

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 343

“Huan, don’t cry.” Fu Chengyan wrapped his arms around her and patted her softly. When she finally calmed down, he glanced at everyone else before settling on Li Heng. “I think we should let her know now.”

“Huh? You’ve been hiding something from me? Why do you keep delaying the surgery?” Pei Huan was confused. She could understand if only a few of them were against the surgery. But if Fu Chengyan was against the surgery too, then something must be off.

Pei Huan glanced at the men, who seemed grim. Strangely, she had a bad feeling about it. Sure enough, Li Heng’s reply was more a struggle. “Okay!”

Pei Huan couldn’t help but tremble at his answer. She gripped her sleeves nervously and held her breath.

A flash of pain appeared in Li Heng’s eyes upon seeing her reaction. He stepped forward to take Pei Huan’s hand and caressed her affectionately. “I’ll be by your side no matter what happens.”

Feeling uncomfortable, Pei Huan tried to release herself from his grip, but Li Heng refused to let go.

He pulled Pei Huan to the sofa and sat down. “Do you know why we are against the surgery? It’s not that we don’t care about Mom, it’s because you are not 100% healthy. Even if the surgery is a success, both you and Mom might be in danger.”

“What do you mean?” Pei Huan’s brows snapped together. Right then, Su Shaoqing handed her a file and sighed. “Read it.”

Pei Huan was puzzled at Su Shaoqing’s words. She took the file, which was her body checkup report. Everything seemed normal, save for a note that mentioned there was a virus in her body. There was no extra information about that virus.

“What does this mean? I might be weak, but I’m not that frail. What does this virus mean?”

Pei Huan pointed at the file, while Li Heng froze and frowned at what he saw.

Su Shaoqing pursed his lips. “There’s a virus in your body. It has been injected some time ago. We only found out about it during your body checkup.”

Realization dawned upon Pei Huan. She nearly fell down from the chair in dismay. Luckily, Li Heng grabbed her. “Huan!”

Pei Huan flung his hand away. She stared at Li Heng, seemingly out of sorts. Her lips parted, but nothing came out. At the sight of her despair, Li Heng felt his heart ache. “Don’t worry. Shaoqing will deal with this.”

“Deal with this?” Pei Huan shivered slightly. After a moment of silence, she glanced at Fu Chengyan helplessly. When she saw the affirmation in his gaze, she broke down. “When did this happen? What virus is this? How could I have known nothing about it? You must’ve gotten it wrong, right? I feel fine! Totally fine!”

“Pei Huan, there’s an incubation period for this virus before it acts up. That’s why you felt nothing. We dare not carry out the transplant for now because the moment we take out your bone marrow, the virus might attack your body. When Aunt Ning receives your bone marrow, she might be infected, too. That’s why we—”

“Enough!” Pei Huan interrupted Su Shaoqing rudely. “I don’t believe a word you say. I’m not infected with the virus! I’ve been...” Suddenly, she froze as something flashed across her mind swiftly.

She pursed her lips grimly. “Then what virus is this? Can you treat it in time? My mom...” *She can’t wait any longer.*

Li Heng narrowed his gaze at Pei Huan’s reaction, a horrible feeling overwhelming his heart. “Huan, did you think of something?”

“No!” Pei Huan denied vehemently.

The more anxious she was, the more certain Li Heng was that she had just recalled something. But since she refused to say anything, Li Heng had to hold it in.

Pei Huan took a deep breath. “Mr. Su, my mom has always been nice to you. I really need your help. If I can’t donate my bone marrow, can we find another donor?”

“Well,” Su Shaoqing seemed stumped. “Pei Huan, you should know not even direct relatives have matching blood types, let alone matching bone marrow. It’s rare for you to be a match for Aunt Ning. If you’re thinking of finding another donor, it would be harder than finding a needle in a haystack.”

Su Shaoqing had no intention of dealing a blow on her, but he had to explain the truth to her.

Pei Huan was so dumbfounded that she nearly fainted after jumping to her feet.

Li Heng held her quickly. “Huan.”

“Li Heng, you must have another plan, right? Even if it’s a slight possibility, I will try it out. I can’t lose my mom!” *I have a lot to tell her. I don’t want to regret it for the rest of my life!*

“Yes, we will try even when there is the slightest opportunity. You’re not giving up on her, and neither am I.” Li Heng squeezed her hand. “Trust me!”

“I trust you, Li Heng. As long as you can find a suitable bone marrow donor for my mom and save her, I’ll marry you.”

As Pei Huan gripped his hand tightly, Li Heng could feel how lost she was. He nodded, couldn’t bring himself to say no. “Okay, I’ll do my best. I’ll find a suitable donor even if I have to search the entire Jiang City and Z Nation.”

“Thank you, Li Heng!” Pei Huan wrapped her arms around Li Heng tightly like he was her only hope.

Fu Chengyan, Pei Jingxiu, and Su Shaoqing looked at each other before leaving the room with Paul.

After leaving, Fu Chengyan felt heavy-hearted. He held a cigarette in his hand before turning to Pei Jingxiu. “If you get help from the Ning family, perhaps we can find a donor.”

The Ning family!

Su Shaoqing’s eyes lit up. “Yes, how can we forget about the Ning family!” Ning Xin was related to the Nings, so they might find someone whose blood type and bone marrow matched Ning Xin’s!

“Chengyan is right. Jingxiu, I’ll have to ask for your help to visit the Ning family.”

Pei Jingxiu frowned. “Don’t forget that she had fallen out with them because of Uncle Heng.”

He sighed. “I don’t think they will agree easily.”

The Ning family was at odds with the Fu clan. Back then, Ning Xin severed her relationship with the Ning family just to be with Fu Heng. Now, it would be difficult to ask for their help. Besides, Pei Jingxiu knew the Nings well. He was certain those people wouldn't help Ning Xin at all.

He'd rather go to the trouble of finding a donor than ask for the Ning family's help. A stranger might help Ning Xin out of compassion or to receive monetary compensation, but the Nings were neither.

"We have to try even if it sounds impossible!" Fu Chengyan pinched off his cigarette and narrowed his eyes. "I'll think of a way to convince the Nings."

"Can you?" Su Shaoqing voiced his doubts. After all, Fu Chengyan was the head of the Fu clan, who had always been the Ning family's rival. "I have to," Fu Chengyan replied. "Aunt Ning and Huan can't hold out much longer. You and Paul have to work hard on analyzing the virus. I've asked my men to investigate in K Nation, but it's taking a long time."

"Don't worry. I've been working on it for all of you!" Su Shaoqing seemed depressed. "Paul, what do you think?"

"Oh, I think this person could help," Paul suggested suddenly.

"Who is it?" Pei Jingxiu, Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing demanded in unison.

After a brief hesitation, Paul revealed. "I think Su knows this person, too. He's the famous Huo Jinnan. But he's a mysterious person, so I don't know where he is now. No one has ever died in his hands, so he might be able to help us."

Huo Jinnan?

Fu Chengyan's brows creased. "What is he like?"

"I've heard of him. He's a medical genius in both Western medicine and TCM. I don't know his origins. Anyway, he had cured every patient who came to him." Su

Shaoqing explained everything he knew about this person before he puckered his brows. “Not only he’s mysterious, but he’s also strange. He only saves those he wants to save. If he refuses to save someone, no matter how much money you offer him, he’ll remain steadfast. Well, he is that kind of a character.”

“Really?” Fu Chengyan’s frown deepened. “As long as there’s a glimmer of hope, we can’t give up. I’ll send someone to find Huo Jinnan, but you need to continue your research.”

“Of course.” Su Shaoqing nodded and turned to Pei Jingxiu. “By the way, where’s your Firecracker? Why isn’t she here with you?” Pausing abruptly, he urged, “Hey, isn’t Firecracker a Ning too? If we can’t convince the other Nings, why don’t we let her try? Perhaps she will be a match.”

“Well,” Pei Jingxiu hesitated. Upon meeting Fu Chengyan’s dark gaze, he nodded. “She’s helping Liang Lin in Sheen City. I’ll ask her to come asap. But don’t have high expectations for her. I don’t even know if she’s a Ning. Even if she is, she might not be a match.”

Fu Chengyan squinted as a smirk played on his lips. “Isn’t this an excellent opportunity to find out if she is one of them?”