

Crazy 1031

Chapter 1031: A Deadly Collision

It was hard to tell whether God's will was at work or if Zhao Yu was just unlucky. The road in front of him was not an ordinary cargo railroad, but one specially built for Gao Lanqi's timber trade. Since it was the new year period, there should have been very little going on at the cargo works. What's more, since the new year there had only been one train!

Who would have thought that Zhao Yu would have actually managed to catch this one-in-a-million train! He couldn't help but wonder if he should buy a lottery ticket.

Tsk tsk, this was a problem!

Cheng Lingfei's crashed helicopter covered both of the tracks, and the train was charging forward at full speed. It would probably smash the helicopter into pieces! If a collision actually took place, not a single person would be left alive. There would perhaps not even be a whole corpse left!

What should I do? I can't let these criminals die, can I? Should I stop the train? What tools do I have to make the train stop? Decelerator? No... What about using the Invisible Spring Launcher to derail the train? That's not possible! In order to do that I would need 5,000 points and I don't have enough! Then... the Invisible Propeller? Would that work? No! The target is too far away! If I were to use the Invisible Propeller to control the train, I would still need a large number of points to enhance it, and there isn't enough time!

Woooooo! The train continued rushing down the tracks. The driver was not blind, and he would definitely have seen the large helicopter on the tracks. It would be impossible for him not to see it! But what was the point? The helicopter couldn't move, and they were about to collide!

At that moment, just as the windows of the helicopter cracked open from the tremors, an arm appeared, followed by a dust-covered head.

Zhao Yu realized who it was. It was Yang Zebiao!

Yang Zebiao smiled innocently at Zhao Yu and saluted him, confusing Zhao Yu.

God damn it! You're about to die, and you still dare to smile at me?

Zhao Yu realized that there was the possibility that Yang Zebiao was mentally unsound. But seeing as the train was about to reach the helicopter, he didn't have time to consider other things.

What to do?!

There were no tools he could use. Zhao Yu looked around and saw his car engine was still running. He could still drive it!

Okay! Zhao Yu decided he would fight this case head-on. He would solve it! As he thought about this, he floored his accelerator and sped off.

Wooooooo!

The train was now inches away from the helicopter. Even though the driver had applied the brakes, a collision seemed inevitable. The driver hurriedly hid in the driver's room and hugged the controller, frightened by the prospect of his own death.

Wah! Seeing how close the two objects were, Zhao Yu let out a shout and took out his Invisible Propeller, letting his car's speed reach maximum. Aiming at the broken tail of the helicopter, he hit the brakes and jumped out of the car just as he was about to hit it.

Woo! The train let out a hoot before colliding with the other obstacles on the tracks, causing a deafening explosion. But Zhao Yu's car had knocked the helicopter off the tracks just in time! The train hit the car instead of the helicopter!

Boom!

The black car was instantly smashed to pieces and burst into flames. After jumping out of the car, Zhao Yu rolled across the floor. But the speed of the car and the train were too fast, and the resultant gust of wind sent him flying in the direction of the train. The wheels of the train whizzed past Zhao Yu's head and he was almost caught in them. Lucky as per usual, Zhao Yu managed to escape and the wheels of the train only caught his hair.

"Ah!" After all the rolling, Zhao Yu moaned in pain. His back was full of scratches from the gravel, and his leg was fractured. His ears were ringing so loudly he couldn't hear anything!

"What the f*ck?!" Zhao Yu cursed silently. Since he had used the Invisible Propeller, why hadn't he jumped out earlier? Could this be the legendary 'subpar device'? He felt like his whole body had just been to war. His brain was mush and when he opened his eyes, the world looked like it was spinning in black and white. Although he had used the car to knock into the helicopter, he wasn't sure if it had actually worked. Were Cheng Lingfei and the others still alive?

Oh... Enduring the pain and dizziness, Zhao Yu tried to crawl up. But after trying twice, he still couldn't stand. In the next second, the pain in his lower back and legs began to spread. He was in unbearable pain.

Bloody hell... Huff... Huff... Zhao Yu exhaled, struggling to concentrate. As his consciousness began to dim, he realized this was not the time to be collapsing! He must know what had happened to Cheng Lingfei and the rest! If they were still alive, he couldn't let them escape!

Up... I have to get up!

Gritting his teeth, he struggled to stand but moving his right leg brought a sharp searing pain.

F*ck! Another fracture?! It's okay... it's okay... Zhao Yu knew from experience that as long as he could still feel pain, it was still a good sign. Also, he still had his tools!

Zhao Yu activated the Invisible Bone Setting Device and temporarily stabilized his fracture. It was no longer as painful as it had been moments before. Then, he used an Invisible Recovery Agent to recover his spirit and his physical ability.

As expected, the Recovery Agent was effective and after consuming it, the ringing in his ears disappeared, and he no longer felt as dizzy. After a couple of minutes, he pushed himself off the floor and stood up.

But even though the bone was fixed in position, when Zhao Yu tried to walk there was still a throbbing pain, and now that he was more conscious, the pain from the abrasions and bruises became more apparent.

Zhao Yu felt like a beggar who had asked for a hundred years' worth of rice. All his clothes were torn and tattered, his belt was broken, and he could only walk while holding on to his pants that didn't reach past his thighs...

A strong smell of burning spread through the air. Zhao Yu looked at the car that had been smashed to smithereens and saw that some parts of it that were littered across the floor had even caught fire. The train had stopped, and the driver was calling the police for assistance while observing the scene.

Zhao Yu turned to the other side and saw the helicopter. Fortunately, it had not been crushed by the train, putting him at ease.

The collision had broken the propellers and caused the helicopter to overturn twice. Part of the cabin had also collapsed, but Zhao Yu was certain that the people inside would have survived.

As he expected, a moment later the cabin door opened and after some intense coughing, Cheng Lingfei crawled out with messy hair and a bloodied face.

Chapter 1032: Remember What You Said

Cough cough... Cough cough...

Cheng Lingfei's condition didn't seem to be much better than Zhao Yu's. After crawling on the floor for some time, she finally managed to make her way out of the plane. She stopped moving several times, and Zhao Yu even thought she had fainted at one point. However, she was just gasping for breath on the floor.

After regaining her breath, she seemed to remember something and hurriedly turned around, crawling back towards the cabin. Could it be...? Zhao Yu tensed up. Was Cheng Lingfei crawling back to get the pistol? Thinking of this, Zhao Yu increased his pace in an effort to subdue her before she could do anything. When he was behind her, he unexpectedly found her using all her strength to pull a boy out of the helicopter. Even though she wasn't speaking, her actions and facial expressions made it clear she was very anxious.

Despite her best efforts, she lacked the strength to pull the boy out. Furthermore, the boy was unconscious.

Huff huff...

Zhao Yu trudged forwards to help. After all, the boy was innocent. Just as he reached Cheng Lingfei, someone appeared from the other side of the plane and pinned him down. It was none other than He

Yubing! Even after all the collisions, she still had the strength to hold him down and even held him in a brutal chokehold him.

But because she had used all her strength, she had none left to move him. All Zhao Yu had to do was twist his body and grab her arms and the roles were reversed. Even though he hadn't exerted much force, He Yubing coughed up some blood and lost all her strength. To be safe, Zhao Yu punched her twice to knock her unconscious.

While the two were fighting, Cheng Lingfei saw how formidable Zhao Yu was. This frightened her, and she hurriedly reached back into the cabin to find the pistol. Zhao Yu wasn't about to let this happen. All he had to do was reach out and pull her back by her ankles.

"No, no, no... please... I beg you..." Cheng Lingfei grabbed the floor and started begging Zhao Yu. "Please save my child, please..."

Zhao Yu raised his head and saw that Yang Zebiao and the boy were both unconscious. The boy must be Cheng Lingfei's child! He looked further into the helicopter and saw Liu Guangxin lying still in the copilot's seat.

He also saw that the damaged oil tank was leaking out oil and there were fires outside. The fear of a possible explosion must be why Cheng Lingfei was begging him so earnestly. But the fires were far from where they were, and there was currently no chance of the helicopter catching fire.

"Officer, I beg you!" Cheng Lingfei no longer had her cocky attitude. She was now just a normal, helpless lady crouching on the floor using all her strength to beg. "Please, save my child and husband! If you save them, I promise you, I will do anything... I will tell you everything... please..." she said while crying buckets of tears.

Zhao Yu supported his body. He wanted to say something but felt weak. He had already thought that Yang Zebiao and Cheng Lingfei had an unusual relationship, so the husband she was referring to must be him. But these two, why...?

Even though the plane was not going to explode, there was still a threat. It didn't actually matter whether Cheng Lingfei had begged him or not. It was his duty to save people. If not, Zhao Yu wouldn't have come into this danger zone.

Thus, Zhao Yu let go of her ankles and bent over to rescue the child first, putting him on the floor outside the helicopter. Then, with all the strength he could muster, he pulled Yang Zebiao out. As he was doing so, he happened to see the pistol and hurriedly tucked it into his waist for good measure.

Although Zhao Yu had used the Recovery Agent, after the Energy Booster ran out there would be massive side effects. His condition was still not optimal. The ringing in his ears from earlier was coming back. The giddy spells had also returned, causing him to almost lose his balance.

But Liu Guangxin was in front of him, and although he wasn't any good, he could still provide additional testimony. Zhao Yu had to save him.

Using all his strength, he finally opened the copilot door, only to see Liu Guangxin's bloodied face. He was still unconscious. Still, he didn't appear to have any life-threatening injuries and had probably only

fainted temporarily. Zhao Yu released his seatbelt and used the last bit of his energy to pull him to safety.

“No... no, no, no!” Zhao Yu heard Cheng Lingfei scream just as he was about to take a breather.

“Jiang Er... Jiang Er! No! No!” Cheng Lingfei put her ear next to the child’s face but couldn’t feel his breath. She touched his chest but it was no longer rising.

“Jiang Er... no! Don’t scare Mummy!” Cheng Lingfei cried as she shook him. As she was about to breakdown, she remembered to do CPR but in such a situation, she wasn’t able to control herself and failed several times.

“Hey, Cheng Lingfei!” This concerned a life and Zhao Yu didn’t have time to hesitate. “Move away!”

“You...” Cheng Lingfei turned her head and looked at Zhao Yu, her eyes filled with complex emotions.

“Quick, move!” Zhao Yu had no time to talk things over with her and pushed her aside, quickly unbuttoning the child’s clothes and pretending to do CPR. In actual fact, he had used a defibrillator on the child.

“Please, please...” Seeing how Zhao Yu had lent a helping hand, Cheng Lingfei looked as if she had been graced by God and began begging once again, forgetting all her past hatred and grudges.

“Remember!” Zhao Yu shouted as he continued to perform CPR. “As long as you remember what you said earlier!”

“Oh...” Cheng Lingfei understood. As long as Zhao Yu saved her child, she would record her testimony truthfully and account for everything.

At this moment, police sirens rang in the distance. It was obvious that after all this mess, someone had already called the police. Even after hearing the siren, Cheng Lingfei crouched next to her child, held his arms tightly, and prayed. She had no intention of trying to escape.

Zhao Yu felt the child’s heart begin to beat. As Jiang Er’s chest rose, he heaved in a breath of air and in the next second, he opened his eyes.

“Ah...” Cheng Lingfei hurriedly hugged her child and began to cry. She sobbed and sobbed as if she were crying for everything that had happened in her life and not just her child coming back to life.

Chapter 1033: The Best Time

Psshhhh!

The train conductor was using a fire extinguisher to put out the flames on what was left of the car. The air was filled with a layer of powder from the fire extinguisher.

The police sirens were getting louder, which meant the cars were nearing.

Zhao Yu no longer saw a need to hide his identity. But seeing as the police cars were about to arrive, Zhao Yu reached out, pulled Cheng Lingfei toward him and started feeling her up and down.

“Hey... you... What are you doing?” Cheng Lingfei asked, confused by his actions. She couldn’t understand why he was touching her. Was he trying to take advantage of her?

“What the f*ck!” Zhao Yu exclaimed after touching her once over and realizing there were no pockets in her skirt. “Quick, call your lackeys! My girlfriend is still at your place! Quick!”

Cheng Lingfei finally understood that Zhao Yu was looking for her phone. Why hadn’t he just asked instead of groping her?

Seeing Cheng Lingfei’s stunned face, Zhao Yu had no choice but to do the same to Yang Zebiao. He hadn’t expected Yang Zebiao to begin to giggle as soon as he touched him. “Ticklish! So ticklish! I’m pretending to be dead!” Yang Zebiao said, before lying down once again and closing his eyes.

Zhao Yu was at a loss for words. Could Yang Zebiao be compared to a child or was he really crazy? He had thought that Yang Zebiao had been trying to taunt him when he smiled and waved at him earlier.

Okay... He Yubing... Zhao Yu turned over and crawled towards He Yubing. Just as he was about to search her, the police cars screeched to a halt and police surrounded them. As the doors of their cars opened, policemen surrounded them with guns and shouted, “Don’t move! Keep your hands up!”

“Zhao Yu?!” Just as Zhao Yu was about to explain things to the police, he heard a familiar shout from the crowd. Looking up, he saw that it was none other than Miao Ying!

What... So fast?! Although Zhao Yu was shocked, he rushed over to her quickly.

“Oh my god!” Miao Ying signaled to her colleagues, then quickly ran to meet Zhao Yu. “What happened here?” she asked, looking at the wreckage.

“Uhm... it’s a really long story!” Zhao Yu exclaimed as he helplessly hugged his queen.

“Zhao Yu, you are truly extraordinary! You actually dared to jump onto a helicopter! Did you forget what you promised me?” she continued, affectionately hugging Zhao Yu. She saw Zhao Yu’s face scrunch up in pain and hurriedly turned him around, only to discover injuries on his back. Her eyes filled with tears. “How do you feel now?” she asked, “Don’t worry. The ambulance is coming. Hold on! Oh my god...”

“It’s okay, I’m fine!” Zhao Yu said comforting her. He pointed at Cheng Lingfei and company and said, “Let’s wrap things up! They’re all here!”

Miao Ying nodded at one of the police officers and they immediately surrounded Cheng Lingfei and her company.

At this point, Cheng Lingfei couldn’t have cared less about the police in front of her and hugged her child in tears. When one of the officers cuffed her and forced her away from her child, she began to struggle but had no strength left.

While waiting for the ambulance, Zhao Yu briefly told Miao Ying and the police what had happened. Even the summary was enough to shock everyone, especially Miao Ying who was worried about his safety to the point of becoming manic. She held Zhao Yu’s collar and exclaimed, “First you jump onto the helicopter, then you drop off it, then you steal a car to chase the helicopter, and then you use a car to crash into it? Hey, darling, are you sure your brain is okay?”

“My brain is okay, but my ears are a little sore!” Zhao Yu said shaking his head.

“Wait... that doesn’t sound right. The helicopter was so high, so how was it possible?” one of the police officers asked.

“I used a shovel to break the propellers so the plane couldn’t fly high!” Zhao Yu explained.

Everyone looked at each other, and some even lost their balance from the shock!

“Oh, right, darling...” Zhao Yu realized that the story of him chasing the helicopter was beginning to get blown out of all proportion and decided to change the subject quickly. “After I jumped onto the helicopter, what happened at your end?”

“You mean how did I solve the issue?” Miao Ying smiled. “Didn’t you deal with those people already? Relax, not a single one escaped! But... Zhao Yu, isn’t there something you have to tell me?”

“Ah? What do you mean?” Zhao Yu froze.

“Previously, I thought it was because the two chairs were made of different materials, but when I was about to leave, I tried to shift the chair you were tied to. There was no way you could have moved it! Your strength is unbelievable!”

“My goodness, Ms. Miao, are you broadcasting this to the world?” Zhao Yu’s body was filled with pain, and his brain was hurting too much. He had no intention of hiding this from Miao Ying anymore. “It’s actually like this, love. There’s a system in my head and in this system there are strength enhancing tools. After eating this you can gain immense strength! Hey... hey! I’m not done! Don’t leave!”

Hearing Zhao Yu’s explanation angered Miao Ying. She turned and walked towards the car that Cheng Lingfei was in.

“I’m telling the truth! Hey... can you support me?” Zhao Yu limped behind her and let out a groan when he accidentally touched his injured leg.

Miao Ying couldn’t bear to see Zhao Yu in pain and hurried over to help him. “I think it’d be more believable if you said you’d had divine intervention.”

Zhao Yu scratched his head. He knew his explanations were hard to believe and decided to change his approach. “Alright, how about this. Looking at all those people keeping you captive made me panic. Maybe I was desperate, that’s how I suddenly gained a burst of strength? Seems like only you, my dear, can bring out the best in me!”

Zhao Yu’s words rendered Miao Ying speechless. At this point, multiple ambulances arrived at the scene and Miao Ying waved at them urgently. “Come and clean yourself up in the ambulance. These are not light injuries!”

“Yeah...” Zhao Yu glanced at Miao Ying, but seeing Cheng Lingfei in the police car hurriedly said, “Darling, this is not the time.” He pulled Miao Ying over towards the police car. “Quick! If you want to know the truth about the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case, now’s our best chance! Come on!”

Chapter 1034: How Many Left?

It wasn't long before more police arrived on the scene, together with ambulances and fire trucks. Under the command of the police, they cleared up the mess.

Cheng Lingfei's case had been investigated by Zhao Yu and Miao Ying, but the nature of their jobs was different. This meant that they could only hand the case over to the police. As the vice-captain of the Special Investigation Group, Miao Ying could only provide background support.

Furthermore, Cheng Lingfei's case involved the barn fire, so a different investigating unit rushed to the scene, and Miao Ying had to help them with the case.

Logically speaking, Miao Ying's priority should have been revealing everything to her superiors. After all, Cheng Lingfei's case did involve a massive crime syndicate. The issue had escalated, and she had to be careful how she dealt with the consequences. Furthermore, she had to tell her superiors about Zhao Yu's revival as soon as possible to prevent further complications.

But Miao Ying couldn't care less about this at the moment. She left the reporting to the other police officers and followed Zhao Yu to the car Cheng Lingfei was in. At this point, she was only concerned about the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case from 13 years ago! The moment they reached the police car, they waved away the other police officers and medical staff and prepared to interrogate Cheng Lingfei on the spot.

Zhao Yu thought that it was the perfect time to interrogate Cheng Lingfei. As the saying goes, there are many dreams in one night. Who knew what this shrewd woman would do once she reached the police station. She could affect future interrogations! He intended to strike while the iron was hot and resolve the issue as soon as possible.

Zhao Yu was good at reading the room, and he knew that when Cheng Lingfei saw him and Miao Ying appear, she would know what they wanted. Instead of making her agitated, he waved calmly at her and said, "Cheng Lingfei, your child is safe. Don't forget what you promised me earlier."

Cheng Lingfei let out a cough. She was in a completely different state from the usual cold and serious charade she put up. Her mind was weak, her hair was a mess and she no longer looked like a princess. All she had was a blank, expressionless face. Seeing her cough, Miao Ying passed her a bottle of water.

The handcuffed Cheng Lingfei had no intention of drinking and placed the bottle beside her, resting her head on the back of the seat. "Actually... I wanted to answer your fifth question before, but..."

Zhao Yu immediately understood what she meant. This time, instead of stealing the spotlight, he decided to keep quiet.

"But," Cheng Lingfei continued, "my subordinates came in too quickly! I just...didn't want them to know. After all, this secret has been kept for so long. Although they probably knew Yang Zebiao was my husband, they didn't know the entire truth, nor did they dare to ask. I didn't want them to know about my past either..."

Upon hearing this, Zhao Yu's and Miao Ying's eyes met. Cheng Lingfei was preparing to tell the truth.

"I'm guessing because you guys found me so suddenly, there's no way you could have done a thorough check on me, right?" Cheng Lingfei asked as she stared numbly at the roof. "Even if you did, it wouldn't have been detailed."

"Solving cases is interesting. If you can't find the suspect, you're perpetually confused, but the minute you have a suspect and as long as you dig a little, everything reveals itself. In that sense, all my preventive measures were for naught."

Although Cheng Lingfei was emotionless when she said this, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying felt something from her words.

"You wouldn't have expected this, but I began to handle firearms when I was only 8!" Cheng Lingfei said candidly. "Many people don't know this. Even Wu Fangfang doesn't know this for certain!"

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying didn't think Cheng Lingfei would lead with such a statement and were speechless. What did she mean by handling firearms when she was 8?

"Don't misunderstand!" Cheng Lingfei smiled. "It's the shooting club! I joined the Gao Lanqi shooting club and began training when I was 8. I was even able to represent Gao Lanqi at a sports meet when I was 13. But because I was so young, I only managed to participate in group events and didn't win."

Oh? Zhao Yu frowned. He had read through Cheng Lingfei's file but saw no mention of this. The information they had on her was definitely lacking.

"I joined the shooting team for three reasons," Cheng Lingfei recalled as she closed her eyes. "First, at that time I was myopic, and someone said shooting can cure myopia, so I chose shooting. Secondly, the coach liked me and said I was a natural. Lastly, at that time my family was quarreling all the time, and dad arranged for me to practice shooting to avoid the fighting!"

Zhao Yu had heard that Gao Lanqi's shooting team was famous in the country, and they had even trained several Olympic champions. Shooting had always been Gao Lanqi's forte, and the way they trained their youths was excellent. But why would Cheng Lingfei talk about this? Could it be...

"At that time, I didn't think too much about it. I thought shooting and playing the cello were things that made me happy. My mum disapproved and under her insistence, I had to give it up! My mum thought I was spending too much time practicing shooting, and it was disrupting my studies and cello practice. Also, a girl playing with guns would ruin her image. Basically, she didn't want me to practice! So, you guys must now understand why I'm familiar with guns, yes?"

Zhao Yu let out a soft hum.

"Hmph!" Cheng Lingfei snorted out of habit, regaining her spirit. "That b*stard Wang Xuejun bullied my mum and caused her to have an abortion. Twice! Zhao Meng is scum as well. Long ago, at a dinner, he humiliated my mother and me in public! Xie Mengqin was a toxic woman, always using underhand means to suppress my father's barn. If it wasn't for her, my dad wouldn't have died so early..."

Hearing Cheng Lingfei's words, Zhao Yu instantly felt goosebumps and a chill ran down his spine. Wang Xuejin, Zhao Meng, and Xie Mengqin: weren't they all the victims of the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case? That meant...

“Other than that, those three had one common trait,” Cheng Lingfei raised her head and said eerily. “They called me an illegitimate child, a b*stard kid, and even scolded my mother for being shameless. So, Officer Zhao, Officer Miao! Right from the start, the police have been investigating the wrong lead!” Cheng Lingfei’s eyes were filled with hatred as she gritted her teeth. “The Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case was only the start! You can go and search. How many of those who scolded me are still alive now?!”

Chapter 1035: The Root of the Problem

“In this world, there will always be people who don’t know how hurtful their words can be even if they don’t benefit from it,” Cheng Lingfei said coldly. “They think that by hurting others, they will be better than them. But have they ever stopped to consider the feelings of those they’ve hurt?”

“When I was young, I had to endure those words. B*stard child, shameless, slut... Those words were sharper than knives and pierced my heart, hurting me deeply. It also made me remember who they were, so even if my dad was fine, I swore to make them pay!”

“You guys can go and look. Apart from my sister who’s in a mental hospital, who else is still alive? Including... including...” Cheng Lingfei paused. “Including Wu Fangfang!”

Holy shit! Cheng Lingfei’s words gave Zhao Yu the chills. Before this, he had already suspected that there were other motives behind the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case. But now, all the cases seemed to revolve around Cheng Lingfei! Who would have expected that the root of all those cases was malicious words. Even Wu Fangfang’s case was because of this.

“All those people either suffered from a sudden illness, met with accidents, or became bankrupt and committed suicide! Not one of them had a good ending!” Cheng Lingfei continued. “Even at the brink of their death, they didn’t know what caused their undoing! Because they couldn’t find a motive, the police never linked their deaths to me!”

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying looked at one another again. Miao Ying looked disturbed. She had never seen a criminal as coldblooded as Cheng Lingfei.

“Who are these people, and who killed them? Zhao Yu continued asking questions in spite of the shock he felt.

“Well, they are all connected to my family. Apart from my father’s relatives, there are also some business partners and some... classmates. The majority of their deaths were arranged by Jiang Ke, some by Yu Fusheng and the others by my lackeys!”

“Oh my god! How many people did you kill?” Zhao Yu asked, his voice trembling.

“For that...” The corners of Cheng Lingfei’s lips were raised, and she let out an eerie smile. “You have to give me some time.”

Zhao Yu let out a breath of air and sat down on the car seat. He felt like reprimanding her, but the interrogations were still ongoing and he had to stay calm. “Cheng Lingfei! Since it’s like this, then you

can start with the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case! Or you can tell us about the incidents in chronological order so we can understand!”

Cheng Lingfei glanced at Zhao Yu. “The Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case... chronological order... If that’s the case, then you have to start from the time I was chased out of my house. If my dad hadn’t died, then maybe, even if I wanted to, I wouldn’t have had the ability to make this all possible! But you know what they say: desperate times call for desperate measures!”

“The seed of hatred is like a devil. Once buried, it can only grow and it’s very difficult to remove. For so many years, I have read so many books, but none of them had the answer.” Cheng Lingfei blinked from tiredness, resting her head on the backseat once again. “Before dad passed away, I was always his precious princess. Whatever I ate, used, or wore were all the best! Dad doted on me and let me do what I want. He didn’t even hesitate to spend a large sum of money on my very own cello recital...”

“I could feel my siblings’ jealousy towards me, but I never cared if they liked me or not. The feeling was mutual. But when my dad died, everything changed. The long-suppressed hatred from my siblings finally exploded and my mum and my world collapsed! Officers, regarding how we got chased out of the house, I won’t go into more detail... After looking at my files you only need to know that they even refused to give me my precious cello. From that, you should be able to see how I must have felt...”

Even though Zhao Yu’s face showed no emotion, deep down he agreed. When he had first read Cheng Lingfei’s file, he had already felt she had been treated unjustly.

“Is it wrong to be pretty?” Cheng Lingfei asked. “Mum was a member of the serving staff at the barn cafeteria. My dad liked her because she was pretty and could sing and dance. Then they had me! Tell me, did I do anything wrong? I couldn’t control any of that, so why did they have to criticize me? Don’t you find that ridiculous?”

“Also, my mum was innocent! She was kind and hardworking and only wanted to be happy. She never wanted any of the inheritance, nor did she want to harm anyone. If not, when my dad died, we wouldn’t have suffered so much!” Despite her indifference, you could see the pain in Cheng Lingfei’s eyes. “I was so pure then! I never thought about the future, only about reading and playing the cello!”

“When mum and I were chased out, I finally understood how evil this world could be. At that time, we had nothing. Desperate, my mum could only take me back to her old home to stay. My mum was from Ziliu Town and the house that we stayed in was in the alley behind the farmer’s association.”

Oh my god! Zhao Yu couldn’t help but express shock. He never would have thought Cheng Lingfei was this closely linked to the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case!

“At that time, I still had to complete my studies. Apart from my holidays, most of the time was spent in school,” Cheng Lingfei continued. “To afford my education, my mum began distributing mushrooms. Mushroom harvesting required capital, and at that time, the association was giving out loans, so my mum would communicate with them, especially the chairperson Wang Xuejun.”

“He was truly scum! He found reasons to reject my mum’s loan requests and tried to cheat my mum in the contract. He even forced my mum to do unspeakable things. Mum started the business for my sake, so she couldn’t tell me anything and quietly endured it, but that b*stard Wang Xuejun only got worse. He even dared to screw her in our house and made her get two abortions!”

“If it wasn’t for me accidentally discovering this, I would have been kept in the dark!” Upon saying this, Cheng Lingfei clenched her fists so tightly that her knuckles popped.

“You may not understand, but when I saw my mum below that man, my heart suddenly found peace. Because that was the point I decided!” Cheng Lingfei smirked. The hatred in her eyes had reached its peak. “I would get back all that I lost, and all those people who had bullied me would pay!”

Chapter 1036: Sacrificial

“You need two things for revenge – money, and power!” Cheng Lingfei explained. “These two things complement each other, and you need one to get the other, so my goal was to find the money necessary for my revenge! If I tried to get it through regular jobs, my revenge would have remained a pipe dream. So, I decided I had to find another way out.”

“Wang Xuejun was in charge of the Farmers Association and he was right at my doorstep... so that’s naturally where I focused my attention,” she continued. “If I robbed him, I would not only have money for my mission, I’d also be able to avenge my mother! Because of this, I started watching his routines and planned a robbery. But no matter what kind of plan I came up with, I realized I was missing one crucial detail that was needed to make it a success. What I needed was a spy. I needed to know how much there was, and I needed to do it without talking about the CCTV or breaking into the safe!”

“So, I quickly found Yang Zebiao. I realized Wang Xuejun trusted Yang Zebiao with many aspects of the Farmers Association. He had the keys, the passcodes, and he knew how to switch off the CCTV... making him the perfect person for my plans,” she told them. “I did a little snooping and found out that he didn’t have any relatives, wasn’t married, and was ultimately alone. Naturally, a honey trap plan started to form in my head.”

“From that point,” she explained, “I started to approach him on purpose and I befriended him. I made use of the fact that he liked me and slowly made progress on our relationship, finding out more inside information about the Farmers Association as well. When we were dating, I was very careful about going out in public and only went out with him in secret. I also knew my mother would disapprove, so I made sure Yang Zebiao never revealed our relationship.”

“Ah Biao...” she sighed softly. “Ah Biao is a good man. He’s simple, honest, treats me really well, respects me, and listens to what I have to say! He is the only person other than my parents to have treated me well. Even though I was using him, I had never actually dated anybody. There were one or two occasions where I really wanted to give up because I began to develop feelings and wanted to live happily ever after with him, but Yusheng...”

Cheng Lingfei took a deep breath. “One day, I accidentally bumped into Xie Mengqin at my front door! Xie Mengqin was a really cunning woman. She stabbed my father in the back by getting a bunch of hooligans to make a mess at the cattle farm. This resulted in him becoming ill suddenly!”

“This woman was not just evil; she also had a foul mouth!” Cheng Lingfei continued. “I tried to keep my distance from her, but she still talked about me behind my back. At that time, Wang Xuejun was also present. He couldn’t tell good from bad and still followed her around. I only found out later that Xie

Mengqin was a huge client of the association and had close business relations with them. Almost every Monday, she would personally head down to the association to do paperwork!”

“Xie Mengqin’s toxic words triggered my thirst for revenge. I wanted to take this chance to both rob the association and make Xie Mengqin and Wang Xuejun sacrificial pawns in my plan! I wanted them to pay for what they did!” she explained. “Shortly after, I got my opportunity. Through Ah Biao, I found out that Zhao Meng got a huge grant from the association and would pick up the money in person on one of the following Mondays.”

“Hearing Zhao Meng’s name, I felt like this had to be God’s will! Zhao Meng used to be my father’s business partner. There was one time where he drank too much and acted rudely towards my mother, going so far as calling me an illegitimate child. Even though my dad made him apologize, I could never forget the things he said to me! It was decided, with Wang Xuejun, Xie Mengqin, and Zhao Meng all present, the timing was right to execute my plan! As for the gun, it was assembled slowly over a few months. I bought the parts from an underground channel in Keli Erqi and assembled it myself,” Cheng Lingfei told them.

While Cheng Lingfei talked about the gun, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying were both frowning. They were unable to understand how she managed to convince Yang Zebiao. Even if he loved her, he wouldn’t simply betray his boss and rob a bank for her, right?

“Actually, even though this was my first time doing so, faking a kidnapping was not a difficult task for me,” she explained. “With Ah Biao’s help, I was able to make plans with him the night before to meet me at the condominium. When he got there, all he saw was my disheveled apartment. All of my personal belongings were a mess like my cellphone, shoes, and even a bottle of sake... Soon, he received a call to my phone from someone claiming to have kidnapped me. They wanted him to do exactly what he was told. If not, they would kill me. I got him to listen to me screaming and begging...”

“For my sake, Ah Biao had no choice but to agree to their demands. But what he didn’t know was that everything was being done by me! I made sure to disguise my voice properly. It was all just a show. During the call, I told him the plans in detail and threatened him so he wouldn’t call the police. If anything went wrong, he would never see ‘me’ alive again! Ah Biao really cared about me, so he cooperated and didn’t call the police,” Cheng Lingfei explained, gesturing excitedly. “The next day, the robbery took place. Ah Biao followed my instructions and after receiving the money from escorting the client, he secretly switched off the CCTV and used the chloroform to knock out Wang Xuejun. He left him between the gaps of the two doors so he wouldn’t be noticed by customers in the hall.”

“He then used Wang Xuejun’s key and password to open the safe. He put 800,000 yuan into the bag and left in a hurry! Although the other customers found it suspicious, they didn’t know what had happened, so they went about their lives. That was the point when I appeared!”

Chapter 1037: The Darkest Part is Under the Candle

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying gave each other a look. Although they had already roughly guessed what had happened, hearing Cheng Lingfei’s firsthand account sent shivers down their spines.

“There were three mistakes at the crime scene,” Cheng Lingfei reminisced excitedly, raising three of her fingers. “One, Ah Biao left in such a hurry that he forgot to take the CCTV’s hard drive! Two, during Ah Biao’s escape, a cleaner appeared out of the blue, and I had no choice but to kill him.

“Three, I didn’t expect Xie Mengqin to bring her daughter along... Throughout my investigations, she had always gone to the association alone, and seeing as it was a Monday, her daughter should have been in daycare! I didn’t expect...” Cheng Lingfei trailed off with a hint of regret.

“So... so... everyone took a bullet to their head, except for the little girl, who was shot in the body...” Cheng Lingfei muttered hesitantly. “At that time, my mind was a blank. I thought that if I shot her in the body, she might survive. But then I thought about it some more and realized if she stayed alive, I would die... Ha...” After saying this, Cheng Lingfei fell into a hysterical state, her tone disturbed.

“You...” Miao Ying said aggressively. “You were disguised. How could you be so sure a little girl could recognize you? Couldn’t you have at least let off a six-year-old girl?!”

“I... I wasn’t in disguise!” Cheng Lingfei exclaimed, tears rolling down her face. “I just grabbed the pistol and went in, not expecting to leave any witnesses alive!”

“What were you even thinking?” Zhao Yu frowned. “There was a gathering in Ziliu Town, and everyone was on the streets, and you just took a pistol and went in without a disguise? Weren’t you afraid of being seen?”

“I checked the area out before I went in. The more people there were gathered in the city, the fewer people there would be at the association. If I wore a disguise, I would only bring more attention to myself!” Cheng Lingfei said.

Zhao Yu was speechless. “Alright, then tell me the order you killed them in.”

“The first shot was the cleaner, then Zhao Meng, Wang Xuejun, and finally Xie Mengqin’s daughter!” Cheng Lingfei said without a pause.

“The gun had...?” Zhao Yu prompted her.

“Yes! A silencer! And I know the cleaner was innocent, as well as the girl, but it was too late to back out. In my plan, no one could live! I had another goal, and that was to not leave any witnesses alive so the police would never find out what happened!”

Oh... Zhao Yu finally understood why the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case was so odd. But the answer was so cruel.

Miao Ying was shaking with anger and looked like she was about to explode. In an effort to calm her down, Zhao Yu quickly continued his questions. “What happened after that? How did you guys escape?”

“After killing them, I came out from the front door and went straight home. Ah Biao was already waiting for me at my house!” Cheng Lingfei said.

“At... your house?!” Miao Ying’s eyes widened in disbelief.

“Yes!” Cheng Lingfei nodded, regaining her composure. “I already told Ah Biao to wait at my house once he completed his mission. Then, the kidnapped me would return safely. At that time, my mum went out

to harvest mushrooms, so there was nobody at home. Before I left, I kept the door open so that once he took the money, he could easily enter my house.”

“And I was quick with my murders, so we arrived less than a minute apart. He entered my house, and I was right behind him! To be honest, in my original plan, I had to shoot Yang Zebiao and dispose of his body to properly wrap everything up. That way, the police would never find him or the 800,000 yuan that were stolen. But... alas, how could I bear to kill Ah Biao? Ah Biao went as far as robbing a bank, all for me. How could I kill him like that?” Cheng Lingfei said, shaking her head in confusion.

“But if I didn’t kill him, my plan would have a loose end... and how was I to explain the robbery and the murders? I was really torn. On one hand, there was my plan to get revenge, and on the other was the man who loved me the most. What was I supposed to do?” she asked.

“When Ah Biao saw me safe and sound, he was both relieved and curious. Why hadn’t the kidnapper collected the ransom before releasing me?” Cheng Lingfei explained. “I knew that wasn’t the time to explain everything to him, so when he let his guard down, I stunned him with a taser. Then, I tied him up and hid him in my basement.”

“No way!” Miao Ying couldn’t help but exclaim. “Are you trying to say that after the murder, you hid Yang Zebiao in your basement that whole time?”

“Yes!” Cheng Lingfei nodded.

“You have to be kidding!” Miao Ying shook her head. “After the crime, the police would have definitely investigated Yang Zebiao’s relationships, and once they started checking up on you, you’d be screwed!”

“And...” Zhao Yu added. “Yang Zebiao brought the money to your house in broad daylight, weren’t you afraid the neighbors would see?”

“My house was pretty far from the city and it’s the only one you enter from the alley. It was a Monday. The kids were at school, and the adults were at some temple gathering, so nobody would be paying attention to my house. Besides, Yang Zebiao had just committed a crime, he wouldn’t have wanted to be seen either.”

“Then... how about you? Weren’t you afraid of being seen?” Zhao Yu asked before answering his own question. “Oh, it’s your own house! No wonder you didn’t bother to disguise yourself!”

“That’s not right...” Miao Ying said. “According to our records, the police dispatched K9 units. If Yang Zebiao was hiding near the Farmers Association, why didn’t they lead back to your place?”

“Oh? Really?” Cheng Lingfei was surprised. “I’m not sure about that. I never knew about the K9’s. If I had, I probably wouldn’t have gone back to my place!”

“Tsch,” Miao Ying frowned. “You still haven’t answered my question. Weren’t you afraid they would figure out it was you through the relationship web?”

“Of course I was afraid, but what else could I have done?!” said Cheng Lingfei. “I did think about hiding Yang Zebiao far away, but I didn’t have a car, nor did I know how to drive. The only thing I could do was hide him in my house and erase all traces of our relationship so the police wouldn’t find a connection

between us. But alas, the police still came to find me as part of their rounds. What they didn't know was that Yang Zebiao was actually in my basement!"

What?! After hearing this, Zhao Yu got goosebumps.

"That was probably the most exhilarating moment in my life!" Cheng Lingfei said smugly. "But you know, it's moments like those that make me calmer, because I know for certain that they don't suspect me! Think about it! Who would think I knew a coldblooded killer and thief? And because of all the crimes committed, any sensible police officer would assume the criminal had run far away!"

What the...? Zhao Yu couldn't help but sigh. This was truly what they meant when they said the most dangerous place was usually the safest!

Chapter 1038: Sinful Relationship

Putting aside what Cheng Lingfei had done, the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case was truly something else! Who would've thought that not only were the robber and killer different, but both of them were hiding in an apartment near the crime scene!

Cheng Lingfei was right, after such a big incident it was only natural to assume that the murderer would have run far away. And to most people, they wouldn't have connected the image of a coldblooded murderer with Cheng Lingfei's frail and weak demeanor.

Maybe there had been some luck involved in this case, but it was undeniable that Cheng Lingfei's high IQ and boldness were the main reasons she was able to remain at large for so many years. Her doing things so brazenly without leaving a single clue gave the investigating team back then a hard time while trying to solve the case. Zhao Yu felt that even if he had been a part of the team, he would have had a hard time as well.

"The house was remote, and we had moved in not long ago. What's more, my mother liked to pick mushrooms down at the countryside and I was frequently commuting to school, so we didn't interact much with our neighbors," Cheng Lingfei continued without Zhao Yu and Miao Ying asking. "The matter of Wang Xuejun bullying my mother was scandalous, so our neighbors didn't know, nor did he air his dirty laundry in public."

"Even if he told others, what would happen?" Cheng Lingfei asked. "My mother was out harvesting mushrooms, which meant she had an alibi. People wouldn't believe a frail old lady would be capable of such a thing either! As for Xie Mengqin and Zhao Meng, there was even less to worry about. Those two have so many enemies that no matter how the police investigated, they wouldn't figure it was me. Who would believe that the cause of their deaths was them calling me an illegitimate child? At that time, there was only one thing I was most concerned about!"

"What was that?" Zhao Yu asked hurriedly.

"When Ah Biao passed out from the taser, he only had the cash on him, and I couldn't find the controller. Because of that, I began to worry about whether or not he had shut down the CCTV. If not, then whatever I did would have been for naught. The police would come to take me away before Ah

Biao regained consciousness!" she replied. "Fortunately, that didn't happen. When Ah Biao woke up, I did not hear any police sirens so I figured he only forgot to remove the hard drive."

"So, during the whole thing, Yang Zebiao was locked up inside your basement?" Miao Ying asked curiously. "Did you manage to convince him in the end?" Cheng Lingfei shook her head. Miao Ying was surprised and pressed for more. "Then how did you explain it to him? And you locked him up for so long, there's no way your mother didn't know, right?"

"I lied to my mum and told her I found a part-time job teaching cello at a music school. Because the school was quite far away, we rented another house in Gao Lanqi and moved there. But secretly, I was still living in the old house as I had to take care of Ah Biao!" Cheng Lingfei told Miao Ying.

"Then..." Zhao Yu recalled the childlike demeanor of Yang Zebiao and asked, "what actually happened to him?"

"When Ah Biao woke up, I revealed everything to him except for the murders," Cheng Lingfei said, pausing for a short moment before continuing. "As expected, Ah Biao lost it after hearing everything, and kept asking me to turn myself in. He said that if I told the truth, I might get a lighter sentence!"

"Hmph," she scoffed. "But he didn't know that my crimes were too severe. After that, I slowly told him about my past and the reason for my plan for revenge. I wanted him to understand my pain, but no matter what I said he wouldn't have it. If he didn't listen, then I couldn't let him go. I was in a dilemma!" Cheng Lingfei explained. "I thought about it for a long time, about killing him, but I couldn't bring myself to do it. Although he was a burden, he was also my only support..."

"Those were some rough times," Cheng Lingfei recalled. "I neglected my studies and didn't dare spend any money. A year passed like that, with Ah Biao locked in the small dungeon, and he faced multiple mental breakdowns. At one point he wouldn't eat and even attempted to commit suicide. He begged for me to let him go, and even said he would take the blame. But I couldn't do it, I couldn't let him go..."

One year... Cheng Lingfei made it sound like it was nothing, but Zhao Yu and Miao Ying listened uneasily. What would Yang Zebiao become after a year living like a rat? This woman was a psychopath.

"Sometimes, to calm his suicidal tendencies, I would even drug his food," she explained to them. "Those drugs were used to treat depression, but they also worked well since they caused drowsiness and made him fall asleep so he wouldn't think as much. I endured those dark times until talk of the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case died down. I could finally start my revenge plans!"

"I used a sum of the money to buy a ranch, and then hired trained mercenaries like Jiang Ke to help out with the operations. In a few short years, I regained everything I lost! Of course, it's not a matter of just saying you want to become successful and relying on external methods," Cheng Lingfei stated. "You have to actually know how to run a business, and I put in an unthinkable amount of effort to do so! I studied daily. Researching, improving... I read practically every economics-related book in Gao Lanqi's library. I don't think I slept for even four hours a night. Many of my businesses and plans were carried out in tandem, and other than business rivals, I still had to be careful of the police. There was no room for error, so I had to ensure everything was perfect!"

Upon hearing this, Zhao Yu finally understood how Jiang Ke's robberies and prison break were carried out with such precision.

“During this time, I moved once and built a secret room in that house for Ah Biao to have a nicer environment. His mental state also began to improve, along with my long-term persuasion, he slowly resigned himself to his fate, so...” she paused.

Zhao Yu had guessed what the ‘so’ meant, but decided to continue listening quietly instead of interrupting.

“This was about the same time I got Jiang Ke to take Wu Fangfang’s scandalous photos. I let Wu Fangfang off the hook at first and didn’t show the photo to brother Shi Hai because I couldn’t bear to see him sad, and also because... a child was growing inside of me!”

Chapter 1039: Addicted

“The child is...” Miao Ying started, frowning.

“Sigh...” Zhao Yu shook his head. He already knew the answer.

“Yes! I did not lack for suitors from the time I was in school to the time I became a successful female entrepreneur. But I never had any feelings towards them. None of these men could live up to Ah Biao’s standards. Not a single one would have robbed a bank simply because of a phone call!” Cheng Lingfei replied.

“That means... the child...” Miao Ying trembled slightly. “The child really is Yang Zebiao’s... I still thought...”

“What? You thought it was Jiang Ke’s?” Cheng Lingfei responded immediately, shaking her head in disgust, knowing what Miao Ying was going to say. “Just because the child is named Jiang Er, that doesn’t mean he’s related to Jiang Ke, right? Jiang Ke is just a subordinate who listens to my commands, that’s all!”

“But... Yang Zebiao...” Thinking of Yang Zebiao’s mental condition, Miao Ying had a hard time comprehending what Cheng Lingfei was doing. It was some kind of twisted love for such a ruthless and smart woman to be with Yang Zebiao, whom she had locked up for so many years.

“In this world, only Yang Zebiao can reassure me and make me feel secure. He suffered so much for me and was wronged, but never once did he betray me. I couldn’t betray him either! When I had this child, I had already let the issue of brother Shi Hai and Wu Fangfang go. That’s why I let Wu Fangfang off the hook!” she explained. “As my stomach grew bigger, I disappeared briefly to give birth to the child in secret. I named him Cheng Xiao, after my surname. Jiang Er was a nickname my mother gave him.”

“Since she knew about the child, did your mother also know about Yang Zebiao?” Zhao Yu asked.

“No!” Cheng Lingfei said sternly. “I understood my mother too well. If she knew that I had something to do with the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case, she would never have kept it a secret. To this day she has no idea who the father of my child is. If I don’t say anything, she wouldn’t dare to ask either!”

“And your mother is now...” Zhao Yu prompted.

“She’s overseas! Although I have the money, they are unable to live a normal life here, so I sent them overseas and let him study there. Since Ah Biao can’t go anywhere, every new year, Jiang Er comes back and stays with us. And in order not to disturb our family reunion, I don’t let my mother come back,” she explained to Zhao Yu.

After listening to Cheng Lingfei speak, Zhao Yu was certain Cheng Lingfei’s mental condition was in a worse state than Yang Zebiao’s. On one hand, she was ruthless and merciless and wouldn’t let anyone who scolded her get away with it; on the other, she had so much love in her for people she cared for, and although Yang Zebiao was irrevocably damaged, she still loved him!

But such twisted love also guaranteed her misfortune. Even with all the power in the world, she would never be able to be as happy as a normal person. Was this some unfortunate destiny or a punishment from God?

“Let’s continue talking about this in chronological order, if not I will confuse myself!” Cheng Lingfei said, slightly tired and dejected. “After taking back my father’s house, I hired a professional interior designer to renovate it and I brought Ah Biao in afterward. I left my most trusted lackeys to look after him so he could live a carefree life.”

“Without anything left to worry about, I was able to relax slightly and focus my efforts on the main event. I got Jiang Ke to expand overseas and help remotely with my business. If it weren’t for me, Jiang Ke would still be a small-time hooligan with nothing to his name, so he owes a lot to me. From the way he looked at me when I was playing the violin, I knew that he had a secret crush on me,” Cheng Lingfei explained. “He even spent a lot of effort getting the commemorative edition CD of Late Autumn with the Japanese writer’s signature.”

“I loved that CD but couldn’t accept it so I gave him a stern warning that it would be impossible for anything to happen between us and that he and I would never be anything more than business relations!” Cheng Lingfei shook her head and let out a sigh. “Thinking back, I should have just accepted that CD!”

“That means... Jiang Ke already knew that you had helped him escape from prison back on the Hong Ming Jiang bridge?” Zhao Yu couldn’t help but ask.

“Of course, from the moment he received the call he knew!” Cheng Lingfei nodded.

“Then did he know about the explosives under his car?” Zhao Yu wondered.

“He knew that too. I had already told him, but who knew why the explosives ultimately didn’t go off!” Cheng Lingfei answered. Oh... Zhao Yu nodded slightly. At the end of the day, Jiang Ke had already known what was going to happen! It was no wonder that after getting off the bridge, he had turned around to look. He was expecting a car explosion!

The conversation with Tian Xudong at the seafood market afterward was also a lie. He couldn’t let anyone know that Cheng Lingfei was the mastermind! And later, when the bread truck charged into the supermarket, although Jiang Ke knew about the explosives, he and Zhao Yu both didn’t realize that the huge fire would ignite them. That explained why he was knocked out by the explosions as well! The whole story made sense now!

Cheng Lingfei showed no signs of stopping and continued her story. "Seizing the company and house back was only the start. My real revenge was yet to come! The first targets were naturally my brothers and sisters, as they had scolded me the most. They deserved to pay the price. After my younger brother and sister were admitted into the mental hospital, in order not to be on the police's radar, I paused my plan for a while."

"During that time, I thought I would quit. But obviously, after everything that had happened my thirst for revenge was insatiable. In those three short years I had already killed all of those who had scolded me!" At this point, Cheng Lingfei became really excited. She seemed proud of what she had accomplished. "All these people mostly died overseas, and in accidents, so nobody would have suspected me. After my revenge, I still felt unsatisfied, so I slowly shifted my efforts towards Jiang Ke and used him to execute my gun challenges one after the other!"

"Only after each success could I feel a small amount of satisfaction. To be honest, I didn't have to use such risky methods and would still have been able to earn lots of money. It was an addiction... Everything went according to plan at first, but who would have thought that the supposedly flawless smoke robbery actually was ruined! Even Jiang Ke got caught in the mess. That really shocked me! Which is how all this eventually came about! Detective Zhao..." Cheng Lingfei glanced at Zhao Yu. "You are indeed impressive. From the Hong Ming River bridge, you've managed to guess my intentions."

"You were right! I was afraid that one day, a detective who specialized in unsolved cases would come knocking on my door, so I was trying to take that chance to get rid of you!" Cheng Lingfei's eyes flickered wickedly. "The Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case was the first crime I committed and it wasn't flawless. Ah Biao being alive is actual evidence, if you put your heart into investigating it there are many loose ends you could find! So, I couldn't let someone like you live!" Cheng Lingfei gritted her teeth. "And killing Wu Fangfang wasn't just about the personal problems I had with her, she also knew too much about me!"

Chapter 1040: Answer

"Perhaps everything going well for so long made me conceited. When it came to Jiang Ke's prison break, I made a rookie mistake. Detective, can you guess what mistake I made?" Cheng Lingfei asked.

"You shouldn't have implicated Yang Zebiao," Miao Ying interrupted before Zhao Yu could speak. "You shouldn't have placed Yang Zebiao's DNA under Wu Fangfang's fingernails."

"That's right!" Cheng Lingfei nodded in approval. "As expected of Detective Zhao's police lover, you are right! Indeed, I went overboard. My original intention was to use Yang Zebiao's DNA to confuse you, so you wouldn't be able to see the real motive. Otherwise, when Wu Fangfang and Jiang Ke's photos appeared it would have been too obvious there was a conspiracy going on."

"Of course, I'll admit that I was also trying to provoke you," Cheng Lingfei said, looking straight at Zhao Yu. "Didn't Detective Zhao already arrest Jiang Ke? Didn't Detective Zhao already solve the Demon case? Isn't Detective Zhao known as the unsolved case master? Alright, here's Yang Zebiao's DNA, come and get me!"

F*ck... Zhao Yu was at a loss and frowned. Who would have known the situation was so complicated?

“But as it turns out, I ended up implicating myself...” Cheng Lingfei said coldly. “Everything I did was based on the assumption that you would die in the explosion on the bridge, so from my point of view it was a good decision!”

That’s right! Zhao Yu recalled that it was indeed Yang Zebiao’s DNA that threw the entire investigation off course. If not for the DNA, he would have sent a few men to interrogate Jiang Ke upon discovering the photos, and he wouldn’t have gone to Yao Ming himself. But the appearance of Yang Zebiao gave Zhao Yu hope that he would be able to solve the Rural Cooperatives Homicide Case, and looking at the bigger picture, he personally went to interrogate Jiang Ke. This caused him to fall into Cheng Lingfei’s trap.

“Although looking at it now, Jiang Ke’s prison break was still considered a failure. When I found out that Cao Sifen sent men to capture Jiang Ke, and that there had been an explosion at the seafood market, I realized that I had to start making new plans! It’s a shame. I thought luck was still on my side and refused to let go of the empire that I had so painstakingly built. Despite knowing that Jiang Ke’s investors had already been arrested, I was still obsessed with that huge fire, hoping it would erase all the evidence,” Cheng Lingfei said, looking at Zhao Yu and sighing with resentment. “Argh! If I had known that you didn’t die then, I would have definitely left!”

Ha... Zhao Yu broke into a cold sweat. Looking back, it was ingenious of him to stay low and play dead. If not, he would never have been able to investigate Cheng Lingfei and she would have been long gone by then! “This is called karma!” Miao Ying chimed in. “Tell us about your escape plans!”

Cheng Lingfei had no qualms and immediately continued her story, talking about how she had needed a helicopter and a ship to smuggle herself abroad. Upon reaching her destination, she had planned for her network to assist her. Everything had been thought out well in advance.

Judging by her honest confession, Zhao Yu could tell that Cheng Lingfei had completely given up. He decided to take this chance and find out exactly what had happened with each murder. Wu Fangfang had been killed by the female killer, He Yubing, with a hammer. The murders of Cao Sifen, Tao Wenming, and the person who poisoned Yu Fusheng, were all Cheng Lingfei’s doing. As for the huge fire, it was a joint effort between Liu Guangxin and He Yubing. After a large number of questions, the interrogation was nearly complete. The remaining minor details could wait until the police station.

“Anyway, my mother, Jiang Er, and Ah Biao are all innocent. All these cases had nothing to do with them. The revenge I’ve sought all these years has been carried out now, and all those who deserve justice have been punished!” Cheng Lingfei said with the same cold expression. “Being caught by the police was also expected, so don’t worry, I’ll cooperate and tell you everything. Not just my stories, I also know some interesting secrets related to both the government and the commercial world. I think I will be dragging a lot of people down with me. Ha! Since so many people are accompanying me to the grave, it’s still a win for me!” Cheng Lingfei let out a chilling laugh.

“Cheng Lingfei...” Miao Ying said seriously. “I have one last question that I really want to know the answer to...”

“Ask away!” Cheng Lingfei said indifferently.

“When you close your eyes, do you ever see Xie Mengqin’s daughter?” Miao Ying asked, staring at Cheng Lingfei. When she heard this, Cheng Lingfei’s face tightened up and twitched.

“Really, not even once?” Miao Ying continued in an icy tone. “You shot a six-year-old girl with your own hands. Doesn’t it weigh on your conscious? Do you not feel any remorse? When you fired the gun, did you see the fear on her face?”

“That...” Cheng Lingfei trembled slightly, seemingly embarrassed.

Miao Ying pressed on. “You keep talking about your revenge, but have you ever thought about it from another point of view? What if Jiang Er was the one who had been shot to death?”

“No! No!” Cheng Lingfei shouted agitatedly. “Stop talking, stop talking!”

“You have caused the deaths of so many people, have you never thought about how you’ve become a homicidal maniac?” Miao Ying continued. “Have you ever thought about the people you’ve killed and their families? Or their loved ones?”

“Stop talking! They all deserved it!” Cheng Lingfei said, getting more agitated. Her hair looked disheveled. “If they had not treated me so cruelly, I would not have had to do what I did. They all deserved it...”

“She’s right,” Zhao Yu took a deep breath and said. “There’s no end to revenge. Cheng Lingfei, you know why the pugilistic world has to abide by rules? If you want revenge, you can have it, but it has to be fair! They scolded you, great. At most, you scold them back. If not, you could have beaten them up. But you went so far as to kill them without giving them a chance to repent. There’s no morality to that!”

“I am not some pugilistic figure! I only care about the motive, not morality!” Cheng Lingfei shouted hysterically, no longer able to keep her composure. “I don’t want to hear these pretentious things from you people!”

“Wrong!” Zhao Yu shook his head and sighed. “I’m not Buddha either, why would I bother teaching you? I’m just trying to make you see it from another angle. I want you to understand that your current plight is the result of your own obsessions. You had a choice and happiness was within your grasp, but you ruined it yourself.”

“I don’t need you to tell me what happiness is!” Cheng Lingfei screamed.

“Do you consider this twisted love you and Yang Zebiao have to be true happiness?” Miao Ying shot back. “In the future when your child is grown and finds out about you two, what will he think?”

“Shut up!” Cheng Lingfei shouted. “You guys are not fit to judge me or my relationship! You guys have never experienced what I have so you’ll never understand! They wouldn’t even give me my cello, I had to take it back for myself!”

Hearing this, Miao Ying wanted to keep pressing Cheng Lingfei, but Zhao Yu stopped her. “Cheng Lingfei, that’s enough!” Zhao Yu said. “You don’t have to get so worked up. About your hatred, you said you read many books but never found the answer, right?” He paused before continuing. “Alright then, let me give you the answer. It has been in front of your face this whole time, but the books you’ve been reading were too profound.”

“What? An answer?” Hearing Zhao Yu’s words, Cheng Lingfei finally calmed down and asked curiously. “You know the answer?”

“Yes!” Zhao Yu said. “The answer lies in what I’ve just said, which is: revenge is not the end. The story continues with one last sentence, and that is to learn to forgive!”

“Wh... what? Learn to forgive?” Cheng Lingfei trembled as she repeated what Zhao Yu said over and over again. “Learn to forgive...”