

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 42

Shi Nuan was startled when the man took her phone away. Fu Chengyan raised his brows at her suspiciously, “You’re reluctant?”

Shi Nuan pursed her lips in displeasure. She didn’t know what Fu Chengyan was implying, but ever since Fu Xicheng had cheated on her with Shi Wei, she had already given up on that man. “No!”

“Really?” Fu Chengyan snorted in disbelief.

Fu Chengyan obviously didn’t believe her. But on second thought, who was Fu Chengyan to her? Their relationship now was not as simple as before. “No matter if you believe it or not, I have nothing to do with Fu Xicheng right now.” Shi Nuan paused, “Don’t worry. Since we’re married, I won’t betray you!”

Fu Chengyan raised his brows in surprise and smiled, “Great. Let me give you a ride back.”

“Okay!”

Shi Nuan knew it was useless to explain. The man was an adult who could think for himself. She couldn’t influence him at all.

Fu Chengyan had come to Shi Nuan’s neighborhood before, so he drove there without getting lost. When Shi Nuan was about to get out of his car, Fu Chengyan stopped her. Shi Nuan’s hand that was holding the handle stilled as she turned to him. “What’s wrong?”

Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes. "I know that this marriage came out of the blue, but that is our reality now, and I hope you remember that!"

Shi Nuan frowned. She was taken aback and stared at Fu Chengyan without a word.

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows. "Got it?"

The man was used to being in control of others, but he was cautious whenever it concerned Shi Nuan. Shi Nuan's lips thinned before she nodded, "Give me some time."

They were married, but it had been less than 24 hours since she carelessly got herself married. Shi Nuan was in a daze, but she knew she was married, and there were bound to be changes in her life.

The corners of her lips tilted upwards as she tried to appease him, "Actually, you don't have to remind me. Since I've married you, I'll do whatever married couples do—"

"Shi Nuan!" Fu Chengyan cut her off. There was a hint of amusement in his eyes. "Don't panic. I'm just making small talk. I won't gobble you up like a tiger."

Shi Nuan forced an awkward smile on her face. You're scarier than a tiger, she thought. But of course, she didn't say that out loud. She merely replied with a smile, "Okay!"

"Go. You must be tired since last night. Be careful and don't get a cold." Fu Chengyan's gaze settled on Shi Nuan when he said that, but Shi Nuan started blushing because of his reminder.

Nothing happened between them last night, but Fu Chengyan's words were ambiguous. Anyone's imagination would run wild upon hearing his words, let alone Shi Nuan, who wasn't a carefree person.

Shi Nuan blushed and gripped the handle tighter. “You—”

“Three days. After three days, I’ll come pick you up!”

“Eh?” Shi Nuan gazed at Fu Chengyan in surprise. “What’s happening in three days?”

Fu Chengyan grinned, “Do you think we’re going to live separately after getting married?” He stressed on the words “live separately”, causing a tremor to run through her body.

An embarrassed look crept onto her face. That look was evidence enough that she had never thought about living together as a married couple.

Shi Nuan relaxed her grip and leaned back in the seat. Her slightly awkward actions revealed her thoughts.

Shi Nuan was nervous, and she could feel her palms perspiring. She clenched her fists before relaxing them. “I-I’m sorry. I’m not prepared for that!”

Although they were married, Fu Chengyan was still a stranger to Shi Nuan.

All she knew about him was that the man was the CEO of Shengyuan Group, and that he was one of the Jiang City’s Big Four, hence no one dared to go against him. She knew nothing else about him.

Shi Nuan didn’t know Fu Chengyan’s preferences, family life and social connections.

Shi Nuan was only beginning to realize how careless she was. She had entrusted her future to a man she knew nothing about. Plus, she had only met him a few times prior to their marriage! Shi Nuan massaged her temples as she felt a headache forming. She gave herself a few light slaps to sober up before sheepishly asking, “Mr. Fu, can I retract my decision to marry you?”

Fu Chengyan raised his brows and glanced at Shi Nuan.

In the past few minutes, he watched as Shi Nuan's expression changed from torn to regretful, and to frustration, finally settling on something that looked akin to insanity. None of them were positive.

Am I that unreliable in her heart? She regrets getting married to me just after a few hours?

Shi Nuan gazed at Fu Chengyan hopefully, but the man raised his brows with a smile on his face. He seemed to be in a good mood, but his next words dashed all her hopes immediately.

He told her, "I can only be widowed, not divorced."

Shi Nuan was dumbfounded. She finally realized that she had found herself an unbeatable opponent. Shi Nuan gulped in dejection. "Mr. Fu, we just got married. I think it's not too late to go back on it since no one is aware of it yet. We can—"

"Ms. Shi!" Fu Chengyan's fingers drummed against the steering wheel casually. He wasn't flustered like Shi Nuan. Compared to Shi Nuan, Fu Chengyan had everything under control. "I told you, I can only be widowed, not divorced. You yourself admitted that we just got married. Are you demanding a divorce right away?"

Fu Chengyan smiled, "I believe you've heard stories about me."

Shi Nuan could only smile like a fool as there was nothing else she could say.

Fu Chengyan locked the doors and shifted in his seat to better examine Shi Nuan, as though he found her entertaining. The calmer he was, the more uncertain Shi Nuan felt. She turned her head to hide her face and tried to open the door. To her dismay, Fu Chengyan had already locked the doors. The woman was exasperated. "Fu Chengyan, you can't force me into this!"

Fu Chengyan furrowed his brows. "Force?" He savored the words as his icy gaze met Shi Nuan's. Like a cheetah stalking its prey, there was a hint of viciousness in his gaze. "Ms. Shi, did you already forget that you begged me to marry you?"

Shi Nuan's heart skipped a beat. There was truly no way out of this. "B-But, I..."

Since Shi Nuan was reduced to tears, Fu Chengyan stopped glaring at her and smiled. "Did I frighten you?" The man continued, "I was just teasing you."

Shi Nuan was terrified and leaned on the door limply. She stared at Fu Chengyan but said nothing.

Fu Chengyan reached out to tuck a strand of hair behind her ear. Shi Nuan couldn't help but tremble as she turned away from him. Suddenly, she heard the sound of the seatbelt unbuckling. Lifting her gaze in surprise, she was greeted by Fu Chengyan's face right in front of her. He was so close to her that her heart stopped beating for a moment.

Fu Chengyan's slender fingers pulled her seatbelt away as he smiled. "I hope you were teasing me too."

Shi Nuan stared at Fu Chengyan as her breath quickened. She didn't know what was on his mind, but he was too near to her. The man's scent surrounded her.

His scent differed from other men's as he had a faint but crisp fragrance, with a hint of passion-fruit and lemon. The light, pleasant aroma enveloped her as he invaded her senses.

Shi Nuan panicked and turned her head away before nodding submissively, "Alright, I understand."

She was no match for Fu Chengyan.

Since Shi Nuan was obviously frightened, Fu Chengyan raised his brows before frowning. "I didn't mean to frighten you. I just want you to know, since this

happened, why avoid it? You should face it straight on. Maybe it might end up differently.”

Shi Nuan took a deep breath. She pressed her lips together tightly before forcing them to curl upwards. “Okay, I’ll get used to it as soon as possible. Three days. You promised you’ll give me three days!”

Fu Chengyan’s eyes shone with mirth as he found her response humorous and endearing. How interesting. She reacts differently from others. Even though she’s scared out of her wits, she still tries to negotiate with me.

“Of course. I am a man of my word. I hope you won’t react the same way as today when I come for you three days later.”

Shi Nuan bit her lips. “I’ll leave now.”

“Okay.” Fu Chengyan unlocked the doors. When Shi Nuan heard the audible click, she immediately opened the door and ran away without saying goodbye.

Fu Chengyan burst into laughter when he saw how she ran while lifting the hem of her dress up. Her flustered footsteps sold her out. The man was once again reminded of how she regretted her decision and shook his head in resignation.

Someone knocked on the window. Fu Chengyan raised his head and saw a man outside his car.

He gazed through the window and smiled coldly.

Fu Xicheng had been waiting downstairs for Shi Nuan since early morning. After she disappeared suddenly last night, he had felt relieved but worried at the same time. Hence, he arrived early morning to wait in front of Shi Nuan’s door.

Last night, Shi Nuan did not go home. He had knocked on the door for a long time and tried to call her, but she ignored all of his calls.

This morning, when a car pulled over outside Shi Nuan's building, he began to observe it. The car had stopped for a long time. He had no idea what the people inside the car were talking about. Just as Fu Xicheng was about to give up, Shi Nuan opened the door and scurried away from the car.

The car was obviously expensive, so it had to belong to a wealthy man. Fu Xicheng recalled Shi Nuan's flustered exit and recognized the car from the last time she arrived home in it. With that in mind, he strode over to the car furiously and knocked on the door.

But the man in the car ignored him. Fu Xicheng knocked for a long time, but he received no response.

"Open the door! Who are you? How are you related to Shi Nuan?"

Fu Chengyan stared coldly at Fu Xicheng outside his car. An icy smile spread across his handsome face. He stepped on the accelerator and sped away.

Want to see me?

Fu Xicheng, you're not qualified to do that!