

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 354

Fu Chengyan placed Cheng An on the seat and fumbled into the driver's seat. Meanwhile, Fu Jiayu got into the car carefully and sat next to Cheng An, holding him in her arms.

Fu Chengyan didn't start driving right away but rested his hand on the steering wheel. It was dark and dull inside the car, and the only light source was the faint light of the Fu residence. "Yan, I—"

"I know. Grandpa asked you to come back." Fu Chengyan interrupted Fu Jiayu. After a short pause, he added, "Do you also think that I'll divorce Shi Nuan after Shen Qianan returns?"

Fu Jiayu was slightly surprised. "Why do you ask so?" She was indeed shocked, and then she continued, "That kid..."

Fu Chengyan sniggered and glanced at Fu Jiayu but he did not try to explain. "I'll send you back!"

"But, Yan, I think Grandpa is serious this time. He..." Although Fu Chengyan was powerful, he must be under a lot of pressure given that the Fu clan was huge.

Fu Jiayu didn't understand why Fu Chengyan had to be with Shi Nuan for she couldn't see what was so special about the latter. *Shi Nuan looks so similar to Shen Qianan. Now that Shen Qianan is back, Shi Nuan as the substitute can...*

"Jiayu, I'll say it one last time. You can either choose to watch from the sidelines or take my side. But if you take their side, don't blame me for the consequences!"

Fu Jiayu fell silent and chuckled with downcast eyes. “Do you think I like to get involved in this? Actually, if Grandpa hadn’t asked me to come back this time, I could’ve pretended not to know.”

A depressing air hung between the siblings for the rest of the ride. After Fu Chengyan sent Fu Jiayu home, he went for a drive before heading back to Wutong Residence.

Wutong Residence was deserted, void of life; there was even a chill in the air.

After Fu Chengyan turned on the light and floor heating, his phone rang. When he saw the caller ID on it, his lips quirked upward slightly “Hello!”

“Yan, have you gone back home?”

“Yeah!”

“Just got home?”

“Yes.”

“I regret it, Yan. I should have brought you here today, actually. Alas!”

“Yep.”

“Don’t you want to ask me about what happened today?”

“Uh-huh.”

“Yan?” Shi Nuan grew suspicious. “What’s wrong with you? Are you feeling down?” Shi Nuan asked tentatively, “Did something happen at the Fu residence?” In fact, what Shi Nuan meant to ask was, *did the Fu clan get you over to talk about the things between us again?*

Shi Nuan was actually quite afraid of facing this issue. Before they made their marriage public, Shi Nuan was unafraid because no one knew anyway. But now that the Fu clan knew about it, everyone in the family—other than Fu Heng and Ning Xin—did not seem to like her. They were even hostile to her.

Especially Song Zhenyan and Fu Zhengyun. The thought of the two brought a ghastly expression to Shi Nuan's face.

"No!" replied Fu Chengyan, "What happened at the Shi residence today? Did someone bully you? Su Shaoqing didn't protect you, did he?"

"Of course not!" Shi Nuan giggled. "Su Shaoqing made a big fool of himself today. He pretended to be Su Bancheng, but unexpectedly, the real Su Bancheng was also present."

Fu Chengyan knitted his brows. "Su Bancheng also went there?"

"Yes, not only Su Bancheng himself, but his mother also went." Shi Nuan recounted everything to Fu Chengyan and then sighed. "I'm now hiding in the backyard! My mom is livid today but she can't show it. I was even wondering why she was being so good to me. I think she must be targeting the young madam of the Su family and Su Bancheng when she invited them over for my dad's birthday banquet. But she didn't expect Su Shaoqing would come and mess up her plan." Sitting on the edge of the flower bed dangling her legs, Shi Nuan went on with a smile, "It's a pity that you didn't come today; otherwise, you'll definitely drive them mad and my mom's dreams will go down the drain. But now that she knows about Su Shaoqing, she doesn't want to let him go as well!"

Fu Chengyan pinched the space between his eyebrows. Shi Nuan's chitter-chatter gradually chased away the sense of emptiness he initially felt.

He remarked with a smile, "It seems that you're quite dissatisfied with it!"

"Of course." Ever since Shi Nuan knew that she was not part of the Shi family, she had had a change of mind.

She believed she must be the master of her own destiny——she should not be left to that family’s mercy.

It was Yun Shen last time, then Su Bancheng, and now Su Shaoqing. *If my mom fails again with Su Shaoqing, will there be another man in the future?*

Shi Nuan didn’t like being used as a bargaining chip or a pawn. “It’s so boring, but I can’t leave now!”

“Where are Shaoqing and Su Bancheng?”

“Oh, someone is talking to them. They’re the center of attention. I’m sure you can figure out what kind of people are invited to my dad’s birthday banquet. Those people just swarm around those two bigshots!” Shi Nuan showed no interest in all these. “I miss you so much, Yan!”

With an idea in mind, Fu Chengyan got up, picked up the suit beside him, and said, “I miss you, too!”

Shi Nuan smiled sweetly in response to his confession. When she was about to say something, she heard footsteps coming from behind. She immediately whispered into the phone, “Someone’s here. Talk to you later. I’ll be able to go home after a while!”

After Shi Nuan put away the phone, she saw Jiang Yu walking up to her. “So this is where you’ve been hiding, you damned brat!”

Jiang Yu walked over and gave Shi Nuan a vicious look. “Tell me, did you already know that Su Shaoqing is not Su Bancheng?”

“I don’t understand what you’re talking about!” Shi Nuan eyed Jiang Yu coldly. She had now grown numb to Jiang Yu’s harsh words. “They’re both Mr. Su, Mom, and even you got it wrong, let alone me!” retorted Shi Nuan as she raised the corners of her lips slightly. Seeing the change in Jiang Yu’s expression, Shi Nuan

continued, "Isn't Aunt Su your bestie, Mom? Why don't you even know your bestie's son, Mom?"

"You bitc... damned brat!" Jiang Yu raised her hand to give Shi Nuan a slap in the face, but the latter took a step back and dodged it.

Smiling, Shi Nuan snapped back, "Damned brat? Do you really think of me like this deep down, Mom?"

The expression on Jiang Yu's face froze. "I—"

"Now I know." Shi Nuan heaved a sigh, and added, "In fact, regardless of whether it's Su Shaoqing or Su Bancheng, Mom, you should know that it's our family's blessing to be able to ride on the Su family's coattails."

"Y-You damned brat, get your facts straight. Our family is prestigious in Jiang City as well!"

"Is that so?" Shi Nuan didn't want to talk to Jiang Yu at all, but she knew that the latter would not let her go today so she continued to hit back. "In that case, Mom, I'd like to know why are you in such a hurry to matchmake me with someone from the Su family?"

"You—"

"What about me?"

Jiang Yu's face took on a ghastly expression. To her surprise, Shi Nuan seemed to have become completely different from the Shi Nuan of the past. Even the presence Shi Nuan gave off had changed; Jiang Yu actually felt intimidated.

Shi Nuan glanced at Jiang Yu. "If there's nothing else, I shall go in first. After all, although I have nothing to do with Su Bancheng, I know Su Shaoqing!"

The expression on Jiang Yu's face grew even gloomier. In fact, she preferred Su Bancheng more than Su Shaoqing. After all, Su Bancheng was the heir of both the Su and Jiang families.

Although Su Shaoqing was powerful and was known as the "fourth master", he was merely a doctor. Jiang Yu was of the opinion that Su Shaoqing couldn't help the Shi family in their business. "You need to cut ties with Su Shaoqing as soon as possible. Su Bancheng is my choice. You also know that Su Bancheng's mother, Su Yunwan, and I are best friends!"

"Oh, right. I've nearly forgotten about this. You're indeed her best friend. Why don't you go and talk to her?"

"You..."

Jiang Yu raised her hand. "Don't force me to do it the hard way. Let me tell you: the reason why you get to know the members of the Su family is because of me. Not only are you damned brat so ungrateful, but you're also disrespectful! Remember that I'm your mother!"

"Enough!"

Shi Nuan's face clouded over as she interrupted Jiang Yu. "I respect that you as an elder, but you yourself know very well how you've been treating me over the years. As for how I met Su Shaoqing and Su Bancheng, that's none of your business. Instead, you should ask yourself why you don't even know the son of your best friend!"

Shi Nuan flung Jiang Yu's hand away and left immediately. She really didn't want to continue talking to her. *Her brain is screwed up.* Shi Nuan used to believe that she could never get the best of anything and that even if she got it, it was because of her family.

Previously she was able to tolerate them, but now, she didn't want to anymore. She also wanted to learn to let go of the things she couldn't get.

Shi Nuan hurriedly left, only to meet Su Bancheng head-on as she walked. She was slightly stunned to see a smile on Su Bancheng's stern face.

Upon seeing Shi Nuan, Su Bancheng nodded at her and greeted, "Hi, Ms. Nuan!"

"Mr. Su. Hi!" Shi Nuan also nodded at him. She then froze momentarily and turned around to look behind her before glancing again at Su Bancheng. "I'm sorry."

Su Bancheng smiled. "Why did you apologize to me? I get to watch a performance for free."

Shi Nuan chuckled at his words. "It's my fault."

Su Bancheng gave her a faint smile. "I didn't know that Shaoqing would come today!"

Shi Nuan nodded. "I also didn't know that you would be here, either. In fact, I have to apologize to you for this matter. It has been more than six months, but I'm still using your name and causing you trouble. I'm so sorry!"

A hint of surprise flashed across Su Bancheng's eyes. He then said, "Never mind."

The two of them lapsed into silence for a moment. Feeling a little awkward, Shi Nuan said, "Umm... please don't take what my mother just said to heart!"