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Chapter 6

This guy is mad! He must be really mad!

“Fu Chengyan!” Shi Nuan was getting annoyed now. “Didn’t you hear me? I don’t want to marry you! I don’t know you, and I don’t love you!”

“Who do you love then? Fu Xicheng? Well, he’s your brother-in-law now.” Fu Chengyan exposed the truth mercilessly. “You aren’t thinking of getting with him again, are you?” He rubbed her chin with his thumb as he awaited her answer. “Well?”

Shi Nuan swatted his hand away. “What does that have to do with you? Why must you marry me? Can’t you change your target?”

“You’re the first woman who doesn’t repulse me.”

“What?” Shi Nuan was stunned.

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips before he let Shi Nuan go. The woman took this chance to put some distance between them. She wanted to feel safe, even if for a bit.

Fu Chengyan smiled at her response. “It’s simple. You pounced on me last night, and I wasn’t repulsed by your touch.”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. “Why don’t we make a deal?”

Shi Nuan said nothing. Fu Chengyan turned around and sat on the sofa. "I need a wife, and you fit the description."

"You're insane." Who does he think he is? Not repulsed by me? "You should see a doctor if you have a condition, Mr. Fu."

"You don't have to give me an answer right now, Ms. Shi. I'll give you time to think about it." Fu Chengyan called someone in the meantime. A moment later, Zhou Zheng came in with a bag. "I have done as you requested, sir. Here are Ms. Shi's clothes."

Fu Chengyan lifted his chin, wordlessly telling Zhou Zheng to give it to Shi Nuan. She hesitated for a moment before taking the bag and going into the bathroom.

Surprisingly, the clothes fitted her perfectly, as if they had been custom made for her. Even the lingerie was the perfect size. As Shi Nuan looked at her reflection, she kept calling Fu Chengyan a pervert quietly, but her face suddenly fell.

She had never expected her boyfriend to hook up with her sister during her stint overseas. She was the victim here, but everyone was saying she was a homewrecker. Even her mother was on her sister's side. Shi Nuan turned on the faucet and splashed her face with some water in an attempt to force her tears back.

She had regained her composure before exiting the bathroom, but her reddened eyes sold her out. Fu Chengyan glanced at her, before he looked away quickly. "Call me once you've thought it through, Ms. Shi."

He handed her a name card, while she looked at him in doubt.

Fu Chengyan put it in her hand. "Don't say no to a kind offer."

"Kind offer?" You must have a hidden agenda!

Shi Nuan stared at the name on the card, and when she saw his title, it took her by surprise. “You—”

Fu Chengyan played with her fringe, stunning her. The man took the chance to leave. Before he did, he said, “I await your good news.” Shi Nuan looked at the leaving man in a daze.

Fu Chengyan! No wonder his name sounded familiar.

Fu Chengyan was the most powerful entity in Jiangcheng. The leader of Jiangcheng Four was elusive, but Second Master Fu and Third Master Li took the city by storm.

No wonder he doesn't care about Fu Xicheng. Xicheng and the Fu family are probably insignificant to him.

Shi Nuan lowered her head and gripped the name card tightly. Fu Chengyan's name had now occupied her mind, and was impossible to erase.

Why does a powerful man like him want to help someone infamous like me? Shi Nuan couldn't understand it, but she didn't dwell on it. After putting the card in her bag, she took a deep breath and left.

After her departure, Zhou Zheng turned a corner, appearing from the shadows. He looked at the leaving woman before calling Fu Chengyan. “Ms. Shi has left, sir.”

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Shi Nuan hailed a ride home after exiting Prosperous Dynasty. Because of her strained relationship with her parents, as well as for convenience, she chose to move somewhere closer to her workplace.

After she got out of the car, Shi Nuan stood at near her neighborhood, falling into a trance. Fu Xicheng was the one who had helped her when she was moving in. They had even promised to get engaged when the time was right, and then they would get married. She didn't expect it all to become a cruel joke, nor did she predict that she would be portrayed as the homewrecker.

Shi Nuan felt as if all the events of the day before had been a dream, a bad one. But it was real; it had happened.

"You're back, Nuan." The moment Shi Nuan stepped out from the elevator, she saw Shi Wei standing outside her home, looking tense and anxious.

Shi Nuan furrowed her brows and turned to leave right there and then, but someone grabbed her arm. "Nuan."

Shi Nuan stiffened. She wanted to fling Fu Xicheng's hand away, but he held her arm tightly. "Where did you go? Wei and I have been waiting for you the whole night. Don't you know that we'll get worried about you?"

"Worried?" Shi Nuan wanted to cackle. She looked up into Fu Xicheng's eyes. "Do you actually worry about me?"

"Please don't lash out at us, Nuan." Shi Wei came over, her high-heels clicking on the floor. She pried Fu Xicheng's hand off Shi Nuan and grabbed her sister's

hand instead. “I know what we did was wrong, but Xicheng and I love each other. You don’t know how he went through hell the year you were gone. I was the one who had been taking care of him, so Nuan—”

“Hah! You’re the one who has been taking care of him? Well, thank you then. You knew he was my boyfriend, and yet you took care of him for me? What are you planning, Shi Wei?!” Shi Nuan roared. When she felt a stab of pain coming from her arm, Shi Nuan frowned and flung Shi Wei away.

The latter screamed, staggered backwards, and fell down. Fu Xicheng quickly rushed over to her and held Shi Wei in his arms. When he looked at Shi Nuan, disappointment was apparent on his face. “You’ve gone too far, Shi Nuan. Even if your sister and I have broken your heart, what’s done is done. I am engaged to her now, why won’t you accept the truth?”

“I’m not accepting the truth? You’re the ones who came here!” Shi Nuan did not expect Fu Xicheng to turn out this way. He was actually scolding her on Shi Wei’s behalf. “Get this right – I blessed you guys during the engagement banquet. Do whatever you want! You can even get married for all I care, but just don’t show up in front of me! It’s disgusting!” Shi Nuan roared at both of them. “Scram! Now!”

“How can you yell at us, Nuan?” Shi Wei looked at her, disappointed, as if Shi Nuan was the one in the wrong here, not her. “Xicheng and I came here to clear things up with you. We didn’t mean to hurt you. W-We really do love each other.”

“Really? You disgust me.” Shi Nuan looked at Shi Wei coldly. She used to think her sister was a weak woman. Since Shi Wei had saved her back then, Shi Nuan would give her everything she wanted, no matter what. However, that didn’t mean she was easy to mess with. She thought back on all the times Shi Wei had snatched away the things she treasured. “If you like secondhand items that much, Shi Wei, then take it. Collecting filthy objects isn’t my hobby.”

“Why you...” Fu Xicheng looked at Shi Nuan angrily. He raised his hand to slap her, but someone grabbed his arm mid-air.

Shi Wei shook her head pitifully as she held his arm with both hands. “Don’t do it, Xicheng. Nuan is still young, so I don’t blame her for being rude.”

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“Take a long, hard look, Shi Nuan. Wei is so nice to you, so how could you—”

“F*ck off. I don’t want to see either of you.” Shi Nuan scowled once she finally knew how Fu Xicheng saw her.

“Don’t be like this, Nuan. We’re family. You don’t know how angry grandpa got after knowing this. H-He doesn’t want us to drift apart over a small matter like this.”

She grabbed Shi Nuan’s hand, tears flowing freely down her face as she said emotionally, “You should know how much grandpa loves you, Nuan. I know I’ve hurt you this time, but please come home with me. Grandpa is going to be sad if you don’t!”

Shi Nuan felt even sadder hearing that. “So you know that, huh? If you knew he would be sad, you shouldn’t have done this. You knew he’s my boyfriend, and yet you took him away from me anyway. You didn’t think about grandpa back then. Don’t you think you’re selfish, Shi Wei?”

“Please, Shi Nuan, I beg you. You said yourself that Xicheng’s just your boyfriend. You guys weren’t engaged nor married, so it was okay for me to date him.”

“What did you say?” Shi Nuan couldn’t believe what she was hearing. “So that’s how you justify taking my boyfriend away from me?”

“That’s not the case, Nuan. We just couldn’t control ourselves.” Shi Wei held Shi Nuan’s hand, persuading her like when they were kids. “You know how grandpa

is like, Nuan. He said he won't agree to us marrying if you don't go back. Please come back with me, Nuan. Tell grandpa you don't like Xicheng."

"Enough. You disgust me." Shi Nuan did not expect Shi Wei to keep pestering her even after she had backed off. "I will not go back. What happens between you and Fu Xicheng has nothing to do with me, so leave. Now."

Shi Nuan pried Shi Wei's hand off her, and quickly pulled out her keys to open the door. However, Fu Xicheng grabbed the handle before she could. He looked at Shi Nuan in confusion. "Can't we break up peacefully, Shi Nuan? Do you have to leave such a bad impression on me?"

Fu Xicheng felt heartbroken, and looked at Shi Nuan as if she was a criminal. "Don't think I owe you anything. I don't have a marriage contract with you, and me being together with Wei doesn't harm anyone else. She's your sister. Why can't you think for her?"

Shi Nuan felt a twinge in her heart, and it spread throughout her. She teared up, but tried her best to hold her tears back. Shi Nuan glared at Fu Xicheng angrily. She had not expected the man who once vowed to love her forever interrogate her in such a degrading manner.

"Dive deep and ask yourself, Fu Xicheng. What did I do that was so wrong that you have to do this to me? You courted me back then, and you said you wouldn't ever turn your back on me.

It hasn't even been that long since then. You want me to think of her? What about me? Have you guys ever thought about me?"

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At Shi Nuan roared at her ex-boyfriend, her tears fell. She slowly pried Fu Xicheng's fingers off her and shoved the man away. "So I'm the one at fault here, huh? Not you? Not her? If any of you had even cared about me, you wouldn't have pulled this today.

You could have told me straight up if you didn't like me anymore, Fu Xicheng. I wouldn't have clung onto you. I'm not that kind of person. And you! Shi Wei! You say you're my sister, but what did you do? You could have told me you liked him.

I would have blessed you if you two truly love each other, since I wouldn't be standing here if not for you back then. I owe you for life, don't I?" Shi Nuan was a mess of tears when she was done speaking.

She couldn't understand why they chose to hurt her this way. One was her own sister, while the other was a man whom she had loved for three years.

"You guys want me to relent after making that kind of decision? You want me to tell grandpa that all of this was my fault? How do you sleep at night?" Shi Nuan wasn't someone who cried much, but this time, she felt that she had been unfairly treated.

"Nuan!" Shi Wei covered her mouth, and cried too. The woman looked at Shi Nuan sadly, then she leaned against Fu Xicheng. "How could you say that?"

You're my dearest sister. Trust me! I would choose to hurt anyone else before I hurt you. Did you forget that I had saved you when you were kidnapped as a kid? You might have died if not for me."

“Yes, you did save me, but does that mean I have to live in your shadow for the rest of my life?” Shi Nuan looked at her sister in disappointment. “Leave. I told you, whatever you want to do is up to you. I’ve paid my dues this time.”

Shi Nuan slammed the door shut, but when the door was closed, she leaned against the door and slid down to the floor.

Shi Wei kept pounding on the door, speaking gently, as if Shi Nuan were the sinner here. A moment later, Fu Xicheng said cruelly, “I never thought you’d be this kind of person, Shi Nuan. You disappoint me.”

Silence finally came for her, and she welcomed it gratefully. Shi Nuan sat on the ground, her arms around her legs. She curled up, the patch of fabric on her knees darkened from her tears.

Shi Nuan looked up after a long while, then she got up from the ground in a daze. She had to go on with her life no matter what, she refused to stay down.

Her phone suddenly rang. When she saw the caller ID, her expression darkened. “Hey, grandpa. Yeah, I just came back.” She sniffled in an attempt to make herself sound calmer. “Are you calling because you miss me?”

“You silly girl!” Jiang Shizheng sighed. “Come back home for a bit tomorrow.”

On the other hand, Fu Xicheng didn’t look good after being chased out by Shi Nuan, and Shi Wei didn’t look good either. She carefully looked at Fu Xicheng, tugging on his sleeve. Pitifully, she said, “What should we do now, Xicheng? Grandpa won’t agree to our marriage if Nuan refuses to come with us.

I told you we should have told her before we did this. She must hate us now. Nuan has always been a headstrong person since we were kids, so she won’t bow to anyone. I want to be with you, Xicheng. I don’t want to get separated.” Shi Wei leaned into his embrace and cried like a little girl.

Fu Xicheng frowned, then he patted her back to console her. The modicum of guilt he had toward Shi Nuan had disappeared too. “Don’t worry. I won’t let Shi Nuan separate us. Our families have agreed on our marriage, so I don’t care even if your grandfather disagrees. My family will accept you.”

Shi Wei smiled after Fu Xicheng made his promise. She held his arms and stood on tiptoe to kiss him. “I love you, Xicheng.”

“I love you too.” Fu Xicheng held her and returned her kiss.

A long while later, they parted reluctantly. As Shi Wei leaned on Fu Xicheng’s chest, she smiled cruelly. Look, Shi Nuan. The man you love most has become mine.

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Shi Nuan didn't sleep well throughout the night. When she saw how pale she looked, and how bloodshot her eyes were, she hurriedly splashed some water on her face. After noticing some color returning, she held the counter and looked at her reflection sadly.

"Wake up, Shi Nuan. You can get over this." Shi Nuan started giving herself her pep talk to cheer herself up.

She carefully applied some makeup on her delicate features. She didn't stop until she was satisfied that her lethargy was all covered up. When she saw her grandfather calling her again, she frowned, but still quickly picked it up. "Hey, grandpa. Do you need anything?"

"I asked you to come back today. I hope you haven't forgotten about it." Jiang Shizheng said. Even though he was an elderly man, his voice sounded as it did when he was young. That was thanks to him being a lecturer all these years.

Shi Nuan was stunned to hear him saying that. "Grandpa, I... Oh, fine. I'll come back, alright?" Shi Nuan looked at the phone in frustration. A while later, she sighed and left her home with her handbag in hand.

Shi Nuan was planning to go to work, but after what had happened over the last two days, she changed her mind. Shi Nuan went to the nearest supermarket to purchase something, then she went to her grandfather's home.

It had been a year since Shi Nuan left Jiang City. She had been working all this time and never came back, but she would occasionally talk to her grandfather on the phone. Shi Nuan was still worried when she arrived at the doorstep.

She stood there until Aunt Fei, the housekeeper, came to open the door. “You’re back, little young miss. Why are you standing there? Come in.” Aunt Fei ushered her in, and she smiled. “The master has a guest today.”

“A guest?” Shi Nuan asked. “What guest? I thought he said—” Before she could finish, her grandfather said, “It has been a long time since you visited me, Yan. Have you been busy lately?”

Shi Nuan was holding something in her hand, so Aunt Fei wanted to take it from her. When Shi Nuan looked up, she saw a man sitting in the living room. His back was facing her. However, that man looked familiar, so that puzzled her.

“Nuan is here?” Jiang Shizheng smiled at Shi Nuan, but when he saw her gift, his face fell. “You shouldn’t have brought these things here. I have everything I need.” Even so, Jiang Shizheng had Aunt Fei take it away. “Come here. I want to take a look at you.”

Shi Nuan handed the gift to Aunt Fei and changed into slippers before going inside. “It’s been so long, grandpa. I miss you so much.” Shi Nuan hugged Jiang Shizheng’s arm like a child and swung it. “Did you miss me too, grandpa?”

“My foot.” He smacked her head. “Pull yourself together. I have a guest here.” Jiang Shizheng then lead Shi Nuan over. “Let me introduce you to her, Yan. She’s my granddaughter, Shi Nuan. Nuan, this is my student, Fu Chengyan.”

Shi Nuan’s surprised gaze gave her away as she blurted, “Why are you here?”

Fu Chengyan turned around, looking handsome as usual. He looked at Shi Nuan meaningfully. “Hello, Ms. Shi.”

Jiang Shizheng arched his eyebrow, then he looked at them skeptically. “You know each other?”

Shi Nuan panicked when she noticed how Jiang Shizheng was looking at them, so she quickly said, “We met this once. He helped me when I got into trouble, didn’t you, Mr. Fu?”

Shi Nuan kept hinting him with her eyes to watch his words. Fu Chengyan smiled and ignored her threat calmly. “We did meet, sir. But with how energetic she looks right now, I think she must have gotten over it, no?”

Shi Nuan gnashed her teeth and squinted at him angrily. This f*cking guy!