

## Toxic Ex 546

### Chapter 546: Ban!

Shi Yi heard this and immediately became furious. She couldn't help but sneer, "You were the one who asked me to take on this case in the first place. Now, without knowing right from wrong, you want to kick me out. Fine, very fine indeed!"

Seeing Leng Yixiu's face darken, Shi Yi found it even more laughable. What, just because of a few words, he got so angered?

Shi Yi suddenly raised the corner of her mouth in a proud smile. "I didn't want to be involved in this case from the beginning. Exiting it is exactly what I want. But, President Leng, I am not someone who specializes in taking the fall for others. I will find out the truth in this matter. When the truth comes out, I'll be expecting an explanation from you, President Leng!"

Saying this, Shi Yi didn't wait for Leng Yixiu to respond. She turned around coldly and walked out of the room with a straight back. She had done nothing wrong and had no reason to show any fear in front of Leng Yixiu.

Shen Xu had been waiting outside the door. When he saw Shi Yi's grim face as she walked out, he could guess what happened inside.

However, after Shi Yi got into the car, Shen Xu couldn't resist asking about the details. With an expressionless face, Shi Yi told him everything. Shen Xu was so shocked that his jaw almost dropped.

"Your email got hacked? Oh my god, am I hearing things? A hacker hacking a hacker? That's the first time I've heard of such a thing!"

Shi Yi leaned back in the leather chair lazily. "Indeed, it happened. It's my fault for being careless. Recently, I've been zoning out, barely going online, and that gave someone an opportunity."

"Have you found out who did it?" Shen Xu knew that Shi Yi would never leak company secrets.

"Not yet, but finding the hacker shouldn't be difficult." Shi Yi narrowed her eyes dangerously and said in a deep voice, "Anyone who dares to mess with me should weigh their own worth first."

Thinking about the incident made Shi Yi furious. She had always been the one hacking others. Who would have thought she'd be tricked like this? How could she not get angry?

Returning to her apartment, Shi Yi turned on her computer. It didn't take much effort to find the other party's IP. Shi Yi couldn't help but sneer. Such a low-level tactic, yet they dared to show off in front of her. But she became more annoyed, thinking that a master hacker like her had been hacked by someone a few levels beneath her. It was almost embarrassing to admit.

However, now wasn't the time to dwell on those thoughts. Following the trail of the other party's IP address, Shi Yi quickly found the person who set her up.

She initially thought the culprit would be an employee of some company, at least an adult. But who would have guessed that this low-level hacker was just a ninth-grade middle school student!

This result took Shi Yi by surprise. After all, who would have thought a middle schooler would do such a thing?

Although the culprit was a middle schooler, Shi Yi was not going to let it go. This incident had quite an impact on her, so she tried hard to appear intimidating in front of the student.

"Tell me, who made you do this!"

The middle schooler, already scared, was surrounded by several burly men Shi Yi brought with her and quickly confessed, "I... I don't know that person."

"Don't know? How is that possible? Are you telling the truth? Do you believe I won't have the police arrest you?"

"Sister, please! I'm not lying. I really don't know that person! I had just bought some equipment and was short on money. That person said there was a profitable job and asked if I wanted to do it. I just had to hack an email and send a message. It didn't seem like a big deal, so I did it."

"How did that person know you had hacker skills, and how did they contact you?"

"I used to play games in internet cafes often and would brag about my ability to hack other people's websites. That's how that person knew about me."

"Which internet cafe?" Shi Yi pursued further. She thought there would be surveillance cameras in the cafe, and it might be possible to catch that person through the footage.

However, maybe by coincidence, when Shi Yi went with the student to the internet cafe to check the surveillance footage, the cafe owner told her that the cameras were broken that day. Not only were the cafe's cameras down, but even the nearby cameras were also malfunctioning.

Shi Yi could guess that all this was the work of that person. All the clues were cut off at once.

Shi Yi was annoyed. In this situation, if she couldn't find the mastermind, handing over the middle schooler alone wouldn't be convincing.

After all, the middle schooler didn't have the motive to do this. Considering Shi Yi was a computer expert, being hacked by an unknown middle schooler would be hard for anyone to believe. She might even be accused of staging the hack herself to clear her name.

With the clues broken, the investigation stalled, and over at the Lei Man Company headquarters, some shareholders who had a grudge against Shi Yi couldn't wait any longer. Some even suggested removing Shi Yi from her CEO position at Lei Man.

Shen Xu was getting worried for Shi Yi in the office and couldn't help cursing, "Those old bastards! Always ready to kick someone when they're down! You just had a slight issue, and they can't wait to bring you down. Have they forgotten they owed their full pockets to you all these years?"

"Why are you more anxious than me? I haven't been removed yet," Shi Yi said calmly. "Even if I'm removed, so what?"

"Shi Yi, that's easy for you to say! Don't you know the consequences? If you're removed because of this, your reputation in the industry will be ruined. How will you survive afterward?"

Shen Xu wasn't exaggerating. In their industry, leaking trade secrets was a grave offense. If Shi Yi was removed from Lei Man for this reason, no major IT company, be it domestic or international, would be willing to hire her. This wouldn't just affect the IT industry; her chances at any large company would be minimal.

Shi Yi knew this well. If the issue wasn't handled properly, her career could be over. Although she understood this, some things couldn't be rushed.

"If I can't stay, I'll stop. I'll just travel the world," she said with a leisurely tone.

"Easy for you to say. Won't you feel aggrieved?"

"Aggrieved?" Shi Yi raised an eyebrow. "Maybe a little."

Shi Yi couldn't help recalling the scene in Leng Yixiu's office. That man didn't trust her at all!

#### Chapter 547: Besieged with Troubles

Shi Yi was overwhelmed with anxiety, and Leng Yixiu was not having an easy time either. Ever since the last hospitalization, Xiao Yi Xun's condition had been unstable, with several high fevers in the middle of the night, each one making Leng Yixiu's heart race.

Leng Yixiu was well aware that dragging on like this was not a solution; they had to find a bone marrow match for Xiao Yi Xun as soon as possible, and umbilical cord blood was undoubtedly their last resort.

However, even though Gu Yilin looked exactly like Lin Yixun, and their DNA matched, Leng Yixiu always felt that something was missing between him and Gu Yilin, but what exactly was unclear. Thus, even though the wedding was approaching, Leng Yixiu had never taken the final step with Gu Yilin.

That day, Leng Yixiu, as usual, dropped Gu Yilin off downstairs. Gu Yilin unbuckled her seatbelt, turned to glance at Leng Yixiu's profile, moved her lips, and said, "It's already past eleven. Why don't you stay tonight?"

At first, Gu Yilin was somewhat afraid of Leng Yixiu. His kindness to her was unexpected and a bit unreal. But over time, she found that although this man was cold, he took care of her meticulously. She gradually got used to his attentiveness and even became attached to him.

Before she met Leng Yixiu, no man had ever treated her like this, not even Zheng Hao. Although he had rescued her from suffering, it was only to use her. Faced with Leng Yixiu's various kindnesses, Gu Yilin had to admit that she had fallen for this man.

So tonight, she finally mustered the courage to say something even she hadn't anticipated. But after the words came out, she didn't regret it. She was now his fiancée, and soon she would marry him. Asking him to stay was not inappropriate.

Leng Yixiu naturally understood Gu Yilin's intention. He cast her a deep glance, recalling Cen Lin's words to him. After pondering for a while, he eventually nodded.

Seeing Leng Yixiu nod, Gu Yilin beamed with a radiant smile. For a moment earlier, she had seen a trace of hesitation in his eyes. For some reason, that hesitation made her feel a bit uneasy.

But fortunately, Leng Yixiu did not refuse her.

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After leaving Gu Yilin's apartment, Leng Yixiu sat alone in the car for a long time. In fact, even he himself couldn't understand why he hadn't taken the final step.

He leaned tiredly against the leather seat, feeling utterly exhausted. He turned sideways, intending to pull a cigarette from the pack, only to angrily find that the last cigarette had been smoked that morning.

Recently, his craving for cigarettes had noticeably increased.

After sitting in the car for a while, Leng Yixiu finally started the engine and drove out of the underground garage. However, he did not go home but headed to a nearby bar.

Over the years, he had developed a habit of going to a bar for a few drinks whenever he was in a bad mood. He had to admit, alcohol was a good thing; as long as he got drunk, the troubles that plagued him would vanish, even if only for a while.

Leng Yixiu was exceptionally handsome, with an innate, commanding presence. The moment he entered the bar, he attracted countless gazes. Before he even warmed the high stool with his seat, a young woman with a hot figure approached him.

"Hey handsome, drinking alone is boring. How about I join you?"

Leng Yixiu raised his eyes and coldly glanced at her, mercilessly uttering one word, "Scram!"

"Hmph, you look decent, but your temper stinks!" the woman grumbled in dissatisfaction. Seeing Leng Yixiu's imposing demeanor, she didn't dare to openly scold him and instead swayed her slender waist as she left, frustrated.

Afterwards, several other women also tried to chat with Leng Yixiu, but he coldly rebuffed them all without mercy. He sat alone on the high stool, drinking sullenly. As he drank, he gradually noticed something odd about his body.

Having been in the business world for many years, he had encountered some dirty tricks. However, no one had ever dared to use them on him until this exception.

#### Chapter 548: Accident

That afternoon, Chu Yan called and mysteriously told Shi Yi that she and Song Yi were now dating. When Shi Yi heard the news, she wasn't surprised. That night at the bar, she had already sensed some chemistry between them. It was just a matter of time before something happened.

"Shi Yi, let's have dinner together tonight?"

"Sure." She didn't have much going on recently anyway.

So, that evening, Shi Yi went to the place the three of them had agreed on.

At the dinner table, Song Yi placed a piece of braised pork in Chu Yan's bowl, and Chu Yan smiled as she fed the meat to Song Yi. Shi Yi couldn't help but complain, "You two, seriously? I'm still single. Aren't you afraid you'll cause public outrage with your blatant display of affection?"

At Shi Yi's words, Chu Yan blushed. "Well... if you think we're going overboard, why don't you find someone yourself? I think our boss is pretty good."

"You mean Feng Chengyu? I'd rather not. I still want to live a few more years."

"What's wrong with my boss? Why do you avoid him like the plague?" Chu Yan said discontentedly. "He's good-looking, comes from a good family, has a great body, and most importantly, he's strong. If you were with him, you'd definitely be happy."

Chu Yan's words almost made Shi Yi choke on her drink. She coughed several times before recovering, then looked over at Song Yi and said, "Song Yi, Yanyan wasn't like this before. You've corrupted her, haven't you?"

Song Yi shrugged with an innocent look. "This has nothing to do with me. You're blaming me for no reason. Besides, this is nothing. She's even..."

Before Song Yi could finish, Chu Yan stepped on his foot hard. Seeing Chu Yan looking as if she wanted to kill him, Song Yi immediately shut up and admitted, "Yes, it's my fault. I've corrupted Yanyan. Blame me."

With the banter between Song Yi and Chu Yan, the dinner was anything but boring, and even Shi Yi's recent gloom lifted considerably. Since they hadn't gathered in a while, Song Yi suggested they go to a nearby club to relax before heading home. Chu Yan raised both hands in agreement, and after a

moment's thought, Shi Yi agreed too, thinking it wasn't a bad idea to unwind since she had no work and her mood had been down lately.

The three of them partied until the early hours, but eventually, they couldn't keep up and decided to go home. They were all approaching their thirties and couldn't match the energy of teenagers anymore.

When they left the club, Song Yi offered to take Shi Yi home, but she declined. "You've both been drinking. Better get a driver. It's only a few minutes from here to my house by taxi. Don't worry about me."

Thinking it was true that Shi Yi's house was close by, Chu Yan and Song Yi didn't insist. Besides, they were both already half-drunk. A drunk person taking a sober one home would only end in laughter.

Shi Yi called them a driver, watched them leave, and then prepared to call a taxi herself. Just as she was about to book a car via an app, she was suddenly bumped hard.

Shi Yi staggered and almost fell. Annoyed, she turned back, only to find that it was a person who had bumped into her. She was about to scold him when she saw his face and froze.

How could this be? Of all people to bump into at this time of night, it had to be Leng Yixiu.

The strong smell of alcohol and the direction he came from told her he had likely been drinking at a bar. Seeing how he couldn't even walk straight, she guessed he must have had quite a lot.

But remembering the incidents at Leng's that day and the distrustful look Leng Yixiu had given her, Shi Yi couldn't help feeling angry. She wasn't Holy Mary; she wasn't going to help him!

Shi Yi thought this and did exactly that. She pushed Yixiu hard and walked toward the street, not wanting to deal with this drunk!

She was annoyed to find that as soon as she took a step toward the road, Yixiu followed. Furious, she turned to mock him but was shocked to see Yixiu walking straight into the road.



Shi Yi was alarmed. What the hell was he doing?

Seeing both of Yixiu's feet already on the road and a Lexus speeding toward him from a distance, Shi Yi quickly rushed over, grabbed Yixiu's arm, and pulled him back.

Just as she pulled Yixiu back, the Lexus sped past them. Shi Yi felt a lingering fear; it was so close. If she hadn't acted in time, Yixiu might have been hit.

Despite the fear, she was also angry. "Mr. Leng, if you want to die, can you at least do it far away from me? Do you have to die in front of me?"

She wanted to keep scolding him, but there was no response from Yixiu, who was evidently too drunk. It felt like punching cotton, leaving Shi Yi feeling both angry and powerless.

Glancing coldly at the man before her, Shi Yi felt frustrated. Considering what Leng Yixiu did to her in the past, it wouldn't be excessive to leave him on the street to fend for himself. But remembering the danger just now, she hesitated. She feared that if she left, Yixiu might run into the road again.

Yixiu was despicable, and it would be a relief if he were gone, but Xiao Yi Xun was still so young. If he lost his father, how heartbroken would he be?

Her thoughts in turmoil, Shi Yi couldn't bring herself to abandon Yixiu. She supported him as they walked step by step to a flowerbed by the road to sit down temporarily. She took out her phone to call a car, only to notice Yixiu's Bentley nearby.

Forget calling a car; she wouldn't need to.

With great effort, Shi Yi managed to get Yixiu into the car. She thought of calling Old He to come and get him, but the phone was off.

Frustrated, she hung up and got into the driver's seat, deciding to help Leng Yixiu all the way. It was only a half-hour drive to his apartment.

Luck wasn't on her side, though. The car broke down halfway. Frustrated, Shi Yi grumbled, not even a Bentley could compare to a normal car!

She opened the car door and got out, thinking of calling for a tow, but she noticed that Yixiu, who had been unconscious, was awake.

Delighted, Shi Yi opened the rear door, "You're awake?"

Seeing him stare at her, Shi Yi assumed he had sobered up a bit, and said, "Since you're awake, I'll..." leave.

But before she could finish, Yixiu grabbed her arm. The next moment, she was yanked into the car.

Chapter 549: Just Consider It a Dog Bite

Accompanied by the deafening sound of the door shutting, Shi Yi was instantly grabbed by Leng Yixiu.

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Shi Yi knew that this long ordeal was finally over.

However, just before Leng Yixun fell into a deep sleep, Shi Yi faintly heard the man's gentle and affectionate voice come from behind, "Yixun..."

Yixun? Lin Yixun?

Shi Yi curled her lips sarcastically. So Leng Yixiu mistook her for his ex-wife. Even when drunk, she was nothing more than a substitute.

Shi Yi suddenly laughed, but as she laughed, tears began to slide down the corners of her eyes.

Shi Yi lowered her eyes and glanced at the man who had already fallen into a deep sleep beside her. Her fingers tightly grasped the car door handle, with veins bulging out one by one.

She wanted to punch Leng Yixiu hard to relieve the hatred in her heart, but her fist ultimately did not fall. Now, what significance would it have? Could beating Leng Yixiu rectify everything?

Shi Yi pursed her lips tightly, took a deep breath, and finally withdrew her fist. Enough, everything was her own fault, she had brought it upon herself. If she hadn't meddled so much, would such a thing have happened?

Shi Yi pushed open the car door, almost unable to stand steady when her feet hit the ground. Through the reflective mirror, she saw her own wretched self, and bitterly curled her lips.

Look, Shi Yi, what a mess you've made of yourself!

Shi Yi didn't know how she got back to the apartment, only remembering the bizarre look from the taxi driver when she got in the cab. That look was full of disdain and scorn, clearly mistaking her for a fallen woman. She couldn't help but smile bitterly; with her disheveled appearance, it was hard not to be misunderstood.

Returning to the apartment, Shi Yi headed straight to the bathroom and turned the water temperature to the highest. Scalding hot water sprayed onto her body, causing a slight burn, but she raised her chin, letting the hot water wash over her face and body, while the scenes that had just happened uncontrollably flashed through her mind.

She suddenly closed her eyes tightly, taking a deep breath, and silently told herself: What's the big deal, just consider it being bitten by a dog!

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#### Chapter 550: A Comedy of Errors

When Leng Yixiu woke up, it was already the next day. He slowly opened his eyes and saw the familiar chandelier above him. He rubbed his slightly aching head and couldn't remember how he got back to the apartment.

At that moment, a familiar female voice suddenly echoed from the master bedroom, "You're awake? Finally awake, I thought you wouldn't wake up until noon."

Leng Yixiu followed the voice and looked over, only then realizing there was another person in the master bedroom. He stared at Gu Yilin for a few seconds and frowned, asking, "What are you doing here?"

"What, from your tone it seems I shouldn't be here?" Gu Yilin pretended to be aggrieved and said, "If I had known you were so heartless, I would have let you sleep on the street last night."

Last night... fragmented pieces flashed through the man's mind, but he couldn't piece them together.

"Did you bring me back last night?"

"Of course?" Gu Yilin smiled and suddenly dropped her gaze shyly, saying softly, "You were too much last night!"

As she spoke, Gu Yilin reached for the scarf around her neck and complained, "You were so rough last night that I... I have to wear a scarf out in the middle of summer."

The man's gaze rested on Gu Yilin's neck for a few seconds. Smart as he was, he naturally understood what those green and purple marks were. Fragmented images flashed through his mind again, but due to the amount of alcohol he drank, he couldn't piece them together.

"It was you last night?" The man frowned and asked.

"Who else could it be? What, are you hoping it was another woman?"

"I didn't mean that, I just can't quite remember."

"Can't remember and want to shirk responsibility? You men really have no conscience. It proves that saying true: what you can't get is the best, but once you get it, you don't cherish it. Rest assured, if you don't want to admit it, I won't force you. We can just cancel our engagement!"

Seeing Gu Yilin's face full of grievance, yet stubbornly refusing to shed a tear in front of him, Leng Yixiu couldn't help but think of Lin Yixun from the past. She was like this too, making his originally cold heart soften.

He held Gu Yilin tightly in his arms and gently tapped her nose, "Silly girl, how could you think that way? Since we are already engaged, there's no reason to cancel it. Besides, our wedding is next month, don't say such silly things anymore."

"Then why were you so cold to me just now?"

"I was just drunk and not feeling well."

"Alright, then I forgive you." Seeing the man compromise, Gu Yilin decided to let it go.

Actually, she didn't want to dwell too much on this matter. Leng Yixiu was no fool; if he scrutinized it, she feared he might pick up on some inconsistencies.

Even though the incident had passed, there was still a knot in her heart. Who was the woman who slept with Leng Yixiu last night? If she found that woman, she wouldn't let her off easily!

After having lunch at the apartment, Gu Yilin left because she had an announcement to make in the afternoon.

After Gu Yilin left, for some reason, Leng Yixiu still asked Sister Yi to confirm last night's events, "Was it Miss Gu who brought me back last night?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did I... behave strangely?"

Sister Yi recalled for a moment, "There wasn't anything unusual, just that you were so drunk you didn't even recognize Little Miss."

The man's eyes darkened, "Alright, I know. You go ahead and do your work."

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Shi Yi originally thought that after taking a bath and getting some sleep, everything would return to normal. Unexpectedly, she started to have a fever shortly after falling asleep. She felt hazy and out of

sorts all night, sometimes feeling like she was being roasted by a fire, other times like she was in an ice cave.

She remained in this state all night until the next morning, feeling unbearable. Finally, she decided to go out and buy some fever medicine.

She overestimated herself though; she felt weak just walking to the door, struggling for breath. Shi Yi couldn't help but smile bitterly. Misfortunes never come singly; what's been happening to her lately? Bad things kept coming one after another. Even her illnesses in the United States weren't this severe.

She bit her lip and eventually made it out the door. There was a pharmacy at the entrance of the neighborhood, she thought, if she could just hold on a bit more, she'd be fine.

Stumbling all the way, she finally made it downstairs, but as she walked out of the elevator, she unexpectedly collided with a wall of flesh. Already weak, the collision made her see stars.

She grabbed the marble by the elevator entrance and managed to steady herself, feeling very annoyed. Do people not look where they're walking these days?

She wanted to say something to the person but changed her mind, thinking she was feeling terrible and didn't want to fuss anymore. Just as she was about to walk past, the person called her.

"Wait!"

The familiar voice made Shi Yi instantly recognize who it was. She slowly looked up and sure enough, saw a very familiar face with a playful smirk.

Ouyang Hao glanced indifferently at Shi Yi's attire. Seeing her wrapped in a long trench coat, her body covered tightly, he couldn't help but tease her a bit, "I say, Miss Shi, aren't you hot in this summer heat? Wrapping yourself up so tightly, are you trying to get a heat rash?"

Some people are just like this; even words that seem caring, when spoken by them, come out with a schadenfreude tone. Ouyang Hao was undoubtedly such a person.

Shi Yi had always been at odds with Ouyang Hao, so hearing him say this, her mood plummeted, "I'll dress however I want, Mr. Ouyang, you're overstepping. Unless Mr. Ouyang wants to emulate the United States and be maritime police, minding everything?"

Despite Shi Yi's retort, Ouyang Hao wasn't angry. He leaned casually against the elevator door, arms crossed, "Maritime police, I have no interest in that. I'm just kindly reminding you as a neighbor. After all, in this scorching heat, if you get heat rash or heatstroke, it's not good."

"Thanks for your concern, Mr. Ouyang. I have a strong constitution, I can handle the cold and heat, I won't get heat rash or heatstroke." Saying this, Shi Yi turned and walked away.

She felt extremely unwell and didn't have the energy to argue with Ouyang Hao. But after taking only a few steps, she felt dizzy, her vision swirling, and her body collapsed straight toward the floor.

Ouyang Hao initially intended to tease Shi Yi, but when he was about to leave, he saw her sway and then faint.

Quickly, he caught her, his fingers touching her palm. His heart skipped a beat; how was this woman's palm so hot?