

I Want a Lifetime with You

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Su Shaoqing squinted, and he complained internally. Chengyan is really getting bolder now. How could he flirt with Shi Nuan at a place like this? The man faked a couple of coughs and tapped his fingers on the table. “Don’t ruin your image, you two.”

Fu Chengyan smirked. “Why? You have a problem with that?”

Su Shaoqing pouted. “No, though I do have something for you. It’s good stuff.” He then sat beside Fu Chengyan and wrapped his arm around the latter’s shoulder, but Fu Chengyan flung it away heartlessly. He glanced at Su Shaoqing coldly, then the latter retracted his arm and chuckled. “Hey, I just forgot about it for a bit.”

The bigshots were all gathered at this table. Everyone wanted to take this chance to get acquainted with a bigshot like Fu Chengyan, but the man gave off an intimidating vibe. When they noticed how Fu Chengyan responded to Su Shaoqing, they didn’t even dare get close. All they did was watch from afar.

Shi Nuan was talking to her grandfathers. Since they weren’t interested in a banquet like this, they felt bored after having a few bites of food. “If you feel bored, Nuan, you can go back. Your grandfather and I will be leaving too.”

“Now?” Shi Nuan looked around her. Even though they were halfway through the banquet, not many had left yet. However, she nodded after taking their age into account. “Yan and I will send you guys back then.”

“No need for that.” Jiang Shizheng quickly refused. “I’ll chat with your grandfather and go for a walk outside. It’s stuffy in here.”

Shi Nuan wanted to protest but Fu Chengyan gave her a look that quieted her down. "Take care, Granddad and Grandpa."

"We know. We have our respective drivers. We'll go over and tell your parents that we're leaving now."

Shi Nuan saw them off before sitting down. After her grandfather left, only three were left at this table, making it look... empty. Shi Nuan felt awkward, so she fidgeted a bit. Fu Chengyan noticed her discomfort and glanced around. "Call your friends over."

"Can I?" Shi Nuan asked elatedly. "I'll call them over then." She looked down and texted Song Rongrong and Su Yian, telling them to come over. The invitation was timely, as Song Rongrong and Su Yian felt suffocated sitting at their table. Even though everyone there used to be classmates, after years of separation and leading different lives, they had no common topic. Everyone had changed after working for a few years, and that irked them both. They had been tempted to leave for quite a while now.

Now that Shi Nuan had called them over, they quickly obliged, though the girls tried to tone their excitement down. "Hello, Mr. Fu, Mr. Su," Su Yian greeted them politely. Song Rongrong almost called Fu Chengyan 'dear Yan,' but she stopped just in time. She sat down and tugged on Shi Nuan's arm. "Will we attract too much attention sitting here?"

"I don't think so," Shi Nuan said. "Don't worry. You guys are my friends, and I invited you guys over."

Song Rongrong chuckled and looked at Su Shaoqing. "Hey, why are you here, Mr. Su?"

"Why can't I be here?" Su Shaoqing retorted. "You guys can be here, so why can't I?"

“Hey, you said you have something for me,” Fu Chengyan interrupted him. “Give it to me.”

Su Shaoqing beamed innocently, though it felt eerie. The girls thought the smile looked cunning. Su Shaoqing sent the video he recorded in the waiting room to Fu Chengyan. “I went to see Nuan earlier, but I stumbled upon something awesome. Tsk tsk, take a look for yourself. This is a great show.”

Fu Chengyan glanced at the video and looked at Su Shaoqing. “Did she see it?”

When Shi Nuan felt someone looking at her, she raised her head and met Fu Chengyan’s fiery gaze. The woman looked at him, bamboozled. “What’s wrong?” She mouthed.

Fu Chengyan looked back at Su Shaoqing. “Well?”

“Hey, I know what I should do, okay? Don’t worry, Nuan didn’t see it. I asked her to exit the room,” Su Shaoqing guaranteed. “I swear on my soul. She can’t see this kind of stuff, right? It’ll desecrate her eyes. I recorded it out of impulse. Maybe you’ll need it someday, hmm?”

Fu Chengyan glanced at Su Shaoqing cryptically. Su Shaoqing shuddered, feeling that he had come here today for nothing.

“Oh, hey, they’re back.” Su Shaoqing tittered. “Wow, his stamina is surprisingly good.” Su Shaoqing kept his voice down, but Shi Nuan heard it anyway, and she blushed. Song Rongrong and Su Yian heard it too, but since they didn’t know what had happened, the girls thought it sounded peculiar. When they saw how smug Su Shaoqing looked, the girls made a unanimous decision to stay clear of Su Shaoqing. Fu Chengyan tapped on the table as a warning for Su Shaoqing.

Shi Wei had changed into another set of clothes when she came out, holding Fu Xicheng’s arm. They looked flushed, as if they had a happy wedding. They went at it for a while back then, and Fu Xicheng rammed into her without holding back,

so Shi Wei was teetering on her weak legs right now. She had to lean against Fu Xicheng for balance. "I love you, Xicheng," she said breathily, feeling satisfied.

Fu Xicheng had a complex look on his face after hearing that confession, but still he smiled. "I love you too, Wei." He knew that his marriage with her was already set in stone now. Even though he didn't want this, the man told himself not to dwell on it when he thought of the Shi family's shares he would get, as well as how cruel Shi Nuan was to him. The moment he looked up, Fu Xicheng saw Shi Nuan still sitting with Fu Chengyan, and another man had appeared at their table. He had never seen that man before, but he looked as outstanding as Fu Chengyan. Fu Xicheng clenched his fists as violent thoughts flashed through his mind.

Shi Wei felt his fury, so she followed his gaze and saw Shi Nuan. When Shi Wei noticed Fu Xicheng's expression, jealousy reared its ugly head. However, the woman went on with her sweet façade. "What are you looking at, Xicheng?"

"The man sitting with Shi Nuan."

"Oh, that's probably Mr. Su."

"Mr. Su?" Fu Xicheng squinted. "Do you know him?"

Shi Wei shook her head and smiled. "I don't, but my mother does. The man is called Su Bancheng. My mother says she's her best friend's son, and he's also a part of the Su family. Mom said that since we're now happily married, she couldn't bear to see Nuan being alone. See, she introduced a great guy to her. We don't have to feel guilty toward her anymore, Xicheng."

Her mother introduced this man to Nuan? Fu Xicheng was furious, but he couldn't say anything about it.

"Do we need to say hi, Xicheng?" Shi Wei saw the displeasure in his eyes, but she didn't care. She needed Fu Xicheng to face the truth right here, right now. She wanted him to know that it was impossible for him to be with Shi Nuan, and

that he was forever hers. Even if it meant that Shi Nuan would be able to marry an outstanding man, she didn't mind it. Her goal was simply to get rid of Shi Nuan.

"No." Fu Xicheng turned away. "We have a lot of guests today, so let's entertain them."

As the banquet was neared its end, everyone started leaving. Since Jiang Yu had invited Su Shaoqing today on the pretext of a blind date, she forced Shi Nuan to cling to him as he left. Shi Nuan had no choice, so she texted Fu Chengyan and asked him if he could send her friends back first.

When the banquet was over, Shi Nuan was about to get into Su Shaoqing's car to leave, but someone stopped her. The person was none other than Qin Yue. This man had once saved Shi Nuan, and he had his eyes on her during the banquet. He tried to talk to her multiple times that night, but he had no chance to do so. Now that the banquet was over and Shi Nuan was going to leave, he went up to her in a hurry.

Even though they used to be classmates, it had been years since they last met. Aside from the unexpected episode during the gathering back then, Qin Yue had no way to contact Shi Nuan, nor did he have a chance to spend some time alone with her.

"Please wait, Shi Nuan!" Qin Yue rushed over when he saw that she was getting into Su Shaoqing's car. "Shi Nuan."

Su Shaoqing opened the door and let Shi Nuan in first, a proof that chivalry was not dead. They paused when Qin Yue called out to Shi Nuan. When Shi Nuan looked back and saw Qin Yue coming over, impatience surfaced in her eyes. Nevertheless, she was courteous and asked, "Can I help you, Qin Yue?"

Qin Yue looked at Shi Nuan, then at Su Shaoqing. "Can we talk, Shi Nuan?"

Su Shaoqing arched his eyebrow, but he didn't move. Qin Yue pursed his lips and said, "Um, can you leave us alone, sir? Or you can go back on your own for now. I need to talk with Nuan in private. I can send her home later."

Shi Nuan said nothing, and Su Shaoqing did not budge. However, he quirked an eyebrow, and sneered almost imperceptibly. The man smirked, closed the door, and leaned against the car languidly.

Qin Yue was frustrated by the turn of events, so he looked at Shi Nuan. "Nuan..."

"Just say what you have to say, Mr. Qin. Mr. Su is my friend."

"But I..."

"I'll be going home if there's nothing else now." Shi Nuan's expression remained indifferent, though her reply was harsh. Just as she was about to open the car door, Qin Yue quickly grabbed her hand.

Almost instinctively, Shi Nuan flung his hand away and took a step back. "What are you doing, Mr. Qin?"

Qin Yue felt dejected seeing how Shi Nuan was treating him, but he mustered up his courage and confessed, "I like you, Shi Nuan. I know you know that. You were hurt back at the gathering, so I didn't manage to tell you anything. Today, I want to tell you that I've loved you for a long time now. Will you become my girlfriend?"