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Chapter 531 No Suffering Anymore

Shi Nuan felt that she had an extremely long dream. In the dream, she saw a man with a mask and an old woman. The old woman injected her with something, which made her fall into unconsciousness.

"Ahh!" Upon opening her eyes abruptly, all she could see was the white ceiling about her. She widened her eyes as various scenes flashed through her mind. The ceiling seemed different from that of the room she had been locked up in. Moreover, she could vaguely smell the scent of medicine. Am I in the hospital?

Turning her head around, she saw a shadow looming over her.

"Are you awake?" A clear yet tired voice sounded as a hand touched her forehead. She kept blinking her eyes and tried to clear her thoughts.

Finally, the warm touch on her forehead made her come back to reality. She stared at the man in front of her, her eyes welling up with tears. "Yan!"

She sat up from her bed and frantically wrapped her arms around Fu Chengyan's waist tightly. Then, she buried her head in his embrace, unwilling to let go.

When Shi Nuan let out a scream earlier, Fu Chengyan had run to her side. The moment he saw her opening her eyes, his decadent heart came alive again. He embraced her, saying, "I'm sorry, May. It's all my fault."

"No." Shi Nuan shook her head. "I knew you would come to rescue me. I knew it." That was why she was not scared at all. She knew he would come for her at all costs.

Unbeknownst to her, her words made Fu Chengyan feel even more guilty. "It's my fault, May. If I stayed with you, this would not have happened."

"Yan, please don't say that." Pursing her lips, Shi Nuan pushed Fu Chengyan away and straightened her back. "Look at me. I'm fine!"

Despite saying so, she glanced at her belly instinctively before touching her own arm. "Yan, how did you find me? How long have I been asleep?"

By then, the puncture in her arm was no longer visible. She was not sure what the old woman had injected her with before she fell unconscious. "Yan, Shi Wei was the one who wanted to capture me on the day I called you from the hospital."

"I know," Shi Nuan responded hoarsely while he hugged her even tighter. A while later, just as Shi Nuan felt like suffocating from his hold, he loosened his grip. "Are you hungry? Do you want to eat something?"

Shi Nuan shook her head. "I'm fine."

"You should eat something, though." Upon saying that, Fu Chengyan made a call to Su Shaoqing, asking him to come to check on her. After that, he called Zhou Zheng and told him to prepare some food.

Shortly after, Su Shaoqing came and checked on Shi Nuan. "Since she's awake, it means there's no big issue. To be safe, she should stay here for a few days for further observation." Su Shaoqing looked at Fu Chengyan as he spoke.

As Fu Chengyan hesitated momentarily, Shi Nuan seemed to notice something was off. "Is there anything wrong?"

"It's nothing." Fu Chengyan lowered his voice while shaking his head calmly. "I'm just worried because you went missing for days. Listen to Shaoqing and stay here for a few more days, okay?"

"Okay." Shi Nuan nodded as she shifted her gaze toward Su Shaoqing. "By the way, Shaoqing. My babies are fine, right?"

"Yes. You're very healthy, and there's nothing wrong with your babies!" Su Shaoqing looked at Shi Nuan earnestly, but his smile was a bit playful. "Listen, Chengyan nearly beat me to death because you won't wake up! Nuan, don't you think your husband is being too much? After all, I'm considered his brother-in-law, ain't I?"

Amused by Su Shaoqing's behavior, Shi Nuan burst into loud laughter. "That's between you and Yan. It has nothing to do with me!"

"That's enough!" Fu Chengyan displayed a helpless smile before glancing at Su Shaoqing. "We'll stay in the hospital for a few more days then."

"Oh, right!" Just then, Shi Nuan seemed to recall something. "How did you guys find me?"

"Why?" Fu Chengyan locked his eyes on her. "Is there anything you want to tell me?"

Biting her lips, Shi Nuan pondered for a while. "Shi Wei didn't kill Su Su. She came to me that day to argue with me because she wanted to take me away. However, it wasn't her idea. I suspect that someone is using her. Nonetheless, the man in black didn't take her after he took me away that day."

"Yes, she's with me now." Fu Chengyan cleared Shi Nuan's doubt. "Is there anything else?"

"The man in black took me to a mansion, but they didn't do anything to me and even gave me food and drinks. I also saw a man wearing a mask; the old woman calls him Mr. J. I've talked to him, and he is the mastermind behind everything—the Shi family's incident, my grandfather's death, and Huancheng's shortfall. Regardless, I can't figure out why he's going after the Shi family, and why he captured me." After all, he did not hurt her.

Touching her arm slightly, she added, "By the way, before I blacked out, the old woman injected something into my arm. I fainted after that."

Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing exchanged looks. They had an idea about what had happened, but still, none of them said anything.

Indeed, what Shi Nuan recounted was similar to what they had found out. "The man was wearing a mask?"

Shi Nuan nodded. "Yes, he was wearing a mask made of silver. Plus, he used a voice changer when talking to me, so I couldn't guess his identity. If he used a voice changer, could that mean he's someone I know?"

While Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes, Su Shaoqing patted his thigh and responded, "That's right. Why didn't I think of this? Who could he be though?"

"Let's think about it later. Are you hungry?" Fu Chengyan uttered.

Soon after, Zhou Zheng brought lunch over as per Fu Chengyan's order.

"Mr. Fu, Mrs. Fu." As he walked in, Zhou Zheng was relieved to see that Shi Nuan was finally awake. "Mr. Fu. I did what you told me and brought Mrs. Fu's favorite food." They were some light dishes.

Nodding, Fu Chengyan took the lunch box from Zhou Zheng. A few seconds later, he furrowed his brows as he saw Zhou Zheng still standing there. "What? Are you not going to leave?"

Regaining his senses, Zhou Zheng reported, "Mr. Fu, Mr. Li is back,"

Li Heng is back?

"Mr. Li and Bao are at the Li residence now. They said they would come here later." As Zhou Zheng spoke, he observed Fu Chengyan closely. "They want to discuss the vi—"

Before he could finish his sentence, Fu Chengyan shot him a furious glare. Seeing that, he quickly changed his words. "Mrs. Li and Bao want to see Mrs. Fu!"

At that instant, Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "Okay, I got it."

Zhou Zheng's entire body was stiff with fear as he was worried that he might offend Fu Chengyan and get kicked by the latter. He still remembered how Fu Chengyan had kicked Jiang Hu several times the other day. As a matter of fact, Jiang Hu was stronger than Zhou Zheng, yet he was still in pain after suffering Fu Chengyan's kicks.

"Mr. Fu, I'll excuse myself then." Upon saying that, Zhou Zheng left without delay. Leaning against Shi Nuan's bed, Su Shaoqing snickered. "Chengyan, look at you. Your subordinates are terrified of you."

Fu Chengyan lifted his head and swept his gaze over Su Shaoqing coldly. "Get lost!"

"Damn it!" Su Shaoqing could not help but curse. "How could you be so ungrateful?" He's the living example of an ingrate! The next moment, Su Shaoqing turned to Shi Nuan. "Look at your husband. Is this the proper way to treat his brother-in-law? Nuan, you have to teach him a lesson."

Fu Chengyan clenched his fists tightly, making cracking sounds with his knuckles. "Are you leaving or not?"

"Sure! Right away!" With that, Su Shaoqing retreated with his medical records in hand.

Shi Nuan could not help but utter, "Yan."

"Yes?"

"Shaoqing is still my brother, after all." She meant for Fu Chengyan to be nicer to the man.

Fu Chengyan raised his brows. "And I'm your husband."

"Fine." She could not refute that. Rubbing her belly, she continued, "I'm starving." Hearing that, Fu Chengyan brought her the lunch box. After opening it, he sat down beside her. "Open your mouth."

She stared at him shyly before tugging at his sleeves. "I can eat by myself."

"Let me feed you." He sounded utterly gentle as he pinched her cheek lightly. "I haven't seen you for just a few days, and you've lost weight already."

"All right then." Shi Nuan was aware of that. Even though Mr. J had prepared good food for her, she barely had any appetite since she was kidnapped. Naturally, her appetite returned now that she had been rescued.

Fu Chengyan fed her tenderly. In no time, she finished almost everything in the lunch box.

He still wanted to feed her more, but she shook her head and complained, "No more. I'm too full."

"Have some more soup then." He handed the spoon to her. "Come on, be good."

Only after watching her finish the soup did he stop urging her. He took a napkin and wiped her mouth carefully, as though he was doing something important.

Feeling his rough fingers rubbing slightly against her lips, Shi Nuan grabbed his hand. "Yan, thank you."

His eyes flickered slightly. "Why are you thanking me?"

"Thank you for saving me and taking care of me. Thank—" Before she could finish her words, Fu Chengyan reached out and put a finger to her mouth. Blinking a few times, she stared at him with befuddlement. "What?"

Fu Chengyan gulped but eventually shook his head. "Nothing. I promise you that I'll be by your side from now on. I won't let you get hurt anymore!"

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Chapter 532 You Are Crying

"What exactly are you saying?" Shi Nuan pulled Fu Chengyan to sit beside him. She stroked his cheeks and brows with her delicate fingers before shaking her head and smiling. "You rescued me."

Fu Chengyan wanted to say something, but nothing came out of his mouth as he locked gazes with her. "I know, but I blame myself for not protecting you well this time."

"It's not your fault. The one at blame is the person who captured me. He's in the shadows, while we're in the light. Who knows what he'd do next? Don't overthink. See, I'm fine right now." Shi Nuan didn't give the incident too much thought. "You haven't gotten a good rest these days, have you?" she asked, reaching out to caress his face.

Her gaze fell on Fu Chengyan, who nodded in response. "I couldn't sleep because I missed you."

"What a sweet talker you are! I missed you, too," she said with a shy smile.

She then asked, "Yan, do you know who this J is?"

"No." He stroked her head and fixed her slightly messy hair. "Don't worry. I'll take care of this."

After Shi Nuan fell asleep, Fu Chengyan left the ward. The only thing on his mind was the man wearing a silver mask. He narrowed his eyes as he fell into deep thought. For some reason, he imagined the masked man as the man who abducted Shen Qianan a few years ago.

He clenched his fists, his eyes turning icy cold.

Meanwhile, Li Heng and Pei Huan brought Bao to the hospital. While Pei Huan took Bao to see Shi Nuan, Li Heng went to the director's office and waited for Fu Chengyan.

After receiving Li Heng's call, Fu Chengyan rushed to Su Shaoqing's office and found Li Heng sitting there, holding something.

After half a year of not seeing Li Heng, Fu Chengyan noticed that the former's demeanor became gentler. Upon Fu Chengyan's arrival, Li Heng put down the things in his hand and greeted, "Chengyan."

Fu Chengyan nodded. "How are things with you?"

"It has been quite peaceful in C Country in the past six months. However, I have new leads on Shen Qianan after you asked me to look into her."

"What do you mean?" Fu Chengyan raised his head as Li Heng handed him something. He opened it and discovered it contained information about Shen Qianan's life abroad. "Didn't you give this to me already before?"

"Look closely."

Confused, Fu Chengyan went over the document again. Its only difference from the files he had seen before was the pictures.

"Shen Qianan has been living abroad with Yu these past few years. However, every time an emergency happened, it was immediately resolved peacefully. I thought it was you or Shen Shixiu at first."

"It wasn't Shen Shixiu?" Fu Chengyan looked up at Li Heng. "What do you mean by this?"

"Things would be resolved for her whenever she was in trouble. I previously investigated Shen Shixiu, and he did not have people constantly watching over her. Naturally, there's no way he could help her with her problems all the time. Moreover, Yu fell sick two times. Once was when he slipped at school and lost a lot of blood. However, Shen Qianan's blood didn't match his."

Fu Chengyan immediately raised his head. "You mean the man who gave Yu his blood was his biological father?"

"Yes. Coincidentally, his name is Fu Sijue."

Fu Chengyan's face darkened when he heard this. "What did you say?"

"This is the hospital's confidential information, but I asked someone for help. It took some time and effort, but we found out in the end. It's Fu Sijue. He's from the Fu clan."

Fu Chengyan's eyes darkened as he stared at the name on the document.

"There's no such person in the Fu clan!" If there was such a powerful man in his clan, he would've known.

Although he didn't know everyone in the extensive Fu clan, he was at least informed of the capable ones. Who exactly is Fu Sijue? There was no way he would be unaware if the man was part of his clan.

Li Heng's expression became solemn. "If Yu was born after Shen Qianan was kidnapped, then this man is most likely his father. This would explain why Yu's DNA matched with the Fu clan's."

Hearing that, Fu Chengyan nodded. "I had the same guess before, but I didn't have any proof." Now that he had a name, the next step was to figure out who Fu Sijue was.

"Do you want to ask your grandfather? Perhaps he'll know?"

Just as Fu Chengyan and Li Heng were discussing, Su Shaoqing's office door was pushed open forcefully. In came Su Shaoqing, who looked at Fu Chengyan with worry. "Chengyan, Shi Nuan is having an episode."

"What?"

Fu Chengyan stood up immediately. "What do you mean she's having an episode?" he yelled as he grabbed Su Shaoqing's collar.

"Didn't you say May is fine for the time being? Both Pei Huan and Bao are fine, so why would May have an episode?"

"I-I'm not sure!" Su Shaoqing felt wronged, but he had no idea how to explain it.

"Where is she?"

"I-Inside the ward."

Right after Su Shaoqing finished speaking, he saw a shadow flash before him.

He was about to call for Fu Chengyan, but the man was already gone.

Li Heng looked at Su Shaoqing and patted him on the shoulder. "Let's go take a look."

Fu Chengyan rushed into the room to discover that Shi Nuan had fallen unconscious. She was muttering something under her breath, her face pale. Beads of cold sweat covered her forehead.

Pei Huan and Bao were initially going to visit her, but the nurse informed them that she was sleeping. Thus, Pei Huan decided to return after Shi Nuan woke up, but right when she turned to leave, she heard Shi Nuan's scream. When she opened the door, she noticed a figure fleeing through the window, while Shi Nuan was already unconscious.

Pei Huan immediately went to get the doctor and nurse, but no one knew what was wrong with Shi Nuan.

"How is she?"

Fu Chengyan stood in front of Shi Nuan's bed and watched over her, wishing he could experience the pain in her place.

"What in the world happened?"

"Chengyan," Pei Huan started. "I brought Bao here to check on Nuan. There was someone inside her ward, but before I could see the person's face, they vanished. What is happening to Nuan?" Pei Huan knew she was infected with the virus, so when Li Heng told her that Shi Nuan had it as well, she felt terrible.

"She got the virus as well?" Pei Huan had never had an episode before, so she had no idea it would be this bad. She couldn't help but take a deep breath when she saw Shi Nuan in such a state. "Then—"

"Li Heng, bring Huan and Bao out," Fu Chengyan interrupted and glanced at Li Heng, who nodded before leading the two outside.

Once they left, Fu Chengyan took a deep breath and grabbed Su Shaoqing. "What do we do now?"

"Chengyan, calm down. I'm not sure what medicine I should give her either. I could only—"

"What? You're not sure which medicine you should give her? Do you realize how much pain May is going through right now? You're a doctor, and you're saying you have no idea how to treat her?" Fu Chengyan became more aggressive as he gripped Su Shaoqing's collar tightly. "Take a close look at the person who is lying here. She's May, your sister, yet you're telling me you don't know what to do?"

His eyes were red and swollen from tears. He would rather be the one in pain instead. Shi Nuan was pregnant, so her pain must be doubled.

"Chengyan—"

"Get lost!"

Fu Chengyan let Su Shaoqing go. His entire body exuded a frightening aura.

He approached Shi Nuan and sat on the bed, wrapping his arms around her. "May, don't sleep anymore. Look at me. May!"

He embraced her and whispered, "May, open your eyes and look at me. I'm here. If you're in a lot of pain, just bite me and make me suffer alongside you. Okay?"

In her stupor, Shi Nuan felt her ears buzz. Her body was so painful that she couldn't even put it into words. It was as if a million ants were biting her.

She heard Fu Chengyan speaking to her, his voice gentle, cautious, yet pitiful and heartbroken. She wanted to open her eyes and tell him how much pain she was in.

Her body began to tremble as she felt like her entire being was on fire. Nevertheless, Fu Chengyan held onto her tightly.

Finally, she opened her eyes and saw a face through her blurry eyes. Fu Chengyan hugged her close with one hand, while his other hand held hers to his cheek. Softly, he peppered kisses over her hand.

Her back was against his chest and her head on his shoulder, while his chin was rested on her head.

Feeling something wet on her face, Shi Nuan opened her eyes and touched her face weakly. It was stained with tears.

"Yan!"

Her voice was hoarse as she called him.

He lowered his head to look at her. As joy filled his eyes, she felt his body tremble.
"You're awake, May."

He spoke softly as if raising his voice would cause her to vanish.

Nodding, Shi Nuan touched his face and discovered a wet patch near his eyes. As the realization hit her, she stilled her movement, her eyes widening. "Yan, you're crying!"

She had never seen him shed tears before, but he was crying now because of her.

"Yan, you're crying!"

"No, you saw it wrong. I'm not!"

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Chapter 533 I Need Shen Qianan

"Okay, you didn't cry," Shi Nuan smilingly replied. Even though her face was still extremely pale, it was obvious that she had already overcome the worst wave of pain.

She cupped Fu Chengyan's face with both her hands and slowly got up. After getting into a more comfortable position, she hugged Fu Chengyan and nuzzled her head against his chest. Just like how a mother would console a baby, she touched his face with her delicate fingers and repeated, "You didn't cry!"

Fu Chengyan could not help but shudder at her touch. When he lowered his eyes, Shi Nuan raised her head and straightened her body, rubbing her forehead against his. "I know you're just worried about me." She kissed the corner of Fu Chengyan's lips and continued with a smile, "You're the best and the most capable man in this world. How could you possibly cry? Leave all the crying to me!"

With that, Fu Chengyan's gloomy mood was lifted.

He carefully held Shi Nuan in his arms and nuzzled against her tiny face. Upon noticing her improved condition, he kissed her cheek and the corner of her mouth. "Does it hurt?" he asked.

Shi Nuan did not want to lie to him, so she nodded and replied, "Yes."

Hearing that, Fu Chengyan extended his hand and hovered it in front of Shi Nuan's eyes. Puzzled, she looked at him and asked, "What are you doing?"

"How painful is it? Bite me and share your pain with me."

The next moment, Shi Nuan was overcome with emotions. She wanted to cry, but she forcefully held back her tears. She wrapped her arms around his waist, saying, "No. There's no need for the both of us to be in pain. One is enough."

At this point, Shi Nuan would be an idiot if she did not know something was wrong with her body. She inched her body closer to Fu Chengyan and clung to him. "Yan, was it that injection?"

Other than that, Shi Nuan could not think of any other time she could possibly have gotten infected. It could not be the dishes. Otherwise, there was no reason for the old woman to give her an injection afterward. Therefore, Shi Nuan assumed it had to be the jab from that old woman.

However, she remembered removing the needle at that time. Why did I still get infected?

Fu Chengyan gently stroked Shi Nuan's cheek and comforted her. "Don't worry. Shaoqing can solve this."

"Yan, don't lie to me."

"I'm not lying to you. Shaoqing can really solve this. Believe me. Believe Shaoqing!" Fu Chengyan hugged Shi Nuan even tighter as though that was the only way to convey his sincerity to Shi Nuan.

"Okay, I believe you." Shi Nuan smiled. "Yan, will my babies be affected?"

Fu Chengyan frowned upon hearing that. He shouted, "Su Shaoqing, get in here!"

Su Shaoqing, who had been on standby outside, rushed in when he heard Fu Chengyan's voice. The obstetrics and gynecology doctor, Yu Qing, also came in together with him. While Fu Chengyan was with Shi Nuan in the ward earlier, Su Shaoqing had ordered someone to bring Yu Qing.

"Hurry, take a look at May!"

Fu Chengyan stood up and laid Shi Nuan flat on the bed for Yu Qing to perform a checkup.

Yu Qing saw how pale Shi Nuan's face was and reckoned the latter's condition to be more serious than she had expected. She gave Shi Nuan a swift checkup before saying, "There's no major problem at the moment. The babies are fine as well, but to be safe, I think we should do a blood test later."

"Okay." Su Shaoqing nodded in agreement. "Dr. Yu, we'll be troubling you to give Shi Nuan a thorough check then." He then patted Fu Chengyan's shoulder and said, "Chengyan, come out with me."

At the moment, Fu Chengyan's hand was still holding Shi Nuan's. Upon hearing Su Shaoqing, he frowned. Seeing that, Shi Nuan quickly released his hand and told him, "Dr. Yu is here. Yan, you don't have to worry about me. I'll be fine!"

"You need to be good and cooperate with Dr. Yu, okay?"

Fu Chengyan leaned forward and kissed Shi Nuan's forehead. Afterward, he went out with Su Shaoqing. "What is it?"

Outside the ward, Li Heng, Pei Huan, and Bao were all there. Bao kept staring into the ward as he asked, "Uncle, what's wrong with Aunt?"

Instantly, Fu Chengyan's face softened. He ruffled Bao's hair, telling him, "Your aunt is fine. She's just feeling unwell."

"Oh. I'll give Aunt my candy then. She won't hurt anymore after eating candy." Bao blinked adorably and actually took out some candies from his bag. He handed them over to Fu Chengyan and said, "Uncle, give these to Aunt!"

"All right."

Fu Chengyan took the candies and diverted his gaze toward the ward. Shi Nuan was nicely cooperating with Yu Qing for the checkup, but he still felt suffocated with worry.

"Have you decided what to do?" Su Shaoqing asked.

"Where is the Ghost Doctor?" Fu Chengyan could not count on Su Shaoqing now. Even though the latter was an expert in other fields, he was not proficient in researching viruses, let alone eliminating viruses. The only solution left was to find Huo Jinnan, the Ghost Doctor, and see if he could do anything.

However, it was said that the Ghost Doctor usually drifted from place to place. Li Heng had been looking for him with Pei Huan for half a year and still had not found him yet. Fu Chengyan was also unsure how long it would take for him to find the Ghost Doctor. He could not wait even a moment longer now.

As Pei Huan held Bao in her arms, she fixated her gaze on Shi Nuan in the ward, feeling pained. "Chengyan, don't worry. Heng already has some clues regarding the Ghost Doctor's whereabouts. Before your call last time, we were already planning to look for him. But you suddenly called and asked Heng to come back, so we had to halt our plan," she said.

Fu Chengyan raised his head to look at Li Heng upon hearing that. "You found some clues about his whereabouts already?"

Li Heng nodded and replied, "Not too sure if it's him yet. I only know he was in C Country for quite some time before going to Frosa. I don't know where he is now, but don't worry. The people I brought there haven't returned yet. They are still searching for him."

Fu Chengyan pursed his lips. "You know I can't wait any longer."

"Then what do you want to do?" Li Heng was aware that Fu Chengyan was feeling exactly what he felt when he found out that Pei Huan and Bao were injected with the virus.

Nothing felt more horrible than the incapability to do anything while watching Pei Huan and Bao suffer. Besides staying by their side, he really did not know what else he could do.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows tightly as he thought hard. In the end, he still could not come up with a solution. "Get manpower from my side and send more people over. I'm definitely going to find that Ghost Doctor!"

Pei Huan and Bao were not the only ones now. Shi Nuan and the two babies she was carrying were also infected with the virus. If they could not find a way to treat all of them, Li Heng would not be the only one breaking down. Fu Chengyan would also fall apart.

At this time, Su Shaoqing, who was standing at the side, felt terrible as well. Shi Nuan was his sister, while Pei Huan was a member of the Fu clan. Regardless, they were all people he knew.

"Actually, there's another solution," he suggested.

"What solution?"

"I went to see Nuan just now. She carries the same virus as Bao, but Bao is fine because the virus in him isn't activated. I'm guessing the reason Shi Nuan had an episode so soon is that she was injected with the virus not too long ago. Moreover, the person Huan saw in Nuan's ward just now might have injected something into Nuan's body again."

As Su Shaoqing was saying that, he hurriedly opened the door and went inside. When he whispered something in Yu Qing's ears, the latter paused for a while before nodding right after.

After getting an answer, Su Shaoqing walked out with a cold expression. "Yu Qing told me that there is indeed another needle mark on Nuan's arm. The person who went in before Pei Huan must have injected something into Nuan's body again, activating her virus immediately."

Fu Chengyan clenched his fists tightly as he listened, his knuckles cracking. "So what's the solution?"

"Since the virus hasn't spread extensively yet, I'm thinking we could extract something from the blood of Nuan's close relatives and inject them into her body."

"What do you mean?" Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and asked, "What are you trying to say?"

"Actually, I've only read about this solution in a book before, so I can't guarantee its effectiveness. We don't know if Nuan's virus has invaded her bone marrow yet. If not, then it shouldn't be too difficult to turn the situation around!"

At that, the corner of Fu Chengyan's mouth twitched slightly. He seemed to suddenly remember something as he lifted his head and looked at Su Shaoqing.

Su Shaoqing continued, "Now, we should bring Uncle Huabei and Shu Qing over first." After a momentary pause, he added, "It's best if we could find Shen Qianan as well."

"Okay."

Su Huabei arrived in no time. Before this, he had no idea Shi Nuan was infected. When he heard about it from Su Shaoqing, he almost lost his balance from shock. "When did this happen?" he asked with an ashen face.

"When Nuan was kidnapped. Uncle Huabei, now's not the time to dwell over this. We need to extract some enzymes from your blood. You and Nuan are related by blood, so only you can provide the enzymes for her."

"Okay. What are we waiting for then?"

"Uncle Huabei, I can't guarantee that this would work. Do you think it's possible for you to get Shu Qing to come over? She's Nuan's biological mother, after all. The more people we have, the higher the chances there will be for a successful extraction. So—"

"I'll send someone to look for Shu Qing right now!" Su Huaibei would go all out when it came to matters related to Shi Nuan. Even though he and Shu Qing had talked it out and ended things between them, they would not refuse to do anything for Shi Nuan's sake.

"I'll go get my blood drawn first. I've already gotten someone to look for Shu Qing," Su Huaibei said after making a phone call. He then paused for a moment and looked at Fu Chengyan. "Yan, take good care of Nuan."

"I will." Fu Chengyan nodded. After pondering silently for a long time, he dialed Shen Shixiu's number.

Soon, Shen Shixiu showed up. He and Fu Chengyan sat in the cafe on the ground floor of the hospital in silence for almost half an hour. The whole time, Fu Chengyan seemed to be in deep thought. It was only until his cup of coffee turned cold that he slowly opened his mouth to say, "Someone injected a virus into Nuan. I need your help."

Upon hearing that, Shen Shixiu stiffened. A sharp glint flashed across his eyes as he asked, "What virus? Who did it?"

Shen Shixiu's voice was bone-chilling. Right after he heard the news of Shi Nuan being infected, the temperature of their surrounding seemed to drop by a few degrees. "Fu Chengyan, is this how you take care of Nuan?"

Fu Chengyan frowned. "I failed to protect her this time." He could not and would not shift the responsibility.

Pursing his lips, Shen Shixiu glared at Fu Chengyan. "What do you want me to do?"

"I need Shen Qianan and Yu to be here."

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Shen Shixiu's face turned cold instantly. "What do you plan to do?"

"Shen Qianan is Nuan's biological elder sister. According to Shaoqing, only the active enzyme extracted from Nuan's closest relative could save her life. Whether it's true or

not, I can only give it a try!" The emotions in Fu Chengyan's eyes when he stared at Shen Shixiu were something the latter had never seen before on Fu Chengyan.

I didn't expect that I could see him behaving like this in my life. Fu Chengyan furrowed his eyebrows, yet he nodded in reply. "I will try my best. However, until now, she isn't aware that she is a member of the Su family!"

"You didn't tell her about it?" Fu Chengyan was surprised. I thought that Shen Shixiu would tell Shen Qianan the truth. Nevertheless, he just said that Shen Qianan doesn't know her relationship with Shi Nuan and the Su family!

"I will bring her here as soon as possible. Give me some time."

"Sure. But please be hurry! May can't wait any longer." Fu Chengyan knew that it wasn't easy to convince Shen Qianan to save Shi Nuan once she realized the bond between them. However, since Shen Shixiu had made his promise, Fu Chengyan could only place all of his hope on him.

"Oh, there's one more thing!" Fu Chengyan hesitated for a while and said, "It's about Yu's identity."

Shen Shixiu scowled. "What are you trying to say?"

"Yu's biological father might have emerged. The man who poisoned May is likely to be him." Fu Chengyan's gaze landed on Shen Shixiu. "Do you mean that he was the one behind all these things and Qianan's kidnap case three years ago? If that's so, why did he let Qianan give birth to her child?"

Upon hearing that, Fu Chengyan knitted his brows and handed the documents beside him to Shen Shixiu. "Give these files to Shen Qianan if you want to. These are the things she let me carry out back then – covering up the things that happened between her and the man. I didn't know who that man was at that time until Li Heng gave me these files. Only then did I know that man's identity. I'm afraid that he started carrying out his plan many years ago."

"What do you want me to do?" Shen Shixiu was a diligent person. Since Fu Chengyan is giving these things to me, it means that he has a condition.

"Just bring Shen Qianan to me." Fu Chengyan rose. "Of course, if you are not willing to do so, I won't mind doing it in person."

"Fu Chengyan, Shen Qianan is still Nuan's biological sister by all means," Shen Shixiu warned. "She might not know anything about the truth even if she's connected to that man. Are you sure you want to hurt her for Nuan's sake? After all, Qianan is one of the victims of that incident many years ago!"

"But, May can't wait any longer. Shen Shixiu, I know you have special feelings for May. Am I right?" Fu Chengyan turned around and fixed his icy gaze on Shen Shixiu.

Shen Shixiu turned stiff slightly. However, he chuckled after a while. "You overthink. Nuan is only like family to me. I will deal with this matter. Don't you interfere with it!" He then grabbed the files and left without any hesitation.

Fu Chengyan's brows remained knitted. As he watched Shen Shixiu leaving, he couldn't help but worry for the first time that it may be the wrong choice to do so. However, whenever he was reminded of Shi Nuan, who was still in danger, and that he was the one who caused all this, he couldn't control himself.

J, huh? I'm sure to find you out.

Meanwhile, Shen Qianan had been keeping Yu company over the last few days. The latter's condition was getting better compared to the past. Shen Qianan stayed for a while in Jiang City ever since the incident. She had been gathering her thoughts throughout the days. In fact, there was another reason she was reluctant to leave Jiang City. It had to do with Yu's father.

Four years had passed. It was neither long nor short.

Initially, Shen Qianan decided to give up. However, That DNA report with Fu Zhengyun made her hesitate.

She was aware that the child wasn't Fu Chengyan's child. In fact, she knew well who the child's father was. However, she wasn't sure about that man's identity.

In those few months four years ago, that man was the one who kept her company. They even shared a wonderful time that would remain etched in her mind forever. In fact, it was so unforgettable that she even forgot the man's status and motives. The only thing she wanted was to stay by his side.

However, the reality showed no mercy to her.

It turned out that she was only the man's tool against the Fu family. Nevertheless, Fu Chengyan wasn't in Jiang City at that time, and the man's plan stopped for some unknown reason.

He had made her his woman, taken away her heart, yet he abandoned her in the end.

She still remembered the day she ran out miserably from the Fu residence, searching for him everywhere she could think of, hoping that he would take her away with him. However, he never reappeared in front of her.

After that, she begged Fu Chengyan to wipe out every trace of what happened in those few months. Fu Chengyan then sent her overseas, and she gave birth to her child. She thought that everything had come to an end. Nevertheless, she didn't expect that man to seek her once again, wanting her to return.

What a joke. He wants me to go back to Fu Chengyan's side, yet...

Shen Qianan didn't know why she had a dream about the time when she had just met the man four years ago in her sleep today.

She didn't know his appearance or his name. Even when they were madly in love, he only told her to call him "Jue" whenever she called him. As for the rest, she knew nothing about him. Having that said, she fell so deeply in love with him that she couldn't control herself at all.

When she opened her eyes, she turned and saw Yu sleeping next to her. Yu must have been dreaming of something as he was smiling sweetly. Upon seeing that, a smile appeared on Shen Qianan's face too. She stretched her hand and stroked Yu's face.

Suddenly, a series of knocks sounded on the door. Although that made Shen Qianan furrow her brows slightly, she still got off the bed and opened the door.

"Shixiu? What brings you here?" Shen Qianan stared at Shen Shixiu in surprise. I didn't expect him to be in Jiang City still. How did he find me here?

Shen Qianan hadn't left Jiang City ever since the incident unfolded. She didn't go to the Shen residence in the capital. Instead, she moved out of the hotel and stayed in this relatively peaceful place.

Shen Qianan didn't want to return to the cold and frosty Shen residence, let alone the Fu residence. Yet, she knew she simply couldn't leave like this – not after knowing Jue had arrived in Jiang City.

It was a bet. A bet that Jue would come and seek her out. If he still has some feelings toward me, he will look for me.

However, after waiting for a long time, he never showed himself.

Shen Shixiu bit his lip slightly as he stared at Shen Qianan.

It had been some time since he last met her. She seems to have lost weight, and she looks worn out too.

"Yup. I'm here to have a look at you!"

Upon hearing that, Shen Qianan's lips twitched. "What's worth looking at? I'm still the same old way!"

She had complicated feelings toward Shen Shixiu. Since she was young, she had no deep impression of him, let alone the so-called kinship between siblings.

Shen Shixiu then left the Shen residence for some place she didn't know. When he returned, she didn't stay long in the capital before arriving at Jiang City.

Then that incident happened. At last, she was sent overseas.

"Aren't you letting me in?" Shen Shixiu peeked inside. A crossed look flashed across Shen Qianan's face. Although she looked reluctant to do so, she didn't reject him. She cleared a path for him and said, "Come in. However, I've nothing to serve you. I'm afraid that my hospitality is somewhat lacking, given how you're a guest."

"It's fine." Shen Shixiu walked past Shen Qianan and entered the house as he saw her calming down. He then casually sized up the decoration in the home. It's hard to imagine that a pampered girl like Shen Qianan lives in such a shabby place now.

Shen Qianan closed the door and followed him uneasily. She pinched the hem of her clothes and bit her lip as if she was pondering something.

Whenever she met Shen Shixiu, she would always display such a cowardly look.

Naturally, Shen Shixiu felt her apprehensiveness. Although he felt his heart sink, he didn't show it. "Where's Yu?"

"Still in his sleep. He's gotten used to having a nap in the afternoon. What would you like to have for drink?" Shen Qianan asked as she opened the fridge door. After seeing the

emptiness in it, she closed the door awkwardly and uttered, "Is plain water okay for you? Yu's not feeling well these days. That's why I didn't buy any drinks for him. Water is all he drinks these days."

"Sure." Shen Shixiu nodded his head, yet he changed his mind suddenly. "Forget it. Save yourself the trouble."

Having that said, Shen Qianan still cautiously poured a glass of water for him. She then grabbed the hem of her clothes again and said, "Please have a seat."

With the glass in his hand, Shen Shixiu fixed his gaze on her. "Are you curious about the reason why I'm here?"

Shen Qianan shook slightly. She then nodded her head and said, "Yes. I can't figure out any possible reason for you to visit me. I'm now..." She paused for a while and continued, "Well, I assume it's something important since you are here. Please speak your mind."

Shen Shixiu fell into silence for a moment, pondering how he should explain everything to her. At the same time, Shen Qianan had her mind racing too. The only thing was, she couldn't quite fathom why Shen Shixiu came all the way to see her. She asked, "Is there anything wrong with Father, by any chance?"

"No. Father had returned to the capital. Someone must attend to the Shen family's business. I will return sometime later as I'm negotiating business in Jiang City in the meantime. Qianan, I'm here today to say something to you."

Shen Qianan's hands which were pinching her clothes' hems, stiffened. She scowled. I know it. There's always no good news from him when he visits me. "What is it that-

"Fu Chengyan wanted me to hand this thing to you," he snapped.

Shen Qianan's heart tightened. She started shivering the moment she heard the name "Fu Chengyan" from him. Although she looked pale from the shock, she forced down her feelings and tightened her grip. "Shixiu, I don't get you. When did you become so close with Fu Chengyan? Why did he ask you to give something to me?"

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Noticing that Shen Qianan did not want to look at the document, Shen Shixiu frowned and said, "It's fine if you don't want to look at it. He only gave this to me, and it is your freedom to receive it or not."

Shen Shixiu placed the document on the coffee table. His tone was calm as if this had nothing to do with him. Shen Qianan was, however, unable to stay calm at this. She looked at Shen Shixiu and gritted her teeth. "If that's the case, why did you bring it over? Why did you agree with it? Why—"

Being a little carried away by her emotions, Shen Qianan was slightly louder when she yelled at Shen Shixiu. Her voice awakened Yu, who was sleeping in the next room.

After being awakened by the noise, Yu started crying when he did not see his mother near him. Hearing Yu's crying, Shen Qianan immediately pushed open the door and picked him up in her arms. "Yu, don't cry. I'm here for you."

"Mommy!" Yu hugged Shen Qianan. "Mommy!"

"Yes, I'm here. I am here for you."

Shen Qianan paced back and forth with Yu in her arms as she gently patted his back. She hummed a melody and slowly put him back to sleep.

Carefully tucking Yu under the sheets, Shen Qianan then quietly walked out of the room.

Seeing that, Shen Shixiu's gaze softened a little. "Is Yu asleep?"

Shen Qianan's expression was a little grim when she saw Shen Shixiu. "Did you come here to give me this? If so, your mission is accomplished now. Please leave. Yu and I need our rest too."

Shen Shixiu frowned. "Qianan."

"What else do you want to tell me?" Shen Qianan glanced coldly at Shen Shixiu. "What else is there for us to talk about?"

"Don't you want to know why Fu Chengyan asked me to give this to you?" Shen Shixiu saw Shen Qianan slightly swayed, but she was still holding tightly onto the doorknob as she said, "What else? I was young and foolish back then to cross him, and I am sure you already know about those things! I am just a replacement for Shi Nuan, and—"

"Qianan!" Shen Shixiu interrupted her sentence and said, "Shi Nuan was kidnapped a few days ago!"

Shen Qianan froze when she heard that. "What did you say?"

"Her kidnapper is the same person who kidnapped you four years ago. He was also wearing a silver mask!"

Shen Qianan staggered and slumped on the couch. Her gaze was a little blank, but she quickly looked at Shen Shixiu again. "Are you telling me the truth?"

"I am." He did not have any reason to lie to her.

Shen Qianan shivered upon hearing that. "Is it him? Is he in Jiang City? Kidnapped?" Shen Qianan murmured at herself before looking at him again. "Why did he kidnap Shi Nuan?"

After asking that question, Shen Qianan thought of something else right away and smiled helplessly. "Look at me being foolish. I'm sure he kidnapped Shi Nuan to threaten Fu Chengyan like what he did to me back then, am I right?"

Perhaps Shen Qianan herself was unaware that she was shivering in fear when she talked about that person. "What happened in the end? Is Shi Nuan-" She wanted to ask if Shi Nuan ended up like her.

On second thought, she dismissed the idea. If the kidnapper made a move on Shi Nuan, it must be because of Fu Chengyan.

"Is Shi Nuan-" She hesitated again to ask the question.

"They saved her."

Shen Qianan heaved a sigh of relief when she heard that, but what Shen Shixiu said next stunned her, and she could not budge after hearing that.

"He injected a virus into Shi Nuan's body, and the virus took effect. She's in the hospital now, but not even Su Shaoqing can come up with a way to help her."

Virus? "Are you sure?"

"Yes!" Shen Shixiu nodded and fixed his gaze on Shen Qianan.

He could see shock and disbelief reflected in Shen Qianan's eyes, and there was also a hint of guilt and uneasiness among those emotions.

However, Shen Qianan suddenly smiled and turned around to look at Shen Shixiu. "Since Shi Nuan is down with a virus, you should be looking for a doctor instead of me. What can I do about that? Hah. It's ridiculous of Fu Chengyan to look for you and me when his wife is not doing well."

"Qianan, the virus is extremely rare, and Su Shaoqing still does not have a clear solution for treating Nuan. But then, he did mention a plausible solution," said Shen Shixiu as he noticed a slight change in Shen Qianan's expression like she was considering letting her guard down.

"They should try the solution then."

"Su Shaoqing said he needs blood samples from Shi Nuan's family to extract the active enzyme. Su Huabei and Shu Qing should be at the hospital now."

Shen Qianan shuddered a little and pursed her lips. "I see." Although she appeared calm, her reactions still betrayed her inner thoughts.

"Qianan, you're Shi Nuan's sister too, so—"

"So?" Shen Qianan stood up agitatedly. "So, this is Fu Chengyan's hidden objective all this while. He only needs me when his wife's life is in danger. Is this because I am her sister? Did he forget that Shi Nuan and I only share a mother? Won't he be concerned that my blood isn't as pure to save her life? Ha!" Shen Qianan laughed. "Here comes the day where Fu Chengyan needs to beg for someone else to do him a favor!"

"Qianan, there's something that I did not tell you all this while." Shen Shixiu could not bear himself to see Shen Qianan's tears rolling down her cheeks despite her laughing. However, thinking that Shi Nuan's life was still at risk with the virus torturing her, Shen Shixiu figured he should force himself to tell the truth. "You and Shi Nuan are of the same parents, which means you are indeed her biological sister!"

Shen Qianan froze upon hearing that. She stared at Shen Shixiu in disbelief and then laughed wildly. "Shen Shixiu, is this the best you can come up with to save Shi Nuan's life? By lying to me? Shi Nuan is Su Huabei's daughter, whereas Shen Feng is my father. I am your sister!"

"Qianan, to be frank with you, you and Nuan are both Su Huaibei's daughters." Shen Shixiu looked at her. "My father only adopted you back then because your parents had a misunderstanding, and my parents owed your mother a favor, so..."

"No way. Shen Shixiu, do you think I'll believe what you just said? You're just using every single way you can think of to make me save Shi Nuan's life. I'm here to tell you I will not fall for your lie, I-"

"I'm telling you everything I should tell you, and it's up to you to believe me or not. I think you must look at the documents inside. They will tell you the things from four years ago and some information on you and Nuan's backgrounds." Shen Shixiu felt like he had already done his best. "I can give you a day to process everything. There is still no certainty about Nuan's situation. If you already thought things through, you can always drop by at the hospital."

After saying those, Shen Shixiu walked away, leaving Shen Qianan standing still on the same spot, and she was still in a daze.

Her gaze shifted to the stack of documents on the coffee table, and she looked troubled.

She could not stop clenching her fists, relieving them, and then clenching them again.

These documents were like Pandora's box. She was afraid that the information on the documents would lead her life to despair.

That whole evening, Shen Qianan sat in the living room staring blankly at the documents. It was not until nighttime that Yu woke up and called out to her that her mind was finally dragged back to reality. She quickly kept the documents away and walked to the room to pick Yu up in her arms. "Yu, are you hungry?"

Yu nodded and tilted his head at Shen Qianan. "Mommy, you were crying!"

Yu was still a kid, but he had a mature mind. He noticed Shen Qianan's reddened eyes and reached out his chubby hands to rub gently on her cheeks before leaning closer to blow her face. "Mommy, don't cry."

"I'm not crying. I did not cry." Shen Qianan patted his back and looked at him apologetically. "I forgot to make you dinner today."

"Mommy, let's go out and eat. I have money, a lot of money, and I can buy you meat!"

His innocent words made Shen Qianan's eyes turn red again. She nodded. "Sure. Yu, you should go get changed now, and I'll bring you out for dinner."

Later that night, Shen Qianan held Yu in her arms as they watched TV, but she could not stop thinking about Shi Nuan's face.

She was reminded of Shen Shixiu telling her that she and Shi Nuan were biological sisters that shared the same parents.

Shen Qianan lowered her head and looked at Yu. Her heart was heavy with her complicated thoughts. No words were enough to describe her emotions at that moment. Her resemblance with Shi Nuan was not only because of Shu Qing but also Su Huaibei.

She wondered how Shi Nuan reacted when she heard about this, but Shen Qianan knew better than anyone else that she did not intend to acknowledge Su Huaibei or Shu Qing as her parents despite finding the truth. She hated both of them. Neither Shu Qing nor Su Huaibei was qualified to be her parents. However, her heart still felt heavy when she thought of Shi Nuan.

Like her, Shi Nuan was just another abandoned child of Shu Qing and Su Huaibei. Shi Nuan was only slightly luckier than Shen Qianan because she did not grow up knowing her biological parents abandoned her.

Looking at Yu sleeping soundly in her arms, Shen Qianan thought of Shi Nuan, who was also pregnant at that time. She started feeling uneasy again. It was a strange feeling that she could not describe, but it surely made her feel terrible.

Shen Qianan carefully settled Yu on the couch next to her. Then, with a trembling hand, she picked up the documents Shen Shixiu had given her earlier that day.

As Shen Qianan slowly flipped through the pages, her hands suddenly shivered, dropping several pages on the floor.

She had to leave for the hospital, and she had to leave right now.

Getting changed, Shen Qianan looked at Yu, who was still asleep. She reached out a hand to stroke his cheeks, then called Shen Shixiu on the phone. "I feel like going to the hospital, but Yu..."

"Go ahead. I'll take care of him while you're away," said Shen Shixiu in his low voice.

Shen Qianan bit her lips. "W-Where are you now?"

"Downstairs. I'll go up now."

Shen Shixiu hung up the phone. He held a half-lit cigarette between his long and slender fingers. Placing away his phone, he glanced at the lights upstairs before putting out his cigarette and walking up the stairs.

Shen Qianan did not expect Shen Shixiu to be waiting for her downstairs. She was startled when she opened the door and saw him standing outside. Opening the door for him, she also made way for him to walk inside the room as she said, "Yu is asleep now, and he won't wake up so soon. If he does, you can make him some milk with the milk powder there."

Shen Qianan pointed at the milk powder on the coffee table and continued, "You are not related to Shi Nuan nor me in any way, and I wonder why you're doing this for us."