

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 156

Shi Nuan was taken aback when Arnold dashed towards her. Even though she was slowly starting to accept Arnold, she was not prepared for Arnold to clamber towards her. She got up and hurriedly went to the kitchen. Arnold thought that she was playing with him, so he ran after Shi Nuan instead.

Shi Nuan's expression turned pale as she was shocked, but Arnold enjoyed it very much.

"Arnold!" Fu Chengyan's cold voice echoed; he immediately ran and protected Shi Nuan in his embrace. He stared icily at Arnold as he wanted to pounce onto Shi Nuan.

As Arnold sensed Fu Chengyan's anger, he immediately stopped and settled down, showing an innocent look at Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan.

Feeling upset, Arnold stood still and howled grievously for Fu Chengyan did not pat him, and Shi Nuan did not seem to recognize him. He gave both of them an innocent stare.

"It's alright. Don't be afraid. He won't bite," Fu Chengyan comforted her as she was really shocked. He reached out and patted Shi Nuan's back to keep her relaxed.

Shi Nuan took a deep breath; it took quite a while for her to calm down. She looked, embarrassed, at Fu Chengyan and felt sorry for Arnold. "I'm so sorry. Did I overreact? I just felt that he's gonna pounce on me, so I..."

“It’s alright,” Fu Chengyan stroked her back and continued, “Arnold is quite aggressive at times, but when he’s with us, he is harmless. You guys got along the last time, right?”

“Okay. I’m all good,” Shi Nuan gave a relieving look that made him let her go. She then squatted down and waved at Arnold. As he got excited, it seemed like Arnold wanted to pounce on Shi Nuan again. But this time, he behaved — he walked cautiously towards Shi Nuan and reached out its paw to rub against her hands, like giving her a handshake. Shi Nuan’s heart melted; Arnold was so cute and adorable. She wasn’t afraid anymore as she reached out and stroked Arnold’s back. “Long time no see, Arnold! I’m so sorry about earlier. I didn’t mean it.”

Woof! Arnold barked again, but this time, he circled around Shi Nuan, seemingly forgiving her. Shi Nuan smirked and said, “See! I’m not afraid now.”

Fu Chengyan smiled broadly as he stroked Shi Nuan’s head mildly. “Yeah... May is indeed brave,” Fu Chengyan said softly.

“Ahem!”

Su Shaoqing had been leaning against the wall ever since the beginning as he watched the ‘incident’ unfold. He regretted coming over as he saw the couple flirting with each other over a dog. He coughed awkwardly to remind them of his existence.

As expected, Shi Nuan turned her attention to Su Shaoqing, who was at the doors, “Su! You’re here too!”

Su Shaoqing raised his brows at Shi Nuan’s statement. “Of course?” he replied. Otherwise, how would Arnold appear at their house? Su Shaoqing wondered if his existence was worse than a dog’s. Shi Nuan had only just realized that he was standing at the doors, which made him really sad.

With his gloomy expression, he tried to put up a friendly smile and asked, "Sister-in-law, sorry for coming here out of the blue. Did Arnold and I bother you?"

"Yes, you did!" Fu Chengyan replied with a dissatisfied look, glaring into his eyes. "So, what are you up to this time?"

"Ugh! Chengyan, don't give me that look. I'm just here for a visit. Wait... What's that smell? It smells so good!" he exclaimed. Su Shaoqing walked over to the dining table and clasped his fists, "Chengyan, look at how lucky you are! What a meal, and there's a beautiful lady by your side! Look at how pitiful I am. Going in and out of the operation room every day, never having the chance to sit down properly and have a decent meal like you!" Su Shaoqing said eagerly as his eyes sparkled, and he looked at Shi Nuan. Su Shaoqing responded immediately, "Ah! You haven't taken your dinner. Come and join us." Shi Nuan turned and walked towards to kitchen to get a pair of chopsticks.

Fu Chengyan pulled at her arm and stopped her. Curious, Shi Nuan asked, "Yea?"

"Don't bother about him," Fu Chengyan said in dissatisfaction and glared at the 'scheming' Su Shaoqing. "Take it yourself if you wanna eat!"

Su Shaoqing sighed and shook his head; he shrugged as he walked towards the kitchen. "Sigh, how troublesome it is for a meal. Plus, I gotta deal with your mood," he smirked. He acted as if it was his house, conveniently taking a bowl and chopstick for himself and another for Arnold.

Fu Chengyan scowled at Su Shaoqing again, "No dogs at the table. Otherwise, I'll throw the both of you out."

Su Shaoqing couldn't help but tremble. He took a glanced pitifully at Arnold, who was sitting on the floor with its pathetic-looking eyes. Arnold's innocent stare shifted to Fu Chengyan, its pure-looking eyes fixated on Fu Chengyan. As his expression darkened, he moved away and stared at Shi Nuan instead.

Arnold once again melted Shi Nuan's heart, and she tugged on Fu Chengyan's sleeve, "That's enough. Let's eat. I'm hungry." She turned and looked at Arnold, "Hey. I'll get you some food after this, alright? Good boy!"

Arnold barked in happiness and jumped about; he then ran to the living room, finally leaving them alone.

"Hey, sister-in-law. Arnold seems to like you very much!" said Su Shaoqing while he dipped his food into the hotpot. However, Fu Chengyan's expression became darker, and his eyes narrowed. He couldn't help and shook his head, "Well, that's true enough. A married man is always jealous."

Fu Chengyan gave Su Shaoqing a stern look, "Come fight me!"

"Oh! No, no! I am here for a meal, you know. Don't do it, Chengyan," said Su Shaoqing as he looked away and shut his mouth.

Shi Nuan thought the way Fu Chengyan and Su Shaoqing interacted with each other was funny, and she couldn't help but laugh out loud. She then cooked a piece of beef and placed it on Chengyan's bowl, "And this... is for you..."

Fu Chengyan turned to Shi Nuan with a broad smile, "Hey, hey. You should eat it too!"

Su Shaoqing couldn't bear to watch the flirtatious couple; he seemed to regret coming over for a free meal. He barely ate anything, yet he was already full — full of affection between both Chengyan and Shi Nuan. He was treated as if he never existed.

After dinner, Shi Nuan cleared the table and washed the dishes. Meanwhile, Su Shaoqing followed Fu Chengyan into the study room. Su Shaoqing touched his nose virtuously and put up a smile, "It seems like you have a good life!"

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes, "It would be better if you weren't here."

Su Shaoqing's expression turned sorrowful and sighed, "If Jingxiu and Heng see you acting like this, they will definitely wonder if you are a fake."

"Go straight to the point!" Fu Chengyan took a cigarette and handed it to Su Shaoqing, but he waved. "I've quit."

Fu Chengyan was taken by surprise, "Wow! I never thought that you could." He continued, "So, why are you here today?"

"Well, it seems that I can't hide anything from you. My brother said something happened at K Nation. Those were your problems, and my brother didn't know you too back then. After all, I was a middleman, and my brother was grateful to you for marrying Shi Nuan."

Fu Chengyan glanced at him, and Su Shaoqing's lips twitched in a fury, "I'm just saying you know. Don't be jealous."

"Carry on," Fu Chengyan ordered.

"Okay. My brother just wanted to remind you to be more cautious."

"Of course!" Fu Chengyan put his cigarette back and said, "You better do so too."

"Don't worry. I have nothing to lose. I'm just worried that they may come after you and Li Heng. Jingxiu has his ways, and he should be doing alright," Su Shaoqing said in an affirmative tone. He was quite reliable when he was serious.

Fu Chengyan paused for a moment, "Both you and Heng should be careful."

"Oh... My brother also told me you wanted to own West City. It seems like Fucheng wants a share of that piece too, and they've been squabbling over it since then.."

Fu Chengyan squinted his eyes and glanced at Su Shaoqing, looking at how resourceful he was. "You're pretty fast in getting updates," he complimented. He only knew this recently, and never had he expected that Fu Yuqing would dare to meet Fu Yunsheng about this matter.

Even though Fu Chengyan headed the Fu clan, he had to respect Fu Yunsheng— after all, he was his grandfather, who was also a shareholder in Shengyuan. Moreover, Fu Yunsheng was an elder; no matter what, Fu Chengyan had to listen to him.

The Fu family owed Fu Yuqing once. In the past, Fu Yuqing saved Fu Jiaqi, Fu Chengyan's cousin. Nevertheless, this happened many years ago, and they had given their full support ever since. However, he never expected Fu Yuqing to still have the courage to seek help from Fu Yunsheng.

"What are you going to do then?" Su Shaoqing did not want to be involved in the business, but this matter concerned his Chengyan; he couldn't just sit and watch. Moreover, Fucheng and the Shi family were now related. He wanted to see how Fu Chengyan would solve this problem.

Again, Fu Chengyan paused; he leaned against the table and had his legs crossed. One of his hands supported himself from the back, and another was tapping impatiently on his thigh as he was clouded with thoughts. "Since they want to play, I'll join the game, and there's no backing out for them too. You know, I don't like beating around the bush and doing insignificant things."

Su Shaoqing raised his brows, "And so, it begins." Su Shaoqing clenched and balled his fists hard as he could no longer contain the aggression that was burning from within him. "Well, it's quite late now. I'll make a move now. Oh, Arnold will stay here for a few days," he said.

"Su Shaoqing!" Fu Chengyan gritted his teeth and squinted. "You wanna die?"

Su Shaoqing leaned against the door. "Hehe... Arnold seems to like your wife very much. I'll just let him stay here for a couple of days!"

“And where’s his food?” Fu Chengyan asked impatiently. “Come, give me your credit card!”

Su Shaoqing wondered how pathetic his life was. Not only did his dog dislike him, but he also had to pay for his dog’s expenses. How pitiful was he! But he probably had forgotten that it was him who wanted to keep Arnold in the first place.

After Su Shaoqing left, Fu Chengyan went into his bedroom and saw Shi Nuan lying on the sofa, her body curled up into a ball. He had no idea what she was doing. As he approached, he realized Shi Nuan had a small, colorful bottle in her hands. There were several other similar bottles scattered beside her legs. Shi Nuan buried her head under the pillow and was painting her nails carefully.

A shadow hovered over her, and before she could respond, Fu Chengyan took the bottle away. Fu Chengyan lifted her legs and placed them on his thigh as he sat on the bed.

Shi Nuan blinked her eyes in confusion, “Yan, what are you doing?”

“Can’t you see? I’m painting your toenails.”