

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 92

“You...” Jiang Yu staggered and almost fell. Fortunately, Fu Xicheng quickly supported Jiang Yu and held her up, “Aunt, are you alright?”

Fu Xicheng checked on Jiang Yu anxiously, then looked at Shi Nuan, “Nuan, this is too much, apologize to aunt now!”

“Apologize? Don’t you know the current situation? Grandpa is still in the operating room, and all of you just can’t wait to point your fingers at me. Once grandpa is awake, we’ll all know who the culprit is.”

Shi Nuan could not be bothered. She stood to the side and waited quietly.

Shi Wei bit her lips and tugged on Jiang Yu’s hand, “Mom, Nuan is just worried about grandpa, don’t get mad at her. And you, Xicheng, Nuan didn’t do it on purpose.” Shi Wei walked to Shi Nuan’s side while she spoke, “Nuan, are you alright?”

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes. She had to applaud her sister’s thick skin – Shi Wei was utterly shameless! No wonder Fu Chengyan said she could never beat Shi Wei – she was indeed not as talented as Shi Wei in acting.

When Shi Wei realized that Shi Nuan was hell-bent on ignoring her, she reached out to take Shi Nuan’s hand. She mumbled her next words, as if she had been wronged. “I know you still blame me for what I did, but grandpa is sick now.

There are no real enemies between sisters – surely we can move past this? Nuan, I am to be blamed for things that happened, but can we put this behind us for grandpa’s sake?”

Shi Nuan swatted Shi Wei's hand away and knitted her eyebrows. She noticed that both Jiang Yu and Fu Xicheng had their eyes on her, then she looked at Shi Wei again.

All of a sudden, she understood Shi Wei's intention. She curled her lips, "Wei, you are right. Since grandpa is sick, all the more reason for us not to talk about other things. Wei, please leave me be."

"Nuan, I care about grandpa too," Shi Wei bit her lips.

"Do you now?" Shi Nuan chuckled humorlessly. Realizing that Shi Wei was still staring at her, she squinted her eyes. "Anything else?"

"Nuan, do you know why grandpa got a stroke?"

Shi Nuan could not guess Shi Wei's intentions, so she remained silent and simply stared at her. Shi Wei squeezed her bag so forcefully that it became deformed. Her hatred for Shi Nuan was a fire that devoured her entire being. She fumed when Shi Nuan refused to respond. "Nuan, did grandpa..."

"Who is the patient's family member?"

At this moment, the doors of the operating theater were pushed open. The doctor was the first one to come out. Shi Nuan quickly rushed over to the doctor and said, "It's me. I am the patient's granddaughter. My name is Shi Nuan."

The doctor took a look at Shi Nuan and nodded, "The patient stable for now. However, due to the patient's age, he will not be able to endure another distress like this again. It was a miracle that he survived today, but it will not happen next time."

Shi Nuan immediately nodded, "I understand. Can I see my grandpa now, doctor?"

“He is still in a coma now. We need to send him to the ICU to observe his condition overnight. If he can wake up tomorrow, then he’ll be fine.” After the doctor made his statement, he swept his gaze over the crowd behind Shi Nuan. “Go on now,” he shoed them away, “There are bills to be paid. Don’t just stand around here. Neither of you need to keep the patient company. He needs to rest.”

“That’s good to know. Thank you, doctor,” Shi Nuan breathed a sigh of relief.

Of all the family members, Shi Nuan was the only one who came forward to ask about his condition. The doctor scanned the others and shook his head. He felt pity for the old man, but there was very little he could do. The doctor said, “You are welcome. This is what we should do.”

As Shi Yunsheng would be in the ICU for the night, there was no need for them to stay overnight. The nurses pushed Shi Yunsheng to his designated ward. Shi Nuan’s gaze was fixated on her grandfather, and she moved to follow them when someone yanked on her arm.

Shi Nuan turned around and saw Shi Wei holding her hand. “Nuan, can we talk?”

Shi Nuan flung Shi Wei’s hand away impatiently. “There is nothing to talk about. Since I can’t stay to keep grandpa company, I shall excuse myself now. I will be back to visit grandpa tomorrow.”

Shi Nuan was preparing to leave, but Jiang Yu would not let her go, “Shi Nuan, hold on!”

Shi Nuan paused momentarily before resuming her walk without looking back. Rage took over Jiang Yu, and she yanked Shi Nuan’s hand forcefully. Shi Nuan was jerked backwards and almost fell. She supported herself on the wall and looked at Jiang Yu with furrowed brows. “What else do you want?”

“You’re not allowed to leave until we come to a conclusion today! Tell me, did you sweet talk the old man into granting you Huancheng’s shares?” Ire bubbled up in Jiang Yu but she had nowhere to vent.

Shi Nuan squinted her eyes, “Sweet talk? What do you mean by that, mom?” She found Jiang Yu’s statement amusing.

“What else could it be? Your grandpa is getting old, so you tried to take advantage of him. Don’t think you can have me fooled! You weren’t close to us, so you got close to the old man intentionally in order to get the shares in his possession.”

“Wait, you think I would trick grandpa to get his shares?” Shi Nuan gasped incredulously when she heard Jiang Yu’s accusation. “I’ve always thought that you disliked me because I had done something wrong. Now I know for sure that it’s not me – it’s you! You guys are the problem! I treat him well because he is my grandpa, not because of his shares.”

“Alright, if that’s the case, then hand over the shares. If you give the shares to your sister, then I will believe you. I will even treat you well in the future,” Jiang Yu did not believe Shi Nuan’s proclamations.

Shi Nuan chuckled, she had never realized how pathetic her life was until this very moment. She never knew that earning her mother’s love would be such a feat.

Shi Nuan bit her lip and forced herself to remain calm. She raised her head to look at Shi Jingzheng and Fu Xicheng, both who had remained silent throughout the whole exchange. They were staring at her with the same accusing look. Shi Nuan then came to realize what a failure she was.

“Since you guys want the shares so much, just wait until grandpa wakes up. It is entirely up to him to decide who gets the shares. I will not object his decisions. As for now, it doesn’t matter if the shares belong to me or not as I will not give it to you either way!”

“You, bitch...” Jiang Yu tried to lay her hands on Shi Nuan, but Shi Nuan pushed back fiercely. “Enough is enough, I believe you know that well, mother. I can be a compassionate person, but I can’t let everyone step all over me! My patience

towards you – towards all of you, is wearing thin. I've been quietly suffering all these years, and I've finally reached the breaking point.”

Shi Nuan's frosty voice sounded extremely like Fu Chengyan. The air around her was palpably cold. Her eyes were sharp and clear, but extremely harsh and emotionless.

She clenched her fist then released it. “Considered yourselves warned.”

Shi Nuan left with steady pace, looking completely different to when she had just arrived. Now, whatever feelings she had left for Shi Jingzheng and Jiangyu were almost gone. She did not know how much more she could endure if she continued to stay in their presence. After all, they had been treating her this way for her whole life.

She thought that she had numbed out over the years. She truly believed that she couldn't feel any more pain. However, she was beginning to realize that she was selfish too – she wanted a better life for herself, and she wished to be pampered too.

“Shi Nuan, you bitch!”

“That's enough!” Shi Jingzheng glared at Jiang Yu fiercely. “Stop creating a commotion! Does shame mean nothing to you? Even if it doesn't, I'm thoroughly humiliated by your behavior! Everyone leave now! Come back tomorrow if you wish to visit my father.”

Fu Xicheng was still staring in the direction Shi Nuan had left, although she had already disappeared from his line of sight. His hands curled into fists.

If Shi Nuan really acquires the old man's shares, then... Do I still have a chance with Shi Nuan?

“Xicheng? Let's go,” Shi Wei shook Fu Xicheng's hand to get his attention.

Fu Xicheng came back to his senses and gave Shi Wei a smile, "Don't worry, grandpa will be alright."

Shi Wei twitched her mouth reluctantly. She had seen Fu Xicheng's reactions, and she was incredibly upset about it. Her fiancé's mind was not on her. It was so painfully obvious that Shi Wei could not ignore it. "Yes. I know that grandpa's going to be fine. However, he still could have discussed it with us. We are a family. How could he just give all the shares to Nuan without telling us? No wonder mom and dad got so angry about it. They seem to blame Nuan for it too. Nuan..."

"Don't worry. I believe that Shi Nuan is not that greedy. Maybe uncle and aunt made a mistake and grandpa didn't actually give the shares to Shi Nuan," Fu Xicheng patted Shi Wei's hand to comfort her, "Let me send you back."

Shi Wei held Fu Xicheng's hand and rested her head on his shoulder. She acted sweet and innocent as she requested, "Xicheng, I want to go to your place today. It's been a while since we..."

"Wei, not today. Grandpa's condition is still critical," Fu Xicheng knitted his eyebrows, slightly revolted by her behavior.

"But I..."

Shi Nuan exited the hospital. It was freezing outside, but Shi Nuan's heart was even colder. She was disappointed and disgusted to the core.

Her eyes glazed over as she wandered around in the cold. She was so immersed in her own thoughts that she did not even realize a car tailing her. Her aimless stroll brought her to a park. She raised her head to look at her surroundings, looking lost and confused.

There was a light behind her, and it was getting closer. To Shi Nuan's surprise, it was Fu Chengyan's car.

She was momentarily blinded by the bright headlights, and her fists clenched involuntarily. Even so, she felt warmth slowly spread through her heart. Tears welled up in her eyes as she quickened her pace towards the car.

Fu Chengyan had been following behind her all this while. He did not know what she had gone through when she was up there, but he could tell that she was very unhappy now. Seeing how she had no idea that he was behind her, she must be absolutely devastated.

Suddenly, his heart ached for her. He saw her running towards him and rolled down the window.

Shi Nuan was panting as she neared the car. She saw Fu Chengyan in the driver's seat and noticed that his sparkling eyes were watching her. She could see the universe in his glimmering eyes. "Get in!"

These were simple words, but Shi Nuan's heart and soul, which had been drifting for a very long time, finally felt a sense of belonging.

Shi Nuan's hands on the door tensed. She braced herself, as if she had made a huge decision, and leaned in through the window. She lifted Fu Chengyan's face with both hands and sealed his lips with her slightly chilled ones.

It was a desperate, seeking kiss. Her kiss was sloppy, and Fu Chengyan could tell that she was an amateur, but it brought the utmost stimulation. Her lips conveyed her earnest plea for a harbor, a place where she could feel safe and belong. Sparks flew between them.

Fu Chengyan's already dark eyes grew even darker. The corner of his eyes slightly lifted, he held the back of Shi Nuan's head to deepen the kiss.