

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 391

Everyone in the private room instinctively rose to their feet to welcome their arrival. Even Shi Wei joined in, albeit reluctantly. She was intimidated by Fu Chengyan's domineering aura. The same applied to Fu Xicheng. He had been gluing his eyes on Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan right from the very moment they stepped into the room.

Fu Chengyan was wearing a cream-colored sweater together with a pair of faded blue jeans. With his pretty face, he looked like a guy in his early twenties. Yet, he made sure everyone treated him seriously with his penetrating gaze.

As for Shi Nuan, she was wearing a similar outfit as him. Obviously, the two were rocking couple outfits.

The two made their way to the table, looking calm and collected. Fu Chengyan first helped his wife with the seat before sitting down himself. He scanned everyone in the room with his penetrating eyes and asked after a brief pause, "Why're all of you standing?"

"Oh, please excuse us! Come on, let's sit down!" Fu Yuqing was the first to break out of his trance. His eyes flickered with admiration while examining Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan's matching outfits. "Chengyan... Well... Mr. Fu and Mrs. Fu, I must say that the two of you really look like a perfect couple!"

Shi Nuan smiled in response. "Mr. Fu, thank you for the compliment. I think we look good too!"

She did not think there was any problem with complimenting themselves. With her eyes glinting with delight, she gave everyone else a cursory glance before

turning to the restaurant manager standing in the corner of the private room.
“May I have the menu, please?”

“Nuan, we already made an order earlier,” Shi Wei couldn’t help but point out.

It pissed Shi Wei to see Shi Nuan basking in the limelight as that used to belong to her wherever she went. While I’m a superstar, Shi Nuan is only a wage-earner. What makes her so special that she’s capable of stealing my thunder now? Is it because she’s Fu Chengyan’s wife?

Shi Nuan was startled by Shi Wei’s reminder. Then, she quickly put the smile back on her face and asked the restaurant manager, “Is that so?”

“Yes, Mrs. Fu!” As it was not Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan’s first time patronizing the restaurant, the manager had long acquainted and been on good terms with the couple. In a friendly manner, he handed the menu to Shi Nuan and said, “These are the dishes ordered by the gentleman over there just now. However, some of them are not quite fancied by Mr. Fu. So…”

Shi Nuan nodded at him reassuringly. “Just leave it to me!”

She gave a fleeting glance at the list of dishes ordered by Fu Yuqing before starting to filter it. “Remove this, this, and that because Yan doesn’t like them. Also, these two dishes are too oily for Yan’s liking too!”

“Take out this... and this... There’re so many dishes on this list! Whoa, we actually ordered one dish from each category of the menu?” Shi Nuan looked at Fu Yuqing with a somewhat horrified expression. “Mr. Fu, although the dishes here are made with the finest ingredients, there are certain foods we shouldn’t consume together due to the theory of mutual inhibition. In fact, the same thing applies to people too!”

Fu Yuqing’s face stiffened in response. “I ordered everything because I wasn’t sure about Mr. Fu’s preference. It was a safe bet so that Mr. Fu can choose and eat the dishes he likes.”

“Mr. Fu, that’s very thoughtful of you.” With a pleasant smile, she added, “However, we shouldn’t be wasteful when it comes to food.” Shi Nuan closed the menu and announced, “That’ll be all. Other than the items I’ve removed, I’ll leave you to serve the dishes in the order you decide. All of us will have tea instead of liquor.” She turned to Fu Chengyan before saying to the restaurant manager, “Shall we go for Pu’er? It has a mild taste, and it’s gentle for your stomach.”

Fu Chengyan nodded. “Okay. I’ll leave you to make the decision,” he said, sounding distracted.

He reached out to give Shi Nuan’s hand a light squeeze as if everyone else at the table were non-existent.

Shi Nuan did not stop him from fiddling with her fingers. Meanwhile, she flashed a broad grin at Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. “Father, Mother, I’m sorry for not informing the two of you when I got married to Yan. So, I’m making it up to you guys by having this dinner tonight. Yan, I’m sure you’ve met my parents before.”

“I have.” Fu Chengyan nodded before fixing his gaze on Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. “I should start calling the two of you Father and Mother!” Right after that, he shouted at the door, “Zhou Zheng!”

The door to the private room was immediately pushed open from the outside. Zhou Zheng strode into the room with two bodyguards dressed in full black in tow. The two men had their hands full with shopping bags. “At first, I thought my marriage with May was something private between the two of us. However, since May has stressed the importance of certain traditional customs and etiquettes, I do see the need of adhering to them. Zhou Zheng!”

“Yes!” Zhou Zheng nodded and instructed the two bodyguards to pass all the stuff to Shi Jingzheng. “Father, please take a look at what’s inside!”

“There’s no need to do so. I’m pretty sure there must be some really nice stuff in there.” Shi Jingzheng knew from Fu Chengyan’s tone that he should be

contented with having the gifts offered by him. Also, Fu Chengyan had made it very clear that he was only here because of Shi Nuan.

“Since I’ve made May my wife, I’ll surely be nice to her for the rest of my life. So, I’d not like to hear anyone saying that I’ll dump May one day. No matter she likes it or not, she will be my one and only wife in my entire life.”

Everyone gasped at his remark; they had not seen that coming. Jiang Yu, who had made that exact remark before, was experiencing a burning sensation on her cheeks, feeling as though she had just been slapped by someone.

Jiang Yu felt so embarrassed that she dared not utter a word. Other than Fu Chengyan, no one else would dare to criticize her like that. If it weren’t for Fu Chengyan being there, she would not have hesitated to lash out at Shi Nuan. However, not only was the man here today, but he also did a great job at showing everyone how protective he was of Shi Nuan. At that thought, Jiang Yu couldn’t help but feel frustrated and annoyed.

Shi Nuan, you’re as shameless as your mother! You’re a jinx who only brings bad luck to the people around you!

Jiang Yu’s blood started to boil when she thought of Shi Nuan’s biological mother, who used to be loved by her husband too back then. Nonetheless, she was deterred from throwing a tantrum when she received a baleful glance from Shi Jingzheng.

“There’s no need for you to emphasize that. I believe in your love for my daughter now that you’ve married her, and I’m sure you’ll stay faithful to her too. But then again, there’s something I must say as Nuan’s father. Nuan is a very outstanding girl, and I must say that she’s pretty popular among guys. Before this, Mr. Su Bancheng and Mr. Su Shaoqing have expressed their interest in marrying her too, but you acted faster than them. Hence...”

“That just shows how deep my love for May is!” Fu Chengyan interrupted Shi Jingzheng. “In fact, I’m here today to make my stance clear and to eliminate any

misconceptions Mr. Shi might have. Look, I married May purely because she is the woman I love. I made the decision to make her my wife under no one's influence, and we have no financial stake in our marriage. We already made sure we were on the same page regarding that before we married each other."

"Say what?"

Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing asked at the same time, "What do you mean by that, Mr. Fu?"

"Nothing," Fu Chengyan answered in an indifferent tone. Then, he cast a glance at Zhou Zheng, who left the room together with the bodyguards knowingly.

Both Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing looked rather upset upon hearing what Fu Chengyan had said. It was because Fu Chengyan had just made it crystal clear that he had no special relationship with all of them just because he was Shi Nuan's husband.

"Shi Nuan is, after all, one of our family. Mr. Fu..." Just as Fu Yuqing was trying to voice his opinion, he was cut short by Shi Nuan. "Mr. Fu, you're right on that point. Since I'm one of the Shi family, this is a matter which only concerns my family and I," she concluded in a nonchalant tone.

Then, she turned to Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu. "When I married Yan, we made a pact not to take anything from each other. It's because he's whom I love, not his wealth or power. Father, don't you think so?"

"What I think doesn't matter. Since ancient times, the opinion of parents has always been of the utmost importance, and it should always be adhered to in the marriage of their children. Yet, your mother and I aren't going to criticize you even though you didn't inform us when you decided to marry him. But it's totally unacceptable of you to make such a cold-blooded remark like that.

Is this your way to repay us who took care of you and raised you?" Jiang Yu could no longer hold back her anger. Smacking the table hard, she glared at Shi

Nuan menacingly and snapped, “Don’t you have any idea what’s the most precious thing to a woman? Why don’t you know how to take care of yourself?”

“Mother, I’m afraid you’re wrong about that. I only decided to marry Yan after careful deliberation and because I’m good at looking after myself. My decision and judgment turned out to be correct because Yan really treats me very nicely. What makes you think that I don’t know how to look after myself?”

“He treats you very nicely? Are you sure he’s doing such a thing? He doesn’t even give you anything! You know what? You will be left with nothing if he decides to dump you one day!”

“Shut up!” Shi Jingzheng cut her off by yelling at her, “What nonsense are you talking about?”

Immediately, he seized her by her shoulder and dragged her back to her seat.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan’s face fell slightly after hearing Jiang Yu’s remark. “You really are a very dedicated mother for helping me to think so far ahead. So, do you mean I should get my hands on all his money just in case he decides to dump me one day? Mother, are you trying to say that I will definitely be dumped by Fu Chengyan in the future?”

At the same time, Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. Although he was not uttering a word, his pensive eyes were laden with displeasure.

Both Shi Jingzheng and Fu Yuqing knew that that was a sign of Fu Chengyan’s wrath. Because of that, they couldn’t help being pissed at Jiang Yu. They could not believe the woman had made that imprudent remark just now during their long-awaited dinner with Fu Chengyan.

Although they were Fu Chengyan’s seniors in the family, they knew he would not give them any special treatment solely because of that. He would not have even appeared at this dinner if it weren’t for Shi Nuan. Thus, they were careful not to curry favor with him too obviously.

But now, all hopes to ingratiate themselves with him were dashed because of Jiang Yu's stupid comment. It had obviously angered him. They might even risk losing their foothold in Jiang City because of her.

"Nuan, how can you think of Mom that way? She only spoke her mind because she's always cared about you. When you broke up with your ex-boyfriend, didn't she introduce you to many outstanding guys to help you move on?"

In fact, it's not bad to end up with one of those guys too if you weren't married to Chengyan now." Shi Wei bit her lips and added, "Mom only said those things earlier for your own good. So, please don't get the wrong idea."

"Don't worry. How can I possibly get the wrong idea from her words? Of course, I know Mother will only do things in our best interests. I know her biggest wish in life is to see you getting married to a perfect man. In fact, I do feel happy for you and Xicheng upon seeing how lovey-dovey you guys are.

At the same time, I must say that I'm really grateful for the two of you. Without the help from you guys, especially Mother and you, I wouldn't have been able to meet Yan and marry him. You guys brought us together! We're only able to have such a happy life because of you guys!"