

Hidden 631

Chapter 631: Is She Even Legal Yet?

When everyone was expecting designer X to go on stage, something happened.

Gong Shangze passed out.

He was already suffering from a fever before, toughing it out, then he could not take it anymore.

The host was urging for the mysterious designer to go on stage. Han Momo panicked. "What to do now, Sis Xi?"

Ning Xi touched Gong Shangze's burning forehead and helped him to lean on her shoulder. "I'll bring him to the hospital. You take the prize for him."

"Huh? Me?" Han Momo was shocked, her jaw left hanging.

In the end, Han Momo hopped up the stage like a bunny, almost tripping from her nervousness and outdoing everyone's expectations.

And her outfit today...

She wore a lolita-style dress and looked like a cute Japanese doll.

"What the heck? Nirvana Reincarnated's designer is a little girl? This doesn't make sense!"

"Such a grand style. Even if it's not a man, might as well be a grown woman! Is she even legal yet?"

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"Uh, you're...Nirvana Reincarnated's designer, X?" the host asked in surprise.

Qu Guanyang raised his eyebrows and touched his chin to ask, "Are you here in someone else's stead?"

His instinct from his experience in the industry told him that she was not the designer for Nirvana Reincarnated.

Han Momo nodded and bowed to the audience politely. "Everyone, I'm sorry, X isn't able to come today because he is not feeling well. I'm his assistant and I'm here to receive the prize in his stead!"

Now that made sense...

As everyone let out a sigh of relief, the mystery shrouding X intensified!

The competition evening finally came to an end. Han Momo carefully held the trophy and sneaked out even before the journalists could come to her.

All the attention was shifted to David and Ning Xueluo.

"Ms. Ning, History lost this time. Do you have anything to say?"

"Was Qu Guanyang implying that you're trying to manipulate the competition's result?"

"Director David, you've lost to someone even with your best design. How do you feel?"

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David looked really unwell and he did not know what to answer.

Ning Xueluo's phone had been ringing non-stop after the competition results were out. They had lost a few million dollars in just a few minutes after some big customers canceled their reservations. The worst thing was that the unknown Spirit Studio could end up as their biggest competitor.

David knew that things were bad just by looking at Ning Xueluo's expression. "Miss, it's just a local award. It's nothing!"

"Nothing?! In just a few minutes, we've lost five million dollars!"

Most importantly, how could she face everyone? People said she had good taste and had a treasure in her hands. Now, she did not win the prize and was even accused of controlling the competition results!

David cursed internally. Five million dollars, so what? Remember how much we earned before!

But he still spoke carefully, "Ms. Ning, please believe me. The effect is just temporary, that designer has a similar style to mine, but we've already dominated the market. He can never take away our customers!"

"He'd better not!"

Chapter 632: Woman, You're Playing With Fire!

The next day, all the headlines in fashion news were about the dark horse that won the Golden Award. They brutally described David's awkward walk of shame and featured a picture of him getting up from his seat preparing to go up on stage for the prize. As always, the news was much more dramatic than your average gossip.

[New Designer X Storms Golden Award: A Young Girl?]

[David Defeated - The End Of His Era?]

[Dark Horse In The Golden Award, Snatching The Limelight]

[Who's Behind The Spirit Studio?]

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At Platinum Palace.

It was the weekend and Lu Tingxiao was taking a day off. Ning Xi had promised to bring Little Treasure to the theme park and he was up early, packing.

Lu Jingli was still in his pajamas, but he was already waving the newspaper in front of his brother, "Bro! Look! Gong Shangze actually won the Golden Award! And with full marks! He totally dominated David! Sister-in-law is too powerful! She picked up a genius!"

Lu Tingxiao sipped his tea calmly, looking like he already knew.

"But what does the pseudonym X mean? Is it anything special? Gong...Shang...Ze...none of his initials is an X." Lu Jingli thought about it and then it dawned on him.

"Ning Xi...Xi...oh..."

Lu Jingli carefully glanced at his brother, quickly commenting, "This guy is really loyal, using his boss' initial as the name!"

As they were talking, Butler Yuan escorted Ning Xi in.

Lu Jingli stared at Ning Xi. "Xiao Xi Xi, you're here! You're really dirty-minded!"

Ning Xi scowled at him. "What's wrong with you? How am I dirty-minded?"

Lu Jingli pointed his fingers at the six dresses on the newspaper. "Your design theme!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him. "What are you talking about? 'Rebirth from the Fire', it's such a positive theme!"

Lu Jingli gave her a suggestive look and said, "But I can only think of one thing..."

"What did you think of?" Ning Xi was not expecting anything good to come out of his mouth.

Lu Jingli replied seriously, "Woman, you're playing with fire!"

Ning Xi was annoyed. She could not stand him anymore. "You're the dirty-minded one!"

She ignored him and went to Lu Tingxiao. "Boss, where's Little Treasure?"

Little Treasure ran out as soon as he heard Ning Xi's voice.

Ning Xi lifted him up. "Are you ready?"

Little Treasure patted his bag, signaling that he was more than ready to go.

"Alright, then we'll go now!"

Ning Xi was traveling out of the country for a roadshow tomorrow. One of the areas she would be going to was America and she planned to go Philadelphia then to meet YS. Before she left, she wanted to have fun with Little Treasure.

"It's a weekend and there'll be a lot of people. Be careful," Lu Tingxiao reminded them from the sofa.

Ning Xi held Little Treasure up and blinked. "Boss, aren't you not coming with us?"

Lu Tingxiao was surprised and he looked up from his documents. "You...want me to go?"

Usually, he would not disturb them when Ning Xi brought Little Treasure out since he thought that they might not have as much fun if they were with him, so he did not expect Ning Xi to ask him.

Chapter 633: Lu Tingxiao, I Like You!

Ning Xi nodded honestly. "Yeah!"

But then, she remembered something. "Oh, there'll be quite a lot of people and it's pretty childish. Boss, if you don't like it, then..."

"I like it." Lu Tingxiao put down his documents instantly, standing up to take his coat from the hanger.

Ning Xi's eyes shone. She had been afraid that Lu Tingxiao might not go and did not expect him to agree so easily.

Little Treasure was a little closer to Lu Tingxiao now, so he was quite pleased to know that his father was going together. His eyes were gleaming with excitement.

This was the first time he was going out with both Auntie Xiao Xi and father together!

Looking at the happy family, a dead fish lay on the sofa in despair. "Leaving me all alone again!"

Ning Xi patted Lu Jingli's head. "Be good and stay at home, I'll bring you back some candy!"

"Hmph! Do you think I'm some kid? I don't want candy!" Lu Jingli looked upset. "I want cotton candy! The rainbow-colored one!"

Ning Xi was speechless.

The three of them reached the theme park by car.

Because there would be a grand firework display happening at night, there were a lot of people today, mostly families and couples.

"I'll hold Little Treasure!" Lu Tingxiao said.

Ning Xi was worried that Little Treasure might get squished in her arms, so she handed him over, "Okay."

Lu Tingxiao held Little Treasure in one hand and guided Ning Xi's shoulder with another as they walked towards one of the attractions together.

Lu Tingxiao liked to the quiet. He hated this kind of environment with crowds, but he was not showing his discomfort at all. He accompanied Ning Xi and Little Treasure patiently the whole day, even cooperating and taking a lot of selfies with them. To Ning Xi's delight, he set one of it as his phone wallpaper.

As the night fell, Lu Tingxiao had Little Treasure's bag on his back with a few zodiac masks hanging on his neck. In one hand were a few packets of snacks, while the other was holding the cotton candy Lu Jingli asked for. He followed them around without any complaints at all...

"Quick! Lu Tingxiao let's go there! The firework display is going to start soon!" Ning Xi held Little Treasure's hand and ran in front, but she came back after a while and clung onto Lu Tingxiao's arm.

Lu Tingxiao looked at her in surprise. It was as if they were really a family...

Finally, the firework show started.

A bright light rose up from the horizon and exploded in the air, with a boom and the sky was beautifully lit up.

Numerous fireworks started popping. During the firework show, Ning Xi turned her head towards the man standing beside her, looking at his side profile which was illuminated by the fireworks.

Lu Tingxiao noticed her gaze and turned to her.

Ning Xi opened her mouth and said something but the sound of the fireworks was too loud for him to hear anything, so he gave her a confused look.

Under the sky full of fireworks, she closed in and said it again. She repeated her words, although she knew he would not be able to hear it: "Lu Tingxiao, I like you!"

Chapter 634: Providing For Lu Tingxiao

At night.

After he had sent Ning Xi and Little Treasure back to the Regal Riveria hotel, Lu Tingxiao did not go home right away. He called Lu Jingli and asked him to meet at a bar instead.

"Bro, you asked me out to a bar! I thought I was hallucinating!"

Under the dim light, Lu Tingxiao's face was hidden in the shadows. There was a long silence before he spoke up, "Is it possible?"

"Possible? For?" Lu Jingli was confused.

"Ning Xi...might have fallen for someone else," Lu Tingxiao said.

Lu Jingli opened his eyes wide. "Huh? Who?"

"Me."

Lu Jingli almost spat out the drink he just gulped. "Why do you think so?"

"Feels like it."

Lu Jingli scratched his head. "Bro, did something happen today?"

There was a thick knot in between Lu Tingxiao's brows. "It seems like she said...she likes me."

"What?! Xiao Xi Xi said she likes you?" Lu Jingli recovered from his excitement after a while, "Wait, why did you say 'seems like'?"

"During the firework show in the theme park, she said something to me, but it was too loud and I couldn't hear anything." Lu Tingxiao frowned, as if trying very hard to remember.

Lu Jingli returned to his excited mode again. "But you know how to read lips! So, you understood?"

"Reading lips isn't always 100% accurate and the environment made it hard to focus."

Most importantly, it just did not seem possible.

He did not even notice the first time. When she said it the second time as she closed in on him, he did not really read her lips properly as well. He had just glanced a little, not daring to jump to conclusions.

What made him suspicious was not what she said, but her eyes when she said it.

Her eyes at that moment were so beautiful as if they were speaking directly to his heart.

From her eyes, he saw something he had never thought about before...

"Bro, why don't you test Xiao Xi Xi after she returns?"

It was a rare occasion that Lu Tingxiao agreed with Lu Jingli's suggestion. "Mmm."

He himself wanted to know the answer as well.

The next day after they returned from the theme park, Ning Xi took an early morning flight out of the country. After several days of promoting the movie, she and the crew finally reached their last stop, Washington D.C., the capital of the United States.

Because it was not one of the featured cities, most of the crew did not want to go as they were tired from the previous venues. The only actress with slightly more scenes in the movie who was willing to go was Ning Xi and Guo Qisheng was genuinely touched.

She worked diligently without any complaints and was never one to snatch the limelight. He even had Ning Xi in mind for a new movie the following year and would like to have her as the main protagonist.

For some reason, Jiang Muye decided to attend this last day of promotion since he only appeared at one or two events for the past few days. He slept through the whole flight. As he took off his sleeping mask, he saw Ning Xi was reading a script under a dim light and was speechless. "Ning Xiao Xi, what's wrong with you? Why are you working so hard?!"

Ning Xi realized that they were going to take off soon, so she put her script away and glanced at Jiang Muye. "How will I support Lu Tingxiao if I don't work hard now?"

Jiang Muye was once again speechless.

She wanted to provide for Lu Tingxiao?

Was that not too difficult a goal?

Chapter 635: That Woman Has Reached Philadelphia!

Jiang Muye ignored his thoughts and mumbled, "Then wouldn't my uncle have to wait until the day he dies?"

"Shut up! Stop jinxing me!"

"I'm telling the truth. It might still be possible to provide for me though..."

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him. "I like to challenge the impossible!"

Jiang Muye felt his heart ache when he looked at the girl as he knew she was being serious this time.

He thought that she had already given up, but he had underestimated her. From the cowardly little girl she was, she now chose to be by his side...

He had always thought that this girl was heartless.

Now, he understood that she was not heartless; it was just not meant for him...

Jiang Muye suppressed his feelings and he gave her a pat on the shoulder. "Do you want to go for a drink tonight? The best nightclubs in the world are in D.C.!"

The United States had a wide social divide. There were extremely rich places like D.C. but there were ghost towns like Philadelphia too.

"I know you'll have other intentions..." Ning Xi stared at him despicably. "No, I want to sleep!"

Tomorrow was the promised day to meet YS and she needed to prepare herself.

The crew was leaving tomorrow afternoon. After some rest tonight, she would go to Philadelphia to meet YS early in the morning, then she would be back by the time the crew had to leave.

"Ning Xiao Xi, what's wrong with you?! You're not even with him yet and you're avoiding night clubs already!"

Ning Xi shook her head. "Those who don't have someone they like would never understand!"

"How do you know that I don't have someone I like?"

"Ah, there is someone? Who?"

"A bastard!"

"Perfect, a brat like you would need a bastard to hold you down!"

"You..."

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After the roadshow ended for the day, the whole crew went out to have fun. Ning Xi declined their invitation and went back to the hotel to sleep.

At 5 a.m. in the morning, the alarm rang.

Ning Xi opened her eyes, picked up her bag and went on her way to Philadelphia.

On the outskirts of Philadelphia, she went to a restaurant for breakfast, then changed her outfit in the washroom.

By the time she came out, she was dressed in a male outfit.

First Brother Senior had told her that their meeting point was one of their spots, an underground casino in the center of Philadelphia.

She was familiar with Philadelphia because she had stayed here for a year before, but riots happened frequently here and most of the buildings were rebuilt, causing her to lose her bearings. After a long while, she finally recognized some of the landmarks.

Due to the government's effort, there were a lot of patrolling police cars on the street. The city looked much better than before without fights breaking out in the daytime.

What Ning Xi did not know was that she was being watched the moment she had stepped into the States...

"Boss, that woman has reached Philadelphia!"

"Really?" On a leather sofa, a blond man with blue eyes seemed to be tucking his long hair under his ear, but there was nothing there. Both his ears were sliced off.

"It's true, I was worried that we might not be able to do anything in D.C. but some of our men saw her exit the hotel and come to Philadelphia. She's even changed into a male outfit and we almost couldn't recognize her! But this proves one thing!"

Chapter 636: I'm A Decent Person Now

As he spoke, he put down two pictures on the table. "Ning Xi, Tang Xi. Both of them are the same person! But why isn't she with Satan? She also used another identity and stayed beside Lu Tingxiao."

"Hmm, interesting..." Augustine touched his chin.

"Do you want me to check it out?" his henchman asked.

Augustine waved his hand impatiently. "Nope, it doesn't matter, she's going to die here...today!"

The henchman was shocked. "Boss, you...you want to...she has ties with Satan. Because of her, Satan even had Tang Ye..."

"Shut up!" Augustine felt a burning pain at the spot his ears were sliced off as he felt humiliated and ordered them angrily, "You dare defy my orders?"

"No...no, sir!"

"Get her alive! I'll let them see how I'll torture this woman to death!" The man's eyes were filled with bloodlust.

Had it not been for this woman, his plan would not have failed and he would not have gotten himself into this situation without any alliance and any weapons...

They cared a lot about this woman and they would now taste the price of humiliating him!

The henchman was really bothered and he reminded Augustine again, "If Satan finds out about this..."

Augustine sneered, "That piece of crap is now hiding in the Straits of Malacca! By the time he finds out, the woman's body would already be rotting! Moreover, there will be people here to get us out tomorrow, so what are you afraid of? Don't you want to get revenge for Firo and Alice?"

The henchman clenched his teeth. "Okay! I'll bring more men over. That woman seems like a big trouble to deal with!"

Augustine pushed the scantily clad girl out of his arms. "Wait, I'll go myself!"

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After Ning Xi was clear of her direction, she did not go to the casino immediately, dodging into a small discreet shop instead.

"Sir, get me a Glock 17."

She was not able to get the P226 Lu Tingxiao had given her through the customs, so she could only buy one here to defend herself. She did not feel secure enough to walk around here without a gun.

In the shop, a fat man was cleaning a pile of bullets and he did not even bother to raise his head. "We don't deal with fresh customers."

"Sir, are you sure that I'm fresh?" Ning Xi looked at him with a grin.

The owner raised his head impatiently. After he realized who it was, his jowls trembling and the bullets in his hands fell onto the floor. He then crawled under the table and asked, "You...didn't you leave? Why are you back?"

He quickly looked behind her to see if there was anyone else.

Ning Xi knew what he was looking at. This small little shop was one of the largest underground trading grounds. There were a lot of interesting items here, not just weapons but also ancient medicine. She used to come here with Second Senior Brother just to take items away from here. The owner would always get a headache whenever he saw them.

"Take whatever you want!" the owner urged her quickly, not wanting her to stay any longer.

Ning Xi walked around and picked up a gun herself. "How much is it?"

"N...no! I don't want your money! Just go!"

Ning Xi said unhappily, "I can't do that, I'm a decent person now!"

Chapter 637: My Lord, What Do You Want?

The owner was on the verge of crying. "My Lord, what do you want?"

Ning Xi looked innocently at him. "I want to pay!"

The owner did not dare to take her money and wrung his hands. "I don't want it! I really don't want it!"

Ning Xi's temper flared. "Damn it! I said I want to pay! I'll punch you!" He was breaking her life principles!

After a long while, the owner gave her a price and she paid the money, leaving satisfied. The owner looked at the money on the table and trembled. He did not expect that she would really pay...

Fortunately, Ning Xi saw a taxi after she came out of the shop and flagged it down to take a ride straight to her destination.

She closed her eyes and rested for a little, then she heard a loud bang from the back of the car. Something had hit the car from the back very hard.

People living in Philadelphia mostly had great instincts for trouble. The driver reacted quickly and ran away, abandoning his taxi after realizing something was not right.

Ning Xi quickly followed and went out of the car. She thought that it was some riot or robbery happening, but she knew it was something more when four men came out from the car which had hit the taxi and surrounded her, all pointing their guns at her.

It was a life-threatening situation! Ning Xi instinctively reached her hand to the gun on her hips.

What happened?

They were here for her!

She had never seen these fair-skinned men before and she did not remember causing any trouble on her way here. There was no way they could be her old enemies since none of them would dare to attack her in the day.

"Put down your gun." The leader wearing a black sleeveless shirt looked at her with scorn and snapped, "Quickly!"

The man seemed to know that she had a good aim and he was being wary of her gun. He then released a shot near her foot as a warning.

The other three men stared at her carefully, watching for any sudden movements.

Bang! Dust rose from the ground beside Ning Xi's foot.

Ning Xi understood that she was at a total disadvantage and she had no means to counter, so she clenched her teeth and tossed her gun away.

The leader let out a short sigh of relief, then he put up a ferocious expression. "You witch, you killed my brothers! I'm going to take revenge for them today!"

"I killed your brothers? Who are they? Are you mistaken?" Ning Xi was confused and tried to get them to talk more, so she could assess the environment nearby.

The man flew into a rage. "Stop talking! Raise your hands and come over slowly!"

Suddenly, Ning Xi saw a police car pass by and she felt really glad.

No matter how fearsome these people were, they would not dare to oppose the police!

As she was about to call for help, the police car came straight to them. The police in uniform walked over with a smile and acted really pally with the leader.

"What's going on, man?"

"Not much, just some personal matter. Please help me to look out and not let anyone come near here. We don't want to hurt anyone innocent!"

"Sure, no problem!"

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Ning Xi looked at the police car in dismay as it went away. Not only was she not saved, but her escape route was also sealed off.

Damn it, it seemed like these people were pretty influential!

Chapter 638: You're Satan's Woman?

The leader was impatient. Since he thought she had no means of attacking now, he signaled for his men to grab her.

As they moved, three gunshots were fired. Bang, bang, bang!

Three men went down in just a second!

The leader looked at his men, his expression turning pale.

He saw Ning Xi was holding a gun with smoke coming out of it and she was now aiming at his head.

"You...didn't you throw your gun away..." The man looked at the gun on the floor in disbelief. It was still lying there.

Ning Xi rolled her eyes like she was looking at an idiot. "Who told you I only had one gun?"

She had bought two!

The leader was infuriated and cursed, "F*CK! You cunning Asian!"

"You're just too stupid," Ning Xi sneered at him, "Who do you think is faster, you or I?"

The man's hand was trembling and sweat started to fall from his brow.

He would not have been afraid if she was an average woman, but now he knew that this was Tang Xi!

Rumour had it that she had the best gunmanship among the people around Satan...

She took advantage of the stress the man was going through and fired a shot when she had the chance. Bang!

The man reacted swiftly. He avoided his vitals being shot at and was hit on his shoulder instead, his gun clattering onto the floor.

That was good enough for her to escape. She did not want to stay there any longer and just wanted to leave.

Suddenly, there was the sound of many footsteps pattering.

Dozens and dozens of armed men surrounded her.

The leader who was shot was smugly grinning at ease now as he respectfully walked towards a blond man with blue eyes and addressed, "Boss!"

The blue-eyed man looked like the leader of everyone here. He expressionlessly glanced at the three bodies and his injured henchman.

The man had fair skin and a tall nose, blue eyes and long blonde hair, but his ears looked a little weird...

A breeze blew and Ning Xi saw it clearly. The man had no ears...

The man then looked at the helpless Ning Xi, giving her a creepy look. He used a tone matching his twisted expression and taunted, "Run, why don't you continue running? Don't you Chinese have a saying? You don't follow the path to the heavens, yet you barge into the doorless hell!"

Ning Xi cursed at herself while looking at all the men around her.

What was wrong with them? Did they prepare these many men just to catch her? Did they think that they were fighting a mob boss or something?

Philadelphia was their old spot, but their main forces were moved to some other city. It seemed like this place was now controlled by this blond man with blue eyes.

She was now like a rat in a trap with no means to escape.

What could she do?

As she was thinking, the blond man advanced towards her slowly and looked at her suggestively. "So, you're Satan's woman?"

Chapter 639: Have A Taste

When she heard what he said, only one word appeared in her mind: Sheet!

She was just a nobody. How could she attract all these people on her own? Now, the culprit was clear!

"No!" Ning Xi replied instantly.

The man gave her a cold smile and pinched her chin. "No? He broke off our alliance all because of you. My ears are gone because of his man Tang Ye as well!"

This man's ears were sliced by First Senior Brother?

After hearing the man's bitter words, Ning Xi got an idea of what was happening. She remembered the last time she was here when she encountered the people in the abandoned arsenal when she was looking for Lu Tingxiao.

From Annie's message, she knew that these people were in an alliance with the organization, but the relationship had been destroyed because of this incident...

After Ning Xi realized what had happened, she had a more serious expression on her face.

If what she thought was true, she was going to end up dead here. It was no use denying her relationship with Satan here. She had killed this man's underling and he would never let her go!

"That guy's woman, huh? I'd like to have a taste..."

The earless man dragged his finger down her neck and rubbed her skin suggestively, making Ning Xi disgusted.

With a flash of reflected light, the man used a dagger and sliced through Ning Xi's shirt from the top of her collar. Ning Xi's coat and inner shirt were cut through and her fair skin was exposed...

This looming view was even more seductive than her being nude and all the men stared at her passionately.

Ning Xi knew what they were thinking just by looking at them. She was surrounded, her only gun had been taken away from her and she had no means of protecting herself. She would end up dead anyway, so she might as well try!

As the men were staring at her distractedly, she kicked the man's groin.

Bang! A bullet went straight into her thigh and she cried out in pain.

She had reacted quickly enough and avoided it from entering her vitals.

The man covered his attacked groin, embarrassed. "You really have a death wish!"

All the guns were aimed at her right now. She would be dead the moment the man gave his signal.

Ning Xi looked at them coldly. Yes, she would rather die!

The man realized what she was thinking and he grabbed her by her hair, snarling, "You're not going to die so easily!"

The whole of Philadelphia was already under his control. He was king here.

While Satan might not be able to get here because of the trouble he was having right now, even if he did come, he would end up dead here as well. No one could ever hope to help this woman escape.

The man's gaze made Ning Xi uneasy, on top of the disgust and contempt she felt from his suggestive looks.

Some cars passed by and the drivers looked to see what was happening as the road had been blocked, but their faces all went pale after realizing what was happening. Out of fear, they ignored Ning Xi's signal for help and zoomed off as quickly as they could.

After her signals for help failed several times, Ning Xi gave up on expecting any passerby to save her.

Chapter 640: How Is This A Romantic Misfortune?

"Are you still expecting someone to come and save you?" mocked the man, looking at Ning Xi like his prey with a sardonic smile.

"The whole of Philadelphia is now under our control, so you'd better give up now. Any hope you have now will just add to your despair later on," the man told Ning Xi with a smirk on his face.

Since her wish to live was being snuffed out, it was easy for her to seek death.

Tens of guns aimed at Ning Xi and she morbidly imagined the numerous holes which would riddle her body the moment the man gave his signal.

The man was relaxed like a cat that caught the mouse. Ning Xi was an easy prey in his hands, one he would only eat after getting bored of playing with.

"Little girl, rest assured that we won't kill you soon. We will only torture you to death after we're done having fun with you. For now, our game has just begun."

Ning Xi did not express any fear and acted exceptionally calm, making the man unhappy. He wanted to see Ning Xi beg him for forgiveness.

Suddenly, Ning Xi mustered up her strength and struggled to break free of the man's grip. She shoved him and then ran away, limping.

Ning Xi's thigh had been shot, so she ran slower than she wished she could and blood was oozing out of her wound.

Bang!

Another gunshot was fired from behind her, the bullet ricocheting off the ground in front of Ning Xi, creating a powder storm of rocks and sand.

Ning Xi clenched her teeth and powered through as if she was not afraid of death.

The man used his right hand to hold the gun which was still emitting smoke as he said sourly, "Who gave you permission to shoot? There's no fun playing with a dead mouse. Plus, I have a lot of time today!"

"Boss, I understand. My bad." The henchman who fired the shot just now nodded fearfully.

As they watched the woman's stumbling silhouette get away, the man patiently called after her, "Little girl, run! It's more fun that way, how exciting! Hahahaha..."

The man's ear-piercing maniacal cackle haunted Ning Xi, echoing in the air...

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Sometime later, Ning Xi right leg was becoming numb and she slowed down even more. She turned to look over her shoulder and could not see any of them anymore.

Night soon fell. Stars blanketed the sky and the moon shone brightly.

Ning Xi simply bandaged her leg with a strip of her shirt and she had painstakingly removed the bullet by herself but the pain remained. It was much more bearable now though, compared to before. At least, her leg would still be functional after this.

Ning Xi laughed bitterly at herself. Here she was, still worrying if her leg would be functional when she did not even know if she could get out of Philadelphia alive. She actually knew what was going to happen to her but did not want to admit it.

She already felt in her bones that something bad was going to happen, but this was a hundred times worse than what she expected.

How did her romantic misfortune turn into a death trap?

Only people who gave up on worldly desires had no fear of death, but now, she was afraid. Afraid that she would die.