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Chapter 506 Something Happened To Shi Wei

After a round of persuasion from Su Su, Shi Wei decided to let go of all reservations, for she had been waiting for so long for that movie. Considering that she was finally beginning to make headway, she was reluctant to give up on such an opportunity.

"I've asked Mr. Li. He said there would be other people around, so all you have to do is drink with them. You can drink, can't you?" Su Su patted her shoulder and added, "I'll also be accompanying you!"

"Okay!" Shi Wei took a deep breath, looking very determined. Upon witnessing that, Su Su sneered inwardly and led her upstairs.

Court Martins was an entertainment center that provided service for dignitaries with certain fetishes. Usually, only a handpicked few would be brought to such a place. The vast majority of them were popular celebrities and some rather charming rising stars. One who wished to shoot to stardom in such a way could only spend time with the wealthy people at that place.

Initially, Shi Wei had come to that place because she was enticed and wanted to check it out. However, as her curiosity had the best of her, things went out of hand. By the time she realized what sort of a place it was, it was already too late for her to turn back.

Setting her foot in that place again, Shi Wei still felt fear rising within her. Nevertheless, that sense of apprehension dissipated by the hustle and bustle of the room as soon as she made her way inside. Su Su's right all along. I'm indeed not alone! Apart from Mr. Li and his group, another group of men and women was also there. They all seemed to be enjoying themselves.

When the crowd saw Shi Wei's arrival, they took the initiative to greet her. Quite a few of them were actors and actresses she had worked with before in film crews. Her eyes twitched involuntarily at that. Before she could react, Mr. Li wrapped his arm around her waist the next second. "You're here, Ms. Shi!"

With a lascivious glint in his eyes, he stared intensely at Shi Wei's chest. Prior to that, she thought it would be a dinner meeting, so she wore a gorgeous gown for the occasion. To make matters worse, the design of the gown was highly sexy at the front and equally revealing at the back. Mr. Li fixed his gaze on Shi Wei as though his eyes were glued to her body. Moreover, he could not rein in his filthy hands from lingering everywhere on her body.

A wave of nausea soon engulfed Shi Wei's heart, and she felt like throwing up. However, as soon as she thought of the role in the movie, she immediately endured her feeling of disgust and greeted, "Mr. Li, it's been a while!"

"It's been a long time indeed. Ever since our last meeting, you've been running in my mind all day and night, Ms. Shi!"

Shi Wei could not help but shudder on that note. Just as she turned her head to try to look for Su Su, Mr. Li pulled her down onto his lap. "Here, drink this, Ms. Shi."

She tried to reject him but was forced to accept the glass and take a sip of that drink when she perceived the strong hint of displeasure on his face. Immediately afterward, a burning sensation seared her tongue before spreading throughout her entire body. "Mr. Li, what kind of liquor did you make me drink?"

Putting on a lustful visage, he smirked and replied, "Obviously, it's the kind that will benefit both of us!"

Upon hearing that, Shi Wei shook involuntarily. At that moment, she could only feel Mr. Li's hands roaming all over her skin. Despite her struggle to push him away, his face went nearer and nearer to her. The sound of the others' cheers and laughter continued to resonate in her ears. Before she could say anything, Mr. Li gobbled down a mouthful of liquor and kissed her right on her lips.

Banters echoed non-stop in the room. Meanwhile, Su Su stood in the doorway, seemingly waiting for something to happen. Soon enough, her phone chimed. She simply cast a glance at the text message on the screen and turned off the phone right away. Fishing out another phone, she dialed a number and spun around to depart from Court Martins.

The following day, Shi Wei hit the headlines of every media and newspaper with the news of her being the hottest celebrity in the city but having a messy personal life. A copious amount of graphic and explicit photographs of hers appeared out of nowhere all over the social networking platforms. Worse still, they were also uploaded to websites that specialized in filming adult-rated videos.

On top of that, rumor-mongers claimed that Shi Wei was discovered lying around a bunch of men and women. To be honest, it was a spectacular sight to behold. As for her true whereabouts, no one had a clue.

In a private clinic, Shi Wei huddled up in a chair, her body completely covered with clothes. Opposite her was another lady with an ever-so-stern expression. "Ms. Shi, please undo your pants."

Shi Wei glared daggers at the female doctor with bloodshot eyes, yet she remained reluctant to do the latter's bidding.

The female doctor then removed her surgical mask. Her eyes were devoid of emotions as she said, "Ms. Shi, you came here and requested a checkup on your accord, am I right? If you decide to back out, you can leave right now!"

The moment Jiang Yu heard the doctor's stern words, she hurriedly barged in and clasped the doctor's arm. "No, no. We'll proceed with the checkup! Please see my daughter quickly. She's been unwell these few days. She doesn't even eat much. Also, she—"

"Mother, that's enough," Shi Wei interrupted. Even her voice was trembling. "Please stop talking."

"Oh, Lord! What did I do to deserve this? Why on earth did you go to a place like that? Tell me! Why?" Never in a million years would Jiang Yu expect such a terrible thing to happen to her daughter when the matter regarding Shi Yunsheng had yet to come to a closure.

She could not believe that Shi Wei would step into that place just for a puny movie role. Alas, not only had Shi Wei failed to score the role for herself, but she even had her reputation and future crushed to dust. A swarm of reporters and paparazzi had been camping right in front of the Shi residence day in and day out, hoping to obtain first-hand information about Shi Wei and write to the world about it.

Ever since the day that mishap occurred, Shi Wei had been hiding at home for several days. If Jiang Yu had not sensed that something was amiss with her, she would not have spotted the red flags of the latter's health.

Yu Qing maintained an ice-cold gaze at Shi Wei and Jiang Yu. Although she was expressionless on the outside, deep down inside, she despised the likes of Shi Wei to the core. "Please hurry up, Ms. Shi! My time is precious, so don't keep me waiting!"

Under the scrutiny of Yu Qing's chilling stare, Shi Wei finally gave in and took off her pants.

Yu Qing regarded Shi Wei's hesitant movements unfeelingly and instructed, "Lie down. Spread your legs."

From Shi Wei's perspective, nothing could be more ashamed than letting another person look at her that way. That was especially true, for that person was Yu Qing, who had a clear grasp of every bit of her background.

Moments later, Yu Qing removed her gloves and washed her hands with an impassive countenance. Then, she directed her gaze to Jiang Yu and explained, "Her genital area's severely injured, and the previous wound hasn't completely healed yet. Say, Ms. Shi, if you continue to be so wild, you seriously can't expect a doctor to save you every time. Besides, your condition is much more serious than before, and the wound is already inflamed. I suggest you get treated at the hospital as soon as possible."

"N-No! I can't go to the hospital!" Shaking her head frantically, Shi Wei hastily tugged at Jiang Yu's hand and exclaimed, "Mother, I can't go to the hospital! I just can't!"

Seeing Shi Wei's desolate look, Jiang Yu was even more heartbroken. "Dr. Yu, please help my daughter. I'm begging you!"

"I'm sorry. I'm only a doctor, not God. Her condition is very dire, so she needs to receive treatment at once." After Yu Qing dropped her comment, she changed her attire and went on, "I have something else to attend to, so I'll leave first."

Jiang Yu heaved a sigh.

Upon watching Yu Qing leave, she turned to look at Shi Wei with reddened, teary eyes. "Out of all places in the world, why did you have to go there, Wei?"

"Mother, I— Go look for Su Su, Mother. She'll definitely know what to do. Look for Su Su."

"Look for her? I don't even know where she is now. News and rumors are flying everywhere outside. Wei, I really don't know what to do this time. Why must you sell yourself short? You can always tell me if you're strapped for cash. Why did you have to go near those goats?"

Eventually, Shi Wei was taken to the hospital. Because of the delay in treatment, the doctor said that her wound was critically damaged, so she would most probably be unable to conceive in the future. That news alone was a fatal blow to Shi Wei.

During the period she was hospitalized, only Jiang Yu visited her from time to time. No one else paid her a visit. Even Fu Xicheng and Fu Yuqing were also unwilling to see her.

Subsequently, Fu Yuqing even asked Fu Xicheng to hold a press conference. The latter went as far as to announce that his relationship with Shi Wei had long gone sour, and they had been living separately for a very long time. He also claimed that he was totally unaware of the tragedy that befell Shi Wei.

One by one, Shi Wei's scandals made waves across the entertainment industry, causing an uproar on the Internet. Allegations about her framing other artists back then in the film crew and various programs were publicized.

In a flash, Shi Wei dominated the entire hot topics and trending charts. Even though the reporters could not reach her in person, they camped at the entrance of the Shi residence the whole time. Not only had Shi Wei's incident affected Huancheng's stock prices, but it had also become a stumbling block for Shi Jingzheng, putting him in a tough spot in Huancheng.

In the interim, Shi Nuan had only been visiting Shi Yunsheng at the hospital recently other than recuperating at the Fu residence. Even though she never told him what happened to Shi Wei, he still happened to learn about the news.

Shi Yunsheng had regained consciousness, so he knew very well everything that had happened during that time. In response to Shi Wei's circumstance, he could do absolutely nothing but sigh.

"Grandfather, would you like to have some fruits?"

Shi Yunsheng shook his head. "It's fine, Nuan. You really don't need to visit me. Look at me! I'm as fit as a fiddle now."

"It's all right. I have nothing to do anyway!" Shi Nuan helped him sit up as she spoke. When she suddenly recalled the matter pertaining to Shi Wei, her face turned grim.

"Grandfather, after you completely recover, Yan and I will bring you to the Fu residence, or we can go to Wutong Residence. What do you think?"

"No, Nuan. I have a home, too, so I can go back on my own, okay?" Shi Yunsheng reached out and patted Shi Nuan's hands. "I know what you are worried about, but don't you worry about a thing because those reporters won't do anything to me."

"But..." Shi Nuan was still a little uneasy. "They can't get Shi Wei, so I'm sure they'll stand guard at the front gate of the Shi residence. Yan said that both Mr. Shi and Mrs. Shi had

not returned lately just to avoid being pestered by that horde of reporters. Also, about Huancheng—”

“Nuan, I’m already so old. I don’t want to be involved in Huancheng’s affairs anymore. Haven’t I given you Huancheng’s stocks? If you wish, you can always make a comeback at Huancheng and take the helm at the company.”

“B-But technically, I’m not part of the Shi family. Plus, the stocks are now in Yan’s hands.”

Shi Yunsheng breathed out a sigh. “I know your concerns. Actually, I’ll only feel relieved if I entrust Huancheng to you. If I were to leave it in your father’s hands... Hah, I believe he would squander the whole company away.”

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Chapter 507 The Truth That Broke Shi Wei

Shi Nuan had been unhappy since she returned from Shi Yunsheng’s place. When Fu Chengyan returned home, he found Shi Nuan looking at something. Not knowing what it was, he went closer and realized that Shi Nuan was actually looking at Huancheng’s financial report. He could not help but feel surprised. “Why are you looking at this?”

Shi Nuan pouted. “Ever since I gave you Huancheng’s shares, I’ve never asked about it. I’m not worried that you would do anything to the Shi family,” Shi Nuan said with a sigh. “However, Granddad said something today that made me feel uneasy. Yan, is Huancheng in trouble?”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and reached over to caress her hair. “What are you worried about?”

“Granddad said that handing Huancheng to Dad is the cause of its downfall. Huancheng...” Shi Nuan paused. “Tell me honestly. Is Huancheng really in trouble?”

“Yes.” Fu Chengyan looked into Shi Nuan’s eyes and nodded. He reached out, picked Shi Nuan up, and then placed her on his lap. He squeezed her waist and could not help but frown. “Did you lose weight again?”

“Don’t change the topic.” Shi Nuan slapped away Fu Chengyan’s hand. “What’s going on in Huancheng?”

"Shi Jingzheng was too eager for success. Huancheng's situation has been declining over the past few years. Shi Jingzheng also purchased several projects previously, which caused problems in the cash flow. These problems are still present now."

"Isn't this the case with every company?"

"Yes, but it's different if they can't deal with the aftermath. Without returns on investment, even the biggest companies won't be able to sustain themselves." Fu Chengyan reached up and patted Shi Nuan's shoulder, telling her to relax and not be nervous. "These problems aren't obvious at first. However, it will get bigger over time, and problems will naturally appear."

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan solemnly when she heard that. "When did you find out about this?"

She did not believe that Fu Chengyan had only just found out about this situation. Based on his capabilities, he should have known about it long ago. It was likely that Huancheng was already an empty shell.

That was why Shi Jingzheng had wanted to cooperate with Shengyuan Group for a project. He probably wanted to get the funds from Shengyuan Group and direct it to Huancheng.

Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan uncertainly, but she got her answer from the expression on his face.

Shi Nuan's face fell. "So what now? Yan, did you—"

"Every company has its own fate." Fu Chengyan squeezed Shi Nuan's hand. "I know what you're worried about, but I don't have any reason to save it, do I?"

"Yan, the company is the fruit of Granddad's blood, sweat, and tears. I don't want all of his hard work to go down the drain!"

Fu Chengyan sighed. He gently caressed Shi Nuan's cheek. "You should know that I'm a businessman. I will only do profitable things."

Shi Nuan's eyes dimmed when she heard that, but they lit up again when she thought of an idea. She wrapped her arms around Fu Chengyan's neck and kissed him. "What about this? Is this profitable?"

Fu Chengyan's eyes flickered. He grabbed Shi Nuan's waist tightly and pulled her into his embrace as though he wanted to merge their bodies together. "May, do you know what you're doing?"

"Of course I do!" Shi Nuan smiled and gave him another kiss. "What can't be solved with a kiss?" She giggled and rested her forehead against Fu Chengyan's. "If one isn't enough, I'll give you two!"

A hint of surprise flashed across Fu Chengyan's eyes, and he could not help but chuckle. He pinched Shi Nuan's nose and exclaimed helplessly, "You!"

"Please?"

"Fine!" Fu Chengyan could not bear to disappoint Shi Nuan. "But you can't interfere with what I do, understand?"

"Okay! As long as you can save Huancheng, I will support you no matter what."

"Even if Huancheng belongs to someone else?" Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows. Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan suspiciously. "What do you mean?"

"What if Huancheng doesn't belong to the Shi family?" Fu Chengyan tapped Shi Nuan's lips. "What will you do?"

Shi Nuan lowered her eyes. "You're going to acquire Huancheng? Well, that's not impossible. If the current trend continues, Huancheng will undoubtedly become an empty shell. If you can acquire Huancheng before that happens, it will become a subsidiary under Shengyuan Group. But Granddad..."

Fu Chengyan took out a document from his briefcase and handed it to Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan was puzzled, but she still opened it to take a look. She saw the signature on the document, then looked at the content, which made her look at Fu Chengyan in shock. "This... Granddad... He—"

It was an equity transfer agreement for all of Shi Yunsheng's shares. "When did he sign this? Why wasn't I aware of it?"

"When Granddad was in the hospital." Fu Chengyan picked Shi Nuan up and put away all the documents around her. He glanced at her helplessly. "Granddad already knew that Huancheng is an empty shell. That's why he gave me this equity share agreement."

Shi Nuan felt weak all over. "Granddad... He already knew about this? That's why he gave it to you?"

It turned out that what Shi Yunsheng had told her was not a coincidence. They were said after careful consideration. "I don't understand. I don't have any blood relations with Granddad. Why is he giving Huancheng to me?" Shi Nuan had a good relationship with Shi Yunsheng, so the main problem was not the shares. She knew that Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu would have bad intentions once they found out about this.

"Silly girl, if not you, who else can he give it to?" Fu Chengyan shook his head lightly. "Shi Jingzheng doesn't have what it takes to be a businessman. Instead of letting Huancheng fall under his hands, Granddad might as well give it to you and let Shengyuan Group manage it."

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. "Actually, I—"

"Enough. Since you've already decided to save Huancheng, leave this matter to me, okay? Trust me."

Shi Nuan nodded. "By the way, about Shi Wei..."

Although Shi Nuan did not know why that incident about Shi Wei broke out so suddenly, she was sure that it was not a coincidence. "Did you do it?"

Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows and shook his head. "Not really."

"Not really? What is that supposed to mean?" Shi Nuan was confused.

Fu Chengyan smiled. "Give me a moment."

He went to his study to get some documents about the results obtained from the investigation and some information Su Su had given him. He handed them to Shi Nuan. "Take a look."

Shi Nuan was puzzled. She opened it and saw that everything was recorded clearly. Not a single detail was left out. "Su Su gave this to you?"

"How did you know that it was her?" Fu Chengyan stroked her head gently. He was not surprised that Shi Nuan could figure out who it was.

"Shi Wei had two best friends, Anna and Su Su. Anna has not returned since she left the country due to that incident, so there's only Su Su. Su Su used to get bullied because of

Shi Wei. She was always beside Shi Wei, but every time Shi Wei wanted to frame me, Su Su would take action. I knew that something was going on between them."

Fu Chengyan smiled. "Go on."

"Su Su blamed everything on Shi Wei, so it's not hard to guess that Su Su gave these to you. She understands Shi Wei best, after all. Did I guess it right?"

Fu Chengyan nodded. "But I wasn't the one who exposed her."

"It wasn't you?" Shi Nuan was surprised. "These were in your hands. If it wasn't you... then could it be Su Su?" Shi Nuan frowned. "What is she up to?"

At a villa by the sea, a beautifully dressed up Su Su appeared at the door and pressed the doorbell.

Soon after, the door opened. Shi Wei poked her head out and looked left and right. She only allowed Su Su to enter when she was sure that no one had followed the latter.

"What's the situation?" Shi Wei asked as she looked at Su Su's outfit. She could not help but frown. "Su Su, you've been—"

Su Su laughed at her words. She brushed past Shi Wei to turn on the television. "If you want to know, then see it for yourself!"

"D-Don't turn it on!" Shi Wei ran over and snatched the remote control from Su Su's hands. She finally managed to turn it off after a few tries. She glared at Su Su. "What is that supposed to mean? Also, where have you been? Why did you disappear after bringing me to Court Martins that day?" Shi Wei asked several questions in a row as she stared at Su Su.

However, Su Su merely laughed at her questions. She looked at the latter coldly and smiled. "Shi Wei, don't you know what's going on yet?"

"What do you mean?" Shi Wei looked at Su Su in disbelief. She had a bad feeling about her sudden change. She reached out to hold her hand but was shrugged off.

"What do I mean? It's so obvious. Can't you tell? Haha! Shi Wei, I was so careful about serving you, but your brain is full of trash." Su Su looked at Shi Wei coldly. "What do I mean? Shi Wei, can't you see? I'm taking revenge on you!"

"What did you say?" Shi Wei stared at Su Su in astonishment. "Y-You're taking revenge on me? You... Court Martins... Y-You deliberately lured me to Court Martins, didn't you? You let those people attack me to ruin my reputation?"

T-Those reporters were also your doing?" Shi Wei suddenly regained her bearings and stared at Su Su with wide eyes. "Why? N-No. Why did you do that to me?" They were supposed to be best friends.

"Why can't I treat you like that?" Su Su burst out laughing. "Because of your hatred toward Shi Nuan, you framed her and bullied me. I can still clearly remember what happened that night. Shi Wei, are you seriously asking me why? Can't you tell?"

I'm taking revenge on you! For how you treated me back then, I'm going to return it to you ten—no, a hundred times more so that you get a taste of your own medicine! Seriously, why? Haha! What a joke!"

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Chapter 508 Su Su Is Dead

"No, it's not real. No way!" Shi Wei took two steps backward. At that instant, she felt Su Su, who was before her, was so unfamiliar and scary. "Su Su, you lied to me, right? You're still my best friend. I doubt you would treat me this way. It's all Shi Nuan's fault. She forced you to do it, didn't she?"

Shi Wei grabbed onto Su Su's hand and shook her arm. "Su Su, tell me it was all Shi Nuan's doing! It's Shi Nuan!"

"Shi Wei, you're way too naïve!" Su Su yanked her hand. She felt good when she saw that Shi Wei was devastated and slumped to the floor. "Shi Nuan didn't ask me to do it. It was me who wanted to do it myself. Nevertheless, Shi Nuan is not a good person too. You two have been fighting with each other. Why did you and Shi Nuan have to involve me and Anna in your fight?"

"No, Su Su. I didn't. I've always treated you as my best friend. Su Su, you must trust me that I'm upset about what happened to you. I—"

"Haha. Stop kidding me. You? Upset? You're always using Anna and me as if we are your tools. Do you think we are dumb like you? Listen, it was me that you had always failed to set Shi Nuan up. And there you were thinking how smart you were."

"It's you! It's you! Su Su, why would you do this to me? I didn't mean any of that when it happened. I didn't expect them to treat you this way. It's Shi Nuan! Yes, it must be Shi Nuan! It's all because of her. She should be the one getting abused. Su Su, Shi Nuan is the one who placed you in this predicament now."

"Shut up!" Su Su shouted when Shi Wei did not repent for her mistake and thought it was Shi Nuan's fault. "Shi Nuan is not a good person, and neither you are! If you didn't go against her and set her up, would I have ended up like this? Haha. Shi Wei, I'm here to see your defeat. I didn't expect you to be worse than me. I'm pleased to see that."

"No. Su Su, you—I'll kill you! It's all because of you!" Shi Wei only realized then that Su Su hated her intensely. Otherwise, Su Su wouldn't have done this to her. "Did you deliberately approach me to be my assistant so you could do this to me? Su Su, we're friends!"

"F*ck off. I would be living a good life now if not because of you. You ruined everything! Since you have already known, I might as well tell you that it was all done by Fu Chengyan. He tried all kinds of methods to avenge Shi Nuan. Why do you think he signed you to Xinhuan Entertainment? He wanted to make you famous before making you fall. However, he did not expect you to be so weak. He spent so many resources on you, yet you never gained much popularity." Su Su shook her head while staring at Shi Wei in disdain. Her words hit right on Shi Wei's sore spot.

Su Su continued, "You should blame yourself for everything. Why did you mess with Shi Nuan? You and your stupid mother even tried to bully Shi Nuan and took advantage of her. Haha. Don't you know who Fu Chengyan is? He would never allow you to bully that girl."

"What did you say? What do you mean?" Shi Wei looked at Su Su, obviously shocked. "Y-You've been Fu Chengyan's pawn for a long time?"

"You're right. It was Fu Chengyan's order for me to approach you. Oh, right! You might be oblivious that Fu Chengyan has already acquired Huancheng. You will lose everything you own soon."

"Ah! Su Su, I'll kill you!"

Shi Wei's eyes were bloodshot as she ran toward Su Su. However, Su Su shoved her to the ground and stared at her coldly. "You asked for it! Blame yourself for everything!"

Su Su turned around and left, leaving Shi Wei sitting on the floor and staring at the door mindlessly. It was summer, but she oddly felt so cold that she couldn't help shivering.

Su Su walked to a car, reached out, and knocked on the door. "I've completed what you've ordered me to do."

A man wearing a silver mask appeared after rolling down the car window. His icy gaze landed on Su Su as he asked, "What now? Do you regret doing it?"

Su Su clenched her fists and shook her head firmly. "No, I don't. I only hope that you can ensure my parents live a comfortable and peaceful life after I die."

The man smirked and reached out his hand to raise her chin with his slender fingers. He flashed a smile and said, "You're a ruthless girl. You are a diamond in the rough if you are willing to follow me. Unfortunately, you have not much time left to live."

Su Su could not help but shudder. She looked away and avoided his gaze.

The man chuckled. "You can go now!"

"J, can I see your face?" Su Su paused and stared at J with interest. J was surprised to hear that. With a smile that did not reach his eyes, he said, "Do you know what happens to the people who see my face in the end?"

As Su Su looked at J in confusion, J smirked and said, "They die."

Su Su froze. She pursed her lips and uttered, "But I'm dying soon!"

"Then come and see my face after you die!"

The man got down from his car and stared at Su Su. "Remember what I said. Leave Jiang City now, or I can't guarantee your parents' safety!"

His words were obviously a threat to her. Although Su Su had only known J for some time, she knew his ways of getting things done were not worse compared to Fu Chengyan.

"Okay!"

J retracted his gaze after watching Su Su leave. "Ying."

A black figure suddenly appeared in front of J. "Mr. J."

J stared at Ying and hinted at him with a meaningful gaze. Ying understood what he wanted instantly. "Yes, Mr. J."

Ying disappeared in a split second. J tidied his cufflink before striding over to the villa at the seaside.

Shi Wei remained seated on the ground in a daze. She kept recalling the words said by Su Su not long ago. She did not believe Su Su would do that to her. However, the truth was right in front of her eyes. She thought that Shi Wei felt so unfamiliar to her at that instant.

Right then, a black shadow loomed over her. Shi Wei raised her head and looked at the black shadow and the man wearing a silver mask in shock.

Petrified, she moved backward. "W-Who are you?"

J looked down at Shi Wei and his gaze fell upon her face. "Someone who can help you!"

"Help me?"

"Look at you now. Don't you want to take revenge on the people who have harmed you, bullied you, and set you up? I'm here to help you send them to hell!"

His voice was alluring. Shi Wei swallowed a lump in her throat and rose to her feet. "Can you really help me?"

"Yes!"

"Why do you want to help me?" Shi Wei looked at that man warily. "We are not related." She did not believe that someone would help her for nothing.

The man stared at her intently. "Because we have a common enemy!"

Su Su died, and her corpse was found in the sea beside Shi Wei's villa. Someone had broken her neck. She had a menacing expression and looked awful when they found her body under the sea. Her whole body was swollen and ruined beyond recognition at that time. There was also a knife stabbed into her heart. It seemed that someone had stabbed her after she died.

Naturally, Shi Wei became the biggest suspect since the place Su Su's body was found was close to her villa. However, Shi Wei was nowhere to be found when the police officers arrived at her villa.

The police officers had surrounded the Shi residence early in the morning and brought Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu back to the police station to interrogate them. The Shi family was in a mess, and the news reported that Huancheng had lost money long ago. It was only then that the shareholders of Huancheng realized that Huancheng had become an empty shell and that Shi Jingzheng had moved all the funds.

Everything happened in a flash. It was so quick that no one had prepared for it to come.

In the Fu residence, Fu Chengyan stayed in his study while watching the news. He had not stopped frowning since he saw the news.

"Mr. Fu, as far as I know, Su Su had gone to Shi Wei's mansion before she died. I've yet to know what happened between them. But Mr. Fu, there's one thing that I don't understand. Why did Su Su break the news herself when she had agreed to work with us? She even gave us the information."

Zhou Zheng put the latest file he got in front of Fu Chengyan. "Another thing. This is Su Su's medical report. She had final-stage uterine cancer."

Fu Chengyan suddenly looked up and his eyes fell on Su Su's medical report. "Since when?"

"Not long ago!" Zhou Zheng frowned. "No wonder Su Su wanted to seek revenge so urgently. She must have known that she could not live any longer."

"What about her parents?" Fu Chengyan closed the file. He thought that things were not as simple as they seemed.

It was too much of a coincidence. Before he could do something to Shi Wei, something terrible had happened to her. And just as he ordered someone to find Su Su, she was found dead close to Shi Wei's mansion. Even before he could save the Shi family and Huancheng, the Shi family had broken up, and the news had reported about Huancheng being in the red. Someone had made their move before he could do anything.

"They've gone overseas. They left the country one night before Su Su's body was found."

Fu Chengyan's brows furrowed tightly together. "Find out who Su Su had met with recently."

"Mr. Fu, what do you mean?"

"Do you think Su Su was capable of doing so many unexpected things? It's apparent that someone has come prepared. In that case, they could be traces left behind. Find out who Su Su had met with recently. And find out where Shi Wei had been, what she had been doing, and who she had met. I want everything in detail."

"Yes, Mr. Fu!"

After Zhou Zheng left, Shi Nuan pushed open the door. She took a deep breath before stepping into the study. "Yan!"

Fu Chengyan looked up and saw Shi Nuan. He waved his hand and uttered, "Come over here!"

Shi Nuan strode over and massaged Fu Chengyan's temples lightly. "Yan, about Huancheng..."

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Chapter 509 A Mysterious Series Of Events

"So, you think I'm the one who did it?" Fu Chengyan asked. "No!" Shi Nuan denied while shaking her head. After all, if it was him, he wouldn't have agreed to help Huancheng out. "I know it wasn't you, but I have no idea who it could have been. It's not like Huancheng is that big of a company, so I doubt it has many enemies. I just can't think of anyone who would want to target Huancheng."

"Maybe you should start thinking about why this happened to Huancheng just when I was about to make my move," Fu Chengyan suggested as he patted the back of her hand. That left Shi Nuan dumbfounded. "What does that mean?"

She started to have a bad feeling about it. "Wait. Are you saying that there's someone targeting you? Why would they try to hurt the Shi family, though?"

That hadn't even occurred to her. There was no way she could have imagined that someone would try to use the Shi family to hurt Fu Chengyan. It just didn't seem realistic. Even so, it seemed that Fu Chengyan was sure about the fact that the culprit had only targeted the Shi family in an effort to hurt him.

"Have you forgotten that Grandfather gave me all of Huancheng's shares? Grandfather is the only one who knows about that. Nobody else is aware. What if someone were to make a big deal out of the whole ordeal?" he prompted.

"So, what you're saying is that this person tried to frame you using Grandfather and that they wanted everyone to think that you did it to get your hands on Huancheng's shares? That's impossible, though. Grandfather would know. He's-" Shi Nuan was interrupted by the ringing of her phone.

Thus, she picked up the call. "Hello? What did you say, Mr. Yang?"

The color drained out of her face after hearing what Uncle Yang told her. She clutched onto Fu Chengyan's hand and exclaimed, "We have to go to the hospital now, Yan!"

"What's going on?" Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows. He could tell that something was off by how pale in the face Shi Nuan was.

"Mr. Yang told me that Grandfather had a sudden heart attack. He's undergoing emergency treatment right now. H-He..." She got choked up and couldn't speak any further.

A cold glint flashed across Fu Chengyan's eyes when he heard what she said. His gaze turned solemn as he grabbed her hand and said, "Don't worry. Grandfather will be fine. Let's go to the hospital right away."

"Okay," Shi Nuan mumbled. Her mind had gone completely blank at that point. All she could do was let him drag her down the stairs.

However, when they reached the bottom of the staircase, Fu Chengyan received a call from Su Shaoqing, who uttered, "There's something I have to tell you, Chengyan."

He frowned. "What is it? I don't have the time to talk nonsense with you. I need to get to the hospital right now."

"That's exactly what I wanted to tell you about. Old Master Shi... has just passed away," Su Shaoqing stated.

Fu Chengyan paused in his steps, and his gaze grew even sharper. "What did you just say?"

"Old Master Shi just had a heart attack. He received emergency treatment, but he didn't make it. He's dead."

Fu Chengyan tightened his grip on the phone. He heard Shi Nuan stumble, and she nearly fell down the stairs.

"May!" he yelled. He immediately hung up the phone and grabbed onto her. "What happened?"

Shi Nuan's face was pale as a sheet. She held onto his hand with a death grip and mumbled, "What did Shaoqing just say? He must have gotten it wrong, right, Yan? Grandfather is still receiving emergency treatment, isn't he? He'll be fine, right?"

It was as if she was a ship lost at sea. She refused to let go of Fu Chengyan's hand. Even though her fingernails were digging into Fu Chengyan's pulicue, she didn't notice at all.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his eyebrows. He stretched out and grabbed the backside of her hand. "Calm down, May. Listen to me."

"I don't want to listen, Yan!" she protested.

"Grandfather has passed away, May. You have to face reality, okay? I'm still with you, May," Fu Chengyan coaxed as he put both of his hands on her shoulders.

"B-But Grandfather was fine two days ago... He was perfectly fine, so why... Why did he suddenly die?" Shi Nuan was in complete denial. She refused to believe that Shi Yunsheng would just pass away like that. He had been by her side for all of her life and had cared for her during the tough times. She had even wanted to have kids and let Shi Yunsheng meet his grandchildren.

"You can't bring someone back from the dead, May. Listen to me. Nobody could be around forever. Even though Grandfather is gone, he'll always stay in your heart," Fu Chengyan cried.

"Yan!" Shi Nuan wailed as she hugged his waist. "Why? Why is this happening?"

They ended up going to the hospital anyway. Unfortunately, they didn't get to see Shi Yunsheng one last time.

Shi Yunsheng's death was a quick and painless one. Even so, it was quite a heavy blow to Shi Nuan. It seemed impossible for her to process that Shi Yunsheng had passed away. She kept standing outside of the ward as she silently watched the doctor confirm his death.

Her eyes were glazed over like she was in a world of her own. She didn't even blink while staring at Shi Yunsheng. It was as if she thought that as long as she kept her eye on him, he wouldn't leave.

The door to the ward suddenly swung open as Shi Jingzheng helped Jiang Yu into the room. The moment Jiang Yu caught sight of Shi Nuan, she rushed over like a madman. "Shi Nuan, you jinx! How dare you come here? I'll beat you up!"

Jiang Yu moved fast, and Shi Nuan didn't manage to react in time. Before she could even try to dodge, she received a crisp smack to the face.

Jiang Yu had put all of her strength into that slap. She gave Shi Nuan a stern glare as she grumbled, "It's all because of you. If it weren't for you, nothing would have happened to Wei. Dad wouldn't have died of fury, either. You're such a b*tch, Shi Nuan. You're just like your mother. Both of you are nothing but jinxes. The two of you were born just to wreak havoc on us innocent people's lives."

Shi Nuan stared back at her in a daze. She felt herself get choked up as she listened to Jiang Yu's insults. It was like she could barely breathe.

Jiang Yu once again reached out to hit Shi Nuan, but Fu Chengyan grabbed her hand before she could do so. He threw her to the side aggressively and thundered, "Even though I'm grateful for the kindness Grandfather had shown me, that doesn't mean I'll let you do whatever you want, Mrs. Shi."

He frowned when he saw Shi Nuan's swollen face and kicked himself for not reacting faster. Because of his delayed response, she had suffered a slap to the face.

"Who do you think you are, Fu Chengyan? Do you think you're all that just because the Fu clan is rich? This is an affair involving the Shi family. You don't have the right to poke your nose into our business," Jiang Yu retorted.

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes in response and stared at her so viciously that Jiang Yu began to tremble. Despite that, she continued shrieking at him. "Oh, I get it. You're just after the Shi family's fortune, aren't you? Hmph. Don't even think about it. Get out of here right now!"

"Grandfather is gone, Mrs. Shi. Don't worry. I'm not after the Shi family's assets. I just want to be by his side in his last moments. I-" Shi Nuan started.

"Get out! All of you, get lost right now!" Jiang Yu roared.

She grabbed Shi Nuan's hand and violently pushed her out of the room. "If you don't leave, then I'll call the police. So, are you leaving or not?"

"May." Fu Chengyan shook his head while grabbing her hand.

Shi Nuan, however, was indignant. She wanted to go back in, but he wouldn't let her. "She's right, May. You're no longer a member of the Shi family. You don't have the right to go in."

"But Grandfather is..." Shi Nuan trailed off and watched as the doctor finished things up and waited for a signature from the patient's family members. After that, Shi Yunsheng was taken away. Even then, she couldn't accept that Shi Yunsheng was already gone.

She kept standing by the door until Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu finally took his body away. Only then did she burst into tears.

Fu Chengyan, who was beside her the whole time, didn't know what to do.

Eventually, Shi Nuan cried herself to sleep. He gently picked her up in his arms and went to Su Shaoqing's office.

When Su Shaoqing saw the condition that Shi Nuan was in, he hurriedly opened the door to the lounge so that she could rest there instead.

Fu Chengyan carefully placed her onto a bed, then tucked her in snugly. Only then did he leave.

Su Shaoqing leaned against the chair with both of his hands behind his head as he clicked his tongue. "Tsk. What a devoted husband you are, Chengyan."

Fu Chengyan squinted with a dangerous look in his eyes. Su Shaoqing immediately raised his hands in surrender. "Okay, okay. I'll shut up."

He then shot a glance in the direction of the lounge before stating in a serious tone, "There's something off about this."

Fu Chengyan nodded in agreement. If there wasn't anything amiss, he wouldn't have gone to Su Shaoqing's office. "How's Old Master Shi's condition been lately?" he asked.

"His condition had been stable. In fact, he was supposed to get discharged soon. That's why this seems weird to me," Su Shaoqing replied as he tapped on the desk with his slender fingers.

"What about the surveillance footage? I'm sure there's a camera in his room," Fu Chengyan suggested.

It wasn't logical for Shi Yunsheng to suddenly have a heart attack. The only explanation was that someone had come to the hospital and somehow provoked him. It was just too much of a coincidence.

"That's what I thought of, too. The first thing I did was check the surveillance footage, but I found nothing," Su Shaoqing revealed. That was why he was so confused. "Who do you think it could be, Chengyan? The Shi family is poor and humble, not to mention that Huancheng isn't really worth this much effort, either. Someone lost their life in this whole ordeal."

"You think so too?" Fu Chengyan raised his eyebrows and stared at Su Shaoqing with an unfathomable look in his eyes. Su Shaoqing retracted his hands and sat up straight. His gaze darkened as well. "Are you saying that someone caused a scene on purpose?"

"It's possible. If their target were the Shi family and Huancheng, there was no need for them to go so far as to take someone's life," Fu Chengyan pointed out.

"Unless they have an ulterior motive. Maybe their true goal isn't Huancheng and the Shi family. Instead, it's..." Su Shaoqing cut himself off as his gaze landed on Fu Chengyan.

The latter frowned. "What are you looking at me for?"

Su Shaoqing simply smirked in response with a playful look in his eyes. "Did you get on someone's bad side? It looks like whoever's behind this is after you, not the Shi family."

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Chapter 510 Shi Yu Shows Up

"The surveillance cameras must have been tampered with. Whoever this person is, they must be skilled. After all, they were able to damage the surveillance footage in such a short period of time without anyone noticing. They must have come prepared. Get the recordings back as soon as possible, Shaoqing!" Fu Chengyan ordered. His eyebrows were knitted into a tight knot.

"Of course, I will. For the time being, you need to be careful. My brother told me that things have been rocky in Sheen City and the capital. It's very likely that the stock market will fluctuate greatly," Su Shaoqing warned.

"Got it," Fu Chengyan affirmed with a glint in his eye. "Be honest. You didn't provoke anyone, did you?" Su Shaoqing asked. Fu Chengyan swept his gaze over him icily. "If I really have provoked someone, you might not be able to get away, either."

Su Shaoqing raised his eyebrows in response. "Don't scare me like that! I'm not the type to feel threatened easily."

After that, Fu Chengyan simply remained silent. Su Shaoqing had figured out that things were likely more complicated than they seemed. "All right. I'll get someone to recover the surveillance footage."

"We need to be fast. I'll give you two days," Fu Chengyan stated. He buttoned up his cufflinks, then paused for a moment as if a thought had crossed his mind.

Then, he looked up at Su Shaoqing, who was beginning to get anxious under his stare. "Why are you staring at me like that?"

He continued gazing with his slender fingers hovering over his cufflinks. After a moment, he shook his head and questioned, "Are all of the hospital's surveillance cameras not working?"

"Of course, that's not the case," Su Shaoqing answered immediately. Then, he jolted in realization. "Wait. Could they perhaps miscalculate and miss tackling those cameras? Wow. Why didn't I think of that? Back when we were installing the surveillance cameras, I took extra precautions and installed a few more in discreet locations. I don't think anyone else knows about them. Let me go and check those."

Meanwhile, in the lounge, Shi Nuan was standing in the doorway as she listened to their conversation. Her heart sank further and further.

Shi Yunsheng's funeral was scheduled to be held three days after his passing. Shi Jingzheng and Jiang Yu had taken his body to be cremated, and Jiang Yu was the one who paid for all of it. Even if Shi Nuan and Uncle Yang wanted to help, they were not in the position to do so.

It was drizzling on the day of the funeral. Fu Chengyan helped Shi Nuan out of the car, and Zhou Zheng immediately rushed over with an umbrella to shield her from the rain.

Shi Yunsheng's grave was located in Peace Ridge Park. It was quite a long walk from the car to the grave. Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan's hand as they walked over. However, they were stopped by someone. "Old Mr. Shi's funeral is being held today. Outsiders are not allowed to enter."

The person who had stopped them was none other than a member of the Shi family. She was quite close to Jiang Yu, and Shi Nuan recalled that the woman seemed to be her aunt.

She protested, "I only came to see Grandfather. I—"

"Grandfather, you say? Don't get ahead of yourself, Ms. Su. Everyone knows that you're no longer a member of the Shi family. We have nothing to do with you," the woman declared.

"I..." Shi Nuan mumbled.

Fu Chengyan, however, grabbed her hand and subtly shook his head. "Let's go, May."

"But I want to see Grandfather!" she insisted.

"No, May." He shook his head once again and led her to the car. "I know how much you want to see Grandfather, but they're right. You're not a member of the Shi family anymore. They have the right to bar you from entering."

"But..."

"Let's wait for a bit. When they're gone, I'll go see Grandfather together with you, okay?" Fu Chengyan coaxed. He got Zhou Zheng to fetch a jacket for him and used it to cover Shi Nuan. "Even though we might be a bit late, Grandfather wouldn't blame you for it."

"Okay." Shi Nuan nodded. She lowered her head and leaned onto the cushion.

She had lost sleep over the past few days because of what had happened to Shi Yunsheng.

All the while, she had convinced herself that Shi Yunsheng was just asleep and that he would wake up at some point. However, every time she woke up and saw the empty room around her, she could feel the void in her heart.

All of a sudden, they heard a sound from outside. Fu Chengyan rolled down the window only to see Uncle Yang standing there with an umbrella in hand. "Are you free tomorrow, Ms. Nuan?"

Shi Nuan looked at him in surprise. "I am. What is it? Thank you for coming, Mr. Yang."

"No problem. There'll be a lawyer coming to the Shi residence tomorrow to announce Old Master Shi's will," Uncle Yang explained.

She was stunned to hear that. "When did he even write one? Why wasn't I aware?"

"He's had it ready for a long time. Your name is also mentioned in his will, Ms. Nuan. That's why you should come to the Shi residence tomorrow," Uncle Yang replied as the rain grew heavier.

Shi Nuan stared at him through the rain and realized how much older he had gotten.

Uncle Yang couldn't help but sigh. "I've been with the Shi family for so long. I thought I would pass before Old Master Shi did, but..."

"Don't say that, Mr. Yang!" Shi Nuan protested.

"After announcing Old Master Shi's will, I'll be retiring to the countryside. Please take good care of yourself, Ms. Nuan," he stated.

"Y-You're leaving?" She stared at him blankly.

"I'm old, you know. I wouldn't mind staying in the Shi residence if Old Master Shi is still around, but since he's gone, there's no need for me to stay around anymore. They're still caught up in anger, Ms. Nuan. You shouldn't go there now. I'll let you know once they leave," Uncle Yang advised.

"Okay."

Shi Nuan and Fu Chengyan waited until the members of the Shi family had left before making their way up the hill.

Shi Nuan was getting weaker by the day. They had barely walked a few steps when she began to feel fatigued. Thus, Fu Chengyan decided to pick her up in his arms and walk over.

By then, the rain had stopped, and it took them a while to reach the top of the hill. Upon reaching the top of the hill, Shi Nuan told Fu Chengyan to put her back down.

Shi Yunsheng's grave had been reserved for him a few years back. In fact, he had chosen the spot himself. She walked over and knelt beside it. As she reached out to touch Shi Yunsheng's engraved name on the tombstone, she forced a smile and mumbled, "I really miss you, Grandfather. Do you miss me too?"

Fu Chengyan stood by her side. He couldn't help but sigh when he saw Shi Nuan's devastating look. He walked over and knelt down as well before saying, "Don't worry, Grandfather. I'll take good care of May."

Shi Nuan smiled and looked at him. "You have to take over Huancheng, Yan. No matter what, you have to keep it alive. Huancheng was Grandfather's lifeblood. You can't let it collapse just like that."

"Of course," he affirmed.

Meanwhile, there was a dark figure standing behind a nearby tree. She stared at Shi Nuan from a distance with both hands tightly gripping the tree bark. Her gaze was dripping with killing intent.

It's all because of you, Shi Nuan. If not for you, the Shi family would never end up like this.

The next day, Shi Nuan went to the Shi residence as promised. The other members of the family were already there.

When they saw her, their faces darkened immediately. "What are you doing here?"

"I was the one who told Ms. Su to come. She used to live in the Shi residence, after all, and Old Master Shi treated her like his own granddaughter. Of course, she should be here," Uncle Yang chimed in and stepped in front of Shi Nuan protectively.

"That's impossible! She's a member of the Su family, not the Shi family. She doesn't have the right to inherit any of Old Master Shi's assets. Someone escort this outsider out of here!" Jiang Yu ordered.

"Wait!" someone cut in.

The man walked in through the main door with a briefcase in hand. He was wearing a pair of vintage glasses. "Hello, everyone. My name is Zhang Quan. I'm Old Mr. Shi's

appointed lawyer. When he was still alive, he entrusted me to prepare his will. He said that he would distribute his assets posthumously following what was written in this will."

"Oh, so you're Mr. Zhang. Please, have a seat!" Shi Jingzheng quickly pulled Jiang Yu away and invited Zhang Quan to sit down. "When will you read out my father's will, Mr. Zhang?"

Zhang Quan scanned the area before responding, "Is everyone here? If everyone's here, then I can begin. There are a total of five people mentioned in this will – Shi Jingzheng, Jiang Yu, and your daughter, Shi Wei. Aside from that is Su Nuan, whom Old Mr. Shi considers his granddaughter, and Shi Yu, his adopted son."

"That's impossible. Shi Nuan and Shi Yu aren't a part of the Shi family. Why would their names be in his will? Not to mention, Shi Yu's been missing for a long time. If he's not even here, how can you recite the will?"

Jiang Yu refused to accept what Zhang Quan had said. "Have you gotten it wrong? Why would my father include them as inheritors of the Shi family's assets?"

"What are you trying to say, Mrs. Shi? Are you questioning me and my professional integrity?" Zhang Quan asked.

"That's not it, Mr. Zhang. It's a misunderstanding. That's not what she meant," Shi Jingzheng fervently denied. He shot Jiang Yu a fierce glare and muttered, "Shut up!"

Then, he began, "Um... I'm not sure where my daughter is right now, and my brother hasn't been home for a long period. Doesn't that mean this will is-"

"Who says I'm not home?" A clear voice cut through the air before Shi Jingzheng could even finish his sentence.

Shi Nuan was startled as well. It was an incredibly familiar voice to her like she heard it all the time. She turned to the side and saw a man standing in the doorway of the Shi residence.

The man walked in steadily with a grim expression.

His gaze landed right on Shi Nuan, who stared back at him with her eyes wide open.

The man had an extraordinary demeanor, and he seemed to emanate an intimidating aura. Eventually, he walked over and stopped in front of Shi Nuan while staring right at her. There was a playful look on his face as he greeted, "It's been a while, Nuan."

"Uncle Shixiu!" she exclaimed in astonishment. The whole situation seemed even more unreal at that moment.

Shi Nuan slowly blinked as she began to frown. She pointed at him and muttered, "You... Y-You're..." Shen Shixiu!

She was sure of it. The man was Shen Shixiu.

At first glance, he had an aloof vibe to him. There was the scent of mint on his body, which smelled refreshing. There also seemed to be the faint smell of tobacco wafting in the air surrounding Shen Shixiu, which was specific to him.

Shi Nuan clenched her fist and gave him a piercing stare. There were mixed emotions in her eyes as she muttered, "You..."

"What is it, Nuan? Do you not recognize your uncle anymore?" he teased.