

## Toxic Ex 456

### Chapter 456: Enchanting

Song Yi's words were cut off as Chu Yan grabbed his ear viciously and demanded, "Song Yi, be honest with me. Did you make her lose her memory on purpose to get rid of your guilt?"

Song Yi felt like his ear was about to be torn off by this female bandit and said aggrievedly, "I swear, I don't have such skills. Changing a face is not much of a technical challenge for me, but what's inside the head, I dare not touch at all, one wrong move and it could kill someone!"

Upon hearing this, Chu Yan found some sense in his words and let go of him, muttering under her breath, "Then what should we do now? We can't keep hiding her in the basement forever, can we? Besides, even though the boss rarely comes back, it's only a matter of time before he finds out there's someone living in his house."

Back then, Chu Yan was playing by the seaside and accidentally saved Lin Yixun, who was barely alive. Feeling a surge of compassion, she hid Lin Yixun in the basement of the villa and called upon the Old Madam's private doctor to treat her.

Song Yi, despite his sharp tongue and careless demeanor, was quite skilled in medical arts. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been hired by the boss to take care of the Old Madam.

Since the Old Madam's health was always poor and she would occasionally fall ill, the medical equipment in the villa was quite comprehensive, even comparable to a small-to-medium-sized hospital. This made it possible to save Lin Yixun's life; otherwise, she would have died long ago.

Initially, Chu Yan thought that Lin Yixun would wake up after lying in bed for a few days, and she could send her away before the boss returned. But who knew that she would end up with a bigger problem, as no matter how long she waited, Lin Yixun did not wake up.

If it had been anyone else, they would have given up on Lin Yixun under such circumstances. But Chu Yan, despite her sharp tongue, had a soft heart and couldn't bring herself to abandon her.

And so, time dragged on until half a year passed quietly. Now, Lin Yixun was finally awake but had lost her memory. What should they do?

"Then just send her away!" Song Yi shrugged.

"You say it so easily. She doesn't remember anything. Where can we send her?"

"If we don't send her away, what do you plan to do? Do you intend to keep her here? Now that she's awake, she's no longer half-dead like before. If the boss finds out you're hiding someone in his house, we'll both be in big trouble!"

Being "in big trouble" was a mild way of putting it. Chu Yan knew very well how serious the consequences would be. If the boss found out she'd hidden someone in the villa behind his back, he wouldn't hesitate to feed her to Da Hei.

Da Hei was a German Shepherd owned by the villa's boss.

At the thought of that terrifying scene, Chu Yan shivered and grabbed Song Yi's hand in terror. "What should we do? What should we do now?"

"What should we do? We should send her away quietly before the boss finds out."

"But she..."

"There's no buts. We've already saved her life, we can't take on her entire future, can we? Besides, we have no choice. You know very well what the boss hates the most."

Chu Yan naturally knew that the boss hated people working behind his back the most.

"When should we send her away?"

"No time like the present. How about today?"

"No." Chu Yan shook her head vigorously. "Her leg muscles have degenerated severely. Walking is a problem right now. At least let her recover a bit before we send her away, right?"

"Alright, it would be a waste if she were to die as soon as she went out. Let's wait another month. The boss is scheduled to return at the end of next month. As long as we send her away before then, we'll be fine." Song Yi hesitated for a moment before suggesting.

Having agreed on a plan, both of them breathed a sigh of relief. Sending away this ticking time bomb was better than keeping her around and risk the explosion.

After reaching an agreement, they pushed and shoved their way back into the basement. Song Yi cleared his throat and said to Lin Yixun, "Now that you're awake, we were planning to send you back. But considering your amnesia, you can stay here for now."

"Thank you!"

"Don't thank us too soon. Once your leg muscles recover and you can move freely, you cannot stay here anymore."

"Alright, I'll leave when the time comes."

Seeing Lin Yixun alone and pitiable, Chu Yan felt a pang of sympathy and wanted to say something. But the thought of the boss finding out what she'd done made her swallow her words.

"You really don't remember your name?" Song Yi stretched his neck and asked.

Lin Yixun nodded heavily.

"How should we address you then?" Seeing that Lin Yixun had no idea, a brilliant idea flashed in Song Yi's mind, and he immediately suggested, "How about we call you Shi Yi? 'Shi' from 'Xi Shi', and 'Yi' from 'memory'?"

As soon as he spoke, Chu Yan stepped on his foot viciously. "What kind of name is that? It's just mocking her. 'Shi Yi' sounds like 'amnesia'! You're too mean!"

Lin Yixun, however, didn't mind and shook her head with a smile. "It's okay. It's just a name. Besides, it suits my current situation very well."

In the following days, Lin Yixun's activity area expanded from her room to the entire basement. She was puzzled why Chu Yan kept her in this dark basement and repeatedly warned her not to go upstairs.

Though confused, Lin Yixun didn't press for answers when she saw Chu Yan was evasive. Chu Yan had saved her life and taken her in; that was kindness enough. She didn't want to ask for more. If she had to stay in the basement, then so be it. It had everything she needed anyway.

A few days later, Lin Yixun could move around, though her legs, having been inactive for so long, were still not very agile. At least she could walk on her own.

The only thing she found hard to get used to was her face. Maybe it was because of her memory loss, but every time she looked in the mirror, her face seemed incredibly strange.

This face was too enchanting, with an almost bewitching beauty. Even with a plain look, there was a mesmerizing allure in her eyes. If she felt this way about her own face, it wasn't hard to imagine how others would react to it.

#### Chapter 457: How about you go by the name Shi Yi from now on?

Lin Yixun spent more than half a month in the villa's basement. During this time, Song Yi would regularly perform routine check-ups on her, and Chu Yan would bring her meals three times a day.

Chu Yan was straightforward, a simple-hearted and chatty girl, while Song Yi, despite his eccentric temperament and strange hobbies, was not unkind. Gradually, Lin Yixun became acquainted with them.

On this day, Lin Yixun was practicing walking when she heard Chu Yan and Song Yi arguing from afar. She followed the sound out of the basement to see Song Yi and Chu Yan descending the wooden stairs to the basement floor. Song Yi was holding a laptop and looking distressed, while Chu Yan's usually bright face was scrunched up, grumbling all the way.

"I told you, why are you so careless? You just had to help me wipe the table, and you managed to break the boss's computer. What are we going to do now?"

"I went to the study to wipe the desk to help you and lighten your workload. Who knew... who knew this would happen."

"Help me? You're making things worse, aren't you? This is the boss's computer. If the boss comes back and finds out I broke it, what will we do? Song Yi, let me tell you, if the boss's bodyguards drag me away to feed the big black dog, I will haunt you even as a ghost!"

"Yanyan, don't be like this. Let's go to the shop and see, maybe there's a way to fix it."

"Are you a pig? The boss's computer has never been touched by anyone else! What if someone with bad intentions steals the data?"

"Well..."

While they were arguing relentlessly, Lin Yixun suddenly spoke up, "I think I can give it a try."

Chu Yan and Song Yi were stunned and turned their faces towards Lin Yixun with great tacit understanding, suspiciously asking, "You? Aren't you suffering from amnesia?"

Lin Yixun's eyes flickered. She indeed remembered nothing, but the laptop in Song Yi's arms felt inexplicably familiar. A voice inside her said that she might be able to solve this problem for them.

"It's worth a try, isn't it?" Lin Yixun smiled slightly.

Her smile was captivating.

Song Yi found it dazzling; this woman was just a born enchantress. If she were let out, who knows what would happen?

He suddenly regretted putting a face like that on her. He must have been out of his mind; her previous appearance was quite normal.

Ah, impulse is the Devil. It's too late to say anything now; you can't just change her face back.

Seeing Song Yi's dazed expression, Chu Yan pinched his arm hard. Only the sound of a pig being slaughtered brought her satisfaction as she let go.

She clapped her hands leisurely, as if nothing had happened, and leaned towards Song Yi, "Why don't we let her try? If she can't do it, we can think of something else."

"Alright." Song Yi nodded, treating a dead horse as if it were alive.

Lin Yixun decided to follow her instincts and give it a try. But when her fingers touched the keyboard, she seemed possessed, typing swiftly and effortlessly.

As blue English characters quickly scrolled across the screen, Song Yi and Chu Yan were clueless, but Lin Yixun's fingers danced steadily with ease, the keyboard under her hands coming to life.

After five minutes, Lin Yixun suddenly stood up and pushed the laptop towards Song Yi. "It should be fine now. Check it."

Song Yi glanced at the fixed laptop and looked up at Lin Yixun. Not only did she decrypt the boss's computer password in no time, but she also repaired it with ease.

He couldn't hide his astonishment, "Were you a computer technician before?"

Even computer technicians wouldn't be that fast.

Lin Yixun shrugged, "I don't know. I just felt like I could do it, and I found that I really could."

"Besides fixing computers, what else can you do?" Song Yi asked.

"I don't know."

"Wait here for a moment. I'll be right back." Throwing that, Song Yi hurried up the stairs and soon came back with another laptop.

Song Yi opened the laptop and asked, "Can you code?"

"Code?" Lin Yixun approached the computer, then entered a long string of code, smiling, "Like this?"

When Song Yi looked closer, his eyes changed slightly. This woman could indeed code, and the code she had casually input was at a level far beyond basic proficiency.

"Then... can you create computer viruses?"

"Like this?" Lin Yixun raised an eyebrow at him.

Song Yi glanced at the computer screen, his face turning as dark as Bao Zheng's. He always had some mischievous thoughts, but he didn't expect to shoot himself in the foot. This woman creating computer viruses was one thing, but why did she have to target his computer?

Looking at the screen repeating "give me money, give me money, give me money...", Song Yi furiously demanded, "Restore my computer to its original state!"

Lin Yixun raised her eyebrows, somewhat gleeful, "Well, it may be difficult. But, in three days, the computer will automatically restore."

This made Chu Yan, standing by, laugh out loud and give Lin Yixun a thumbs up, "Shi Yi, well done!"

Song Yi realized that Lin Yixun was not only skilled with computers but also proficient. Although his computer was plagued by a virus she had implanted for several days, he couldn't suppress his excitement.

That day, taking advantage of Chu Yan visiting her family, Song Yi quietly came to the basement. Using his glib tongue, he coaxed Lin Yixun out of the basement.

This was Lin Yixun's first time out of the basement and her first real understanding of where she had been living for the past half-year. The villa stood by the sea, with a bit of a Gothic style, like an old castle hidden in shrubs, exuding an air of mystery.

Song Yi drove his private car, taking Lin Yixun to the mountaintop. Standing at the peak, she was amazed to see the mountain facing the sea on one side and overlooking a bustling city on the other.

At night, the city's lights were dazzling, and the nightscape was mesmerizing. For some reason, Lin Yixun felt the city before her was incredibly familiar. She thought perhaps it was where she used to live, and maybe in one corner of the city, her home, her family, and friends were there.

At this moment, Song Yi carried a computer from the car, came to her side, and blinked at her, "Shi Yi, could you do me a favor?"

#### Chapter 458: The Legendary Big Boss

"What favor?" Lin Yixun asked, puzzled.

Song Yi suddenly leaned close to Lin Yixun's ear and whispered his idea.

Upon hearing it, Lin Yixun frowned, "Isn't this a bit too much?"

"Don't you think it would be a lot of fun?"

Lin Yixun shook her head, "Is it really that fun?"

"Just help me out this one time, please. Remember, it took all my strength to save you back then. Now I'm just asking you to do a small favor, isn't it fair?" Of course, Song Yi didn't mention anything about the face-changing incident.

"Well... alright."

Ten minutes later, the electronic screens in various major department stores of T City were displaying the message "Lili, I love you." In less than a minute, the girl called Lili called, and then Song Yi successfully won her over.

Lin Yixun was speechless about this. She felt somewhat tricked. What had she just done? To help someone win a girl, she had become a genuine hacker.

What she didn't know was that her unintended act had shaken the entire Leng's. Among the electronic screens hacked last night, the ones in Leng's stores were not spared.

In the meeting room, Leng Yixiu threw his pen on the table, "An entire night, and you couldn't find even a small hacker. What are you all doing?"

"President Leng, the other party encrypted the IP address, so we couldn't find them immediately," a senior executive explained quietly.

"They encrypted it, and you can't crack it? Are all those overseas returnees under you brainless?"

"President Leng, the hacker only took control of the department store screens, the company didn't suffer any substantial loss."

Leng Yixiu's face darkened further, and he said coldly, "Manager Zhu, you're right, there was no substantial loss this time. But what about next time? What if next time, they hack into my computer instead of the department store screens? Have you thought about what would happen then?"

Leng Yixiu's probing questions rendered Manager Zhu speechless. He thought he was done for. Last week, a senior executive made a mistake and got fired by the big boss. This time, was he going to be the unlucky one?

Assistant Li glanced at the other senior executives for help, but everyone's heads were bowed low. No one dared to attract the big boss's ire at this moment.

The big boss had always been terrifying, but since his ex-wife's death six months ago, his methods had become even more ruthless. More than a dozen senior executives were fired, and not even the founders who helped him build the company were spared.

They could only silently sympathize with Manager Zhu. This hacking incident could be a big deal or a small matter, but Manager Zhu would need all the luck he could get.

Just when everyone thought Manager Zhu was out of luck, a sudden ringtone sounded in the large meeting room.

Everyone bowed their heads even lower, wondering who was so fearless to leave their phone on during a meeting. To their surprise, the "fearless" person was their big boss.

He picked up the phone and pressed the answer button. No one knew what the person on the other end said, but the stern and icy look on his face melted like an iceberg meeting warm sunlight.

One of the braver senior executives curiously lifted his head, and in the next moment, his mouth twitched uncontrollably. Was the big boss smiling? Was their iceberg-like President actually smiling?

Everyone was curious about who could cause their iceberg-like President to smile with just a few words.

Little did they know the call was from the Leng family's nanny, and what melted the icy President was the sweet voice of a seven-month-old baby.

"Baba, baba..."

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Chu Yan soon found out about Lin Yixun helping Song Yi with his romantic pursuit. Furious, she berated Song Yi harshly.

"What if the boss finds out you took her out without permission? Song Yi, are you trying to get me killed?"

"I just took her for a walk, it wasn't that serious."

"Not serious? My life isn't as important as your little romance! But if you want to pursue a girl, could you not involve Shi Yi and me? Do you know that getting her to hack someone else's computer is illegal? If she gets caught, she could go to jail."

"Well..." Song Yi scratched his head, "I didn't think that far ahead."

"Of course you didn't, you're just thinking with your hormones!"

Seeing them argue endlessly, Lin Yixun intervened, "Yanyan, it's my fault too this time. I won't do it again. Also, don't worry, I encrypted the virus, it shouldn't be easily traced back."

Chu Yan saw Lin Yixun speaking up for Song Yi and stopped arguing, but reluctantly said, "Just don't do it again. Song Yi loves causing trouble, but you shouldn't follow his lead."

Lin Yixun nodded.

Since that day, Song Yi behaved himself, and Lin Yixun, following Chu Yan's advice, stayed in the basement and never went out.

Days passed, and soon, all of Lin Yixun's body functions had recovered. She had troubled Chu Yan and Song Yi for so long, it was time to leave.

When Lin Yixun mentioned her intention to leave, Chu Yan was reluctant but couldn't persuade her otherwise. She still had Song Yi find someone outside who could offer Lin Yixun a job.

Although Song Yi usually seemed unreliable, he had quite an extensive network. Given Lin Yixun's skills with computers, finding a basic job wasn't hard. However, due to her unclear identity, she could only work as a temp at a small company run by one of Song Yi's friends. Nevertheless, she managed to find a way to make a living.

"Though it's a bit beneath your talents, and the pay isn't great, at least it will keep you fed for now."

"Thank you both."

"Hey, no need to thank us. Didn't you help me out already?" Song Yi's expression turned serious, "Chu Yan and I will take you out. There are guards outside; you can't get out alone. It'd be a shame to be made a target outside."

Song Yi wasn't joking. There were indeed several guards around the villa. Except for the villa staff, no outsiders were allowed to enter or leave.

This made Lin Yixun curious. Who exactly was the villa's owner? Was it necessary to surround a house like a fortress?

In the basement, which connected to the villa's underground garage, Song Yi blocked the cameras, letting Lin Yixun and Chu Yan get into the car. He then walked around the front of the car to the driver's seat.

"When we get to the villa gate, lie down and don't make a sound," Song Yi reminded her before starting the engine.

"Got it." Lin Yixun was already familiar with this from the last time.

They thought this would go as smoothly as their trip to the mountaintop, but as soon as they left the garage, they hit a major snag. Who would have thought the big boss, who was supposed to return the day after tomorrow, would pull a surprise visit today?!

Chapter 459: Prey?

Song Yi stared at the stretched Lincoln driving into the underground garage, his eyes wide open, looking helplessly at Chu Yan in the passenger seat.

"Oh no, why did the boss suddenly come back? What should we do now?"

Chu Yan was already scared out of her wits and had no idea what to do.

Song Yi suppressed the fear in his heart, pretended to be calm, rolled down the car window, and smiled at the driver opposite, but his eyes bypassed the front driver and fell on the back seat.

His heart skipped a beat. Sure enough, the big boss had returned.

The opposing driver glanced at Song Yi expressionlessly, then coldly averted his gaze. He had not noticed anything unusual, only slowed down, intending to pass.

As the two cars passed, Song Yi's hanging heart finally settled. Chu Yan exaggeratedly patted her chest. Thank goodness, the big boss didn't discover Lin Yixun.

However, it seemed they were happy too soon.

At the moment when the cars brushed past, the German Shepherd inside the stretched Lincoln suddenly began to bark furiously. The sudden barking caused the eyes of the man in the back seat to change slightly.

The man's sexy thin lips parted slightly, and a rich yet cold voice echoed in the cabin, "Tell them to stop the car!"

"Yes, boss." Saying so, the driver immediately dialed the phone number of the bodyguard at the gate, instructing him, "Stop Song Yi's car."

Song Yi and his companions initially thought they could slip by this time, but unexpectedly, they were stopped by the bodyguard at the gate after exiting the garage.

Song Yi rolled down the car window, displeased, "Are you guys making a mistake? Why are you stopping my car?"

"Sorry, Doctor Song, the boss instructed us to do this."

"Dad?" Song Yi immediately felt something was wrong, and indeed, as he had anticipated, things were not going in their favor.

At some point, the previously parked stretched Lincoln in the garage had backed out and subsequently stopped behind their car. Before Song Yi and Chu Yan could react to what was happening, the car's back door suddenly opened, and a fierce German Shepherd jumped out.

The shepherd sniffed around the driver's door of Song Yi's car, finally stopping at the rear door, opened its jaws wide, and barked furiously at the back seat.

Obviously, the shepherd had smelled the scent of Lin Yixun from outside the car, catching the scent of the hidden passenger.

Song Yi was exasperated. How could this dog's nose be so sensitive? Fortunately, not earlier, but now, at this critical moment, it had to smell Lin Yixun's scent.

What to do now?

Meanwhile, Lin Yixun, hiding under the back seat, knew it was impossible to remain undiscovered, so she stopped hiding altogether. She slowly crawled up from the back seat and reached out to twist the door handle.

She thought, although she had intruded on this place suddenly and secretly stayed for so long, even if the villa owner was furious, he wouldn't take her life, would he?

However, the world was far crazier than Lin Yixun had imagined.

As soon as she pushed the car door open, the German Shepherd lunged at her, opening its jaws wide and biting her arm. This breed's teeth were particularly sharp, easily tearing through Lin Yixun's skin and flesh.

Seeing Lin Yixun being bitten by the German Shepherd and her frail body being dragged to the ground, Chu Yan couldn't help but scream. She quickly got out of the car to save Lin Yixun but saw the vicious shepherd and her legs began to shake uncontrollably.

Before, when the dog wasn't angry, she didn't dare to approach it, let alone now.

Helpless, she could only cast a pleading look at Song Yi, but at this moment, where dared Song Yi save Lin Yixun? The shepherd only followed its master's commands, which was the big boss. Since the big boss hadn't called a halt, none present had the courage to do so.

Chu Yan had worked here for years and naturally understood this principle.

She somewhat understood the boss's personality. If anyone dared to save Lin Yixun now, the next to suffer would probably be herself.

She had witnessed the boss's ruthlessness. The last time a man accidentally angered him, he became the German Shepherd's meal, and this time...

Seeing the shepherd almost tear off an entire piece of flesh from Lin Yixun's arm, Chu Yan covered her mouth tightly, tears uncontrollably streaming down her face.

"Shi Yi! Shi Yi! Shi Yi!"

She could only helplessly call Lin Yixun's name, unable to do anything.

Song Yi could only turn his face away. Though being a doctor and having performed numerous surgeries, he still found it hard to bear this bloody scene.

The German Shepherd, having found a perfect prey, certainly wouldn't show mercy. In less than ten minutes, it left various wounds on Lin Yixun's limbs, but cleverly, without the owner's final command, none of the bites were in lethal places.

Still, this was enough for Lin Yixun to endure.

Lin Yixun felt her entire body being torn apart by the shepherd, and no matter how she struggled, she couldn't escape its bites. In front of a specially trained wolfdog, she was so weak and powerless.

Ultimately, Lin Yixun had no strength left to struggle, lying helplessly on the cold tiles, awaiting her fate. When her thigh was once again torn open by the wolfdog's sharp teeth, she couldn't help but think that it would have been better to die at sea than to end up so miserably under a dog's fangs.

Just when she thought she was doomed, the frenzied shepherd suddenly became calm. Finally, it let go of her, retreating to the side.

However, this time, the shepherd turned its "attention" to Song Yi and Chu Yan, barking ferociously at them.

The German Shepherd didn't pounce on them directly, like it did with Lin Yixun, nor did it attack and bite them, but stared at them intently, waiting for orders from the master inside the stretched Lincoln.

Just then, the driver of the stretched Lincoln got down, bypassed the car front, and opened the back door. The man who had been sitting quietly in the back seat, claimed to be the big boss by Chu Yan and Song Yi, stepped out.

With the sound of approaching footsteps, the man advanced step by step. Although his steps were neither fast nor slow, they felt like they were stepping directly on Lin Yixun's heart, causing it to tremble uncontrollably.

Not sure when, but the footsteps stopped. Following the sound direction, Lin Yixun saw a pair of polished leather boots about a meter away from her.

Struggling to lift her head, her gaze traveled up from the boots, finally fixing on a sharply contoured handsome face.

Chapter 460: You are the first person in this world who dares to command me

This face combined the best features of both Western and Eastern people: an exquisitely sculpted contour, deep and captivating eyes, a prominent nose, and a sensual thin lip, all unmistakably showcasing Western characteristics; yet, the skin on his face was a captivating wheat color, something countless Westerners dream of.

Undoubtedly, the mixed-race man before him was extremely handsome. However, now was not the time to appreciate the "scenery".

Usually, the more beautiful something is, the more dangerous it tends to be, and the man before them was no exception.

The German Shepherd, upon seeing its owner, did not fawn enthusiastically like other dogs, but obediently kneeled on the ground, waiting for its master's commands.

The man lowered his eyes to his beloved dog, his sensual thin lips curling slightly, "Want some meat?"

Those casual words from the man instantly drained all color from Song Yi and Chu Yan's faces. They naturally understood the man's meaning; the last person who offended the big boss was eaten alive by Da Hei!

The German Shepherd was very smart and naturally sensed its master's intention. Knowing it was about to get some meat, it became bloodthirsty and excited, turning its head to bark frantically at Song Yi and Chu Yan.

"Hold on," the man said, reaching out to smooth the black fur on the German Shepherd's spine.

"Woof! Woof! Woof!" The German Shepherd barked obediently a few times.

The man smiled in satisfaction, then turned to look at Song Yi and Chu Yan, asking in a leisurely voice, "Who gave you the courage?"

Song Yi heard his voice, and his legs went limp, hastily pleading, "Boss, I was wrong, I know I was wrong!"

"You knew you were wrong? If you knew you were wrong, why commit the mistake? Don't you know the rules here?"

Upon hearing this, their faces went pale. Rules? How could they not know? Ever since they arrived here, they had memorized the rules countless times, afraid that a single slip would cost them their lives.

But in the end, they still knowingly broke the rules.

Compared to Song Yi, Chu Yan was much more courageous. She pulled Song Yi aside and stood with her chest out, saying, "Boss, it's not Song Yi's fault. It's all my fault. I took it upon myself to save Shi Yi, and I forced Song Yi not to tell anyone. Today, it was also my idea to sneak Shi Yi out. If you want to hold someone accountable, punish only me."

"Is that so?" The man raised an eyebrow slightly, "But regardless of the reason, you both made a mistake. And mistakes have consequences."

These words instantly cast Song Yi and Chu Yan into Hell. They knew exactly what the man meant by consequences. They stared at the man in front of them in utter terror, their mouths opening but unable to utter even a single plea, helplessly watching as the man bent down, reached out, and patted the German Shepherd on the back.

"Go!"

In an instant, the tragic screams of Song Yi and Chu Yan reached Lin Yixun's ears. She stared at Chu Yan writhing in agony on the ground, watching as the German Shepherd's sharp fangs tore into Chu Yan's shoulder, leaving several bloody marks in mere moments. Despite being a grown man, Song Yi was no match for the ferocious German Shepherd either and was quickly bitten on the leg, dragged to the ground, and savagely mauled.

The horrific scene before her made Lin Yixun's heart clench tightly. She never imagined that just this morning Chu Yan was bickering with Song Yi, they were talking and laughing when they left, and now they were covered in blood, their once bright and lively faces now filled only with fear and despair.

All this was because of her. If they hadn't saved her, hadn't taken her in, none of this would have happened. Now she finally understood why they were so eager to send her away. It wasn't what they wanted, but rather because they had no choice.

So, what should she do now to save the two people closest to her?

Lin Yixun's fingers tightened, and summoning strength from who knows where, she suddenly got up from the ground. Just as everyone's attention was focused on Song Yi and Chu Yan, she unexpectedly executed a "capture the thief first" maneuver.

No one present expected the always-unassailable, fearsome big boss would one day be bested by a woman who couldn't even truss a chicken and was severely injured.

Even the man himself did not foresee this.

"Make your dog stop!" Lin Yixun pressed her chest against the man's back, her arm looping around his neck from behind, fingers gripping a hairpin, the tip pressing firmly against the main artery in his neck.

Lin Yixun felt a stroke of luck. When she couldn't find an elastic band to tie her hair this morning, Chu Yan had given her a hairpin instead. She had no idea that in such a critical moment, this little thing would come in handy.

"No one in this world has ever dared to order me. You are the first," the man squinted menacingly.

"There's always a first for everything. Today, I will be that first." Lin Yixun didn't want to waste words with him. Seeing that Chu Yan and Song Yi were about to collapse, she said coldly, "Make your dog let them go! If not, my hairpin will go right in!"

"Is that so? Do you think you have the strength to pierce my main artery?"

"Whether I can or not, we'll find out by trying. Mr. Big Boss, if you want to test it, by all means, go ahead. At worst, we die together."

"You've got guts," the man said through gritted teeth.

He raised his hand and made a gesture towards the German Shepherd. Though reluctant, the German Shepherd followed its master's command and stopped.

But still, Chu Yan and Song Yi were already left with half their lives. Lin Yixun looked around; the place was surrounded like an iron barrel. If she wanted to take Chu Yan and Song Yi away from here, it would be a fool's dream. It would be better to...

"I have one more request. If you agree, I will let you go."

"What right do you have to negotiate with me?" The man sneered.

"Don't forget, your life is in my hands."

"Is it? Whose life is in whose hands remains to be seen."

"I can't say for sure about the past or the future, but right now, you are in my hands." Lin Yixun pushed back, her hand pressing harder, leaving a blood mark on the man's neck. "Mr. Big Boss, you might have the advantage in numbers, but don't forget, a cornered dog will jump over the wall. My life might be worthless, but yours... I imagine it's quite valuable. If you really died here because of me, wouldn't that be a shame?"

"Hmm, you make a fair point. Tell me, what do you want?"

"Let bygones be bygones, let me go."

"You really have the nerve," the man snorted, "You think I'll let you off after you've made me suffer?"