

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 439

Shen Shixiu's eyes were filled with rage. He glared at Shen Qianan as if they were going to shred her into bits.

Shen Qianan was intimidated by the terrifying look on Shen Shixiu's face. The howling wind outside brought a gush of hot air into the car through the window. In an instant, Shen Qianan felt as if she had plummeted into hell.

She straightened her back. Her eyes were trembling with horror and a bit of grit.

Shen Shixiu cackled all of a sudden. "Who the hell do you think you are?"

Shen Qianan shuddered. "How do you think Fu Chengyan will react if he knows you like Shi Nuan?"

"What do you think?" Shen Shixiu's eyes swept at Shen Qianan disdainfully. "You think he can do anything to me?"

Shen Qianan bit her lips while Shen Shixiu looked in another direction. "You have no right whatsoever to comment on my feelings for Shi Nuan!"

"Shen Shixiu, you're afraid too, right? I never thought that you are such a pretentious man. I look very much the same as Shi Nuan. Do you not hate her whenever you look at her, just like how you hate me?"

"How can I ever hate her?" Shen Shixiu sneered, "Sure, you guys might look the same, but what matters is on the inside."

"What do you mean?" Shen Qianan's face was pale.

Shen Shixiu rolled his eyes at Shen Qianan. "It means while she has a heart of gold, yours is made of coal."

“Mr. and Ms. Shen, we’ve reached the hotel.”

Jiang Zhan parked the car in front of the hotel’s entrance. He turned his head to look at Shen Shixiu and Shen Qianan and noticed the crackling tension in the air. He coughed dryly. “It’s about time for dinner. Do you guys want to dine in the hotel or...”

“I am not eating!”

Shen Qianan cranked open the doors forcefully and stormed off with Yu with so much haste as if she were running away from Shen Shixiu like he was infected with a pandemic.

“Mr. Shen?” Jiang Zhan stared at Shen Shixiu in the backseat, whose eyes were fixated on Shen Qianan as she marched into the hotel. He paused for a second before speaking, “Mr. Shen, perhaps you should tell Ms. Shen...”

Shen Shixiu’s hateful eyes darted at Jiang Zhan and immediately the driver went silent. Jiang Zhan then got off the car and opened the door for Shen Shixiu. “Sir, are you eating at the hotel?”

“You head up first. Order some food for her.”

Jiang Zhan nodded and gave Shen Shixiu the car keys. “Sir, where are you going? It’s getting late.”

Shen Shixiu did not reply to his driver. He got onto the driver’s seat and drove off. Jiang Zhan was stumped. A few seconds later, he turned around and walked in the direction of the hotel’s entrance.

Shen Shixiu drove to the Emerald Garden and pulled up somewhere nearby. He rolled down the window and had his eyes fixated on it.

Not long after, another car drove past his car and also stopped near the Emerald Garden. A woman got off the car. From so far away, Shen Shixiu couldn’t see the face of the woman. Yet, he could tell who she was from her movements and her outfit.

Shen Shixiu furrowed his brows and had one arm hanging on the window. He tapped on the rim of the window rhythmically. The woman opened the gates and strode into the house. She had two assistants with her. Shen Shixiu smiled and dialed a number on his phone. “Help me check how long is Shu Qing planning to stay in the country.”

Shen Shixiu hung up the call. He spent a few more minutes sitting outside of the Emerald Garden before leaving.

At Fu Chengyan's place.

After Shen Qianan left with despondence, Shi Nuan froze in her place. There was a hint of despair in her eyes.

Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan by her arm and took her to the sofa. "When did you wake up?"

Shi Nuan tilted her head to one side. After a while, she replied, "I think a little while after Shen Qianan arrived."

"Then did you hear everything?" Fu Chengyan pinched Shi Nuan's little finger. His mind seemed to be blank, "Hmm?"

Shi Nuan nodded. "I almost heard everything you guys said." Shi Nuan contemplated for a while before she continued, "So... you were actually using Shen Qianan back then?"

Even though Shi Nuan was not fond of Shen Qianan, she had mixed feelings about her when she saw the dejected look on her face just now.

Fu Chengyan didn't respond but his expression said everything.

Shi Nuan didn't know exactly what she was feeling. But in any case, she knew she wasn't in the place to understand how Shen Qianan felt. Shi Nuan was aware that she wasn't Shen Qianan. Thus, she would never understand her train of thoughts. However, Shi Nuan felt that she would also be devastated if she were in Shen Qianan's shoes.

Fu Chengyan's gaze shifted to Shi Nuan. He noticed the disconcerting look on her face and sighed. "Did I scare you?"

He continued as Shi Nuan kept mum, "Do you think I am not supposed to treat her the way I treated her?"

Shi Nuan shook her head. "I don't know."

“Between a man and a woman, there can’t be pure platonic friendship,” Fu Chengyan placed his hand at the nook of Shi Nuan’s head. “I admit that what I did to Shen Qianan was kind of low-down, but we got into this knowing how things would end. May, I hope you can understand where I am coming from.”

Shi Nuan’s feelings were still all jumbled up together. “But Shen Qianan is innocent!”

“She’s innocent?” Fu Chengyan shook his head and stroked Shi Nuan’s soft hair. “Innocence is always subjective. Everyone has to pay a price to get what they want. It all boils down to the decision they make along the way, don’t you think so?”

Shi Nuan murmured in agreement and said nothing more. She was no saint, but she was still compassionate enough to feel bad for Shen Qianan for what she went through.

From Fu Chengyan and Shen Qianan’s conversation, Shi Nuan learned that Shen Qianan was not completely innocent. Yet, it didn’t change the fact that she was being used as a pawn.

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan and touched his forehead. “I know what you mean. I don’t really know what happened between the two of you, but what plans do you have now? Shen Qianan doesn’t look like she wants to leave.”

Fu Chengyan’s eyes had a forbidding glow in them. “Mmhmm.”

“Then what are you going to do?”

“I don’t really care where she goes.” Fu Chengyan was twirling a strand of Shi Nuan’s hair. “Shen Shixiu is the one who wants her to leave.”

“Mr. Shen?” Shi Nuan was slightly puzzled. “I thought the reason you asked for him is that you want him to make her leave. Shen Shixiu wants Shen Qianan to leave too?”

Fu Chengyan nodded. “You thought that Shen Qianan’s presence would really bother me that much?” If Fu Chengyan really thought Shen Qianan was a threat, he wouldn’t have sent her away three years ago. “Let me ask you a question. Does everyone think that I was the one who sent her away three years ago?”

“Was it not you?” Shi Nuan still remembered what Su Shaoqing told her. According to him, Fu Chengyan was the one who sent Shen Qianan away himself. Since then, no one in the Fu family dared to bring her up.

Because of this incident, Shi Nuan always suspected that Fu Chengyan was indeed in love with Shen Qianan before.

But it didn't seem to be the case from what Fu Chengyan told her.

"Everyone thought it was me who sent her away, but it was actually Shen Shixiu." Fu Chengyan slid his hand across Shi Nuan's forehead. "Shen Shixiu should know more about what happened than me."

"So Shen Shixiu sent Shen Qianan away in order to protect her?"

"That I'm not sure," Fu Chengyan replied. There was a softness in his eyes when he asked, "Are you still sleepy?"

Shi Nuan's face reddened and shook her head. "Hey, I'm not a pig."

"Are you sure you're not?" Fu Chengyan poked Shi Nuan's nose. "I'm going to pretend I didn't see your head drooping just now."

"No, I didn't!" Shi Nuan retorted weakly. "Shhhhh! It's all because of you!" She clasped her hand over Fu Chengyan's mouth. "If I weren't pregnant with these two babies, I wouldn't even be this slothful."

"Oh, so you do know you are lazy!" Fu Chengyan was full of smiles.

Shi Nuan rolled her eyes kittenishly and pushed Fu Chengyan away. "You are annoying!"

Fu Chengyan writhed his lips and planted a kiss on Shi Nuan's hand. "Shen Shixiu came to see you when you were asleep."

"Mr. Shen? Why was he looking for me?" Shi Nuan was flummoxed. The next instant, her eyes gaped in realization. "Oh right! He told me on WeChat that his flight will be departing tomorrow in the afternoon."

"I know that." Fu Chengyan nodded. "Will you agree to meet him if he wants to see you?"

Although Fu Chengyan sounded genuinely curious, there was a note of envy in his tone. Shi Nuan stared back at Fu Chengyan and raised her brows. "Why are you looking at me like that? I

think he just wants to meet up to have a meal or something before he leaves. But since he didn't reply to my message earlier, I'll just leave the conversation hanging then." Shi Nuan pouted. "Yan, is it me or I sense a bit of jealousy in you?"

"You think I'm jealous?" Fu Chengyan sniggered. "You think I will be jealous of him?"

Fu Chengyan's tone was full of pride and derision as if Shen Shixiu were nothing to him.

Shi Nuan found Fu Chengyan's behavior amusing. "What's wrong with him? I think he's a pretty nice guy. He's young and successful, not to mention he looks quite handsome too! Am I right?"

At once, coldness emanated from Fu Chengyan's eyes. He wrapped his arm around Shi Nuan's waist and hoisted her up into the air. Before Shi Nuan knew it, she was tightly enclosed in Fu Chengyan's embrace.

Shi Nuan now sat on top of Fu Chengyan's thighs. She let out a small scream in surprise as she coiled her arms around Fu Chengyan's neck. "Yan, what are you doing? Are you angry at me for pointing out something you don't want to admit? Tsk, how dare you say you are not jealous?"

"How will I ever get jealous of him?" Fu Chengyan stubbornly refused to admit his jealousy. "Tell me, do you think he's a better man than me, huh?"

Fu Chengyan tightened his grip around Shi Nuan's waist. Shi Nuan whined and stared at Fu Chengyan as she whined, "Can you be gentler? You're going to break my spine!"

"Tell me."

"Okay, okay! I didn't know you will get jealous so easily. I was just teasing you! If I really like him, why will I even stick with you?" Shi Nuan pinched Fu Chengyan's hand on her waist. She scrunched her brows. "Don't be so petty!"

"It doesn't matter whether I am petty or not. What you have to know is that you are mine, May!"