

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 146

Shi Nuan was taken aback by Jiang Yu's sudden request. It hadn't been long since Shi Wei had left, and now her mother was here. She would truly be a fool if she didn't know that they had something up their sleeves.

She looked at Jiang Yu meaningfully. For some reason, Jiang Yu squirmed under Shi Nuan's interrogative gaze, but she quickly composed herself. She looked around the table and said, "It has been a while since I saw you, Nuan. Why? You don't even want to talk to me?"

Shi Nuan sneered internally. Well, what an Oscar-worthy act, Jiang Yu. I wonder if you've learned it from your daughter, or perhaps it's the other way around? She swept her gaze over Jiang Yu and remained in her seat.

Jiang Yu was angered, but she couldn't show it, for Shi Yunsheng, Jiang Shizheng, and even Fu Chengyan were here. The woman smiled. "I have something to give you, Nuan. Your sister is married now, so you're the only one I worry about. It has been a while since I talked to you. You're always so busy and not at home."

"Enough," Jiang Shizheng interrupted her impatiently. "You couldn't be a good mother to her, so how dare you criticize her? Is it not your fault my granddaughter chose to leave the family?"

"Father!" Jiang Yu did not expect her father to reprimand her in public, but since he was her father, she couldn't talk back. So, the woman shamelessly vented her anger on Shi Nuan. "What are you talking about? Shi Nuan's my daughter. How can you accuse me of doing that?"

Dad, tell him how I usually treat Nuan. You know I'm kind to her." Jiang Yu looked at Shi Yunsheng. She thought Shi Yunsheng wouldn't want to embarrass himself in front of Jiang Shizheng, so he couldn't side with the latter.

However, she was severely mistaken. Even though the old men did not get along well, they could work together for Shi Nuan.

Shi Yunsheng looked upset. "It's Wei's big day today. Why are you asking for Nuan instead of helping with the wedding? There are a lot of guests for you to greet, so busy yourself with that!"

"Father, dad." Jiang Yu was angry and frantic, but she couldn't give up now. Just then, her phone rang. "Hello, Yunwan? Yes, oh, he's here?" Jiang Yu looked around her. "Alright, then I'll go look for him. Don't worry, I'll take care of him."

Fu Chengyan's eyes gleamed. He then sent a text to someone and received a curt reply that said, 'I'm here.' Fu Chengyan smiled and met Shi Nuan's gaze when he raised his head. The man looked at her and nodded. Shi Nuan was perplexed, so she texted him, 'What's wrong?'

'Go with her then, since she wants you to,' he texted. "It's fine," he reassured her.

Shi Nuan relaxed and nodded. When she noticed Jiang Yu had ended the call, she stood up. "You have something to tell me, mom?"

Jiang Yu was surprised by Shi Nuan's abrupt change in behavior, but she didn't have the time to dwell on it. Su Yunwan had told her that her son was here but he didn't see Shi Nuan. She told Jiang Yu that her son had business to settle, so she asked if the meeting was off.

Jiang Yu would not let this opportunity slide. The woman had just been thinking about how she should take Shi Nuan away, when the girl agreed to come with her. She smiled. "Yes, come with me." Jiang Yu quickly grabbed her hand, worried that Shi Nuan might refuse her. Shi Nuan shuddered and wanted to fling

her mother's hand away reflexively, but Jiang Yu refused to let go. "I'll be taking Nuan then."

Shi Nuan said, "I'll go with mom for a bit, but I'll be back in a jiffy." She then looked at Fu Chengyan. "See you, Mr. Fu."

"See you, Ms. Shi." Fu Chengyan said with a hint of a smile. Jiang Yu was so focused on taking Shi Nuan away that she didn't notice the cold look Fu Chengyan gave her the moment she held Shi Nuan's hand. If it wasn't because Shi Nuan had called him, the murderous look would still be on his face.

Shi Nuan was ushered out of the banquet hall. When they reached the corridor, Jiang Yu suddenly let her go, her expression dark. "Why did you give me that look when I asked you to come with me? I am your mother. I won't harm you!"

Shi Nuan's brows drew together. "You took this the wrong way, mother. I did not mean that." Shi Nuan did not want to waste her time talking about this. "Do you have anything you need to tell me privately, mother?"

"Don't talk to me like that! I won't harm you!" Jiang Yu was frustrated seeing how humble and fake her daughter was acting, but she had more urgent matters at hand, so she pushed her anger down. "Your sister and I are worried about you. She's married now, so now it's your marriage I'm worried about."

Worrying about my marriage? Shi Nuan frowned, not willing to comment on this. Over the years, Shi Nuan had seen her mother's true colors. To her, Jiang Yu was only her egg donor and nothing more. Shi Nuan had no feelings towards her mother – her biological family had exhausted all her emotions. "I am still young, so you don't have to worry about my marriage, mother."

"What are you talking about?" Jiang Yu was upset to hear her refusal. "I am doing this for your own good. Now, look alive, and pull yourself together. You look like you just woke up. The man I'm going to introduce to you in a moment is my good friend's son. He's a powerful man, so you'd better watch your tongue and don't mess around!"

Jiang Yu used the pretext of doing this for Shi Nuan's own good, but Shi Nuan knew what her mother was planning. She disliked what Jiang Yu was pulling, for this was nothing more than an act of removing her as a threat toward Shi Wei. Did she say he's a powerful man? So the family is planning to use me as a bargaining chip, huh? No matter what it was, Shi Nuan would never do it. "You might have not understood me, mother. I won't even go on blind dates now, let alone marrying someone."

"Are you trying to send me to my deathbed, you brat?" Jiang Yu moved to slap Shi Nuan, but the latter wouldn't let her do as she pleased, so Shi Nuan took a step back. Even though her expression was inscrutable, Shi Nuan was thoroughly sick of her mother's antics. "I do not mean to anger you, mother, but I will not agree to what you just said."

"How dare you!" Jiang Yu gnashed her teeth. "Do you know how much I've work on this meeting? How dare you talk like that, you ingrate?" Jiang Yu was crossing the line. "Do you know how many women want to marry him, you ingrate?"

Shi Nuan pursed her lips and stood her ground. "Then let those women marry him. All I know is that I won't marry him, ever."

"Say that one more time!"

"Mrs. Shi?" A familiar voice interrupted their argument. Jiang Yu froze and glared at Shi Nuan. "You'd better watch your tongue!" She warned before looking over Shi Nuan's shoulder to smile at the newcomer. "Might you be Su Bancheng? Yunwan's son?"

Shi Nuan was taken aback, then she frowned at her mother who was beaming at someone behind her. When the woman turned around and saw who was there, the corner of her lips twitched.

The man was in a brown suit, its cutting accentuating his sturdy figure. He seemed to be perpetually smiling, and he radiated a noble air despite his languid look. If it wasn't because she recognized, Shi Nuan would have thought the man

was Prince Charming. She had a complex look on her face, then she said to the man, “You—”

“Hello, I’m Su Bancheng.” He said, his smile distant. “You must be Mrs. Fu, the one my mother mentioned.”

“Yes, I am.” Jiang Yu was also attracted by this outstanding man before her. Her eyes were practically glued to him. At this moment, she regretted introducing Shi Nuan to a man like him. Jiang Yu thought someone like Shi Nuan was unworthy of a man like this, but now that the plan was already in motion, so she couldn’t go back on her promise. She forced a smile and said, “Here, let me do the introductions, Bancheng. This is my second daughter, Shi Nuan. Nuan, this is Su Bancheng, or you can call him Mr. Su. He’s Yunwan’s son, the one I’ve been talking about.”

Shi Nuan opened her mouth and looked at the man dumbly. Su Bancheng?

She knew who he was, but still extended her hand anyway. The reason? She saw a mischievous glint in the eyes of “Su Bancheng.” “Hello, Mr. Su.”

“Ah, your reputation precedes you, Ms. Shi.”

Jiang Yu thought this first contact between them was nice, so she said, “Alright, let’s talk in the room. I did tell your mother that I’d let you two know each other.” She then brought them into a waiting room, then the woman grabbed Shi Nuan’s hand. “Talk to Mr. Su nicely and don’t mess around,” she cautioned with a threatening tone.

Shi Nuan squinted, and for the first time in a while, she didn’t go against her mother. Jiang Yu thought Shi Nuan had taken a liking to Su Bancheng, so she said, “Alright, I have guests to entertain, so you entertain Mr. Su for a bit, okay?” When she was exiting the room, the woman looked at Shi Nuan with a warning glare. Once the door was closed, Shi Nuan whipped her head to look at the man. “Su Bancheng? When did you become Su Bancheng?”

The man sighed and shook his head. A moment later, he smiled innocently, and the noble gentleman seconds ago was replaced by a mischievous child, as if by magic. “Hey, sister-in-law, I wonder if Chengyan will kill me when knows I’m your blind date.”

Shi Nuan narrowed her eyes. “No, my blind date is Su Bancheng, not you, and he knows that I’m here.”

Su Shaoqing arched his eyebrow and smiled. “Man, your mother’s a weird one. To think that she’s trying to settle your marriage on Shi Wei’s wedding day.”

“So, who’s Su Bancheng?”

“My cousin.”