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Chapter 271: She Owes Him, Unable to Repay

"This... it depends on the situation. Some women are more realistic, naturally they like money; some women like flashy things, such as jewelry; but there are also women who pursue romance, a rose, a love poem, or even a casual romantic remark can move them," Secretary Qin smiled and continued, "In my opinion, Miss Cheng shouldn't be the type of woman who likes money, she should lean more towards romance. If President Leng wants to please Miss Cheng, he can send her roses or plan a romantic candlelight dinner."

Secretary Qin was speaking excitedly, but did not notice the impatience that had already appeared on the boss's handsome face.

"Alright, I get it, you can go out now."

It was only then that Secretary Qin noticed Leng Yixiu's expression was not right. She opened her mouth, "President Leng, I..."

"Get out!"

The man's presence was too imposing, too cold, scaring Secretary Qin into retreating hastily, as if fleeing from the president's office. Even outside the office door, she was still in shock, feeling utterly confused. The boss had been fine just a moment ago, how did his mood change so suddenly while talking?

Really, if she had known this would happen, she would have spoken less to avoid incurring the boss's cold demeanor.

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In the morning, Lin Yixun, although she did not accept Leng Yixiu's card, was reminded by that bank card that she had very little money left in her account. Although Leng Yixiu had promised to fully cover her mother's medical expenses, temporarily relieving her of the burden of the expensive treatments, she had to think about the future.

Her mother's illness, even with a kidney transplant, could not be completely cured. She would still need to take anti-rejection medication regularly, and the monthly expenses would not be a small amount.

Moreover... she still had not paid off the debt incurred from breaking Ouyang Hao's guitar. Lin Yixun bitterly smiled. Actually, what she owed Ouyang Hao was more than just that broken guitar.

Taking advantage of her mother's relatively stable condition, Lin Yixun decided to look for a job. She needed a job to prepare for the future, and she needed a job to keep herself busy. Only in busyness would she not let her thoughts wander.

Maybe, before long, she could completely forget about Ouyang Hao just as she had forgotten about Leng Yixiu.

Lin Yixun submitted several resumes online, and as expected, all of them disappeared into the void. Sometimes, she couldn't help but admire Leng Yixiu. After all these years, his words still held weight in various industries.

Does this mean she can only find the most unsavory jobs, as she did four years ago?

But she didn't know that the night she submitted her resumes, Leng Yixiu found out about it. When Assistant Chen informed Leng Yixiu of this, the boss's expression was extremely displeased.

Logically speaking, Assistant Chen should have wisely stepped aside at this moment. But unexpectedly, he remained fearlessly in place and said, "Additionally, President Leng, there's something I'm not sure if I should tell you."

"Speak, what is it?"

"As far as I know, it seems that all large, medium, and small-sized enterprises have issued a 'ban on hiring' Miss Lin. I coincidentally learned about this from a friend this afternoon. Coincidentally, this kind of thing also happened four years ago. President Leng, was it you who issued this 'ban on hiring'?"

The man's eyes darkened. Indeed, years ago, he had said the harsh words, "Anyone who dares to hire Lin Yixun is opposing Leng's." But that order was limited to A City; as for T City, he had never given any notice to the various large and small enterprises.

What exactly is going on here?

Chapter 272: Your character really isn't that great

No wonder these years, Lin Yixun would work at the "Nightshade." With her education and abilities, no matter how bad things got, she should still have been able to find an ordinary job at a small or medium-sized company, not end up working at a nightclub.

Leng Yixiu narrowed his eyes, pondering the entire situation. If it wasn't him who issued the "prohibition order," then who was it?

"Assistant Chen, go check who exactly issued the 'prohibition order.'"

Assistant Chen was somewhat confused. If the big boss asked him to investigate this matter, could it be that the "prohibition order" wasn't issued by him?

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In the evening, Lin Yixun returned to the Half Mountain Villa with Old He as usual. To her surprise, Leng Yixiu was actually there. For the past few days, he had mostly come back pretty late.

Seeing Lin Yixun walk into the flower hall, Sister Yi immediately greeted her with a smile, "Miss Lin, you're back? Mr. Leng just arrived too, and he's been waiting to have dinner with you."

"I've already eaten." She had no mood to dine with Leng Yixiu.

"Even if you've eaten, you can still eat a little more. Miss Lin, you're so thin, you need to eat more to gain some weight."

"No need, eating too much dinner isn't good for digestion." And facing Leng Yixiu, it would only make her digestion worse.

Just then, Leng Yixiu walked out from the dining room, his face as cold as ever, his voice even colder, "Come here, I have something to discuss with you."

"What is it? Just say it now."

"It's about your job."

Upon hearing this, Lin Yixun couldn't help but frown, "Have you been investigating me?"

"No need to investigate your affairs; I naturally know them."

Lin Yixun scoffed silently. Since Leng Yixiu wanted to discuss this matter, she might as well lay it out clearly with him. She suddenly smiled, "Alright, then let's have a good talk about my job today."

She intended to talk about the job, but who would have thought that once at the dinner table, the man only said lightly, "Eat."

Lin Yixun didn't know whether to be angry or amused. She glanced coldly at the sumptuous dishes on the table. These rich people really know how to eat differently. Well then, if she didn't eat for free, it would be a waste. She might as well eat heartily.

Compared to the man's graceful and composed demeanor, her eating manner was rather unsightly. But she couldn't care less; she had one thought in her mind: if her eating manner were even worse, would Leng Yixiu get disgusted with her sooner?

Just as she was engrossed in eating, a tissue was handed to her. She looked up at the man opposite her but didn't take the tissue from his hand.

"There's no need, thank you." Saying this, she forcefully wiped the grease off the corner of her lips, hoping this action would gross him out.

But she seemed to underestimate the man's tolerance. Seeing her like this, there wasn't any disgust or repulsion in his eyes, instead, there was something indescribable.

Lin Yixun turned her eyes away coldly, "I've finished eating. Whatever you want to say, get on with it."

The man put down his bowl and chopsticks and asked in a deep voice, "Are you looking for a job?"

"Yes, so what?"

"I can help you."

"Help me? Mr. Leng, are you trying to mess things up for me? I haven't forgotten what you said back then, and as you wished, I haven't been able to find a decent job all these years. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you, the resumes I recently submitted seem to have sunk without a trace as well. Mr. Leng, your character, I dare not compliment, but your ability, I have to admire. After so many years, your words are still so effective."

Chapter 273: Do you know the feeling of a knife tip scraping over bone?

"The incident four years ago was not my doing."

"Not your doing? Back then in A City, you personally said that any company that dared to hire me would be going against Leng's. What a coincidence that I happened to see that news report." Even after four years, Lin Yixun could still remember the feeling back then.

She loved someone so much, yet she never thought that person could be so heartless. Not only did he ignore their marital bond, but he also sought to destroy her completely.

"But back then, I only had someone talk to the companies in A City."

"You mean to say you didn't extend your hand to T City. Ha, that's strange. At that time, besides you, who else hated me to the bone? Who else had the power to control everything with a single hand?" Lin Yixun suddenly looked at him, her eyes turning blood-red with hatred, "Leng Yixiu, do you know what that meant for me?"

"Ha, you wouldn't know." Lin Yixun laughed mockingly, "When my mother and I were sleeping on the streets, you were going to Paris Fashion Week with the woman you love; when my mother fainted in the underground parking lot, you were expansively expanding your IT empire; when I was being beaten in a nightclub, you, you were hosting a luxurious private party; when my mother was kicked out of the hospital for not being able to pay the medical bills, you, President Leng, were spending a million at an auction, buying a diamond necklace for Cheng Ying without even batting an eye."

"Lin Yixun, I..."

"Let me finish." Lin Yixun coldly interrupted him, her fingers slowly reaching towards the scar on her right cheek, and she smiled bitterly, "Do you know how I got this scar? I guess you wouldn't know, so let me tell you. It was slashed onto me by someone."

If you hadn't issued that 'ban,' given my abilities back then, even if I couldn't get hired by a big company, I surely could have landed a job at a mid-sized or small enterprise. But no, life is that cruel. Who would have thought that a university graduate from A University couldn't even get a job in a convenience store.

So, I had no choice but to go to 'Nightshade.' People are just that despicable; no matter how deeply you hurt me, I still couldn't forget you back then. I even foolishly imagined that one day you would change your mind and take me away from that hellish place.

I chose the least profitable job as a waiter. Back then, my face hadn't been ruined yet; I was still quite pretty, and there were many clients who wanted me. But I was stubborn, wanting to keep my purity, thinking that by doing so I could go back, thinking that I would still be worthy of you.

For you, I gave up the shortcut to making money and rejected one client after another. You need to know that the clients at Nightshade aren't easy to deal with. If they got unhappy, at best they'd beat you up, and at worst... well, just like me, they'd ruin you completely."

Lin Yixun took a deep breath, trying to remain calm, "Leng Yixiu, do you know what it feels like to have a knife scrape against your bone? Ha, how would you know? But I know it clearly, and I will never forget that feeling for the rest of my life."

Seeing the man's gloomy face and his silence, Lin Yixun suddenly laughed, "Do you know, even at that moment, I still wished—wished that you would appear, but you never did. From beginning to end, you never appeared. A week later, I accidentally found out that on that night, you were attending an awards ceremony with Cheng Ying. It was quite a coincidence that the awards ceremony was held at the Olympic Sports Center in T City, just across the river from Nightshade."

Chapter 274: Embrace

"This is the gap between people. When you and Cheng Ying were showing off your love under the spotlight, I was being trampled in the mire. From that day on, I swore that even if it meant pulling out my tendons and scraping off my bones, I would completely forget about you."

After four years, that memory still haunted Lin Yixun like a nightmare that she always wanted to escape from. Now, she suddenly found that saying all this out loud wasn't as difficult as she had imagined, although it was still very painful.

Leng Yixiu stared at her intently, his thin lips moved slightly, "Lin Yixun, back then I did that only to make you leave A City, I didn't know it would result in this. If..."

"Ha... You just wanted to force me to leave A City? Living in the same city as me was that unbearable for you? Does my existence make you that uncomfortable? Or did you think that if I stayed in A City, I would ruin you and Cheng Ying? Leng Yixiu, you overestimate me!"

Leng Yixiu was momentarily speechless. Back then, he indeed wanted to force Lin Yixun to leave A City, but it wasn't because he was afraid she would ruin him and Cheng Ying. It was because of... a reason he couldn't even face himself.

At that time, he thought that as long as he didn't see Lin Yixun again, everything would fade away. Time and space would eventually erase some traces, no matter how deep those traces were.

Lin Yixun no longer had the heart to revisit the past with Leng Yixiu or to untangle the causes and effects of things. Right now, she had another issue to deal with.

She collected her emotions and spoke lightly, "Mr. Leng, if you really have a conscience and feel some guilt, then revoke the 'blacklist order' against me and let me find a job on my own merits."

The man gave her a deep look, then nodded, "Alright!"

Lin Yixun had expected her request to be rejected by the man, but she did not expect Leng Yixiu to agree so readily, which left her somewhat "overwhelmed by an unexpected favor." After all, she had never experienced such treatment before.

Having achieved her goal, Lin Yixun got up from her seat and walked towards the exit of the restaurant.

Reaching the restaurant's entrance, she suddenly stopped and looked back at Leng Yixiu, who was still seated, and asked, "You're not going to play any tricks, are you?"

The man's eyes flashed with hurt, "In your heart, I am this kind of person?"

Lin Yixun replied coolly, "In my heart, you have always been this kind of person."

To achieve goals by any means, like to stab others in the back, and never moved by others' pleas, she naturally had to guard against such a person.

Lin Yixun walked upstairs in her slippers, went to the bathroom and then went straight to bed. The conversation with Leng Yixiu had not been pleasant, and she thought that tonight Leng Yixiu would not come into the master bedroom. After all, no man would enjoy making a fool of himself.

However, there are some people in this world who never act according to common sense, like Leng Yixiu.

Suddenly, the mattress beside her sank, causing Lin Yixun's heart to tighten. She kept her eyes tightly shut, pretending to sleep, but Leng Yixiu, being who he was, saw through her act at a glance but did not expose her.

Lin Yixun suddenly felt the quilt lift, a gust of cold wind rushed in, followed by the familiar yet strange smell of a man. Her body instinctively stiffened and she turned over, trying to move away from him, but then his long arm suddenly wrapped around her waist tightly, pulling her body into his embrace.

Chapter 275: No worries, we have plenty of time ahead

Lin Yixun struggled hard, but was easily restrained by the man. Above her head, she heard the man's low voice, "Lin Yixun, you have to get used to all this."

"I'm sorry, I'm afraid I will never get used to it."

"It's okay."

Hearing this, Lin Yixun's heart sank heavily, "You said that sooner or later you would get tired of it."

"That depends; if you keep acting like you're playing hard to get, it might take a long time before I get tired. You know, men have a wicked nature, the harder something is to get, the more it captivates their interest."

This world is truly crazy!

However, the man did not fall asleep. In the darkness, he slowly opened his eyes, his long fingers searching Lin Yixun's face.

"Leng Yixiu, do you know what it feels like to have a knife scrape over your bones? Ha, how would you know? But I know very well, and I will never forget that feeling."

"Do you know, even at that time, I still wished, wished that you would appear, but you didn't, from beginning to end, you never appeared."

A deep, enduring pain flickered in the man's profound eyes. As his fingers slowly pulled back, he gazed deeply at the side of Lin Yixun's face and whispered, "Lin Yixun, if time could turn back..."

The man opened his mouth to speak, but the words got stuck in his throat. Now, there's no point in saying these things.

The next day, the first thing Leng Yixiu did when he arrived at the company was to call Assistant Chen to investigate something. Although he had done a lot of ruthless things to Lin Yixun over the years, this was not one of them, and he did not want to take the blame for it.

Soon, Assistant Chen found a person. "President Leng, according to my investigation, the person who issued the 'employment ban' on Miss Lin was the head of Xing Group, Xing Haiyang. Back then, when Miss Lin came to T City and couldn't find a job anywhere, it was because this person had spoken to the major companies."

"Xing Group?" The man squinted, as far as he knew, there didn't seem to be any interaction between Lin Yixun and this President Xing from the T Family.

"Did you find any other clues as to why Xing Haiyang would target Lin Yixun?"

"Well... I found some clues, but I'm not sure if I should say them."

"Say whatever you have to say!"

"After investigation, there really isn't any personal grudge between Xing Haiyang and Miss Lin, but... Xing Haiyang and Miss Cheng seem to be quite close."

The man's pupils contracted sharply, "Are you saying this has something to do with Ying'er?"

"Well... I'm only speculating. Perhaps this has nothing to do with Miss Cheng." Assistant Chen replied ambiguously, after all, Cheng Ying was the boss's fiancée, it was hard for him to say anything definitively.