looking at?” This has happened more than once today.

Shi Nuan shook her head. “Nothing. A weird woman ran into me just now. I asked her if she was okay, but she left without saying anything. How strange!”

“Ran into you? Are you okay?” Fu Chengyan didn’t bother asking about the strange woman at all. When he heard Shi Nuan say that she had been hit, he immediately put down whatever was in his hand, held her arms, and checked her body for any injury. It was not until he saw that there was nothing wrong with her that he was relieved.

Meanwhile, his reaction left Shi Nuan speechless. She hurriedly grabbed his hands, freed herself from his grip, and gave him a helpless smile. “I’m okay, really!”

“Really?”

“Of course! If I were unwell, I would have told you! Don’t worry; I’ve only gotten pregnant. It’s not that serious. Don’t be so nervous!”

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes. “How can I not be nervous? This is your first pregnancy!”

“Alright. We should go up now, or Grandpa will be worried!” Shi Nuan couldn’t help but urge, “Let’s go now!”

Shi Nuan was about to pick up the things on the ground but was stopped by Fu Chengyan. “Just follow me!”

Smiling helplessly, she could only listen to him. But when she looked at Fu Chengyan’s back, she suddenly felt that living a simple life like this with him made her quite happy – especially when he treated her like a precious treasure. What she had previously suffered at the Shi residence was not worth mentioning at all!

As soon as Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan walked to the door of Jiang Shizheng’s house, they noticed that the door was wide open. Shi Nuan raised her brows as she voiced her doubt, “Did Grandpa leave the door open for us?”

Shi Nuan walked in and didn’t see Jiang Shizheng, so she couldn’t help but feel confused. “Grandpa?”

“Hi, Nuan, you’re here!” Aunt Fei walked out of Jiang Shizheng’s room in an apron, looking a little tired. “Aunt Fei, where’s Grandpa?”

“Master—” Before Aunt Fei could finish speaking, she saw Jiang Shizheng walking out of the room. “Nuan, you’re here?”

“Yes, Grandpa!” Beaming, Shi Nuan hurriedly went in with Fu Chengyan. “I came with Yan. Is dinner ready, Aunt Fei?” Shi Nuan looked at Aunt Pei with a smile, while the latter shot a worried look at Jiang Shizheng. “Master, you...”

Jiang Shizheng looked up and shot a sharp glance at Aunt Fei. “Didn’t you hear Nuan say that she’s hungry? Go and cook now!”

He waved his hand and sent Aunt Fei away.

After taking off her shoes, Shi Nuan rushed in to hold Jiang Shizheng’s arm. “What’s wrong with you, Grandpa? Are you just too happy to see me?” she teased.

“Yeah, of course! You’ve finally grown into an adult. After having a baby, you will become a mother. How can I not be happy?” Jiang Shizheng stretched out his hand and patted the back of Shi-Nuan’s hand, and sat down with her support. Then, his gaze fell on Fu Chengyan, and he knitted his brows when their eyes met. However, he soon recovered, and he beckoned Fu Chengyan to sit down.

Shi Nuan might not have noticed anything unusual, but Fu Chengyan was smart. His many years of experience in the business world had made him an extremely observant man, so he could often spot the tiniest details.

When he came in, he had noticed that something was odd about Aunt Fei. Looking at Jiang Shizheng now, he could tell that something must have happened earlier. The look in Jiang Shizheng’s eyes a moment ago was undoubtedly the best answer to confirm his inference.

Fu Chengyan frowned. After sitting down, he opened the thermos, poured a glass of water, and handed it to Shi Nuan. “Have some water!”

Shi Nuan looked at the cup handed to her and couldn’t help but furrow her brows. “I’m not thirsty!”

“Your lips are dry. Just take a sip!” Fu Chengyan said while looking at her with gentle eyes. “Be good!”

Shi Nuan turned crimson in an instant as she instinctively looked at Jiang Shizheng. When she saw that he was also looking back at her with a smile, she could only bite her lip and take a sip.

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Fu Chengyan continued to give her a few more cups of water. It was not until she insisted that she couldn't drink anymore that he stopped. "Who did you see today, Grandpa?" Fu Chengyan asked.

Upon hearing that question, both Jiang Shizheng and Shi Nuan turned to look at him. Then, Shi Nuan blinked her eyes and asked, "Who did he see?"

Shi Nuan darted a glance at Fu Chengyan and then at Jiang Shizheng. "Did anyone visit you today, Grandpa?"

With a grim look on his face, Jiang Shizheng stared into Fu Chengyan's eyes for a long time before shaking his head. "No. I'm just an old man. Other than the occasional visits from you two, no one remembers me."

Jiang Shizheng seemed to be mocking himself, but in fact, he was warning Fu Chengyan. He knew Fu Chengyan was a smart man, but he couldn't let Shi Nuan know about his previous encounter.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes knowingly. "You're wrong, Grandpa. You had so many outstanding students back then. I don't believe that they would not come to see you!"

"Did a student visit today, Grandpa?" Shi Nuan grinned happily. "I still remember many students of yours coming to see you when I was still going to school. Most of Grandpa's students are insightful and good!" Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan as she spoke. The latter narrowed his eyes and couldn't help but pinch her nose.

Shi Nuan slapped his hand away. "How dare you bully me in front of Grandpa!"

“Alright. You’re not kids anymore!” Jiang Shizheng couldn’t help but shake his head. “It was just a former student of mine, whom you don’t even know!” Jiang Shizheng said, making it clear that he didn’t want to continue with the topic.

With an unknown gleam in his eyes, Fu Chengyan did not continue asking more questions. Instead, he engaged in academic discussion with Jiang Shizheng. Although Jiang Shizheng was old and no longer taught, there was no end to learning, and he couldn’t remain idle for even a moment.

Jiang Shizheng went to Jing University last time because the principal of Jing University had sent him an invitation and wanted to hire him as their lecturer again.

Jiang Shizheng only promised them to consider it, but they kept urging him. In fact, this was more or less because all the students under Jiang Shizheng had become successful. They wanted to use his name to associate themselves with these scholars, particularly a bigshot like Fu Chengyan. This was also the reason why Jiang Shizheng had been reluctant to agree to the offer.

Speaking of this issue, Jiang Shizheng heaved a sigh. “The ethos nowadays is different from when I was teaching back then!”

“The times are changing, Professor!” Fu Chengyan quipped.

After hearing the way Fu Chengyan addressed him, Jiang Shizheng was slightly taken aback. He then laughed out loud. “So you’re saying I’m getting old and may be unsuitable for these times.”

Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows noncommittally.

Shi Nuan felt a little drowsy while listening to Fu Chengyan and Jiang Shizheng’s conversation.

In fact, her lethargy had started way before this; she would also have a bad appetite at times. She was unaware of her pregnancy back then, so she didn’t

know the cause of such lethargy. She had thought she was simply too tired from work. Now that she knew that she was pregnant, she turned bold and would sleep whenever she was sleepy.

Fu Chengyan looked at her as she nodded off. Just as her head was about to fall forward, he reacted quickly to support it and placed it gently on his thigh.

She looked at him in a daze, blinked, and rubbed her eyes cluelessly. "I'm so sleepy, Yan!"

"Sleep for a while then. Be good!" Fu Chengyan found a more comfortable position and got a pillow to make her more comfortable. Shi Nuan then laid on his thigh and drifted off.

As Jiang Shizheng watched the affectionate interaction between Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan, there was a glint in his eyes before he let out a helpless sigh. "I know your feelings for Nuan. I'm your teacher, and so I know I can trust you!"

"You're right, Grandpa!"

Jiang Shizheng shook his head. "Take good care of Nuan. I know you will definitely protect her well!"

Fu Chengyan's eyes were shimmering. "Who did you see today?"

Meanwhile, Jiang Shizheng's eyes also held a glint of something. "Alright. Let Nuan sleep for a while! I always get Aunt Fei to clean her room. You should take her there!"

Hearing this, Fu Chengyan nodded, then carefully supported Shi Nuan's body and carried her. He did everything lightly for fear that he would wake her up.

After putting her on the bed, Fu Chengyan closed the door gently and headed to Jiang Shizheng's study.

At that moment, Jiang Shizheng had already taken out the chessboard. When he saw Fu Chengyan coming in, he beckoned him. "Come here!"

The man walked over as told. Upon seeing the chessboard, he set it up with Jiang Shizheng. "You want to play a game with me, Grandpa?"

Jiang Shizheng nodded. "Black or white?"

"As usual, black for me!"

Fu Chengyan took the black pieces over. "You go first, Professor!"

When Jiang Shizheng heard the form of address Fu Chengyan used, he knew that the latter was really going to play chess with him, so he nodded. "Just ask whatever you want to!"

"If I win this game, you have to tell me whether May had an accident in the past or if she has suffered from some memory loss, okay?" Fu Chengyan asked.

Hearing his words, Jiang Shizheng froze as a trace of surprise appeared in his eyes. "How did you know about that?"

Fu Chengyan caught his drift.

Jiang Shizheng seemed to be taking a walk down memory lane as he added, "It's not like I can't tell you about this, so we don't have to wait until the game is over."

Fu Chengyan nodded, signaling Jiang Shizheng to go on with what he had to say.

Jiang Shizheng thought for a while and sighed. "It happened when Nuan was about fifteen years old. You had gone abroad then. She did not return home after school one day. No one in the Shi family knew where she had gone until someone from the hospital called the next day..." Jiang Shizheng said while

choking up, “Nuan was covered in cuts and bruises. When she was sent to the hospital, she had lost consciousness. No one knew what had happened. She was found floating by the river. When she was rescued, the person thought she had died.”

As Jiang Shizheng spoke, he noticed a trace of astonishment in Fu Chengyan’s eyes. “Nuan doesn’t know about this. She merely thought she had a bad illness. The old man from the Shi family and I told them clearly that they shouldn’t let Nuan know about this.”

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows. “So May has really lost her memory?”

“Not completely. She just forgot about things that had happened during that period of time!” Jiang Shizheng thought for a while and added, “I thought I didn’t need to tell her about the truth since everything was alright!”

Fu Chengyan raised a corner of his lips in a wry smile. “But she forgot about me, Professor!”

Jiang Shizheng nodded. “I know. Since then, she has never mentioned you again. I thought that since you had gone abroad, maybe you and she...” Jiang Shizheng paused midsentence when he met Fu Chengyan’s eyes.

Although Fu Chengyan was his student, he was still intimidated by the strong presence exuded by the man. After all, Fu Chengyan was no longer an underage student like he had been back then.

“You can guess what happened later. Nuan forgot about the things during that period, but she remembers everyone except you!” As Jiang Shizheng spoke, he clearly saw the change in the expression on Fu Chengyan’s face. “Later, she met Fu Xicheng in university, and the two started dating. They were initially going to get married, but unexpectedly, something like that happened later. I think you know what happened after that!”

“So, if Fu Xicheng hadn’t cheated on her, would you have allowed May to marry him?” Fu Chengyan asked coldly. “What do you think I would have done if May really married someone else?”

Jiang Shizheng squinted his eyes and replied, “You wouldn’t have done anything! You’re my student. I know how you are!”

Fu Chengyan flashed him a smile. “People change, Professor!” He was not a saint. “May belongs with me, no matter in the past or now or the future!”

At this, Jiang Shizheng nodded. “I know!” In the matters of Shi Nuan and Fu Xicheng, what Fu Chengyan did was so much more than met the eye.

“It’s not accidental that you and Nuan met again.” The introduction of their acquaintance was also not accidental.

Jiang Shizheng knew him too well. Fu Chengyan would go after everything he wanted quickly – he would never give up before he achieved his goal. “If Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei didn’t betray Nuan, what would you have done?”

Fu Chengyan raised his brows. “What do you think, Professor?”

Jiang Shizheng shook his head. “Let’s play chess!”

Fu Chengyan wore a faint smile. “After you, Professor.”

Then, Jiang Shizheng played a piece. Looking up, Fu Chengyan also picked a black chess piece to play. “After this game is over, you still have to answer me a question, Professor!”

“What’s it?”

“It’s about May’s parents.”

Following his reply, a white piece fell from Jiang Shizheng's fingers and landed on the chessboard.

There was a hint of panic on his face as he looked up and asserted with an impatient look, "She's the daughter of Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu."

Fu Chengyan smirked. "Are you still trying to hide the truth from us, Professor?"

Jiang Shizheng squinted his eyes. "I didn't hide anything from you. Nuan is indeed the daughter of Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. Otherwise, do you think I will let my granddaughter go to a stranger's house given my relationship with Shi Yunsheng?"

There was now a dangerous glint in Fu Chengyan's eyes.

He played another piece and said, "Do you have your reasons for doing so, Professor? Or could it be..." He paused and rephrased, "I saw a man, who May mistook for her uncle, Shi Yu, a few days ago. The man is called Shen Shixiu. Do you know him, Grandpa?"

Jiang Shizheng suddenly dropped the chess piece in his hand on the chessboard. A cold expression was apparent on his face. "Yan, are you questioning me?"

"I wouldn't dare to! One or two coincidences are normal in this world, but Shen Shixiu's younger sister, Shen Qianan, looks exactly like May. What do you think, Grandpa?"

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A cold glint was apparent in Jiang Shizheng's eyes as he stared at Fu Chengyan angrily. Just as he was about to speak, Shi Nuan's voice was heard, coming from the door, "Why are you guys here, Grandpa? Yan?"

Suppressing his anger, Jiang Shizheng pursed his lips slightly with a gloomy look on his face. In Shi Nuan's presence, he could only hold back his emotion. "Aren't you sleepy? Why are you up?"

"I..." Shi Nuan gave Jiang Shizheng and Fu Chengyan an embarrassed look. She couldn't bring herself to say that her urge to pee had woken her up. "I'm hungry!"

Looking at how embarrassed she was, Jiang Shizheng could not help but chuckle and shake his head. "What's so embarrassing about being hungry? Let me go and check with Aunt Fei if the dinner is ready!" After speaking, he rose to his feet and left the study.

Shi Nuan looked at him suspiciously as he left, then looked back at Fu Chengyan and asked, pursing her lips slightly, "What's up with you and Grandpa?" She could sense that the atmosphere just now had been somber.

Shaking his head, Fu Chengyan placed the chess pieces on the chessboard and stood up. He walked up to Shi Nuan and held her hand, a faint frown appearing on his face. "Why is your hand so cold?" Then, he placed her hand into his palm and added, "Did you kick the blanket off?"

"No, I didn't. I'm not a kid! What did you say to Grandpa? He looks so angry!"

It was not the first time Shi Nuan saw Jiang Shizheng get angry, but it was the first time she saw him get angry with Fu Chengyan. She had always thought that her grandpa was very satisfied with this student of his.

“It’s nothing. He’s just very dissatisfied with my recent performance. He asked me to pay more attention to what I do.” Fu Chengyan did not intend to tell Shi Nuan about the conversation between him and Jiang Shizheng.

Shi Nuan nodded her head. “Your performance some time ago was indeed really unsatisfactory. No wonder Grandpa was dissatisfied with you. I’m warning you – I’m not alone now. There are two people in my belly!” Shi Nuan stated proudly while stroking her belly.

Fu Chengyan couldn’t help but raise his brows and shake his head. He stretched out his hand to flick Shi Nuan’s forehead, saying in a rather helpless tone, “How could I dare to mess with you now? I’m treating you like my queen now. Do you still want to sleep for a while longer?”

Shi Nuan shook her head. “No. Now that I’m up, I don’t feel like sleeping anymore.”

Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan walked to the living room and saw Jiang Shizheng instructing Aunt Fei to cook. When he saw Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan, he hurriedly asked the latter to get Shi Nuan to sit down.

Shi Nuan was being treated like a national treasure now. She thought that she was already living like a God when she was merely a couple of months in. Shi Nuan didn’t actually have any pregnancy symptoms at the moment, but since everyone treated her as so, it made her feel weird if she did not go along with it.

“Wanna watch some TV?”

Fu Chengyan handed the remote control to her. Taking it, she turned on the TV out of boredom. After a while of switching the channels, she finally found an entertainment channel. It was playing some latest news about the movie, White

Nights. It was said that the male lead and female lead of White Nights would soon come to Jiang City to build momentum for the film at the beginning of next month.

“Look, Yan. This is the movie I was talking about. It’ll be released at the beginning of next month. The female lead is so beautiful. I think her name is Shu Qing or something. By the way, I heard she’s from Jiang City!”

Clank! A loud noise was heard coming from the living room.

Upon hearing the noise, Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan looked at each other before they hurriedly rose to their feet. Jiang Shizheng was seen standing in the living room while the bowl of fish soup in his hands had spilled on the floor, causing a mess.

“Grandpa?”

Shi Nuan hurriedly walked over. Even Aunt Fei, who was in the kitchen, rushed over anxiously, asking, “Master, are you okay?”

While wiping her hands with her apron, Aunt Fei immediately walked over to help Jiang Shizheng walk to the side. “Master, you should go and have a seat first. I’ll clean this up!”

Then, she went to get a broom and dustpan while muttering, “That was the fish soup Little Miss likes the most!”

“It’s okay, Aunt Fei.” Shi Nuan smiled at her as she walked over to hold Jiang Shizheng’s arm. “What’s wrong with you today, Grandpa? Why are you so absent-minded?” Taking his arm, Shi Nuan walked him to the living room and saw him staring at the TV, which happened to be showing footage of Shu Qing.

“Grandpa, do you know Shu Qing?” Shi Nuan helped him take a seat and then added, “I never thought that you would keep tabs on entertainment news, but Shu Qing is a pretty good actress! I heard that she lived in Jiang Shizheng before

she developed her career in Hollywood. She now stars in this movie at the age of forty-six. That's really rare!" There were basically no celebrities from Z Nation who could shine in Hollywood, but Shu Qing's acting career was very successful.

Although Shi Nuan didn't pay much attention to the entertainment news, she knew a little bit about Shu Qing because of Song Rongrong.

Shu Qing?

The look on Jiang Shizheng's face turned even gloomier as he suddenly pushed Shi Nuan away and asked, "Where's the remote control?"

"Grandpa?"

After being pushed like this by Jiang Shizheng, Shi Nuan crashed into the sofa. Although she was fine, Jiang Shizheng's behavior was so strange that she couldn't help but ask, feeling puzzled, "Grandpa, what's the matter with you?"

Jiang Shizheng had always been a calm and steady person. His many years of teaching experience had given him a habit of not showing his true emotions easily in front of others, and yet he was now giving himself away in front of Shi Nuan.

As soon as Fu Chengyan saw Shi Nuan being pushed away, he hurried over to stabilize her. "Are you okay?"

Shaking her head in response, Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan and then at Jiang Shizheng with a worried expression on her face. "What's wrong with you, Grandpa?"

Jiang Shizheng suddenly came back to his senses. When he saw Shi Nuan's face, he was overwhelmed by a sense of frustration. "Nuan, did I injure you?"

Shi Nuan shook her head while saying, "I'm fine. But what happened to you just now?"

“It’s nothing. I just don’t like these ridiculous movie stars. Where’s the remote control? Let’s switch to another channel!”

He doesn’t like movie stars?

Shi Nuan looked at the TV, which was currently airing an interview of Shu Qing. Her fluent American English made her appear very calm and at ease. Being in the limelight, she carried herself calmly and could easily handle all the tricky questions posed by the reporters.

Shi Nuan couldn’t help but blink her eyes rapidly, feeling baffled. For some reason, a strange feeling washed over her every time she saw Shu Qing. The feeling was so strange that she could not quite put her finger on it.

However, since Jiang Shizheng didn’t like it, she didn’t force him. She took the remote control and handed it to him. “I watch it out of boredom. If you don’t want to watch this, you can change the channel, Grandpa.”

Upon hearing that, Jiang Shizheng hurriedly switched channels, but he still looked preoccupied. After a while, he still couldn’t find a nice TV channel. Fortunately, Aunt Fei was already done with dinner by now, and she asked them to go over and have their food.

Throughout the meal, everyone was engrossed in their own thoughts. Shi Nuan kept observing Jiang Shizheng, thinking that he was unlike himself today. The man seemed a little distracted. She and Fu Chengyan looked at each other several times, and the latter would give her a look of reassurance every time.

After coming out of Jiang Shizheng’s house, Shi Nuan got a hunch that the man was hiding something from her.

After Fu Chengyan buckled the seat belt for Shi Nuan, he noticed that she was still lost in thought. He reached out to tuck her hair behind her ears and asked, “Still thinking about Grandpa?”

Shi Nuan broke out of her trance and nodded in response. “Yes. Don’t you think Grandpa’s a little weird today, Yan?”

“In what way?”

Fu Chengyan started the car and drove off. “Tell me.”

“Ever since we entered his house, Grandpa has been in a very bad state. Although he acted like he was okay, I could see that something was troubling him. I frequently watched TV at his house last time, but he has never reacted like that. More importantly, I think Shu Qing is okay. Why did Grandpa get so agitated when he saw her?”

At this, Fu Chengyan was slightly stunned. He glanced sideways at her.

Shi Nuan didn’t know what she had said that caused him to look at her like this. So she instinctively touched her touch and asked suspiciously, “You don’t like Shu Qing either, do you?”

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips and said nothing for a long time before he asked, “Does Shu Qing come from Jiang City?”

“Yes. Didn’t you hear what I said just now? She is from Jiang City, so Jiang City is also included in her tour, but I don’t know when she will come over!”

“You seem to know Shu Qing quite well!” Fu Chengyan pointed out.

Shi Nuan chuckled. “You’re not jealous, are you?”

Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows noncommittally. “Why are you interested in her?”

“I’m not. Song Rongrong is. She has always been a fan of Shu Qing and used to talk about her a lot to me. But I remember that we were only at high school at

that time. Later, after graduating from university, Song Rongrong went to Africa, and I no longer heard any news about Shu Qing. A few days ago, Song Rongrong was still talking about her idol's upcoming visit to Jiang City. Then, I also saw Shu Qing on the huge screen outside the mall today." Speaking of this, Shi Nuan suddenly found that fate seemed to favor her and Shu Qing. "You know what, Shu Qing always gives me a sense of familiarity somehow, but I don't know how to describe this kind of feeling!"

Fu Chengyan nodded his head. "I'll get Zhou Zheng to book the movie tickets in advance. I'll go and watch the movie with you next month."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan nodded happily in agreement. "That would be wonderful."

However, Fu Chengyan was lost in thought because of what Shi Nuan had said.

A glint appeared in his eyes as though he had thought of something.

As soon as they arrived at Wutong Residence, Shi Nuan headed directly to her room to take a shower. After her shower, she snuggled down into her bed and refused to come out. Today had tired her out.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan went to the study and immediately called Zhou Zheng. "Investigate the background of Shu Qing!"

"Shu Qing?" Zhou Zheng was stunned on the other end of the line. "Umm... Mr. Fu, isn't she in Hollywood? Are you trying to poach her to Xinhuang?"

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows. As a face popped up in his mind, he pursed his lips slightly. "Find out the birth mother of Shen Qianan!"

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Shen Qianan? Why Shen Qianan?

Zhou Zheng was perplexed.

“Mr. Fu, do you want me to investigate Shu Qing or Shen Qianan?” There is no inevitable connection between the two.

It was already late at night. Zhou Zheng felt as if he were about to lose his mind after being ordered around by Fu Chengyan.

There was a frown on Fu Chengyan’s face. “Both of them. Find out what their relationship is, focusing on the relationship between Shu Qing and Shen Feng!”

After hanging up the phone, Fu Chengyan clutched the phone in his hand and turned around. Then, he put one hand in his pocket and stared out the window into the darkness.

Perhaps there will be some clues this time!

Meanwhile, at Jiang Residence, after Aunt Fei had cleaned up the rest of the food, she saw Jiang Shizheng turn on the TV again. The TV was on the entertainment channel that Shi Nuan was watching earlier, but the program had already changed at this moment, and it was no longer playing the earlier interview. Jiang Shizheng stared at the TV screen motionlessly.

Seeing Jiang Shizheng like this, Aunt Fei couldn't help but shake her head as she poured a cup of hot tea and handed it over to him. "There's no need to be like this, Master."

Jiang Shizheng turned to look at her, a clouded look in his eyes. "Watch your tongue the next time Nuan comes over!"

Aunt Fei froze, feeling a little torn. "But Master, Little Miss also has the right to know the truth. Hiding it from her like this may not be good for her!"

"Is telling her good for her then?" Jiang Shizheng sneered and shook his head as if thinking of something. "That evil woman!"

"Calm down, Master. Anger isn't good for your health." Aunt Fei hurriedly handed the cup of tea to Jiang Shizheng. "Since you want to keep it from Little Miss, the way you act today is too unusual, so a smart person like Little Miss may notice it. Besides, your son-in-law is also a smart man!"

Speaking of Fu Chengyan, Jiang Shizheng's eyes flickered. When he recalled his conversation with the man in the study, the look in his eyes dimmed. "I thought this secret would be kept hidden forever, but who knows... Who knew that that evil woman would actually return!"

"Master, don't get angry. It's not worth it. Maybe she has her own reasons?"

"Reasons? Does she seem like she has any of those? I think she's just unrepentant!" Jiang Shizheng scowled with a look of resentment on his face. "There's no need to defend her. She's my daughter, so I know very well what kind of person she is. Anyway, I won't let her come and ruin the relationship between Nuan and Yan."

"Alright. Didn't she say that she only came back to visit and doesn't plan on doing anything? Why bother, Master?" Aunt Fei reached out to pat him on the back. "In my opinion, you have to remain calm so that you can let this pass in peace!"

Jiang City was packed with traffic at night; it was not at all quieter than it was during the day.

A woman bundled up herself in a long windbreaker and wore a pair of oversized sunglasses even at night, covering most of her face.

While walking on the street, her mind flashed back to the afternoon incident. She clenched her fists when she recalled that face. Before she could walk any further, a black Maybach pulled up in front of her, stopping her in her tracks.

The car window was wound down, revealing a slightly aging face of a man that was wearing a weighty look. The man fixed his gaze on the woman's face, and he instructed after a short pause, "Get in the car!"

The woman clenched her fists, looking displeased. "I'm not your prisoner!"

At that, the man chuckled coldly. "How is it? How does it feel to return to Jiang City after 25 years?"

The woman took off the sunglasses, revealing her delicate face. At first glance, she looked like Shi Nuan, but one could tell that she was not young after taking a closer look. Although she took good care of her skin, the signs of aging could still be seen on her face.

"How does it feel? Are you serious? How do you think I should feel, Su Huaibei?" The woman wore a vicious expression on her face while looking at Su Huaibei, overwhelmed by the urge to tear him apart.

Hearing her reply, Su Huaibei narrowed his eyes with a smirk tugging at his lips. If one were to look closely, one would know that the man must be very handsome when he was younger. He had an insincere smile plastered on his face. Leaning against the back seat of the car, he looked directly at the woman as his slender hands rested on his knees. He was absorbed in thought.

"Get in the car!"

“I don’t have anything to do with you. Why should I get in your car?”

“Yuan.” Su Huaibei’s calm voice was heard, calling out from behind. When the woman heard that nickname, she reached out, grabbing the man’s collar as if she had lost her mind. “Don’t call me that. You don’t deserve to use it!”

Knitting his brows, Su Huaibei placed his hand on the back of the woman’s hand, removed it from his collar, and held it in the palm of his hand. “Shu Qing!”

Hearing his words, the woman was stunned for a moment. She then flung away Su Huaibei’s hand. After looking around and making sure that there was no one around, she opened the door and got into the car.

Seeing her like this, Su Huaibei gave her a faint smile and told the driver, “Head to Emerald Garden.”

When Shu Qing heard it, her whole body stiffened. “I don’t want to go there, Su Huaibei!”

Squinting his eyes, Su Huaibei turned to look at Shu Qing. “From the moment you decided to come back, you don’t have a say in many things, Shu Qing!”

Shu Qing balled her hands into fists. “Do you think I will be happy to be with you by doing this, Su Huaibei?”

“Who do you want to be with then? Shen Feng?”

Grimacing, Su Huaibei pinched Shu Qing’s chin and looked at her fiercely. “Don’t forget that Shen Feng will never marry you. Even if she is dead, Shen Feng won’t ever marry you!”

Shu Qing froze, her eyes bloodshot. “Yes, I’m waiting for him. Even if I can never marry him, I won’t be yours. You can’t make me love you!”

Love?

Su Huaibei sneered. He pinched Shu Qing's chin and stared at her with a look as cold as ice. "You know I never cared about that sort of illusory thing. As long as you are by my side—even if you are a corpse—you can only be mine, understand?"

Su Huaibei tightened his grip on her chin, causing her to feel immense pain. Shu Qing gritted her teeth and didn't make any sound.

Su Huaibei was not upset; he just looked at her stubborn face. The more she acted like this, the more unwilling he was to let her go. "Have you seen her?"

Shu Qing's face was particularly pale as she glared at Su Huaibei angrily. How she wished to be able to tear up his hypocritical face. She was always powerless when facing him.

"You haven't seen her for so many years, so I thought you would miss her very much. Haha! What now? Why did you have the heart to abandon your daughter with Shen Feng?"

"You're a bastard, Su Huaibei!"

Shu Qing raised her hand to give Su Huaibei a slap across the face. "You're nothing but a devil! A devil!"

"Devil? Do you think you and Shen Feng are any better?" Su Huaibei suddenly grabbed Shu Qing's hand, restrained her, and looked at her with a cold face. "Look, has Shen Feng ever contacted you after you have left for so many years? To him, you're nothing more than a fling. Do you think he really cares about you?"

The color drained from Shu Qing's face. "So what if you gave birth to his kids? You're a home-wrecker!"

“Enough, Su Huaibei. Stop it!” Shu Qing raised her hand to hit Su Huaibei’s face, but the latter grabbed her hand again. “How can it be enough? Don’t forget that it was you and Shen Feng who did me wrong back then!”

“I’ve never done you wrong, Su Huaibei. You know very well that we can’t be together. Why do you have to pester me?” Shu Qing was on the verge of breaking down, but Su Huaibei kept shooting her a cold look, his eyes void of emotions.

Shu Qing felt a surge of sorrow as she looked at the face she had been seeing for more than 20 years. She moved her lips hesitantly and only managed to suppress her overwhelming emotions after a long time. “I’m going back to C Country!”

“Can you even do that? There are people you miss here. Do you think you can go back after you come?” Su Huaibei let go of his grip on Shu Qing’s chin and looked at her coldly. After a long while, he directed his gaze at the person sitting in the front passenger seat. “What’s Ms. Shu’s schedule?”

“Ms. Shu will go on a promotional tour all over the country after this. The film will be released early next month. The first stop is the capital, and the second stop is Jiang City. Then...” It was Shu Qing’s manager, Ellen, who spoke. She was also Su Huaibei’s subordinate. Ellen had been by Shu Qing’s side as her manager all these years, but both of them knew that she was nothing but a middleman sent to monitor every move of Shu Qing.

Su Huaibei looked up slightly when he heard those words, as a faint smile formed at the corners of his lips. “The capital?”

Shu Qing suddenly saw a fierce look on his exquisite face. She couldn’t help but tremble slightly. “Don’t get it wrong. My visit to the capital has nothing to do with Shen Feng. Don’t hurt him. Don’t hurt them!”

Su Huaibei squinted. “Them? Who?”

Shu Qing was disgusted by him. "What do you want? I've been with you for so many years. Are you still not satisfied with it?" Shu Qing was a little hysterical. "I've promised you that I won't see Shen Feng and An in the future. What else do you want me to do? What about the things you've promised me?"

Something flashed across Su Huaibei's eyes when he heard her words. "I will never go back on my promise to you, as long as you stay by my side. But if you think about Shen Feng and want to run away all the time, you know that I have various means to show you and them the consequences of betraying me!"

"Lunatic. Su Huaibei, you're a lunatic!" Shu Qing was on the verge of breaking down. "I only came back for work. What can I do to make you trust me?"

"Can you even be trusted?"

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It turned out that he had never trusted her.

The look in Shu Qing's eyes dimmed. She looked down, her body trembling. After a long time, she looked up at Su Huaibei again—this time with a clear gaze. “You're right not to trust me. After all, I've never trusted you either!”

“You...” The look in Su Huaibei's eyes suddenly grew stern while his face clouded over. He was about to say something when the car came to a halt. “Mr. Su, we've arrived!”

Su Huaibei narrowed his eyes as he fixed his gaze on Shu Qing with a hostile look. She was in a daze, seemingly lost in thought.

Su Huaibei still wanted to speak, but Shu Qing had already put on her sunglasses, cutting off eye contact with him.

After opening the door and getting out of the car, she stood in front of Su Huaibei and gave him a cold look. “Don't come in!”

Seeing Shu Qing enter Emerald Garden, Su Huaibei closed his eyes to clear his head. “What did she do lately?”

“Ms. Shu went back to see Old Master Jiang.”

Su Huaibei opened his eyes abruptly. “When did she do that?”

“Earlier in the afternoon!” Ellen paused. “Ms. Shu didn’t seem like she was hiding it from me. She knew I was following her.”

After carefully studying Su Huaibei’s expression, Ellen thought for a moment and then added, “Ms. Shu also saw someone today!”

“Who is it?”

“Shi Nuan, the second daughter of the Shi family.”

Seeing that Su Huaibei didn’t speak, Ellen carefully measured her words as she went on, “Ms. Shu seemed very emotional when she saw her!”

At this, Su Huaibei gave off a chill. “Shi Nuan? The daughter of Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu?” There was a slight chill in his eyes. “Isn’t she?”

“I think so!”

“You think? When did Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu give birth to a second child?” There was a slight emotional fluctuation in Su Huaibei’s eyes. “Get me the information about Shi Nuan right away!”

“I’ll get it done in one day, Mr. Su!”

A day later, Ellen gave all the information about Shi Nuan to Su Huaibei. When the latter saw Shi Nuan’s photo, he froze, his hand gripping the paper tightly. “Is this everything?”

“Yes!”

Su Huaibei waved his hand to dismiss Ellen.

After staring at Shi Nuan’s photo for several good minutes, he opened the file containing all the information about the woman.

The information inside was very detailed; it included Shi Nuan's status in the Shi family, the things she had gone through since childhood, and her character. Finally, there was also information about her marriage with Fu Chengyan.

"Fu Chengyan!"

Su Huaibei stroked his chin. "It's him!"

Shi Nuan was not doing great in the Shi family. As the second daughter of Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu, she did not receive the same treatment as Shi Wei. Instead, she kept being oppressed, and Shi Wei stole her boyfriend away in the end. This was the result of Ellen's investigation.

The subsequent information showed that Shi Nuan had married Fu Chengyan, but the Shi family had no knowledge of it. This showed that Shi Nuan did not have a good relationship with Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu.

Su Huaibei fixed his sharp gaze on Shi Nuan's face in the photo. This girl looked exactly the same as Shu Qing when she was younger, and she also looked very similar to Shen Qianan.

It dawned on Su Huaibei in an instant that this girl might be the child who had been abandoned by Shu Qing back then.

Could Shi Nuan be the child in her arms when she was abandoned by Shen Feng?

Su Huaibei abruptly rose to his feet. The moment he stood up, his legs went stiff. When Ellen and Min Han, who were outside, heard the sound, they immediately opened the door and saw him holding a coat, walking over slowly yet calmly. "I'm going to the Shi residence!"

"The Shi residence?" Min Han was dumbfounded. "Sir, you..."

Su Huaibei changed his mind. “Forget it. Go and find out where Shi Nuan is now. I want to meet her.”

“But, Sir, Shi Nuan...” Min Han hesitated, then shot Ellen a look.

Ellen didn’t actually know how to respond as well. Su Huaibei was unpredictable; they could not figure him out even though they had worked with him for many years. “Sir, why do you want to see Shi Nuan?”

Ellen could not fathom Su Huaibei’s action. What relationship could there be between Shi Nuan and Su Huaibei? It was already weird that he asked her to investigate Shi Nuan’s background before, but now he actually wanted to see Shi Nuan, which was simply baffling.

Su Huaibei shot Ellen a sharp look, silencing all his questioning instantly. “I’ll get the car ready!”

“I’ll find out Shi Nuan’s whereabouts right away!” Min Han immediately took out his phone to call someone when Su Huaibei shot him a look.

Half an hour later, Min Han called Su Huaibei and reported, “Sir, I found it. Shi Nuan is at the obstetrics and gynecology department of the hospital today!”

“The obstetrics and gynecology department?”

“Yes, she’s pregnant. She goes for routine check-ups. Fu Chengyan seems to care about her a lot. He ramped up protection around her. Apart from the four bodyguards who secretly protect her, there are also two hired guns.”

Hired guns?

Fu Chengyan was obviously really fond of Shi Nuan if he went to such great lengths for her.

Shen Feng, I wonder how you will feel when you learn that your two daughters are fighting over a man.

Shen Feng probably doesn't know that he still has another daughter, other than Shen Qianan.

There was an unnoticeable cold glint in Su Huaibei's eyes as he asked, "Which hospital?"

After a brief hesitation, Min Han replied, "Your nephew's. Su Shaoqing's private hospital!"

Su Huaibei was struck dumb. "Shaoqing?"

"Yes. Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing are close friends. The latter seems to treat Shi Nuan very well too. Previously, he also helped Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan in their relationship."

Su Huaibei smiled. "I haven't seen him in many years. What an interesting brat!" Instead of inheriting the huge business of the Su family, he actually went to become a doctor. "Drive me to the hospital now."

"Yes, Sir!"

Shi Nuan was having a routine check-up today, but Fu Chengyan, who had said that he would go to the hospital with her, got caught up with work. He could not come with her.

Shi Nuan didn't really mind his absence as it was just a routine check-up. It didn't matter if Fu Chengyan came with her or not. Moreover, she was in Su Shaoqing's hospital. He would take care of her, so she was fine with going there without Fu Chengyan's company.

However, she clearly did not expect to run into Shi Wei, who was accompanied to the hospital by Su Su.

Shi Wei was now a famous celebrity. That was why she needed to be conscious of her own image when she was outside, particularly at a place like a hospital. Therefore, she opted to go to a private hospital instead of a public hospital.

Covering herself in her clothes, Shi Wei entered the hospital with Su Su. She did not look well, looking as if she had fallen sick.

Shi Nuan didn't notice Shi Wei initially, but Shi Wei was simply too eye-catching. The people in the hospital were dressed in normal clothes except for doctors and nurses, who were wearing white coats. Therefore, it was really difficult not to notice Shi Wei, who had wrapped herself up.

After coming out from Yu Qing's office, Shi Nuan was told that she and her baby were very healthy. She was told to take care of herself and not do physically demanding things. Basically, what Yu Qing told her was similar to the things she had told Shi Nuan the last time she came for the check-up.

After listening to her, Shi Nuan flashed her a smile and promised to do so. Before this, Su Shaoqing had texted her to ask about her whereabouts and told her that he would come over later to send her back as Fu Chengyan was worried about leaving her alone.

Therefore, Shi Nuan waited inside the lounge of Yu Qing's office. While playing with her phone out of boredom, she overheard a conversation from Yu Qing's office.

Initially, Shi Nuan didn't want to eavesdrop on others' conversations, but the voice outside was too loud and familiar. Her curiosity got the better of her, and she continued to eavesdrop on them.

A woman was heard asking, "It's a small matter, right, doctor?"

"Small matter? It's a laceration! What's wrong with you young people? Don't you know that certain parts of women are very delicate? You have to be careful even while having fun!"

The second person speaking was Yu Qing. Obviously, she was very dissatisfied with the patient. "It's a serious vaginal laceration. I think you will be in trouble in the future if you ignore it." Yu Qing paused. "You'll need a minor surgery now. And you. How can you call yourself her friend? Why didn't you look out for her?"

"I..."

Shi Nuan was astonished as she listened in on the conversation between Yu Qing, Shi Wei, and Su Su.

Vaginal laceration?

Shi Nuan digested that information with her mouth open so wide that an egg could fit into it. Unable to believe it, she opened a gap in the door and looked out from the inside. She saw Su Su standing with Shi Wei while holding her arms. The latter seemed to be in a lot of pain.

Some things in this world are too surreal.

Since the last incident, Shi Nuan had almost forgotten the existence of Shi Wei, but unexpectedly, she actually got to see Shi Wei being in such a state today.

Did she and Fu Xicheng actually go so far?

For as long as Shi Nuan could remember, Fu Xicheng did not seem to be someone who was that hardcore.

Shi Nuan knitted her brows, suddenly realizing that she didn't seem to understand Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei very well.

"Alright. I'll make arrangements for you first. I will deal with it soon!" Although Yu Qing was professional, she still found this kind of thing unacceptable. "Hey, friend, take good care of her. And you... You need to be hospitalized!"

“No, I don’t want to be hospitalized!” Shi Wei immediately refused. She held Su Su’s hand and said, “Su Su, tell her I don’t want to be hospitalized. I will go back immediately after the surgery is done!”

“But...”

“I don’t want to be hospitalized. Do you want everyone to know that I’m hospitalized because of this?”