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Shi Nuan shook her head while saying, “Not really.”

Fu Chengyan’s gaze trailed to Shi Nuan’s feet. His gaze darkened when he saw the high heels that she was wearing. “Let’s go!”

“Where are we going?”

“To buy you new shoes!” Fu Chengyan said, “Next time, you should speak out when you feel uncomfortable, okay?”

Shi Nuan was stunned for a moment and she blinked several times before replying, “It’s fine. I’m okay with it. I have plenty of shoes at home so there’s no need to buy new ones.” She thought that Fu Chengyan was overdoing it but the man didn’t give her a chance to refuse. He led her straightaway to the shoe section and they went into one of the shops together.

When the salesperson saw Fu Chengyan, especially in the fancy suit he had on, she couldn’t help but stare at him. Fu Chengyan shot a sharp look at the salesperson who then hurriedly glanced away.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and raised her brows. “See, although she doesn’t know who you are, you’re outstanding.”

“I am glad to hear your kind praises!” Fu Chengyan caressed her gently. “Choose a pair of comfortable shoes so next time, you don’t have to suffer.” Fu Chengyan gazed at her feet. “You’re the one who’s in pain.”

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. Whenever she was upset, she'd do this subconsciously. After being together for a long time, Fu Chengyan already understood what her little actions meant. He stretched his hand out to caress her head. "Be good. Go!"

Shi Nuan shoved his hand away. "Don't touch my head. I'm not your pet!" Shi Nuan sounded upset but she still obediently went to choose a pair of shoes.

Fu Chengyan did this for her own sake. Plus, her feet were really hurting. She had been wearing that pair of shoes for the whole day, so her heels and soles were aching badly. "Could you sit someplace and wait for me then?"

"Sure." Fu Chengyan replied while sitting down on the sofa and grabbing a magazine.

Fu Chengyan was able to stay calm and composed no matter where he was. That was hard to come by.

Shi Nuan shook her head and started to carefully browse through the collection of shoes.

The salesperson had been working in the shopping mall for years and had plenty of experience with wealthy men like Fu Chengyan. Although she had no idea who Fu Chengyan was, his clothes seemed expensive and there was no tag to be seen, which meant that he was wearing a custom-fitted suit. She was certain that Fu Chengyan was a wealthy man. And as for the woman who came in with him, they seemed to be in a close relationship based on how they held hands, hence the salesperson quickly walked up to her.

"Miss, what kind of design do you have in mind? This pair of shoes was flown in from Italy a few days ago. I believe they will suit you well."

Shi Nuan glanced at the pair of shoes in the display cabinet while the salesperson continued, "Miss, with your elegance, I'm sure you can carry the shoes well!"

Shi Nuan raised her brows as she was indeed attracted by that pair of high heels.

They were bright red in color and there was a unique design around the ankles. It was very artistic and was obviously designed by a well-known designer.

This was a pair of high heels that any woman would buy on first glance. Shi Nuan walked towards the cabinet and gazed at it intently.

The desire to look attractive was universal. No woman would refuse such a gorgeous pair of high heels. Shi Nuan was just like any other woman and she was also naturally attracted to beautiful things. Shi Nuan had been looking at the pair of shoes for some time. The salesperson could see that she liked it a lot and said, “Miss, you have good taste. This is from Italy—”

“Wow, how gorgeous!” A light voice interrupted the salesperson. “I saw this during the previous fashion show. The famous designer Cen designed it. I noticed the high heels when Opina had them on and wanted to buy them ever since. I have never dreamt to see them in Jiang City!”

Shi Nuan froze when she heard that voice. True enough, Shi Wei walked into the store with two socialites behind her. Shi Nuan met those ladies before. They were Shi Wei’s friends and they often teased her.

Shi Nuan frowned and instinctively wanted to leave. But Shi Wei wouldn’t let her do so. The woman exclaimed in surprise as if she had just noticed Shi Nuan. “Nuan! Oh Nuan, you’re here to shop too?”

Shi Wei came over and grabbed onto her arm. “Nuan, are you busy recently? Why didn’t you come home to visit us?”

Shi Nuan’s brows furrowed as Shi Wei was gripping her hand. She pulled her hand back and smiled, “Long time no see. You’re shopping with your friends?”

“Yes, Nuan.” Shi Wei smiled. “These are my friends. You’ve seen them before, remember?”

“Yes.” Of course I remember.

Shi Wei’s lips twitched as she looked at Shi Wei and her two friends. One of them is Anna, but who is the other one? Right, she’s Su Su!

Shi Nuan nodded. “Since you’re shopping, I won’t disturb you.”

Shi Nuan remembered that there was still another person in the shop. She couldn’t let Shi Wei find out that she was with Fu Chengyan. She took a peek at where Fu Chengyan was standing just moments ago but realized that he was gone.

Shi Nuan was stunned. She recalled what she had told Fu Chengyan. Did he leave because of that?

Shi Nuan didn’t know what emotions she was feeling but it could be a twinge of disappointment. However, she didn’t dwell on it for long. She looked away. “It’s late and I have to go to work tomorrow.”

“Nuan!” Shi Wei pulled her hand. “Are you still mad at me? I know Xicheng and I had wronged you but it had been ages since that happened. No matter what, we’re still sisters. Nothing will change that fact.” Shi Wei seemed sorrowful when she said that. “You haven’t been home in a while. Mom and dad are worried about you. Grandpa is a little unwell too. Even if you’re upset at me, you should still visit them once in a while.”

Shi Nuan sneered silently. If she had not known better, she would have thought that Shi Wei was talking about some other unfilial person.

Seeing that Shi Nuan remained silent, Shi Wei continued, “If you don’t want to see me, you can call before coming home so I can leave first. Nuan, I—”

“Enough!” Shi Nuan frowned. “It’s none of your business whether I go back or not.” Shi Nuan sneered, “What have you done to make you feel like you have to avoid me? Was it because of guilt?”

“You...” Shi Wei trailed off sadly as she stared at Shi Nuan in disbelief. “Nuan, how could you say that? X-Xicheng and I are really in love! He doesn’t love you and it’s no good for you to keep harassing him!”

“Yes, Shi Nuan, you should know your place. Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei love each other deeply. They are perfect for each other. Why do you have to intervene?” Anna spoke up suddenly. Her words were targeted at Shi Nuan, accusing her as the other woman who was messing up their relationship.

Shi Nuan laughed coldly at them for twisting the truth. “You’re indeed good friends, huh?”

“Of course we’re good friends. That’s why we have to stand up for Wei. You’re Wei’s sister and we can’t do anything about it but don’t be ungrateful. Remember, if it wasn’t for Wei who had saved you back then, you wouldn’t be standing here right now. How dare you snatch Wei’s boyfriend away from her?”

Shi Nuan’s lips trembled. “Enough. Stop repeating it over and over again. You know what the truth was and who was the other woman. Are you trying to humiliate me in public by twisting the truth?” Shi Nuan clenched her fists and took a deep breath. “I always give in but that doesn’t mean I won’t get mad. Shi Wei, this is the last time. You go your way and I’ll go mine. From this day onwards, we are not related to each other anymore.”

From the corner of her eyes, Shi Nuan spotted a familiar person and she hurriedly continued, “Since you like Fu Xicheng that much, cherish him well. I won’t look back. Especially not for that piece of trash. You can have him all for yourself.”

“You...” Shi Wei face turned pale. “Nuan, how could you say that? What can you get from hurting me?”

“Why are you wasting time talking to her?” Anna was impatient already. “Don’t you see her attitude? You think of her as your sister but she might not think the same way!” Anna clenched her jaw and glared at Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan chuckled, “Your friend is right. From the moment you took my boyfriend away from me, I stopped thinking of you as my sister. So the next time we meet, just pretend that you don’t know me.”

“Look at her. Wei, I told you not to be such a weakling or else other people will bully you!”

“Don’t say that, Anna. After all, Nuan is still my only baby sister.”

Shi Nuan smirked as she watched Shi Wei and Anna agreeing with each other. However, Su Su who came with them remained silent the whole time. Her gaze was fixated on Shi Nuan.

To be exact, her gaze was fixated on the figure behind Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes and turned around. She was immediately shocked to see Fu Chengyan standing right behind her.

A flash of panic appeared in her eyes. She was about to open her mouth when Shi Wei spoke up, “Is this Mr. Fu? Hello, Mr. Fu. Why are you here?”

Shi Nuan frowned. When she saw Fu Chengyan’s hint for her to remain silent, she shut her mouth and stood aside.

“You are?” Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Wei in confusion. “Do I know you?”

Shi Wei was stunned. She bit her lips and replied in an upset tone, “Mr. Fu, don’t you remember? I’m Shi Wei, Fu Xicheng’s fiancée. You attended my grandpa’s birthday party and gave him a set of chess. Do you still remember that?”

“Oh.” Fu Chengyan nodded as if he finally recognized her. “Sounds familiar.” He smirked when he saw Shi Wei’s delighted expression before continuing, “So who are you?”

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Shi Wei froze. She didn't expect Fu Chengyan to have such a reaction since she was from the Shi family and was also a popular celebrity. She thought anyone who came across her would show her at least some respect.

But Fu Chengyan was straightforward when he bluntly said that he didn't know who she was. That was humiliating enough.

Shi Wei took a deep breath. She was, after all, a socialite who could control her emotions well. A smile lit up her face as she said, "Mr. Fu, you are a busy man. There were many people at the party, so no wonder you don't remember me. Let me introduce myself.

My name is Shi Wei, from the Shi family who owns Huancheng. I'm also Fu Xicheng's fiancée." Shi Wei was certain Fu Chengyan would at least know who Fu Xicheng was.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and replied, "The Shi family, I remember them. But who is Fu Xicheng?" Fu Chengyan's lips curved up in a smile. "Anyway, Ms. Shi, are you here to buy shoes?"

Shi Wei's face fell when Fu Chengyan told her he didn't know who Fu Xicheng was. But since Fu Chengyan continued the conversation, she smiled and said, "Yes, I came shopping with a few friends. Mr. Fu, are you here to shop too?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and turned to Shi Nuan instead. "Ms. Shi, are you here to buy shoes too?"

Shi Wei was stunned and she pointed at herself. "Mr. Fu, are you talking to me?"

Fu Chengyan replied with a chuckle. "Who else am I talking to?"

Shi Nuan's lips twitched as she saw that the sudden change in Shi Wei's expression was horrifying. When she realized Fu Chengyan was willing to help her out, she nodded. "Yes, I'm here to buy a pair of flats." Shi Nuan grinned. Since she was here, she wouldn't let Shi Wei affect her mood.

She turned to the salesperson, "Excuse me, please bring me..." Shi Nuan looked around before pointing at a pair of flats. "A pair of those in size seven."

Shi Nuan smiled at the salesperson. The salesperson wasn't a fool either. She had guessed that Fu Chengyan was not an ordinary man based on his actions and speech. From what she heard in the women's conversation, her guess was affirmed. When they addressed him as "Mr. Fu", she quickly realized who the man was.

Shi Nuan had come in with him earlier and what happened between them wasn't her concern. All she knew was that she couldn't afford to offend Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan.

"Yes, miss. Just a moment, please."

The salesperson went off to get the correct size. Shi Nuan then turned to Fu Chengyan. "Mr. Fu, are you here to shop too?"

Fu Chengyan's eyes sparkled with delight but that sparkle disappeared almost in a flash. He nodded. "I didn't expect you to remember me, Ms. Shi."

"Of course I remember you." Shi Nuan replied with a smile. "My grandpa loves the chess set that you gave him. I wanted to give him one too but its price tag was too high." Shi Nuan was honest with him.

The chess set costed more than a few million but Fu Chengyan presented it to Shi Yunsheng without hesitation.

Fu Chengyan's eyes crinkled up. "Good that he likes it." Fu Chengyan continued, "The brush you gifted him was a brilliant choice too. You're quite an expert."

Shi Nuan raised her brows as she didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Fu Chengyan seemed to be praising her but he was in fact praising himself. The man chose the brush. In truth, she wasn't an expert at all.

Fu Chengyan played along with her just to upset Shi Wei. Shi Nuan never expected that he would do something like that. When she noticed that Fu Chengyan wasn't in his seat, she thought he had left.

She'd be lying if she said she wasn't happy. As a woman, it felt great to be treated like a princess by Fu Chengyan.

Of course, their act upset Shi Wei greatly. Shi Wei never imagined the reason Fu Chengyan walked up to them was only to talk to Shi Nuan instead of her.

How could that whore Shi Nuan get his attention? Why did Fu Chengyan remember her?

Back then, Shi Nuan saw Fu Chengyan for the first time just like me. Fu Chengyan didn't even notice Shi Nuan at the party. But why did he come to greet Shi Nuan instead?

The more Shi Wei pondered, the more upset she got. She saw how Shi Nuan interacted with Fu Chengyan and in contrast, how Fu Chengyan failed to remember her. The man was chatting to that whore Shi Nuan happily. That whore most certainly didn't deserve this!

Anna and Su Su felt the same way as Shi Nuan. At first, they thought Fu Chengyan was brilliantly outstanding. No woman would say no to such a handsome man. After noticing that Fu Chengyan was wearing a custom-fitted suit, they were certain he was a wealthy man.

They heard Shi Wei addressed him as “Mr. Fu”. In Jiang City, there weren’t many people with the surname Fu, let alone rich ones. So, it took just a minute for them to realize who the man was.

But he ignored them and chatted with that whore Shi Nuan!

“Mr. Fu.” Anna interrupted Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan’s conversation as she wasn’t willing to give up without a fight. “Hello, I’m Anna, An Chenyu’s sister.”

Fu Chengyan arched his brows at Anna.

Anna was initially delighted to see that she had caught his attention. But Fu Chengyan merely gave her a nod before turning away.

Seeing his reaction, Anna felt a great despair and she called out helplessly, “Mr. Fu...”

“Miss, this is the size seven that you wanted. Please come here and try it on.” The salesperson returned with the shoes in her hands.

Shi Nuan smiled at her before turning to Fu Chengyan. “Mr. Fu, I have to go.”

“Okay!” Fu Chengyan nodded. After Shi Nuan walked away to try on her shoes, he turned to look at Shi Wei and her friends.

Anna’s gloomy mood was immediately lifted up as she stared at Fu Chengyan hopefully. Shi Wei and Su Su had the same reaction too. When a refined man like Fu Chengyan started walking towards them, their hearts thumped hard.

A thought even occurred to Shi Wei. If she wasn’t engaged to Fu Xicheng, she’d pursue Fu Chengyan herself.

A tiny smile lit up on Fu Chengyan's face as his gaze settled on the three women. But he looked away almost immediately and walked past them to the display cabinet. He then stopped to look at a pair of high heels.

Shi Wei and her friends' faces fell. Fu Chengyan had ignored them several times. No one could bear the humiliation, especially when they were inside a luxury store like this in public.

Shi Wei was a celebrity. She was always in the limelight since her fans would always gather around her. Fu Chengyan was the first man she met who kept ignoring her.

Shi Wei was upset. Why does Fu Chengyan remember that whore Shi Nuan but ignores me?

Since young, I have everything that I want. She stepped forward and stood beside Fu Chengyan. "Mr. Fu, do you like this pair of high heels too? The high heels are—"

"I'll take this pair of shoes." Fu Chengyan told the salesperson without waiting for Shi Wei to finish her sentence.

The salesperson came over. "Yes, sir." She asked, "Sir, what about the size?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and gazed at Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan felt his eyes on her and raised her head to look at him.

She pursed her lips as her chest tightened. Would Fu Chengyan say something out of the blue?

Fu Chengyan merely smiled. "Size seven." He stared at Shi Nuan, "Could you help me, Ms. Shi?"

Shi Nuan relaxed before giving him a smile. The pair of flats she had just tried on were dangling in her hands. She answered, "Of course, if you don't mind."

“Let her try the high heels.”

“Okay!” The salesperson hurriedly gave the high heels to Shi Nuan. “Ms. Shi, shall you try these on? I think your feet matches well with this pair of high heels!”

The salesperson felt that Shi Nuan was a natural beauty, unlike the other three women.

Now Shi Wei was visibly upset. This was the first time she had ever been so completely ignored like this. Even if the person who did this to her was Fu Chengyan, it wasn't acceptable.

Shi Wei gripped her handbag so tight that she almost twisted its form. She glared viciously at Shi Nuan and vented all of her frustration on that whore.

Fu Chengyan asked her to try on the high heels? How dare she?

“Excuse me, please give me a pair of the heels. I am a size seven too. I don't have to try them on.” Shi Wei clenched her teeth.

Fu Chengyan raised his brows and curved his lips up in an attractive smile. He said nothing. Shi Nuan froze when she heard what Shi Wei said, as she was still holding the pair of heels.

She never thought Shi Wei would end up being so frustrated. That wasn't what she wanted in the first place. But since Shi Wei blurted that out, it was obvious that this man had hurt her pride.

The salesperson was squatting on the ground. A flash of impatience flashed across her eyes as she too heard what Shi Wei said. But she stood up anyway and said, “I'm sorry, miss. This is the last pair in size seven.”

“I'll take this then!” Shi Wei clenched her teeth. “This is my card!”

“I’m sorry, Mr. Fu has already bought it.” The salesperson gave her a smile.

“He hasn’t paid yet. The person who pays for it first will get it! Here’s my card!”
Shi Wei took a card out from her bag. “Why are you still standing there?”

The salesperson maintained the same smile on her face. “Miss, I’m really sorry.
Mr. Fu doesn’t have to pay for it. This pair of shoes belongs to him.”

“Y-You don’t want to do my business? Do you know who I am? If I file a complaint
about your shop, you won’t be able to survive in Jiang City!”

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The salesperson stared at Shi Wei in disbelief. “Miss, you’re wrong. Mr. Fu took the pair of shoes first. You haven’t paid for it yet so it’s fair that I let him have them. Plus, no matter who you are, you’re my customer like all others. Do I have to give you special treatment because you’re a high-ranking official?”

“You...” The salesperson’s retort left Shi Wei speechless. As her family always backed her up no one dared to humiliate her. Her fans treated her like a princess but how dare this salesperson talk to her that way? “I want to meet your store manager... No, the general manager. I can’t believe you’re stopping me from buying a pair of shoes!”

Shi Wei was so furious she almost cursed out loud. Anna and Su Su were going to speak up but the salesperson started laughing in disbelief. “Fine, I’ll get my general manager now. Please wait for a moment!”

The salesperson glanced at Fu Chengyan. The man nodded at her, agreeing with her actions.

The man walked to Shi Nuan with a smile on his face, ignoring Shi Wei and the others. He swept his gaze over the shoes and asked, “What’s wrong?”

Shi Nuan hesitated. “Mr. Fu, do I still need to try them on?”

It wasn’t a good idea to continue this saga. Shi Nuan didn’t want people to stare at them. She shot a look at Fu Chengyan and said, “Forget it. There’s no need to stoop to their level. Plus, these high heels—”

“Ms. Shi, please try them on now!”

Shi Nuan's sentence was cut off by Fu Chengyan. She glared at him when Shi Wei and her friends weren't noticing. She was asking him in silence, "What are you doing?"

All Fu Chengyan did was smile reassuringly at Shi Nuan, assuring her not to worry.

Since Fu Chengyan had insisted, Shi Nuan said nothing and sat back down to try the high heels on.

The high heels were really gorgeous and furthermore, they had already captured Shi Nuan's heart at first glance. However, although she liked the high heels, that didn't mean she'd buy it. Shi Nuan put them on carefully and stood up. But she lost her balance and nearly fell back down.

Luckily, Fu Chengyan reacted swiftly. He pulled Shi Nuan's hand and wrapped another arm around her waist to support her.

Shi Nuan stared at Fu Chengyan in shock and remained frozen still for a second. She blinked at Fu Chengyan. Her hands were still grabbing onto his shoulders. Shi Nuan blinked at Fu Chengyan innocently once again.

She parted her lips to say something but another voice rang out from Shi Wei's direction. It was Anna. "The cheek of it, jumping on every man she sees!"

Shi Nuan blushed when she realized the awkward position she was in with Fu Chengyan. She pushed him away gently. "Thank you!"

"Are you alright?" Fu Chengyan frowned slightly. When Shi Nuan fell into his arms, her sweet body fragrance assaulted his nose, making him temporarily spellbound.

But somebody ruined the moment. Fu Chengyan turned to glare at Anna with displeasure. When his sharp gaze swept over Anna, a chill crept up the woman's spine. She trembled involuntarily, certain that she had offended Fu Chengyan.

Shi Nuan released her grip on Fu Chengyan and smiled. "I'm fine. Thank you, Mr. Fu." She looked down at the high heels that she was wearing. "Mr. Fu, the high heels are really pretty!"

"Yes."

Shi Nuan's feet attracted Fu Chengyan too. This was the first time he had ever considered a woman's feet to be beautiful.

He didn't have a foot fetish but Shi Nuan's feet were very much to his liking. A smile lit up the man's face. "Yes." He initially thought the pair of shoes would suit Shi Nuan well but now he couldn't take his eyes off her after she had put them on. "Ms. Shi, you look stunning!"

Shi Nuan's face flushed red. "Erm, good that you like them." She sat back down to take them off.

Right then, the general manager came after receiving a call from the salesperson. He walked towards them together with the store manager, wondering who was the person that was causing trouble and demanded to see him. When the general manager walked in, his eyes widened when he spotted Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan was kneeling and helping a woman take off her shoes! He was shocked to see this gentle side of Fu Chengyan.

The general manager was also surprised because Fu Chengyan showed up personally. Was he doing his rounds today?

"Mr. Fu, w-why are you here?"

Mr. Fu?

Anna and Su Su met each other's gaze. They were guessing which relative he was from the Fu clan. Never in their wildest dreams did they guessed that he was Fu Chengyan! Anna's face paled. She went up to Shi Wei and demanded, "Why didn't you tell us that he is Mr. Fu?"

Shi Wei was visibly upset, especially when she saw Fu Chengyan kneeling down to take off the high heels for Shi Nuan. Why was she so lucky? “What? I told you his surname is Fu.”

“Then how dare you ask the general manager to come?” Su Su was furious. “Do you know who’s Fu Chengyan?”

“He’s one of the Fu people!” Shi Wei had lost her cool right now. The only thing on her mind was, What did the whore do to get that man treat her so nicely? “I always get what I want. I must get that pair of high heels too.”

“You... I think you should forget about it.” Anna knew it was impossible. “This shopping mall belongs to the Fu clan.”

“What?” Shi Wei was shocked. “Are you joking?”

Su Su and Anna were rendered speechless. “You’re from the Shi family and Fu Xicheng is your fiancé. Don’t you know about the Fu clan?” It was obvious Shi Wei was really ignorant about that.

Yes, Shi Wei knew nothing about the Fu clan. Back then, the only thing she wanted to do was to snatch everything Shi Nuan liked away from her. Everything from her toys, clothes, shoes, all up to Fu Xicheng. Of course she knew nothing about the Fu clan.

Fu Chengyan raised his head and shot the general manager a look. “Those ladies want to see you.” There was a hint of amusement in his voice. “They want to file a complaint. If you can’t handle it well, I don’t think you are well-suited for this job anymore.”

Fu Chengyan’s words terrified the general manager. He wiped off the cold sweat on his forehead and turned to the salesperson. Through the phone call, he understood that the gist of the entire situation was caused by a pair of high heels.

The general manager glanced at Shi Nuan who was behind Fu Chengyan. When he noticed the pair of high heels in Shi Nuan's hands, he immediately understood what had happened. The general manager was a smart person. He looked at Fu Chengyan and gained his boss' approval before walking up to Shi Wei. "Hello, miss. Do you want to file a complaint?"

Shi Wei's mind was in a blank. She didn't know what to reply.

Although she was clueless about business matters, she still remembered what had happened a few days ago. That day, Fu Xicheng was in a bad mood. He mentioned something about Fucheng's orders being rejected, and how they failed to sell their products in the shopping mall. Fucheng was in a mess right now.

Shi Wei was clueless and had gone to her father for help. Her father told her that he could do nothing to help.

So these shopping malls in Jiang City actually belonged to the Fu clan? But since they belonged to the Fu clan, why did Fu Chengyan refuse to help Fucheng? Fu Xicheng and Fu Chengyan were relatives, right?

"I..."

"Miss, what do you want to complain about?"

"I..." Shi Wei clenched her teeth. "I want to buy that pair of shoes but the salesperson refused to sell them to me. Don't you want to do business? Do you know who I am?" Shi Wei continued, "I have money but she refused to sell me those shoes. Why? And your salesperson was terribly rude. Why did you hire someone like her?"

Shi Wei dared not target Fu Chengyan but it was fine to target the salesperson.

The general manager raised his brows. He was surprised she dared to say that out loud. Since Fu Chengyan had his eyes on the shoes, no one dared to take them away from him.

The general manager decided to put on an act and looked at the salesperson, “Is what she is saying true?”

The salesperson also pretended to be shocked, “Of course not! We’re customer-oriented and always put our customers first. But Mr. Fu had already taken the shoes and he had paid for them beforehand.”

“Nonsense. When did he pay?” Shi Wei blurted out. “We watched the whole thing happen. There are also CCTVs in this store. You’re lying!”

“I’m not lying. Mr. Fu doesn’t need to pay. Everything that he wants will be his. In fact, Mr. Fu doesn’t need to pay in any shopping mall in Jiang City. Miss, don’t you know that? He owns our shopping mall.” The salesperson simply thought that Shi Wei was too ignorant. “Even if Mr. Fu wants every single thing in this shopping mall, he won’t need to pay a cent!”

Shi Wei’s face was as pale as a sheet. Her lips parted but nothing came out from her mouth.

The general manager coughed before saying, “Since we’ve made it clear, it’s all just a misunderstanding. Miss, it is understandable that you don’t know our boss since few people get to see him. The shoes are taken now, would you like to have another pair instead?”

“You...”

“Let’s go!” Su Su felt humiliated, especially since they were in a luxury store. Rich ladies often frequented this store. If they found out about this, she might end up being laughed at.

Su Su and Anna pulled Shi Wei away. Anna and Shi Wei were unwilling to leave but Su Su was sensible enough. “Don’t forget your status. You’re a popular celebrity and also Ms. Shi of the Shi family. It won’t do you any good if other people see this. Plus, that man is Fu Chengyan. Do you really want to offend him?”

Shi Wei clenched her teeth and glowered at Shi Nuan before leaving reluctantly.

Su Su was holding Shi Wei’s hand but her gaze was still on Fu Chengyan. All the time, Fu Chengyan said nothing and didn’t even look at them but his distinguishable aura attracted people to stare at him.

Shi Nuan bit her lips as she watched them leave. She said meekly, “She will hate me for that.”

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Fu Chengyan smiled and shook his head. He stroked her head gently and said, “Even if you do nothing, she’ll hate you anyhow.”

Shi Nuan sighed. She had to admit what Fu Chengyan said was true but decided to keep a distance from Shi Wei anyhow. “You don’t get it. Shi Wei will not let this rest. She—”

Fu Chengyan shook his head. “Looks like she bullied you frequently back then, huh?”

Shi Nuan smiled bitterly. “Yes.”

No matter what happened, she was always on the losing side. She had already gotten used to it. Back then, Shi Nuan would try to stay away from Shi Wei. She even moved out at a young age just to avoid running into Shi Wei. She’d only return home for the occasional family gatherings to visit her grandfather, Shi Yunsheng.

Fu Chengyan gazed at the woman who seemed helpless. It was obvious she had been giving in for years. “She is something.”

Shi Nuan raised her brows. “I can’t believe you’re praising her.” Right then, the salesperson had already wrapped up the shoes and the general manager walked up to them. “Mr. Fu, the shoes...”

“Give them to me!” Fu Chengyan frowned and took the shoes from him before asking, “Where are the flats?”

“Here!” The salesperson was smart as she had guessed what was going on when Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan came in earlier to look at the flats section. She gave the flats to Shi Nuan. “Ms. Shi, put them on!”

Shi Nuan arched her brows and shot a look at Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan nodded and told her. “Put them on. Don’t wear high heels next time.” He then added with a laugh, “But you can wear them at home though!”

Shi Nuan’s cheeks puffed up at the strange comment from Fu Chengyan. After realizing what Fu Chengyan meant, she glanced at the general manager.

When the general manager heard their conversation, he reminded himself to serve Ms. Shi well the next time she visited their shopping mall. He hinted at the salesperson before turning to Fu Chengyan, “Mr. Fu, I’ll go back to work then.”

Fu Chengyan nodded. After the general manager left, he looked at Shi Nuan. “Do they fit well?” Shi Nuan nodded. She felt herself relax the moment she put the flats on.

Shi Nuan told the salesperson to pack her own shoes up before walking up to Fu Chengyan. Without the high heels, Shi Nuan seemed small in front of Fu Chengyan.

Shi Nuan wasn’t short as her height was 165cm. She was considered tall among girls. But she was obviously petite to Fu Chengyan who was 185cm tall.

A smile flashed across Shi Nuan’s face as she took the shopping bag from the salesperson and thanked her. Turning to face Fu Chengyan, she said, “Let’s go!”

“Okay.” Fu Chengyan walked behind Shi Nuan and shot the salesperson a look. The salesperson immediately bowed. “Mr. Fu, have a good day!”

After Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan left, the store manager went to the salesperson and scrutinized her. “You did well today!”

“Thank you, sir!”

After changing into flats, Shi Nuan seemed more relaxed. Shi Nuan walked ahead of Fu Chengyan for some time before turning back to the man who lagged behind her. “Thank you for today!”

She knew well if Fu Chengyan wasn't there to help her, she'd get bullied by Shi Wei again. Shi Wei knew she would avoid creating a scene. Plus, Shi Wei had Anna and Su Su with her today. No matter what, she'd be on the losing side again.

Fu Chengyan's lips curved up. “Will thank you suffice?”

“Well, I said thank you.” Shi Nuan said while smiling, “What else do you want?”

Fu Chengyan raised his brows. “No wonder you're no match for her.” Fu Chengyan strode up to her and took the shopping bag from her. His other hand reached out to hold her hand.

Shi Nuan was taken aback and she blushed. “What are you doing? People are staring. Let go!” Shi Nuan struggled but failed to free her hand. She glanced around nervously.

Fu Chengyan's gaze swept over Shi Nuan. When he saw Shi Nuan acting this way, his eyes crinkled up in delight. “Are you ashamed of me?” Many women would die to be with him. She was the only woman who gave him the cold shoulder.

Shi Nuan chuckled, “No. Shi Wei has just left. If she finds out about us, I'm afraid—”

“Afraid of what?”

Fu Chengyan snorted, "I didn't expect you'd be this afraid of your sister. She's merely a wolf in a sheep's skin." Fu Chengyan couldn't be bothered about Shi Wei, so he didn't understand Shi Nuan's reaction.

Shi Nuan was dumbfounded. She pursed her lips as her gaze darkened. "I've been Shi Wei's sister for over two decades. I know her well. She is dead set in stealing everything I like or own. Back then, she took my dolls and toys. Later on, my boyfriend, my parents' love. In the future, she might—"

"You're afraid she'll take me away from you?" There was a hint of amusement in Fu Chengyan's icy voice.

Shi Nuan paused, obviously stunned. "No. Why would you think that way?" She denied it instinctively before realizing she must've said something wrong because Fu Chengyan's face became dark.

Shi Nuan laughed dryly, "Well, that isn't what I meant. You won't be seduced by Shi Wei. I know your character well." Shi Nuan continued, "But you don't know my family well. Even I don't know them well. If Shi Wei finds out about us being together, we won't be able to hide our marriage from them. If she can't get the best, she'll destroy it for sure."

"You think she can destroy me?" Fu Chengyan chuckled. He felt better after hearing what Shi Nuan said. "Don't worry. Your husband isn't that easy to be destroyed."

"She isn't that capable." Shi Nuan knew that well. "But she'll keep on coming for you. Even if you get annoyed, she won't give up. If my father knows about us, what do you think he'll do?" Shi Nuan smiled bitterly and shook her head. "He'd do anything for money. You should know that too."

Shi Nuan followed Fu Chengyan to his car. After buckling herself up, she noticed Fu Chengyan was still staring at her. Confused, she asked, "Why are you staring at me?"

Fu Chengyan shook his head and played with her hair.

His eyes expressed fountains of emotions in a single glance. Shi Nuan wasn't sure whether it was reality or her fantasy. Her lips pursed while Fu Chengyan's right arm moved over to hold her hand.

His warm and wide palm was against the back of her hand, making her feel safe.

"I'm not joking. Look, he sold me to a man with a terrible reputation for a mere two billion. He doesn't care about my feelings. If he knows we are married, he'll use your status and position to get what he wants. You'll be dragged into their mess forever."

Fu Chengyan burst out into laughter upon hearing her words. "You silly!"

Shi Nuan's lips thinned. "I'm being serious. Why did you scold me?"

"I'm not scolding you!" Fu Chengyan gently pinched her fingers. "I've thought about that since I made up my mind to marry you. We're a married couple now. For better or worse, remember?"

Fu Chengyan tousled her hair again when he saw her blank expression. Shi Nuan hated it when he did that. She pushed his hand away. "Do you have ADHD? Why do you keep touching my hair? My hair is all messy now." She leaned her head against the window and stared at the passing buildings outside. "I keep thinking, why can't we live a simple life?"

Fu Chengyan arched his brows as a tiny smile appeared on his lips. Then, he heard his phone ringing. "Answer the call for me."

Shi Nuan took Fu Chengyan's phone and pointed at the caller's name. "It's from your assistant, Zhou."

"Answer it." Fu Chengyan was busy driving. "Put him on speaker."

“Okay.” Shi Nuan clicked on the speaker icon. Zhou Zheng’s voice rang out. “Mr. Fu, I’ve got news.”

Shi Nuan was slightly taken aback. She looked at Fu Chengyan and asked, “Do you want me to turn off the speaker?” But Fu Chengyan continued speaking, “What did he say?”

“They had started an investigation. But Fu Renjiang insisted that someone had forced him do it and wouldn’t reveal the culprit’s name.”

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows together. “Tell them to continue monitoring him.” He continued, “Anything else?”

Zhou Zheng paused. “I’ve just received a video.” He hesitated before saying, “It’s about your wife.”

Shi Nuan raised her brows. She shot a confused look at Fu Chengyan and mouthed, “Me?”

Fu Chengyan’s brows were still knitted together. “Make it clear!”

Zhou Zheng swallowed and hesitated. His pause made Shi Nuan feel uneasy as she tightened her grip on the phone. Fu Chengyan noticed her getting nervous. He gave Shi Nuan a reassuring look.

Shi Nuan’s smiled a little to show she was alright. She spoke to Zhou Zheng, “Mr. Zhou, it’s me. The video is about me? What is it about?”

“Yes, it’s about you. It’s about what happened upstairs on the day of your grandfather’s birthday party.”

Thud! The phone in Shi Nuan’s hand dropped to the ground. She stayed stunned for a while before regaining her senses to pick it up. “What video? I was unconscious back then. Who was the one that recorded this video?”

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“Well...” Zhou Zheng seemed stumped. Fu Chengyan took his phone and instructed, “Send the video to my phone.” He hung up right after.

Shi Nuan seemed out of sorts. When Fu Chengyan took his phone from her, she was already in a daze.

Although she was unconscious that day, she knew what exactly they did to her. Her mind was in turmoil. She had no idea what to do next and who was the one behind this. She stared at Fu Chengyan in panic. There was a hint of helplessness in her gaze. “Fu Chengyan!”

“Don’t worry.” Fu Chengyan had one hand on the steering wheel. His other hand kept holding onto Shi Nuan’s hand. “Don’t be afraid. I’m by your side,” he consoled her, “Leave this to me.”

Zhou Zheng sent the video not long after. The duration was short but the person in the video was clearly shown.

Shi Nuan was tossing and turning on the bed, probably because she felt hot. Someone shot the video from a close distance using a phone. Since Shi Nuan was lying in bed, unconscious, what she did was out of instinct. Her face paled as she stared at the woman in the video. “It’s Yun Shen. It must be him.”

She was alone in the room with Yun Shen because her family had drugged her and sold her to him. She remembered waking up groggily and finding her arms wrapped tightly around Yun Shen.

Shi Nuan bit her lips and shook her head. “I... It must be Yun Shen. Why would he do that? This video... Why did this video end up with Mr. Zhou?”

Shi Nuan was terrified. “I’m in the video. Why did Mr. Zhou...”

“I told Zhou Zheng to keep an eye on Yun Shen and the Yun family’s internet.” Fu Chengyan answered. He had guessed what happened based on the clues given. “No one sent this to Zhou Zheng. I believe Yun Shen sent this video to the Shi family.”

Yun Shen sent this to the Shi family?

Shi Nuan’s face turned ashen. Fu Chengyan’s words didn’t make her feel better. “You mean Yun Shen used this video and the fact that I attacked him to negotiate with the Shi family?”

“That might be one possibility.” Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. Yun Shen’s actions surprised him too.

Although Shi Nuan and Yun Shen did nothing out of line in the video, Shi Nuan’s reputation would still be affected if someone leaked this video out.

“What should we do?” Shi Nuan was flustered. “They didn’t succeed last time. This time, Yun Shen is threatening my parents with this video. I’m afraid they’ll—”

“Don’t be afraid.” Fu Chengyan cut her off as he parked his car by the roadside.

He grabbed the steering wheel with both hands and drummed his fingers on it. After a while, he wound down the window.

Shi Nuan turned to look at him. The man seemed to be deep in thought and was trying hard to find a solution to this problem. He took out a pack of cigarettes from his pocket and took one of them out, but he didn’t light it up.

He held the cigarette between his slender fingers for a long time before asking, “Do you want to race?”

“Race?” Shi Nuan was dumbfounded. She didn’t know what he meant. “You want to race? Now?”

Fu Chengyan arched his brows while he tapped his fingers on the steering wheel, staring ahead silently.

The streetlamps shed a dim yellow radiance that created elongated shadows of the nearby trees while the trees rippled with the occasional breeze. “Now.”

Shi Nuan gasped, “Now? Do you have a racing car? Who will you race against?”

Fu Chengyan smirked, “Who said I’m going to race cars?” He unbuckled his seatbelt while saying that. Shi Nuan looked at him in confusion. Fu Chengyan leaned over to unbuckle her seatbelt since she was still in a daze.

When she heard the click of the seatbelt being unbuckled, it suddenly clicked. She pointed at herself in disbelief, “You want me to race? No, no. I don’t know how!” She had a driving license, but she was a total newbie. She could barely drive safely, let alone race! “Your car isn’t a racing car either!”

“Nuan, don’t be afraid. I trust you!” Fu Chengyan squeezed her hand to wish her good luck. “You need to try before you know your limits. I wasn’t born a racer too.” His calm voice was like a spell bewitching her and pointing her the way.

Shi Nuan blinked and hesitated. “But I don’t know—”

“When I’m in a foul mood, I like to race and challenge my own limits. You’ll forget everything when you race. Try it out, hmm?”

“Okay.”

Shi Nuan took a deep breath and got off the car to exchange her seat with Fu Chengyan. She inhaled deeply and gave Fu Chengyan a determined look. "I can do it."

"Yes. I trust you, and I'm entrusting my life to you." Fu Chengyan buckled himself up. He reached out to caress Shi Nuan's face, whose face was still unnaturally ashy. "Everything will be okay. Start driving."

Upon receiving his encouragement, Shi Nuan stepped on the accelerator. The car sped ahead, accumulating its speed to challenge Shi Nuan's limit.

She stared ahead and gripped on the steering wheel in determination. Fu Chengyan was seated right beside Shi Nuan. His presence gave her strength to forge ahead without fear.

The car gradually picked up speed on the empty wide road. Shi Nuan sped through. She wasn't really racing but she was indeed driving at an astonishing speed. There were no cars on the road since it was nighttime.

Shi Nuan finally felt the adrenaline of racing. This was the first time she had ever been this impulsive. She gripped the steering wheel. "Fu Chengyan, I feel like I'm about to fly together with the car."

"Yes." Fu Chengyan remained calm beside her. His lips curved up when he saw how excited she was as she sped up. He wound down the windows on both sides. The wind gushed in as the car sped along the road.

The frosty wind was blowing through at such speed that it hurt Shi Nuan's face but she couldn't stop speeding because of her thrill and excitement. "Fu Chengyan, turns out racing is quite fun!"

"Yeah." Fu Chengyan nodded when he saw her in such a good mood. He told her, "Speed up!" Shi Nuan obediently sped up.

Right then, a car sped past Shi Nuan in a flash. It drove at a speed so fast they almost missed it. Shi Nuan hit the pedal eagerly and went after the car. Right then, a few cars sped past Shi Nuan like they were competing with her.

Shi Nuan anxiously turned to Fu Chengyan. "What should I do now?"

Fu Chengyan raised his brows. They were lucky enough to run into a bunch of people racing here. These speeding cars aroused her desire to win and Fu Chengyan was delighted to see that happen. "Do you want to win?"

Shi Nuan nodded. "Yes!" This was the first and only time in her life she wanted to win so badly! She refused to give up without a fight.

When Shi Nuan was five, Shi Wei and she had a toy each. Back then, she loved Barbie dolls, so Shi Wei requested for one too. Her father bought one for Shi Wei but Shi Wei insisted on having hers. He told her to exchange her doll with her sister's.

Shi Nuan innocently agreed to exchange with Shi Wei. But Shi Wei destroyed her own doll in a blink of an eye.

Shi Nuan's gaze darkened when she recalled the past and she floored the accelerator. "I don't want to lose! I refuse to lose this time!"

Fu Chengyan's lips curled up in a smile. "But they are professional racers driving racing cars."

"But I still want to try!"

She didn't want to be deprived of her rights to simply try. If she lost after working hard, she'd give up as luck wasn't at her side. At least she had tried.

Her words were directed to Fu Chengyan and herself. Fu Chengyan looked at Shi Nuan's fixed gaze. He knew the woman had made up her mind. "Okay. Good luck then."

Fu Chengyan remained by her side, providing encouragement all the while and completely entrusting his life to her.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. The man had evoked a strange feeling in her heart. She grabbed the steering wheel forcefully and floored the accelerator again. When she spotted the racing cars driving side by side, seemingly waiting for her, it rendered her speechless.

When Shi Nuan finally caught up to them, one of the drivers wound down the window. The driver was taken aback when he saw a woman in the driving seat. He narrowed his eyes. "Hello, gorgeous. You're racing with a Bentley at night? That's super cool!"

Shi Nuan's lips thinned as she increased her speed. The man sped up as well. "Hey, we're in a competition. Do you want to join us? There will be a prize!" The man's hair was dyed an unruly bright red. When he noticed a man in the passenger seat, his eyes widened. "Bro, do you want to join us?"

Fu Chengyan glanced at Shi Nuan, whose eyes were sparkling with excitement. A smile lit up Fu Chengyan's face. "Sure, but where?"

"Starting from the junction ahead. The entire road up the mountain was already blocked, so we can race there!"

Fu Chengyan met Shi Nuan's gaze. Shi Nuan's lips thinned. "Isn't that on our way home?"

Fu Chengyan was glad that Shi Nuan referred to their house as "home". He nodded and replied, "Yes, we can race all the way home." He told the man, "Let's meet at the junction!"

The man's car sped ahead past Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan followed in his tracks and floored the accelerator as well.

She was driving a Bentley and the car was different from the racing cars. When Shi Nuan finally arrived, a row of racing cars was parked side by side at the junction. It was a spectacular sight from afar. Shi Nuan swallowed and unbuckled her seatbelt. "Fu Chengyan, I don't think I should humiliate you and your car."

"Hmm?" Fu Chengyan raised his brows in amusement. "How are you humiliating me?"

Shi Nuan pointed at Fu Chengyan's car. "Although your car seems low-profile, it isn't. Plus, your number plate is outstanding. If I lose today and those people find out it's your car, your reputation will be ruined." Shi Nuan hurriedly explained.

Fu Chengyan grinned, "So?"

"So I think you should drive so I won't humiliate you!"