

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 144

Shi Wei had coincidentally gone to the restroom when Shi Nuan went, so the former watched everything unfold before her eyes. Shi Wei was upset to see that Fu Xicheng still missed Shi Nuan. The woman was fuming and prepared to charge towards them, but someone grabbed her arm.

Shi Wei swiftly turned to look at the culprit and was surprised to see that it was Anna. “Why are you holding me back?”

Anna dragged her to a corner. It was obvious that Anna had reapplied her makeup, but the scar on her face was still barely visible, so Shi Wei was scared. The fear on Shi Wei’s face did not escape Anna, so the latter scoffed at her quietly. She said, “What can you do if you go up to him right now?”

Anna checked their surroundings surreptitiously. When she saw that Fu Chengyan had left, she exited the restroom, dragging Shi Wei behind her. “Today’s your wedding. If you make a scene now, everyone is going to laugh at you. You literally just got married! So, if you create a ruckus about this, it’s going to embarrass the Fu family.”

Shi Wei calmed down after listening to Anna’s analysis. She then looked at Anna dubiously.

While Anna’s reasoning made sense, it was unlike her to think so far ahead which was why Shi Wei had qualms about her advice. Anna’s heart skipped a beat when she saw how Shi Wei was looking at her, but she smirked and said, “Your next line is ‘When did you become so smart?’”

“When did you...” What? Shi Wei felt as if she had been seen through, but she shook her head and vehemently denied, “No, I don’t mean that, Anna. Don’t take this the wrong way.”

“Alright, we’re friends, so I won’t blame you for this. I used to be a stupid woman, so I got set up by that evil woman, Shi Nuan. I learned to be more alert then on.”

Anna then sized Shi Wei up, and when she saw the latter letting her guard down, she sneered internally before assuring Shi Wei, “We’ll take this up with her eventually. Now, your mission is to lock Fu Xicheng down, have him wrapped around your finger. If you guys get married, there’s no need to fear Shi Nuan.”

“Yes, you’re right. I wasn’t thinking straight.” Shi Wei was furious earlier, but she had sobered up from Anna’s words. “Let’s go, Anna.”

“Okay.” They left with their arms linked together, but all Anna could think of was that Fu Chengyan did seem related to Shi Nuan somehow. No wonder my brother asked me not to cross Shi Nuan. I don’t want to cross her if Fu Chengyan has her back.

Anna shuddered. She didn’t want to go through that night a second time. Her brother had told her that Fu Chengyan had promised to help the An Group from now on, so he asked her to lay low and not make any rash moves.

“What’s wrong?” Shi Wei felt that something was off with Anna as her face was drained of color. “Are you feeling unwell?”

“It’s nothing,” Anna said, “The wedding hasn’t begun yet, so you should go to the waiting room. I’ll go to the hall and watch Fu Xicheng for you.”

“Sure!”

Anna left Shi in the waiting room. The moment Anna was out of her sight, Shi Wei quickly made a phone call to Jiang Yu, “Mom.”

“What happened? Why did you call me? I’m busy as heck outside there. Just stay here if you have nothing to say, or just call your friends over.” When Jiang Yu walked in and saw Shi Wei reclining on the sofa, the woman felt frustrated.

Shi Wei quickly stood up once Jiang Yu made her appearance. “I can’t wait any longer, mom. I won’t be at peace as long as that bi*tch, Shi Nuan isn’t married.” She forced her next words through gritted teeth, “Mom, didn’t you promise to help me?”

“Why the rush? When have I ever gone back on my promises?” Jiang Yu said. “Did something happen?”

“I…” Shi Wei angrily recounted what she saw at the restroom, but she omitted the fact that Fu Chengyan had been there too. Jiang Yu’s eyes gleamed after hearing that, and she clenched her fists. “How dare that little b*tch do this? Looks like I have to chase her out!”

“I think so too, mom. Xicheng will always think about her as long as she remains single. Do you know what he said just now? He said if she agreed to it, he would cancel his wedding with me and marry her instead. They obviously don’t care about me, you, or the Shi family at all.”

“Alright, I’ll settle this as soon as possible. Just get ready for now. Nobody can ruin your marriage.” She would never allow Shi Nuan to ruin her beloved daughter’s marriage.

Jiang Yu pulled out her phone and dialed a number the moment she left the waiting room. “Hey, Yunwan, is he here? He is? That’s great to hear! We did say that they would make a cute couple. It’s lucky we’ve decided that they’re going to marry each other when they grow up. Oh, okay, I’ll be waiting then.”

Jiang Yu narrowed her eyes and hung up. “Well, that little b*tch got something good,” she snorted, “But it’ll be good for the Shi family if Shi Nuan were to marry him.” There was a conniving glint in her beady eyes.

Shi Jingzheng glared at her when he saw her return to the main lobby. “Where did you go? Don’t you know what time it is?”

“Where else could I have gone? I went to check up on Wei. I have to watch over her during her wedding – I am her mother after all.” Jiang Yu pouted. “I heard them saying that Fu Yuqing is dissatisfied with you. What happened?”

“What else could it be? Guess who came just now?” Shi Jingzheng asked as a smile bloomed across his face. “Fu Chengyan did.”

Fu Chengyan?

Jiang Yu’s eyes shone. “Where is he?” She had not seen him although she had been in the hall most of the time.

“He went to the old man,” Shi Jingzheng beamed, confusing Jiang Yu. “Why did he go to the old man? And what does it have to do with Fu Yuqing being displeased with you?”

Shi Jingzheng snorted. He then whispered something to her, and her eyes widened. “You’re saying that Fu Chengyan came not for Fu Yuqing, but for the old master?” Jiang Yu couldn’t believe it. “How did he get to know Fu Chengyan?”

“I am not too sure about that. Probably during his birthday. The old master went out a few times after that, no? I think he went to meet Fu Chengyan. Yu, I think our family is going to become rich now!” Shi Jingzheng exclaimed, unable to contain his excitement. Jiang Yu’s eyes darted around as she thought about it, “It’s a pity that Wei likes Fu Xicheng. If she likes Fu Chengyan...”

Jiang Yu didn’t continue, but Shi Jingzheng knew what she was trying to say. “W-What about Shi Nuan then?” He tentatively suggested.

“No,” Jiang Yu refused without even thinking. “Fu Chengyan is a powerful man, but Shi Nuan isn’t. She is not worthy of him.” More importantly, if she marries Fu

Chengyan, then Shi Wei is going to be lower than her in terms of social status. Jiang Yu would never agree to that. That little bi*ch doesn't have the right to marry Fu Chengyan.

"Don't mess around. I'm doing this for our family's own good. If we manage to get related to Fu Chengyan, that means we'll have ties with one of the four big families of Jiang City. Not everyone has the privilege to say that."

"No!" Jiang Yu clenched her jaw and whispered, "I will match Shi Nuan up with another person. He'll come in a minute."

"Who is it?"

"The Su family, also one of the four big families. Do you remember how I saved a woman when I was young?" Jiang Yu smiled. "She's the young miss of the Su family, Su Yunwan. I heard that her son is a mysterious one. Not many have seen him before. When I saved her back then, she promised me something."

"You're saying that you've arranged for Shi Nuan to marry Su Yunwan's son?" Shi Jingzheng asked, his eyes shone with greed.

Even if he's no Fu Chengyan, anyone is fine, as long as they can help my family. Shi Jingzheng thought about it and nodded. "You'll have to pay attention, then. He..."

"Don't worry, I called Su Yunwan earlier. She said her son would come today," Jiang Yu said confidently. Even though having Shi Nuan marry Su Yunwan's son was being too nice to that little brat, she figured that it was acceptable if it meant that the Shi family would have an alliance with the Su family.

Shi Wei's wedding started at seven, sharp. There weren't a lot of people during the exchange of vows in the church that morning, so Shi Nuan didn't go. She was here for the banquet with Fu Chengyan. At this moment, Shi Wei made her grand entrance with Su Su's help. Since there were a lot of people there, Shi Wei didn't have the time to care about Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan and the others left the waiting room. She was holding Shi Yunsheng, while Fu Chengyan walked with Jiang Shizheng. They were chatting all the way, with Fu Chengyan humbly listening and responding with poise.

The chatter in the hall died down when they walked in, for their little group was a bizarre matchup. The young couple were each standing by an elder, and it was a harmonious sight. They looked like a family – any outsider who didn't know better would think so.

Shi Wei and Fu Xicheng were giving a toast, but they turned to at Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan when entered. Even though Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan had no interaction, they looked so matching together. Shi Wei looked at Fu Xicheng's hand, and she noticed he was gripping his glass tightly, his gaze furious. Shi Wei was stunned, but still she went ahead and held his hand. "Why are you just standing there, Xicheng? Let's go and give a toast to grandpa."

Fu Xicheng looked at Shi Wei, complex emotions churning in his eyes. He was still greatly displeased. For some inexplicable reason, Fu Xicheng felt like Shi Nuan was drifting away from him, and their relationship had become strained to the point of no return. Nuan! Fu Xicheng called her name silently as he followed Shi Wei, who was stalking towards them.