

Leather's Tether Is a Bad Guy's Pleasure!

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The villains' van backs up to the old, abandoned magic factory. They get out and open the back door, peering in on Leather's well-tied, recumbent figure. She stirs.

LEATHER

Where am I?

VILLAIN

You might say you're in the proverbial pickle, Leather, though pickles appeared many years after the actual proverbs.

LEATHER

I won't go without a struggle, you monster, tied though I may be. And I plan to nag you all the while.

VILLAIN

Thanks for the warning! A gag should take care of your impudent tongue, captive cargo.

DareDoll Leather is gagged and carried in from the villains' van.

Leather is placed on the floor and wound tight with twine. Once the villains have bound her from boot to bosom, they remove the gag.

VILLAIN

This twine should keep you nicely entwined, Leather.

LEATHER

Wanna bet I can wriggle out of my bindings in record time?

VILLAIN

Ha! That's what you think! This is actually a fiendish invention of mine. The thread now wrapped around you is body-heat activated, just like deodorant. As you struggle futilely, it will grow even tighter, until it cuts off your circulation-- permanently!

She begins to writhe in place, helplessly. The villains get up to leave.

VILLAIN

Au revoir, baby. We've other DareDolls to torment and torture.

After kicking and struggling for a bit, Leather starts to roll around.

LEATHER

This floor is just cold enough to counteract my body heat, if I can just make complete contact with this cement!

She wriggles free, but the villains arrive in time to recapture her with chloroform.

She is blindfolded and then bride-carried down the hallway.

She awakes tied to train tracks, still blindfolded.

VILLAIN

Wake up, Leather. We've tied you to an old, abandoned subway track. The morning train ought to be along any time now.

VILLAIN 2

It sounds like your train is on schedule this morning!

The sound of the oncoming train fills the warehouse as she struggles. It looks like the end!

And then, abruptly, the audio cuts!

VILLAIN 2

Damn it! I meant to put that audio on a loop!

LEATHER

Ha ha! The joke's on you!

They remove her blindfold, and she and the audience see for the first time that she is merely tied to an unattached piece of track.

VILLAIN

As you can see, we're on a budget. But don't worry. We've always got a back-up!

Leather is tied beneath a pendulum, its arc set to divide her should it lower sufficiently.

VILLAIN

With apologies to Edgar Allen Poe,  
this deathtrap should play like a  
great short story, with a beginning,  
a middle, and an end. A bloody,  
messy end!

LEATHER

You may succeed in separating my  
top from my bottom, but you can  
never divide my heroic soul, you brute.

VILLAIN

Famous last words! We'll be sure to  
carve them into your tombstone, you  
soon-to-be-divvied-up DareDoll you!  
And now, here comes the unkindest  
cut of all...!

They chuckle for a moment, and then, as the pendulum lowers,  
they depart. Leather attempts to break free, but it doesn't  
look good!