

Toxic Ex 201

Chapter 201: I Want to Know Her Past

Lin Yixun suddenly smiled bitterly, "Can you really not care about my past at all?"

"Lin Yixun, I've said it before, I don't care what you were like in the past, I only care about you now, the present Lin Yixun."

"Heh, really? You can not care that I was once married, not care that I worked in entertainment venues, even not care who I have slept with, but what about your parents, your family and friends? Can they accept everything about me like you do?" Lin Yixun stepped back, with red eyes, "No, which parent in the world doesn't wish for their child to marry a girl with a clean background? Which parent in the world doesn't wish for their future daughter-in-law to have a clean family history?"

And she, whether it was herself or her family background, was enough to make people avoid her.

Ouyang Hao opened his mouth but had no strength to refute. Lin Yixun smiled weakly, see, even Ouyang Hao himself was very clear, her past was an insurmountable barrier between them.

"Ouyang Hao, let's not see each other anymore in the future, let's just... let's just pretend we've never met." Lin Yixun smiled as she turned away, but tears slipped down her cheeks at the moment of turning.

She thought she could remain indifferent, thought her heart had turned to ashes, but what was that cold liquid on her face? It turned out that unknowingly, her heart had been moved by the man behind her, but she had to bury this feeling that didn't belong to her.

How she wished time could rewind to five years ago, back when she was still the high and mighty mayor's daughter, back when she was in her prime; if she had met Ouyang Hao then, maybe everything would have been different.

But, in this world, there is never an "if", only outcomes. The outcome was that she fell in love with Leng Yixiu, the outcome was she threw herself into a loveless marriage like a moth to a flame, the outcome was that she became so undeserving, without even the basic right to pursue happiness.

Ouyang Hao helplessly watched Lin Yixun's departing figure, but he didn't even have a reason to make her stay; Lin Yixun was right, her past was the largest obstacle between them.

Just as Lin Yixun and Xiao Mu had said, even if he could unconditionally accept Lin Yixun's past, getting his parents' approval would be difficult.

But letting go, Ouyang Hao simply couldn't do it.

After Lin Yixun left, Ouyang Hao made a call to Mu Chen. Mu Chen was a bit surprised to receive Ouyang Hao's call, all the rumors about this guy had been flying around lately, he shouldn't be able to spare any time to call him.

"Buddy, calling me early in the morning, what's up? Have you been enjoying yourself these days?" At this point, Mu Chen still couldn't help but tease Ouyang Hao.

Ouyang Hao couldn't be bothered to chit-chat, he went straight to the point, "I need you to investigate something."

"What is it, as long as you say the word, I guarantee I'll get it done properly,"

"Lin Yixun's past." Ouyang Hao paused for a moment and added, "As detailed as possible."

"You really want detailed information? Buddy, you better think it over." Actually, finding out Lin Yixun's past wasn't difficult for Mu Chen, he was only worried that the information he provided would be too detailed for Ouyang Hao to handle.

Chapter 202: A Woman Chasing a Man is Separated by a Layer of Mountains

Mu Chen was incredibly efficient; that very same day, he sent Ouyang Hao detailed information about Lin Yixun's past. The information was extremely thorough, even covering events from Lin Yixun's time in kindergarten and elementary school.

Lin Yixun's childhood could be described as very happy, and this happiness continued until her first year of high school. That year, she encountered a major setback in her life—Leng Yixiu.

According to the information, Lin Yixun met Leng Yixiu at A University Affiliated Middle School's school anniversary celebration and fell in love with him at first sight. That year, she was only sixteen and a high school freshman, while Leng Yixiu was twenty-two, about to graduate from university.

From then on, Lin Yixun became Leng Yixiu's shadow. Wherever Leng Yixiu appeared, Lin Yixun could be seen. She even often skipped classes just to look for him.

Despite Leng Yixiu rejecting her countless times and stating he had a girlfriend, and never once giving Lin Yixun a second glance, she remained persistent, relentlessly chasing after him.

At that time, in A University Affiliated Middle School, even A University, everyone knew the story of the mayor's daughter from A City and school belle of A University Affiliated Middle School madly pursuing Leng Yixiu.

But in the ensuing years, this school belle turned into a laughingstock.

Back then, aside from being pretty, Lin Yixun's infatuation with Leng Yixiu led her grades to plummet disastrously. If not for her father being the mayor of A City, she would have been expelled from A University Affiliated Middle School long ago.

And everyone knew, Leng Yixiu's girlfriend at the time, Cheng Ying, was not only beautiful and graceful but also excelled academically, winning national awards almost every year at A University.

In this stark contrast, anyone with some sense could see who was the better match. People often talked about Lin Yixun in their spare time, which undoubtedly was a huge slap in the face for her.

Furious, she boasted, "It's just A University. If I put my mind to it, I can get in too."

To others, her bold claim seemed like a joke. Even her friends doubted she could get into A University. By the second semester of her sophomore year, her grades were consistently at the bottom of her class, even in the entire grade. Given her performance, it was considered a daydream to aim for a top-tier century-old institution like A University.

But Lin Yixun was resolute. Determined to pace herself with Leng Yixiu and to prove herself, she suddenly became exceptionally diligent in her junior year. Not only did she hire tutors with her parents' help, but she also focused intensely in class and pestered her teachers even during breaks.

To everyone's astonishment, a year later, she managed to get into A University on her own merits, enrolling in the university's leading program—Computer Science—because Leng Yixiu was also pursuing his graduate studies in that department.

As the saying goes, proximity to water gets the moon first. Studying in the same university gave Lin Yixun more opportunities to see Leng Yixiu. With Leng Yixiu set to graduate in a year, Lin Yixun's pursuit intensified.

To obtain reliable information, she didn't hesitate to spend a fortune to bribe Leng Yixiu's roommate, uncovering his class schedule, research lab, and even the cafeteria he frequented.

As a result, it was common to witness this phenomenon at that time: wherever Leng Yixiu appeared, there was a high probability of seeing the new school belle of A University—Lin Yixun.

Chapter 203: He Forced Her into a Corner Without Hesitation

The school beauty pursued Yixiu relentlessly, but every time she received a cold reception. Yixiu was a heartless person who never paid attention to Lin Yixun. Eventually, even Lin Yixun began to feel disheartened and considered giving up, but then a turning point emerged.

By some twist of fate, the Leng Group, which had always operated smoothly, faced a crisis at this time. The CEO of Leng Group, overwhelmed by enormous debts and stress, jumped off the headquarters building on a sunny afternoon and died instantly.

In an instant, all the burdens of Leng Group fell on the shoulders of its heir, Yixiu.

Although Yixiu was a genius in computer programming and had founded his own software company in college, which was running well, the scale of his company could not compare to that of Leng Group.

Facing the crisis that Leng Group encountered, the inexperienced Yixiu struggled to cope. He sought help from friends who had good relations with Father Leng, but was met with closed doors one after another.

When the wall is about to collapse, everyone pushes. In times of prosperity, everyone is your friend, but in times of difficulty, those who called you brother are nowhere to be found.

Just when Leng Group was on the verge of collapse and Yixiu had nowhere to turn for help, the former mayor of A City extended an olive branch to him, using his authority to help Leng Group overcome the crisis.

Of course, all of this came with a condition—Yixiu had to become his son-in-law.

Despite feeling aggrieved, Yixiu endured the humiliation and agreed to the condition. He broke up with Cheng Ying and married Lin Yixun within a month.

Thus, Lin Yixun finally got what she wished for and became Yixiu's wife.

Ouyang Hao read through the documents on his desk with an expressionless face, but his hands paused for a moment.

His gaze fell on the photograph in front of him, which was a close-up shot of a grand wedding with the bride and groom as the focus.

In the photo, Lin Yixun wore a white strapless wedding gown with a long train, her light veil draped behind her. Back then, her face did not yet have that long scar. She smiled radiantly under the sun, breathtakingly beautiful, her beauty meant for one person alone—Yixiu. Her heart and eyes were filled with Yixiu, leaving no room for anyone else.

But the man beside her had a face as indifferent as ever, devoid of any emotion or the joy of being a groom.

From this photograph, it was obvious that this marriage was doomed to be unhappy.

Indeed, the marriage lasted less than a year before ending unhappily.

For Yixiu, this marriage helped Leng Group out of its predicament. In just one year, he solidified Leng Group's position in the IT sector, propelling it to the top of the industry.

But for Lin Yixun, it was a complete defeat. Yixiu spent that year turning Leng Group into a Fortune 500 company and gathering evidence of Father Lin's abuse of power. He showed no mercy to his benefactor and personally sent him to prison.

With Father Lin in jail, Lin Yixun fell from a high-class lady to a person everyone condemned.

Yixiu showed no mercy to his ex-wife. After forcing her to drop out of school, he ruthlessly closed off all her pathways. He once harshly declared, "Any company that dares to hire Lin Yixun is challenging Leng Group."

Chapter 204: Lin Yixun, Are You a Fool?

Ouyang Hao clenched his fists and gritted his teeth, "Lin Yixun, are you an idiot? Why did you fall in love with a man like that!"

The chairman of Leng Group openly made such harsh remarks, which forced many listed companies to give him face, while smaller companies naturally dared not provoke such a large group as Leng's.

As a result, Lin Yixun faced obstacles everywhere in the coming days, and she couldn't even find a position as a convenience store clerk. Forced into a corner, she had no choice but to leave A City with her mother and move to T City, 2000 kilometers away from A City.

She initially thought that staying away from Leng Yixiu would allow her to escape his sphere of influence and start a new life, but things did not go as she wished; Leng Yixiu's power seemed even greater than she imagined.

In T City, she still couldn't find a job. Misfortune never comes alone; at that moment, her mother was suddenly diagnosed with polyuria. At that time, they had almost no money left, and her mother's sudden severe illness threw Lin Yixun into despair.

Watching her pocket money run out, Lin Yixun became anxious. Unable to find work and without money, meant they would soon have to sleep on the streets and her mother's illness couldn't be treated.

Driven to a dead end, Lin Yixun had no choice but to choose the most disgraceful job. Whether it was fortunate or unfortunate, when she went to Nightshade to apply, she was surprisingly hired successfully.

Lin Yixun was forced into a corner and decided to work at Nightshade, not out of a desire to degrade herself. She simply wanted to be a regular waitress there, unaware that once inside, it wouldn't be so easy to leave unharmed.

Soon, her outstanding appearance brought her trouble. Even with thick makeup on her face, every time she went to the private rooms to sell drinks, she couldn't avoid being harassed.

Although Lin Yixun felt very repulsed by this, if the harassment wasn't too excessive, she would just tolerate it. But sometimes, not everything can be endured.

Ouyang Hao flipped through the documents in his hand page by page. His eyes suddenly darkened when he turned to the next page. The document came with illustrations, and the image on the page was exceedingly striking.

The images were clear; even under dim lighting, every face could be seen clearly. Ouyang Hao's gaze was fixed on the woman in the photo.

Her arms were forcibly held by two tall men, her face covered in dirt, her cheeks horribly swollen, and there seemed to be a shoe print on her right cheek.

Yes, that woman was Lin Yixun.

Her eyes were staring fixedly in one direction. Following her gaze, Ouyang Hao saw a man holding a dagger in the corner of the photo. Despite facing the cold dagger, Lin Yixun's lips held a sardonic smile, her eyes filled with naked irony.

Was she not afraid?

No, Ouyang Hao clearly saw bone-deep fear in her eyes, but besides fear, she still had pride. Even in such a sorry state, there was a sense of stubbornness in her eyes.

Ouyang Hao could easily guess what would happen next. Sure enough, he found Lin Yixun's fate in the text below the picture. His slender fingers started uncontrollably trembling.

Ouyang Hao remembered casually asking Lin Yixun how the scar on her cheek came to be. At that time, she only gave a faint smile and said it was from an accidental fall.

Recalling this now, Ouyang Hao's whole heart ached. How could a girl who went through such an ordeal speak of it so lightly and calmly?

Chapter 205: He has 10,000 ways to make life worse than death

From the text below, Ouyang Hao quickly figured out what had happened. It turned out that Lin Yixun resisted the advances because she couldn't stand being teased, which angered the other party and led to her disfigurement.

For the sake of her purity, she didn't even care about her appearance, which is most valued by girls. How could he believe that she would sell her body for money?

Sure enough, through the information that followed, Ouyang Hao learned the truth behind the recent photos that had been heavily reported by the media. As he expected, what the media reported was vastly different from the actual truth.

Ouyang Hao threw the document in his hand aside, leaned back on the sofa chair, closed his eyes and immersed himself in thoughts. He slowly straightened out the recent events, from the photo posted online from Bali Island to Lin Yixun's previous relationship with Leng Yixiu, and then to those disgraceful photos of Lin Yixun in Nightshade...

These things, one by one, seem not to have happened by chance, but rather like someone was manipulating them from behind, and the purpose of that person was not to deal with him, but to completely ruin Lin Yixun.

Who could it be? Why target Lin Yixun so relentlessly? Could it be Leng Yixiu?

Ouyang Hao felt that Leng Yixiu was the most suspicious, and at this moment, the man was having someone help him handle another matter.

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When Leng Yixiu's call came through, Fei Yichen was blow-drying Mu Yi's hair. Normally, Fei Yichen would not answer outside calls at this time.

"Why don't you answer the phone? It might be something important."

"No matter how important, nothing's more important than my wife."

Mu Yi rolled her eyes at him, "Stop being cheesy. How can a grown man like you say such mushy things."

"This counts as mushy?" The man squinted his eyes, curled his lips into a wicked smile, "There's even mushier things."

Saying this, without further ado, he pulled his delicate wife into a passionate kiss.

As he was about to lose control, the person in his arms breathlessly pushed him away, "Alright, alright, go answer the phone."

"I'll take care of you properly when I get back." The man reluctantly let go of her and turned to pick up the phone.

Though he picked up the phone, Fei Yichen's gaze never left Mu Yi. To him, the woman in front of him is someone he could watch for a lifetime and still never get enough; God knows how much effort he spent to get her, and all the happiness he has now is stolen.

Looking at the carefree and joyous Mu Yi, the man felt a bit conflicted. Sometimes he hopes she can remember the past, but other times he wishes she would never remember it for her whole life.

The man slowly withdrew his gaze, lowered his eyes to look at the phone screen, and upon seeing the familiar name, his sword-like eyebrows slightly raised. He then pressed the answer button and laughed, "President Leng, calling me in the middle of the night, what can I do for you?"

"I'm afraid to ask for a favor, but I do need your help with something."

"Oh? Then tell me, what kind of favor do you need from me?"

"Help me deal with someone."

Fei Yichen curled his lips playfully; dealing with someone for Leng Yixiu should be an easy feat. Why would he go through the trouble to ask for help and owe someone a favor?

Fei Yichen pondered for a moment; there was only one answer: Leng Yixiu found it inconvenient to use his business tactics against that person and had to rely on Fei Yichen's underworld influence.

After all, in the underworld, dealing with someone is far less restrictive; it's much easier, and the methods of dealing with someone are plentiful. There are thousands of ways to make someone's life worse than death.