

## Toxic Ex 281

Chapter 281: What's the Origin of Her Backing?

Lin Yixun tried to keep a distance from Leng Yixiu, avoiding any physical contact, yet due to the man's tall figure, it was difficult to operate if she didn't stand closer.

Helplessly, she had to step forward a few steps, standing on tiptoe to wrap the tie around the man's shirt collar. However, whether it was fate playing tricks on her, no matter how careful she was, her forehead accidentally touched the man's lips in the instant she stood on tiptoe.

Lin Yixun's body stiffened, instinctively wanting to retreat, but the man was faster than her, his large hand tightly gripping her waist, lips deeply pressing onto her forehead.

Time seemed to freeze at this moment, the spacious master bedroom suddenly became silent, so quiet that even the sound of a pin drop could be heard. A hint of amorous atmosphere permeated, but Lin Yixun did not like this kind of ambiguity.

She forcefully pushed against Leng Yixiu's chest, breaking free from his embrace, retreating to a safe distance, and said in a low voice, "You're going to be late for work."

The man narrowed his eyes, staring at her, "Are you reminding me?"

Lin Yixun's lips tightened, remaining silent.

The man seemed to be in a good mood, "But you haven't finished tying my tie yet."

Knowing that the man wouldn't let it go easily, Lin Yixun had no choice but to brace herself and step forward, standing on tiptoe again, continuing the unfinished task from before. This time, she was extremely careful, maintaining a safe distance from Leng Yixiu.

"Done." Lin Yixun stepped back a few steps and spoke lightly.

The man lowered his eyes, examining Lin Yixun's "work," curled his lips and said, "Not bad, quite special."

Upon hearing this, Lin Yixun's gaze darkened involuntarily. She would never tell him that back then, in hopes of one day being able to tie his tie like today, she had secretly practiced dozens of different ways to tie a tie.

The ironic thing was, during the 365 days after their marriage, Leng Yixiu never set foot in their new home, so naturally, she never had the chance to personally tie his tie when he got up for work in the morning. Yet now, she was doing what she had dreamt of for so long, in the identity of a mistress.

After Leng Yixiu left, Lin Yixun had breakfast and then went to Shengde. Thanks to the meticulous treatment by the doctors and nurses at Shengde Hospital, Lin's mother's condition had improved considerably compared to the past.

She couldn't help but sigh, no wonder so many people would do anything to get into this hospital. The medical team and equipment here were indeed more advanced than those in other public hospitals in T City.

Seeing her mother's condition improve day by day, Lin Yixun also felt some relief. At least her sacrifices and efforts were worth it. As long as her mother could get better, it would be worth sacrificing her lifetime of happiness.

After work in the afternoon, Lin Yixun went to the restroom. The ladies' restroom was always a place where company employees touched up their makeup and gossiped when they were bored. Coincidentally, Lin Yixun stumbled upon one such gossip session.

Originally, Lin Yixun was not interested in gossip, deciding to leave quietly once those outside finished talking. But unexpectedly, she heard her name mentioned by her colleagues.

"What do you think of that Lin Yixun? The company adjusted the telephone operator shifts from three shifts a day to four shifts a day just for her?"

"What do you mean, obviously she's got someone backing her."

"As if I don't know she has backing? If she didn't have backing, how could she manage that? I just want to know what kind of background her support has."

### Chapter 282: Lin Yixun, Don't Forget Your Identity!

"I don't really know. Anyway, it's no small matter. However, from her outfit, her family conditions don't seem very good."

"What does it matter if her family conditions aren't good? Don't you know that it's trendy to find a sugar daddy these days?"

"That's true. Find a rich and powerful sugar daddy, and everything can be solved. But that scar on her face... it looks terrifying. Who would be interested in her?"

"Different strokes for different folks. Sometimes the tastes of rich people are different from us ordinary folks. Maybe some people just like that kind of thing."

"Don't you guys think Lin Yixun looks familiar?"

"Now that you mention it, I think I've heard that name somewhere too. Ah! I remember now, isn't she the woman rumored to be involved with that big star Ouyang Hao?"

"Are you saying that the person answering the phone here is Ouyang Hao's rumored girlfriend? No way! If she really were Ouyang Hao's rumored girlfriend, would she still be working here for a few thousand a month?"

"That kind of makes sense..."

At that moment, the restroom door behind them was pushed open, and a loud slam followed. The group, who had been gossiping intensely, turned their heads in irritation at the sound.

But in that instant, their eyes widened in unison. Lin Yixun calmly and composedly walked out of the restroom, leaving the group frozen in place, dumbfounded.

After a long moment, one of them snapped out of her shock, "Just now... was that Lin Yixun who walked out?"

The others nodded vigorously.

"Then, did she hear everything we just said?"

The response was still nodding.

A chubby girl immediately became deflated, "Oh no! We said all those things about her. Do you think she'll report us to the higher-ups?"

Lin Yixun walked out of the company building, her face calm, but her heart was restless. The words of those employees echoed in her ears, each word striking her deeply.

Was what they said true? Was it really because of her that the company changed the phone operator shifts from three times a day to four?

If what they said was true, then who put in a word with the company?

Actually, the answer wasn't hard to guess. Among the people she knew, besides Ouyang Hao, only Leng Yixiu had that capability. And Ouyang Hao... they hadn't been in contact for a long time, so the answer must be Leng Yixiu. She pulled out her phone and immediately dialed Leng Yixiu's number.

When the phone rang, Leng Yixiu was reviewing a development plan for the Sanya area. Seeing that familiar string of numbers on the screen, a trace of warmth appeared on his cold and handsome face.

"Hello?"

"Leng Yixiu, was it you?"

Hearing this, his lips tightened, and he asked in a deep voice, "What do you mean, was it me? Be clear about what you're talking about."

"Did you have someone change my shift at the company?"

"Yes." The man did not deny it. Changing her shift was beneficial to her and was not a big deal.

"Why did you do that? This is my job, my own business. Why did you interfere?"

"Your business?" His eyes suddenly turned cold, the last trace of warmth in them fading away. His thin lips parted, and he said coldly, "Lin Yixun, you seem to have forgotten your current status."

### Chapter 283: Surgery

Although Leng Yixiu didn't explicitly say it, Lin Yixun still sensed the meaning in his words. In this man's eyes, she was his mistress and should obediently listen to him, do as he says.

"Heh..." Lin Yixun chuckled softly, "Leng Yixiu, I haven't forgotten what my status is. But, Leng Yixiu, I am a person, not your slave!"

Lin Yixun hung up the phone, but the anger and humiliation in her heart lingered for a long time. She is a person with flesh and blood, she has the freedom to choose her job, the freedom to decide how to work. Why does Leng Yixiu have to control her so tightly, not even giving her this small space of freedom to work?

She smiled self-deprecatingly. It seemed that what those people said in the bathroom earlier wasn't wrong. It's just that her backing isn't a "sugar daddy," but essentially, it's the same.

Perhaps, deep down, this is what she cares about most. No matter how hard she tries, she ultimately can't face reality, ultimately can't let go of the last shred of pride within her.

Clearly, pride is the most dispensable thing in this world!

That night, Leng Yixiu didn't return to the Half Mountain Villa. From a gossip newspaper, Lin Yixun accidentally learned that last night, the man was with Cheng Ying, attending the highest-class party of the upper society in T City together.

Lin Yixun sneered privately. See, this is the difference between her and Cheng Ying. In formal occasions, the one being taken out is always the legitimate wife, while she can only stay in the dark corner, unseen.

But it's okay, this way when the time comes, she can leave quietly and without embarrassment.

Lin Yixun flipped through the newspaper but didn't find any information about Ouyang Hao. These days, whenever she passed by the newspaper stop, Lin Yixun couldn't help but buy a newspaper, but the result was always the same. Ouyang Hao, usually active in the major media, seemed to have vanished from the world without any information.

She dropped her shoulders weakly, thinking that during this time, Ouyang Hao's family must be keeping a very close eye on him. That's good, it will help him forget about her and let her cut off thoughts of him as soon as possible.

Lin Yixun walked slowly to the garbage can and threw the newspaper in. She made a secret resolution that the next time she passes by the newspaper stand, she must control her hand, and focus on her own heart.

In a blink, another week passed. For Lin Yixun, this day was the most nerve-wracking day of her life. At 9 a.m., Lin's mother was pushed into the operating room, followed by a long wait.

The caregiver, seeing Lin Yixun pacing nervously, came up to comfort her by patting her shoulder, "Xiao Xun, don't be so nervous, your mom will be fine."

"Really? The doctor said that mom's body has dragged on for too long, it's no longer the best time for a kidney transplant, the risk is very high. Will she... will she..."

"No, that won't happen. The hospital has invited the world's best medical team this time, the surgery will definitely be successful."

"Yes, yes, with the best doctors in the world operating, my mom will definitely be okay, definitely!" Lin Yixun kept comforting herself.

As time ticked by, she finally made it through until the end of the surgery.

The moment the surgery doors opened, Lin Yixun rushed up, "Doctor, how is my mom?"

She was too agitated and forgot that the doctor didn't speak Chinese, but the doctor still understood her meaning and raised his lips, giving her an "OK" gesture.

Chapter 284: How did they break up?

When Assistant Chen called Leng Yixiu, he had just finished a meeting.

The man's face remained impassive, and he said lightly, "Okay, I understand. Inform Lin Yixun that she can stay at the hospital to accompany her mother these next two nights."

As instructed, Assistant Chen relayed Leng Yixiu's words to Lin Yixun verbatim. Lin Yixun was somewhat surprised; the always cold and unfeeling Leng Yixiu was surprisingly "considerate" to give her two "days off."

However, this was good. Although her mother's surgery had been very successful, she still needed post-surgery observation. She hadn't spent much time with her mother before, so now she could stay in the hospital and spend more time with her.

Actually, the reason why Leng Yixiu let Lin Yixun stay at the hospital was two-fold: one was considering Lin's mother's condition, and the other was because tomorrow was Mother Leng's birthday, and he wouldn't be in T City for the next two days.

Leng Yixiu received a call from Cheng Ying right after getting off work.

"Yixiu, are you off work? When will you arrive in A City?"

"The 7 PM flight, arriving at 10 at night."

"I just got to A City. Shall I pick you up tonight?"

The man's eyes darkened, and he said lightly, "No need."

Even over the phone, Cheng Ying could hear the coldness in Leng Yixiu's voice. This coldness had become more pronounced recently, making it hard for her to ignore. Even though he had accompanied her to a party at her request last time, from the beginning to the end of the party, the man didn't take a serious look at her. It seemed he maintained a deliberate distance from her.

Cheng Ying felt increasingly anxious and uneasy, and this uneasiness gave rise to fear. Now, Leng Yixiu was like sand on the shore; the tighter she tried to hold on, the faster he slipped away.

She stiffly forced a smile and, pretending to be casual, said softly, "Alright then, I'll wait for you at home with Mother Leng."

After hanging up the phone, the casual expression on Cheng Ying's face vanished instantly, replaced by sadness and confusion. She angrily grabbed at her hair and then seemed to remember something.

Talking to herself, she said, "That's right, take the medication! Once I take the medication, everything will be better, everything will be better..."

She hurriedly reached for the handbag beside her, struggling several times before she managed to open the clasp. She pulled out a bottle of pills, twisted open the cap with force, poured out several pills, and swallowed them dry.

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During the time Leng Yixiu was away, Lin Yixun stayed at the hospital. To her delight, her mother's surgery had been very successful, and her health was gradually improving.

Seeing her health slowly getting better, Lin's mother couldn't help but once again show concern for Lin Yixun's relationship matters, "Xiao Xun, why haven't I seen Xiao Ou recently?"

Lin Yixun was peeling an apple. Her hands paused slightly at the words, and she said softly, "Mom, haven't I told you? He has been very busy with work lately."

"No matter how busy he is, he should still have some time, right? Although my body isn't in the best shape, my mind is still sound. Tell me the truth, are you and Xiao Ou having a fight?"

"No fight. We just felt it wasn't suitable and broke up."

"Broke up? How could you break up?" Lin's mother was so shocked she tried to sit up from the bed but was quickly restrained by Lin Yixun.

"Mom, you just had surgery, you can't move!"

"My son-in-law is almost gone, how can I sit still? Xiao Xun, how could you break up with Xiao Ou? I could tell he really cared about you, it didn't seem like he was just playing around!"

Chapter 285: He is a gentleman, so tall and handsome!

Lin's mother was right. Ouyang Hao did care about her, but no matter how much he loved her, the obstacles between them could not be removed.

"Mom, he and I are not suitable for each other."

"What do you mean not suitable? In my opinion, you two couldn't be more suitable."

"But his family opposes us being together. Mom, you know that marriage is not just a matter between two people. If a marriage doesn't have the blessings of both parents, no matter how much the couple loves each other, it's hard to be happy."

Upon hearing this, Lin's mother fell silent. After a long while, she nodded, "That's true. If his parents don't like you, you will be wronged after you marry him."

Lin Yixun cast a deep glance at her mother, knowing she would not bring up this matter again. However, though she should have felt relieved, she couldn't help but feel bitter in her heart.

This relationship came too quickly and went too fast, but the mark it left on her heart did not fade as easily as she had imagined.

She smiled bitterly, but at that moment, she saw a nurse push the door open and enter.

"Miss Lin, someone is looking for you outside."

"May I ask who is looking for me?"

"The person didn't say, it's a gentleman, very tall and handsome," the young nurse said admiringly.

Lin Yixun's heart skipped a beat. The first person who came to mind was Ouyang Hao. Could it really be him?

Lin Yixun kept mentally preparing herself. She was ready to face Ouyang Hao, but to her surprise, it was Ouyang Che who came.

"It's quite noisy in the hospital, Miss Lin. Could we talk somewhere else?" The man was elegant in his manner and spoke with great politeness, but Lin Yixun couldn't ignore the sharpness in his eyes.

"Somewhere else?" Lin Yixun chuckled, "Mr. Ouyang doesn't intend to take me to some 'remote' place again, does he?"

The man heard the sarcasm in Lin Yixun's words but didn't get angry. He smiled, "Last time, it was my subordinate who acted rashly. I hope Miss Lin can forgive me. It won't happen again."

What Ouyang Che said about 'won't happen again' only meant he wouldn't kidnap her to a mountain again. In the end, he still took Lin Yixun to the underground parking garage.

Ouyang Che's car was parked in a corner of the second basement. If not for parking, people would rarely come here.

Unfortunately, several of the fluorescent lights near Ouyang Che's parking spot were broken, making the surrounding area dark and eerie. Alone with Ouyang Che here, Lin Yixun truly felt some regret.

Noticing Lin Yixun's nervousness, Ouyang Che smiled gently, "Miss Lin, there's no need to be so tense. I came to talk about something, I won't do anything drastic. Besides, I'm a soldier; I wouldn't knowingly break the law."

Really?

Then, what was the kidnapping last time? Taking someone away in the middle of the night doesn't count as breaking the law?

Of course, Lin Yixun only kept these thoughts to herself and didn't say them out loud.

Once they were both in the car, Ouyang Che got straight to the point, "The reason I came to find Miss Lin this time is to ask for your help with something."

"Help? Mr. Ouyang, you must be joking. I'm just an ordinary person. How could someone of your status need my help?"

After being threatened by Ouyang Che, Lin Yixun specifically looked him up online. He graduated from a world-renowned military academy, returned to China and joined the special forces, and rose quickly through the ranks in the military. In just ten years, he had been promoted several times and was now holding a significant position in the military.

What could someone like him not accomplish?