

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 298

Song Huaiyan went to see Song Zhenyan as promised. Song Zhenyan was indeed recuperating at the hospital. From her expression, he could see that her injuries were quite serious. She wasn't in a good mood, hence she only wanted a short meeting. "Are you here today because of the same matter? I've made myself clear. I won't help you with Yan and Jingyu anymore."

Song Huaiyan was infuriated by what she said. "Have we as siblings, reached the stage where we have nothing else to say?" He didn't expect that to be the first thing she said.

Song Zhenyan asked, "Then tell me, what else can we talk about?"

"You... Fine, I admit that it's about yesterday's matter. That..." Song Huaiyan hesitated for a while. "I'm just here to ask you about one thing!"

"Fine, go ahead!" Song Zhenyan calmed her breathing as she leaned back on the bed. She then looked at Song Huaiyan and said, "As long as it's something that's within my power, I won't refuse!"

Song Huaiyan hesitated for a moment and said, "When Jingyu was hysterical, did she mention anything about a child?"

"Child?" Song Zhenyan was shocked as she didn't expect Song Huaiyan to ask such a question. "What child?" She did not hear anything about a child, however, there was something in Song Huaiyan's expression. "When did Jingyu..." She held her tongue suddenly.

"What is it?"

Song Zhenyan shook her said and asked, "Why are we discussing a child?"

"I've asked someone to look into what happened. The photos that Jingyu saw were of a child. It's a picture of a baby. Is that what happened?"

"This..." Song Zhenyan shook her head. "I am not sure either!"

"How can you not be sure? You were there that night. How can you not know what was in that picture she saw?"

"I really don't know. My attention was on Jingyu the whole time; where would I still find time for that? She was indeed holding a photo, but I didn't see it clearly. They were cut into pieces by Jingyu. Besides, I was too distracted by her episode to notice anything... By the way, she did mention Shen Qianan. I initially thought that she was triggered by something related to Shen Qianan!"

"Shen Qianan?" Song Huaiyan's pupils dilated a little and his face darkened. He pinched the bridge of his nose and said, "Alright, I understand now. You should rest well! I've been in Jiang City long enough, and Jingyu's condition needs immediate treatment. I'll take her back to the capital with me, as for you... You're a member of the Fu clan so it's natural for you to continue staying there!"

"Huaiyan," Song Zhenyan called out to him. "What does Jingyu's breakdown have anything to do with Shen Qianan and the child? What are you hiding from me?"

Song Huaiyan froze as he shook his head immediately. "What is there to hide from you? Didn't I tell you everything I know already? Alright, my flight is in the afternoon. I need to go back and pack. Jingyu is waiting at the hotel for me!"

Song Huaiyan left without even looking back, while Song Zhenyan didn't feel any better despite what he told her. In fact, she felt even more unsettled. Song Zhenyan had the feeling that her brother was hiding something from her. However, she had no clue as to what it was.

Unknown to them, their conversation was repeated verbatim for Fu Chengyan to hear. He fell into a momentary silence after hearing everything that was discussed between Song Huaiyan and Song Zhenyan.

“Did you hear that just now?” Fu Chengyan looked up at Zhou Zheng who stood at attention in response. “Yes, Mr. Fu!”

“What do you think?”

“It appears your mother doesn’t know anything about this. However, as for Shen Qianan’s matter, I’m sure she knows some of it. Your uncle, though, is definitely hiding something from her. It is likely something that has to do with Song Jingyu. As for the child... I think it certainly does exist. He...”

Fu Chengyan raised his hand. “Go now and investigate further. Do we still have our contacts at the capital from three years ago?”

“Yes, we do!” Zhou Zheng laughed as he knew Fu Chengyan was doing this for real now.

As long as there was some room for doubt, Fu Chengyan would not act relentlessly. Prior to this, he did not take any action on the account of his mother. However, now that the Song family had offered one of their own heads on the chopping block, it would be too enticing for him to refuse.

“I will gather them and put them into action at the capital. What about your mother?” Zhou Zheng was still concerned about Song Zhenyan as she was also a member of the Song family.

Fu Chengyan smiled wryly in response. “Just go ahead, you don’t have to worry about her.” Since Song Huaiyan had chosen to leave Song Zhenyan with the Fu clan, he no longer had to worry about her.

“I’ll proceed as instructed.”

Fu Chengyan motioned Zhou Zheng to leave. He then made a call to the Fu residence.

It was the old butler who picked up. Fu Chengyan asked about Ning Xin and got to know that Song Zhenyan had not troubled her recently, so she was able to have some peace. Also, with Fu Heng's care and attention, it seemed that Ning Xin's condition had gradually improved.

When Fu Chengyan ended the call, he remained silent for a period of time before going downstairs.

Shi Nuan was watching TV in the living room. It was a comedy and Shi Nuan was rolling all over the sofa laughing. She laughed so hard that even her tears came out.

As Fu Chengyan came down the stairs, he put his hand on the railing. He then tapped his fingers and smiled as he watched Shi Nuan laughing happily like a child. It was a rare sight indeed.

When Shi Nuan felt that she was being watched from behind, she turned and saw Fu Chengyan at the corner of her eye. He was smiling as he leaned against the railing.

"Yan!" Shi Nuan sat up quickly. She then adjusted her hair bashfully and straightened her posture. "Are you done with your work? I just saw Mr. Zhou leave."

Fu Chengyan nodded. He then strode towards Shi Nuan and sat down beside her. After that, he reached out his hand to hold hers as he asked, "What are you watching?"

"Oh, nothing much. Just channel surfing. It's a comedy; do you want to watch it with me?"

“Sure!” Fu Chengyan gave her forehead a kiss and the two of them leaned back on the sofa. Shi Nuan put her head on his arm and continued watching the show.

Fu Chengyan kept looking at her. He felt relaxed as he watched her occasional laugh. After a while, he finally said, “Can you call Aunt Ning and invite her over?”

Shi Nuan was stunned as she turned to look at Fu Chengyan. “Aunt Ning? Alone?”

Fu Chengyan grinned, as he pinched Shi Nuan’s nose. “You’re really smart!”

Shi Nuan dropped her jaws. “Is Pei going to see Aunt Ning?”

Fu Chengyan shook his head. “No, it’s not Pei.”

“Then who?” Shi Nuan was surprised. Other than Pei Jingxiu, she couldn’t think of anyone else who would want to see Ning Xin through Fu Chengyan.

Fu Chengyan grinned and said, “Li Heng.”

It suddenly dawned upon Shi Nuan. “Is it because of Pei Huan?” How could I have forgotten about it?

As Li Heng wanted Pei Huan to return, the only way for him to achieve that was to seek Ning Xin’s help. Ning Xin was Pei Huan mother. As long as she was willing to ask her daughter to return, Pei Huan wouldn’t dare disobey given how filial she was.

This method would make use of Pei Huan’s weakness, and was the easiest way to get her to comply. However, Shi Nuan didn’t understand one thing. “If Aunt Ning could have always gotten Pei Huan to come back, then why didn’t Li Heng look for her earlier? He needn’t have waited three years!”

“Time can heal everything. Pei Huan’s resolve was very strong then, and no one could have stopped her, including Uncle and Aunt. Even if they stayed together, it would still be difficult to mend the relationship given the many problems they had. Not to mention that Uncle disapproved of Li Heng then. Even until today, he would still object to the idea of Li Heng meeting Aunt Ning.”

“Hence, when I invite Aunt Ning over, I can’t let Uncle know, right?” Shi Nuan finally understood. “That’s why I’m the one that’s calling her instead of you – because Uncle would never suspect me.” Shi Nuan glared at Fu Chengyan. “You’re asking me to be the bad guy here. If Uncle finds out, wouldn’t I be the one to suffer the consequences?”

“You won’t. He doesn’t beat women!” Fu Chengyan kissed Shi Nuan on her cheeks. “Besides, you’re just an accomplice, while I’m the mastermind!”

“Fine, fine!” Shi Nuan pushed Fu Chengyan aside. “Let me give her a call right now!”

“Sure!”

Shi Nuan stood up to look for her phone, and made the call. Ning Xin was both happy and surprised to hear Shi Nuan’s voice, and even more so when Shi Nuan invited her to go out together. Ning Xin agreed immediately.

Shi Nuan was worried that Fu Heng would object, so she asked to check, “Is Uncle fine with it?”

Ning Xin laughed in response. “He has left me alone the whole time, and I’m already bored to death. Besides, he’s so busy lately that he doesn’t have time to bother about me.”

“Alright, Aunt Ning, let’s go hang out today since all the New Year decorations are still up. By the way, shall I get Yan to pick you up? We’ll let him be our driver today; that way, Uncle wouldn’t have to worry about your condition.”

Ning Xin agreed as she felt that Shi Nuan's idea was a good one, and Fu Heng wouldn't object to it.

Shi Nuan ended the call. "Aunt Ning is very happy that I asked her out," she added, "However, when she sees Li Heng later, I wonder if she will be angry with me!" Shi Nuan felt guilty to have invited Ning Xin out under false pretenses.

"Don't worry, Aunt Ning doesn't have a temper because she's very good natured. Even if she is angry later, it will only be with me. Anyway, it's time to get changed as we need to pick her up!"

"Alright!" Shi Nuan went upstairs to get changed while Fu Chengyan gave Li Heng a call. "Let's go. We'll meet at Ruyi Tea House. It's more discreet there given May owns the place."

When Li Heng heard that Fu Chengyan had come through on his promise, he broke the cigarette he was holding in surprise. He remained silent for a moment, before he added, "Alright, thank you!"

Fu Chengyan grinned as he ended the call. He could see that Shi Nuan had changed and was ready. She was wearing a brown coat outside and a thin cotton top inside. She paired them with a winter skirt. The outfit gave her the vibe of a young artist.

Fu Chengyan squinted when he saw her carrying another coat that looked like his. It was a light brown coat and it seemed to match her own.