

Toxic Ex 341

Chapter 341: Why Does the Heart Ache So Badly?

After hanging up the phone, Mu Yi awkwardly smiled at Lin Yixun, "A friend's call. Sorry to keep you waiting."

"It's okay."

"You've waited so long, you must be hungry by now. Let's go back."

Hearing this, Lin Yixun nodded, she indeed felt a bit hungry.

"Coincidentally, my friend has also arrived. I'll introduce you. By the way, she's a big star. But don't be fooled by her usual aloof appearance; she's actually quite silly and very easy to get along with."

A big star?

Lin Yixun's mind couldn't help but flash with a familiar figure, and she couldn't help saying, "I also know someone who appears arrogant and proud, yet is actually very childish, doing everything on a whim."

"Really? That's quite a coincidence. But I like straightforward people like that, not those who are pretentious and two-faced. You should introduce me to him someday."

Lin Yixun's eyes dimmed, "I have no contact with him anymore."

"That's a shame."

The two of them chatted idly as they walked into the villa's living room. Besides Leng Yixiu and Fei Yichen, Mu Yi's guests had also arrived as promised.

Lin Yixun never expected Mu Yi's straightforward friend to be Li Yun'er, and the man accompanying Li Yun'er to this gathering was none other than Ouyang Hao.

The moment she saw Ouyang Hao's profile, Lin Yixun was hit like a bolt of lightning, frozen in place, unable to move. This city is so big, with tens of millions of people, countless buildings, why would she run into Ouyang Hao here.

"You're here?" Mu Yi didn't notice Lin Yixun's strange reaction. She took Lin Yixun step by step towards Li Yun'er and Ouyang Hao, smilingly introducing, "This is my new friend — Lin Yixun. Yun'er, shouldn't you introduce the gentleman beside you?"

"You're the only person in the world who doesn't know him, I think," Li Yun'er smiled, "Ouyang Hao, my friend. And this is Mu Yi, President Fei's wife, and my good friend."

"You know I never follow gossip. Yun'er, is he really just your friend?" Mu Yi's eyes flicked over Li Yun'er's hand tightly holding the man's arm, a knowing smile on her lips.

At this moment, Ouyang Hao, who had been silent all this time, suddenly spoke up, "Yun'er is shy, too shy to say it, but actually, I'm her boyfriend. Yun'er, I don't want to be nameless."

Ouyang Hao's handsome face still carried his signature smile, charming and roguish. He looked at Li Yun'er with such tenderness as if she was his whole world. Throughout it all, he never once gave Lin Yixun a proper look.

But he didn't know, the three words "boyfriend" were like knives stabbing deeply into Lin Yixun's heart. So he was Li Yun'er's boyfriend.

So they had gotten back together.

Yes, a talented man and a beautiful woman, even she had to admit they were a perfect match.

Lin Yixun kept telling herself that she no longer had anything to do with Ouyang Hao, that who Ouyang Hao's girlfriend was should be of no concern to her. It was his freedom, and she had no right to interfere.

But why, seeing him stand next to another woman, seeing him look at another woman with such tender eyes, seeing him treat her as if she was invisible, ignoring her, why did her heart ache so much?

Chapter 342: Rivals Meet

Lin Yixun suddenly realized that even attending a large gathering with Leng Yixiu and having her unbearable identity exposed to everyone would be a thousand, ten thousand times better than now.

At this moment, all she wanted was to escape, to leave here as quickly as possible.

However, at that very moment, a strong arm tightly held her shoulder, and she fell into a cold embrace, with Leng Yixiu's gentle voice sounding above her head.

"Where did you go just now? You were gone for so long?"

Trembling, Lin Yixun turned her head and saw Leng Yixiu staring at her unblinkingly, his handsome face wearing a gentle smile, but she knew well that it was all a facade.

His gaze was icy cold, and the strength with which he held her was astonishing. She even had the illusion that his fingers were made of steel because they were so powerful.

The pain in her shoulder made her understand that Leng Yixiu was definitely angry. But why was he angry? Because she had stayed outside too long? Or because she had lost her composure upon seeing Ouyang Hao?

Regardless, no matter how poorly Leng Yixiu treated her, since he wanted to pretend to be loving in front of others, she had to accompany him in this act.

Lin Yixun lowered her eyes, trying to hide all her emotions and said softly, "I just went for a walk in the back garden. Mrs. Fei's back garden is so beautiful, so I stayed a bit longer."

"Is it very beautiful?" The man raised an eyebrow, his lips curving into an alluring smile, "How about we plant some flowers on the hillside behind the Half Mountain Villa in the future?"

Lin Yixun only took his words as pleasantries and didn't take them to heart. She nodded absentmindedly, but her peripheral vision inevitably drifted to Ouyang Hao's direction. She saw him whispering something into Li Yun'er's ear, seemingly in a very good mood.

"Oh, I almost forgot to introduce another guest. This is President Leng of the Leng Group, Yixun's boyfriend." In Mu Yi's eyes, being invited by her husband to such a gathering meant that Lin Yixun was undoubtedly Leng Yixiu's girlfriend.

"Boyfriend, huh?" Just then, Li Yun'er interjected. She glanced at Leng Yixiu and then shifted her gaze to Lin Yixun's face, curling her lips in a mocking smile but didn't reveal that Leng Yixiu had a fiancée.

Li Yun'er was naturally aware of Lin Yixun and Ouyang Hao's past, and she also knew about Lin Yixun's history with Leng Yixiu. Although she didn't know exactly what happened between Lin Yixun and Ouyang Hao, seeing Lin Yixun back with Leng Yixiu allowed Li Yun'er to guess most of the story.

It was nothing more than Lin Yixun still having unresolved feelings for this President Leng.

In her eyes, Lin Yixun was both pitiful and hateful, even somewhat pathetic.

To love someone without any principles, to the point of losing self-respect, such a woman was utterly looked down upon by Li Yun'er.

Compared to Li Yun'er's disdain, Ouyang Hao's attitude was much more enthusiastic. He smiled and extended his hand towards Leng Yixiu, "President Leng, how have you been?"

Leng Yixiu returned the smile and extended his hand, "Second Young Master, you've recovered well."

"Yes, indeed. With a good mood, naturally, recovery is faster." Ouyang Hao firmly shook Leng Yixiu's hand.

"With a beautiful woman by your side, your mood is naturally excellent," Leng Yixiu said, also gripping his hand tightly in return.

Chapter 343: My Relationship with President Leng is More Than Just Acquaintances

The two of them exchanged words, but their hands did not move away. Clearly, both of them had smiles in their eyes and seemed to be having a pleasant conversation, yet the air gradually became thick with tension.

The atmosphere became subtle; everyone present, except Mu Yi, sensed it, but no one pointed it out. Fei Yichen, who had been sitting on the sofa the whole time, did not intend to intervene either. It seemed he was watching with amusement, expecting a good show to unfold.

"Do you two know each other?" Mu Yi asked with a smile.

Ouyang Hao smiled meaningfully, "It's more than just knowing each other between President Leng and me; we go way back."

"That works out perfectly. I was worried that new acquaintances might feel awkward. Now that you two know each other well, everything can be discussed easily. Hungry? Shall we go eat?"

Fei Yichen looked at Mu Yi affectionately, his heart sighing with emotion. At such times, only his innocent and kind-hearted little wife could keep things under control.

Sure enough, the interruption eased the tension a bit. Led by the maid, the group entered the dining room and took their seats. As hosts, Fei Yichen and Mu Yi sat at the head and foot of the rectangular table, while Leng Yixiu and Lin Yixun sat on the left side, and Ouyang Hao and Li Yun'er on the right side.

Whether it was a coincidence or not, Ouyang Hao sat directly opposite Lin Yixun, so whenever she looked up, she would see him.

From the moment she sat down, she didn't lift her head. To be precise, she didn't dare to. She didn't even have the courage to take a proper look at Ouyang Hao, fearing she would still see nothing but coldness and indifference.

At the dining table, Lin Yixun kept her head down, just wanting to quickly finish the steak on her plate and leave as soon as possible. However, Leng Yixiu did not want to let her have her way.

"You're too thin, eat more." Leng Yixiu pushed the cut steak in front of Lin Yixun, swapped her plate, and then leisurely cut more pieces for her.

The man's actions did not go unnoticed by the others. Seeing this, Mu Yi couldn't help but complain to Fei Yichen, "Look at how considerate President Leng is, afraid that Yixun is too thin, he even cuts the steak for her. Why don't I get such treatment after marrying you?"

"Don't I? I even personally bathed you last night!"

Hearing this, Mu Yi's face turned red, and she slapped Fei Yichen on the shoulder, "You're too much, talking about this over dinner with so many people around. It's so embarrassing."

"President Fei and Mrs. Fei are truly enviable, being so in love," Ouyang Hao suddenly spoke up, turning to Li Yun'er next to him with a playful tone, "How about you let me enjoy such benefits sometime?"

"Dream on!" Li Yun'er rolled her eyes at him, "They are a legitimate couple, what are we? Partners in crime?"

"Partners in crime? No matter what, I'm still your official boyfriend."

Although Ouyang Hao and Li Yun'er were bickering, in Lin Yixun's eyes, it was showing off their affection. She lowered her head and ate the steak silently, finding it hard to swallow, and for some reason, her throat felt bitter.

The more bitter her throat felt, the faster Lin Yixun ate. She barely chewed and swallowed the steak nearly whole. Soon, she finished a large plate of steak.

"I'm done. Enjoy your meal."

"You're done so quickly, was the food not to your taste?" asked the hostess.

"No, no, it was very delicious. You all enjoy." With that, Lin Yixun stood up from her seat.

Chapter 344: You heartless woman

Leng Yixiu cast a deep, scrutinizing glance at her but didn't stop her, sparing her from immediate embarrassment, which let Lin Yixun breathe a long sigh of relief.

After leaving the restaurant, she didn't stay in the living room. To her, the air there was too oppressive, making it hard for her to breathe. Thinking they would linger for a while, Lin Yixun went alone to the back garden she had visited earlier, deciding to sit there and catch her breath.

When spring arrived, the weather gradually turned milder, but the temperature difference between day and night was significant, making it feel a bit chilly outside. Lin Yixun sat alone on a bench by the pool in the back garden.

The cool breeze brushing her face brought about a chill, but she didn't want to go back inside, as it was filled with people she least wanted to see and those she dared not face.

She stared blankly at the pool water in front of her, not knowing how much time had passed when footsteps suddenly sounded from behind. As if by some intuition, she could tell from the sound who it was.

She didn't dare to turn her head, her whole body tensed, sitting motionless on the bench, hoping that person would just pass by. However, the footsteps drew closer and closer.

Suddenly, a man's deep, hypnotic voice came from behind, "Lin Yixun, long time no see."

The familiar voice carried an unfamiliar tone, making her lose her composure. Just when she didn't know what to do, the man had already come in front of her.

"What, you see an old acquaintance and don't even say hello?"

This time, Lin Yixun had no choice but to look up. Her gaze slowly moved upward, finally landing on that familiar yet charmingly handsome face. His face still bore that usual carefree smile, but beneath it lay coldness and detachment.

Lin Yixun's heart was fiercely pricked. She forced a smile, and only after a long pause did she hear her unusually calm voice, "Mr. Ouyang, long time no see."

"Yes, it has indeed been a long time." The man gave a light snort, his gaze sweeping over her body before finally settling on her face, "Your fashion sense has indeed improved a lot. It seems that staying by his side has been good for you."

The dress Lin Yixun wore today was custom-made for her by a well-known Chanel designer, and the jewelry around her neck was no less valuable. She naturally understood the implication behind Ouyang Hao's words, and the "he" Ouyang Hao referred to was undoubtedly Leng Yixiu.

"Yes, Yixiu treats me very well," Lin Yixun forced a smile, even if Leng Yixiu wasn't good to her, she would still say he was.

Upon hearing this, Ouyang Hao's smile suddenly turned cold. He abruptly approached her, causing Lin Yixun to tense up. She wanted to get up and avoid him, but at that moment, her arm was tightly gripped by his large hand, and she found herself trapped between the chair and his chest by Ouyang Hao's arms.

"Ouyang Hao, let go of me!"

"Let go?" The man sneered, his narrow eyes coldly glaring at her, grinding his teeth, "Why can you still act so indifferent, as if nothing ever happened? Lin Yixun, do you know that sometimes I really want to tear that smile off your face!"

His words were like sharp knives, stabbing into Lin Yixun's heart with every syllable. Yet, Lin Yixun didn't dare to drop her mask. She lowered her gaze and said faintly, "Ouyang Hao, love is between two people. Unrequited love is not love."

"Unrequited love? So in your eyes, Ouyang Hao's love was just unrequited?" Ouyang Hao suddenly let go of her, laughing self-mockingly, "I used to think you were a silly woman. Now I see, it turns out, you have no heart!"

Chapter 345: Truth or Dare?

"Just pretend I don't have a heart." Lin Yixun stood up from her seat, her wrist aching faintly, but it wasn't even one-tenth as painful as the ache in her heart.

This place was no longer a sanctuary, and she couldn't stay here any longer.

When she returned to the living room, Lin Yixun heard Mu Yi's voice, "Yixun, where did you go just now? We've been looking for you for ages."

"I went to the back garden for a stroll, to aid digestion."

"So you were captivated by our back garden. Next time, when you go home, ask President Leng to get one for you too."

Lin Yixun instinctively glanced at Leng Yixiu sitting on the sofa. She thought that if her relationship with Leng Yixiu was merely a secretive one, Leng Yixiu would never go out of his way for her.

Leng Yixiu maintained a composed expression throughout, seemingly a bit distracted. However, the moment he saw Ouyang Hao entering the living room, his calm face turned a few degrees colder. And when Li Yun'er saw Ouyang Hao entering, her gaze lingered on him for a few seconds before shifting to Lin Yixun, appearing somewhat displeased.

Everyone in the room had their own thoughts, while Mu Yi, still in the dark, cheerfully suggested, "It's quite boring for everyone to just sit here staring at each other. Why don't we play a game?"

"What game?" President Fei was quite supportive of his wife.

"How about Truth or Dare?"

"Aren't we a bit old for that game?"

"What do you mean, 'too old'? Even at our age, it's perfectly fine to play this game. Many young people play it when they're out and bored. Yixun, Yun'er, don't you agree?"

"I think it's quite interesting." Li Yun'er glanced at Ouyang Hao, a glint flashing in her eyes.

Fei Yichen always indulged Mu Yi unconditionally, so naturally, he compromised and agreed to join. Now, only Ouyang Hao, Leng Yixiu, and Lin Yixun hadn't spoken.

Ouyang Hao leaned lazily against the armchair, his hands in his pockets, smirking, "I'm in!"

Leng Yixiu shot a deep glance at Lin Yixun from afar and nodded too. As for Lin Yixun, in the end, she had no choice but to join.

"Great, let's get started!"

Mu Yi had the maid bring a deck of cards and adjusted the game rules. She only kept the thirteen hearts, where Ace was the smallest and King the largest. Each round, the maid would deal the cards, and the holder of the largest card could ask the holder of the smallest card a question.

The person being asked could choose truth or dare.

In the first round, after the cards were dealt, Mu Yi, as the host, revealed her card first—a ten of hearts.

"Ten of hearts, pretty high. Maybe I'll get to ask a question this round," Mu Yi said joyfully.

"No chance for you." Fei Yichen flipped his card, revealing a Jack of hearts.

"You bad guy! You've dashed all my hopes!" Mu Yi swung her fist and started hitting him relentlessly.

Everyone laughed, seeing the famed Fei Yichen, a man both feared and respected in various circles, being playfully pummeled by a petite woman, seemingly enjoying it.

But Lin Yixun couldn't bring herself to smile, as she held a three of hearts, ensuring she would be at the bottom.

"I've got the Queen of hearts, slightly bigger than President Fei's. So far, I've got the highest card," Li Yun'er said, turning her gaze to Ouyang Hao. "Ouyang Hao, what card do you have?"

Ouyang Hao smirked and glanced at Leng Yixiu, saying, "President Leng, you first?"