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Shi Nuan had no idea they had become the talk of the town. She was just taking her sweet time walking next to Fu Chengyan while he carried Cheng An in his arm. All of a sudden, a thought crossed her mind: Till death do us part. Doesn't our current situation befit this saying?

Once they reached Yu Qing's office, Fu Chengyan had Shi Nuan go through a round of checkups. Apart from being slightly underweight, everything else was fine. Thus, Yu Qing urged Shi Nuan to eat more to boost her system. Meanwhile, Cheng An said, "Aunt Nuan is a skinny woman because she eats only a tiny bit of food every day!"

Fu Chengyan stared at Shi Nuan in the eyes as though he was glad their niece had voiced out his exact thought. You're not even fat! Instead, you're the total opposite of being obese because you're so underweight!

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and perused the health report that was handed over to her. Sighing, she said, "Seriously? I thought I'm doing well. If I get any bigger, I'm afraid I'll be totally out of shape!"

"You'd better eat up if you want to have a smooth labor. This is to ensure the well-being of you and your babies. Since you're almost in your second trimester, it's time for you to move around and get yourself involved in some prenatal exercises. Why don't you try out the yoga class I have mentioned before?" Yu Qing took another glance at the report and said,

"There's nothing else that requires your attention for now, but you must come back for routine checkups. For your own sake, don't skip any of those!"

As Yu Qing was speaking sternly to make herself clear, Fu Chengyan and Cheng An turned simultaneously to look at Shi Nuan, trying to hold back their chuckles at Shi Nuan's reaction.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan nodded helplessly. "I'll definitely keep that in mind. Is there anything else I should be aware of?"

"There's nothing for now." Yu Qing then looked at Fu Chengyan and asked, "Is this your niece? She's such an adorable little girl! If you're free, you should surround yourself with kids and try your best to communicate with them. It'll serve you well as you raise your own child in the future."

“Sure, I’ll keep that in mind!”

Yu Qing wouldn’t stop nagging until Shi Nuan walked out of her office. It was then that Shi Nuan grumbled, “Ugh! Yu Qing looks rather young, yet she nags as though she’s an old hag! Her nagging never ends! Thankfully, I’m nothing like her, or else I’ll be sure to irritate everyone around me. Am I right, An?”

The innocent Cheng An stared at Shi Nuan in confusion because she couldn’t figure out the exact meaning of her aunt’s words. Nevertheless, she nodded and asserted, “You’re right, Aunt Nuan!”

Shi Nuan chuckled at her niece’s response and pinched her chubby cheeks. She then turned around to ask Fu Chengyan, “What’s next? Where are we going now?”

“We’ll pay Su Huaibei a visit!”

It was evident his wife was taken aback by his words. She had an oddly stiff expression on her gorgeous face as her lips twitched unwittingly.

Holding Shi Nuan’s hand while carrying Cheng An once again, Fu Chengyan asked Shi Nuan, “Do you not want to go, or are you blaming me for not telling you beforehand?”

“It’s not that.” Shi Nuan uttered a response.

“You’re such a silly woman. I told you I will have everything sorted out on your behalf. But if you’re not in the mood to pay him a visit, we can drop by another day. What do you think? If you’re not feeling great about it, you have to tell me!” Fu Chengyan was afraid Shi Nuan was not ready to meet Su Huaibei.

“It’s fine. I’m not as fragile as you think I am!” She took a deep breath and assured her husband, “I just didn’t expect it will occur so soon, but since you have everything ready, let’s head over!”

“Alright. I have already gotten in touch with Shaoqing. He told me he has reserved a table for us at a restaurant.”

“Does that mean Shaoqing will be there as well?”

Fu Chengyan nodded.

“Great!” Shi Nuan heaved a sigh of relief. Su Shaoqing’s presence implied that the Su family was not particularly against her presence. And with Su Shaoqing there, she would feel less awkward.

Fu Chengyan shook his head; he was aware of the thoughts his wife had in her mind. “Let’s go. I have already received the address of the restaurant from Shaoqing.”

“We shouldn’t have brought An along with us since we’re heading over to meet them!”

“It’s fine. Actually, it’s great to have An around. At least the situation won’t be as awkward with a child’s presence.”

Cheng An, who had a great time with the duo, turned around and looked at Fu Chengyan pitifully. She asked, “Why doesn’t Aunt want me to be around?”

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Su Huaibei was the one who reserved the table. Since he was told by Su Shaoqing that Fu Chengyan had requested an audience, Su Huaibei immediately arranged a meet-up.

Although he had met Shi Nuan before, it was done so in an informal setting. Moreover, Shi Nuan wasn’t aware that he was her biological father at the time. As such, Su Huaibei was very eager today, so eager that he couldn’t wait to dress himself up properly. Fu Yi, who had been following him around to serve him, was shocked to see Su Huaibei on cloud nine. After all, it had been a few years since he last saw a smile coming out from his cold and indifferent boss.

“Mr. Su, you seem to be having a great day.”

“Yes! I’ll be heading over to meet my daughter soon!”

Fu Yi was aware of the presence of Su Huaibei’s daughter. He had been tasked to investigate Shen Qianan and Shi Nuan some time ago. In the end, it was confirmed that Shi Nuan was Su Huaibei’s daughter.

Nevertheless, Fu Yi had underestimated Shi Nuan’s position in Su Huaibei’s heart. In fact, she seemed so much more important than Shu Qing.

“Mr. Su, are you going to meet her on your own? What about Ms. Shu?” Fu Yi beat around the bush in an attempt to figure out Su Huaibei’s intention.

Su Huaibei was shocked for a few seconds, but then he put on a stern front and said, “I’m the one my daughter wishes to meet. Why would I want to bring her along?”

Fu Yi was aware of the meaning behind Su Huaibei’s words. “I have already reserved a table, but it’s for lunch. Aren’t you getting dressed up a little too early, Mr. Su?”

Su Huaibei shook his head. “Nope! I need to choose my attire carefully! Which one do you think suits me better for the occasion? Do you think Nuan desires a handsome and youthful father or a mature and reliable one?”

He has been searching high and low for all sorts of outfits since his day began, and ended up spreading almost his entire wardrobe across his bed. He really had more clothes than many women.

Staring at all the clothes, Fu Yi started imagining Su Huaibei in those different outfits. He felt a chill running down his spine because none of them matched Su Huaibei’s usual image.

Suddenly, someone knocked on the door and asked, “Uncle Huaibei, are you done?”

It was Su Shaoqing. Given he was to meet Shi Nuan as well, he went home to change into a new set of clothes after work before heading to his uncle’s place.

He had been waiting downstairs at his uncle’s place for a long time. Seeing that Su Huaibei was still not ready, Su Shaoqing decided to head to his uncle’s room.

“Come on in!”

The moment Su Shaoqing entered his uncle’s bedroom, he saw Su Huaibei comparing the different sets of outfits in front of the mirror. Meanwhile, Fu Yi, who was by his uncle’s side, had an odd expression on his face.

Su Shaoqing asked, “Uncle Huaibei, what exactly are you doing?”

“Shaoqing! I’m glad you’re here! You’re a close acquaintance of Nuan, right?”

"E-Erm... Not really, but I guess we're friends? We have met and chatted on different occasions. She's a kind woman." Su Shaoqing scratched his head in confusion. "Uncle, we're actually just heading over to..."

"Based on your understanding of Nuan, which set of clothes do you think she will prefer to see me wear?"

"Actually, all of these outfits—"

"All of these look great on me?"

Su Shaoqing nodded and asserted, "You're right, Uncle Huaibei! Th-They all look the same! As a member of the Su family, you should have faith in our superior genes! Look at you and me. We're both equally good-looking! To be precise, we're flawless!"

"Can you stop pulling my leg?" Su Huaibei cast a skeptical gaze at his nephew.

In return, Su Shaoqing cleared his throat and enunciated, "Fine! Actually, Fu Chengyan was the one who initiated the session. He will bring Nuan over and join us for lunch." He fell silent for a few seconds, but couldn't

resist the urge and reminded his uncle, "Back then, you left her behind without any notice. Perhaps you had your reasons, but from Nuan's perspective, you and Shu Qing were essentially the same—both of you have ditched her. In short, I want you to get yourself ready for what may be in store for you. Things might not turn out the way you expect."

"I'm conscious of your point." Su Huaibei's expression turned grim. He was aware of the possibility his nephew mentioned, and that was precisely why he had not reunited with his daughter sooner.

"Uncle Huaibei, I'm glad you're keeping that in mind. I'm just afraid things will turn out the exact opposite if you try to rush them through. Since we're only meeting for the first time, I think it's better for you to wear something more formal." Su Shaoqing suggested with a smile.

"Alright, I understand."

"Hurry up, Uncle Huaibei! We should head over to the restaurant and order the dishes before they arrive! First impression matters, right?"

In the end, Su Huaibei changed into a set of navy blue formal wear. It was a simple yet classy outfit that looked great on him.

Su Huaibei walked downstairs and said, "Let's go!"

Meanwhile, Shu Qing, who was by the stairs, fastened her grip on the guardrail with all her might as she stared at Su Shaoqing and Su Huaibei's departing figures. Unaware she had started bleeding, she continued biting her lips to express her frustration.

All of a sudden, Lin Shuqin's voice could be heard saying, "If you're going to regret your action, you shouldn't have done it in the first place."

Shu Qing's body stiffened all of a sudden. She turned around with an awful look on her face. "It's you!"

Sizing up Shu Qing, Lin Shuqin asked rhetorically, "It's obvious Huaibei still has a thing for you. Can you please tell me the reason you left him after insisting on getting into a relationship with him in the first place? Why did you abandon your child?"

Shu Qing took a few steps back and clenched her fist to suppress her emotions. "It has nothing to do with you!"

"Indeed, it's none of my business, and I have no intention to poke my nose into your business. However, since you're back and no longer young, you should let bygones be bygones and bear the consequences of your actions! Otherwise, you have no right to command respect from anyone."

Lin Shuqin could not care less about Shu Qing. She merely walked past Shu Qing with a disgusted look and said, "Since you're not interested in Huaibei anymore, you should leave him be. We can easily bring up Nuan without you! In fact, she's going to live a better life without a mother like you!"

Shu Qing's heart sank to the bottom of her stomach. She was rendered speechless by Lin Shuqin's statement.

Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing and Su Huaibei finally reached the restaurant.

"Uncle Huaibei, we're here!"

Although Su Huaibei was the one who had made the restaurant booking, he happened to have picked Yun Shui Jian, the restaurant Su Shaoqing and his peers frequented. Immediately after the manager of the restaurant noticed Su Shaoqing's presence, he rushed over and greeted him, "Mr. Su, a table for two?"

"I have made a reservation beforehand. Chengyan will be joining us as well."

"Oh! Mr. Fu and Mrs. Fu are already here!"

Su Shaoqing looked at Su Huaibei in the eyes and told him in a playful manner, "Uncle Huaibei, I think we're running late."

He turned around and told the manager,

"Can you please show us the way to the table?"

The manager led Su Shaoqing and Su Huaibei over to the dining suite. The moment they entered the suite, they were greeted by a heartwarming scene. Fu Chengyan was serving Shi Nuan a glass of water, while Shi Nuan was holding Cheng An's hand and engaging in a session of rock-paper-scissors with her niece.

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"Aunt Nuan, you've lost again!" Cheng An clapped her little hands and turned around to tell her uncle, "Uncle! Aunt lost again!"

"Really? You're awesome, An!" Fu Chengyan pinched his niece's nose. "Your aunt is exhausted. Why don't you come over and play with me instead?"

As soon as he finished his sentence, he carried Cheng An and brought her to his side.

Cheng An retaliated and yelled, "No, Uncle! I want to sit in between the two of you!"

Once she finished her sentence, she catapulted her way back to her initial seat by Shi Nuan's side. Tugging at her aunt's sleeve, she put on a pitiable front and asked, "Am I no longer your sweetheart?"

"Huh? What are you talking about? You'll always be my sweetheart, okay? Come on! Come back to your seat!" Shi Nuan tapped on the seat beside her and carried Cheng An once again. "Shall we get your uncle to feed you?"

"Okay! Huh?" Cheng An nodded. It was then that the girl then caught a glimpse of the guests at the entrance.

By then, Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan had also turned around and glanced at the entrance of the dining suite. They saw Su Shaoqing leaning against the door frame with a smile. "Hopefully, we're not getting in the way of your little game."

Shi Nuan then spotted Su Huaibei, who was behind Su Shaoqing. The smile on her face suddenly faded and was replaced with a stiff expression. She stood up. Although she had prepared herself, the moment she saw Su Huaibei, she couldn't be sure if she should treat him courteously. Thus, things got awkward all of a sudden.

Fu Chengyan was the first to break the silence. He suggested, "Finally! Why don't you come in and join us?"

"Ha! You're right! I guess I must have indulged myself in such a heartwarming scene! I should have made my way in long ago!" Su Shaoqing entered the suite nonchalantly and looked at Cheng An once he reached the table. "Hello! What's this little sweetheart doing here?"

Cheng An could vividly recall Su Shaoqing as he used to carry her when she was younger. However, ever since she started to wipe her tears and snots on him, he stopped cuddling her. They had not met for a while, and he was surprised that she had grown so much taller.

Cheng An had always been courteous whenever she was around good-looking men. Blinking her eyes innocently, she greeted politely, "Uncle, do you miss me?"

Su Shaoqing burst into laughter. "Chengyan, whose character has she taken after? I don't recall Cheng Jing and Jiayu being so thick-skinned!"

"I have no idea. Perhaps they gave birth to a maniac." Fu Chengyan replied nonchalantly.

Shi Nuan was rendered speechless by the content of her husband and her friend's conversation.

Caressing her niece's head, she reprimanded the men. "Hey! Stop blurting out such nonsense in front of An! Although she's a child, she's able to comprehend the meaning behind your words!"

Thankfully, this exchange involving Cheng An helped to lift the dull ambiance caused by Su Huaibei's appearance. Fu Chengyan got up from his seat and ushered Su Huaibei and Su Shaoqing over to their seats.

Since this meet-up was, after all, arranged at the eleventh hour, Shi Nuan was feeling awkward and had a hard time behaving like her usual self.

Although it wasn't her first encounter with Su Huaibei, she had never met him in such an awkward situation. Truth be told, she wasn't ready to have the talk with him.

Actually, Su Huaibei was equally anxious. He wouldn't stop sizing up Shi Nuan, but at the same time, he behaved cautiously and dared not look at her in the eyes. Naturally, Fu Chengyan caught a glimpse of Su Huaibei's expression.

In response, he narrowed his eyes and reached for his wife's hand, tickling her palm in a gentle manner. Shi Nuan felt a tingling sensation coming from her palm all of a sudden. She raised her head and exchanged glances with her husband.

He smiled and nodded, assuring her everything would be fine. In the end, she took a deep breath and felt a sense of relief since her husband was by her side.

"Shall we place our orders? I'm pretty sure An is hungry since she's a growing girl."

As soon as Shi Nuan finished her sentence, the manager of the restaurant entered the dining suite and asked, "Mrs. Fu, what would you like to have today?"

"An, what do you want?" Shi Nuan redirected the question.

"This! This! This!" Cheng An started pointing at the photos she saw on the menu. She decided to have everything that seemed appealing to her.

Meanwhile, Fu Chengyan put the menu aside and told the manager to serve them something that would be suitable for a pregnant woman.

The manager was a little stunned but then he quickly nodded. "Alright! I'll go get everything ready at once!"

Once the manager left, silence fell in the suite once more.

Shi Nuan could not get used to such a quiet environment. Feeling uneasy, she raised her head to look at Fu Chengyan before taking a peek at Su Huaibei.

She noticed Su Huaibei seemed to be different since their last encounter a few days ago. He seemed to have gone to great lengths to dress himself up properly. However, she felt uneasy because he carried himself in a very rigid manner.

The awkwardness subsided when Shi Nuan brought Cheng An out of the suite because the latter had an upset stomach. While the ladies were in the washroom, the three men were left staring at each other in the suite. Eventually, Su Shaoqing couldn't take it anymore. He broke the silence and confronted his friend, "Chengyan, why don't you tell us what you think? Shi Nuan is a member of the Su family, so we definitely want her to reunite with us!"

Fu Chengyan tapped on the table and replied indifferently, "Shaoqing, I believe you're aware of my character, right?"

Frowning, Su Shaoqing asked, "What do you want?"

"To be honest, I don't want anything because I respect May's decision regarding her personal affairs. If she's willing to reunite with the Su family, I won't stop her. If she's not looking to do that, I'll do my best to get in the way of those who try to change her mind against her will." Halfway through his speech, Fu Chengyan turned to look at Su Huaibei.

"Mr. Su, have I made myself clear?"

What! How dare he talk to his father-in-law in such a manner?

Fu Chengyan was a man of his words. He would definitely carry out the things he had mentioned.

In spite of him being irritated, Su Huaibei was at a loss for words to defend himself because he was the one at fault. No matter what the reason might be, it was undeniable he had failed to carry out his duty as a father for the past two decades. Therefore, he could see where Fu Chengyan was coming from.

“Mr. Fu, I believe you’re conscious of the benefit associated with Shi Nuan being a member of the Su family, right? She has nothing to lose since we’ll be her biggest backing! Besides, the Fu clan is such a renowned clan, I’m afraid Shi Nuan—”

Before Su Huaibei could finish his sentence, Fu Chengyan interrupted him. “You don’t have to be worried, Mr. Su. I will be her biggest backing, not to mention that the Fu clan has already acknowledged her as one of us.”

Although he sounded arrogant, Fu Chengyan stated the truth.

“Don’t you think it’s better for her to have another backing?”

Fu Chengyan chuckled in return and asked rhetorically, “Mr. Su, is that the reason you asked to meet me today?”

Knitting his eyebrows and clenching his fists to suppress his emotions, Su Huaibei finally figured out it would be tough to deal with the young man in front of him.

In fact, Fu Chengyan would definitely get in his way and stop him from reuniting with his daughter if he weren’t able to win him over. “Shi Nuan is my daughter.”

Upon hearing the sentimental statement, Fu Chengyan softened his tone slightly. “I believe I have made myself clear. If Mr. Su wishes to reunite with May, you should focus on her!” As soon as he said that, the initially tense situation eased up a little.

After Su Shaoqing signaled Su Huaibei to take it easy, the former chuckled. “Chengyan, I’m pretty sure my uncle is fond of Nuan; if not, he wouldn’t wish to reunite with her. He’s merely trying to atone for the sins he committed over twenty years ago. Nuan shouldn’t stay with the Shi family forever, right? Those from the Shi family are nastier than us from the Su family!”

Fu Chengyan's eyes flickered. Su Shaoqing decided to seize the opportunity. "If Nuan becomes one of the Su family and changes her name, she'll officially be my little sister. Although she's currently addressed by others as your wife, you're aware that it isn't enough for her to protect herself, aren't you? However, if she's a member of the Su family, no one will dare lay a finger on her. Am I right?"

Smirking, Fu Chengyan announced, "As great as it sounds, I won't change my mind. I shall respect May's decision. I won't stop her from doing what she wants, but I also won't let anyone make a decision on her behalf!"

Su Shaoqing held his chest high and assured, "Of course! We'll definitely respect her decision. No matter what she decides, she'll always be my sister!"

Feeling a sense of relief, Fu Chengyan nodded and had his gaze on Su Huaibei once again. "Mr. Su, I have no intention to poke my nose into the affairs you have with Ms. Shu, but you shouldn't have forsaken May back in the day. Is Ms. Shu aware that you want to reunite with May? May I know what's her opinion regarding this?"

"S-She... Let's not talk about her," Su Huaibei replied with a gloomy expression.

"I heard Ms. Su and the Shen family are currently—"

Putting on a stern front, Su Huaibei raised his voice and bellowed, "I believe that's none of your business as well!"

Fu Chengyan responded with a chuckle as though he couldn't be bothered by it at all. "Indeed, it's none of my business, but I hope May won't be adversely affected. If May returns to the Su family, are you able to ensure she won't be involved in the affairs of the past?"

"You have my word!"

"Great!" Having received assurance from his so-called father-in-law, Fu Chengyan stopped giving Su Huaibei a hard time.

Meanwhile, Shi Nuan and Cheng An were on their way back to the dining suite from the washroom when they came across a bunch of intimidating-looking people.

Cheng An was slightly frightened by their presence and held onto her aunt firmly. As Shi Nuan detected her niece's response, she crouched and caressed her back, assuring her everything would be fine.

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes and noticed the bunch of people was dressed up lavishly. Judging by their appearance, she was certain they were wealthy folks. She caught a glimpse of an old man leading that crowd. Dashing over to a certain somewhere, the old man, supporting himself using a cane, urged the people behind him, "Hurry up! Those who dare delay my reunion with my granddaughter, I'll teach them a lesson!"

A woman's voice could be heard chuckling as she assured, "Dad, slow down and take your time! They have just reached the restaurant as well. I'm pretty sure they won't leave so soon!"

Shi Nuan responded with a sheepish grin because she thought she would have to deal with a major incident. It turned out they were merely there to visit a relative of theirs.

"Alright, An! It's fine! Let's return to your uncle!" Shi Nuan held Cheng An's hand and made their way back to the dining suite.

However, the moment they returned to the suite, they were not able to enter because a bunch of people had surrounded the suite.

"Su Huaibei, where's my granddaughter? Why don't I see anyone around?"

Su Yumin, the patriarch of the Su family, was the one who had confronted his son. As soon as he touched down, he heard about Su Huaibei's return as well as the existence of the latter's illegitimate daughter. As a result, Su Yumin headed directly to Yun Shui Jian from the airport with a bunch of people from the Su family.

"Huaibei, where's Shi Nuan?" Su Yunwan asked. She had encountered Shi Nuan before. She was shocked as there were only three men inside the suite. Afraid that Su Yumin would lose his cool, she queried once again, "Dad insisted on rushing over the moment he touched down because he heard you would be meeting Nuan. He couldn't wait to meet her as well."

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"Where's Nuan?" Su Yunwan surveyed the surroundings, but Shi Nuan was nowhere to be seen. In the end, she stared at Su Shaoqing and asked, "Shaoqing, where is she?"

Frowning, Su Shaoqing asked in return, "Aunt, why are you guys here?" Albeit reluctantly, he brought himself up and surveyed the bunch of people behind his aunt. He was taken aback by their presence—almost everyone from the Su family had come!

Su Shaoqing saw his grandfather, Su Yumin; his aunt, Su Yunwan; and his parents, Su Huainan and Lin Shuqin. Even Su Yunqing, his aunt who spent much of her time living abroad, was present as well.

Su Shaoqing's mind was all over the place. "Dad, Mom, Grandpa!"

"C'mon, where is she?" Su Yumin glared at Su Shaoqing. As he was about to lose his cool, he raised his cane at Su Huaibei. "Aren't you here to reunite with my granddaughter? Where the hell is she? You unfilial son, are you lying to me?"

Su Huaibei's face turned pale and haggard as a result of the beating. He stood up and explained himself, "D-Dad, Nuan is in the washroom."

Turning around and looking at Fu Chengyan, he made an introduction.

"Dad, this is Nuan's husband."

Su Yumin narrowed his eyes and sized up Fu Chengyan over and over again.

Naturally, Su Yumin was aware of Fu Chengyan's identity. In fact, they had encountered one another in the corporate world before. He had always been fond of the young man due to his exceptional capability, but he was displeased because the young man had married his granddaughter without his consent.

Su Yumin couldn't get over the fact that his granddaughter was already married before he could reunite with her. Hence, he was slightly irritated by Fu Chengyan's presence.

“Old Master Su!” Fu Chengyan brought himself up and held his chest high, addressing Su Yumin in a courteous manner instead of acknowledging him as his grandfather-in-law.

“Mr. Su? Are you kidding me? I’m Nuan’s grandfather!” Su Yumin scoffed in return and implied that Fu Chengyan should have addressed him as his grandfather-in-law.

Squinting, Fu Chengyan rebuked Su Yumin’s statement, “May’s grandfather is Shi Yunsheng.”

“Y-You! Hmph! How dare you compare me to the stubborn old fool of the Shi family?” Su Yumin gritted his teeth and rebutted.

“Really? But May has been calling him her grandfather for over two decades.”

Su Yumin’s expression turned gloomy all of a sudden. “What’s wrong with you? And how dare you marry Nuan without our consent!”

Chuckling, Fu Chengyan rendered Su Yumin speechless. “Actually, the consent of the Su family doesn’t really matter because we are already married. As a matter of fact, we’re legally husband and wife now.”

“Y-You!”

“Grandpa! Hey, Grandpa!” Su Shaoqing got in Su Yumin’s way and signaled his grandfather to calm himself. He whispered, “We can’t afford to offend Chengyan because we have yet to get Nuan to acknowledge herself as a member of the Su family! If we accidentally offend him and Nuan refuses to reunite with the family, we’re going to lose her for good!”

Once Su Yumin heard his grandson’s words, his jaw dropped open. He turned around and confronted Su Huaibei, “Y-You haven’t got her to open up with you?”

His son massaged his temples and wondered, “Dad, why are you here? Why did you bring along so many people with you?”

Su Huaibei’s heart sank to the bottom of his stomach; no one could feel worse than he at the moment.

After dealing with Fu Chengyan and finally winning him over, a bunch of people showed up out of nowhere and disrupted his initial plan. He felt as though things had spun out of his control. He had no idea what was about to happen.

"What? Are we not supposed to come? How could you keep me in the dark when you knew you would be meeting my granddaughter?" Staring at Su Huaibei in the eyes, Su Yumin bellowed, "I'll deal with you later on! In the meantime, let's have a seat and wait for my beloved granddaughter's return!"

Su Shaoqing was speechless because he was certain Shi Nuan would be intimidated by the presence of so many people who had shown up out of the blue.

He would also react in a similar manner and flee if it happened to him.

Seeing Shi Nuan standing at the entrance of the dining suite, the restaurant manager asked, "Mrs. Fu, why are you out here?"

The manager had come to serve the dishes they had ordered, but the moment he spotted the crowd inside the suite he thought those people were there to seek revenge.

Everyone inside the suite turned around collectively once they heard the manager.

Su Yunwan greeted, "Nuan!"

"What? This is my beloved granddaughter, Nuan?" Su Yumin rushed over and checked out Shi Nuan. He nodded and complimented her, "Great! You're a fine-looking young woman!"

Shi Nuan stood right where she was in an awkward manner. Feeling anxious, she accidentally tightened her grip on Cheng An's hand. The little girl's face puckered in pain. "Aunt, you're hurting me!"

Finally, Shi Nuan returned to her senses and shot a glance at her husband, indicating she desperately needed him by her side.

Fu Chengyan took a quick glance at the spacious dining suite that was now relatively stuffed given the number of people standing around. Squinting, he made his way past the crowd and approached his wife. He wrapped his arm around Shi Nuan's shoulders, asserting to those in the suite his dominance as her guardian and husband.

Su Yumin's irritation was written all over his face. However, he decided to keep his emotions to himself for the time being. He greeted, "Nuan, I'm your grandfather!"

Furrowing her eyebrows, Shi Nuan was at a loss for words to reciprocate the enthusiastic greeting from her so-called grandfather. She was rather confused by their presence.

She started feeling uneasy and trembled in her husband's arms. Similarly, Fu Chengyan was aware of his wife's concerns. In response, he drew her even closer to him. Putting on a stern front, he announced in a serious manner, "I'm so sorry, but my wife isn't feeling well. We'll be leaving in advance."

Of course, the Su family would not allow him to leave just like that.

Su Huainan stopped Fu Chengyan and requested, "Mr. Fu! Since we're all here today, why don't we talk things out?"

Pausing for a few seconds, Fu Chengyan gave it a thought. In the end, through the corner of his eyes, he cast a skeptical gaze at Su Shaoqing and Su Huaibei. "I don't recall inviting the entire Su family to join us. I'm just here for lunch with you and Shaoqing."

Su Yumin was on the verge of losing his temper. Fortunately, Su Huainan got ahead of his father and said, "We're the ones at fault for showing up unannounced, but we mean no harm. My father only came because he can't wait to see his granddaughter."

Glancing at Shi Nuan in Fu Chengyan

's arms, he let out a long sigh of helplessness and told her, "Nuan, your uncles, aunties, and grandfather mean no harm!"

Shi Nuan remained silent, yet she nudged her husband.

Looking into her eyes, Fu Chengyan nodded in return and assured his wife, "I will definitely respect your decision. If you wish to leave, we'll leave immediately. But if you wish to stay, I won't bring you away against your will."

Fu Chengyan whispered in a gentle manner. As those were words intended for his wife, his previously indifferent and callous tone was nowhere to be found. Those from the Su family heaved a sigh of relief because Fu Chengyan seemed to be serious about Shi Nuan.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have changed his mind and allow his wife to make the decision. He had always been known as a man of few words amongst the corporate players.

Shi Nuan hesitated for a few seconds. In the end, she suggested, "Since we have so many guests, let's have the manager get us a bigger suite."

The members of the Su family felt a boulder being lifted off their shoulders upon hearing Shi Nuan's suggestion.

"She's right! Since we have so many people today, let's move to a bigger space!" Su Yumin couldn't hold back his excitement anymore.

Shi Nuan's lips convulsed involuntarily. She asked, "Is there a larger room that is available?"

Fu Chengyan looked in the manager's direction. Immediately, the manager said, "Mr. Fu, there's another suite that is currently unoccupied. I'll go get everything ready at once!"

Since Fu Chengyan had agreed to relocate, the manager immediately asked his staff to get the bigger suite ready.

Soon, everything was sorted out and all guests were ushered into a spacious suite. Fu Chengyan wrapped one arm around his wife while holding Cheng An with his other arm.

The trio led the way with the Su family following behind. As they approached the bigger suite, Su Yumin whispered to Su Shaoqing, "Qing, is Fu Chengyan a close acquaintance of yours? Is he a good man? Has he been taking great care of Nuan?"

Su Shaoqing rolled his eyes in return. If he weren't serious about Shi Nuan, Fu Chengyan wouldn't have gone to great lengths to arrange today's meet-up, nor risk the relationship between the Fu and Su families with his serious choice of words just now.

Su Shaoqing was dumbstruck by his grandfather's silly question, but he replied casually, "Yes, he's a great man. He has been doing a wonderful job protecting Shi Nuan all this while. Actually, he's a dedicated man. He has helped her sort out all the issues she encountered before I became acquainted with her."

Su Yumin nodded in return. "That is reassuring. I have always been worried that he's a playboy who's going to break Nuan's heart. Since Nuan will soon be a member of the Su family, I'm sure those from the Fu clan won't dare to bully Nuan from now on."

Su Shaoqing couldn't believe his ears. He rebuked, "Grandpa! Have you been spending your time watching soap operas again? Those are the plots of a typical soap opera! No one is

bullying anyone, okay? Besides, she has Chengyan by her side. No one will be foolish enough to try anything silly against her!”

“You shouldn’t be so certain because the old fool from the Fu clan is—”

“Dad! Please mind your words!” Su Huaibei got in his father’s way and stopped him from finishing his sentence. Glaring at him, his father bellowed, “Huh? I have yet to deal with you. You dare to raise your voice at me?”

Su Yumin hit his son with his cane once again. The old man didn

’t bother to hold back against his son at all and the resulting thump was so loud that even Shi Nuan, who was way ahead of them, could hear the noise.

She paused momentarily, but Fu Chengyan held her hand firmly and shook his head. Shi Nuan pursed her lips and reassured her husband, “Don’t worry. I’m fine. I will be fine.”

After they entered the spacious dining suite, Fu Chengyan paid no heed to others. He brought Shi Nuan over to her seat and instructed the manager, “Please serve us the dishes we have ordered just now. As for those who are present, have them order their own meal.”

Su Shaoqing rebutted Fu Chengyan’s seemingly harsh statement the moment he entered the suite. “Hey, Chengyan! Why are you treating your guests in such a manner? How come Nuan gets to have her meal sorted out on her behalf? What about us?”

“Are you going to snatch a pregnant woman’s meal?” Fu Chengyan glared at Su Shaoqing.

“Get out of the way!” Su Yumin hit Su Shaoqing with his cane. “Are you blind? Can’t you see Nuan is heavily pregnant? Go get yourself something to eat if you’re starving!”

Once he chased his grandson away, he scurried over and took a seat by Shi Nuan’s side. He put on a gentle front and greeted her politely, “Hello, Nuan! My name is Su Yumin! I’m the father of that rascal over there, and I’m also your grandfather!”

The rest of the Su family members were flabbergasted. They thought the old man was possessed because he had never behaved so gently in front of others.

Shi Nuan responded with an odd smile because Su Yumin was overly enthusiastic. She had no choice but to reply, “H-Hello.”

His expression turned grim for a second when he heard his granddaughter's reply, but he quickly beamed again. "Since I have just come from the airport, I don't have anything valuable for you."

Reaching for the jade pendant in his pocket, he handed it over to Shi Nuan and told her,

"This is your late grandmother's favorite pendant. It's one of the Su family's heirlooms. It's yours from now on."

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Su Shaoqing broke the silence as things were about to get awkward between the old man and the young woman.

He asked, "Grandpa, how can you bring Grandma's jade pendant with you everywhere you go?"

"Am I supposed to inform you of every decision I make in my life? Your grandmother has never traveled abroad back in the day. I bring it along with me because it feels as though she's still by my side." Su Yumin suggested once more,

"Nuan, why don't you keep this?"

His so-called granddaughter gulped and turned him down. "Old Master Su, I-I don't think that's appropriate!"

Shi Nuan had no intention to accept the jade pendant from the start, and she certainly would not accept it after hearing the story behind this precious item.

Since Su Yumin considered it as one of his family's heirlooms, Shi Nuan was certain it was a valuable item. He should hand it over to his children instead of me, since it belonged to his wife. I can't possibly accept an item of such importance from him!

Su Yumin put on a pitiable front since Shi Nuan had turned him down once again. "Is it because this isn't a valuable item? Never mind. Consider it a souvenir to commemorate our first meeting! I have plenty of gifts for you, Nuan!"

"E-Erm..." Shi Nuan stuttered and massaged her temple because Su Yumin wasn't the calm and collected man she thought he would be.

"Shame on you, Grandpa! How can you copy me? You're not supposed to act cute like a little girl!" Cheng An spoke up. Fu Chengyan helped his niece stand on the chair, and the girl tucked her arms as she berated Su Yumin.

Su Yumin and those from the Su family were at a loss for words. After all, Cheng An's remark was exactly on point.

Nevertheless, Su Yumin rebuked the little girl's statement, "You're not supposed to make fun of me! I'm merely trying to entertain my beloved granddaughter!"

Shi Nuan's lips twitched involuntarily. She looked at Fu Chengyan, not knowing whether she should accept the jade pendant.

Fu Chengyan looked at her with his gleaming eyes and replied courteously, "May, since it's a gift from Old Master Su, why don't you accept it?"

"He's right! This isn't a valuable item, either!" Su Yumin nodded vigorously.

The members of the Su family couldn't believe their ears because a minute ago, Su Yumin had just told her it was a family heirloom. By now, however, he had changed his mind and claimed it was something without much value.

"I-I can't! T-This must be very precious to you!" Shi Nuan turned him down once more.

"Since this isn't the thing you desire, why don't you get him to give you something else?" Fu Chengyan beat around the bush. To his surprise, Su Yumin nodded without a second thought. "He's right, Nuan! What do you want? I'll give you everything that's within my possession!"

Shi Nuan pouted her lips and told him, "Actually, there isn't anything that I want in particular, but could you please do me a favor? Maybe you can stop being overly enthusiastic?"

Su Yumin was taken aback by his granddaughter's words. He reflected upon his action and muttered, "Huh? Am I being overly enthusiastic?"

She nodded in return and suggested, "Old Master Su, why don't you place your order? What do you like to eat?"

In the end, they had a meal together. It was a lively scene because there were so many people around. The members of the Su family weren't irritated by the presence of Shi Nuan at all. Instead, they seemed to have taken a liking to her. Shi Nuan didn't expect the Su family to be such a welcoming bunch.

Shi Nuan was only supposed to come for a simple lunch with her so-called father, but she was then forced to endure an awkward session. She certainly had not expected this turn of events. Although she had been searching for an opportunity to turn down Su Huaibei, she dared not bring up the topic now as there were so many people around.

Fu Chengyan, who had been by his wife's side, managed to get the hang of her concerns but behaved naturally as though it wasn't a big deal at all.

All the while, he took care of Cheng An, served Shi Nuan the dishes he had ordered, and urged her to eat up.

After the meal, each member of the Su family presented their gifts to Shi Nuan and left. Su Huaibei and Su Shaoqing were the only ones staying behind.

Smiling, Su Shaoqing suggested, "Chengyan, let's head out for a walk!"

Having his fair share of doubts, Fu Chengyan squinted. After Shi Nuan signaled him with a determined look, he cradled Cheng An in his arms and brought her out with him.

Since Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing had walked away, Su Huaibei and Shi Nuan were the only ones left in the spacious suite.

Su Huaibei wasn't his usual self in front of Shi Nuan. He felt ill at ease and decided to change his posture. "Nuan..."

Shi Nuan got ahead of him and broke the silence. "Mr. Su, I know what you're up to and I'm glad those from the Su family seem to be fond of me."

Her father nodded in return. "They are a pretty welcoming bunch."

"However, I can't possibly reciprocate the affection just because they like me. I can't go around and acknowledge everyone as my relatives."

"What do you mean? They're your real relatives!"

Behaving as though it was a relatively trivial matter to her, she raised her head and denoted, "Indeed. They're my relatives. In fact, you're my biological father, aren't you?"

Staring at her father in the eyes indifferently, she enunciated her reply in a calm and collected manner. It was evident she held no grudge against him.

Su Huaibei felt a sense of despair all of a sudden. "Are you blaming me for abandoning you back then?"

His daughter shook her head and rebuked, "No. I'm a grown-up. In fact, I didn't even know I have been abandoned, so I did not go through the misery an abandoned child would feel. By the time I figured out the truth, I was already an adult. I can think independently and can tell right from wrong. To me this isn't a big deal; it's just life. I can accept it."

Mustering his courage to finish his sentence, the delighted man stuttered, "D-Does that mean you have forgiven me?"

"How am I supposed to forgive you when I have never held a grudge against you?" Shi Nuan's rhetorical question took Su Huaibei by surprise.

She heaved a long sigh and probed, "Mr. Su, since when did you figure out I'm your biological daughter?"

"Not long ago," Su Huaibei paused for a few seconds before adding, "I have no idea you're still alive! If I knew, I wouldn't have left you alone back then!"

Shi Nuan raised her head in return and asked once more, "Mr. Su, what exactly do you mean?" Why did you say you're not aware that I'm alive?"

Su Huaibei hesitated, but in the end, he finally made up his mind to tell her the truth.

"Previously, a certain incident occurred between me and your mother, Shu Qing. She lied to me and told me you've died!"

Staring at her in the eyes, he repeated himself,

“She headed over to C Country after leaving the capital. I tagged along with her. Therefore...”

“Does that mean you’re not aware of my existence all along?”

Su Huaibei nodded and announced, “I have never once fulfilled my responsibilities as a father over the past two decades. I don’t want to defend myself with the so-called truth because those are mere excuses. Nonetheless, I want you to know I’m willing to spend the rest of my life taking care of you. As long as you’re willing to acknowledge me as your father, I will be your biggest backing! I’ll sort everything out on your behalf whenever you need me by your side!”

“I’m pretty sure you’re aware I don’t need any of those!” Shi Nuan hesitated, but she decided to blurt out her thoughts.

Nodding, her father acknowledged, “You’re right! All this while, Fu Chengyan has done a great job protecting you. He’s an exceptional man and I’m pretty sure he possesses the capability to protect you. However, I want to protect you as your father, Nuan. I know you’re a grown-up and there are only few things I could help with, but don’t you think it’s better to have another influential family behind you?”

Shi Nuan couldn’t make up her mind and fell silent for a short while. In the end, she declared, “I’m so sorry, but I can’t make the call for now!”

A glint of disappointment flashed through his eyes, yet he put on a smile. “Alright. If that’s the case, I won’t try to rush things through, either. Whenever you’re ready to open up to me, feel free to drop by my place and look for me.”

He thought that would be the end of their conversation, but Shi Nuan stopped him and asked, “Mr. Su, I’m your daughter. What about Shen Qianan from the Shen family? Is she Shen Feng’s daughter?”

Su Huaibei’s body stiffened all of a sudden.

Shi Nuan could detect the man’s dangerously intimidating vibe as he clenched his fist to suppress the frustration he had been keeping to himself.

"I don't know what sort of relationship you have with Shu Qing. Frankly, I also have no intention to figure out how things may work out between the two of you in the future. Allow me to make myself clear: I may or may not acknowledge you as my father in the future, but I won't acknowledge that woman as my mother."

Once she blurted those harsh remarks, she brought herself up and said, "It's getting late. I believe it's time for you to return home."

Shi Nuan walked over to the entrance and met up with her husband and niece who had been waiting for her. The dining suite was silent again, so quiet that Su Huaibei could hear the ambient noise around him.

The last sentence of Shi Nuan resonated over and over again in Su Huaibei's mind. He couldn't believe she could be so calm and collected. She made it sound like this was a trivial matter in her life. At the same time, however, she was also determined that she would not change her mind.

Su Huaibei felt lost; he couldn't seem to work his way around his daughter.

Shi Nuan had a different personality from that of her biological parents. Whenever he recalled her daughter was a composed woman capable of defending herself from all sorts of harm, he would be heartbroken because he was the reason behind her personality.

Su Shaoqing returned to the dining suite and noticed Su Huaibei was lost in thought. "Uncle Huaibei! They have left!"

"It's time for us to return home as well," Su Huaibei nodded and said. He couldn't feel his back anymore due to the long hours of sitting in an odd position.

"Sure!"

As there were things that would require Su Shaoqing's attention, he returned to the hospital once he dropped off Su Huaibei at the Su residence.

The moment Su Huaibei stepped into the house, the butler rushed over and announced,

"Mr. Su, Old Master Su is looking for you!"

Frowning upon hearing the butler's words, he nodded and replied, "Okay."

Practically everyone from the Su family had gathered in the living room. They behaved as though they were about to hold a serious family meeting.

Su Huaibei brought himself over and greeted everyone, "Dad, Yunwan, Huainan, Shuqin, Yunqing."

Once he finished greeting his father and siblings, his father threw the cup of tea he had in his hand in the direction of Su Huaibei.

"You insolent fool! You're finally willing to show up after so many years, huh?"

Su Huaibei did not evade the cup of tea. Consequently, it hit Su Huaibei's forehead, causing him to be drenched in a mix of tea and blood. Those present were shocked.

"Bei!" Su Yunwan brought herself up and rushed over to her brother's side. "Are you okay?"

"I'll banish from this family whoever that tries to beg for mercy on his behalf!" Su Yumin pointed in the direction of the entrance, yelling to express his frustration, "Why have you returned to us, huh? Since you left the family, why don't you stay away from us for the rest of your life? I'll pretend as though I never had an unfilial son like you!"

Lin Shuqin broke the silence in an attempt to calm her father-in-law. "Dad! You have to calm down! Don't stress yourself!"

She signaled the butler to play along with her. Immediately, the butler said,

"Old Master Su, you have just taken the medicines the day before yesterday. Please calm down!"

Su Yumin glared at the butler and bellowed, "Get the hell out of my sight at once! This has nothing to do with you!"

Immediately after he reprimanded the butler, he told Lin Shuqin,

"Shuqin, you should stay out of this as well!"

The old man then continued, "You unfilial son, get down on your knees at once! I want you to tell me the things that have occurred between you and the Jiang woman! What happened to

my granddaughter? How did she become the granddaughter of that old fool from the Shi family?"

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Su Yumin had just come down from the plane when his wife told him about it. It was then he instantly sent someone to check where Su Huaibei was having his meal today. Upon receiving the message, he sped there. "Look at you. You're already at this age, why are you still not being serious about anything?"

"Dad!" Su Huaibei frowned. "How am I not serious about it?"

"How can you say you are? Tell me, what have you done when you left for the capital twenty-five years ago?" Upon seeing Su Huaibei, Su Yumin felt anger rose in his chest. "Don't assume I don't know what you're doing all the time. I just didn't want to waste my breath on you. Let me tell you this. You have to acknowledge Nuan, there is no room for discussion about this matter. As for that woman, the Su family will never see her as part of the family!"

Su Yumin was determined. "If you're still adamant about wasting your time and effort on that woman, I'll kick you out even if you're my son!"

"Dad, this is my private matter. Can you stop sticking your nose into my business?"

"Stop sticking my nose into your business? If I stop getting involved, you'll be even more unruly. That woman is a troublesome one. I know everything that's going on about her in the country. I won't accept a woman whose private life is a mess. Moreover, she even abandoned the Su family's granddaughter!"

Su Yumin scoffed before turning to look at Su Yunwan and Lin Shuqin. "Yunwan, Shuqin, you're both at home recently. Tell me more about it."

"I..." Su Yunwan hesitated for a moment before continuing, "Huaibei, Dad's right. None of us have a thing against Shi Nuan, but Shu Qing's really not a good woman. Huaibei, you've been stubborn about this for many years. What is the point of it?"

“Yunwan, this is my personal affair!” Su Huaibei furrowed his brows. Just as the words left his mouth, everyone heard footsteps coming from upstairs. In the next moment, Shu Qing could be seen standing at the stairs, when she saw the number of people gathering, she sneered, “Is this a trial? Su Huaibei, your family really loves to toy with people. Do they really think I enjoy staying here? Go on, tell them yourself. Am I willingly staying here?”

“Shut up!” Su Huaibei creased his brows. “Stop talking.”

“Why aren’t you letting her talk? Go on, continue.” Su Yumin stood up. “And here I am thinking that you’ve already left. Turns out you’re still staying here. Since you’re here, let’s make things clear. Did you agree to leave with Huaibei back then?”

Although Shu Qing acted domineering with Su Huaibei, she still held a tinge of fear when faced with Su Yumin.

Looking at her expression, Su Yumin continued, “Jiang Yuan, I didn’t think that you were so bad back then. I didn’t expect that you’re a scheming woman. If you’ve left with Huaibei and spent your time well with him, I wouldn’t have said anything. But your relationship with Huaibei over the years is complicated, to say the least, and you’ve even abandoned your own child. Do you think the Su family will accept a woman like you?”

At that, Shu Qing clenched her fists. “Who said that I want to be in the Su family, anyway?” She then shot a frigid glare at Su Huaibei. “Look, Su Huaibei, regardless of now or twenty-five years ago, we’re fated to have a bad ending. Why are you still so stubborn about this?”

Shu Qing’s question was like a hammer pounding into Su Huaibei’s heart, and the latter paled.

His grim eyes locked onto Shu Qing’s, and the way he gritted his teeth was as though he wanted to crush her right then and there.

Upon noticing his expression, the rest of the Su family could not help but frown. “Huaibei...”

Despite them calling him out, his gaze remained fixed on Shu Qing. “Since you’ve chosen to be with me back then, your decision will be for life. That was what you’ve said, Jiang Yuan.”

Shu Qing shuddered upon his words. She dared not look into Su Huaibei’s eyes. Clenching her fists, she turned her head to the side and bit down hard on her lower lip.

“Look into my eyes, Jiang Yuan. I refuse to believe that you’ve forgotten.”

“What’s there not to believe? Shu Qing closed her eyes. A thought flashed into her mind, and she raised her head. There was no longer any pain in her eyes as she stared at Su Huaibei coldly. “Have you forgotten that Jiang Yuan is already dead? She’s been killed, and you’re one of her murderers. All that’s left now is a body. I am Shu Qing. Shu Qing!”

Shu Qing walked toward Su Huaibei and lifted her head to look at him. She reached out with trembling hands to touch the latter’s face. He was once her beloved, but now, his existence was her agony. “You and I both should understand that we can’t go back anymore. From the moment Shen Qianan was born and the moment you wanted to kill her, it’s decided that we can’t go back to what we were like before anymore.”

“But she’s the bastard child of you and him!” Su Huaibei grabbed Shu Qing’s hand. “I said that as long as you abandon that girl, I can let bygones be bygones.”

“What about Shi Nuan? If Shen Qianan was a bastard child, what is Shi Nuan?”

Slap! Su Huaibei gave Shu Qing a tight slap, and her head snapped to the side from the force.

She stumbled and took several steps back. Covering her face, she burst into laughter. “Bastard child? Su Huaibei, the one who isn’t getting accepted is the one who’s the bastard child; Shi Nuan is the bastard child.”

“I’ll kill you!”

“Huaibei!”

Su Huaibei abruptly halted. He grabbed his chest as he slowly crouched down, looking deathly pale.

“Bei!”

“Huaibei!”

Almost everyone from the Su family crowded over and pushed Shu Qing aside.

“Huaibei, what’s wrong?”

“Huaibei!”

“Move aside, everyone.” Su Huainan was swift to decide. He looked at Shu Qing with a sharp gaze. “What’s wrong with Huaibei?”

Shu Qing had seen the color draining from Su Huaibei’s face. The moment he collapsed onto the ground, she froze as everyone surrounded him, her mind going blank. She wanted to move forward to find out what happened to him, but she found that she could not even budge an inch.

At that moment, Shu Qing thought she saw the Su Huaibei from his younger days. The words Su Huaibei said back then rang in her ears. She was reminded of the beginning of her nightmare.

“No. I don’t know. I don’t know anything!”

“You lunatic!” Su Yunqing gritted her teeth and grabbed Shu Qing. “Snap out of it and tell me what’s wrong with Huaibei!”

“No. I don’t know!”

“Mr. Su!” Fu Yi rushed to the scene when he heard the servants’ conversation outside. When he saw Su Huaibei lying on the ground, he promptly took out some medicine and fed it to Su Huaibei. “Mr. Su, how do you feel?”

“Fu Yi, what’s going on?” Su Huainan grabbed his collar. “What’s wrong with Huaibei?”

“I... Sir, please send him to the hospital first.”

Thus, the group instantly brought Su Huaibei to Su Shaoqing’s hospital. Almost every member of the Su family was waiting outside the emergency room. Even Su Shaoqing, who was in the middle of his shift, rushed over. “How’s Uncle Huaibei?”

“He’s still in the emergency room.” Su Huainan pinched the bridge of his nose. He then reached out to pat Su Shaoqing’s shoulder. “Why are you here?”

“How can I not be here when something happened to Uncle Huaibei? But...” Su Shaoqing turned to look at Fu Yi and Shu Qing. “What’s going on?”

Shu Qing was in a daze. She did not know why she was at the hospital. This was supposed to be the perfect opportunity for her to escape Su Huaibei and the Su family, but she did not leave.

Fu Yi glanced at the upset Shu Qing and looked away. "Mr. Su's heart has been in a bad state for the past few years. Over twenty years ago, his heart was injured. Back then, he was bleeding out, and he nearly died in operation. He only survived because he was strong. After that incident, he has a bad heart, and he has to take his medication regularly. The doctor said that he can't be too agitated or else the attacks will become more frequent. That's why..." Fu Yi trailed off and glanced at Shu Qing with reddened eyes before turning back to Su Shaoqing.

Fu Yi's words made the other Su family members' hearts skipped a beat. "W-Why did something like this happen to Huaibei? Why didn't he tell us about something as major as this?"

"I'm sure all of you know what kind of person he is. He's the kind who doesn't tell much to anyone. Moreover, back then..." Fu Yi looked at Shu Qing resentfully. "If not for that matter, his personality wouldn't have changed as much."

The Su family members, and even Shu Qing, were stunned by his words. Shu Qing ran toward Fu Yi and grabbed him by the collar. "What did you say? Say it again. When did he get injured? Why don't I know anything about it?"

"Of course you don't. Where were you when he was injured? You're in some other man's house, giving birth to his child!"

"No..." Shu Qing collapsed onto the ground. "You're lying to me. How can this be? He... He said he doesn't want me anymore. He..."

"How naive must you be to believe everything he says? What about the time he says he loves you then? Why didn't you believe in that?"

"I..."

It was true that she did not believe in that. Back when she was pregnant, she was looking for him everywhere to no avail. After that...

When Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan arrived, Shu Qing was still sitting on the ground, mumbling to herself. The members of the Su family were still waiting outside, and the light outside the emergency room had yet to go out.

Shi Nuan strode over, and Fu Chengyan quickly grabbed Shi Nuan's hand and helped her over.

Her appearance startled the Su family members.

"I'm the one who called her to come." Su Shaoqing walked over and handed a glass of warm water to Shi Nuan. "Regardless of everything, Nuan is still Uncle Huaibei's daughter."

Shi Nuan took the glass of water from Su Shaoqing. "Thank you. How is he?"

"He's still in there," Su Shaoqing replied with a rare solemnness, and Shi Nuan could sense that it was a grave situation.

On her way here, Shi Nuan kept thinking about one thing. Why am I worried and nervous that Su Huaibei is sick? The answer was obvious.

Although Su Huaibei had not raised her, he was still the man who gave her life.

"He'll be fine."

Upon hearing the words, Su Shaoqing raised his head in shock before he gave her a faint smile. "It's cold in the night. Shall I ask the nurse to bring a chair over? Or maybe you and Fu Chengyan should wait in my office. I'll notify you when he's out."

"There's no need."