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Fu Chengyan's gaze was a little scorching. Shi Nuan was certain his penetrative gaze had unveiled her intention. She shot a shy look at Fu Chengyan. "You don't want me to ruin your reputation, right?"

Fu Chengyan shook his head in resignation. Shi Nuan came up with that excuse as she was afraid of losing. A moment ago, she was excited for the race but now her courage is all gone.

"Hmm?"

Shi Nuan's flushed a bright red. "Fine. I'm afraid of losing!" She continued, "Hurry!"

Fu Chengyan nodded and walked up to the group of racers. "How does this competition work?"

One of them glanced at Fu Chengyan and was about to say something when his friend cut him off. "Let's do it the old way. The first one who reaches the top of the mountain wins. But bro, your car... Should we give way to you?"

The redhead seemed bold as he said, "If you can overtake any of us, you'll be considered the winner!"

"Okay, it's a deal." Shi Nuan hurriedly answered. "You said it yourself. As long as we overtake any of you, we're the winner!"

Fu Chengyan's eyes glistened as he glanced at Shi Nuan from the corner of his eyes. Shi Nuan stuck her tongue out and stepped back automatically. Fu Chengyan was amused. Does she think I'll lose?

But the racers are well-equipped. They are indeed professional racers. "Okay." He said, "Let's go!"

"Okay!" Redhead agreed readily. He was certain the Bentley wasn't a match for their racing cars, no matter how expensive it was. If Fu Chengyan overtook any of them, it would be entirely because of his driving skills.

Fu Chengyan got into his car and checked their seatbelts. He glanced at Shi Nuan. "Can you take it if I speed up?"

Shi Nuan thought about it. She drove quite fast earlier and it seemed fine to her. Hence, she nodded. "Yes."

"Buckle up!"

The onlooking racers watched as Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan got into their car. The man who got cut off by Redhead asked, "Bro, look at their number plate. Isn't that—"

"Isn't what? Hurry, get into your car!" Redhead waved him off impatiently. "Be alert. If he overtakes any of us, that will be damn humiliating." The redhead got into his car coolly. At the snap of his fingers, all the cars sped off like arrows that just left the bow.

Fu Chengyan floored the accelerator and went after them. The sudden impact threw Shi Nuan forward.

She glanced at the man who was in the driver's seat, feeling shocked. There was even fear lingering in her chest.

She thought she drove fast enough but Fu Chengyan floored the accelerator in an instant. The car's speed increased sharply. She was no match for him.

Shi Nuan was in disbelief as Fu Chengyan kept building up the car's speed and finally overtook two cars at the first corner. She grabbed the armrest as her eyes widened in shock. "You..."

Shi Nuan knew nothing about cars but this car was obviously an SUV that couldn't be compared to those professional racing cars. She might be imagining things but it somehow felt like Fu Chengyan was driving a racing car.

Fu Chengyan thinned his lips as he stared ahead. His serious expression mesmerized Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan grabbed the armrest again as Fu Chengyan sped up. He overtook another car at the next corner.

The woman could feel the wind roaring in her ears. It was an inexplicable feeling. Her throat jumped to her heart and she was going to yell out the next minute.

When Fu Chengyan overtook another car, Shi Nuan heard someone cursing loudly, "Holy shit! He's damn good at this!"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips as she studied Fu Chengyan through the dim light illuminating the car. The man was right. Fu Chengyan was damn good at this.

Shi Nuan stared at the calm man and bit her lips. "Were you a racer?"

Fu Chengyan raised his brows and smirked. "Did I frighten you?"

Shi Nuan shook her head. She was worried because Fu Chengyan was concentrated on talking to her now. "I won't talk to you. Focus on driving." She pondered for a while before saying, "Actually, you'll win as long as the last car doesn't overtake us."

Fu Chengyan's lips curled up into a smirk. The way he smirked seemed attractive to Shi Nuan. "Don't worry."

"I'm not worried. Anyway, just focus on driving."

"No."

"Ah?" Shi Nuan was taken aback. She was confused by the man's reply out of nowhere. "What?"

"I wasn't a racer." He chuckled. "I enjoyed racing when I was young. It was nothing."

Shi Nuan's lips twitched. How could Fu Chengyan's driving skills be nothing? Those professional racers would be upset if they heard him say that.

"Buckle up." Fu Chengyan told her. Immediately, a bright yellow car sped up and overtook Fu Chengyan. The driver wound down his car window and waved at Fu Chengyan to provoke him. "Bye, bro!"

Fu Chengyan's lips thinned as he picked up speed again.

They were racing on the mountain, so the surroundings were dead silent except for the occasional roars of the speeding cars.

Shi Nuan's gaze was fixated on Fu Chengyan. The man was driving so calmly that he didn't seem to be in a race! If Shi Nuan didn't witness the speedometer moving up, she would have thought Fu Chengyan was just taking a casual stroll in the yard.

"Say something!" Fu Chengyan's cold voice rang out.

Shi Nuan was taken aback, "What should I say?"

"Anything!" Fu Chengyan's lips curved up. "Don't forget our intention in the first place."

Shi Nuan frowned as she recalled that she started racing because she had been in a foul mood. If Fu Chengyan didn't remind her, she would've forgotten about it. She glared at Fu Chengyan, "Could you not remind me about that?"

"We have to solve the problem, anyway. Do you feel better now?"

Fu Chengyan maintained his speed. He didn't overtake the car in front of him but at the same time, he refused to let others overtake him. The man started chatting to Shi Nuan casually. "Hmm?"

"No. If you can overtake everyone, I might feel much better." Shi Nuan said deliberately. "But I don't think you can do that."

"Really?" Fu Chengyan smirked. "Since you said that, darling, if I don't win this race, I'm afraid I'll disappoint you." Fu Chengyan turned to look at her. "Sit tight!" At the next corner, the man sped up and whizzed pass the rest of the cars in one shot. Everything happened in a flash.

Shi Nuan stared at Fu Chengyan in shock before turning to look behind them.

The other cars were left behind, struggling to keep up with them. "How did you do that?" She demanded.

But before Shi Nuan could finish her question, Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "Sit back." He stepped on the gas again as they sped along the rugged road on the mountain.

"Damn it!" Redhead who had maintained his position in the first place cursed when he saw Fu Chengyan speeding up on the most dangerous part of the mountain road. "Does he have a death wish?"

Normally, they'd cut down their speed when they reached that part but Fu Chengyan sped up instead.

Shi Nuan gripped the armrest with all her might. She felt her entire body numbing up. Her heart was lodged in her throat. Right this moment, she had no other choice than to trust Fu Chengyan.

But to Shi Nuan's utter disbelief, the car gradually stopped. Shi Nuan turned and stared blankly at Fu Chengyan. "What's wrong?"

Fu Chengyan smiled and switched off the engine. He wound up the windows before pulling Shi Nuan into his arms for a hug. "Are you afraid?"

Shi Nuan swallowed hard. She felt like she had just been reborn again. She wrapped her arms tightly around Fu Chengyan's waist boldly. Her body was still trembling but she stubbornly denied it. "N-No, I'm not afraid!"

Fu Chengyan broke out in laughter. He held her close while tousling her hair. The man ran his long and slender fingers through her hair and patted her back consolingly. "Mmm, don't be afraid."

Shi Nuan took a deep breath as she hugged Fu Chengyan tight. Fu Chengyan's body had a lemon scent which attacked her nostrils almost immediately. There was also a slight hint of tobacco but it felt strangely comforting to her.

Slowly, Shi Nuan calmed down. She pulled away from his embrace. At the very next second, she raised her head and pressed her lips to his.

Fu Chengyan's brows raised up in surprise at the light kiss. The next second, he pulled Shi Nuan closer and captured her lips with his.

He had kissed her before but Shi Nuan was unconscious back then. This time, she was wide awake.

The man sensed that Shi Nuan was taken aback and was trying to retreat, hence he grabbed the back of her head and deepened the kiss instead.

Shi Nuan was a novice at kissing so she was rendered helpless- she could only follow his lead. Her body relaxed as her hands slid around his neck, kissing him back passionately.

The woman flushed red and her eyes were moist. One by one, the remaining racing cars raced past them as they kissed each other passionately in the car.

At last, Fu Chengyan released Shi Nuan, and leaned his forehead against hers. Both of them were panting a little. Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan's hands and squeezed them lightly. His coarse hands caressed her soft and delicate skin, sending tremors throughout her body.

Shi Nuan gasped as she belatedly realized what she had just done. "I..."

Fu Chengyan pulled her into his arms and chuckled slowly. "Isn't it too late to feel shy?"

Shi Nuan blushed a bright red. She shoved Fu Chengyan away. The man was radiating with happiness. She bit her lips and told him, "What? I was going to remind you we're going to lose!"

Fu Chengyan arched his brows. "Does winning or losing matters to you?"

Shi Nuan shook her head. "No!" She wasn't thinking of joining the race at first. Since she had witnessed Fu Chengyan's driving skills, he was already the all-time winner in her heart.

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Fu Chengyan's lips curled up when he saw the strange expression on Shi Nuan's face. The man was pleased as he caressed her head, "Good." Winning or losing mattered to him, but not in this aspect.

Fu Chengyan drove to the finishing line contentedly. He had lost in the race but that was within his expectations. But when Redhead saw Fu Chengyan's car, he couldn't help but sigh, "Bro, where are you from? You're really good at racing."

Redhead threw a cigarette to Fu Chengyan, who caught it casually. The man held the cigarette in his hand and played around with it without a word. Redhead arched his brows, thinking that Fu Chengyan had an attitude. The man seemed good-looking and polite but he could drive the hell of a car.

Fu Chengyan smirked, "I lost!"

"No, we lost!" Redhead wasn't someone who couldn't admit defeat. He knew Fu Chengyan was capable enough. The man's driving skills were damningly impressive. Redhead had been a professional racer for a long time but this was the first time he had ever seen such an interesting opponent.

They were professional racers so it was normal for them to calculate every part of the race accurately. They also knew their abilities well. But this was the first time he had ever met someone like Fu Chengyan. The man overtook all of them with an SUV! That was really remarkable.

"The first one who reaches the finishing line wins, so you've won the race." Fu Chengyan wasn't bothered about winning or losing. He went and patted Redhead's shoulder. "We're almost home now, got to go!"

Fu Chengyan walked back and held Shi Nuan's hand. Before they got into their car, Redhead called out, "Bro, do you want your prize?"

Fu Chengyan waved, "No need!"

"Hey, tell me your name! Let's be friends!" Redhead wouldn't give up. He hadn't met a rival for some time so it was normal for him to pester Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan couldn't be bothered about him. He led Shi Nuan into the car like a gentleman before entering the car himself. His car disappeared under the moonlight.

Redhead was dejected as he felt he won the race unfairly. "Shu Li, find out who that man is. He's so cool!" It was rare for Redhead to find someone who he likes and he wouldn't give up that easily.

Shu Li was the one that Redhead cut off earlier. He stared at the Bentley speeding away under the moonlight as his gaze darkened. "No need. I think I know who he is."

"What?" Redhead was startled. "You know who he is?"

Shu Li shook his head and replied. "Not personally. But there aren't many people in Jiang City who own cool number plates like him." It suddenly dawned upon Redhead. "Holy shit! Yes, his plate number was six zeros, right?" He pondered for a while before asking, "Is it him?"

The other racers paused after hearing Shu Li's words. "Damn it! Are we that lucky today? Mr. Fu?"

They met each other's gazes before looking at the prize in Redhead's hands. "Boss, you won the prize from Mr. Fu! You can boast about this for some time!"

"Bullshit!" The name of the person they addressed as boss was Li Jingyu. He seemed upset as he asked, "Are you blind? Isn't it obvious that he won?" If Fu

Chengyan didn't stop suddenly at the last part of the race, he wouldn't have won first place.

Back then, they declared that Fu Chengyan will be the winner if he overtook any of them. In the end, it was proven that the man needn't continue the race as he was already a winner. "Let's go. Our skills are nothing compared to him, so don't embarrass ourselves. We'll start practicing tomorrow!"

The others started yelping in disbelief but Shu Li was the only one who smiled upon hearing Li Jingyu's words. This was the first time he had ever seen Li Jingyu being this serious.

In the meantime, Shi Nuan, who had left with Fu Chengyan, was still thinking about the kiss.

Shi Nuan didn't know what came over her when she kissed him. When she finally regained her senses, Fu Chengyan took it seriously and wouldn't let her go.

The woman peeked cautiously at Fu Chengyan. She thought he wouldn't notice what she was doing. Staring at Fu Chengyan's side profile, she swallowed hard and licked her dry lips.

Fu Chengyan's gaze met Shi Nuan like a prey finding its target. Her heart skipped a beat as she turned away. Her heart was thumping hard as she said in a panicky voice, "Y-You could be the winner. He recognized you as the winner too!" Shi Nuan felt guilty. "Why didn't you take the prize?"

Fu Chengyan raised his brows as a smile lit up his face. "You want the prize?"

Shi Nuan was about to say no but she nodded instead. "Yes. You can drive better than them but why did you refuse the prize?"

"Since you want the prize that much, let's go back for it now?" Fu Chengyan replied. He was going to make a U-turn when Shi Nuan hurriedly grabbed his

arm to stop him. The woman bit her lips, "I was just saying. You don't have to go back for the prize. Plus, they must've left by now."

When Shi Nuan realized she was clutching Fu Chengyan's arm, she lowered her gaze and smiled awkwardly. We seem like a couple now.

When that thought occurred to Shi Nuan, she released her grip on Fu Chengyan's arm in shock. Worse, she felt delighted at the fact that they seemed like a loving couple arguing over trivial matters.

Fu Chengyan had no idea what she was struggling about in her head. He parked the car into his garage slowly. When he saw Shi Nuan in a daze, he stretched out his hand to play with her hair. "We're here!"

Shi Nuan shifted away from his hand. "Don't touch my head ever again!"

At night, when Shi Nuna was taking a bath, she suddenly recalled the video Zhou Zheng had sent over earlier. Biting her lips, she remained in the bathtub for a while before getting to her feet. After changing clothes, she went to Fu Chengyan's study.

Fu Chengyan had barely stepped into his study when Zhou Zheng started reporting the situation to him.

Fu Renjiang had been arrested by the police. But the man refused to reveal the culprit behind this, so it would be hard to resolve the matter.

It seemed like Fu Chengyan's target was Fu Renjiang but he still wanted to find out the culprit behind this. "What did Fu Renjiang say?"

"He insisted he didn't know who the person was." Zhou Zheng was stumped too. "Mr. Fu, what should we do?"

"You can go to Li Heng. He's good at this." Fu Chengyan's lips curled up as he stroked his chin. When his finger touched his lips, his gaze darkened. "The Shi family..."

"I can confirm that something happened in the Shi family based on reports from our men watching them. That was why Shi Jingzheng wanted Shi Wei to be with Fu Xicheng as soon as possible. He wanted Fucheng to help Huancheng out." Zhou Zheng replied, "And, Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu were the ones who made the deal with Yun Shen. Shi Wei was involved too. But Fu Xicheng wasn't aware of it at all."

"He wasn't aware?" Fu Chengyan snorted, "I don't think so! Are you sure Yun Shen was the one who sent this video to Shi Jingzheng?"

"I'm not sure about that." Zhou Zheng couldn't be certain. "This video was sent through the Yun household's IP address. But we don't know if it was Yun Shen who sent it. Our men tried to intercept but Shi Jingzheng had already received the video."

"Mr. Fu, what do you think Yun Shen and Shi Jingzheng's plan is?" Zhou Zheng was uncertain about their agenda. "Yun Shen can get anything he wants. Why did he target your wife?" Zhou Zheng made sure he used the correct way to address Shi Nuan. "And, Shi Jingzheng is your wife's father, but..."

"Profit. A businessman would only care for his own interests." Fu Chengyan replied icily, "Shi Nuan doesn't have any shares in Huancheng, so she is the perfect candidate to marry Fu Xicheng. He won't be able to take away Huancheng's shares this way. But Shi Jingzheng didn't do that!" Fu Chengyan didn't understand Shi Jingzheng's intention, too. But since he wanted to sell Shi Nuan to Yun Shen, it was obvious he would get something in return from.

"Find out what happened between Shi Nuan and the Shi family!" He felt that this matter was rather strange. Shi Nuan was part of the Shi family. But compared to Shi Wei, she didn't seem to be treated like one. "Don't tell Shi Nuan about this for now."

"Yes!" Zhou Zheng nodded. He wasn't a fool and Fu Chengyan's feelings for Shi Nuan was obvious to him. Even if it wasn't love, he treated Shi Nuan differently. "Mr. Ye, I'm thinking of going to Mr. Li's assistant. Can you help me inform Mr. Li?"

"Go to him yourself." Fu Chengyan hung up on him. At this moment, someone knocked on the door to his study and he called out, "Come in!"

Shi Nuan mustered her courage to knock on the door. When the door was opened, she saw the phone in Fu Chengyan's hand. It seemed like the man had just finished talking on the phone. She bit her lips and asked, "Am I disturbing you?"

Fu Chengyan smiled and stretched his hand out. "Come here!"

Shi Nuan heaved a sigh of relief as she went over to Fu Chengyan's table. She glanced at the stuff on his table. "It's late, won't you rest?"

Fu Chengyan arched his brows as his eyes gazed at Shi Nuan's face heatedly before moving to her body.

His gaze sent goosebumps throughout Shi Nuan's body. She followed his gaze and lowered her head before gasping out loud. The woman hurriedly yanked her collar up. "What are you staring at?" She expressed her dissatisfaction and shot Fu Chengyan a look. "Stop staring!"

Fu Chengyan was amused. "Darling, you're dressed sexily in the middle of the night. Aren't you here to seduce me?" He chuckled, "I thought you were asking me to sleep with you?"

The woman was speechless. What he said made sense, causing her to almost believe him.

Shi Nuan frowned slightly. "You... I'm here to ask you..."

"Mm?" Fu Chengyan raised his brows. "What?"

"You know, about the video Mr. Zhou sent over today. About me. You were there too, so you know that wasn't true!" A blush crept up Shi Nuan's face. She felt upset when she recalled what happened that day. "I don't know why he did that and what my parents were thinking of. Fu Chengyan, you will help me, right?"

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"You came here past midnight for this?" Fu Chengyan asked after a long pause. "Are you afraid?"

Shi Nuan nodded helplessly. "Yes, I'm afraid. Will you help me?"

Fu Chengyan curved his lips up. Shi Nuan seemed really terrified, since her reputation was important to her. "Don't worry, I'll solve this well." Since they were already married, he would take action no matter what.

Fu Chengyan saw Shi Nuan heave a sigh of relief. He smiled. "Don't worry. It's late, you should go to bed now."

Shi Nuan bit her lips although he had already reassured her anxious heart. She trusted Fu Chengyan to help her. But she couldn't explain why she felt that Fu Chengyan was dependable.

Fu Chengyan raised his brows when he saw that Shi Nuan didn't move. "Darling, are you inviting me to sleep with you?"

"Ah?" Shi Nuan raised her head in surprise before hurriedly explaining, "No, I... I'll go to bed now. You should get some rest too." Shi Nuan retreated to the door but she suddenly stopped and turned around, saying, "Fu Chengyan, thank you!"

Fu Chengyan's eyes crinkled up as he watched Shi Nuan walk away. He called Li Heng, "I might need your assistant's help for two days."

"Oh? What will I get in return?" Li Heng asked when he heard Fu Chengyan's request. "Did you get into trouble?"

"It's nothing big." Fu Chengyan tapped his fingers on the table and told him, "You want the developer's rights for that land in the south of the city, right? Shengyuan will pull out from the bidding." Li Heng snorted in displeasure. "Bro, you're getting thriftier day by day."

"Don't expose me." Fu Chengyan smirked. "Tomorrow, ask Liang Lin to come over. He's better than Zhou Zheng regarding computer stuff."

"Sure!" Li Heng agreed. After Fu Chengyan hung up, a hint of amusement appeared in Li Heng's dark gaze.

Shengyuan wasn't that interested in that piece of land in the south. Since Fu Renjiang who had always wanted this land was already in jail, Fu Chengyan didn't want to get involved in his mess. That was why Li Heng snorted when he was offered the land.

Li Heng's gaze darkened when he called Liang Lin. "Chengyan needs your help for the next few days."

"Yes." Liang Lin had worked for Li Heng for a while and knew what character his boss had. If it wasn't important, Fu Chengyan wouldn't ask for his help and Li Heng wouldn't let him help the man either. "When will I be coming back?"

"Ask Chengyan!" Li Heng hung up on him. In the dimly lit study, the man was seated on the leather sofa with a cigarette between his fingers. His gaze was fixated at a book on the shelf. It took him a while to regain his senses.

Time has gone by so quickly!

The next day, Liang Lin went to Shengyuan to look for Fu Chengyan and found out that he was going to be working under Zhou Zheng. This made him slightly upset.

Zhou Zheng noticed Liang Lin's displeasure and nudged him. "Why are you upset? I saved you, you know."

Liang Lin glared at Zhou Zheng. "Why do I have to listen to you?"

"That's Mr. Fu's decision." Zhou Zheng had a cunning smile on his face. "Let's get back to business. I need your help to hack someone's computer."

"Again?" Liang Lin sounded upset. "Even if I'm good at it, this doesn't mean I have to do sneaky stuff all day!" Liang Lin shot Zhou Zheng a look. "Who is it this time?"

"Fu Renjiang!"

Liang Lin's fingers paused midair as he asked in surprise. "It's still not done yet?"

"Yes. I came to you because I have other stuff to deal with now." Zhou Zheng spread his hands helplessly. Seemingly entertained, Liang Lin switched on his laptop and glanced at Zhou Zheng. "What other stuff?"

"It's about Mrs. Fu." Zhou Zheng answered, "It's a hassle. I might need your help later."

"Mrs. Fu? When did Mr. Fu get married?" Liang Lin's eyes gleamed. How exciting! "Why didn't I know about this?"

Meanwhile, Shi Wei started venting her anger by smashing everything in her sight after she reached home. The servants stayed out of her sight as they were terrified. There was only one maid trailing behind Shi Wei who cleaned up all her mess. That maid, named Hong, had been with Shi Wei for years.

Shi Wei was terribly upset about what had happened in the shopping mall. She was from the Shi family and gained some popularity in the entertainment industry. Everyone in Jiang City treated her politely.

But Fu Chengyan refused to even glance at her. That was fine. The problem was he recognized that whore Shi Nuan instead of her. How could she swallow that in?

Her looks, figure and popularity were a thousand times better than Shi Nuan! Shi Nuan was just a white-collar worker in a small insignificant company. How could she get Fu Chengyan to like her?

The more Shi Wei pondered about it, the more upset she got. She smashed everything in the living room before running back to her own room, sweeping everything on her table to the floor. "Ah! Shi Nuan, you whore!"

"AHHHHHH!!!" Shi Wei wailed loudly. Her loud shout frightened Hong, who took a step back. When Hong noticed the wound on Shi Wei's hand, she ran over to her. "Miss, you hurt your hand!"

Hong was going to get the emergency kit for Shi Wei, but Shi Wei stopped her and grabbed her hair. "Are you glad that I got hurt?"

"No! No, miss. No!" Shi Wei was tugging at Hong's hair forcefully, as if she was going to pull Hong's scalp right off her head.

Hong could only cry for help as Shi Wei's shrill voice rang in her ears. "Miss, please forgive me. I wasn't laughing at you!"

"No? If you say no, do I have to believe you? I saw it with my own eyes. How dare you laugh at me? How dare you!" Shi Wei was so furious that she had gotten out of control. She ended up venting her anger on Hong. "How dare you!"

"I won't do it again." Hong buried her head in her lap and hugged herself as she begged for mercy.

"What are you doing?" A sharp voice cut off Hong's cries as Shi Wei came to her senses.

When Shi Wei spotted the man and the person behind him, her face drained of color. She looked at Jiang Yu for help, but Jiang Yu merely frowned and demanded, "Wei, what are you doing? Did someone bully you?"

Shi Wei snapped out of her daze and immediately burst into tears. "Mom!" She sobbed and rushed into Jiang Yu's arms. Jiang Yu glared at Hong before turning around and said, "Dad, Zheng. Wei must've been bullied out there. Look at her crying."

"Hmph!" Shi Yunsheng harrumphed before glowering at both Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. "Can you vent your anger this way even if you were bullied outside? You were the one who smashed all the stuff downstairs, right?" Shi Yunsheng wasn't a good-natured man.

He knew his granddaughter well. Although she put up a front in public, she was a different person back home. Shi Wei could trick others with her acting, but it wasn't enough to trick him.

"Hong is a human being. She works and earns money for herself and you are no better than her. Where did you learn to assault others and smash things?" Shi Yunsheng pounded the floor hard with his stick and glared at Shi Jingzheng. "Look at your daughter."

"Dad!" Shi Jingzheng was shocked at what Shi Wei did too. Especially when she started smashing things and assaulting her maid at home. He thought Shi Wei was still an elegant lady no matter how spoilt she was. She'd act coy and tell them how much she hated Shi Nuan. "I'll punish her properly this time."

"You'd better." Shi Yunsheng didn't believe him. "I don't know how you taught her. She had been competitive since young and loved to take everything belonging to Nuan. Taking Nuan's toys was okay, but she even stole Nuan's boyfriend away after she grew up! Look at your daughter! Now she's even assaulting her maid and smashing things! She isn't ladylike at all!"

Shi Yunsheng kept criticizing Shi Wei. Actually, he thought he could forgive Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng since it had happened a long time ago. Nuan wasn't going to pursue the matter too. But after seeing Shi Wei in this situation, Shi Yunsheng was extremely disappointed in her.

"Dad..." Jiang Yu was displeased. "Wei's still young. She was bullied out there, but as parents, we're criticizing her instead of being concerned about her. Won't this make her more upset?"

"Shi Wei was bullied? She's a celebrity. Of course everyone will treat her nicely. Who dares bully her? Look, she's a spoilt brat because of you." Shi Yunsheng shook his head in resignation when he saw how Jiang Yu defended her daughter. He was utterly disappointed at her reaction. "If only you could defend Nuan when she got into trouble... Forget it. She's your daughter. Teach her well!"

Shi Yunsheng walked away with the help of Mr. Yang. He didn't notice the vicious glare from Shi Wei who had buried herself in Jiang Yu's arms.

Shi Wei clenched her fists and grumbled angrily, "Grandpa's so partial. I'm also his granddaughter. That whore Shi Nuan—"

"Shut up!" Shi Jingzheng cut her off furiously. He glowered at her in exasperation. "Look at you!"

Shi Wei cowered behind Jiang Yu's back in fright. Jiang Yu shielded her and met Shi Jingzheng's gaze. "What are you doing? Huh? Wei is right. Isn't dad biased? They are both his granddaughters, but why does he treat Shi Nuan better than Wei?"

"You..." Shi Jingzheng yelled, "A compassionate mom only breeds useless offspring!"

"So what if I spoil Wei? She's my daughter. If I don't treat her well, should I treat that—"

"Shut up!" Shi Jingzheng cut off Jiang Yu abruptly. "What are you talking about? Since Wei is fine, take her back to rest!"

Jiang Yu's lips parted like she was about to say something, but she ended up saying nothing. Shi Wei's eyes brightened as she caught something from Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu's conversation.

Was it about Shi Nuan?

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Jiang Yu pulled Shi Wei into her room and closed the door before glaring at her. "What happened? Didn't I tell you to hold back your temper? You can't vent your anger at home like that, especially during this crucial period."

Jiang Yu was upset at Shi Yunsheng's reaction. She had married into the Shi family for decades but Shi Yunsheng never showed her any affection. Her daughter received the same treatment too.

"Mom, I know I'm wrong. Don't be mad!" Shi Wei was indeed a professional actress. She had already regained her composure and calmed down. The woman tugged at Jiang Yu's hand and pouted, "I lost control today. But do you know the reason why?" Shi Nuan bit her lips, feeling upset whenever she recalled what happened.

Jiang Yu knew her daughter well. She was someone who remained elegant and knew her place well. It was the first time she had ever let anger take control of herself. "What happened?"

Shi Wei answered angrily, "It's all because of Shi Nuan."

"Shi Nuan? It's about her again? Did she create trouble again?" Jiang Yu raised her voice with a hint of displeasure. Shi Wei's eyes brightened up. That was exactly how she wanted her mom to react.

She glanced at Jiang Yu pitifully with tears glistening in her eyes. She seemed pitiful enough and Jiang Yu immediately retorted, "What did she do again? Why does she keep pissing me off?"

"I saw a pair of shoes today. My idol, who was a superstar, wore it during Paris Fashion Week. Finally, Jiang City has that pair of shoes in stock, but that whore Shi Nuan took it away from me!"

"Shi Nuan? She took the shoes from you?" Jiang Yu was suspicious. She trusted Shi Wei, but Shi Nuan wasn't someone who would do that. Plus, the shoes Shi Wei wanted should be terribly expensive. Shi Nuan wouldn't be able to afford it.

Shi Wei was certain her mother didn't trust her even though she was telling the truth. But Shi Nuan didn't really take it from her. She only helped Fu Chengyan try the shoes on. Shi Wei felt that Shi Nuan had already offended her by doing that.

"Mom, don't you believe me?"

"No, of course I believe you. Tell me what happened."

Shi Wei briefly told her what had happened, but she didn't mention Fu Chengyan's name. "Mom, Shi Nuan did it on purpose, right? She knew I loved the pair of shoes but took it from me with the help of an outsider!"

"You mean Shi Nuan was with a man?" Jiang Yu zeroed in on the issue. "Are you sure?"

Shi Wei felt slightly guilty under Jiang Yu's stare. But when she thought about it, Shi Nuan was indeed with a man. She wasn't lying at all. Hence, she nodded. "That's right. Shi Nuan said she likes Xicheng. Look at her. She must've been cheating with this man for a long time. Mom, why is Shi Nuan such a bad person? Why won't she leave Xicheng alone? She did it on purpose! I treated her well for nothing!"

"Damned brat!" Jiang Yu clenched her teeth. "How dare she find another man out there?" Jiang Yu narrowed her eyes and grabbed Shi Wei's hand. "Who else knows about this?"

Shi Wei shook her head. "No, I didn't tell anyone about this."

"Good. Don't tell anyone about this, get it? Not even Xicheng!" Jiang Yu gripped Shi Wei's hands hard, making her wince in pain. "Mom, let go! Ouch!"

Jiang Yu snapped out of her daze. "I'm sorry, darling. Does it hurt?"

Shi Wei shook her head. "You told me not to tell anyone about it. Why?" Shi Wei wanted to use this matter and convince her grandfather to agree to her request.

Jiang Yu's expression turned grim. "Have you forgotten about Yun Shen?"

"Yun Shen from the Yun family?" Shi Wei gasped when she recalled who the man was. She remembered that they sent Shi Nuan to Yun Shen that day. It was a great opportunity, but Yun Shen allowed her to escape.

Shi Nuan was drugged that day. Shi Wei watched as her mother dissolved twice the initial dosage into the water. Shi Wei was certain that if Shi Nuan had sexual relations with Yun Shen at Shi Yunsheng's birthday party, the old man would be disappointed in Shi Nuan. Fu Xicheng would think that Shi Nuan was an impure woman too.

If Shi Nuan dared to do that at Shi Yunsheng's birthday party, her reputation would be ruined just like Yun Shen.

They had already planned it all out but Shi Nuan escaped at the very last minute. Yun Shen didn't take hold of Shi Nuan. Instead, he was assaulted by her and had to be sent to the hospital. Huancheng ended up failing to retrieve the two billion capital. Yun Group also undermined them recently.

Shi Wei blamed everything on Shi Nuan and her hatred for Shi Nuan intensified.

"Yes, your father received an email last night regarding Shi Nuan." Jiang Yu whispered in Shi Wei's ear. A smile lit up Shi Wei's face which was originally clouded up. "Mom, is it true?"

"Of course it is." A vicious look flashed across Jiang Yu's eyes. "Your dad felt apologetic for what we had done. Ha! I think that damned brat will never learn her lesson if we don't punish her. Since she bullied you, I'll get back at her for what she did!" Jiang Yu continued, "Yun Shen prefers virgins. It was obvious why he sent this video to your dad. He wants Shi Nuan. So, you can't tell anyone about Shi Nuan and that man."

"Okay, mom!" A strange smile appeared on Shi Wei's face. She was delighted as she imagined Shi Nuan's suffering under that pervert Yun Shen, who would ravish men and women regardless of their age, and how Shi Nuan would lose her virginity to Yun Shen in horror.

When Shi Nuan become a loose woman, no man in Jiang City would want her.

"Mom, you have to help me. Xicheng belongs to me alone!"

"I know. I'll go discuss with your dad right now!" Jiang Yu had made up her mind. She must make sure Shi Nuan ends up in Yun Shen's bed.

Besides the fact that Shi Nuan bullied Shi Wei, Huancheng also needed the two billion from Yun Shen.

Shi Wei trailed behind Jiang Yu as she watched Jiang Yu and Shi Jingzheng discussing in the study.

"About this..." Shi Jingzheng hesitated. "Father already found out what happened last time. If we do it again, I'm afraid—"

"Why would you be afraid? Your father has been biased to Shi Nuan all the while. You know Huancheng's current situation too. Offending the Yun family won't do us any good." Jiang Yu continued, "Don't forget Yun Shen was assaulted by Shi Nuan. Huancheng is in dire need of capital now. Your father has no idea about it, but you do. Even if he finds out about it, he'll do the same thing. Huancheng was established by your father. Do you want the company to be ruined in our hands?"

Jiang Yu continued persuading Shi Jingzheng until he stepped into her trap. "Zheng, stop hesitating. Huancheng is extremely important to your father. We're doing this to protect it for him. He won't blame us."

Shi Jingzheng frowned. "But Nuan—"

"She has been a freeloader in our family for so long. Can't she do something to help us out?" Shi Wei could hear Jiang Yu's shrill voice clearly. She was stunned but she continued to eavesdrop patiently.

Shi Jingzheng raised his voice furiously, "Are you crazy? I told you to not mention this ever again. Do you want others to find out about this?"

"Why should we be afraid?" Jiang Yu wasn't bothered. "I don't care. Plus, this has nothing to do with you." She continued viciously, "She only brings bad luck to us. I shouldn't have brought her back. Look at how your father treats her."

"Enough!" Shi Jingzheng cut her off. "Let me think about it."

"Why would you need to think about it? Don't forget about the Yun family—"

"Enough! I have to think of a way to make Nuan come home, okay?" Shi Jingzheng shot a vicious glare at Jiang Yu. "I know you don't like her. I don't like her either! Do you think my father doesn't know what we are doing?"

Jiang Yu shut up reluctantly. But she was still upset and blamed everything on Shi Nuan.

Shi Wei eavesdropped outside for some time but didn't manage to hear anything useful. Nevertheless, her parents revealed that Shi Nuan had a different identity and they hated her too. Her father had promised to send Shi Nuan to Yun Shen. So the only thing left to do was wait.

Although Fu Chengyan promised he'd deal with this matter, Shi Nuan was still worried. She came to work and remained absent-minded the whole morning. Pei

had to call her name for a few times before she snapped out of her daze. "Huh?" Shi Nuan stared at Pei in surprise. "What is wrong?"

"Oh, it's nothing. Here." Pei handed her a file. "This was from before you came back. You don't know our company's present operations, so this is from the previous—"

"Understood." Shi Nuan nodded. "Give it to her. Since she started it, she should finish it too." However, Pei remained rooted to the spot. Shi Nuan asked again, "Anything else?"

"Well, recently in our company..." Pei felt sad for Shi Nuan after hearing about the rumor a few days ago. Shi Nuan arched her brows at Pei, who hesitated. "Hmm? What's wrong with our company?"

Pei stammered for a while before coming clean. "Ah, it's all nonsense. I don't know what those colleagues are thinking about. You were the one dating Mr. Fu back then."

Shi Nuan's gaze darkened. "Pei, I have nothing to do with that man now." She didn't want to mention his name.

"I know. But some people in our company don't know that. They kept saying you were the other woman between Mr. Fu and Shi Wei. They even criticized you for stealing your sister's fiancé." Pei was furious as she recalled what she had heard. "What they said wasn't true."

Shi Nuan chuckled and shook her head. "You're mad because of this?"

Pei shook her head. "They even said you're shameless for seducing Mr. Fu. But I know you didn't do that. It was Mr. Fu who came to you." Pei exclaimed indignantly. She was even more upset than Shi Nuan herself.

Shi Nuan frowned as her lips pursed together in resignation. "We can do nothing to make them stop gossiping."

"But—"

"Forget it. Let them gossip all they like!"

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Pei was reluctant as she felt those people shouldn't spread rumors especially when they didn't know the truth. But she knew she could do nothing to stop them. Plus, things might be more complicated than she thought.

"Go back to work!"

"Okay." Pei replied weakly. When she turned to leave, she saw Fu Xicheng heading her way. There was a complicated look in his eyes.

Shi Nuan spotted Fu Xicheng too and frowned. Shi Nuan had kept a distance from Fu Xicheng after what happened. But the man wasn't aware of her intentions.

Fu Chengyan walked towards her as his lips thinned. He seemed upset when he saw Shi Nuan frowning. "Yesterday, you—"

"What?" Shi Nuan raised her head. "Mr. Fu, why are you here?"

"Why didn't you come home last night?" Fu Xicheng's brows were knitted together. "Why didn't you come back home last night? Do you know—"

"Whether or not I go home is none of your business." Shi Nuan put down the pen in her hand and sneered in Fu Xicheng's direction. "Don't you think you're being a busybody?"

"Shi Nuan!" Fu Xicheng growled in a low voice. "I'm talking to you nicely. Can you stop sneering at me?" He was certain he did nothing wrong. When the man saw

Shi Nuan's reaction, he recalled how he waited at Shi Nuan's house for such a long time yesterday without avail.

Fu Xicheng didn't know what went wrong, but he was upset that Shi Nuan had changed.

"Sneering? Mr. Fu, you're overthinking. I'm just stating the truth. Whether or not I go home is none of your business!" Shi Nuan arched her brows and said, "Don't you think you've overstepped the boundaries?"

"Do you know what you're saying? Of course it's my business! We are..."

"What?" Shi Nuan laughed coldly when Fu Xicheng trailed off. "Mr. Fu, I hope you understand. I'm working as your subordinate, but that doesn't mean you get to interfere in my private affairs. If you're here to talk about work, I'll gladly talk to you. But if it's about my private affairs, I'm sorry. You don't have the right to do so."

"Who has the right?" Fu Xicheng clenched his teeth. "Shi Nuan, tell me! Who may do so?"

"You don't have to know that. You just have to know that you don't have the right." Shi Nuan couldn't be bothered to continue arguing with Fu Xicheng. "I'm busy. Please excuse me."

Fu Xicheng grabbed her hand. "Shi Nuan, why have you become like this? You weren't like this back then."

Shi Nuan frowned and paused, staring at her hand in Fu Xicheng's grip. A flash of displeasure appeared in her eyes as she shoved Fu Xicheng away. "Mr. Fu, I don't know you well. Please stay away from me from now on."

"What do you mean?" Fu Xicheng could feel his temples throbbing. "What did I do to make you treat me this way?"

"You're pulling me around in public. Are you a fool? Don't forget you're my brother-in-law now. Have you considered my feelings when doing this? You can't be that selfish, can you? You have gotten all the praises but I have received all the criticizes!" Shi Nuan recalled what Pei told her earlier. Actually, she was aware of those people gossiping about her and Fu Xicheng.

Back then, she wanted to work hard to be the perfect match for Fu Xicheng, so no one knew about her and Fu Xicheng's relationship. But that ended up as Fu Xicheng and Shi Wei's weapon.

Indeed, besides their families, no one knew about them being a couple back then.

Shi Wei was a famous celebrity. Her engagement party with Fu Xicheng was attended by plenty of paparazzi. Of course those people would think she was the other woman who intervened between Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng.

Shi Nuan had no idea who ended up quelling the rumors, but she knew her reputation was already ruined.

Her gaze darkened as she met Fu Xicheng's gaze. "I can't change the past. But please don't come to me other than for work purposes, especially regarding these unimportant matters!"

"What unimportant matters?" Fu Xicheng couldn't grasp the situation. Back then, he and Shi Nuan were a close couple. Shi Nuan would agree to everything he said. But now, Shi Nuan was rejecting him and cutting ties in a cruel manner. Fu Xicheng couldn't understand why.

"You have to admit that we were a couple back then. Now, you're my sister-in-law and I'm your brother-in-law.. You can't cut ties with me. Shi Nuan, I hope you can understand that I'm merely concerned about you!"

"Enough! Fu Xicheng, have you gone crazy?" Shi Nuan laughed in disbelief before clenching her teeth. "If you're crazy, go to the doctor! You're concerned

about me? I don't need your concern. Go and give all your concern to Shi Wei. Don't interfere in my life anymore."

Shi Nuan thought she'd be affected by his strange logic if this continued on. "I don't have time for this."

"Shi Nuan!" Fu Xicheng followed her. "You weren't home last night. Where were you? Were you with that man? Do you know who he is? Where's your self-respect? Have you ever thought about—"

"Enough, Fu Xicheng!" Shi Nuan was obviously upset. She could still bear it when Fu Xicheng criticized her, but she could no longer bear it when he started mentioning Fu Chengyan.

To Shi Nuan, it was hard to get close and get along with Fu Chengyan. But every time she was in danger, the man did everything he could to save her.

Although Fu Chengyan had an ulterior motive for getting close to her, he never harmed her. Fu Chengyan had everything he ever wanted. "He's a great man. He's not like what you said."

"So it's true." Fu Xicheng couldn't describe the inexplicable anger that blazed in his heart. But he couldn't stand it when he imagined how Shi Nuan was lying beneath another man doing certain things. Fu Xicheng seized Shi Nuan's shoulders as his eyes reddened. "Shi Nuan, you have no self-respect. How could you do this? How could you betray me?"

"Let go! Fu Xicheng, you're crazy! Let me go!"

Fu Xicheng pulled Shi Nuan into the elevator and thrusted her against the wall of the elevator. Shi Nuan hit the wall with a dizzying thud.

Shi Nuan clenched her teeth as she glanced at an obviously enraged Fu Xicheng. She was slightly terrified as she said, "What do you want to do? Fu Xicheng, let me warn you. Don't act recklessly."

"Tell me! Who is the man? Have you two done it?" Fu Xicheng could think of nothing else. The only thought in his mind was Shi Nuan having sex with another man. When he imagined that, he couldn't hold it back. Shi Nuan was his, now and forever! "Tell me!"

"Let me go!" Shi Nuan struggled. She was disgusted by Fu Xicheng she and stretched out one hand to give him a tight slap. "Fu Xicheng, get a grip! Take a good look at me!" She clenched her teeth. "I'm Shi Nuan, not Shi Wei! If you want to go crazy, do it to Shi Wei!"

"Nuan, it is all my fault. You're the only person I love. Shi Wei and I... I-I couldn't help myself. She seduced me, Nuan." Fu Xicheng suddenly leaned forward and wrapped his arms tightly around Shi Nuan. No matter how Shi Nuan struggled, he refused to let go.

His hug was so tight that Shi Nuan could barely breathe. All she felt was intense disdain for this man. Especially after hearing what Fu Xicheng said, her disgust intensified. "Let me go, Fu Xicheng. If you won't let go, I'll shout for help."

"Go ahead and shout. If you shout, I'll tell them that deep down, you like me and we are lovers. Nuan, I know you're mad about Shi Wei and me. But you must know I have no other choice as Shi Wei has Huancheng's shares." Fu Xicheng wouldn't let Shi Nuan leave. "When I marry her and her shares become mine, I'll divorce her. We can be together then."

"Let go!" Shi Nuan struggled hard and lifted her leg to kick the spot between Fu Xicheng's legs. Immediately, Fu Xicheng winced.

"Fu Xicheng! I never knew how disgusting you are!" Shi Nuan was utterly disappointed in Fu Xicheng. "You told me you loved Shi Wei, so I said nothing when you ended up with her as she's my sister. But since you're with her, you should treat her well instead of disturbing me. You've made a decision and you should stop disgusting me now."

The disgust in Shi Nuan's eyes was apparent. If she still harbored feelings for Fu Xicheng, it was all gone thanks to what the madman did.

Fu Xicheng was holding his crotch with an agonized expression on his face ,but he was still furious at Shi Nuan's cold reply. "Disgusting? You still love me. Shi Nuan, I'm your first love. How could you forget me just like that?"

"Why can't I?" Shi Nuan was seething mad. "Who do you think you are? Do you think we can still be together after what had happened? Yes, I was a fool for liking you back then. I don't like you at all now. Please don't appear in front of me as I don't want to see you anymore."

Shi Nuan pressed one of the elevator's button and stared anxiously at the changing numbers. She didn't want to remain in the same space as Fu Xicheng anymore.

Fu Xicheng took a deep breath as the pain gradually subsided. When the elevator opened, he reached out to take Shi Nuan's hand. "You don't love me anymore? So you're in love with that man?"