

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 442

The paddle boat was a small human-powered watercraft. By peddling, it could be propelled around the river.

However, it was getting dark. The couple worried that they would drown if anything happened.

Shi Nuan coiled her arms around Fu Chengyan's neck. She looked at him with a pitiful gaze. Of course, Fu Chengyan could tell that she was unwilling to leave the place without giving the paddle boat a try. He touched Shi Nuan's forehead gently. "It's okay. We can come back at an earlier time tomorrow. I'll peddle with you for the whole day, alright?"

"It's fine. I'm too old to make a fuss out of this anyway. I just feel bad for missing this since we're already here." Shi Nuan indeed wanted to go on the paddle boat but she was sensible enough to not make a scene for not getting her way. "Let me down. We can just take a stroll along the river bay. It's quite windy!"

"Okay. Hmm, so you can walk on your own feet now, old granny?" Fu Chengyan tried to joke with Shi Nuan.

Shi Nuan's face reddened and smacked Fu Chengyan on his shoulder. "Put me down now!"

The two of them walked along the river for quite some time until someone from the Fu Residence gave them a ring. It was Fu Zhengyun. "Do you guys know what time it is? The whole family is waiting for you for dinner!"

Fu Chengyan arched a brow. "Didn't I tell you guys not to wait for us?"

"You..." Fu Zhengyun almost forgot to breathe. "Young man, watch your tone! Didn't I say to come home earlier today for dinner?"

"Oh right! Oops, I forgot about it! Sorry!" Fu Chengyan sounded nonchalant. "You guys go ahead! It's already way past dinner time anyway."

“You little rascal! You may not want to eat, but my great-grandchildren are still waiting for their food!”

“Oh, they have already eaten,” Fu Chengyan replied. “Go ahead and have dinner without us, Grandpa!”

“Pft! You don’t take me seriously at all! Shi Nuan is now pregnant, mind you! What if she ate something that is harmful to her body, huh? You never know what goes into the food they prepare at restaurants!”

“It’s fine. Anyway, we’ve already eaten. Just go ahead and eat without us. We are in the middle of something. Bye!” Fu Chengyan hurriedly hung up the call. He raised his head and realized that Shi Nuan had been listening to the conversation he had with Fu Zhengyun the whole time.

Fu Chengyan quirked his eyebrows. “You heard everything?”

Shi Nuan stuck out her tongue. “Grandpa sure is so…” Shi Nuan dragged on with her last word as she was unsure of what to say about Fu Zhengyun.

If Fu Zhengyun treated her harshly as he used to, Shi Nuan could still banter with him. However, ever since the old man knew she was pregnant, his attitude towards her took a 180-degree change. So Shi Nuan didn’t know how to deal with it.

“He’s your grandpa too! I’m not the only one who has to suffer now.” Fu Chengyan pinched Shi Nuan’s nose. “Let’s get going!”

“Yan, did you purposely forget about his words?”

“Huh?” Fu Chengyan arched one of his brows. “Of course not!”

Fu Chengyan had truly forgotten about the family dinner at Fu Residence when he took Shi Nuan out for dinner just now. After spending so much time living alone at the Wutong Residence, the couple was used to going out to eat. Naturally, they didn’t have the habit to inform their family members at the Fu Residence about their absence from the family dinner. Thus, it wasn’t entirely Fu Chengyan’s fault that the couple missed the family dinner.

Shi Nuan sighed. “I think grandpa is going to nag at me when we reach home. He’s going to say something along the lines of, ‘Shi Nuan, it must be you who wanted Yan to bring you out,

right?'.” She imitated Fu Zhengyun with her hands flailing around in the air. Fu Chengyan caught her arms and replied in a dreary tone, “No, he wouldn’t.”

Even though Fu Zhengyun was quite a fussy old man, he had been going easy on Shi Nuan since she was pregnant. Fu Chengyan was sure that Fu Zhengyun was not going to say anything.

As true as Fu Chengyan’s prediction was, once the couple got home, Fu Zhengyun went on a tirade at Fu Chengyan but didn’t say anything to Shi Nuan at all.

“You are almost going to be a dad! How can you not watch your wife’s diet! The food outside might taste good, but you’ll never know if they are hygienic! Homecooked food is very good too, but most importantly, it’s clean. Why do you just want to eat out?”

Fu Zhengyun raised his walking cane in an attempt to hit Fu Chengyan, but Shi Nuan hurriedly placed herself in between the two men. At once, his cane froze in mid-air. Fu Zhengyun’s hand trembled as if he were any slower, he could have hit Shi Nuan. He glared at Shi Nuan and puffed, “You step aside!”

Shi Nuan stood sturdily in front of Fu Chengyan. “It’s me who said I wanted to eat out! Yan has nothing to do with it!”

“My lord, you two are just trying to piss me off!”

Fu Chengyan shoved Shi Nuan behind himself so he could protect her. He looked Fu Zhengyun straight in his eyes icily. “I think the feng shui here isn’t good for both me and May. I’m going to get Zhou Zheng to help us move out later!”

“Don’t you dare!” Fu Zhengyun bellowed as he stepped in closer to Fu Chengyan but the latter pushed him away. “You rascal! I am your grandpa! Can’t you just listen to me?”

Fu Zhengyun wanted to let off some steam to remind Fu Chengyan that he was the patriarch of the Fu family. He was not going to allow his grandson to act so willfully. However, he didn’t expect him to not show him any respect at all.

Fu Chengyan scoffed. “If you weren’t my grandpa, I won’t even have moved in here at all.”

“You!”

Fu Chengyan's defiance managed to tick the old man off. "It's already so late! Why do you want to move back now? Also, there's no one else at the Wutong Residence other than you and Shi Nuan. How is a burly man like you going to take care of a pregnant woman? There are so many experienced mothers around here. Wouldn't it be better if you guys stay behind in case anything happens? Aunt Ning brought you up and she has a lot of experience on hand. Just stay here! Just ask Aunt Ning if you have anything you are unsure of!"

Fu Zhengyun had never talked to anyone in such a pleading manner. He was willing to set his ego aside as he didn't want anything to happen to his unborn great-grandchildren.

With that said, Fu Zhengyun felt that he had already made a lot of compromises. If Fu Chengyan still didn't want to give in to his request, he was sure he would blow his top.

Fortunately, Shi Nuan knew to not push Fu Zhengyun past his limits. She slapped Fu Chengyan lightly on his arm. "Look at yourself. Don't quarrel with Grandpa over something so trivial. It's our fault, to begin with. We should have told them we're not coming back home for dinner." She then turned to Fu Zhengyun. "Sorry, Grandpa! I had some cravings earlier, so I asked Yan to take me out to dine, then we went for a stroll. It's all our fault. I promise it won't happen again." Shi Nuan then eyed Fu Chengyan. "Hurry up and apologize to Grandpa."

Fu Chengyan's dark eyes moved to Shi Nuan before they flitted back to Fu Zhengyun.

Fu Zhengyun looked at Fu Chengyan then at Shi Nuan. He was startled by what Shi Nuan just said.

When he heard Shi Nuan's words, his anger at Fu Chengyan had already evaporated. He did not expect Fu Chengyan to apologize at all.

He knew his grandson very well. There was no way a hardy and principled person like him was going to apologize. Still, he still kept his eyes glued to Fu Chengyan as he was curious as to whether his grandson would pay heed to Shi Nuan's order.

"I am sorry!"

Even though Fu Chengyan's apology sounded hesitant, it was spoken out loud.

Everyone there other than Shi Nuan, was astounded by Fu Chengyan's behavior. Never had they thought that Fu Chengyan would ever apologize.

Fu Zhengyun stared at Shi Nuan thoughtfully. Fu Chengyan felt a little uneasily took Shi Nuan's hands in his and walked her upstairs.

Only when the couple disappeared from the stairs did Fu Zhengyun blink his eyes. He turned to his son and his daughter-in-law with much excitement. "Heng, did you hear that? Yan just apologized to me! Ning Xin, you watched him grow, didn't you? Look at what he has become now!"

"Yes, Mr. Fu! He's now a different person." Ning Xin was quite surprised too. Even though she knew Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan were getting along well, she didn't expect that Fu Chengyan would change for the sake of Shi Nuan. "Yan actually apologized. Wow!"

Fu Zhengyun nodded happily. "This little brat! It's the first time he has ever apologized to me!"

Fu Heng and Ning Xin exchanged a knowing glance with one another before looking in the direction of Fu Sheng and Song Zhenyan.

On the other hand, both Fu Sheng and Song Zhenyan were feeling a little bitter. Fu Chengyan was their son, but he was never close to them. Instead, he was closer to Fu Heng and his family. Even when Fu Zhengyun had any issues dealing with Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan, he would go to Fu Heng instead.

In truth, Fu Sheng was rather regretful. He cared a lot for Song Zhenyan, but at the same time, he had forsaken his two children. Now, both Fu Ling and Fu Chengyan were broken on the inside.

Song Zhenyan's feelings were even more complicated than her husband's. She hadn't been living at the Fu Residence for a long time. Even though she married Fu Sheng a long time ago, she spent most of her time in Jiang City instead of the capital. On one hand, she didn't want to see Fu Sheng. On the other, she was worried that she might lose herself if she saw Fu Heng.

Song Zhenyan clenched her fists. She was the one to be blamed for everything that had happened. Now, there was no way she could salvage anything.

Fu Chengyan was now a grownup. He no longer needed her anymore. Because of her previous disapproval of Shi Nuan, Fu Chengyan now rejected her more than before.

As much as Fu Heng and Ning Xin empathize with Fu Sheng and Song Zhenyan's dilemma, they didn't know how to help them. It wasn't something they could meddle with, especially since Fu Chengyan was already an adult with his own mind. His thought could no longer be swayed.

Fu Heng shook his head and sighed. "It's getting late. Ning and I are heading upstairs to rest."

Fu Zhengyun waved at them dismissively. "Just go ahead."

"Heng!" Song Zhenyan got on her feet and shouted at Fu Heng. Fu Heng unwittingly furrowed his brows. He shot a fiery gaze at Song Zhenyan.

Song Zhenyan's eyes were grim but she had a smile plastered on her face. "Fu Heng and Ning Xin, hold on!" She wriggled her lips. "Can I have a word with Ning Xin?"