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### **Captive Files I**

There's quite a bit of sex in the Japanese psycho-thriller **Captive Files I**, and most of it could hardly be described as consensual. In it, a postal worker becomes enamored with a young woman he encounters along his route. Instead of asking her out on a date, he kidnaps her and turns her into his personal pet. The small and seemingly fragile captive has few options but to make the best of a very bad situation and plot her escape in silence. Her abductor isn't overtly creepy or sadistic, and she's kept clean and well fed. One day, she finds a book that describes Stockholm Syndrome, and her attitude toward the man changes into something that resembles the condition. It could even be construed as love. Her willingness to play her captor's game, making him believe he's won her heart, is as fascinating as it is perplexing. Our patience is rewarded with a second half that is as complex and rewarding as the first half was brutish and discomfiting to watch.

-- *Gary Dretzka*