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Shi Nuan shook her head and realized that Fu Chengyan couldn't see her through the phone. On second thought, it was rare to see him this way. But he was Fu Chengyan! Think about his scandals in Jiang City! Shi Nuan felt it made sense.

Everything would make sense if she reminded herself of Fu Chengyan's capability as the owner of a listed company. "No."

Fu Chengyan smiled, "Thank goodness you're not scared."

"By the way, why did you call me?" Shi Nuan didn't forget that Fu Chengyan made the call.

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes and stayed silent for a while. "I want to know where you want to eat after work."

Shi Nuan was speechless as his had put aside important business to call her on such small matter. "Allow me to remind you that you're at work, Mr. Fu."

"Hah! I'm the boss." Fu Chengyan could almost picture Shi Nuan's expression at the other end of the phone.

"But I'm not! I need to work!" Shi Nuan gritted her teeth.

"You're my lady boss." Fu Chengyan spoke casually, totally different from before.

Shi Nuan bit her lips in amazement at the sudden mood change of the man. It was hard to relate him with that stern voice earlier.

"Of course, if you're willing, ."

Fu Chengyan frowned at Shi Nuan's silence, "You don't want to talk?"

"I have nothing to say since you have said everything." Shi Nuan spoke dejectedly. "I'm easy-going with food, anything is fine for me."

"No way!" Fu Chengyan furrowed his brow, "You have to change your eating habits now that you're with me. Shall I fetch you later?"

"Never mind! You don't have to fetch me. It's so far away." Shi Nuan rejected his offer immediately.

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan tilted his eyebrow, "Am I an embarrassment to you?"

"No!" Shi Nuan bit her lips. "You know that's not what I meant. We're too far away from each other. It's a waste of time for you to come here in peak hours." Shi Nuan made a suggestion, "Why don't we meet at a center point? I want to eat braised fish and sweet and sour pork"

"What do you want to eat? Shall I make it for you?" Shi Nuan thought about him.

Fu Chengyan was delighted with her suggestion. He saw Zhou Zheng at his door as he lifted his eyes. He signaled him to wait for a moment.

Zhou Zheng knew that Fu Chengyan was speaking to Shi Nuan on the phone, so he turned towards the head of financial department, Liu Jiang, "Mr. Fu wants us to wait."

"Sure! I'm not in a rush!" Mr. Liu nodded hurriedly but screamed inside. He wished that Fu Chengyan would forget about him if he was busy.

But he had such good memory, Fu Chengyan would never forget about him.

"Okay, we'll meet at Shengyun after work if you want to eat there. Let me know when you're off from work."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan hung up immediately and stared at the person standing in front of her, "General Manager Fu is looking for me?"

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan hung up the phone and rubbed the phone screen with his long fingers. After a while, he kept his smile away and asked his visitors in.

Zhou Zheng brought Liu Jiang in, "Mr. Fu, Mr. Liu is here."

"Okay." Fu Chengyan glanced at Zhou Zheng and he knew the meaning, "Please excuse me, I need to attend to some matters."

Fu Chengyan stared at Mr. Liu who was sitting on the sofa casually as he threw away his phone after Zhou Zheng left the room. Mr. Liu broke in a sweat as he was told by someone that Secretary Li from the Secretariat office was taken away by Zhou Zheng as well.

He was terrified along the way as Fu Chengyan had never spared him. The journey from the financial department to the President's office was enough for him to consider every possible way to save himself.

But he couldn't say anything as Fu Chengyan merely stared at him in silence.

Fu Chengyan was someone with very deep thought and even the senior staffs would not go against his decisions even if they had opposing view. That would mean to engage enmity with the strongest influence in Jiang City.

Most of the rumors were actually facts.

Mr. Liu tried to peek from his bowed head, but he dared not look at Fu Chengyan directly.

Fu Chengyan glared at the silent Mr. Liu and asked, "Have you counted the time, Mr. Liu?"

"What?" Mr. Liu stared at Fu Chengyan in confusion, "What do you mean, President Fu?"

"Your time is up." Fu Chengyan tapped his fingers on the table and scared Mr. Liu badly. Mr. Liu was petrified even the tapping was not loud.

"You have ten minutes to explain or admit to your mistakes, but you chose to remain silent." Fu Chengyan slid his hands into his pockets and asked, "How much did he pay you?"

"What? No one gave me anything!" Mr. Liu took out his handkerchief to wipe his forehead.

"Really?" Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows and sat on his table nonchalantly. But his strong and oppressive aura was a pressure to Mr. Liu.

"Yes, President Fu! Why did you ask for me? I don't know what you're talking about!"

"What an impeccable answer!" Fu Chengyan's face turned dark in a sudden. He threw a cold stare at Mr. Liu.

"How much did Fu Renjiang offer you to do this?"

"President Fu." Mr. Liu raised his head as he didn't expect Fu Chengyan's to have any knowledge on the person behind him. "I don't understand, Mr. Jiang didn't..."

"Really?" Fu Chengyan pulled up a piece of document from a stack near where he stood, "I'm don't want an explanation. You're probably ignorant of my temper, but you're destined to face termination."

"President Fu!" Mr. Liu's legs gave way and almost knelt down, "I'm sorry! I had to do it for my family. I'm the head of the financial department and you have got to give me the credit for my guts to take up this job. I have to this as I have no choice. I needed that extra money for my mother's heart surgery."

Fu Chengyan glared at Mr. Liu coldly, "You didn't cherish the time I gave you for an explanation." He called Zhou Zheng's extension and the latter entered soon enough, "Master Chengyan, Secretary Li had confessed to the fake ledgers that you have never seen before. Hence, everything went well for some time."

"You've been doing this for a long time then?" Fu Chengyan smiled.

"It's my fault, Mr. Fu! I was tempted by Mr. Jiang and made a grave mistake, but I had to do it to save my mother. I can't afford to lose my job!" Mr. Liu knelt down immediately.

Fu Chengyan waved his hand and Zhou Zheng went towards Mr. Liu, "Master Chengyan, I have lodge a police report and the police will be here soon."

Mr. Liu slumped onto the floor with a pale face, "I'm doomed! Everything's is over!"

"It's not too late." Zhou Zheng said.Mr. Liu stood up right away, "Can you help me, Mr. Zhou?"

Zhou Zheng squinted his eyes, "A smart guy like you must've kept a backup file."

"Yes, I did! I was afraid that it would be exposed someday, so..." Mr. Liu was a smart man who knew how to cover his back. "I'm willing to hand them over if you spare me, Mr. Fu!"

Fu Chengyan shot a cold glance at Mr. Liu, "You've made a big mistake to have threatened me."

"Mr. Fu…"

"Zhou Zheng, take him away. He needs to think through his next moves."

"Yes, Master Chengyan!" Zhou Zheng shook his head sympathetically at Mr. Liu.

He knew about Fu Chengyan's style at work after all these years. The only person who got to threaten someone was always him.

He assumed that Mr. Liu had gone haywire, "Follow me, Mr. Liu."

"No! I'm not leaving! Mr. Fu, are you sure you're not interested about what I have to offer? It's the deadliest weapon to put Mr. Jiang down."

"I want it, but you don't have the right to make any requests. You have to play by my rules." He could see cruelty and coldness in Fu Chengyan's eyes.

Mr. Liu stared at Fu Chengyan in despair and realized that he didn't earn his nickname as the Cold-faced Hades in vain.

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Fu Chengyan was standing by the French windows when Zhou Zheng came back to the room. He made a small cough to get his attention.

Fu Chengyan turned around to look at Zhou Zheng who stood straight immediately, "He has been taken away. Do you think this is appropriate, Master Chengyan?"

"Why not? It's time to do so." Fu Chengyan walked to his table and pick up an unlit cigarette.

Fu Chengyan preferred to strike at his opponents' weakest point with a single hit to save trouble."Let's make it big for him since he likes stabbing our back."

Zhou Zheng knew he was serious about wanting to finish Fu Renjiang but just couldn't understand why he wanted to do it so quickly. "I remembered you said you wanted to keep him alive for some time."

"I am in a good mood." Fu Chengyan curved his lips, "Never try to guess my intentions."

"I didn't!" Zhou Zheng would never have the gall to guess Fu Chengyan's thoughts as no one could see through it.

"Fu Yuqing thought he could be fearless with Fu Renjiang as his backup." Fu Chengyan let out a cold snort. "Are we taking action on Fucheng?" Zhou Zheng couldn't help himself but thought about Shi Nuan. He didn't think there was anything special about her but Master Chengyan liked her.

He was always confused with Master Chengyan's unpredictable temper. He had troubled by matters concerning the Fu family. Hence, he had been hiding his true colors which only showed up in rare occasions. Did he act up this time because of Shi Nuan?

Honestly, he was not very pleased with his action. As far as Zhou Zheng was concerned Fu Chengyan was invincible and flawless. But Shi Nuan...

"Do you have any other opinions?" Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes.

"No, I don't!" Zhou Zheng shook his head, "Fucheng went overboard in the past two years with Shengyuan as their cover-up."

"Keep an eye on Liu Jiang. As for Secretary Li…" Fu Chengyan kept quiet for a moment, "You know what to do."

"Yes, Sir." Zhou Zheng nodded, "What about Mr. Jiang?"

"Don't worry, he should be the one worrying now. He'll come to us in three days." Fu Chengyan scoffed.

Shi Nuan was reluctant to end the call with Fu Chengyan. She didn't expect him to call her during office hours to just ask her about dinner.

Even though Shi Nuan was still not used to their relationship, she would make an effort and try to adapt if Fu Chengyan was serious about her.

Fu Chengyan was right. She couldn't live nor run away from the past. She should learn to face and accept it. She deserved to live a better life after all that she had been through.

However, she furrowed her eyebrows when Fu Xicheng approached her.

She was annoyed by Fu Xicheng's grim look at her phone as if he wanted to destroy it. She hated the way he looked at her, "Are you looking for me, Mr. Fu?"

Fu Xicheng was displeased at her cold tone, "Who was that?"

"You mean... Who called me? I don't think there a need for me to report to you." Shi Nuan pursed her lips.

"What do you mean by that? Watch your attitude at work, Shi Nuan!" Fu Xicheng was furious, "Do you even have respect for the company?"

"Mr. Fu, I don't have to prove anything to you. If you'll excuse me, I have work to do."

Shi Nuan didn't want to have any contact with Fu Xicheng besides work.

He was agitated by her attitude that he held her hand tight, "You are at work and I'm your superior here in the company!"

"Fine! Tell me what you want from me?" Shi Nuan sneered and gritted her teeth, "You don't have to hold my hand for work! Let go of me!"

She managed to pull herself away after a few attempts and was irritated to see her hand turned red from Fu Xicheng's strong grip, "Please tell me, Mr. Fu!"

"Must we talk like this, Shi Nuan?"

"I'm going to work if you have nothing to say to me!" Shi Nuan didn't want to start an argument with Fu Xicheng in the office as everyone in the whole department was watching. She knew what not to do. But Fu Xicheng was obviously blinded by anger, "Fine, we'll talk about work then. What were you trying to say during the morning briefing?" "Huh? Didn't I make myself clear enough?" Shi Nuan scoffed, "You should be in charge as the general manager of Fucheng. It's none of my affairs. Why are you asking me what I meant?"

"You said Shengyuan cut their orders, and the sales department..."

"Mr. Fu, I think you should get more information on this as I barely knew anything.. Besides, didn't the Chairman forbid me to talk about it in the meeting?"

Fu Xicheng he had lost the ties he used to have with Shi Nuan. They would never speak to each other like enemies in the past.

He didn't know how to handle Shi Nuan's sharp tongue.

"Fine, we won't talk about it. Have you gotten used to things now that you have returned?"

"Why not? I'm so used to it." Shi Nuan said while looking at her watch, "I'm signing out now, Mr. Fu."

Shi Nuan put up a friendly smile in the pretense of her unyielding personality. She would never compromise on her principles.

Fu Xicheng wanted to talk to her, but Shi Nuan obviously didn't want to hear it as she packed her things and clocked out from the office immediately.

Fu Xicheng clenched his fists and went after Shi Nuan.

However, Shi Nuan got into her car and drove off. Fu Xicheng punched the wall with grudge as he was too slow and could only her sped off.

Shi Nuan clocked out on time just before the traffic began. Just as she was preparing to call Fu Chengyan, the man took the initiative and called first, "You're off from work?"

"Yes, I'm on my way. What about you?" Shi Nuan asked, "I'll reach in half an hour."

"Me too. We'll meet over there."

After half an hour, Shi Nuan reached her destination and saw Fu Chengyan waiting for her without his car, "Where's your car?"

"Zhou Zheng drove it back." Fu Chengyan slipped his hand into his pocket casually with a pleasant smile on his face.

Shi Nuan moaned softly and held her forehead as she marveled at his charming and dangerous smile. That was a very gorgeous smile.

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes at Shi Nuan's reaction, "Look at you. Are you not happy, my wife?"

"No, I'm not! You must be mistaken." Shi Nuan replied awkwardly.

"I thought I was wrong too." Fu Chengyan smiled, "My wife, you'll have to drive me home."

Shi Nuan was speechless at his disposition. "You can call me Shi Nuan."

"That's too weird!" Fu Chengyan laughed and tucked Shi Nuan's loose hair behind her ear, "I don't like it."

"You can call me Nuan too."

"I'm not following the others." Fu Chengyan frowned slightly, "I'm the only one who can address you as my wife."

Shi Nuan sighed at Fu Chengyan, "Why don't you think of another nickname for me instead?" She felt uneasy with that nickname.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows and sighed pitifully, "I'll think of a nickname for you then."

"Okay!" Shi Nuan shrugged and thought that anything would be better than him calling her his wife.

Fu Chengyan pondered for a moment, "Let's go grocery shopping while I think. Didn't you say you want to have braised fish and sweet and sour pork?"

Shi Nuan nodded, "That's right! How about you?" She had to consider his preference now that they are married. "What do you like to eat? I'll take note of it."

Fu Chengyan smiled, "I'll eat anything as long as it's cooked." He stopped for a moment, "Don't you want some veggies besides those two dishes?"

Shi Nuan was stunned, "Is it necessary to have vegetables?" Are they buying them too?"

"So you prefer meat, my wife?" Fu Chengyan grinned slyly at the twisted meaning behind the word.

Shi Nuan was ignorant and nodded after a while, "Yes, I liked my grandpa's sweet and sour pork when I was young. I was lousy at cooking, but my grandpa was a superb cook. I would always eat plenty of meat whenever he cooked." Shi Nuan smiled plainly as she spoke, "Don't you think I'm exaggerating?"

Fu Chengyan laughed lightly, "No, I think you're easy to take care of as you love meat."

Shi Nuan nodded at Fu Chengyan's weird response, "Yes, I quite enjoy eating meat."

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It took Shi Nuan a while to realize what Fu Chengyan's actually meant, but she didn't get the chance to speak about it again.

They went straight to the meat section in the supermarket when they reached the mall. Shi Nuan cooked at home very often but she rarely bought her ingredients in a mall but the wet market. However, she didn't cook as much now as she had to work.

Comparatively, Fu Chengyan was clearly more familiar with the place than Shi Nuan. She began to have a different impression about the man in front of him.

Fu Chengyan was someone special to her. He might come from a wealthy family, but he was different from them. He was elegant and well-mannered, but also dark and evil.

Shi Nuan had no other words to describe him, but he was definitely special to her.

Fu Chengyan turned around check on her as he felt she had stopped behind him. He saw her standing still with her gaze fixed upon him.

Fu Chengyan tilted his eyebrow and tapped the shopping cart with his slender fingers, "What's the matter?"

Shi Nuan came out of her daze and shook her head, "No, I was thinking what I'll be cooking later."

"Didn't you mention them just now?" Fu Chengyan laughed lightly, "Do you think they are not enough? Shall we change the menu?"

"Huh? No!" Shi Nuan's face flushed with embarrassment, "I was thinking about some greens."

"Oh..." Fu Chengyan dragged his tone and smiled, "What do you have in mind?"

Shi Nuan bit her lips and shook her head, "Nothing."

"Take your time. We'll think about it as we shop." Fu Chengyan pointed to the front, "Let's buy a fish first."

Fu Chengyan was obviously an experienced shopper so Shi Nuan was merely walking behind him when he selected the ingredients.

Fu Chengyan was serious in everything he did. She exclaimed behind him, "I think you can cook for us in the future."

"I don't mind if you're alright with that, my wife." Fu Chengyan smiled at the little woman who was doing some serious thinking.

Shi Nuan stiffened, "Didn't you say you'll think of a new nickname?" She bit her lips, "Stop calling me that."

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan tapped his fingers, "But I have no clue."

"Call me Little Five like my grandfather. He gave me the nickname because of my birthdate."

"Little Five?" Fu Chengyan staggered at the simple nickname, but he agreed to it as no one else would address her this way, "Sure, Little Five!" Shi Nuan blushed slightly and that lifted his mood. Fu Chengyan felt happy too, "Let's go, Little Five."

Shi Nuan was not used to him calling her nickname. But she got over it immediately as it was better than being called his wife.

They picked up plenty of groceries which was more than enough for the next few days. Fu Chengyan disapproved, "They won't be fresh if we keep them for too long."

"Oh!" Shi Nuan placed back the excess groceries obediently, "Then we'll... Ah!"

Before she was done, a careless customer misplaced her shopping cart and bumped right into Shi Nuan. Fu Chengyan couldn't shield her in time from the sudden accident.

He was quick enough to pull Shi Nuan aside, but she still sprained her leg at the collision.

She drew a deep breath from the stinging pain on her calf.

Fu Chengyan saw her reaction. He pushed the shopping cart away and rubbed her wound, "Was it painful?"

She could feel pain from where he was pressing, but she shook her head, "I'm fine."

"Are you okay? I'm so sorry! I was too busy attending to my child that I forgot about my shopping cart!" A lady with a child in her arms came over apologetically. "I'm really sorry! Are you hurt? Shall I take you to the hospital?"

It was obvious that the lady didn't mean to hurt her.

Shi Nuan smiled at the lady, "It's okay, I'm fine. I don't have to go to the hospital."

"Are you sure?" Fu Chengyan stood up in a sudden and covered Shi Nuan with his colossal body. The lady was struck in a daze with his looks.

This was her first time she had ever seen such a good-looking man. She didn't even realize that her child was still crying in her arms.

Fu Chengyan frowned at the lady with scornful eyes.

Shi Nuan tugged his hand in worry of the lady's safety, "It's okay. I'm fine." She didn't want him to scold the lady. She moved her leg about to show Fu Chengyan that she was fine.

When Fu Chengyan wanted to say something but she shook head, "Let's finish our grocery shopping. I'm so hungry."

Shi Nuan pulled Fu Chengyan away with a limp. The lady came back to her senses and flushed as they left.

Fu Chengyan knew that Shi Nuan was bearing the pain. He pulled her towards him as he saw her limping her way ahead.

Shi Nuan was confused with his action, "What is it?"

Fu Chengyan carried her immediately without a word while a flustered Shi Nuan hugged his neck, "What are you doing? Let me down!"

Shi Nuan flushed as she was embarrassed with Fu Chengyan's showing his affection in public. The crowd stopped to look at them She lowered her head and pulled his sleeve, "Can you put me down now? Hey! Don't place me in the shopping cart! I'm not a child anymore!"

Shi Nuan's face turned crimson red as Fu Chengyan placed her in the shopping cart. She tried to climb out of it but Fu Chengyan stopped her.

"What's the matter with you?"

Fu Chengyan's long fingers pressed Shi Nuan's shoulders and looked at her. "Don't move. Do you still want your legs?" His eyes shone with pleasure.

Shi Nuan was touched, "I'm fine! What do think I am for you put me in here?"

"You can choose between sitting in the shopping cart and going to the hospital." Fu Chengyan gave her two options.

Shi Nuan opened her mouth but decided to keep quiet.

She was irritated with Fu Chengyan's domineering attitude, but she felt touched by it sometimes too.

Not many men would be so delicate when it came to tending to their partners' injuries. Hence, Shi Nuan pursed her lips and sat quietly in the shopping cart. She might be touched but she felt weird being pushed in a shopping cart by Fu Chengyan.

However, Fu Chengyan smiled behind Shi Nuan when she was looking. The smile on him influenced everyone around and they were so envious of her.

Fu Chengyan continued to shove daily necessities into the shopping cart while pushing the embarrassed Shi Nuan around. She peeked at him after a while, "Do we need anything else?"

"Yes, we have to get more for you even if you've brought a lot with you when you move in." Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Nuan. She reminded him of his Samoyed with her big round eyes peering at him from her curled body inside the shopping cart.

The Samoyed tend to follow him around when it was little. He couldn't bring it along when he left Jiang City. He found out later that it was put to sleep because of its old age.

Fu Chengyan's eyes dimmed with the memory. Shi Nuan seemed to sense his emotions and she just kept quiet.

Fu Chengyan rubbed her head while squinting his eyes, "Shall we go faster?"

"What?"

Shi Nuan pouted her lips while pushing his hand away, "You messed up my hair!" Then she shouted in fear, "Slow down, Fu Chengyan! What are you doing?"

Fu Chengyan pushed the shopping cart in high speed through the aisles. Everyone stopped and watched the two adults fooling around.

Under his influence, Shi Nuan began to relax and came out of her unpleasant mood. She pointed to the front while gripping on to the shopping cart, "Go faster, Fu Chengyan! I need some facial cleanser!"

"Sure!" Fu Chengyan curved his lips upwards to a nice smile and felt delighted after watching Shi Nuan's smile.

In the end, they were caught by the mall security and taken to a room at the back, "Dear sir and madam, you've caused a stir in our mall."

"Yes." Fu Chengyan nodded, "Is there anything else?"

The security officer was agitated by Fu Chengyan's attitude, "I say sir..."

"Please don't misunderstand!" Shi Nuan stood up and bowed immediately as she glared at Fu Chengyan, "I'm sorry for being too playful and caused you trouble. Please forgive my husband's bad attitude too."

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Shi Nuan stopped Fu Chengyan from causing more trouble, "We're really sorry!"

"We'll let you off this time as you did not cause any damage, but please behave yourself. You can play however you want at home, but not in public. We wouldn't want an accident to happen here in the mall with so many people, right?"

"You're absolutely right. We'll take note of that. It won't happen again." Shi Nuan smiled and apologized again.

Shi Nuan glared at the impatient Fu Chengyan and signaled him by scratching his palm, "It's nothing major, but we did cause trouble. We should apologize to him."

"Me? Apologize?" Fu Chengyan crossed his eyebrows, but Shi Nuan warned him with her eyes. Our great Second Master Fu was frightened by a woman's glare for the first time, "Sorry for causing you trouble."

The security guard was easygoing enough to let them off as they apologized, "Now that you've apologized, you're..."

"Sorry for being late!"

Zhou Zheng appeared right on time while pretending to be out of breath. The fact was he had arrived earlier but stood outside and witnessed the whole episode. He coughed dryly at Fu Chengyan's angry look anxiously, "I was late from a traffic jam, Master Chengyan. This..."

"Why don't you come later?" Fu Chengyan let out a cold snort and glared at Zhou Zheng who was smiling apologetically, "I was caught in a traffic jam, Master Chengyan!"

Zhou Zheng was scared and was at the verge of crying but was still shocked to see his boss apologized to a grassroot worker.

However, he knew to keep quiet about some stories. So he spoke seriously, "Please leave with your missus, Master Chengyan. I'll take care of things here."

Fu Chengyan threw a warning look at Zhou Zheng coldly. He snorted and held Shi Nuan's hand, "Let's go."

Shi Nuan tried to speak but she stopped at Zhou Zheng's pleading eyes and Fu Chengyan's darkened face. She left with him without saying anything.

Zhou Zheng regretted for missing the best time to enter the room for the show.

The security guard was confused with them especially Zhou Zheng, "There is nothing for you to do here anymore."

Zhou Zheng kept quiet.

The security guard stared at Zhou Zheng, "By the way, who are you?"

"Haha!" Zhou Zheng smiled coldly, "Do you know whose mall is this?"

"Of course." The security guard looked at Zhou Zheng as if he was a fool, "It belongs to Shengyuan Group. I have no time to chat with you here."

"Good, me too. The guy who just left is the owner of Shengyuan Group. Be careful next time."

"What??" The security guard was shocked, "Are you joking?"

"Do I look like I'm joking?" Zhou Zheng fixed his necktie, "You shouldn't mind the boss and the lady boss's business next time."

Zhou Zheng tapped on his shoulders, "You're lucky to meet the lady boss today."

The security guard was shocked...

Shi Nuan observed Fu Chengyan's mood as he took her out of the mall. He gripped her tighter when she tried to pull her hand away.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips, "Are you mad at me?"

Fu Chengyan kept quiet. She stopped and tugged his hand, "Don't be petty. The security guard was doing his job to stop us. We have created a mess."

Fu Chengyan felt funny at the sudden itch on his palm. He pretended to be solemn at Shi Nuan's words. "But you asked me to apologize." He turned around to Shi Nuan.

She felt bad and bit her lips. Fu Chengyan would be frustrated as he never had to apologize for anything. Did he feel embarrassed for apologizing today? "It's okay! No one knew about what happened today."

"What about Zhou Zheng?"

"I hate it when you asked me to apologize." Fu Chengyan spoke coldly.

"Fine, it's my fault. But Zhou Zheng wouldn't dare to tell anyone about it." Shi Nuan said, "Besides, it was our fault. You..."

"Pfft!" Fu Chengyan couldn't take it any longer and laugh at her reaction.

Shi Nuan realized that Fu Chengyan was fooling with her seeing that he smiled. "Well done. You're teasing me now?" She asked with her face flushed. Shi Nuan pulled her hand away and pinched Fu Chengyan's arm. "How can you do this to me?"

"Hmm!" Fu Chengyan drew a breath with his brows squeezing together. Shi Nuan let go and stared at him anxiously, "Does it hurt that much? I didn't pinch you that hard. Are you okay?"

Shi Nuan tried to pull Fu Chengyan's sleeve up, but he caught her in his arms. "It's okay. I'm fine."

Shi Nuan was a little overwhelmed with his embrace. She wanted to resist this strange feeling in her, but it had somehow attracted.

Fu Chengyan had a lemony citrus scent on him blended with a hint of coldness but it was so refreshing.

Shi Nuan didn't know that a man could smell that great. Fu Chengyan pulled her in and pressed her head onto his chest lightly.

She could hear the rhythm of his strong heartbeat and her heartbeat went along. Then, she blushed and pushed Fu Chengyan's away with her hands, "What are you doing? Let me go! Everyone is watching."

Shi Nuan was shy and wanted to push Fu Chengyan away, but he pressed her head down, "Don't move."

She could smell him and his husky voice had stopped her from moving. She stiffened in his arms. "What's the matter?"

"Little Five." He called her.

Shi Nuan blinked, "Hmm?"

"It's nothing." Fu Chengyan took a deep breath and let go of her as he didn't want to scare her. He turned to the side and picked up the groceries, "We should get going after wasting so much time. Didn't you say you are hungry?"

Shi Nuan rubbed her stomach, "I'm really hungry." She didn't want to think too much about Fu Chengyan's action then, "Which one of us is cooking today?"

"You drive us home, and I'll cook for you. Let's go!" Fu Chengyan said.

When Zhou Zheng came out of the mall, he saw his noble boss looking at Shi Nuan dotingly with the groceries they bought in his hands.

He couldn't believe his eyes that the cold man would step down and lived a simple life like this.

Third Master Li and Fourth Master Su would laugh at him if they knew about this.

Zhou Zheng felt terrified at the scene and chased it away quickly, "I saw nothing, I didn't see anything!"

Shi Nuan felt weird with Fu Chengyan sitting at the passenger seat as she drove. She had never felt this way before.

He turned and sat sideways while holding his face with his hand and stared at her casually, "Why are you looking at me this way?"

Shi Nuan was embarrassed for being caught in action, "It's nothing. I was just wondering why you let me drive when I'm bad at driving?"

"Practice makes perfect. You have to learn how to drive better now. I think you should drive whenever we go out together."

Shi Nuan was speechless with his explanation. She somehow dug her own grave and suddenly remembered, "So Shengyuan Group actually have dealings with Fucheng!"

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrow seeing how stiff she was in changing the topic and nodded, "Yes. Are you sure that you've worked at Fucheng for a few years?"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips, "Fine, I've never paid attention to it. I didn't know Fucheng was related to you or that Shengyuan belonged to you."

Fu Chengyan couldn't help but laugh, "What do you want to know?"

"Why did you cut Fucheng's orders?" Shi Nuan couldn't figure it out.

Fu Chengyan laid by the car door with a smirk on his face while tapping his knee, "You are very smart. I am sure you can guess it."

Shi Nuan stared at Fu Chengyan in suspicion, "I know Fucheng wouldn't have survived for so long without Shengyuan's support. But I don't understand your relationship with Fucheng, or even Fu Yuqing and Fu Xicheng. You are a very intelligent person so you should know that this is a bottomless pit!"

Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows and signaled Shi Nuan to continue. So she went on, "Are you giving up on Fucheng this time?"

He was impressed, "As I have said earlier, you're smart."

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Shi Nuan wasn't happy for being praised by Fu Chengyan. All she did was force a smile. "So, Fucheng is finished?"

Fu Chengyan thought about it for a bit, then he tilted his head. "Why? Are you feeling sad about it?"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. "You know I don't mean it that way." She didn't drag her own emotions into this, though she thought this wasn't the only way. "Must you do it this way?"

"Stay out of the company matters. I can't tell you everything," Fu Chengyan said. "You will know about it when the time is right."

Fine then. Shi Nuan knew it wasn't as simple as it looked. This wasn't the only reason that prompted Fu Chengyan to make this decision, so she smiled. "If Fucheng is finished, what should I do?"

"I told you. You're a smart woman, so you'll find a better company." He tapped on his knee. "Take a left turn."

Shi Nuan snapped out of it and smiled awkwardly. "Sorry. I know I shouldn't poke my nose into the company's matters."

"Nope," Fu Chengyan looked at her salaciously. "I can tell you if you want to know about it."

Shi Nuan's heart raced when she met his fiery gaze, and she gulped. "Thanks but no thanks. I'm not your staff after all." Shi Nuan ended this topic. Fu Chengyan wasn't someone who would pester her for answers, so they tacitly agreed not to talk about this.

They agreed that Shi Nuan would be the one to cook after this, but still the man busied himself in the kitchen. Shi Nuan looked at him, something welling up within her. She leaned on the doorstep and hesitated about something. When Fu Chengyan turned around and saw her looking at himself, he lifted his brows teasingly. "Do you need something?"

"Do you need my help?" Shi Nuan pointed at the veggies in the basin. "I can cook, you know."

"Alright, then wash the veggies." Fu Chengyan pointed at the vegetable in the basin. "You'll have a lot of opportunities to cook after this." He enunciated, then the man looked at her. "Don't be in such a hurry."

Shi Nuan froze up. She was holding a lettuce when Fu Chengyan told her that. "Alright then." Suddenly, someone rang on the doorbell, and Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan, feeling suspicious. "It's late, so who could it be?"

Fu Chengyan squinted, then he smiled. "Open the door then."

Shi Nuan nodded. She wiped her hands dry before going to take the door, thinking that it might be one of Fu Chengyan's friends. However, she was shocked after opening the door, for there was a gigantic creature there. Shi Nuan screamed, then she staggered backward, looking at the man and the dog outside the door.

Fu Chengyan heard her scream, so he came out quickly. "What's wrong?"

Shi Nuan pointed at the man and the dog at the doorstep with a trembling finger. "I..." She was aghast, especially when the dog almost pounced on her. If it wasn't for Su Shaoqing stopping it in time, something bad would have happened. Fu Chengyan frowned, then he looked sharply at Su Shaoqing. "What the hell are you doing here?" Instead of welcoming his friend, Fu Chengyan asked him a hostile question.

Su Shaoqing raised his eyebrow, a gleam of quizzical light twinkling in his eyes. He could see that Fu Chengyan wasn't very welcoming, so the man smiled, then he patted his dog. "I wanted to come for the housewarming party for Nuan, see. Don't worry, Nuan. My dog's a smart one. He approached you because he likes you." Su Shaoqing smiled innocently, then he pushed his glasses up, looking like a useless git.

Shi Nuan chuckled drily, still shivering from the lingering fear. For some reason, she thought of Su Shaoqing as a wolf in sheep's skin. There was nothing better to describe the person Su Shaoqing was now.

Fu Chengyan squinted, his eyes gleaming coldly. "You are an uninvited guest."

"Oh, you don't welcome me, Nuan?" Su Shaoqing looked at Fu Chengyan. "Nuan?"

Shi Nuan chuckled drily. "You guys chat. I'll go to the kitchen."

Fu Chengyan quickly held her hand. "Did you get scared?"

Shi Nuan gulped, but she shook her head. "It's fine. I was shaken up, but it's fine now." She pried his hand away. "You chat with Mr. Su. I'll make dinner."

Fu Chengyan wanted to say something, but he felt amused when he saw her scurrying away. On the other hand, Su Shaoqing felt curious, for it was rare to see Fu Chengyan looking this way. "Hey, are you trying to be all soft and fluffy now?"

Fu Chengyan glared at him sharply. Su Shaoqing was shocked, but he kept his smile on like usual. "Hey, hey, this isn't too great of you, Chengyan. Everyone else is still a bachelor, you know."

"Really?" Fu Chengyan smirked. "Do you want me to call her back?"

Su Shaoqing's expression changed. "You're doing this on purpose, aren't you, Chengyan?"

"What about you?" Fu Chengyan wasn't about to be all smiles to him. "Why are you here?"

"I told you, I came here for the housewarming. We promised we'd gather around, but you don't seem to have that plan. Jingxiu and Heng didn't see her yet, so I have to get to know her for them." Su Shaoqing said seriously, then he kicked his dog. "Arnold, sit!"

Arnold was a German Shepherd. He was Su Shaoqing's pet, though they seemed like a jarring pair. When Fu Chengyan looked at Arnold sharply, the dog lowered his head and lay down beside Su Shaoqing's foot carefully, as if admitting to its wrongdoing.

Su Shaoqing patted its head. "Are you sure about this?"

Fu Chengyan looked at him. "We've taken the marriage certificate, so how am I not sure about this?" he snorted. "Why did you come here anyway, really?"

Su Shaoqing shrugged. "Alright, I was just bored. You know I'm busy lately, and Arnold hates the residence."

"You want to house him at my place?" Fu Chengyan said coldly. "You saw it too. Shi Nuan dislikes him."

Arnold looked up and yelped a couple of times, then he crawled toward Fu Chengyan and rubbed his head against his calf, seemingly trying to please the man. However, he kicked the dog away without even looking at him. "Why didn't you house it at Li Heng's place then?" "You think I haven't thought of that? You know how Heng is like. He likes dogs, but only his own dog. He doesn't really like Arnold." Su Shaoqing was in a pickle. "I wouldn't have come to you if I'm out of ideas. I have to go to an academic forum somewhere else after a couple of days."

Fu Chengyan looked up and massaged his forehead. "No. Shi Nuan hates this."

"Hey, why is everything about her? Can you change it to something else?" Su Shaoqing looked at him in disdain. "I think this has nothing to do with Nuan."

"What has nothing to do with me?" Shi Nuan came out from the kitchen at the moment and seemed to vaguely hear Su Shaoqing mentioning her, so she paused. The woman wanted to go over, but she stood at her spot when she saw that gigantic German Shepherd.

Arnold yelped when he saw Shi Nuan looking scared of him. Feeling hurt, he tried to run to Shi Nuan, which shocked her. The woman quickly went to the kitchen. "D-Don't come near me!"

"Arnold!" Fu Chengyan called him coldly, and Arnold obediently stopped running and turned around to look at him expectantly, giving him the puppy-eye look.

Shi Nuan was amused by Arnold's quirkiness, so she chuckled, which made Arnold bark happily. He then went to nibble on Fu Chengyan's trousers, barking a couple of times at the same time, as if saying, 'See? She likes me!'

Fu Chengyan looked at the dog and his friend, then he looked at Su Shaoqing. "For how long?"

Su Shaoqing knew this was in the bag, so he smiled. "Not long, probably a week."

Fu Chengyan frowned, then he looked at Shi Nuan. "Arnold will be staying here for a week. What do you think?"

is he asking for my opinion? Shi Nuan was surprised. So Arnold's the name of the dog? Shi Nuan was in a dilemma, for she was shocked by the dog earlier. Even though she had calmed down now, the woman wasn't sure if she could accept him. Also, this was Fu Chengyan's house. She wondered why he asked her this question.

Su Shaoqing looked pleadingly at Shi Nuan. "I had nowhere else to go, Nuan. I can't just leave Arnold alone at home for one week. He'll starve."

Hmm, that bad, huh? Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan, hoping he could give his input.

Fu Chengyan looked at Su Shaoqing impatiently, then he nodded at Shi Nuan. "He's going on a trip for a week. If you don't mind, we'll take care of Arnold for a week. But if you do, I'll chase them out right away."

Su Shaoqing and Arnold were speechless. Shi Nuan chuckled drily, then she noticed Su Shaoqing and Arnold looking at her like hurt little puppies. Well, technically, one of them was a dog, but everyone could use the puppy-eye tactic. "I-I don't mind."

Su Shaoqing heaved a sigh of relief. "Arnold's really easy to take care of, Nuan. Just leave him in a corner, and that's it. If you don't like it, tell him to stay away from you."

Shi Nuan nodded reluctantly, then she gasped, "My fish!"

They watched as she quickly went into the kitchen, then the men looked at each other. Su Shaoqing smirked. "Nuan's... not bad."

Fu Chengyan arched his eyebrow and snorted. "Of course she is. She's my woman." He pursed his lips and looked at his friend in disdain. "Now that your business is settled, can you scram?"

"Scram?" Su Shaoqing was stunned, then he smiled innocently. "Oh no. It's not every day I get to come here, so I can't just leave. Besides, it's dinnertime. I can still taste the food Nuan made even until now. It's delicious."

"Do you want to fight, Shaoqing?" Fu Chengyan squinted and cracked his knuckles.