

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 348

As Li Cenbei looked at Li Min, there was no hint of affection in his expression. “What do you think?”

Li Min stumbled backward and looked at him with disbelief. “Have you been lying to me all these years? You did all of those things—just for revenge? To get revenge on the Li clan?” Li Min refused to believe what he was telling her. “But why would you do that? You’re a member of the Li clan, too. Why would you do that?”

“A member of the Li clan? Haha! I’ve spent my entire life hating everyone with Li blood running through their veins.” Li Cenbei’s eyes grew rather cold. “Min, you’re over forty years old. How could you still be as naïve as the day you were born? Did you really think I loved you?”

“I...”

“Because the blood of the Li clan flows through your veins, and because you’re contaminated with the blood of Li Cennan, there’s no way I could ever fall in love with you!”

“No... I’m not a blood relative of the Li clan! I’m not! Li Cenbei, we’re not biologically related. Ask Grandpa...Grandpa...” Here, Li Min paused for a while, shaking. She balled her hands into fists and said, “Li Cenbei.”

“Li Min, getting close to you was the first step in my plan to get revenge on the Li clan.” Li Cenbei caressed Li Min’s face gently. “Do you know how much my mother hates this face of yours? You say you aren’t Li Cennan’s daughter, but

your face looks similar to that of Li Cennan's wife. It nearly drove my mother insane."

Li Min fell onto the floor and brought her hand to her face. With shaking fingers, she said despairingly, "So you've never loved me at all! You hated me all this while because of my face..."

"Oh, be thankful that you only resemble your mother a little instead of looking exactly like her." Li Cenbei gazed down at her coolly before sweeping his gaze across Li Xinzhi's face. "There's something else you should know. Do you remember when Pei Huan got kidnapped after her divorce with Li Heng? I was behind that too." He looked at Li Min, who had collapsed on the floor. "She played a part in all it!"

"No, no... That's impossible." Li Min shook her head as though she had lost her mind.

Li Cenbei walked up to Li Xinzhi and clapped the oxygen mask back onto his face. "Pei Huan and Bao have already been infected with the virus. If Li Heng finds out, I wonder how he'll react!"

Li Xinzhi's eyes widened again as he started gasping for air. He grabbed Li Cenbei's trouser leg, but Li Cenbei shook his arm off in disgust. "Stay alive!" he ordered. "You must live to hear the good news from me."

"You..." *Come back!*

Li Xinzhi couldn't speak – he could only watch helplessly and scream silently after Li Cenbei as the man left the room.

When Li Cenbei exited the hospital, he felt a little morose. He looked up at the blue expanse of the sky and thought deeply. After a while, he took out his phone and gave Pei Huan a call. "You want the antidote, don't you? Come and look for me. I can give it to you."

At that moment, Pei Huan was waiting anxiously outside the operating theater. Fu Chengyan, Shi Nuan, and Fu Heng were seated next to her. Li Heng had been a little busy these past few weeks, so he hadn't been able to come.

When she received Li Cenbei's call, Pei Huan's eyes widened immediately. "You..." Just as she was about to reply, she saw Fu Chengyan turn around to look curiously at her. Pei Huan stood up and went to speak in another corner. "You have the antidote? Are you trying to fool me?"

"You don't believe me, do you?" Li Cenbei laughed. "Of course you don't. After all, I lied to you for over three years. But, Huan, there's one thing I was truthful about till the very end."

Against her better judgment, Pei Huan asked, "What is it? What do you have to tell me?"

"Our marriage still hasn't been dissolved, so you'll definitely come and look for me." Li Cenbei seemed certain of it. "Pei Huan, I've never thought of harming you."

"But you already have. How can I make sure you aren't tricking me this time?" Pei Huan pursed her lips. She wasn't going to believe him so easily again.

"Bao... Bao has been infected with the same virus as you," Li Cenbei said. Upon hearing that, Pei Huan hissed, "Li Cenbei, you crazy jackass! What the hell is wrong with you? Bao is just a child!"

"But he's Li Heng's son, too." Li Cenbei's grip around the phone tightened. Drawing a deep breath, he said, "I'll be waiting for you at the place where we first met. I'll wait until you show up. I believe you know that the virus is hibernating deep inside your bodies, waiting to act up any moment. You might not care to live, but what about Bao?"

Pei Huan took a deep breath. As her eyes darted furiously about, she gripped her phone tightly and said through gritted teeth, "Wait for me. I'll come over immediately after my mother's operation ends."

Li Cenbei narrowed his eyes. "Pei Huan, I can't wait that long. I'll give you exactly one hour from now. If you don't get here in one hour, I'll leave..."

Immediately, Pei Huan replied, "Li Cenbei... Wait for me! I'll come to you now!" She was awfully afraid that Li Cenbei would leave before she arrived, but she was even more terrified by the idea that he was speaking the truth.

If he's right... If Bao had really been infected with the virus... Pei Huan's face turned white as a sheet. Without stopping to think, she quickly tried to appease Li Cenbei. "I'm coming over right now. Don't you dare leave!"

"Alright, I'll be waiting!" Li Cenbei replied coolly, smiling. "Don't tell anyone, by the way, or I'll leave immediately."

"Okay!" Pei Huan hung up on his, her fingers still trembling a little. Forcing herself to remain calm, she kept her phone away and walked over to Fu Chengyan.

"Chengyan, I have something on, so I'll have to leave now. Please watch over my mother for me." As she spoke, she glanced at Fu Heng and said, "I'm sorry, Dad."

"This child!" Fu Heng sighed. He was going to chastise her further, but Pei Huan had already taken off running towards the hospital's exit.

"Yan, what's going on with Huan?" Shi Nuan couldn't help but notice that there was something rather strange about Pei Huan's behavior. "Aunt Ning is still in the surgery room. What's so important that she has to run off and attend to it now?"

Fu Heng looked rather worried too. "Yan..."

"Uncle Heng, don't worry!" Fu Chengyan patted Shi Nuan's hand to tell her that everything was alright. He turned to Fu Heng and continued, "Nothing will happen to Huan."

Fu Chengyan stood up and went into a quiet corner to make a phone call. “Li Heng, is anyone following Huan?”

“Alright, I got it. You should be careful, too!” Fu Chengyan hung up after. Still feeling a little anxious, he gave Zhou Zheng a call too. “Tell Jiang Hu and the rest to head over. Remember not to let Huan know that you’re following her.”

Pei Huan was very distracted the whole way there. Furtively, she turned to glance behind her. Noting with relief that there were no cars following her, she took out her phone and gave Li Cenbei a call. “I’m out of the hospital. I’ll be there in around thirty minutes. Wait for me there!” Pei Huan deliberated with herself before giving calling Wuyun Residence. “Aunt Zhang? Is Bao with you?”

“Of course he is! Huan, don’t worry. I’ll take good care of Bao for you. Stay at the hospital and take care of your mother!” At that moment, Pei Huan heard Bao giggling happily on the other end of the phone and let out a sigh of relief. However, her heart still broke a little when she thought of how young Bao was.

If Li Cenbei was telling the truth, Bao might actually die. But... Bao was just a kid!

Pei Huan couldn’t understand how Li Cenbei could be so cruel. Instead of going up against Li Heng or the rest of the Li family, the man had decided to make an enemy of Bao. Besides, he played the role of Bao’s father for three years—how was it possible that he didn’t feel a shred of affection for the boy?

Pei Huan shut her eyes. Taking a deep breath, she stepped on the accelerator and sped towards the meeting location.

Half an hour later, she arrived. Years ago, she had found herself in a spot of trouble here when Li Cenbei showed up in her life for the first time. He had been a very kind person back then and had even saved her. Pei Huan had been very grateful to him. Although Li Cenbei hadn’t been a familiar figure in her life by any means, he had been a source of much comfort and companionship to her when they were both living overseas.

Pei Huan got out of the car and dialed Li Cenbei's number again. "I'm here. Where are you?"

"Pei Huan, did you bring someone with you?"

"What, no? I came alone," Pei Huan retorted. Trying to calm herself down, she continued, "I didn't tell anyone. Come out right now and give me the antidote."

"Do you take me for a fool?" Li Cenbei thundered. "Leave your car and walk across the road. There's a blue car parked along the sidewalk. Open the door and get into it."

"Li Cenbei, what the hell are you trying to do?"

"You might not have brought anyone with you, but I know how Li Heng and Fu Chengyan are like. They would have definitely sent someone to follow you. Huan... I'm not an idiot!"

Pei Huan took a deep breath. "Alright. I'll do that."

She took out a silk ribbon from her purse and flung it onto the floor surreptitiously. Following Li Cenbei's instructions, she crossed the road and got into the car. "Okay, I'm here. What should I..." Before she could finish speaking, she felt a sharp pain in her neck, and the world soon turned black. Try as she might, Pei Huan was unable to open her eyes.

When Pei Huan finally woke up, her head was spinning. She was tied up in the boot of the car, and she felt so dizzy that she wanted to throw up.

In the darkness, she felt a little suffocated. Someone had placed a piece of cloth in her mouth, so she couldn't make a sound even if she tried. Her limbs had been tied up as well, so she couldn't stretch them out.

Pei Huan felt very despondent all of a sudden. She was certain that she was going to die—this feeling was even stronger now than it had been three years ago.

Three years ago, she had been desperate to survive, but now... Pei Huan's eyes darkened. She had been infected with the virus, and she didn't know when it would act up. Pei Huan didn't care if she died, but her son... Her eyes widened, and she gritted her teeth. Raising her leg, she kicked the boot repeatedly in an attempt to alert the people outside. However, the car was still in motion, so nobody heard her.

“Where is she?” Seeing the silk ribbon in Jiang Hu's hand, Li Heng narrowed his eyes. He looked up and asked again, “Where is she?”

“Mr. Li, she was already gone by the time we got there. But...” Jiang Hu handed the silk ribbon to him, “There's an earring wrapped inside this. What's the meaning of that?”

Li Heng felt rather stunned. He gave the silk ribbon a little shake, and an earring fell into his hand. Something flashed in his eyes. Immediately, he took out his phone and activated the GPS function.

Pei Huan still carries this earring around with her?

Back then, he had given this pair of earrings to her as their anniversary present. It also doubled as a tracking device. Li Heng was very cautious because Pei Huan had already been kidnapped once.

When he first gave the earrings to her, Pei Huan had been completely in the dark about their special function. When she eventually found out about it, Pei Huan stopped wearing them. She claimed that it felt as though she was being surveilled by someone.

Li Heng finally found her location via his phone's GPS. Narrowing his eyes, he said, “Head to the North District!”

Following the GPS instructions, Li Heng and his subordinates made their way to the North District of the city.

The Great Tomb Mountain, despite its name, was located on a hill in the North District. Like its name suggested, the Great Tomb Mountain was a graveyard. However, it wasn't a normal graveyard—it was a graveyard where the rich buried their relatives.

Li Cenbei pulled up at the entrance of the graveyard. When he opened the boot of the car, he saw Pei Huan staring at him with hatred in her eyes. He smiled. "Why are you looking at me like that?"

Pei Huan didn't say anything. Li Cenbei set her down on the ground and untied the ropes that bound her limbs together. Removing the gag from her mouth, he laughed lightly and said, "Don't worry, I won't let you die. There's somewhere I want to bring you."

Pei Huan frowned. "Li Cenbei, what are you trying to do?"

Li Cenbei's eyes flashed. He reached out to touch Pei Huan's face, but she moved immediately. With a look of disgust on her face, she snapped, "Don't touch me!"

Li Cenbei's eyes glittered with fury, but he smiled menacingly and said, "Don't you know where we are?"

Pei Huan froze in shock. "A graveyard? Why the hell did you bring me here?" Pei Huan turned to run, but Li Cenbei grabbed hold of her immediately. "I've brought you here to meet my mother—your mother-in-law. We've been married for three years, but you haven't have a chance to meet her yet. She's a beautiful and kind woman, and she'll like you very much. I'm sure of it."