

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 33

Shi Nuan looked rather unhappy as her grip on Shi Yunsheng's arm tightened marginally. Shi Yunsheng naturally felt it. His blood began to boil. "It's my birthday today, and my dear granddaughter is here with me. What embarrassment are you talking about? Is this how you behave as a father!? Hmph!"

Shi Yunsheng supported himself with his cane and stared angrily at Shi Jingzheng. He then smiled and patted Shi Nuan's hand. "Don't be afraid, Nuan. With grandpa around, no one will pick on you. Some things should be left behind after they've been tainted."

"What are you talking about, father?" Shi Jingzheng's expression was beyond ghastly.

Jiang Yu and Shi Wei's faces didn't look any better. They both stared at Shi Nuan furiously. Shi Nuan merely narrowed her eyes and pretended not to see them. Had it not been her grandpa's birthday today, she definitely wouldn't have come.

She knew that no one in this house welcomed her, but didn't expect them to take it this far. Her father, who normally knew his limits, actually ended up doing such a thing on her grandpa's birthday. She was now aware of her father's true character.

"I'll sit down with you, grandpa!" Shi Nuan said with a smile. "Look at how many guests there are today. They're all here to celebrate with you." Saying that, she held the old man's arm and was about to walk away with him.

Shi Jingzheng was red with anger, but he couldn't say whatever he wanted with all these people around.

Suddenly, the crowd began to stir and the guests to called out one after another. Shi Nuan looked towards the crowd and saw a person walking into the large room. The tall man walked steadily and had such an aura that nobody dared near him. His arrival had caused such a commotion that Shi Nuan's incident was put on the backburner.

The man wore a black suit that was perfectly tailored to accentuate his handsome appearance. He walked with confidence and stead, followed by an equally well-dressed man. The other man held a gift in his hands and walked towards Shi Nuan.

The guests began to talk among themselves. "Isn't he... That guy from the Fu family?"

"Isn't that Mr. Fu?"

"My god! The Shi family is so well-known that even the Fu family's second master would come."

"But to me, it's not because of the Shi family. It's clearly because the Fu family is here. Have you forgotten that the Shi family's young lady is engaged to someone from the Fu family?"

Shi Wei couldn't keep her eyes off the dazzling man. She then looked at Fu Xicheng and asked suspiciously, "Since when was there such a man in your family, Xicheng? And he's what – the second master?"

Fu Xicheng pursed his lips and turned to his father, feeling complicated. But with Fu Chengyan's arrival, it was indeed a moment of pride for the Fu family. So he smiled and said, "He's Fu Chengyan, a member of the Fu family."

"Fu Chengyan." So he's Fu Chengyan – the second young master of Jiang City's Big Four!

Shi Wei was astounded as she grabbed onto Fu Xicheng's hand rather happily. "He's THAT Mr. Fu?"

While Shi Wei was excited, Shi Nuan was much calmer on the other hand. She cast a complicated glance at the person walking towards her. That man had his own unique aura, turning heads wherever he went. He strode over confidently and stood in front of her under everyone's eager gaze.

Shi Nuan didn't know why, but her heart suddenly beat wildly. She looked at Fu Chengyan, her eyes meaningful as she asked, "What are you doing here?"

Fu Chengyan merely took a quick glance at Shi Nuan before looking away and signaling to the man next to him. Zhou Zheng immediately came over and held a gift box in front of Shi Nuan. "This is Mr. Fu's birthday gift to Mr. Shi. Wishing you a long life with great prosperity."

Shi Yunsheng looked at Fu Chengyan suspiciously. This young man looked rather pleasant, but Shi Yunsheng didn't know who he was. Still, Shi Yunsheng had been alive for many decades, so he certainly knew how to handle such a situation. He lifted his gaze beckoned Shi Nuan to accept the gift.

Shi Nuan didn't know what Fu Chengyan was up to, but the man looked respectful and didn't look like he was here to cause trouble, so she took the gift.

"My nephew, you're here to celebrate the old man's birthday too?"

That was the kind of person Fu Yuqing was. Now that Fu Chengyan was here, now could he not show off in front of everyone? He quickly cast a glance at Fu Xicheng, hinting at his son to come over. "Chengyan, this is... Ah, our family... What are you waiting for, Xicheng? Hurry up and get over here! Your uncle is here because of you!"

"Why are you here too, uncle!?"

Fu Xicheng wasn't quite willing, but he was still one generation younger than Fu Chengyan. Furthermore, someone like Fu Chengyan was the family's pride...

Thanks to Fu Yuqing, the guests immediately understood what was going on. These were all the Fu family members, and Fu Yuqing had such a huge tree to lean on.

Fu Chengyan squinted and his lips curled into a smile. However, there was a deeper meaning to his smile. His narrowed eyes fell on Fu Xicheng and his sharp gaze was like knives stabbing into the latter. For some reason, Fu Xicheng actually felt terrified in front of Fu Chengyan.

The audience watched as Fu Chengyan remained silent all this while, wearing distant smile on his face. Nobody dared speculate anything.

Seeing the situation, Zhou Zheng let out a chuckle. "Why don't you take a look at the gift, Mr. Shi?"

Shi Nuan cast a complicated glance at Zhou Zheng, not knowing what his intentions were. But as she turned to her grandfather, Shi Yunsheng nodded and said, "Nuan, since it's a gift from Mr. Fu, let's have a look!"

Shi Yunsheng wasn't a slow-witted. He could tell from their conversation that Fu Chengyan wasn't any ordinary young man. He could also tell that this man wasn't too close with Fu Yuqing. He was also curious as to what Fu Chengyan had prepared for him.

Shi Nuan bit her lip and opened the box. "This is..." she looked at Fu Chengyan in shock.

Shi Yunsheng also looked at Fu Chengyan in surprised before happily reaching out to touch the gift inside. "Oh my! This is a chessboard from the Ming dynasty. It's a jade chessboard!"

Shi Yunsheng was well-versed in these items and could tell at first glance that it was authentic. “This...”

Everyone was astonished and tried to peek at the gift, but those who were too far away couldn't get a proper glimpse. Meanwhile, those who were near, such as Fu Xicheng, could easily tell that the chessboard was an expensive one.

Shi Nuan was dumbfounded too. She didn't expect Fu Chengyan to give this chessboard to her grandfather. It was the same chessboard she and Fu Chengyan saw together at the antique shop, but at that time, Shi Nuan was worried that it would cost too much.

Seeing Shi Nuan glance towards him, Fu Chengyan smiled slightly, instantly taking the woman's breath away. “Do you like it, Mr. Shi?”

Fu Chengyan's words were meant for Shi Yunsheng, but his gaze was directed at Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan turned pink and lowered her head as her heart pounded.

“I like it. I do! But you're being too generous, Mr. Fu. You must have spent a lot on this.”

“No matter. Money isn't a problem. It's all worth it if you like the gift.”

“You've really splurged, Chengyan.” With a movement of his eyes, Fu Yuqing signaled to Fu Xicheng. What better time than now to have his son bring out his gift for the old man? “Cheng, where is the gift from you and Wei?”