

# I Want a Lifetime with You

## Chapter 279

Fu Chengyan was about to speak when the door to the room opened. Shi Nuan walked in with a packet of tea leaves. Her gaze darkened when she noticed Fu Chengyan's hesitation. "Granddad, Yan!"

Shi Nuan sat down beside Fu Chengyan. "What were you talking about?"

"What else other than the two of you?" Shi Yunsheng changed the topic a little unnaturally. And in their following conversations, no matter how hard Shi Nuan tried, he always avoided her questions. But the more he avoided, the more curious and determined Shi Nuan was to find out the story behind her birth. Because Shi Yunsheng would not say anything, Shi Nuan couldn't do anything about it either.

It was a good thing Fu Chengyan was there to help mediate the awkward atmosphere.

On the way back, while he was driving, Shi Nuan sat in the passenger seat silently with her head down. Anyone could tell that she wasn't in a good mood. Fu Chengyan didn't start a conversation. He played a song to ease the strange vibe between them.

In the end, it was Shi Nuan who couldn't stand it and spoke up first. "Don't you have anything to ask me?"

Fu Chengyan held the steering wheel with one hand and looked over to Shi Nuan. His gaze was calm as if nothing could faze him. He reached out and squeezed her hand gently. "I said I'll wait until you're ready to speak up. Take your time."

Shi Nuan's eyes flashed, and she pushed Fu Chengyan's hand away for the first time. She looked out the window and waited for several minutes before saying, "You've known for a long time, haven't you?"

"What?" asked Fu Chengyan.

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. "About my birth and my relationship with the Shi family!" Shi Nuan was getting agitated, feeling that Fu Chengyan was just playing dumb. She felt humiliated.

"May!" Fu Chengyan interrupted Shi Nuan's thoughts and sighed, "I've already told you. I don't care what your family name is. I only care about you and that you are my wife. That's all that matters."

Shi Nuan turned to look at Fu Chengyan, her eyes wet with tears, but she refused to cry.

Shi Nuan bit her lips and gave a pained smile. "When did you know?"

"Not too long before you." Actually, he was only making guesses before. He had no evidence to prove it. It wasn't until that day when Shi Nuan broke down did Fu Chengyan conclude his guesses were correct. And yet, he still had no proof.

Shi Nuan hung her head low. "I'm so pathetic. The things I've been chasing after weren't even mine to begin with. No wonder they were never liked me. It's all clear now. I'm not their biological daughter."

"May, you still have me!" Fu Chengyan reached out to hold Shi Nuan's hand again. He looked at her sternly. "You have me. Even if everyone abandons you, I will never do so."

"Is that right?" Shi Nuan had lost confidence. "Yan, do you know? Since I was young, I've always yearned for my mother's hug. I wanted my father to remember my birthday. And yet they never bother. My mother never once hugged me." Shi Nuan tugged on her fingers. "Each year, they only remember after they've

celebrated Shi Wei's birthday. All my birthdays have been spent with Granddad and Grandpa separately."

"Isn't that good? That means Granddad and Grandpa truly care about you!" Fu Chengyan could tell that Shi Nuan had fallen into a spiral. He patted Shi Nuan's hand. "May, listen to me. Let's just pretend this never happened."

"Why?" Shi Nuan looked up at Fu Chengyan in confusion. "I'm not a part of the Shi family, and yet they fostered me. What was their goal? Who were my birth parents? Why did they abandon me? I don't know any of these answers. Now that the cat is out of the bag, I can't possibly pretend anymore. I just can't!"

Shi Nuan could be very stubborn. Once she fell into a hole, it would be very difficult for her to climb out of it. She would keep digging until she came out from the other side. "Yan, I don't want to live like this, not knowing and all the uncertainties. Do you understand?"

Fu Chengyan's eyes darkened. "But you will not get anything out of Granddad."

"Then I'll go ask Grandpa. He must know. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been so nice to me all these years. He must. The other day I overheard my mother say that she had to foster me in order for my Grandpa to give her something. So I must be Grandpa's biological granddaughter, right?"

Shi Nuan was becoming agitated. Fu Chengyan stopped the car and looked at her seriously. Fu Chengyan's expression made Shi Nuan anxious.

"Do you think Grandpa will tell you when Granddad won't?" Fu Chengyan shook his head. "You won't get any information from either of them. Listen to me. Don't fixate on this for now. Don't worry about all of this. Since you want to know, I'll take care of it for you. But you need to give me time."

"Really?" Shi Nuan asked suspiciously, "You're willing to investigate?"

“Silly. You’re my wife. Your problems are mine. But you have to promise me to not worry about this for the time being.”

Shi Nuan pursed her lips. “Okay, I’ll let this go for now. I won’t go ask Grandpa. But you have to help me investigate. I must sort this out.”

“Even if the result isn’t a good one?”

Shi Nuan froze. Her clear eyes looked straight into Fu Chengyan’s and nodded. “Even so.” She had to know.

Fu Chengyan smiled and reached out to caress Shi Nuan’s face, then her lips. “Alright, put the gloomy face away. Give me a smile.”

Shi Nuan twitched the corners of her lips and gave him a reluctant smile.

Fu Chengyan took his hand back. “Since it’s still early, there’s somewhere I want to bring you.”

“Where?” Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan in confusion. “It’s the New Year. Where can we possibly go?”

Fu Chengyan grinned. Shi Nuan saw his excitement, so she pushed her unhappiness away. “Tell me!”

“It’s a secret,” laughed Fu Chengyan as he gently tapped Shi Nuan on the nose. “Sit back,” he said before he stepped on the accelerator and drove off.

Midway, Fu Chengyan made a call. “Are you in?”

The woman on the other end sounded surprised to hear Fu Chengyan’s call. “Yes, but I’ll be closing early today. Are you coming?”

“Yes, I’m bringing someone over. Do you have everything?”

“Yes. I was going to deliver it to you a few days ago, but something happened and we only just fixed it. When are you coming?” Shi Nuan could hear most of what was being said by the very respectful woman on the other end.

Fu Chengyan told her they would arrive shortly, then hung up the call. He turned around to see Shi Nuan looking at him quizzically. He grinned, “You’ll find out later.”

A while later, Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan with surprise. “Why did you bring me to a mall?” It was a high-end mall, too.

Fu Chengyan only smiled in response and got out of the car. Shi Nuan could only follow resignedly. “You’ll find out soon enough. Be patient.”

Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan’s hand, and the two walked into the mall together. He led her to the jewelry section. Shi Nuan could guess by then. “Are you giving me a New Year present?”

Fu Chengyan smiled in response. They entered a jewelry shop. Shi Nuan was pretty confident then. “You’re giving me jewelry?”

Just then, a well-dressed woman walked up to them. “Mr. Fu, you’re here.”

Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan’s hand and walked into the shop. “Everything’s ready?”

“Yes, sir. We’re just waiting for you.” The woman smiled as she got a staff to retrieve something. Her gaze fell on Shi Nuan, then on their intertwined fingers. She understood immediately. “This must be Mrs. Fu.”

Shi Nuan was surprised. She looked at Fu Chengyan and noticed that he had little a reaction, so she nodded in response. “Yes. You can call me Shi Nuan.”

“Nice to meet you!” Jian could tell that Shi Nuan had an air of dignified sophistication to her the moment they met.

A man like Fu Chengyan was undoubtedly impressive. He could overshadow anyone but Shi Nuan. They complimented each other well and looked like a beautiful pairing. Shi Nuan had a unique calmness and tranquility to her.

Jian always wondered what kind of woman would suit a man like Fu Chengyan. She could never conjure up an image before, but that all materialized today.

“My wife, Shi Nuan,” said Fu Chengyan while leading her to the rest area to sit down. Jian followed them. “Hello, Mrs. Fu. I’m Jian, the designer here.” Jian’s assistant then handed a jewelry box to her. Jian smiled and nodded.

“Mr. Fu, the item you requested.” Jian handed it to Fu Chengyan as he reached for it.

“Give me your hand!”

Shi Nuan was perplexed, but she still gave him her hand. She saw Fu Chengyan take out a ring from the box and slip it onto Shi Nuan’s finger with a very serious expression.

“The size is perfect!” Fu Chengyan held Shi Nuan’s hand and looked it over from all angles, his face beaming with satisfaction. He looked at Shi Nuan. “Do you like our wedding ring?”

Shi Nuan’s heart skipped a beat. Even her hand that was being held in Fu Chengyan’s was feeling warm. Her face became bright red, and her eyes flashed brightly. She stared at the simple-looking ring. “Erm, we’ve been married for a while now, though?”