

## Toxic Ex 551

Chapter 551: You Know Nothing, How Dare You Judge Me Like That!

Ouyang Hao raised his hand and touched Shi Yi's forehead, which was as hot as a small furnace. He cursed under his breath, why does this always happen to him? This woman is really a big trouble!

Given his relationship with Shi Yi, Ouyang Hao really wanted to just leave her here, but seeing the eyes of the passersby staring at him, he wondered what kind of trouble it would cause if he really abandoned her.

In the end, Ouyang Hao still carried Shi Yi upstairs and then called his old buddy to come over.

His buddy was quite reliable, arriving shortly with a medical kit in no time. Seeing a woman lying on the master bed, he couldn't help but smell some gossip.

"Hey Hao, who is this woman?"

Seeing his buddy's sneaky look, Ouyang Hao gave him a sideways glance, "Stop guessing, just a neighbor."

"So it's Miss Neighbor, she's quite pretty, no wonder you would, you know, 'eat the grass at your doorstep.'"

"What 'grass at my doorstep'? I have nothing to do with her!"

"Really? If you have nothing to do with her, why would you let her sleep in your master bed?" His buddy, knowing Ouyang Hao for many years, knew that he had a strong sense of territory and would never easily let anyone sleep in his bed.

Being questioned like that, Ouyang Hao's face showed some impatience, "I brought you here to treat her, not to gossip. If you're so interested in gossip, I can introduce you to a tabloid someday."

"Forget it. I'm only interested in your gossip, couldn't care less about others." His buddy waved it off, then walked to the bedside and took out a stethoscope to carefully examine Shi Yi.

Although he was just joking around, he became serious and professional once he began his examination. Quickly, he figured out the issue. He slowly took off the stethoscope, looked back at Ouyang Hao with a strange expression.

Seeing his buddy's hesitant look, Ouyang Hao became impatient, "What's wrong with her?"

"Nothing much, the wound is a bit infected causing a fever. Just need to give an injection and some medicine, but..."

"But what?"

His buddy suddenly grinned ambiguously, "Next time when you do it, can you not be so intense? Look how badly she's exhausted, she can hardly get out of bed."

Ouyang Hao's brows furrowed tightly, "What nonsense are you talking about? I didn't do anything!"

"Haha... How can you deny it now? You weren't like this before. We're all adults here, no need to hide it. As a man, I understand, sometimes you get carried away, it happens."

Hearing his buddy's increasingly outrageous remarks, Ouyang Hao became irritated, "I am not the type to deny things. If I did it, I did it, if I didn't, I didn't. Even if you give me this woman, I wouldn't want her!"

"Really? Then what's with the hickeys on her collarbone? Could it be someone else?"

Following his buddy's gaze, Ouyang Hao indeed saw the purple marks on Shi Yi's collarbone. As someone experienced, he naturally knew what those were.

He was sure he hadn't touched even a hair on the woman's head, then...

Ouyang Hao squinted his eyes, this woman really has no sense of propriety. She was tangled with Leng Yixiu before, who knows who it is this time.

Her lack of propriety was one thing, but making him clean up her mess was infuriating. He thought, if this happened again, he would never interfere, let Shi Yi fend for herself.

When Shi Yi woke up, she felt like she was soaked in water, completely weak. She looked around, the familiarity of Ouyang Hao's master bedroom came back to her, though she couldn't quite remember how she got here.

"You're awake?" Suddenly, a man's voice sounded in the spacious master bedroom.

Following the voice, Shi Yi saw Ouyang Hao sitting on a chair by the floor-to-ceiling window. In the dim sunset, she couldn't see his expression clearly, but his voice was cold, indicating he wasn't in a good mood.

"Did you help me?" Shi Yi opened her mouth, her voice a bit hoarse.

"Who else?" The man turned his face to look at her.

Shi Yi was about to say "thank you", but Ouyang Hao interrupted, "Your high fever has subsided, you can leave now."

Ouyang Hao's hostility was written all over his face. Despite her gratitude, Shi Yi didn't feel like staying longer. Initially, she felt grateful to him, but seeing his coldness, she decided there was no need for a "thank you", as he clearly didn't care.

"Fine, I'll leave now."

She struggled to get out of bed, her legs still weak, almost unable to stand.

Seeing this, Ouyang Hao's eyes turned cold, a mocking smile curling up his lips, "Your stamina is so poor, you should know your limits. You were lucky this time with me around, but you might not be so lucky next time. As your neighbor, let me kindly advise you to keep yourself clean, or someday you won't even know which man's bed you died in."

Ouyang Hao's words were sharp as knives, every word cutting deeply. Shi Yi felt like countless blades scraped across her heart. Drawing some unknown strength, she staggered to Ouyang Hao and grabbed his collar fiercely.

"Ouyang Hao, you don't know a thing, how dare you say that about me!"

Shi Yi's eyes were filled with anger, but more so with sadness and restraint, shocking Ouyang Hao into silence.

In his memory, there was a pair of eyes just like this woman's.

Suddenly, Ouyang Hao regretted, wondering if he had gone too far. After all, this was Shi Yi's personal business, it had nothing to do with him.

Locked in a gaze, Shi Yi eventually let go of him. She suddenly laughed, in this man's eyes, she was already a promiscuous woman, and she foolishly wanted to explain.

Ha, explain? He wasn't anyone to her, why would his opinion matter?

For some reason, seeing Shi Yi's self-deprecating smile, Ouyang Hao's heart clenched. Deep inside, a fleeting emotion he couldn't grasp passed by.

#### Chapter 552: Love Doesn't Necessarily Mean Possession

In the following days, Shi Yi began to fall into endless nightmares. Whenever she closed her eyes, she would dream about that night in the car. Her life was a mess, and her work was taking a sharp turn for the worse.

Over in the United States, the number of people proposing to remove her from her position was increasing. If this continued, it seemed as Shen Xu had said, she would eventually be unable to make it in the IT world.

If it were before, Shi Yi might have tried hard to find ways to clear her name. But this time, Shi Yi felt unprecedently exhausted, and even had a rather unambitious thought — why not just let things take their own course and let the situation develop freely.

Seeing Shi Yi handling everything passively, Shen Xu couldn't help but feel anxious. It's true that only in times of adversity can genuine sentiments be revealed; while Shi Yi didn't take any action, Shen Xu tirelessly ran about, investigating the entire matter's origin and development.

However, unfortunately, after half a month, there was still no progress.

Shi Yi felt touched seeing Shen Xu running back and forth for her, more concerned than handling his own affairs, and decided to invite him out for a meal.

"Let's forget it, Shen Xu. This matter is obviously being manipulated behind the scenes by someone with considerable power. Even if we investigate, we might not discover anything substantial anytime soon."

"But those old goats in the United States..."

"They just want to pull me down from my position. Since they've schemed so hard, why not let them achieve their goal? After all these years, I'm also worn out."

"Are you really willing to accept this?"

"What does it matter if I'm willing or not?"

Shi Yi smiled. Although she had appeared to be leading a glamorous life all these years, her heart had never truly felt happiness. In the past few years, she had been like a machine, constantly moving without ever stopping, and she never thought about the meaning of her existence.

In truth, she had never liked that position. She was a woman, an ordinary woman, who didn't want to live like a warrior.

She thought, perhaps this time, she could stop and consider how to lead her future life.

Seeing Shen Xu frowning at her, Shi Yi laughed self-deprecatingly, "Do you think I'm useless?"

"No, I just feel it's unfair to you. After all, you shouldn't be the one to take the blame."

Shi Yi felt moved, "Thank you, Shen Xu, for always believing in me."

From the outbreak of the leak until now, Shen Xu had never doubted her. This trust, in Shi Yi's view, was more precious than anything.

"Hey, what thanks? We are friends, and I trust your character." Shen Xu paused and then asked, "What are your plans for the future?"

"Let's wait and see, maybe things aren't as bad as we think."

"Hopefully."

Indeed, as Shi Yi had said, just when things were taking a sharp downhill turn, an unknown force suddenly bought thirty percent of Lei Man's shares. In an instant, Lei Man's largest shareholder became someone else.

When Shi Yi heard the news, she couldn't help but feel some pressure. She had her assistant in the United States investigate the identity of the shareholder, but only got a surname.

"President Shi, after multiple inquiries, we still couldn't find out the background of that person. We only know that his surname is Chu, and as for anything else, it's unknown."

"A Chinese?"

"Yes, President Shi."

Shi Yi frowned, wondering what kind of background the person had to massively buy Lei Man's shares at this time. What was their intention?

However, Shi Yi thought, since the person suddenly bought Lei Man's shares at this time, they would certainly take some action. But Shi Yi waited and waited, and there was no movement from the United States side.

If there was any change, it was that those stubborn old shareholders who had been clamoring to bring her down had suddenly become compliant and no longer made things difficult for her.

This did surprise Shi Yi, as this game leakage incident was extremely unfavorable to her and was their best opportunity to overthrow her. If they had continued their efforts, they might have succeeded in driving her out of Lei Man. But at the critical moment, they had unexpectedly stopped.

The whole thing was really inexplicable.

Meanwhile, in the United States, in a revolving restaurant, Chu Feng was leisurely drinking coffee. He glanced up at Feng Chengyu, who had been sitting across from him in silence, and a charming, yet evil smile appeared at the corner of his lips.

"I said if you wanted to be the knight saving the damsel in distress, you could have just come forward yourself. Why let me take the name and risk being seen as a benefactor by the one you cherish and offered warm gratitude?"

As soon as he finished talking, the man shot him a cold look. Chu Feng was unfazed, finding it amusing as Feng Chengyu rarely showed such expression for a woman.

"I'm saying, Yu, honestly, I feel it's unfair for you. If you like her, why not pursue her? Why be so awkward like a girl?"

"You don't understand some things."

"How do I not understand? Don't tell me you're afraid she'd get hurt because of you? But don't you think it's suffocating being an unsung hero?"

"..."

Seeing Feng Chengyu remain silent, Chu Feng felt annoyed for him, "I said you like her, at least let her know, right?"

"What does it matter if she knows?"

"It matters a lot. She might be touched and actually offer herself to you."

"Not necessary."

"What do you mean 'not necessary'? Don't you have those needs? Do you really want to be a monk for life?"

Feng Chengyu was a bit irritated, "Does me being a monk bother you?"

Seeing Feng Chengyu about to lose temper, Chu Feng fell silent. After a while, he muttered, "An excellent specimen, a rare gem, and to become a monk, really a waste."

Although Chu Feng's voice was very low, each word fell into Feng Chengyu's ears. His eyes flickered slightly, and he turned to look at the bright lights outside the floor-to-ceiling windows, with his thoughts drifting to the other side of the Pacific.

Maybe for some people, liking someone meant possession, but for him, liking someone had always been his own matter, irrelevant to anyone else.

In fact, with his status and strength, it would be easy to obtain a woman. Only he didn't want to do that. He just wanted to silently stand behind that person, and when she faced struggles and difficulties, pave the way for her and offer a helping hand when she stumbled.

That was enough.

### Chapter 553: Should We Deal with Her?

The wedding day was approaching, but Gu Yilin had a feeling that the emotional distance between her and Leng Yixiu was widening. Although Leng Yixiu fully supported her entry into the entertainment industry and would occasionally visit her on set, he wasn't as invested in her as he was at the start. Sometimes, when they were together, he seemed absent-minded.

"The wedding planning company just called, asking when we will have the rehearsal?"

"You can decide on those things." Leng Yixiu held an economics magazine in his hand, not even looking up.

"Where should we go for our wedding photoshoot? I think the seaside would be nice, the photos would turn out better."

Seeing that the man didn't respond for a long time, Gu Yilin couldn't help but feel a bit annoyed, "You should at least say something?"

"These are all small matters. You make the decision, there's no need to consult me."

How could marriage be a small matter?

Gu Yilin wanted to say something, but seeing the impatience on Leng Yixiu's face, she swallowed her words. She looked at the man who was leaning on the sofa and felt powerless.

Aside from Leng Yixiu, another matter also left Gu Yilin at her wit's end. Despite her efforts to please Xiao Yi Xun, for some reason, the little girl was especially hostile towards her. She gifted her plush toys, but she would toss them away; she cooked for her, but she wouldn't even take a bite; every time they met, she would give her a cold look.

This troubled Gu Yilin greatly. She could see Xiao Yi Xun's importance to Leng Yixiu. If she couldn't win over that little girl soon, there would likely be conflicts between her and Leng Yixiu after the wedding.

Feeling stifled by Leng Yixiu's constant coldness towards her, Gu Yilin couldn't help but express her frustration, "I'm leaving!"

She thought Leng Yixiu would hear the discontent in her voice and try to keep her, but he didn't even blink. He simply said, "I'll have Old He take you home."

"No need, I can go back by myself!"

"Then be careful on your way back."

Gu Yilin widened her eyes in disbelief and stood there for a few seconds before storming off angrily in her high heels.

As the apartment door closed with a "bang," Leng Yixiu finally looked up from his book. He glanced indifferently at the closed door and rubbed his brow.

He had, of course, sensed Gu Yilin's displeasure from her tone, but he was surprised to find that her emotional fluctuations had no effect on him. The more time he spent with her, the more he felt the distance between them.

He suddenly realized that even though Gu Yilin looked and sounded exactly like Lin Yixun, she couldn't stir any emotions in him. She was no different from any ordinary woman, not even compared to Shi Yi...

Leng Yixiu abruptly stopped himself, a self-mocking smile forming on his lips. Why did he suddenly think of that woman? Leng Yixiu, oh Leng Yixiu, you're really regressing.

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After leaving Leng Yixiu's apartment, Gu Yilin waited a long time by the road before she could catch a cab. She was drenched in sweat from the heat, and the thought of Leng Yixiu's cold attitude made her even more upset.

At that moment, her phone rang from inside her bag. Gu Yilin, not bothering to check the caller ID, directly answered the call.

"Hello? What do you want?"

"Oh, Miss Gu, are you in a bad mood? Who upset you?"

Gu Yilin's face immediately tensed at the sound of the voice, "Why are you calling me?"

"Of course, to congratulate you. I heard you and Leng Yixiu are getting married soon. As an old acquaintance, shouldn't I offer my congratulations?"

Gu Yilin sneered internally. This man was more venomous than a serpent; he wouldn't sweetly congratulate her for no reason.

"Cut to the chase, what do you really want?"

"Haha... you're sharp. There is indeed something I need your 'help' with. I hear Leng's recently has a new development project in the north of the city, with an estimated investment of ten billion. I want you to get me the project proposal."

"No way!" Gu Yilin refused without a second thought.

"It's just a proposal, nothing difficult for you. Why refuse?"

"Last time you had me copy some software, it seemed like a simple task but caused significant losses for Leng's. This time, I absolutely won't help you."

At this, the voice on the other end instantly turned cold, "Gu Yilin, don't forget why I placed you by Leng Yixiu's side in the first place."

"Yes, I remember. But I don't want to do it anymore, okay?"

"Haha... could it be that you've fallen for Leng Yixiu?" Hearing Gu Yilin's silence, Zheng Hao took it as confirmation and mocked, "Looks like you've really gotten into character. But Gu Yilin, don't forget, you have a mother who owes debts everywhere. Without my protection, she could end up dead on the streets by tomorrow!"

"Are you threatening me?"

"I wouldn't call it a threat, but if you push me too far, I won't hold back."

Gu Yilin suddenly laughed, "You can't threaten me anymore. I've paid off her debts and sent her abroad. She won't be back anytime soon."

Zheng Hao hadn't expected this move from Gu Yilin and was enraged, "You! Haha... so you've grown wings!"

"If I don't toughen up, wouldn't I always be under your control? Zheng Hao, if you think you can make me your puppet, dream on!"

With that, Gu Yilin hung up the call, leaning back powerlessly. Working with Zheng Hao, who was unscrupulous and vicious, was like dancing with the devil. She had anticipated this and prepared in advance, or else she'd be in real trouble.

However, Gu Yilin had underestimated Zheng Hao. He was not the type to give up until he reached his objective. His hatred for Leng Yixiu was akin to Cheng Ying's hatred for Lin Yixun back then. He wouldn't rest unless the other was destroyed.

At the golf course, Zheng Hao glared at his now-locked phone screen and laughed angrily, "You little bitch. Trying to play tricks with me? I'll destroy you!"

Seeing the dark look on Zheng Hao's face, his assistant asked tentatively, "Young Master Zheng, should we find someone to deal with Gu Yilin?"

Zheng Hao waved his hand and smiled, "No need. She still has her uses."

To Zheng Hao, though Gu Yilin was disobedient and beyond his control, she still had value. He thought it might be a good idea to plan carefully and use both Gu Yilin and that woman Shi Yi to deliver a fatal blow to Leng Yixiu.

#### Chapter 554: He Owes Her an Explanation!

The uproar gradually quieted down, and the shareholders at Lei Man's headquarters who had originally opposed Shi Yi also laid down their arms. Everything seemed to return to the beginning, but Shi Yi made a move that surprised everyone — she submitted a resignation letter to the Lei Man board.

Shi Yi's sudden action caught everyone off guard. The headquarters quickly sent a representative over, ostensibly to inspect the branch company's work, but the primary purpose was to act as a persuader.

"President Shi, would you reconsider?" The headquarters board representative said in a serious tone.

"No need, I've already decided. In fact, I thought about leaving a year ago. I'm a bit tired and want to take a break. Jack, you've worked with me for years and should understand my personality. Since I've made up my mind to resign, I won't change it. I hope the headquarters can respect my decision. As for the next CEO, I think Elle is quite suitable. She's been with Lei Man for many years, is very familiar with its operations, and is highly experienced in handling matters. She is a reliable choice. Of course, this is just my personal opinion, and the board may have a more suitable candidate."

Seeing Shi Yi's resolute attitude, Jack stopped trying to persuade her.

He extended his hand to Shi Yi with a smile, "Since this is your decision, I won't insist. In any case, I hope we have opportunities for cooperation in the future."

"I hope so," Shi Yi smiled as she shook his hand.

But she thought that perhaps, in this lifetime, she would no longer have any contact with the United States. Although, since she could remember, she had spent most of her time in the United States, no matter how long she stayed there, she could never find a sense of belonging.

She thought her roots were always in China, and she decided she would never leave China in her lifetime.

After seeing Jack off, Shi Yi received a call from Shen Xu.

"Are you really sure about this?"

"What else could it be?"

"I just think it's a bit of a pity. After all, you worked so hard to get to that position."

"To me, there's nothing to be sorry about. You gain some, you lose some. Sitting in that position isn't necessarily a good thing. Look at me, I've given my youth to Lei Man, and now I don't even have a boyfriend."

On the other end of the line, Shen Xu was amused by Shi Yi, "You do have a point. How about I become your boyfriend then?"

"Forget it. How could you possibly be willing to give up a whole forest for me?"

"You know me well." Shen Xu didn't dwell on the topic and suddenly changed the subject, "What do you plan to do next?"

"China has so many beautiful places. I want to travel around while I'm still young."

"You're so carefree. Sometimes I really envy you."

"What's there to envy about me? I'm just being irresponsible. You're a dignified man; you should prioritize your career."

"Yes, yes, you are right. It's good for you to travel around. Who knows, you might even have a romantic encounter."

"A romantic encounter?" Shi Yi laughed, "I don't expect any romantic encounters. At my age, love and men aren't that important anymore."

"Listening to you, it's as if you're an old lady. How old are you now?"

"Almost thirty. Isn't that old?" Actually, for Shi Yi, it felt as if she had lived two lives. The aging of her soul far outpaced her appearance.

After a long and rather pointless chat with Shen Xu, Shi Yi finally hung up. However, after hanging up the phone, her expression was no longer as relaxed as her tone during the call.

She looked at the calendar; a frown formed on her face. A week had passed, and her period still hadn't come, causing her anxiety to skyrocket.

In the end, she couldn't hold back and went to the pharmacy to buy a pregnancy test. She had been hopeful, but when she saw the two lines on the pregnancy test, her last bit of hope was shattered.

Shi Yi sat powerlessly on the toilet, staring blankly at the two lines on the pregnancy test, her mind blank. She didn't know how long it took before a slight change appeared on her stiff face.

How lucky was she to get pregnant on the first try?

Shi Yi raised her chin, vigorously scratching her head. Her feelings were even more tangled than her hair. This child... What in the world should she do with this unexpected child?

Shi Yi got up in a daze and lay motionless on the bed. The room was pitch black, yet she didn't turn on the light. She stared at the ceiling, countless thoughts running through her mind.

Over the years, she had faced countless hardships, but none had troubled her as much as this.

She was a person without a past, and the child in her belly was her only family. However, the father of this child would soon marry another woman. If she insisted on having this child, it would become an illegitimate child, facing disgrace and judgment from society.

Shi Yi closed her eyes in pain, her fingers slowly tightening, wondering what she should do.

Suddenly, a crazy thought crossed her mind, but Shi Yi quickly squashed it. No matter what, she couldn't force a man who didn't love her to marry her. Doing so would be an insult to both her and the child.

She slowly raised her hand, gently rubbing her still-flat abdomen, and whispered, "Baby, don't blame me for being cruel!"

Although her feelings towards this unexpected child were complicated, even with a bit of affection and reluctance, she didn't want it to stay in her belly for too long because she feared that the longer she waited, the more reluctant she would become.

After examining Shi Yi, the doctor looked at her with a stern face, "Miss, are you sure you don't want this child?"

Shi Yi's eyes dimmed, and after some hesitation, she still heavily nodded, "Yes!"

"Miss, your uterine wall is very thin, making it hard for you to get pregnant. If you terminate this pregnancy, it may be difficult for you to conceive again. I suggest you reconsider, to avoid regretting it in the future."

Shi Yi already felt a bit hesitant, and the doctor's words only made her more so. She adjusted her clothes and finally wavered.

Stepping out of the hospital, Shi Yi paused and glanced back at the grand hospital entrance. This was a private hospital, unlike the crowded public ones. If she wanted, she could easily schedule the surgery and solve the problem in her belly tomorrow.

However, at the crucial moment, she ultimately gave up. She couldn't predict whether she would be able to become a mother again after terminating this pregnancy, nor could she foresee if she would regret it.

She needed to think carefully about her next step. She even decided to inform Leng Yixiu about the child since he was responsible for this situation. He owed her an explanation!

#### Chapter 555: I'm Pregnant

Leng Yixiu was a bit surprised when he received Shi Yi's call, "Miss Shi?"

"It's me."

"I wonder what Miss Shi is calling about?"

"It's very important. When is Mr. Leng available? I'd like to talk in person."

What could be so important that it needs to be discussed face-to-face?

Although Leng Yixiu was puzzled, he finally agreed. According to Shi Yi's suggestion, they arranged to meet at a café near Shi Yi's neighborhood. When Leng Yixiu arrived, Shi Yi was already there, having arrived ahead of him.

The man sat opposite Shi Yi, raised his eyes to look at her, and said in a deep voice, "I have a meeting this afternoon, Miss Shi, just get to the point."

"Mr. Leng, you're very busy, but rest assured, I won't take up much of your time." Shi Yi disliked beating around the bush and didn't want to waste each other's time. She was prepared to get straight to the point.

However, at that moment, an unexpected guest suddenly appeared in the café. Neither Shi Yi nor Leng Yixiu expected Gu Yilin to suddenly show up here.

"Yixiu, so you're here. I called you just now, why didn't you pick up?"

Leng Yixiu glanced at his phone, which had gone black, and explained mildly, "The phone might be out of battery. How did you know I was here?"

"Assistant Chen said you were here, so I came over. I was going to wait for you at home, but I couldn't stand the long wait and was eager to tell you some good news. Dear, I'm pregnant!"

Gu Yilin's words fell directly into Shi Yi's ears. In that instant, she felt as if her heart had been ruthlessly pierced by something.

She instinctively raised her eyes to look at the man opposite her, only to see that his handsome face remained calm, but his deep eyes were filled with a myriad of emotions—daze, shock, and even joy.

For a long while, the man didn't react at all. Shi Yi thought that hearing this news, he was probably so happy that he didn't know how to react for a moment.

Shi Yi's fingers slowly tightened, and for a while, she couldn't describe the feelings in her heart. She was pregnant; Gu Yilin was also pregnant. But the difference between them was like night and day. Gu Yilin was Leng Yixiu's fiancée, so it was only natural for her to be pregnant with Leng Yixiu's child. But she, hers was just an accident, and she might even be despised by many.

She suddenly wanted to know, if she told Leng Yixiu about her pregnancy, what would his reaction be. But she ultimately gave up the idea, the answer was all too obvious. If before, there was still a slight possibility that Leng Yixiu might accept this child, then after knowing that Gu Yilin was pregnant, he would absolutely not accept the existence of this child.

Gu Yilin, seeing that Leng Yixiu hadn't reacted for a long time, jokingly said, "Silly, are you so happy that you're stunned?"

The man finally came back to his senses, looking at her with a stern face, "Have you seen a doctor?"

"Uh... not yet. I only used a test strip first. I heard that brand of test strips is very accurate. I think there's a high chance that I'm pregnant." Gu Yilin wrapped her arms around the man's neck and whispered, "We'll go to the hospital for a checkup to confirm it. When do you have time?"

Shi Yi looked indifferently at the two people interacting intimately in front of her, feeling that she was a completely irrelevant outsider. She felt there was no need for her to stay here any longer.

"Since Mr. Leng has other matters to attend to, I won't disturb you." Shi Yi picked up her handbag and stood up from her seat.

It was only at this moment that Gu Yilin seemed to notice there was someone else sitting opposite Leng Yixiu. She turned her eyes to look at Shi Yi and smiled, "Yixiu, who is this lady?"

Leng Yixiu shifted his gaze to Shi Yi, "She is Leng's former partner, the CEO of Lei Man Company headquarters—Miss Shi Yi."

"So, it's Miss Shi. I've heard so much about you, meeting you in person is even better. Miss Shi is truly talented and beautiful."

"Miss Gu overpraises me, I hardly deserve 'talented and beautiful'. Besides, I am no longer the CEO of Lei Man. This news will be officially announced in a few days."

"You left Lei Man?" Leng Yixiu frowned and asked.

Shi Yi nodded.

"Because of the last incident?"

"No, I just felt a bit tired and wanted to take a break." Shi Yi smiled and prepared to leave, "Mr. Leng, Miss Gu, you two continue chatting, I won't disturb you anymore."

Saying this, Shi Yi picked up her handbag and was about to leave, but was suddenly stopped by Leng Yixiu.

"Miss Shi, didn't you ask me to meet you here, saying you had something to tell me? What is it?"

Shi Yi's face changed slightly, then she calmly said, "Actually, it's nothing urgent, Mr. Leng doesn't need to worry about it."

Watching Shi Yi's departing figure, for some reason, Leng Yixiu felt as if something was slipping away from his life. He quickly pulled his mind back, laughing self-deprecatingly. What was wrong with him? Shi Yi said it was not important, so why should he be so concerned about it?

Leaving the cafe, Shi Yi once again fell into a dilemma. She knew clearly that given the current situation, Leng Yixiu would never acknowledge this child. If she insisted on having it, the child's future wouldn't be easy, and perhaps it might even resent her in the end. But to abort this child, she couldn't bring herself to be that ruthless.

She raised her head to look at the cloudless sky, silently telling herself to wait a bit longer, give herself more time to think.

Time silently slipped away, and before she knew it, it was the eve of Leng Yixiu's wedding. Two days before the wedding, information about Leng Yixiu and Gu Yilin's wedding was everywhere on the internet and television.

It was said that this wedding would gather social elites from various fields. To hold this wedding, Leng Yixiu spent a fortune. Everything from the setting of the wedding venue, the wedding dress, to the wedding ring, was designed by specialists, with every detail striving for perfection. It was said that it would be a fairy-tale wedding.

To this, Shi Yi only responded with a smile. She gently caressed her flat belly, her heart filled with mixed emotions. Inside her was a tiny life growing, while the child's father was about to hold a wedding with another woman.

Shi Yi glanced at the golden invitation card on the coffee table, the corners of her lips curling into a mocking smile. Though she had no deep obsession with Leng Yixiu, she still didn't want to attend his and Gu Yilin's wedding.

She didn't want to make herself too pitiable.

On the day of Leng Yixiu's wedding, Shi Yi dragged her suitcase alone, walking step by step out of the neighborhood.

She booked a ten o'clock flight. While in the United States, she had always wanted to visit Jiuzhaigou, but never had the time. Now that she was free, she wanted to travel a bit, to relax her mind.

However, what she didn't know was that as soon as she stepped out of the neighborhood gates, she was immediately followed by someone.