

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 161

In a blink of an eye, half a month passed with Shi Nuan working at Shengyuan. During this time, Shi Nuan learned a lot from Lin Yu. Lin Yu was a very opinionated and insightful person. In the beginning, Shi Nuan had some difficulty communicating with him, and often found him too harsh. However, after interacting more with him, her views of him changed for the better. She found that he was a nice person; at least, he was good to her.

Today, Shi Nuan had just finished work when she received a call from Jiang Yu. This surprised her a little. Ever since Shi Nuan got married, the Shi family didn't reach out to her, making her think that they had long forgotten about her.

As soon as Shi Nuan answered the phone, Jiang Yu's frosty voice drifted over, "Come back to Yun Ling tonight."

Shi Nuan was slightly taken aback, "Is something wrong, mother?"

Based on Jiang Yu's attitude towards her, Shi Nuan expected that it wasn't good. Sure enough, Jiang Yu confirmed it when she said, "You and Mr. Su have known each other for at least half a month, right? How are the two of you getting along?"

Mr. Su? "Mother, are you talking about Su Bancheng?" Shi Nuan bit on her lip when she thought about the fact that she had never even met this Su Bancheng before, let alone get along with him. She then answered, "I've been busy lately!"

"What's there for you to be so busy with? I heard Wei say that you've already left Fucheng. You're unemployed now, so what are you so busy with?!" Jiang Yu sounded like she didn't believe a word Shi Nuan said, "I'm telling you, Su Bancheng is my best friend's son."

He is from a wealthy family, has a good character, and is well-educated, so you better know what's good for yourself. Do you think that I'd be able to find you such a good match if it wasn't for Wei's marriage?"

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes slightly as discontent flashed across them, "Then you should just introduce him to Wei, mother. After all, she's got nothing to lose!"

"You..." Jiang Yu was angered upon hearing Shi Nuan speak to her in such a discourteous way, "This is how you speak to me? Let me tell you this. You don't have any say in the matter regarding Su Bancheng. Tonight, be at Yun Ling by seven; otherwise, don't ever call me mother again!"

"Mother!" Shi Nuan pinched her nose bridge, "If you really insist on doing this, you're leaving me no choice!"

Shi Nuan hung up the call and felt a headache brewing behind her eyes. With all that Jiang Yu had said playing in her mind, she dialed Fu Chengyan's number, "Yan, I might not be able to have dinner with you tonight."

"Hm?" Fu Chengyan squinted a little in confusion, "Are you working overtime tonight?"

"No!" Shi Nuan recounted the conversation that she had with Jiang Yu earlier, "I guess she just wants to get into the Su family's good graces, but she doesn't know that it wasn't Su Bancheng who met me that day, but Su Shaoqing. I'm afraid that her wishful thinking is just exactly what it is!"

"I see." Fu Chengyan's brows raised slightly, those sharp eyes of his glinting with a hint of iciness, "Just go then!"

"You..." Shi Nuan never thought that Fu Chengyan would be so easily persuaded, "But I don't even know Su Bancheng."

Fu Chengyan's lips twitched, "Don't worry and just go. It'll be fine!"

Shi Nuan felt relieved with Fu Chengyan's comforting words.

Fu Chengyan ended the call and immediately called Su Shaoqing. Just as Su Shaoqing was about to enter the operating theater, his assistant came over with his phone, "Dr. Su, this is for you!"

Su Shaoqing raised his brows when he saw Fu Chengyan's number on the screen. He couldn't help but laugh when he answered the phone, "Well, what do you know, Fu Chengyan? I just sent Arnold back to you for a few days and you're already..."

"Go to Yun Ling at seven tonight." Fu Chengyan cut straight to the chase. Su Shaoqing had a smile on his lips, but when he heard what Fu Chengyan said, that smile was wiped indefinitely off his face, "Why do I need to go to Yun Ling? Are you treating me to dinner?"

"You could say that!" Fu Chengyan then hung up the call, leaving Su Shaoqing dumbfounded on the other end without even having the chance to turn him down. His phone rang again before he could come to his senses, but this time it was his cousin, Su Bancheng.

Su Shaoqing's almond-shaped eyes widened slightly, "What a coincidence, I just got a call from Fu Chengyan. C'mon, bro, you're not calling to ask me to go to Yun Ling, are you?"

"I am!" Su Bancheng was stingy with his words, only responding with a simple answer, "Seven tonight!"

"For real?! For you and Fu Chengyan to request this of me... Are you supposed to be meeting Shi Nuan?" Su Shaoqing smacked a hand onto his mouth, "C'mon bro, this is going overboard. Helping you once was enough, but now you're asking me to help you again? What's going on?"

"So you're not gonna go? I heard that Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan got married? If I don't show up, it means that I'll have to let everyone know about this..."

“Fine, I’ll go. You happy now?” Su Shaoqing gritted his teeth, “Sometimes I wonder if I’d owed you guys in my previous life or something.”

Su Shaoqing handed the phone back to his assistant, “Later on after my operation, make an appointment with Dr. Liang to take over my next one. I have to go out to settle some matters!”

After Shi Nuan got off work, she received another call from Jiang Yu, who reminded her about dinner and ordered her to dress up nicely, sounding like a broken recorder as she repeated it over and over again. Although Shi Nuan was extremely reluctant to go, Jiang Yu used her authority as her mother to pressure her, so there was no way for her to refuse.

However, Shi Nuan didn’t change her clothes and went there in her office attire. It was already six thirty when she reached Yun Ling. Jiang Yu had already arrived a long time ago. When she saw Shi Nuan, she quickly waved her over. However, upon noticing Shi Nuan’s attire, her face instantly clouded over. “Didn’t I tell you to dress nicely? Look at yourself. What are you wearing? You look so old-fashioned. No wonder men can’t even look up to you!”

Jiang Yu’s every word clearly expressed her dissatisfaction towards Shi Nuan. Her eyes were full of disapproval as she scrutinized every inch of Shi Nuan, deeming her unpresentable no matter where she looked.

Shi Nuan frowned and looked down at her clothes, not finding anything wrong with the way she was dressed. But then again, Shi Nuan had already long gotten used to the way Jiang Yu treated her. However, Jiang Yu’s words were harsh this time, and it made Shi Nuan’s frown deepen, “I’m sure you know very well why I wasn’t able to keep my boyfriend, mother!”

“You...” Jiang Yu didn’t expect Shi Nuan to be so much more brazen than before. If it were in the past, she would never dare to refute her, but right now, she was going against her every chance she had. Jiang Yu glared vehemently at Shi Nuan and gritted her teeth, “Look at you right now. You’re like a middle-aged woman. Since you’re jobless now, you need to think about your future. At least

find a decent man if you can't find a decent job. Don't you want to have money so that you'll be able to live like a queen?"

"Mother, just what exactly makes you think I'm jobless?" Shi Nuan was curious, "You're right. I'm no longer working at Fucheng, but Jiang City is so big and there are plenty of companies besides Fucheng!"

"You..."

Jiang Yu didn't care whether Shi Nuan had a job or not. She believed that someone like Shi Nuan didn't deserve a better life than Shi Wei. No matter what she had, it couldn't possibly be better than Shi Wei's. In Jiang Yu's opinion, Shi Nuan would never match up to Shi Wei. So when she found out about Shi Nuan being fired from Fucheng, she was in fact very delighted. This way, Shi Nuan wouldn't be able to get close to Fu Xicheng, and Shi Wei wouldn't need to worry about something happening between Fu Xicheng and Shi Nuan.

"What decent job could you possibly get? Back then, wasn't Xicheng the only reason you were able to enter Fucheng at all? That was because Xicheng was worried you wouldn't be able to find a job, so he offered you one. And look what happened. You couldn't even do anything right in Fucheng. Even if Xicheng was your brother-in-law now, he can't just help you!"

"Mother." Shi Nuan couldn't listen to her insults anymore. She honestly felt that this mother of hers was an unusual one, always treating her as if she was adopted instead of her flesh and blood. Every word in each sentence expressed her disdain towards Shi Nuan.

Was she really such an embarrassment to her? "I wasn't fired from Fucheng. I left of my own free will." Shi Nuan countered her. When she saw the change in Jiang Yu's expression, her heart was filled with mild satisfaction, "I left Fucheng because I found a better job. It's just like you always say that the only way is up, right?"

“You? What decent job could you possibly find?” Jiang Yu clearly didn’t believe her.

“I guess it’s considered a decent job! I’m working at the project management department in the Shengyuan Group now.” Shi Nuan calmly took her seat just as Jiang Yu’s expression took a 360 degree turn, “Shengyuan Group? The company that belongs to Fu Chengyan? Xicheng’s uncle?”

“Fu Xicheng’s uncle?” Shi Nuan couldn’t help but laugh out loud, “I’ve been in Shengyuan Group for so long and not once have I heard about Fu Chengyan having a nephew of sort. I heard that he has a niece, but she’s only five or six years old!”

“You...” Jiang Yu slammed her palm on the table in anger, “Is that what you think? You’re just an employee at Shengyuan Group, no? Your sister was signed with Shengyuan’s Xinhuang as an talent. If you’re so sure that Xicheng and Fu Chengyan aren’t related, then go ahead and explain why Fu Chengyan signed your sister!”

“This is all thanks to Wei’s own capabilities. After all, Mr. Fu is a businessman. When he saw the business opportunities Shi Wei could bring, of course he’d sign her on to make money, right?” Shi Nuan admitted that she was indeed rather spiteful now. She just didn’t understand. They were both Jiang Yu’s daughters, and the Shi family’s blood, but why was Shi Wei so highly regarded in everything she did, whereas she was criticized for every little thing?

She spent twenty-over years living in the Shi family as if she were walking on eggshells. However, they always took her for granted, taking a yard when she gave them an inch. She had nothing but a little bit of dignity left, and she didn’t want even this to be taken away from her.

“What do you mean by this? Did you come here today just to spite me? Shi Nuan, I’m the one who raised you and this is how you repay me? Has your conscience been flushed down the drain?” Jiang Yu was livid, and her whole face turned a bright red color.

She didn't expect that Shi Nuan to become so ruthless. There were more to her words and her voice held no trace of fear in it. "I'm warning you, you're just an employee at Shengyuan, not some kind of big boss. So what's there to be so proud of?"

Don't forget that I'm your mother. Aren't you afraid of being condemned by God if you keep treating me like this? To think that I was worried you wouldn't be able to find a boyfriend and introduced my best friend's son to you. It seems like it was all just a waste of my time."

"I'm so sorry. So incredibly sorry for wasting your precious time," Shi Nuan gave her a smile of contempt, "In that case, I'll leave before Mr. Su arrives."

"You stay right there!" Jiang Yu slammed the table with her hand again, causing the tea cups to clatter in place. Her chest heaved as thoughts flashed across her mind. Previously, she had only wanted to scare Shi Nuan.

After all, Su Bancheng was the Su family's heir, and since Shi Wei was already married, she could only let Shi Nuan marry Su Bancheng. This way, the Shi family would be able to reap the benefits borne by the Su family in the future. No matter how reluctant she was, she had no choice but to do this. "Sit down. When Mr. Su arrives later, you better behave yourself! Otherwise, don't blame me for disowning you!"