

Toxic Ex 96

Chapter 96: Get Married by the End of This Year

After Leng Yixiu got off work, the two went to his apartment. The apartment was located in the most bustling part of the inner city, near where Leng Yixiu worked. He had been living there for the past few years.

The apartment was over two hundred square meters and came with a servant who attended to Leng Yixiu's daily needs. The servant was quite good at cooking and cleaning, so Leng Yixiu never replaced them.

At the dining table, Cheng Ying appeared somewhat distracted. She raised her eyes to look at the man opposite her, only to see him elegantly and attractively cutting his steak into pieces with a knife and fork.

Cheng Ying hesitated for a moment and finally decided to speak up, "My mom asked me to ask you, when are you available?"

"Is something the matter?"

"My mom said, we have been dating for so long; why not hold the wedding at the end of this year?"

The man's actions paused slightly. He put down his knife and fork and gracefully wiped his mouth, "Recently, the company has had a lot of matters to deal with. I'm afraid the wedding will have to wait for a while."

Cheng Ying's face turned unnaturally stiff. Wait? She had been waiting for him for all these years; wasn't that enough?

However, even though she felt uncomfortable, she didn't show it. Her face quickly returned to a charming smile. Men—they all like freedom and not being constrained.

Any man is not very enthusiastic about marriage, and Leng Yixiu was no exception. He wasn't in a hurry, so she would make him hurry. If she got pregnant with his child, the matter would naturally be settled.

However, how to get pregnant was indeed a problem. Over the years, Leng Yixiu rarely stayed over at her place, and his visits were few and far between.

Initially, she thought Leng Yixiu had another woman outside, but after investigating, she found out he didn't.

Until one time, she cried out to him, feeling wronged, and asked if he didn't love her anymore. He told her that his avoidance wasn't because he didn't care about her, but because he didn't want the past situation to happen again.

Thinking of the past, Cheng Ying abruptly held back. She took several deep breaths and finally managed to recover from the suffocation.

After dinner, the two were bored. Cheng Ying's eyes flashed with a hint of brilliance as she suggested to Leng Yixiu, "It's still early; why not watch a movie with me?"

The man's brows slightly furrowed. He had always been indifferent to movies, yet he didn't object; as long as Cheng Ying's requests weren't excessive, he would agree.

The screen in the audio-visual room was large, comparable to a small cinema.

The movie was a popular art film that had recently been taken down from theaters. The background of the film was set during the wartime era, although it's a historical topic, the main storyline revolved around the theme of love. Where there is love, naturally there would be some ambiguous scenes. And they happened to watch the unedited version.

She turned her eyes to the man beside her, only to see his face unchanged, as if the scenes before him had no effect.

Unwilling, Cheng Ying's body proactively leaned into the man, her slender arms entwining around his neck like a water snake.

"Yixiu..."

Under the faint light of the screen, her eyes were filled with passion, her breath was fresh, and her voice was so soft and charming that it almost dripped with honey.

Seeing the man still unfazed and indifferent, Cheng Ying gritted her teeth and planted her warm, soft lips on his.

Though Leng Yixiu was cold-hearted, he was not Liu Xia Hui, and how could he not be moved by such advances. Instantly, he transformed passiveness into aggression, fiercely kissing the woman in his arms.

Chapter 97: Shameless

The temperature in the screening room quickly rose.

But at that moment, the man suddenly froze and got up from her. A cold voice came through, "I'll take you back."

Cheng Ying widened her eyes in disbelief, "Yixiu..."

But the man had already turned his back, "I'm going to get the car keys."

Saying this, the man walked out of the screening room without looking back, leaving Cheng Ying standing there in a daze, unable to comprehend what had just happened.

A moment ago, she could clearly feel that he was already aroused, but why, when their actions were halfway through, did he abruptly stop?

Cheng Ying angrily pounded the sofa. Who could tell her what was going on?

Suddenly, a thought flashed through her mind, but she quickly dismissed it. How could it be? How could it be because of that bitch Lin Yixun?

If it was because of her, then three years ago, why did Yixiu kick her out? Three years ago, she wasn't a match for her. How could she be a match now after her face was ruined?

However, Cheng Ying still couldn't be at ease. Even if it wasn't Lin Yixun, it might be someone else. Those coquettish women outside were very flirtatious, especially with a man like Yixiu. Who knew how many women were scheming to get him?

Anyway, the most urgent thing now was to think of a way to get pregnant with Yixiu's child.

Cheng Ying thought to herself that after finishing this commercial, she would take a break for a while. She didn't believe that by spending every day and night with Leng Yixiu, she wouldn't be able to conceive a child.

But what frustrated her was that originally, it would have taken just a week to finish this commercial, but when she arrived in T City, she received news that Ouyang Hao was sick.

This guy really knew how to pick the right time to get sick, not earlier or later, but right when the commercial was about to be finished.

However, Ouyang Hao didn't show a bit of illness. He was lying leisurely on the living room sofa playing mobile games, his face glowing, occasionally giving Lin Yixun some pointers.

The last time he followed Lin Yixun to the theater and caused such a big scene, his presence on the next day even appeared on several major headlines. He was very troubled by this.

So, Ouyang Hao decided to change his strategy. Since he couldn't follow Lin Yixun out, he would keep her in the apartment and not let her go out.

Of course, the strategy was to fake illness. He claimed he was sick to outsiders, and also professed his sickness to insiders.

Lin Yixun wasn't a fool and naturally knew Ouyang Hao was faking it, but she didn't know what he was scheming, and as long as he didn't make things too difficult for her, she didn't expose him.

Ouyang Hao indeed didn't make things too difficult for her, but his requests were quite unreasonable.

"For the next few days, you will stay here."

"But, Mr. Ouyang, I..."

"What do you mean 'I'? Do you have any conscience at all? Look, I'm sick. What if my condition worsens at night? Who would I turn to?" To emphasize his point, Ouyang Hao even pretended to cough a few times.

Lin Yixun couldn't help but find it amusing and frustrating. This guy was shamelessly lying through his teeth, yet spoke so righteously. As the saying goes, a scholar meets a soldier, reason cannot prevail. Lin Yixun eventually had no choice but to reluctantly accept.

Chapter 98: Onset of Illness

Lin Yixun had to lie to her mother again, claiming that the company was planning to develop a big project and that she would be busy for some time, so she would be staying in the employee dormitory with her colleagues at night.

In the following days, besides Ouyang Hao's bad temper, he wasn't too hard to deal with. However, for some unknown reason, Lin Yixun felt a bit uneasy these days, unsure if it was due to physiological or psychological reasons.

She thought about asking Ouyang Hao for a leave to go home and check on her mother, who was not in good health and was home alone. But before she could do so, Aunt Li from next door called.

"Hello, Aunt Li?"

"Xiao Xun, come to the hospital quickly, your mother just fainted!"

Lin Yixun's face turned pale, her mind went blank for a moment, and after a long pause, she finally regained her senses. Tremblingly, she asked, "Aunt Li, which hospital are you at?"

"The City Central Hospital."

Lin Yixun dropped the broom in her hand, turned around, and walked quickly towards the door. She was in such a hurry that she bumped into Ouyang Hao, who had just come downstairs.

"Why are you walking so fast, rushing to your death?" Ouyang Hao, still holding a grudge about Lin Yixun's blind date, spoke with a bit of malice.

"Mr. Ouyang, may I... may I take a leave?" Lin Yixun was so anxious that she could hardly speak clearly.

Seeing Lin Yixun's pale face and red-rimmed eyes, Ouyang Hao frowned and asked seriously, "What happened? What's the matter?"

"My mother... my mother is sick." Before Lin Yixun could finish her sentence, she had already walked quickly to the entrance.

Her hands were shaking badly, and she couldn't open the door despite twisting the doorknob several times. Ouyang Hao watched, then pursed his lips, stepped forward, and covered her hand with his, turning the doorknob to open the door.

"Wait a moment, I need to get the keys upstairs." He was not at ease letting her catch the bus in this state.

However, by the time Ouyang Hao grabbed the keys and came downstairs, Lin Yixun was no longer at the entrance. Ouyang Hao hurried downstairs to chase after her.

As he exited the complex, he saw Lin Yixun standing by the side of the road trying to hail a taxi, but she had been standing there for a while without any luck. At the wide roadside, she waved desperately at passing cars. Her thin figure made the man's heart ache inexplicably.

The next moment, when the man saw Lin Yixun about to rush into the middle of the road to stop a car, his heart tightened. He took several quick strides to reach her and grabbed her wrist, pulling her back fiercely.

"Are you crazy!" the man shouted, "The cars here are driving at least sixty kilometers per hour. Are you trying to get yourself killed by rushing into the middle of the road?"

Lin Yixun looked at him in a daze, her eyes red, "My mother is sick, my mother is sick."

"If she's sick, just see a doctor. Why do you have to act as if it's the end of the world?"

"See a doctor?" Lin Yixun's nose stung, and tears streamed down her face. If only it were that simple.

Seeing her cry, Ouyang Hao felt awkward and at a loss. He searched his clothes' pockets but didn't find any tissues, so he used his sleeve to wipe her tears.

"Look at you, dropping golden beans again. You women are really made of water, crying at the drop of a hat." Ouyang Hao took Lin Yixun by the hand and led her to the garage, "Which hospital is your mother in? I'll take you there."

When they arrived at the hospital, Aunt Li was anxiously waiting at the entrance.

Upon seeing Lin Yixun, she hurried up to her, "Xiao Xun, you finally came. I was scared to death just now. I went grocery shopping with your mother, and she suddenly fainted while we were chatting on the bus."

"Where is my mother now?"

"In the ICU on the third floor."

Chapter 99: I Won't Allow You to Resign

Through the glass outside the ICU, Lin Yixun saw Lin's mother lying lifelessly on the hospital bed, her face covered with a ventilator, and her body filled with tubes.

Lin Yixun stared intently at Lin's mother's face, covering her mouth tightly, but tears still uncontrollably streamed down. Just the day before yesterday when she left the house, she was still smiling and saying goodbye, but why now...

Her sorrowful and helpless appearance, through the sunglasses, fell into Ouyang Hao's eyes. For some reason, he felt a bit of heartache for her. He stepped forward, holding Lin Yixun in his arms, gently patting her shoulder to comfort her.

At this moment, no words could match a gentle hug.

Lin Yixun immediately found Lin's mother's attending physician, and asked in a low voice, "Doctor Ji, have you still not found a kidney source?"

Doctor Ji glanced at Lin Yixun and the man beside her, shook his head, and said heavily, "Miss Lin, you need to be prepared for the worst."

"Can't you find another way?" Lin Yixun grabbed Doctor Ji's arm anxiously, "Doctor Ji, can you please help me apply for it, money... I'll find a way!"

"Miss Lin, this is not a matter of money. Right now, there are many patients waiting for a kidney, and everyone is in line. There is a great demand and limited supply, and we doctors really have no way. Miss Lin, all we can do now is wait and see if a matching kidney source for your mother can appear."

The conversation between Lin Yixun and the doctor was heard word for word by Ouyang Hao. Although it was just a few words, he could already roughly guess what illness Lin's mother had.

No wonder Lin Yixun was so anxious when she heard that Lin's mother had fainted. It turned out her mother's illness was so serious, reaching a stage where a kidney transplant was needed, dialysis was inevitable.

No wonder this stubborn person is so short of money.

Ouyang Hao suddenly remembered the last time Lin Yixun asked to advance her salary. Could it also be because of her mother? Thinking about the harsh words he said to Lin Yixun at that time, he began to feel regretful.

Why didn't this stubborn person explain the situation clearly? If she had, he might have lent her the money long ago. He also wondered how this stubborn person eventually got the money.

Lin Yixun came out of the attending physician's office and saw Ouyang Hao still standing at the office door. She walked forward slowly and said to him, "Mr. Ouyang, thank you for your trouble just now. You should go back first. I might have to stay here for the night. In the next few days, it might be even longer... I probably won't be able to go to the apartment to clean for you. My mother's condition is not good, and I can't leave her even for a short while."

She paused and then said, "If you're worried about the mess, you can have Miss Xiao find another housekeeper for you."

"You want to resign?" The man squinted his eyes.

"I..."

She didn't want to resign, but what else could she do? Her mother needed care, and if they couldn't find a kidney, her mother's life could be in danger at any moment.

Her mother might only have a few months left to live, and she didn't want her mother to spend the remaining time alone. She wanted to accompany her as much as possible.

The man's face didn't look good. After a long silence, he suddenly said, "Lin Yixun, I can let you take time off for a while, but I won't allow you to resign. When your mother is out of danger, you must come back and work for me. If you can't take care of your mother, you can hire a caregiver for her. As for the caregiver's expenses, I will subsidize them in your salary."

Chapter 100: Fire the Nanny

Lin Yixun's starry eyes widened, filled with surprise and confusion. Why wouldn't Ouyang Hao let her resign? Doesn't he know that by doing this, he's actually at a loss?

Feeling a bit uncomfortable being stared at by her, Ouyang Hao lightly coughed twice and said, "Lin Yixun, don't forget, you still owe me a huge debt. If I let you resign and you just walk away, wouldn't I be losing big time?"

Seeing Lin Yixun frown with a look of half-understanding, Ouyang Hao said loudly, "Alright, that's settled. For the next few days, you'll stay in the hospital to take care of your mom. Once her condition stabilizes, you'll obediently come back and work for me."

Before Lin Yixun could respond, the man had already turned around and left.

As soon as Ouyang Hao exited the hospital, his phone rang.

"Hello, sis? What's the occasion?"

"Ouyang Hao, can't you save me some trouble? How can you mess up again in just a few days?"

"What happened, sis? I've been pretty well-behaved lately. I've been at home recovering these past few days, what trouble could I cause?"

"Recovering?" Xiao Mu almost fainted from anger, "Recovering and getting caught by paparazzi? Recovering while hugging your little maid?"

Ouyang Hao frowned and cursed under his breath. Which bastard had the nerve to mess with him at this time?

"Get over here, immediately! Now!"

"Alright, alright, sis, I'm on my way."

As soon as Ouyang Hao arrived at Xiao Mu's office, he was confronted with a stack of photos. Fortunately, he was fully covered when he left the house, or his handsome face would've turned red.

Ouyang Hao glanced at the photos on the floor, frowned slightly, pulled off his mask, tossed his baseball cap, and reverted to his usual nonchalant demeanor, "Sis, you're quite fiery today. All that anger isn't good for your health."

"Ouyang Hao, cut the crap!" Xiao Mu pointed angrily at the photos on the floor, "Explain this to me, what the hell is going on?"

"What else? The paparazzi making something out of nothing!"

"Making something out of nothing? Do you think I'm blind? If it were nothing, would you be hugging that maid so tightly? Can you stop making trouble for once? Don't you know that you and Li Yun'er are a couple now? If these photos get out, do you know the consequences? Just the scandal of cheating will be enough to ruin you."

"Sis, you of all people should know the truth between Li Yun'er and me. We're just together to create buzz for each other."

"But the media won't see it that way, your fans won't see it that way, and those internet trolls won't either! By then, you'll be condemned by everyone, and even the Yellow River couldn't wash away your stain."

"These photos haven't been leaked, right? What you're saying is just hypothetical; it won't happen."

"Hmph!" Xiao Mu shot him a fierce glare, "If I didn't have an old friend at the Sunshine Daily, these photos would be on the front page of every major newspaper tomorrow!"

Ouyang Hao raised an eyebrow. So, Xiao Mu had already taken care of this issue? Despite her temper, his cousin was quite reliable when it came to handling matters.

"You should fire that maid," Xiao Mu said unexpectedly.

After all, this wasn't the first time Ouyang Hao had a scandal with his maid. It was better to nip this kind of thing in the bud before the media caught on and blew it out of proportion.