

Toxic Ex 366

Chapter 366: Do you really plan to kidnap her by force?

"Really?" The man's thin lips approached the tip of her nose, his deep voice reaching Lin Yixun's ears, "Then I won't be polite."

"Stop wasting time, just do it!" Lin Yixun closed her eyes, forcing herself to stay calm.

Suddenly, the man lifted her chin and commanded in a deep voice, "Look at me!"

Lin Yixun was forced to turn her face, lifting her eyes to look at the man in front of her. Under the dim yellow light, the man's features were exceptionally sharp, and her reflection could be seen in his dark eyes. There was something in his eyes that she couldn't describe, but Lin Yixun had no interest in exploring what it was.

The two of them locked eyes, their breaths intermingling. They were so close that they could clearly see the slightest fluctuation on each other's faces. On Lin Yixun's face, Leng Yixiu still saw coldness and indifference. Her eyes no longer held the infatuation and fervor from five years ago.

The man's gaze gradually dimmed. Suddenly, he rolled off her and lay beside her, murmuring lowly, "Lin Yixun, am I no longer even a little bit in your heart?"

The man's sudden question made Lin Yixun's heart quiver slightly. She didn't understand the purpose of his words but mockingly opened her mouth, "Why do you ask when you already know the answer?"

The man fell silent instantly. After a long time, Lin Yixun vaguely heard the man's sigh, "Indeed, knowing the answer, why ask again?"

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After returning to T City, Ouyang Hao did not go directly to find Lin Yixun but went to see Mu Chen. When Mu Chen saw Ouyang Hao, he knew it wouldn't be good news.

"Hey, didn't you go back to the capital to celebrate your old man's birthday? Why are you back so soon?"

Seeing Ouyang Hao's cold face, Mu Chen tentatively asked, "Did you fall out with your family again?"

As soon as his family was mentioned, Ouyang Hao's face looked even worse.

Mu Chen saw this and knew he had guessed right. "Last time you fell out with your family, it was because of Lin Yixun. What is it this time? Don't tell me it's about that woman again?"

As Ouyang Hao's close buddy, Mu Chen was just like a worm in Ouyang Hao's gut, guessing everything right.

Ouyang Hao spoke gloomily, "You're something, why don't you set up a fortune-telling stall on the street?"

"Setting up a stall is too degrading. Besides, I'm only good at guessing your stuff, not necessarily anyone else's." After some joking around, Mu Chen got serious, "So, what brings you to me this time?"

"I want you to help me investigate something."

"What is it?"

"Help me find out what my brother did to Lin Yixun's father recently?"

"You mean, your brother went after Lin Yixun's father? So, that's why Lin Yixun left you? Damn! Your brother really went for the jugular. But if it were me, I'd also start with Lin Yixun's family."

"Should I be grateful you're not my brother?" Ouyang Hao narrowed his eyes dangerously.

"No need to be grateful. But if I were your brother, I might have been a help, pushing you and Lin Yixun together. However, what's the point of investigating this now? Your sweetheart has rekindled things with her ex-husband, hasn't she?"

As soon as he said this, Mu Chen realized he had misspoken and quickly explained, "I mean, isn't Lin Yixun with Leng Yixiu now? To my knowledge, she used to be crazily infatuated with Leng Yixiu. Even if you clear the obstacles from your family, you can't just snatch her away from Leng Yixiu, right?"

Chapter 367: The Truth

Mu Chen paused for a moment and then said, "Moreover, Leng Yixiu is not someone to be trifled with; and brother, I don't know if I should say this, but maybe she never had you in her heart at all."

"I know well whether she has me in her heart or not." He wasn't a fool and wasn't oblivious to such things. "And there's another thing I want you to help me investigate."

"Investigating one matter is help, investigating two matters is also help. I might as well go with the flow and help you one more time. Speak, what is it this time?"

"Help me find out why Lin Yixun returned to Leng Yixiu's side."

Before, when they were at Shengde, he mistakenly believed that Lin Yixun still had feelings for Leng Yixiu, but upon further reflection, Lin Yixun was clearly avoiding Leng Yixiu like the plague before. So how could she suddenly rekindle old feelings in such a short time?

Besides, the sufferings she went through over these past four years were all thanks to Leng Yixiu. Her father's imprisonment was also caused by Leng Yixiu. Based on what he knew about Lin Yixun, if it wasn't for some compelling reason, Lin Yixun would never willingly return to Leng Yixiu's side.

If his guess was right...

Ouyang Hao's eyes deepened, Lin Yixun, did you still have feelings for me, or not?

In the social circles and power dynamics of T City, Mu Chen's capability was indeed remarkable. Within a week, he had taken care of the matters Ouyang Hao had entrusted to him.

"Here, this is what you wanted." Mu Chen tossed a stack of documents onto the bar counter and then hopped onto the barstool next to Ouyang Hao and said to the waiter, "Get me a cocktail."

"Your efficiency at handling things isn't as good as it used to be."

"Hey brother, you're being too harsh. Do you know how much effort it took to get this information? It's not hard to investigate matters on Leng Yixiu's side, but your brother's side really gave me some trouble."

Ouyang Hao naturally knew this. Ouyang Che had always been incredibly meticulous in his actions. That Mu Chen could dig up any information at all was already quite impressive.

"You guessed right, your brother indeed did something to Lin Yixun's father. You know, her father held a high position back then, and no matter how clean an official he was, there would always be something that could be used against him. Let alone, the handle your brother found was a big one. If things had come to light, her father might have had to spend the rest of his life in prison if he didn't live long enough to die naturally."

Mu Chen paused again and added, "And yes, Leng Yixiu did use some means on Lin Yixun. You know that her mother has uremia. All these years, Lin Yixun has been looking for a matching kidney donor for her mother, but hasn't found one. Yet recently, Shengde Hospital found a match. Do you think that's a coincidence?"

Lin's mother needing a kidney donor was something Ouyang Hao was naturally aware of. He had even secretly asked people nationwide and worldwide to look for a matching donor for her mother, but to no avail.

The kidney source that Lin Yixun had been looking for appeared in Shengde Hospital. Whether it was a coincidence or not, Ouyang Hao clearly understood. Thus, the reason why Lin Yixun returned to Leng Yixiu's side became quite clear.

With her mother on the brink of death and her father's weakness in someone else's hands, just thinking about it let Ouyang Hao understand how difficult Lin Yixun's situation had been back then.

Never had Ouyang Hao hated himself as much as he did now. How had he not seen that back then? Hadn't thought that Lin Yixun left him, not willingly, but because she was forced and had nowhere else to go.

Chapter 368: Endless Entanglement

Lin Yixun, as usual, maintained her routine of commuting between the company, the hospital, and the Half Mountain Villa. She didn't understand what was going through Leng Yixiu's head that night, to suddenly ask if he still held a place in her heart. Looking back, it was truly laughable.

Five years ago, she had offered her genuine feelings to him, but he didn't want them and ruthlessly trampled on them. Now, after five years, he actually cared about her feelings - what was this?

That day, Lin Yixun finished a busy day and left the company intending to visit the hospital. As she stepped out of the company door, a colleague nudged her shoulder on purpose, "Yixun, look! There's a handsome guy!"

"He's covering his face with a hat, a baseball cap, and a mask. How can you tell he's definitely handsome?" a colleague retorted, scoffing, "What's with the act, does he think he's a celebrity or something?"

"He's just being cool, what do you know? With my sharp eyes and experience, I can tell he's definitely handsome, no mistake about it!"

The two of them went back and forth, but Lin Yixun didn't hear a word. Even though that person had his face wrapped up tightly, Lin Yixun could recognize him with just one look.

Why would Ouyang Hao be here?

Lin Yixun's first reaction was shock, followed by an instinctive urge to flee. Their last meeting hadn't been pleasant, and now she could no longer face him calmly.

She felt fortunate that it was the usual closing time for the company, with many employees coming and going. She slowly turned, facing away from him and walked towards the nearby bus stop, hoping he wouldn't see her.

But contrary to her wishes, she had only taken a few steps when Ouyang Hao's voice came from behind, "Lin Yixun!"

As soon as she heard Ouyang Hao's voice, Lin Yixun forgot everything and ran towards the roadside. However, she couldn't outpace Ouyang Hao, who caught up within a few steps.

The moment he grabbed her wrist, Lin Yixun didn't know where she found the strength, but in the next instant, his large hand firmly held her. Lin Yixun struggled, but this time, he didn't give her any chance.

"Let go of me!"

"No!"

Their standoff drew a crowd, and Lin Yixun's colleagues were even more surprised, "Is he here for Lin Yixun again? Is Lin Yixun some kind of magnet for hot guys?"

"What, are you jealous?" another colleague said.

"Not jealous, envious really. Wait, why does this guy look familiar?"

"Yeah, it feels like I've seen him somewhere before."

Seeing the growing attention around them, Lin Yixun grew anxious. If they recognized Ouyang Hao, she might never be able to stay in the company after this. Ouyang Hao, sharp-eyed as ever, noticed Lin Yixun's worry and seized the opportunity.

"Lin Yixun, you have two choices. Either come with me, or I take off my sunglasses and mask."

How was this a choice? It was clearly a threat!

"Could you please not do this?!" Lin Yixun spoke helplessly, "I'm begging you?"

"No way. I'll count to three. If you still don't choose, I'll assume you want to make the front page with me tomorrow. One, two, three!" Ouyang Hao counted to three, seeing that Lin Yixun still hadn't moved, he raised his hand, ready to remove his glasses and mask. Lin Yixun called out to him just in time.

"Fine, I'll go with you."

Ouyang Hao's eyes lit up with a smile, "Is that what you said?"

"Let's find a place to sort things out."

"There's nothing to sort out between us!"

Chapter 369: What about me, what do I count as?

Lin Yixun eventually got into Ouyang Hao's car. The man in the driver's seat took off his hat and mask, turned to look at her, and smiled meaningfully, "Do you know what it means when a woman agrees to get into a man's car?"

Lin Yixun didn't respond to him. She turned her head to one side, expressionless, looking out of the car window, "Mr. Ouyang, what do you want from me? Can you tell me now?"

"Mr. Ouyang?" Ouyang Hao lightly raised an eyebrow, started the engine, and the numbers on the dashboard soared, then in an instant, dropped from 150 km/h to 80 km/h. After a long silence, the man's deep voice echoed in the car, "Lin Yixun, how much longer do you plan to keep this from me?"

Lin Yixun's eyes froze, but her expression remained unchanged, "Mr. Ouyang, I don't know what you're talking about."

The man's slight sigh was his response, "Lin Yixun, I already know."

"Mr. Ouyang, what do you know? I don't understand what you mean."

The man suddenly braked hard and turned to look at her, "Are you still going to play dumb? Lin Yixun, aren't you tired of this? My brother came to see you, didn't he? Is he threatening you with your father's matter?"

Lin Yixun's heart skipped a beat. She didn't know how Ouyang Hao found out about this, and at that moment, she didn't care. She moved her lips and said in a low voice, "Yes!"

"Lin Yixun, why didn't you tell me about something so big?"

"Would it help to tell you? Do you think you can get the evidence of my father's crimes from your brother?"

"I can! I can! Even if my brother is tough, even if it's very difficult, I'll find a way to help you solve it! Yixun, do you really not trust me?"

"Even if I trust you, so what? Isn't your family's attitude towards me obvious? Your parents don't agree with us being together, and your brother doesn't agree with us either. The whole world opposes us being together, is there still a need to insist on this relationship?"

"What does my family's opposition matter? Even if the whole world opposes, so what?" Ouyang Hao grabbed Lin Yixun's shoulders, staring into her eyes, "Lin Yixun, I just want you to answer me, do you love me?"

"I don't love you!" Lin Yixun turned away, resolutely.

"You don't love me? Dare to look me in the eyes and say that again?"

Lin Yixun forced herself to turn her eyes back to the man in front of her, and said word by word, "Ouyang Hao, I don't love you! Even if you ask me a thousand times, ten thousand times, I don't love you!"

"Really? Then why are your eyes red when you say that?"

"I am not!"

"Not?" The man suddenly grasped her chin, his fingers lightly swiping at the corner of her eye, and showed the tears on his finger to her. "Then what is this? Lin Yixun, tell me, what is this on my hand?"

Lin Yixun was rendered speechless. No matter how much she pretended, no matter how she tried to argue, tears couldn't lie.

She suddenly raised her hand and slapped Ouyang Hao's hand away fiercely, "What's wrong with me liking you? Loving you? Compared to a kidney, what do these matter?"

As soon as Lin Yixun said this, Ouyang Hao was stunned on the spot. Between family and love, given Lin Yixun's personality, their love was destined to be the sacrificial one.

"Ouyang Hao, I don't want my mom to die. I can't just watch her die in front of me."

"So you're willing to sacrifice your lifetime happiness, willingly, to go back to Leng Yixiu and become his hidden mistress?"

"Yes, as long as I can save my mother's life, it's all worth it."

"Then what about me, Lin Yixun, have you thought about my feelings?"

Chapter 370: Can I Take You to a Place?

"We are destined to have fate but no destiny."

"Lin Yixun, by doing this, you are being unfair not only to me but to yourself as well."

"In this world, where is there absolute fairness?"

"Yes, in this world, there is no such thing as absolute fairness or unfairness." Ouyang Hao smiled bitterly. After a long silence, he said softly, "Yixun, I understand your dilemma and respect your decision, but before we say our final goodbye, could I take you to a place?"

Lin Yixun turned to look at the man's profile, feeling a part of her heart slowly collapsing. For the sake of her family, she gave up their love. She thought Ouyang Hao would feel resentful and hate her, but she never imagined that one day, he would agree to let go himself.

No quarrels, no resentment, just a peaceful breakup. Lin Yixun thought she would feel relieved and light-hearted, but instead, she found a huge hole had been pierced through her heart, leaving a painful void.

She opened her mouth, wanting to say something, but sadly found no sound could come out. In the end, she let her hand fall weakly.

This was it, the best outcome for her and Ouyang Hao.

After an indefinite amount of time, she finally found her voice again, trembling as she said, "Okay!"

Ouyang Hao suddenly gave a radiant smile, like a child who had finally gotten candy after much effort. However, that enchanting smile made Lin Yixun's heart ache even more.

It turned out he could be so easily satisfied. Even such a small request could make him so happy.

After about two hours of driving, they finally arrived at an ancient city on the outskirts of T City. The ancient city was surrounded by green waters and featured white walls and black tiles, a typical water town in Jiangnan.

Since it wasn't the weekend, there weren't many tourists. Walking on the bluestone street lined with willows swaying in the breeze, Lin Yixun felt her heart quiet down.

"How is it, not bad, right?" The man curved his lips into a smile.

"Mm." Pretty good.

They walked shoulder to shoulder, speaking little but sharing an unspoken understanding. Without saying much, they both cherished this rare time together.

When they passed by a qipao shop, Ouyang Hao suddenly stopped and said to Lin Yixun, "Want to take a look inside?"

"Sure." Lin Yixun agreed.

Since it was a weekday, the qipao shop wasn't busy. The shopkeeper was naturally enthusiastic upon seeing customers.

"Miss, what kind of qipao are you looking for?"

"I'm not sure, just browsing."

Ouyang Hao interjected, "Owner, could you recommend something nice?"

The owner looked Lin Yixun up and down and smiled, "Miss, you're about 1.65 meters tall, right?"

"Mm, around that."

"Tall and slender, how about trying this blue and white porcelain style?" The owner pointed to a qipao behind Lin Yixun.

"I'm just looking around, no need to try it on." Lin Yixun smiled.

But Ouyang Hao interrupted, "I think it looks nice. Why don't you try it on? It doesn't cost anything to try."

The owner nodded repeatedly, "Yes, yes, in our shop, you can try on any qipao."

Lin Yixun thought, since she had nothing else to do, she might as well try it on.

Taking down the qipao, Lin Yixun followed the owner into the fitting room. It took about two or three minutes to change into it.

When Lin Yixun stepped out, the owner's eyes flashed with amazement, "I told you, this qipao suits you. You look even better than I imagined. Sir, don't you agree?"