

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 378

I'm special to him, huh? If Shen Qianan and her son never showed up, I might really feel that way. But not after they did.

"Hmm? Why are you not saying anything?"

Shi Nuan's mind had gone blank out of the blue. Although she had told herself to believe in Fu Chengyan and their relationship, her sentiments couldn't keep up with her rationality.

How could she endure the fact that there was another woman who looked very much like herself and who used to be her husband's fiancée in name? To top it all off, that woman also happened to have a child!

"Mrs. Fu, I've already said whatever I can. As for what you should do, I'll leave that to you. But before that, I want to emphasize a point. Their only purpose is to split you and Chengyan up. Chengyan wouldn't have married you if he doesn't love you. If he is truly in love with Shen Qianan, he'll definitely choose to divorce you regardless of your feelings once she has returned. But he didn't do that, did he? On the other hand, his grandfather and the others are cracking their heads to force you to divorce each other. Why do you think that they're targeting you and your emotions instead of Chengyan? You're a rational person, so I'm sure you know what all this means."

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. At this point, she was finally convinced by his pep talk.

Having said that, she knew deeply that things weren't as simple as they seemed. Despite understanding his good intentions, knowing was one thing and enduring it was a different thing altogether.

“Okay. I got it now. I’ll ponder over it carefully. It’s getting late. You should take some rest.”

After Shi Nuan ended the call, she stared at the ceiling blankly. Tonight is gonna be a long night ahead. I’ve never felt this like before, even when Fu Xicheng cheated on me by dating Shi Wei. So what’s going on with me now? I can’t seem to think straight, and it feels like my emotions are on a roller-coaster ride.

At the end of the day, she was but a normal human with a heart made of flesh and blood.

That night, both Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan suffered from insomnia.

Fu Chengyan was a strategist who always had his plans laid out carefully. Thus, he would never be caught off guard. However, Shi Nuan was always an uncertain factor in his life. He could never predict her actions with confidence since the first day she came into his life.

Fu Chengyan pinched his brows. He couldn’t make any reckless move despite knowing she was just nearby in the opposite room.

He couldn’t afford to make any impulsive decisions before getting to the bottom of things. While he wished to explain everything to her right away, he also knew her personality. Therefore, it would be pointless to make her listen to his side of the story with her current mental and emotional conditions.

The two stayed up till daybreak in their respective rooms that night. When Shi Nuan opened the door of her room, she saw Fu Chengyan getting out of his room as well, but his usual liveliness and confidence had faded away. Instead, in front of her was a man who looked dispirited.

Shi Nuan felt a pull on her heartstrings after she witnessed him looking like that. Although she wanted to say something, no words came out of her mouth. In the end, she cast a glance at him before going down the stairs.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan's eyes were tracking every little move she made.

"May!"

Upon hearing her nickname, Shi Nuan paused for a while. She glanced toward Fu Chengyan and curled her lips. "Are you gonna explain yourself?"

Fu Chengyan remained silent. After a short while, he asked, "Do you want to listen to my explanation?"

"Not now."

At her response, Fu Chengyan became taciturn once again. The gleam in his eyes faded, and he looked depressed and dejected.

Heartache rose in Shi Nuan as she caught sight of his pitiable look. Immediately, she turned away to avoid seeing him. Then she clenched her fists. "Give me some time. I need to prepare myself for it."

"Okay."

The two drove their own cars to work that day. Even with the effort of acting as though nothing happened, any sane person could tell that they had a rift in their relationship. As for the way to fix it, it all depended on Shi Nuan's attitude.

Rumors spread like wildfire among the staff of Shengyuan as they didn't see Shi Nuan get out of Fu Chengyan's Maybach.

Naturally, none of the staff knew what happened at Fu Residence the night before as Fu Sheng and Fu Heng had ordered everyone who was present to keep the news to themselves. Moreover, they had threatened to inflict stern punishment on those who let a word out.

However, after that incident, everyone came to realize the fact that Fu Chengyan had a wife, and that was Shi Nuan.

After Shi Nuan entered her office, she noticed Yuan Jia's gaze on her. She asked, "Why are you looking at me?"

Yuan Jia shrugged. "It's nothing. I just think that you seem a little off today." After scrutinizing Shi Nuan for a while, she shook her head and sighed. "Did you sleep well last night? You have dark circles under your eyes."

Shi Nuan was taken aback by her words. She took out a compact mirror after rummaging through her bag to take a clearer look. It's true. I look a little dull today. Then, she responded, "Yeah. I didn't sleep well last night. By the way, where's Mr. Lin?"

"Oh, Mr. Lin took the day off. I'm not sure what happened either, but he called to inform me regarding some tasks earlier this morning. Before I forget, these are the documents that he had instructed me to pass to you. He said that you should represent our company to make dealings with Prosperous Group later."

"Noted." Shi Nuan nodded and flipped through the documents. "Am I supposed to go alone?"

"I'll go with you. Hehe." Yuan Jia chuckled. "Mr. Lin also mentioned that I should follow you despite your capabilities. An extra person will help to increase your presence."

Shi Nuan raised her brows playfully. "Why don't you just admit that you want to have some fun?"

"Is it that obvious?" Yuan Jia placed her hand on Shi Nuan's shoulder. "Speaking of which, why didn't that person send you to work today?"

At her query, Shi Nuan's face stiffened at once. Then, she forced a smile. "Oh! You people seem to enjoy us showing off our love, don't you? Well, I'm giving it a rest today."

"Yikes!" Yuan Jia pushed Shi Nuan's shoulder. "Oh my god! I can't believe you! Don't you think that you can get away with anything just because your husband is that guy! Hmph!"

Shi Nuan might be smiling, but it didn't reflect the state of her heart.

If even the likes of Yuan Jia has noticed that I didn't come to work with Fu Chengyan, wouldn't it be safe to assume that Shen Qianan has noticed it as well? So, she has the final laugh now? I might have made her look bad with my words last night, but I'm certainly not the victorious one. She might be humiliated, but I can't say that I'm any better than her. I'm greatly affected by what happened too, and besides, it all means that I don't have enough trust in Yan.

Meanwhile, on the twenty-seventh floor, Shen Qianan had indeed realized that Fu Chengyan didn't come to work together with Shi Nuan. So naturally, she was feeling elated by this.

Shi Nuan might have gotten the upper hand last night. But at the very least, I can prove that their relationship isn't as good as it seems. As a fellow woman myself, I understand her thoughts well. It'd be impossible that she doesn't mind at all. So long as she is affected, it'll be easier to create a rift between them next time. Once she can no longer take it, their marriage will also come to an end.

While Shen Qianan was printing the documents, she was contemplating a scheme to cause more misunderstandings between them.

Obviously, she didn't notice Zhou Zheng walking past her as she was deep in thoughts. The man merely smirked in disdain as he saw her thoughtful look.

Then, Zhou Zheng knocked on the door of Fu Chengyan's office. "Mr. Fu, these are the documents you've requested."

In a flash, Zhou Zheng placed the documents on Fu Chengyan's desk and remarked, "Shen Shixiu didn't live with the Shen family in his early days."

Fu Chengyan's hand paused for a moment and he squinted. "Go on."

"Shen Shixiu is the eldest son of Shen Feng, and Shen Qianan is his half-sister with a different mother. Back then, Shen Shixiu's biological mother had a political marriage with Shen Feng, so they weren't in love with each other. However, many years back, he had a scandal with an actress called Shu Qing, though they both denied it and didn't end up having a relationship. But one day, the man suddenly acknowledge a daughter, Shen Qianan. At that time, the young girl was taken care of by Shen Shixiu's mother, but the latter got a divorce from Shen Feng after some time. It was then that Shen Shixiu disappeared into thin air. No one knew where he went until five years ago when he returned suddenly to the Shen family."

Five years ago?

Fu Chengyan stroked his chin, opened the file, and peered at Shen Shixiu's photograph.

This photograph is a little blurry. It must be a sneak shot. Judging from the air around him, I can tell that he's someone who more than meets the eyes. My guts tell me he's not to be underestimated. Three years ago, we did talk to each other face to face once, and it was about Shen Qianan. Back then, he didn't stop me from doing all those things but allowed me to deport her out of Z Nation smoothly. At that time, I didn't second-guess his intentions. Since his intentions didn't clash with my interests, there was no point for me to waste my resources to deal with him back then.

"What about the details of his activities between his disappearance until his return to the Shen family?" Fu Chengyan questioned after failing to find those records.

“My apologies, Mr. Fu. I still haven’t managed to dig the records within that timeline out yet. It seems to me that someone had deliberately erased this information,” Zhou Zheng answered. Come to think of it, finding nothing is a little odd in itself. I’m sure that getting my hands on information like this isn’t all that hard with my abilities. But if the other party had kept them hidden intentionally, then it’ll take some time to recover those records.

Feeling annoyed, Fu Chengyan tossed Shen Shixiu’s records aside. “Spread the news saying that Shen Qianan has returned! I want to see how the Shen family will react!”