

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 384

“Ms. Shen, why are you just standing there? Take a seat!” Shi Nuan smiled warmly at Shen Qianan as if she owned the place. “Look, there’s an unoccupied spot!”

Shen Qianan glanced at Fu Zhengyun in embarrassment. Even though Fu Zhengyun was angry, he never expected Shi Nuan to be so thick-skinned and was rather taken aback.

Shi Nuan’s kind and gentle temperament made it difficult for Fu Zhengyun and Shen Qianan to nitpick her actions. Meanwhile, Song Zhenyan, who hadn’t spoken at all, looked at Shi Nuan in astonishment.

Sensing that someone was looking at her, Shi Nuan raised her head and met Song Zhenyan’s gaze. Mildly surprised, she gave Song Zhenyan a friendly smile. Song Zhenyan frowned and didn’t say anything.

She was in a precarious position at the moment and didn’t want to mess up. She knew that Fu Chengyan wore the pants in the Fu family. Even if this was Fu Zhengyun’s home, he still had to listen to Fu Chengyan. As for Shen Qianan... She wasn’t someone who would easily succumb to threats.

Song Zhenyan glanced at Shi Nuan, then turned to Fu Chengyan and Fu Jiayu. She was now abandoned by the Song family and could only rely on her children. The problem was that she was also estranged from her children. To win the trust of Fu Chengyan and Fu Jiayu, she needed to depend on Shi Nuan. So, she couldn’t ruin her relationship with Shi Nuan for the time being.

The Fu family gradually arrived. When they mentioned Pei Huan and Bao, everyone suddenly fell silent. Pei Huan was the belatedly recognized child of the Fu family. Both Fu Heng and Ning Xin felt bad about this. Meanwhile, Fu Zhengyun was ambivalent toward Pei Huan.

Given Pei Huan now had Li Heng's backing, Fu Zhengyun naturally wished that Pei Huan would return.

While everyone's mind was preoccupied, the servant brought Yu down. "Ms. Shen, Yu has awakened. He said he wanted to look for you!"

When the servant mentioned Yu, the mood suddenly became frosty. Shocked, Fu Chengyan looked at Shen Qianan, who immediately rose and took Yu from the servant's arms. She gently cradled Yu. "Yu, Mommy is here!"

"Ms. Shen!" Fu Chengyan suddenly spoke, "I heard that your brother will be coming to Jiang City?"

Hugging Yu, Shen Qianan's hand trembled slightly and her face stiffened. Bending down to look at Yu, she concealed her glazed-over eyes. "I don't know. I haven't contacted him in a long time!"

"Is that so?" Fu Chengyan curled his lips. "I heard Mr. Shen will be coming to Jiang City soon. You're the young madam of the Shen family. It must not be easy for you to live abroad and raise a child without family around."

Shen Qianan froze. "Yan, what do you mean by this?"

"Oh, nothing!" Fu Chengyan laughed and got to his feet. Looking down at Shen Qianan, he said, "I just told your brother that you're currently staying at the Fu Residence. Your brother must miss you after not seeing you for so long!"

Just as Fu Chengyan finished his sentence, the butler hurried over. "Master, a man who says he is Mr. Shen has come to look for Ms. Shen!"

Hearing this, Shen Qianan's expression changed. Her arms slackened and Yu almost fell to the floor. Fortunately, Fu Chengyan reacted quickly and caught Yu.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and placed Yu down. Hiding his smile, he asked, "Ms. Shen, why are you so anxious?" He glanced at the butler. "Ask Mr. Shen to come in!"

"Yes, Sir!"

Soon after, the butler brought a man in.

The man, wearing a brown suit with a jacket in hand, strode in confidently.

There was a frosty look on his face and his thin lips were slightly pursed. He frowned upon spotting Shen Qianan, but when he then looked up and saw Shi Nuan standing behind Fu Chengyan, his eyes twinkled. "Old Master Fu!"

Fu Zhengyun squinted and fixed his gaze on the man. This man radiated a regal sense of confidence not found in most people.

"Who are you?"

"Shen Shixiu!" Shen Shixiu smiled faintly. "I met Mr. Fu several days ago and found out that my sister was staying here. I hope I'm not disturbing you." As Shen Shixiu spoke, he glanced at Shen Qianan. "Come over!"

"Shixiu!"

"Uncle!"

They called out simultaneously. Both Shen Qianan and Shi Nuan were stunned as they stared at Shen Shixiu.

Shen Qianan was stunned at how quickly Shen Shixiu had come, while Shi Yu was shocked at how much Shi Shixiu resembled her uncle, Shi Yu.

Shi Nuan froze; she kept staring at Shen Shixiu. Subconsciously, she stood up and took a step towards him. "Uncle, is that you?"

Hearing this, Shen Shixiu turned toward Shi Nuan and looked at her with his black eyes. He frowned slightly, then turned back to Shen Qianan again. "You..."

Though he didn't seem to recognize Shi Nuan, his gaze shifted between Shi Nuan and Shen Qianan. "Who are you?"

"Uncle, I'm Shi Nuan. I..." Shi Nuan froze for a moment. Suddenly, she felt that the atmosphere was very tense with everyone in the Fu family, as well as Shen Qianan, staring at her. "Ms. Shi, you must be mistaken. He is my brother, Shen Shixiu, not your uncle. Do you always like to take what is not yours?"

Hearing this, Shi Nuan turned pale. Clenching her fists, she was about to reply when Fu Chengyan wrapped his hands around hers. He looked into her lost eyes and shook his head.

Shi Nuan's lips twitched but she didn't say anything.

"Ms. Shen, what do you mean? May has everything she needs. Why would she need to take anything away from others?" As Fu Chengyan spoke, he walked in front of Shen Shixiu, still holding Shi Nuan's hand. "Mr. Shen, long time no see!"

"Mr. Fu, long time no see!" Shen Shixiu extended a hand and shook Fu Chengyan's hand. "May is my wife. May, this is Mr. Shen Shixiu, Ms. Shen's brother!"

Shi Nuan had come to her senses by now. "Mr. Shen, I'm sorry, I must have mistaken you for someone else. My uncle has been overseas for many years and seldom returned, so I mistakenly thought you were him. You really look very similar to him."

“No problem!” Shen Shixiu smiled and nodded, shifting his gaze away from Shi Nuan. “There are many people who look similar. Just now, when I saw Ms. Shi, I almost thought she was someone else, too.”

Shen Shixiu’s words eased the tension in the room. “My sister must have been imposing on your family by staying here. I have come to Jiang City to bring her back.”

“But Shixiu, I...” Shen Qianan said and glanced at Shi Nuan bitterly, “I don’t want to go back!”

“Nonsense. The capital is where your home is. How can you bother the Fu family like this?” Shen Shixiu said sternly as he looked at Shen Qianan. “You’ve been away from home for so long, but you haven’t changed one bit. Pack your things and return home with me!”

“No! Yu and I are staying here. His father is here!”

As Shen Qianan spoke, Shen Shixiu’s gaze fell onto the child. Intimidated by his gaze, Yu timidly tugged at Shen Qianan’s skirt and hid behind Shen Qianan in fear. “Mommy, I’m scared!”

“Yu, don’t be scared. It’s your uncle!” Shen Qianan bent down and comforted Yu. “Shixiu, you see, Yu...”

“His father? Didn’t you say you have no news of his father?” Shen Shixiu asked sternly. “We can raise a child by ourselves. Come back with me immediately!”

“Mr. Shen!” Fu Zhengyun suddenly rose. “Since it is getting late, why don’t you spend the night here?” Fu Zhengyun glanced at the butler, who swiftly went to make preparations. “Coincidentally, we are having a family banquet today. Mr. Shen, would you like to join us?”

Knitting his brows for a moment, Shen Shixiu nodded. “Sure. Thank you for letting me intrude!”

With the addition of one more person, the house became much more lively. Fortunately, the Fu Residence was large enough to accommodate so many people. Shi Nuan sat beside Fu Chengyan, while Shen Shixiu and Shen Qianan sat opposite them. Whenever Shi Nuan looked up at Shen Shixiu, she would see that familiar face and be reminded of the familiar vibe.

The whole night, Shi Nuan felt rather uneasy. There were too many coincidences that didn't add up.

Even though there might be people in the world who looked alike, Shen Shixiu looked identical to her uncle, Shi Yu. They even had the same mannerisms. When Shi Yu left, he was still a gentle and polite young man. On the other hand, this Shen Shixiu was a charming, mature man.

Holding her chopsticks, Shi Nuan's mind flooded with images from her childhood, when Shi Yu first came into her family. Back then, for some reason, Shi Yunsheng took Shi Yu in and raised him. After Shi Yu grew up, Shi Jingzheng was afraid that the former would become a threat to his status. Since Shi Yu had no intention of competing with Shi Jingzheng, he took the opportunity to go abroad to study and hadn't returned since.

Even though Shi Nuan kept in contact with Shi Yu, it was only through email, and the two never met in person. Come to think of it, we haven't exchanged emails in over a year.

Thinking of this, Shi Nuan's gaze fell onto Shen Shixiu again. For some reason, she just felt close to this Shen Shixiu.

"Hmph! See how she keeps looking at me. Yan, you'd better watch over your wife!"

Hearing this, Shi Nuan immediately averted her gaze. She bit her lip and glanced at Fu Chengyan with mixed emotions in her eyes, only to see Fu Chengyan calmly putting his hands over hers. "Everyone likes to look at good-looking things. My just thinks that you look handsome. In fact, I think so, too!"

