

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 314

With a deep crease in between his brows, Li Heng gave a death stare at Fu Jiaqi, who at that moment was incoherently dishing out vulgarities like a madwoman. When she started scolding Su Shaoqing and Pei Huan, Li Heng's gaze turned murderous at once. Even Jiang Hu, who could be very dense, detected the change in the man's vibe. "Mr. Li... "

"Stand guard outside!" Li Heng said with a wave of his hands and Jiang Hu opened the door immediately. As the door swung open, the woman inside the room lifted her head. Seeing that it was Li Heng, Fu Jiaqi took a few steps back instinctively, "Li... "

"Here we meet again," Li Heng said as the corners of his mouth curled up. Even though he appeared to be smiling, it was a bone-chilling smile. Fu Jiaqi's heart did a double somersault and she started regretting her decision to visit that old hag, Ning Xin, at the hospital earlier in the day. *If only I didn't go there...* "Li, Mr. Li, I... Why did you take me here? Remember, I'm Lai Jingdong's wife. You guys can't... "

"Ha!" Li Heng let out a soft laugh. "Lai Jingdong? Should I be afraid of him?"

Fu Jiaqi's heart skipped another beat.

How is it possible for Li Heng to be scared of Lai Jingdong? Even though Lais were a family of scholars, their power and sphere of influence were far behind the Li clan in Jiang City. Because of that, even though Lai Jingdong was not willing to marry Fu Jiaqi, he still did so at the insistence of his family. The Lai family strongly supported the marriage as the woman had the backing of the Fu clan. Besides, the Fu clan and the Li clan had a close relationship...

“That’s not what I meant, Mr. Li, I just... just...” Fu Jiaqi swallowed the lump in her throat before continuing, “I really have no idea why you took me here!”

Fu Jiaqi felt terrified whenever she recalled her experience four years ago. At that moment, she could feel her hair raising.

“No idea?” Li Heng laughed slightly and found a random spot to sit down on. He fiddled with his cuff links while gazing at Fu Jiaqi’s disheveled appearance. The look in his eyes was unfathomable; it housed a whirlpool of emotions.

Fu Jiaqi took in a deep breath and tried her best to suppress the extreme fear she was feeling at the moment. Nodding vigorously, she said, “Li... Li Heng, I really don’t know.”

Li Heng looked up suddenly and narrowed his eyes. “Don’t know? or don’t remember? Or can’t say?” Li Heng interrogated. “Well, there’s no rush. I have all the time in the world anyway. I haven’t been here in a long while. Do you still remember what happened four years back?”

“Li Heng!”

“Who gave you the right to call me by my name?” Li Heng said as he stood up. Fu Jiaqi did not even notice the man approaching her, but by the time she was aware of that, he was already holding her by her neck. His pitch-black eyes were bloodthirsty and filled with the intent to kill. “It seems like you have not learned your lesson well. I’m not as merciful as Pei Huan. She’s soft-hearted and benevolent, but I’m not the same. Would you like to experience my teachings instead?”

“No, Li... Mr. Li, I don’t want that. I really don’t know why you guys took me here!” Fu Jiaqi shook her head continuously. She would rather die than to experience what happened four years ago again. However, judging from Li Heng’s look, she... “Is there some misunderstanding? I only went to visit Dad and Mom today. Mom’s sick and I’m worried about her, so I...”

“You? worried?” Li Heng let out a cold snort. “She’s Huan’s mom, not yours. Your mom is in jail right now; do you need me to remind you?” Li Heng’s every word was a sharp blade cutting through Fu Jiaqi’s pretense.

“No, that’s not my mom! She’s not! My mom is Ning Xin. I am Fu Heng and Ning Xin’s daughter. I’m not a murderer’s daughter!” Fu Jiaqi yelled as she was pushed to the brink of insanity, “I don’t want her! She’s not my mom!”

Yup, I’m a daughter of the Fu clan. I’m Fu Heng’s daughter, the respected young lady of the Fu clan. To Fu Jiaqi, she was of noble birth. She could not possibly be the daughter of a country bumpkin-cum-murderer!

Li Heng stared at Fu Jiaqi frostily, and the hostility heightened by the second. “It’s no use even if you keep denying it. You’ve stolen Pei Huan’s parents from her for so many years and even framed her. It would have been perfectly understandable if she had killed you previously, but she did not do so, as she is such a kind-hearted woman. As for me...” Li Heng applied more pressure on the woman’s neck and continued, “Even though I have a lot of time, I don’t have much to spend on you. So tell me, where’s Pei Huan?”

Fu Jiaqi could feel that she was suffocating as the man tightened his grip. Her face was flushed from being out of breath and was getting increasingly red.

Fu Jiaqi kept hitting Li Heng’s arm nonstop; the metal chains on her wrists made a clanging noise as she did so. Li Heng hardened his gaze and lifted Fu Jiaqi off the ground, further increasing his grip on her. “Seems like you don’t know me very well. I don’t like to waste time. You still don’t want to tell me, eh?”

Li Heng suddenly loosed his grip and sent Fu Jiaqi slamming against the ground. Then, he took out his handkerchief to wipe his hands while looking at the woman in disgust. Inside the darkroom, Li Heng’s chilling gaze was like the snow in the deep winter.

Just then, the door flung open, revealing Pei Jingxiu and Su Shaoqing at the doorway. “Heng, Chengyan asked you to spare her life.”

Fu Jiaqi jolted up and said, "I want to see my brother. I want to see my brother!" She was convinced that Fu Chengyan would not treat her so cruelly.

After all, she had been his younger sister for more than twenty years. Fu Chengyan was always kind and obliging towards her and gave her anything she wanted. "I want to see my brother. If he knows you guys are treating me in this manner, he will definitely not let you off."

"Ha!" Su Shaoqing was amused by the woman's words. "You're an interesting character. Your brother? You usurped the position of the young lady of the Fu clan for so many years and still have the nerves to call Fu Chengyan your brother? Don't worry, since Chengyan told us to spare your life, we will definitely not kill you."

After Su Shaoqing finished speaking, he turned to look at Li Heng and said, "Heng, Jingxiu and myself are thinking of going for a walk. Want to come with us?"

Li Heng turned to his side and swept a glance at Fu Jiaqi. He nodded and replied, "Sure!" After that, he instructed Jiang Hu, "Strike. Just don't kill her. Call me when she's ready to speak!"

Li Heng loosened up a little and saw that there was something dirty on his jacket. He removed his jacket and threw it at Jiang Hu. "Get rid of this!"

"Tsk tsk, seems like I'm not the only one who's germophobic. Before I met you guys just now, I have already disinfected myself thoroughly and changed into a new set of clothes," Su Shaoqing said.

Fu Jiaqi, who was sitting helplessly on the ground, turned ghastly pale when she heard the men's conversation. She got to her feet immediately and yelled at them, "No! Let me out! What you are doing is illegal. I'm going to sue you—I'll make sure I do that!"

“Jiang Hu, what are you waiting for?” Li Heng shot a glance at Jiang Hu, after which the latter immediately replied, “Understood, Mr. Li.”

Fu Jiaqi had gone missing for three days. Since that day after Lai Jingdong left her at the hospital, she had not been seen anywhere.

Lai Jingdong did not really care about Fu Jiaqi. After all, their marriage was purely a result of his family's doing. Besides, Lai Jingdong rarely went home in the past few years. What they had was a loveless marriage. However, as Fu Jiaqi was a proud person, she would act appropriately in front of others as to not reveal the true relationship between herself and her husband.

The reason for Lai Jingdong's return was because of Old Madam Lai's strict orders and also Ning Xin's illness. Ning Xin was Pei Huan's mom, after all. Even though Lai Jingdong and Pei Huan were not fated to be together, he had a lot of respect for Fu Heng and Ning Xin.

The Lai family was rather concerned about the fact that Fu Jiaqi was missing and had tasked Lai Jingdong to find her as soon as possible.

Lai Jingdong had initially assumed that Fu Jiaqi was just upset with him and would be back after cooling off for a few days. However, even Lai Jingdong became worried after three days had passed with no news of the woman.

Although he had never regarded Fu Jiaqi as his wife and was not fond of her, she was still a human being, after all. Besides, she was officially his wife. As such, Lai Jingdong went out to look for the woman. Frustratingly, he did not manage to make any headway after a whole day of searching.

Lai Jingdong had no choice but to return to the hospital to look for Fu Heng.

“Dad, I'm here to ask you if Jiaqi had come to look for you after that day?”

“Jiaqi?” Fu Heng was stunned for a moment before he replied, “Nope, ever since you guys left together the previous time, she hasn’t been here. Did anything happen?”

After all, she was once his daughter. When Fu Heng heard that Fu Jiaqi had gone missing, he couldn’t help but worry. “Did you two have a fight?”

“Not exactly.” Lai Jingdong narrated what happened that day to Li Heng, who frowned as he listened. “You mean, Jiaqi did not follow you when you left the hospital? And ever since then, she was nowhere to be seen?”

Lai Jingdong nodded. “That’s right. I assumed that she was angry with me. But today’s already the fourth day, so...”

“Since you are quite certain that she was last seen at the hospital, I’ll check with that lad from the Su family if anything was caught on the surveillance cameras. If the cameras don’t show anything fishy, that would mean that something only happened to Jiaqi after she left the hospital. If that’s the case, we should report it to the police.”

Fu Heng headed to look for Su Shaoqing and stated the purpose of his visit. After checking the recordings of the surveillance cameras, they found nothing.

Fu Heng and Lai Jingdong decided to go to the police, but they were stopped by Su Shaoqing. “Uncle Heng, leave this matter to me. There’s no need to waste public resources. Have you forgotten what Chengyan’s forte is?”

Seeing that Fu Heng was slightly hesitant, Su Shaoqing smiled and said, “Don’t worry, Uncle Heng. I’ll be sure to bring Fu Jiaqi back.”

“But...” Fu Heng looked at Su Shaoqing before turning towards Lai Jingdong.

Lai Jingdong was frowning as he fixed his gaze on Su Shaoqing. Su Shaoqing let out an innocuous smile and said, “Does Mr. Lai have some time now? Care to have a cup of tea?”

“Sure!” Lai Jingdong had a gut feeling that Su Shaoqing knew something, something Su Shaoqing did not want Fu Heng to know. As such, Lai Jingdong asked Fu Heng, “Dad, let me have a talk with Mr. Su first?”

“Sure. I’ll leave you guys to talk.” Fu Heng nodded and continued, “I’ll go back to see your mom first. I’m worried about leaving her alone in the ward.”

After Fu Heng left, Lai Jingdong met Su Shaoqing’s unfathomable gaze again and asked, “Do you know where Fu Jiaqi is?”