

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 5

“My identity matters not. What matters is that I can help you.” He buttoned up his sleeve and looked at her calmly.

A sense of danger crept up on her. A hunch told her that this man wasn't as simple as he looked. “I don't need your help.”

“Is that so? Then why, pray tell, did you try to drink your worries away yesterday? Your boyfriend became your brother-in-law, your parents don't trust you, and now even the public is against you. Did you not read the headlines today, Ms. Shi?”

“That has nothing to do with you.” Shi Nuan clenched her jaw. “Thank you for saving me yesterday.” Shi Nuan got down from the bed and tried to search for her clothes, but her efforts were to no avail. “Sir!”

“Fu Chengyan.” He leaned against the wall languidly and looked at the panicking Shi Nuan condescendingly. “That is my name.”

Shi Nuan frowned after he introduced himself, as she found the name was familiar. “Who's Fu Xicheng to you?”

“We aren't related. Will you believe me though?” Fu Chengyan answered her question with another question.

“You know the answer to that. Why did you approach me?” Shi Nuan looked at Fu Chengyan, her mind racing non-stop, for she thought the man had some ulterior motive. “Are you planning to use me against Fu Xicheng?”

“Him?” Fu Chengyan snorted before looking at her in disdain. “You flatter him too much.”

Fu Chengyan gasped, shocked by Fu Chengyan’s arrogant claim. “If you’re not going up against him, then I don’t think there’s anything for us to talk about.”

“Don’t you hate him, Ms. Shi?” Fu Chengyan stared at her. “Don’t you hate him for hurting you? He’s the one closest to you.”

“What do you want?”

“Marry me,” he smiled. “I can give you the happiness nobody else can give.” He sauntered over, backing Shi Nuan into a corner.

Her heart was pounding. She looked up and met his deep, bottomless eyes. Shi Nuan was enthralled by his eyes. Fu Chengyan narrowed his eyes and suddenly leaned closer. She could feel his warm breath on her neck. It felt flirty, almost loving, but not lustful. “Like what you see?”

Shi Nuan suddenly snapped out of it. The puffs of warm air on her neck made her skin tingle. The woman shoved him backwards and took a few stumbling steps back herself. “You’re shameless!”

Fu Chengyan’s gaze darkened, before he walked up to her and pulled Shi Nuan towards him. He then extended an arm to pin her against the wall in a katedon pose. He looked down at her before cupping her chin.

He breathed on her lightly, a smile dancing in his eyes. He then leaned down and chuckled. “This is called being shameless. Do you understand me?”

“Let go of me!” Shi Nuan disliked him being so close to her. Her heart was pounding uncontrollably. “Don’t think I have to marry you just because you saved me. We’re in the 21st century, not the feudal era!”

“Looks like you’re objecting to the proposal of getting married to me quite violently, Ms. Shi.” Fu Chengyan brushed a finger across her cheek. Her face was smooth and soft to the touch.

Flippantly, he said, “But that’s not going to work. I only want you. The more you refuse, the more I want to marry you.”

“But why? We don’t even know each other, and you know my situation here. Are you mad? Why would you marry a persona non grata like me?”

Fu Chengyan frowned, as if he disliked Shi Nuan calling herself that. “I’m Fu Chengyan.”

“I know.” She growled. Are this guy’s communication skills underdeveloped?

“I know your name. You’re Shi Nuan, and you know my name. We know each other, so why are you saying we don’t?” Fu Chengyan looked at her. “Don’t sell yourself short. Contrary to what you believe, you’re not completely out of resources and support. From today onwards, you’ll have me.”