

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 224

Zhou Zheng handed Xinhuang's shortlisted names to Fu Chengyan, of which Shi Wei wasn't included. Fu Chengyan took a quick glance before chucking it on the table. "No one in Xinhuang fancies Shi Wei?"

Zhou Zheng shook his head. "From what I hear, Shi Wei doesn't get along well with others and doesn't mingle much with Xinhuang's other artists. She scoffs at the veteran artists and looks down at the newer ones." Zhou Zheng truly felt that it was a miracle Shi Wei had survived in the entertainment industry for so long with that personality of hers. If it wasn't for a good manager, Shi Wei would've likely been buried long ago.

Fu Chengyan grinned, "Put her name on the list. Then we have Bai Qing and Hai Na. And add another..." Fu Chengyan looked through the list again. "Her!" he pointed. "I heard Shi Wei's manager came to look for you?"

Zhou Zheng froze. "Mr. Fu, you really are something!" He hadn't even reported this to Fu Chengyan, and yet he already knew.

Fu Chengyan looked up and gave Zhou Zheng a look. "Qin Hong saw Shi Wei's car when she went down to look for you.

Ahh, so it was Qin Hong who told Fu Chengyan. Fu Chengyan rarely paid attention to Xinhuang's matters. If it wasn't to get Shi Wei onto the list, Fu Chengyan most likely wouldn't even have bothered with any of this. "Guan Jing hopes that Shi Wei can attend Shengyuan's annual meeting. But I'm a little confused. You want her to join?"

“It’s alright, you don’t have to understand it now. Just follow my instructions.” Fu Chengyan returned the name list to Zhou Zheng. “Let Qin Hong know to finalize these four and have them prepare. Also, finalize all the programs for that day.”

“Yes, sir.”

After Zhou Zheng left, Fu Chengyan received a call from Song Zhenyan. “Yan, I heard your Uncle went to stay at Wutong Residence?”

Fu Chengyan didn’t answer Song Zhenyan’s question, which only angered her greatly. Song Zhenyan hadn’t known about this until she heard the servants at the Fu family home commenting about Fu Heng moving some of his stuff to Wutong Residence. It was only then when Song Zhenyan realized that Fu Heng and Ning Xin had moved out instead of just taking a short trip. This was a shocking piece of news for her.

Song Zhenyan was Fu Chengyan’s biological mother, but their relationship these recent years weren’t that great and had even gotten pretty icy at one point. The incident from three years ago had also caused Fu Chengyan to completely lose his patience with her.

His mother, Song Zhenyan, was always a proud woman. How can I bear to see my own son not only distancing himself from me but also getting closer to Fu Heng and Ning Xin?

That Ning Xin. I hate her! Way back then, Ning Xin was a nobody when compared to me. And yet, that nobody somehow managed to get her hands on Fu Heng and have him be so dedicated to her. Who knew what lengths she had gone to!

Song Zhenyan gritted her teeth, “Yan, you are my son, not Ning Xin’s. For all these years, you’ve been so nice to her. Have you thought about how that makes me feel?” She just couldn’t watch Fu Chengyan be nice to Ning Xin. In fact, she couldn’t stand anyone treating Ning Xin nicely.

Who does she think she is? What does she have? Nothing! She has nothing but racked with illnesses, that is!

Song Zhenyan's face twisted in anger and roared, "Yan! I'm your biological mother! Me!"

"You don't have to remind me, mother. I have never denied this fact."

"But you..."

"I treat her well because she's Uncle's wife, and she was the one who raised me. I don't think what I'm saying is wrong. Mother, don't forget you were the one who didn't want me and abandoned me when I was young, so you shouldn't ask for too much now. You're my biological mother, and that's a fact no one can change."

"Yan!" Song Zhenyan got a chill up her spine when she heard what Fu Chengyan said. She was truly afraid that Fu Chengyan would say even more hurtful things.

"Well, if you don't have any other matters, I'll get back to work now."

"Yan!" Song Zhenyan quickly stopped Fu Chengyan from hanging up. "It's been so many years, and you still can't forgive me? The reason I came back was to make amends. Yan, I'm still your mother. Everything I do is for your own good. Can't you forgive me? I..."

"What are you trying to say, mother?"

Just then, Mai Qi entered the office but was signaled by Fu Chengyan to remain silent. "If it's nothing important, then it can wait till I get off work."

"Yan, I don't have any hidden agendas. But since your Uncle and Aunt can stay at your residence, then I would like to go too. You keep saying I abandoned you, but now that I'm here to make amends, shouldn't you give me a chance and some time? You're so good to Ning Xin because she accompanied you when you

were growing up. So I'm promising you now, I will stay beside you. Let me stay at Wutong Residence?"

"There's no need for that," Fu Chengyan rejected the idea immediately. "Uncle and Aunt are just staying there because they want a change of scenery, and it'll be good for Aunt's health. As for you, mother, there are so many rooms at the Fu family house that you can stay in whichever one you please. I'm already an adult, so I don't need you to watch over me nor do I have the time."

Fu Chengyan hung up the phone right away, with a cold expression on his face.

As for Mai Qi, she was standing to the side, frozen, waiting for further instructions from Fu Chengyan. Heaven knows how much she wanted to escape from the office earlier. It was actually the first time Mai Qi had heard Fu Chengyan talk about his family matters.

Even though Mai Qi was quite curious about Fu Chengyan's family, she wasn't someone to go prodding into others' personal matters. Having heard such a big secret now, Mai Qi couldn't help but break out in cold sweat.

Fu Chengyan frowned slightly, "Don't you have something to say?"

Mai Qi quickly regained her composure. "Mr. Fu, in regards to the annual meeting, Mr. Zhou has given me the finalized list from Xinhuang. I've drawn up a rough program schedule. Since Bai Qing is Xinhuang's top artist and is the most senior of the bunch, I've put her in the second-last slot. Your speech will be the last item. As for Shi Wei... where should she go?"

"Up to you. You can make decisions for these small matters without going through me."

"And how about your opening dance, sir? In the previous years..." Mai Qi paused. She never needed to ask before because Fu Chengyan would always request her to be his dance partner.

Mai Qi knew very well it hadn't anything to do with her and more to do with Fu Chengyan finding it bothersome to pick anyone else. And Fu Chengyan never liked being touched by anyone he wasn't familiar with, especially women.

One of the reasons Mai Qi was able to stay at Fu Chengyan's side for so many years was because she never had any intentions towards him.

But Song Jingyu was here this year. If Fu Chengyan still chose to dance with her, she was worried she would be pummeled by Song Jingyu. And there was something else more important. Fu Chengyan had changed somewhat this past year, so Mai Qi had a hunch that Fu Chengyan had a candidate in mind to be his dance partner.

When Fu Chengyan heard this, his grey mood immediately dispersed. He gave Mai Qi an appreciative look, "What do you think?"

"I think this year should be different from the others. I had always been Mr. Fu's dance partner, and it's becoming old news." Mai Qi saw that Fu Chengyan didn't have any other reaction thus breathed a sigh of relief. "Does Mr. Fu have any candidates in mind?"

Fu Chengyan looked up at her and indicated her to continue. Mai Qi took a deep breath, "I think Mr. Fu is young and capable, and there are many women in the company who think highly of you. If... if we were to use a lottery system to choose your dance partner, it would be a kind of benefit for our employees too. What do you think, sir?"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "You want to pimp me out?"

"No, no, no! That's not what I meant! It's just that I'm sure Mr. Fu has grown bored of dancing with me all these years. And there are plenty of really great female employees in our company." Mai Qi plucked up her courage to look at Fu Chengyan, "For example, Ms. Shi in the project management department. She looks great, is sophisticated, and is very well-mannered too!"

Mai Qi studied Fu Chengyan's expression as she made her pitch and noticed that his stern expression gradually softened. It was most noticeable when she mentioned Shi Nuan's name.

Mai Qi knew her hunch was correct and continued, "I think Shi Nuan would be a great pick. Shengyuan needs someone like her to be the face of the company. Someone optimistic and full of life."

"Go ahead with this plan. And make sure you pay careful attention to the lottery side."

"Yes, sir. I'll take care of it right away."

Mai Qi breathed a sigh of relief and quickly grabbed the documents Fu Chengyan had signed before heading out the door. But Fu Chengyan had something else to say, "Give yourself a ten percent raise next year."

Mai Qi broke out in a big smile, and her eyes sparkled brightly. "Yes, Mr. Fu. Thank you, Mr. Fu! I'll be sure to work even harder! I promise I won't take your guidance and trust for granted."

To an employee like Mai Qi, a practical reward was definitely more desirable than just a verbal one.

Fu Chengyan waved his hand, "You're dismissed."

After Mai Qi left, Fu Chengyan took out the schedule for the annual meeting from his drawer. He never bothered with any of these matters before. But this year, there were a few unknown factors, and he needed to properly think about how to reach his goal without exerting too much effort.

Fu Chengyan tapped the table with those slender fingers of his before remembering something. Then he quickly made a call. "Aunt and Uncle wish to spend some alone time today, so let us go out to dinner."

Shi Nuan was working on a report when she answered the call. "Aunt and Uncle?  
What occasion is it?"