

Crazy 1071

Chapter 1071: Going Back

In less than ten minutes, Zhao Yu and Xu Hai had driven the Feng Ping Police Station's car from the station to the entrance of Yuan Juncheng's home. According to the GPS, Cui Lizhu's phone signal had disappeared from this location. "It's here!" Zhao Yu said. He was extremely anxious and began to search the area where Cui Lizhu had disappeared.

"Leader Zhao..." Xu Hai said, frowning. "Something doesn't add up... if the phone was dropped or stolen, there should be some kind of response!"

"Wow, you don't say!" Zhao Yu shouted sarcastically. "Cui Lizhu is the daughter of the king of thieves, there's no way it was simply dropped or stolen! Her signal disappearing can only mean one of two things. The first is that it's been switched it off. The second is that someone kidnapped her, took her phone, and turned it off or blocked the signal!"

"K... kidnapped?!" Xu Hai's face paled. "That can't be! I think she just switched it off herself. Or maybe she found some clues?"

"There's a CCTV!" Zhao Yu said, pointing to the entrance. He had not paid attention to Xu Hai's speculations. "Hurry, go check it out!"

"Oh, okay! I'm on it..." Xu Hai rushed off to the security room.

Urgh! I've been so careless! Zhao Yu thought, blaming himself. He looked around the area to see if he could find any evidence that might have been left behind. He had really been too irresponsible this time! He should have known that Cui Lizhu would be important to this case, as she was the only person close to Tao Xian. Especially considering how this case was related to Tao Xiang. How could he have split up with her? Now that Cui Lizhu was missing, what was he supposed to do?

Zhao Yu and Cui Lizhu had come to a certain understanding after having known and interacted with each other for such a long time. He knew that she definitely wouldn't have left without saying goodbye. If she had really intended to remain hidden, she wouldn't have told him about the mansion Tao Xiang left for her or even the box in the wine cellar. As such, Zhao Yu could only assume something unfortunate had happened to her.

Cui Lizhu, please be safe! Zhao Yu thought. He was anxious and flustered. This was nothing like the time in Jin Ping when Cui Lizhu was kidnapped and had her two fingers cut off. He wasn't even as worried then as he was now. There were already more than five dead people in this case. If Cui Lizhu wasn't found quickly, her life could be in serious danger!

Zhao Yu thought hard about how the signal had disappeared from this area. Even though it was during working hours, there were still a decent number of people moving about the area. If she had been kidnapped, this wouldn't have been the place to do so, right? She would probably have been kidnapped in a more isolated location. If that was the case... Zhao Yu walked forward and looked around. Right outside of the area she had disappeared, he found a highway! A highway! he thought. Zhao Yu ran

forward quickly and realized it was deserted. There wasn't a human in sight! At the side of the road stood towering pine trees that blocked the entrance from view.

Oh... Zhao Yu thought as he took a look back. He realized that if Cui Lizhu had left the area, she would inevitably have had to go out to the road. The best time to kidnap her would have been when she was walking out. In other words, Cui Lizhu had most likely been kidnapped here and the person who kidnapped her had been driving!

Glancing at his watch anxiously, Zhao Yu estimated that she would be far away by now considering how much time had passed. That meant that to find her whereabouts, they would have to use traffic cameras and Skynet equipment.

"Officer Zhao, Officer Zhao!" Xu Hai shouted as he ran over with his phone. "A silver-gray van! The brand and plate are indiscernible, but Cui Lizhu... she was taken by a van!" Unexpectedly, just as Zhao Yu was turning to face Xu Hai, Xu Hai raised his arms in shock, pointing behind Zhao Yu. "That vehicle! Isn't it the same?" Xu Hai's eyes were wide, and he was shouting in disbelief.

What?! Zhao Yu thought as he turned around in shock. A silver-gray vehicle drove past them on the highway. It was the same van! The driver seemed anxious and upon reaching the intersection, the side door of the car opened. Although they couldn't see clearly, they noticed a shadow near the bottom of the vehicle. Zhao Yu believed something had been thrown out of the van. Tsk! Once the door closed, the van sped off in a rush.

What even?! Zhao Yu thought to himself. After the van was gone, Zhao Yu was shocked to see that it had not just been an item thrown out of the van, but an actual living person. It was Cui Lizhu! She had tape over her mouth and had been handcuffed. She stood in horror in the middle of the highway.

What?! Zhao Yu thought, shocked, as he rushed forward to help her. Xu Hai had cocked his pistol and ran onto the road, aiming at the van. However, it was too fast and had disappeared before Xu Hai could get a clear shot.

"Lizhu, Lizhu! Are you okay?" Zhao Yu asked, quickly peeling the tape off of her mouth. Cui Lizhu was scared out of her wits.

"I'm... I'm okay! Boss, catch them quickly! They could be the murderers!" Cui Lizhu said, urging Zhao Yu. She was shaking her head in shock.

Zhao Yu relaxed a little after seeing that Cui Lizhu was unharmed. "Xu Hai, take care of Cui Lizhu, I'll chase after them!" he said.

"Uhm... but... it's already out of sight!" Xu Hai said, pointing off into the distance.

"Request for help from traffic police immediately and find out where they're headed, d*mn it. We can't let these a**holes get away!" After giving the order, Zhao Yu jumped in the car they arrived in and drove off in the direction of the van.

As Zhao Yu slammed on the accelerator, he began to question what had just happened. Why had they returned? They had already caught her, why did they release her again? Had they caught the wrong person? If so, they could have left her anywhere. Why return her to the original place? Who was in that van?

As Zhao Yu arrived at a crossroads, he could no longer see any trace of the van and didn't know which direction to go. Zhao Yu picked up his phone but before he could call Xu Hai, his phone rang. It was Li Jing calling.

"Hello?" Li Jing said anxiously. "Leader Zhao, did you find her? Is everything okay?"

"Yes, we did!" Zhao Yu replied. "But I'm chasing after the kidnappers now! Quickly, let Li Beini know and ask her to monitor the cameras!" He then described the van in detail.

"Alright!" Li Jing said hurriedly. "I'll let her know now and request traffic assistance! Leader Zhao, you must catch them, they might be the murderers!"

"Got it, keep the call on!" Zhao Yu answered. "I'm at the crossroad and the suspect's van has gone missing. Check the camera at this intersection first and see where they went!" Suddenly, Zhao Yu remembered he had a tool in the system, the Copy Camera Tool. This tool let him connect to a target camera and see everything that had been filmed.

Sh*t! How could I forget that? Zhao Yu thought. He had never used it before, but quickly turned it on and aimed it at the intersection's camera.

Chapter 1072: Rushing Undercurrent

Half an hour later, at the Feng Ping Police Station, Special Investigation Team's temporary office.

Zhao Yu and the rest of the team were already gathered while Cui Lizhu was being escorted to the office by medical personnel. "Argh! It's okay, I'm fine!" Cui Lizhu waved them away. "I was conscious the whole time, they didn't drug me at all! I'm okay..."

"Alright, fine," Zhao Yu said. Upon Cui Lizhu's insistence, he dismissed the medical staff who had been attempting to examine her. With the Invisible Detector, he was able to confirm there were no tracking or listening devices on her.

"Leader, leader!" Li Beini said hurriedly. "You were right, the car disappeared after making a right turn at Ding Xiang Road! We found the license plate number, but it was a fake!" Earlier, when Zhao Yu had tried to give chase, despite having located the suspected vehicle via his Copy Camera tool, he was ultimately unable to catch them. The van had disappeared into thin air.

"The car is a Mercedes Benz V-Class. There are obvious signs that the car has been modified!" Liu Zhanbing said as he took out a photo of the vehicle. "The tires on it were really deep to carry a heavier load!"

"That can't be right, there was nothing in there other than a few computers!" Cui Lizhu chimed in.

"Weren't you blindfolded?!" Zhao Yu asked.

"I got it!" Li Jing said, suddenly interrupting. "It's a bulletproof car. That's why it's heavy!"

"Bulletproof... car?" Everyone was shocked. "What's that supposed to mean? Isn't this murderer a bit too wild?" someone asked.

"It's not wild, it's professionalism!" Liu Zhanbing corrected.

"Xiao Cui!" Zhao Yu said, placing his hands onto Cui Lizhu's shoulders. "Are you saying that you were aware of everything that was happening? Hurry and tell us the details! How many people were there? What exactly happened?"

"There were only two of them!" Cui Lizhu said in a fearful tone, rubbing the broken part of her little finger. "One was driving and the other grabbed me! When it happened, I was at the entrance and just about to call you. I was going to take a taxi back to the police station to meet you. But almost immediately when I got onto the highway, the silver-gray van drove straight towards me!" Cui Lizhu recalled. "At that moment, I couldn't react and before I knew it, they had taken me. He had a lot of strength and I wasn't able to resist. He covered my mouth so I couldn't scream for help, and then he handcuffed me and asked me a few questions."

"Leader, these are not police handcuffs," Li Beini said. "They're rather delicate and were probably purchased online."

"Did you see them clearly?" Zhao Yu asked Cui Lizhu.

"Yes, I did!" Cui Lizhu said, nodding. "One was rather handsome. He was wearing a cap and spoke gently, but he was really strong! I, uhm, I remember what he looked like! We can do a sketch later!"

"What even...?!" Zhao Yu exclaimed. "They even dared to show their faces?! The arrogance!"

"Sister Cui Lizhu," Li Jing asked quietly. "Are you sure they didn't lay a finger on you? Like, uhm, did they use truth serum?"

"No, as I've already said, they didn't give me any drugs or inject me with anything! Other than pushing me out of the van, they were really gentle!" Cui Lizhu said, giving Li Jing a serious look, her eyes widened. "Wait, who are you?"

"This is the new team leader, Li Jing!" Zhao Yu told her.

"Wow, another beautiful woman!" Cui Lizhu said playfully. "Our boss sure lucked out again! This time, Miss Miao is going to be so jealous!"

"Stop spouting nonsense!" Zhao Yu urged. "Hurry up and tell me, what did they ask you?"

"There's no 'them', it was just him!" Cui Lizhu corrected him. "From the start, it was just the handsome guy with the cap speaking to me. The driver was a fat man with a full beard. I didn't see his appearance clearly, and he didn't say anything. As for the handsome guy, he mainly just asked me a few questions and uhm, he asked me if Tao Xiang was already dead."

"I said yes!" she continued. "Then he asked me if Tao Xiang had left anything behind for me and I told him that he had only left me a box of ashes. After that, he asked me to tell him where Tao Xiang's notebook was and if I had it with me or not." At this point, Cui Lizhu paused briefly. "When I heard him ask that question, I acted dumb. I said I didn't know what he was talking about!"

"Tsch!" Zhao Yu said, frowning. It was obvious that the culprits knew the answers to the first two questions and that their real motive had been to find out about Tao Xiang's notebook. Zhao Yu glanced

over at Li Beini. Fortunately, Tao Xiang's box of items had been kept in the police station. There might have been a huge problem if they had been with Cui Lizhu.

"What happened after that?" Li Jing asked curiously, urging Cui Lizhu to continue.

"After that, the handsome guy wanted to know about specific contents from the notebook and even threatened to take my life if I didn't cooperate with them!" Cui Lizhu answered.

"What did you say?" Li Jing asked again.

"I was frightened, and my mind was a mess, so I just blurted out the first thing that came to my mind," Cui Lizhu said. "I told him that my dad had indeed left me a notebook that contained advanced techniques for thieves and that they would allow me to continue his career and become the second-generation King of Thieves! After hearing this, the man couldn't control his temper and started to, uhm, he started to threaten me and said if I didn't tell him the contents of the notebook, he would cut off my fingers!" After saying this, Cui Lizhu raised both her hands and let everyone see that she had only eight fingers.

"And then what? Did you tell him?" Zhao Yu asked hurriedly.

"I was going to say something, but at that moment he received a call and then he brought me back to where I was! Leader..." Cui Lizhu said, nodding. "It's really obvious that the handsome guy was merely working for someone. There's a mastermind behind this whole thing!"

"Ah..." Zhao Yu thought through the events that had transpired and found everything that had happened to be too strange. It was clear that their motive for kidnapping Cui Lizhu was to gather information about Tao Xiang, but if so, why did they release her after receiving the call?

"Leader!" Zhang Jingfeng said, pointing at the door. "The sketch artist from Feng Ping has arrived. You can start now!"

"Oh," Zhao Yu said, patting Cui Lizhu on the shoulders and motioning for her to go work with the artist to get the sketch done.

"Something's not right..." Li Jing said in a hushed voice after Cui Lizhu left. "Leader Zhao, could the kidnappers that took Cui Lizhu be from some organization?"

"Hmm?" Zhao Yu was slightly taken aback, as Li Jing had seemingly read his mind. Judging from the way the kidnappers carried out their plans, Zhao Yu felt that they were probably not cold-blooded murderers. They had used a method similar to what the police would have done. There was also a computer in the van, the same way there would be in a police commander's car. Could there be another group of people investigating this?

Zhao Yu thought about it and found it incredulous. They were the special group assigned by the Criminal Investigation Department and they had applied for this case by following the standard procedures. If another team had been working on the case, his superiors would definitely have let him know about it!

"Leader Zhao, how about this? I'll tell my superiors about it and let them know the situation. If our case really does clash with that of another department, at least there won't be any miscommunication!" Li Jing said. It was as if she could read Zhao Yu's mind.

“Yeah,” Zhao Yu said, nodding in agreement. From his point of view, Li Jing had already grown a lot. He felt like this beautiful girl, who seemed to be just a dainty princess, was not as simple as she appeared to be. Some of her ideas and stances were more brilliant than his own!

Oh... he thought. He finally understood that under the proper leadership, there were no weak soldiers. Chief Jiao had posted her here for a reason, and that reason wasn't to act as an ornament! While Li Jing was on the phone, the hexagram in Zhao Yu's brain had finally completed. This time, the Kun Dui diagram had attained a 291% achievement rate and he received double points as well as ten tools as a reward.

However, although the hexagram had ended, everything that had just happened caused Zhao Yu to be even more alert. He felt as though the case and the list of names of people who had been murdered were like an undercurrent rushing beneath him, and he was about to be swept away!

Chapter 1073: The Motive for the Murder Doesn't Make Sense

The Gen Dui Hexagram was Zhao Yu's latest. The Gen represented the case, while Dui represented wealth.

Phew... Zhao Yu thought. After seeing this hexagram come up, Zhao Yu was relieved and felt like he could finally get back into his usual rhythm. He always had an inexplicable feeling like something wasn't quite right regarding the case. At least the crimes of the cases he had cracked previously had been clear, and Zhao Yu could devote himself to them.

This time it had been completely different! First, there had been the sudden, shocking appearance of treasure. Then that was followed by a series of potential murders because of it. Although it had been proven that Yuan Juncheng had been murdered, Zhao Yu couldn't help but feel that there was something odd about this case.

Treasure, murder, and a group that kidnapped then released Cui Lizhu... all this made Zhao Yu feel apprehensive. What was the truth behind this case? Did the shocking treasure written about in the notebook really exist? And how did the people on the list of names die?

Sigh... I've got to steady myself... Zhao Yu thought as he quietly tried to calm himself by thinking about his past experiences. Whenever something was as complicated as this, it was imperative he retained his sense of direction. He made sure to hold onto the key points of the case. In this case, one of the key points was obviously the five dead people! He would only be able to turn this case on its head after he figured out the reason for their deaths.

As Zhao Yu was sitting deep in thought, the police officers at Feng Ping police station prepared the whiteboards that he had asked for. Looking at the familiar whiteboards, Zhao Yu wasted no time. Out of a force of habit, he immediately stepped forward and began calmly writing the details on them.

Many of the team members were aware of Zhao Yu's habits and nobody bothered him. Everyone worked on their individual assignments instead. Around that time, Li Jing returned to the office after making some phone calls. She had nothing to do and took great interest in Zhao Yu as he worked at the

whiteboard. She stood behind him and watched his every movement. As time passed, the team members came back with new information.

The first piece of news was that, based on Skynet and traffic monitors, Xu Hai had reconstructed parts of the silver-gray van's tracks. Just as Zhao Yu thought. The driver was very professional and made use of the CCTV's blind spots so the police wouldn't be able to track them.

Next, the sketch artist had finished drawing the person who kidnapped Cui Lizhu based on her description. However, after several rounds of data comparison, the identity of this man was still uncertain. Zhao Yu believed that the man showed his face so openly because he had nothing to fear. So, there probably would not be any clues even if they continued searching for him that way.

Lastly, during the rushed hours of the evening, Li Beini had investigated the most important thing. By gathering information from various local police offices, Li Beini verified that the four names remaining on Tao Xiang's list had died under similar circumstances to Yuan Juncheng. The blood test reports from three of them showed the same telltale traces that Pitidebin exhibited. Only one of the deceased had not had a blood test done due to his old age, but based on his family's reaction, even though he was older his heart had never shown any signs of weakness. Thus, Zhao Yu and his gang could confirm that the unticked names on Tao Xiang's list had all been murdered!

The strangest thing about this was that the five people died in the same order that their names were written in on Tao Xiang's list. This raised Zhao Yu's suspicions. There was definitely a connection between the murderer and Tao Xiang's list!

"Pitidebin..." Li Jing said. She frowned as she gazed at the whiteboard filled with Zhao Yu's writing. "This drug is really rare and extremely precious. The person who used this drug to kill these people was a bit of a spendthrift, no? I can't help but feel that whoever had this drug could have better put it to use by murdering tycoons or influential political figures! Isn't a bit excessive to use it to kill some cultural heritage scholars?"

"Sigh..." Zhao Yu shook his head. "Anything is possible! What if someone had gotten hold of the recipe and mass-produced it?"

"Oh my god!" Xu Hai was speechless. "It'd be catastrophic if it could be mass-produced! The way I see it, the water we drink, the food we eat... don't we have to be more careful? What if it's been drugged? You wouldn't even know how you died!"

"No, it's not!" Li Beini explained. "Pitidebin can only be delivered by injection, and it has to be a certain dose and concentration. It's not as simple as you think!"

"Oh..." Xu Hai said, nodding. "That means there should be needle marks on the deceased! It's a pity, their bodies have already been..."

"If that's the case," Li Jing said. "Doesn't that make these murderers professional killers?! Leader Zhao, we're lucky you pay attention to even the smallest of details, otherwise, these poor people would have suffered wrongful deaths without anybody ever knowing the truth!"

"But..." Cui Lizhu said. "There's a total of 16 people on my father's list of names, and eleven were ticked. I wonder if the deaths of these 11 people had anything to do with the murderer as well..."

“This is no longer a simple case!” Zhang Jingfeng said as he picked up a stack of materials. “I’ve investigated everything from the start and none of them died of heart attacks. Besides, many of them died very long ago, so I’m afraid it’s almost impossible to confirm whether or not they had been murdered.”

“It’s okay!” Zhao Yu said, looking at the whiteboard. “Right now, the main goal is to verify the causes of death for these five people! If we can catch the murderer, they might be the key to unlocking the bigger puzzle! Old Zhang, Xu Hai! I’ve got a few names here from Yuan Juncheng’s wife. These people are more familiar with his work, so the two of you visit them today. See what Yuan Juncheng was really doing and what really caused his death” Zhao Yu ordered.

“Roger!” The two men replied. They immediately left to investigate after receiving the names from Zhao Yu.

“Beini!” Zhao Yu said, waving at Li Beini. “Get the police officers who visited the other four deceased’s family and friends to check what they are doing now and what they were doing before the deaths!”

“Okay!” Li Beini said, immediately returning to his desk and starting to work.

“Right!” Li Jing said, pointing to the five names on the board and nodding. “Other than working in similar fields, these five people have nothing in common, so why did Tao Xiang write their names on the list? And why did the murderer want to kill them? Leader Zhao... could it be... it could be because of the treasure, right? The five of them knew something about the treasure so the murderer injected them with a truth serum. I guess he wanted to find out what they knew about the treasure?”

“But the strangest thing about this case is...” Zhao Yu said calmly. “If the five of them knew about the treasure, why has it not been unearthed yet?”

“That’s true, it really is weird!” Li Jing frowned.

“Also, he used the truth serum, so why did he have to kill them?” Zhao Yu wondered.

“What you’re trying to say is that they already had the answer, so in order to keep the deceased from leaking what they knew, the murderer was forced to silence them? That...” Li Jing silently shook her head. “That doesn’t make sense...” Li Jing’s phone began to ring as she finished speaking. She looked at Zhao Yu as she answered the phone.

“Really? Are you telling the truth?” Li Jing exclaimed, shocked. “If that’s the case, then this is becoming more and more interesting!”

Chapter 1074: Putting up Airs

“My friend in Japan just got back to me!” Li Jing explained to a puzzled Zhao Yu after she hung up the phone. “He has reliable information that says the treasure does exist. After Japan was defeated, they have indeed come to China looking for it!”

“Ah?” Zhao Yu was in a daze. “What does that mean? The Japanese are looking for it too? But why? Weren’t they the ones who buried the treasure? If so, then why would they have to look for it?”

“There isn’t concrete evidence...” Li Jing began, “But according to some professional analysis, there may have been some unforeseen circumstances the year when the Japanese Kwantung Army buried the treasure that resulted in the loss of the information. They were too strict about confidentiality and ended up losing the clues to find the treasure!”

“Unforeseen circumstances?” Zhao Yu asked, frowning. “That can’t be! This is such a big thing. How could they simply lose the treasure like it’s a toy?”

“It’s actually very possible!” Li Jing said. “At that time, when Japan was facing defeat, the Soviets were bombing the Kwantung Army and relentlessly pursuing them day and night. Accidents were inevitable!”

“Oh. That means that the Japanese don’t know where the treasure is buried either,” Zhao Yu said, shaking his head. “This has really... this has gotten more and more interesting! Leader Li, how did your friend do it? How did he find this information?”

“Hehe, that’s a secret!” Li Jing said, smiling slightly.

“So... have the Japanese found it yet?” Zhao Yu asked.

“Well, that’s a mystery!” Li Jing replied. “I personally feel that either it hasn’t been found, or if they have found it, they can’t remove it, so they haven’t bothered to continue looking.”

“Or perhaps...” Zhao Yu said. “The case we’re investigating is related to Little Japan!”

“Leader Zhao!” Li Jing said, solemnly nodding her head. “This case involves a national treasure. In order to safeguard our nation’s interests, please crack this case no matter what it takes and make sure the truth comes to light! Just like... just like the Headless Female Corpse Case or the Demonic Case!”

“Heh, that’s a given!” Zhao Yu said, scratching his head. He wasn’t susceptible to coercion but flattery often worked, so Li Jing’s praises made him feel smug with glee.

“I’ve already enlisted all my friends,” Li Jing continued. “I’ve got them keeping an eye on the movements of the Japanese and they’re also checking to see if the murders of the scholars had anything to do with them.” Zhao Yu nodded silently as Li Jing finished. He had come to a new understanding concerning the pretty leader. Even though she was soft-spoken, every sentence she said was spot on.

“D*mn it! What kind of situation is this?” Just as Zhao Yu and Li Jing finished talking, Zhang Jingfeng sprang from his seat and rushed towards Zhao Yu while shouting. “Leader, leader! Hurry up and take a look! It’s like I’ve seen a living ghost!”

“What’s wrong? What is it?” Zhao Yu asked, walking steadily towards Zhang Jingfeng to demonstrate that he had ample experience with staying calm in intense situations. “What’s the fuss about? Remember, you’re a special investigator now, you have to be calm. C. A. L. M. Understand? I’ve told you before! Now tell me, what happened?”

“Yes, uhm, no...” Zhang Jingfeng’s forehead was sweaty and his face was pale. He pointed to the windows he had open on his monitor while frantically shouting, “I... I was tracking the escape route of the van, but as I continued to track it, I actually... I actually tracked it... uhm... you better take a look outside the window...”

“What?” Zhao Yu asked. Only then did he realize how big of a deal the situation that was unfolding actually was. He took long strides towards the window and looked down. In the parking lot outside the window, a silver-grey van was parked. The exact same silver-gray van that had taken Cui Lizhu!

‘The f*ck?!’ Zhao Yu immediately took his pistol out and rushed through the office door. Before he could even take two steps outside, the door of the office was pushed open and a young man wearing a gray cap strode in.

“What the f*ck?!” This time it was Cui Lizhu, sitting near the door, who exclaimed. She pointed to the young man as she shouted. “That’s him, that’s the guy who grabbed me!” Xu Hai was standing the closest to Cui Lizhu. He quickly took out his pistol and stood in front of her. As the young man entered the office, several people followed him in. Although they were dressed casually, they all had a menacing aura around them.

“Haha!” The young man took the lead. Removing his cap, he shouted at Zhao Yu. “Leader Zhao Yu, we meet again!” The face beneath the cap was handsome and angular. He was not exceptionally tall, but his eyes were sparkling and full of energy.

“Wow, so handsome...” Cui Lizhu sighed, smitten, before quietly continuing to mumble, “it’s a pity your cap is so low and you’re a little short...” Zhao Yu looked the man over. He was definitely the suspect the sketch artist had drawn, but Zhao Yu had never met this man before.

“Hahaha!” The man smiled and approached Zhao Yu, taking the chance to introduce himself. “Everyone, don’t misunderstand me! Leader Zhao, I am Xiao Hang from the Special Service. You may not know me, but we have crossed paths several times!”

Zhao Yu was holding his gun but wasn’t aiming it at anyone. Although the whole incident had happened in the blink of an eye, it was obvious to him that the people standing here were definitely part of the Special Service. If not, they would not have been able to enter so easily. “Oh?” Zhao Yu crossed his arms and looked Xiao Hang over from head to toe. “What is this Special Service you speak of?”

“Huh?” Xiao Hang smiled slightly. “You, the famous, godly detective Zhao Yu, have never heard of the Special Service?”

Special Service? Zhao Yu thought. He vaguely remembered the year he had met his father-in-law Miao Kun at a small restaurant, He, too, had said he was part of the Special Service. Were these two groups and the same?

“I’m sorry...” At this point, Li Jing came forth and spoke directly to Xiao Hang, her face straight. “This is a police station! I’d like to see some identification please!”

“Oh? And this is...” Xiao Hang looked Li Jing over and snapped his fingers at the subordinates behind him. One of them handed a stack of documents to Li Jing.

“Leader Zhao, everything seems to be in order!” Li Jing whispered to Zhao Yu after looking through the documents.

“D*mn it!” Zhao Yu cursed. In the past, he would not have cared less who the other party was, he would simply have kicked them straight to h*ll. But he was a changed man. He knew that as the leader of the special team, he shouldn’t get distracted or act out. So, he chose not to react violently and simply

smirked instead. "Hahaha! You're actually my fellow f*cking colleagues! You guys are way too rude! How can you just kidnap someone like that right from the get-go? Do you think you're some big shots?"

Cui Lizhu silently gave Zhao Yu a big thumbs up while she almost lost her breath from laughing.

"You..." Xiao Hang's men glared at Zhao Yu intently.

"Hahaha! Leader Zhao! Your reputation precedes you. Truly well-deserved!" Xiao Hang said. He could not care less and actually followed Cui Lizhu in praising Zhao Yu. "But please don't misunderstand, godly Detective Zhao. I'm not here today to cause problems. Although I'm higher in rank than you, I can't afford to offend you. I mean, you're so violent you were able to knock out the world champion fighter Sangrov!"

Chapter 1075: Argue for Reasons

Sangrov...? Oh... Zhao Yu thought, raising an eyebrow as if he had come to some sort of realization. Zhao Yu's father-in-law, Miao Kun, was from the Special Service. The same department as Xiao Hang. Now that Xiao Hang had brought up Sangrov, it was an obvious hint that the night Miao Kun invited him to dinner, Xiao Hang had also been present. He had been in the Miao family mansion to witness the fight between Sangrov and himself! That meant that Xiao Hang and his father-in-law, Miao Kun, were possibly related. Was Xiao Hang trying to worm his way into becoming closer to him?

"Regarding Ms. Cui, it was all a misunderstanding!" Xiao Hang said, smiling and waving. "We only had some of the information, and knowing that she is Tao Xiang's daughter, we figured we could catch her to understand more about the situation. We did not expect that she was already part of the godly Detective Zhao's investigative team. I'm truly sorry about what happened! Luckily, the superiors informed us of this in time, or else this whole thing would have been blown out of proportion!"

"Ew!" Zhao Yu suddenly pinched his nose and turned to face his teammates. "Who the h*ll farted, why is it so smelly?" Hearing Zhao Yu's accusations, Xiao Hang's subordinates could no longer hold it in and were close to scolding Zhao Yu until Xiao Hang held out his hands to stop them.

Zhao Yu did not believe Xiao Hang's explanation. Cui Lizhu was not some newbie, she had been part of the Special Investigations Team for a while now, and had been heavily involved with the entire process during the Demon Case. She had long been recognized by the superiors of the Criminal Department, and even though she had changed teams, she had already amassed quite a reputation for herself. So, how could these people who were supposedly professionals from Special Services make such a rookie mistake? There had to be another reason why they had kidnapped Cui Lizhu. They had either wanted to give Zhao Yu and the others a warning or they had some other ulterior motives.

"Godly Detective Zhao," Xiao Hang said playfully. "I hope you can understand one thing. I didn't come here just to waste my saliva and time speaking with you. The efficiency of your criminal department is truly something else..." At this point, he glanced at his watch to make a point.

Right at that moment, Zhao Yu's phone rang. It was the Criminal Department's head office. After answering the call, Zhao Yu found that an anxious Chief Jiao was on the other end. "Zhao Yu, listen to me!" she said. "There have been some changes to the case you are currently investigating. Special

Services has taken over the case. From here on out, you just have to cooperate with them. Their people will contact you soon...”

What... Zhao Yu thought. His heart skipped a beat. He had not expected Special Services to be this well-regarded. Even Chief Jiao had to personally contact him. Seeing the change in Zhao Yu’s expression, Xiao Hang smirked arrogantly.

“Zhao Yu, listen well!” Chief Jiao continued solemnly, saying, “Special Services is not your typical department. They’re a tier above homeland security and have priority in terms of authority. Our criminal teams cannot afford to offend them, so whatever they want, just try your best...”

“What? What did you say?” Zhao Yu asked, pretending to be confused. “The signal here is really bad, I can’t hear you well...”

“Zhao Yu!” Chief Jiao said, about to lose her patience. “I’m warning you... Special Services are different from everyone else. You better pay attention to your actions. If you offend them, forget me, not even God will be able to save you.”

Zhao Yu secretly hung up the phone. After he had hung up, he pretended to yell at the phone. “What? Oh? Lao Liu? You’re asking me about the stocks, right? I asked around, the stock market has been stable recently, and you can’t make much money. How about this, the few billions you have, hold on to it for now and invest it another time. I’ll recommend a few to you...”

Listening to Zhao Yu spout nonsense, his colleagues towards him and frowned. The atmosphere in the room had turned abnormally tense. Until he hung up his fake call, there was dead silence in the room.

“Uhm...” Xiao Hang began, his expression unreadable. “Godly Detective Zhao, isn’t this all a bit pointless?”

Beep, beep, beep... Just as Xiao Hang finished his sentence, Li Jing’s phone rang. She quickly retreated to a corner to answer the call. Judging by her expressions and gestures, it seemed to be a call from her superiors asking her to cooperate with the Special Service team.

“Fuhaha!” Zhao Yu pointed at the phone. “Some people think that just because I’m some godly detective, everything I touch will turn to gold. They even come to me for advice on things like buying stocks, how irritating! Hahaha! Xiao... uhm, sorry, Xiao what were we talking about again? Where were we earlier? I believe you were midway through your sentence when you let out that huge fart?”

“Hey!” one of Xiao Hang’s subordinates shouted, no longer able to suppress his anger. “How can you speak to him like that? Some sort of lousy leader you are! What are you upset about?”

“What are YOU upset about?” Cui Lizhu replied curtly. “You kidnapped a member of the criminal investigation department’s special team! We have the right to arrest you immediately!” After hearing Cui Lizhu’s words, the Special Services team began laughing maniacally.

“Hmph!” Xiao Hang said coldly after he had stopped laughing. His facial expression had changed.

“Leader Zhao, let’s do away with the formalities. I’ve said this earlier and I’ll say it again, I’m not here to discuss anything, or even to collaborate with you. I’m merely here to give you orders. You guys have to do whatever I tell you to do. If you continue to speak rudely to me, prepare the face the consequences!”

“Hey!” Li Jing, finished with her call, cut in righteously before Zhao Yu had time to speak. “Even if you are of a higher rank, you must still do things according to your principles! As a member of the country’s most important investigation departments, you as Special Services should be setting an example for us and act as a role model! Officer Xiao, it was illegal for you to kidnap our Special Investigation Team member. If you don’t properly explain this, we will not cooperate with you!”

Li Jing’s words left Zhao Yu feeling dazed. He had assumed that after Li Jing’s phone call with her superiors, she would advise him not to confront the Special Services team. Who would have thought that she would stand by his side in this argument?

“Oh? And who are you? I am speaking to Leader Zhao. Did I give you permission to speak?” Xiao Hang asked, glancing at Li Jing scornfully.

“I am this Special Investigation Team’s group leader, Li Jing! If you have something to say, you can say it to me!” Li Jing said in a commanding tone. “Yes, it is true that we received an order from our superiors. But even though we are obligated to cooperate with you, you should still give us a reasonable explanation! The most important thing in our line of work is sincerity. If you’re going to be so rude, I’m afraid it’s going to make it hard to follow you. If that means we go up against our superiors then so be it! It’s of no loss to us!”

“Great, well said!” Cui Lizhu said, clapping for Li Jing despite being in shock.

“Ha...” Xiao Hang shook his head and sighed. “What an eloquent female leader! Your criminal investigation office really is full of talent. Great! Since it’s come to this, I won’t hold back.” Xiao Hang took out a pair of handcuffs and threw them onto the table, pointing at Cui Lizhu. “We hereby suspect Cui Lizhu on the grounds that her identity may be a threat to national security. We will bring her back to cooperate with the investigation. How’s that for an explanation? Are you satisfied?”

“How dare you!” Li Jing said, agitated. “Cui Lizhu is a member of our Special Investigation Team. You think you can just take her away like that? What evidence do you have?”

“It’s simple!” Xiao Hang laughed coldly. “It’s because she’s Tao Xiang’s daughter! We suspect she was involved in things that were not reported and we require her to assist in these investigations. Team, get her!” Under the orders of Xiao Hang, his subordinates immediately swarmed around Cui Lizhu to arrest her!

Chapter 1076: Heavenly Kings

“Hey hey hey! Don’t be reckless!” Upon seeing the group rush towards Cui Lizhu, Li Zhanbing and Xu Hai stepped in front of her. Zhang Jingfeng had picked up a chair. However, the Special Services team could not care less and they continued to advance. In that instant, the atmosphere in the office became hostile and a fight was about to break out at any minute.

“Fuhahaha!” Zhao Yu suddenly burst out in maniacal laughter. His laughter boomed like thunder and made everyone stop what they were doing. “Xiao... what was it again?” Zhao Yu said to Xiao Hang, grinning. “Do you have like, zero creativity? Do you feel like taking Cui Lizhu away right in front of my

eyes makes you some kind of bigshot? Let me tell you something. I take care of Xiao Cui as if she was my own blood! If anyone dares to touch her, they'll have to go through me, Zhao Yu, first!"

"Hmph!" Xiao Hang sneered. "Don't think so highly of yourself! Everyone else thinks you're some genius, but to me you're nothing! Let me tell you, I'm here on official business, and since you guys are not cooperating with me, I have no choice but to use my fists instead of my words!"

"Well, would you look at that! Revealing your true nature in the face of adversity!" Zhao Yu laughed and clapped his hands. "And to think you still dare to say you're not threatening us. Do you think I'm stupid? You took the initiative to come here, not for our Xiao Cui, but for us! Since you need our help, why not ask nicely instead of being so rude?"

"Haha! What a joke!" Xiao Hang laughed. "We're with the Special Service, why should we beg you? I've already told you that these are orders and you have to cooperate with our investigation. This case is a matter of national interest and concerns our country's secrets. If you defy my orders, then prepare to bear the consequences!"

"Nonsense!" Li Jing snarled angrily. "Cui Lizhu is a special investigator from the Criminal Department. If you want to arrest her, show me a warrant of some sort! You can't just walk in here and do as you please!"

"A warrant?" Xiao Hang stared blankly. "Is this your first day of work? Don't you know that we, as Special Services, are above this? Fine, you want documents? I will send them to your phone in the next five minutes!"

"You..." Li Jing said angrily. "This is as good as bullying!"

"Leader Li, don't be angry!" Zhao Yu advised. "They're just using Xiao Cui as a cover. They really just want to intimidate us!"

"You want us to investigate? Then let's do things according to standard protocol!" Li Jing said angrily. "Why do you have to be so impulsive? When did we offend you?"

"Alright then," Xiao Hang said. His eyes widened as he had listened to Li Jing speak. "Since it's come to this, I will cut to the chase. As long as you give us all the information you have regarding the treasure and Cui Lizhu, we will no longer interfere with your team. You guys can even go to Tian Qing Temple for a holiday if you wanted to for all we care! Haha!" Xiao Hang's subordinates burst out in laughter upon hearing this.

"You! Bully!" Li Jing scolded. "Fine! I'll go and reason with the relevant superiors. You will regret whatever you're doing now. Don't think that just because you're in a position of authority you can do whatever you want! Hmph!"

"Ha! That's great!" Xiao Hang signaled to his subordinates again. "Let's see then, who will be the one to feel regret at the end of this. Come, catch her! See who dares to stop us." Xiao Hang's subordinates began their advance towards Cui Lizhu again at his orders.

"You dare to continue?!" Zhang Jingfeng picked up the chair once again and prepared to fight. However, he had barely finished his sentence when one of the Special Service members knocked him onto the floor.

“You a**holes! Ah!” Xu Hai snarled and ran forward to tackle one of the Special Service members. Surprisingly, the man had exemplary reflex and in the blink of an eye, he grabbed and threw Xu Hai, sending him crashing into the table.

D*mn it! Zhao Yu swore in his mind. Zhao Yu didn’t think the other party would have actually started a fight. He was now eager to find a chance to use violence! Since the other parties had crossed the line first, he no longer had any reason to remain silent and launched into a flying kick, hitting a Secret Service member in the back. Going by the laws of physics, even though Zhao Yu had used only 70% of his strength, the person who had received the blow should at least fall to the ground even if he wasn’t sent flying. But to Zhao Yu’s horror, after his kick connected, the man’s body just shook a little. He stood still like an iron column, not falling. The Secret Service member turned to look at Zhao Yu, his eyes gleaming with malicious intent.

F*ck! Zhao Yu thought. This time, he couldn’t help but be shocked. Was this person even human? Thinking back, other than the international agents that he had encountered on Lan Ding Island, Zhao Yu had never seen such a strong person. He realized now that these Special Service members were no ordinary people. Looking at Xiao Hang’s subordinates, even though they were not exceptionally big and muscular or tall and mighty, each of them presented a fierce, warrior-like presence. Clearly, they were all skilled special agents!

“Hahaha!” It was Xiao Hang’s turn to laugh. “Leader Zhao, are you surprised? All I did was praise you a bit earlier, did that go to your head? Did you think that you’d be considered a world champion too just because you beat one? What you don’t know is that all of us in Special Services can beat the sh*t out of people like Sangrov as well! How about it, Detective Zhao? Do you still fancy a fight?”

Oh? Zhao Yu felt a peculiar feeling after hearing Xiao Hang’s words. The arrogance of these people! Were they here just to provoke him? But Zhao Yu was no mortal either. After thinking it over briefly, he said to Xiao Hang, “Alright! Since you want to taste my fist, let’s establish some ground rules. I’ll play along!”

“Ha! You’re indeed the crazy detective the legends speak of,” Xiao Hang said, a glimpse of evil in his eyes. “Since this is what you wanted, you better not regret it!”

“A true gentleman keeps his promise!” Zhao Yu vowed, standing upright. “One by one, or all together, it’s up to you!”

“Hahaha!” Xiao Hang threw his head back and laughed. “What big talk, so arrogant! Zhao Yu, do you really believe you’re invincible? Today, I will introduce you to someone greater than you! How about this? I will challenge you personally. We can have a battle fit for the heavens!”

“You?!” Zhao Yu looked at the leader of the Special Services, who was half a head shorter than him. “What do you mean a battle fit for the heavens? Did you do any research before coming here? Look at those who came before me, what happened to them in the end?”

“Ha!” Xiao Hang smiled. His men laughed along with him. “Zhao Yu, since you’re looking for death, don’t blame me for going all out! How about this, if you can win against me, we’ll forget everything that happened today. But if you lose, you have to promise me two things. Promise me you’ll give me all the information you have and you’ll let me take Cui Lizhu away!”

“Ha! Keep dreaming!” Zhao Yu retorted without hesitating. “Do you take me as a fool? Everything you offered only benefits you. If you lose there’s no big loss for you, that won’t do! How about if I win, you give me all the information you have, and you bow before my comrade Xiao Cui. How about that?”

“Fair enough!” Xiao Hang responded. Who would have thought that in the face of Zhao Yu’s proposal, Xiao Hang would agree to the terms on the spot? “As you wish. Today I will make you pay for your arrogance!”

Chapter 1077: Fight of the Best

Zhao Yu knew that in order to lead the Special Services team, Xiao Hang’s abilities would naturally surpass those of the average agent. Even though Xiao Hang wasn’t exceptionally tall, he would be much more powerful than the rest of his men. Based on the previous failed kick, Zhao Yu was able to gauge the average strength in their team and recognized that he was no match for Xiao Hang. But he had a competitive streak and knew he could win with an Energy Booster.

“No, absolutely no way! L... leader Zhao!” Li Jing said quietly, turning and squinting her eyes at Zhao Yu. “You are no match for him! He is a member of the Special Services, a special agent! There’s no way you can win against him!”

“Ha, nice joke!” Zhao Yu said, thumping his chest. “When have I, Zhao Tianba... uhm, I mean when have I, godly detective Zhao, ever been called a chicken? Come, let me teach you a lesson or two!” He gestured towards Xiao Hang.

“That won’t do!” Li Jing said loudly. “He is a Special Services member! Even if you win, all he has to do is submit a report and you’ll be screwed!”

“No need, no need!” Xiao Hang said immediately. “Godly Detective Zhao, I hope you know that I, Xiao Hang, am not a shameful person. As long as you can win, I will concede defeat and not pursue this matter further!”

“Great! I like your guts!” Zhao Yu said, raising his thumbs. “Life and death are preordained; wealth and honor are decreed by the Heavens. Even if I die by your hands, I alone will bear the consequences!”

“You... you’re all crazy! This is utter madness!” Li Jing shouted angrily, pointing at both Xiao Hang and Zhao Yu. “This is a police station, not a market! How can you do something like this?”

“Come on!” Zhao Yu said, moving around Li Jing’s other side and going straight for Xiao Hang. He arrogantly charged straight for Xiao Hang without activating the Energy Booster or any of his other tools.

Xiao Hang saw Zhao Yu charging but didn’t panic, taking the opportunity to punch Zhao Yu straight in the face. A punch from a Special Services member was definitely not the same as a punch from anyone else. Even though Xiao Hang did not appear to be fierce and strong, his punch hit Zhao Yu like a ball of thunder.

“Ha-ya!” Zhao Yu threw out both fists. He was like a fierce tiger coming down from the mountains, eager to prove his mettle. Before his fists could connect, Xiao Hang suddenly changed his body’s position and moved to the side, throwing a left punch that landed on Zhao Yu’s throat.

Pow! The hit seemed light, but after it connected with Zhao Yu's throat, he felt a sudden numbness and when he tried to react, he realized he couldn't breathe. Zhao Yu held his neck as he retreated. Horror flashed in his eyes. He would never have expected his opponent would punch him in the neck! Xiao Hang had moved so quickly he had been unable to block it.

"Ah..." Zhao Yu tried breathing in as much air as possible, but his airways were blocked. His face had started to redden. His vision consequently began to blur and he felt dizzy. He was suffocating. Xiao Hang didn't continue his attack, instead standing firmly and watching Zhao Yu suffer in glee. He was confident that after that attack, Zhao Yu would have completely lost his ability to fight back.

Everyone in the audience was shocked, especially Zhao Yu's teammates, who for the longest time had only seen Zhao Yu win fights. Never had they seen someone capable of taking down Zhao Yu with one hit! "Boss, boss..." Cui Lizhu was frightened and wanted to step forward to help Zhao Yu, but one of Xiao Hang's subordinates stopped her.

Kling, kling. Xiao Hang threw a pair of scissors to the ground. "Leader Zhao, if you don't want to die then use these scissors and puncture your trachea for air. But don't cut your arteries, yeah?" he said coldly.

"I... screw you!" Zhao Yu, who had just been struggling for breath a second ago, had already risen up and sent a whirlwind kick in the direction of Xiao Hang.

"What?!" Xiao Hang was stunned as he had not expected Zhao Yu to still be capable of such movement. He hurriedly stepped backward, using both arms to block Zhao Yu's kick. However, Zhao Yu had learned this move from Miao Ying and landed the kick with a massive amount of force, bringing Xiao Hang down onto one knee.

While he had been choking earlier, Zhao Yu had to use the Invisible Breathing Device so he could start breathing again. Xiao Hang's powerful punch made him realize that this person was on another level and in order to take him down, Zhao Yu would have to bring the thunder down on him and not let him retaliate. Thus, Zhao Yu did not hesitate to rush forward and kick Xiao Hang's. Xiao Hang was on the defensive, and he quickly lifted his arms to block.

After a few consecutive kicks, Zhao Yu rushed forward to pummel Xiao Hang's body with his fists. He bent down and punched fiercely, his hardened fists raining down like meteors. Xiao Hang could barely lift his head. Zhao Yu was in a manic state, crazily punching with his fists. When he finally got tired, he grabbed the computer monitor and smashed it onto Xiao Hang's head. Kacha! The monitor broke in half, and sparks flew out of it as it was still wired.

Seeing that Xiao Hang was still fine, Zhao Yu grabbed the entire table and screamed. He dropped the desk straight onto Xiao Hang's body. Even though Xiao Hang was in a rough state after getting continuously hit, he managed to move to the side and avoid the table. It fell to the ground with a loud thump, the items falling off messily.

Zhao Yu realized there was no longer anything around that he could use as a weapon and pounced onto Xiao Hang's body like a hungry tiger, resorting to a fistfight. But Xiao Hang had managed to get his breath back and took advantage of the space to kick Zhao Yu's lower abdomen, knocking him to the ground.

Xiao Hang flipped himself up. He panted heavily, one knee on the ground. His pace had been disrupted by Zhao Yu's heavy attacks, and he was battered and exhausted. He couldn't understand how Zhao Yu was still breathing normally after getting hit in the throat.

With the violent rage he had flown into, Zhao Yu had consumed a lot of his energy, but he knew he could not allow Xiao Hang time to catch his breath. He spun on the ground and rushed to Xiao Hang, ready with a kick. Xiao Hang's eyes were quick to react, and he used the same spin to avoid it. At the same time, he used his right foot to kick hard into Zhao Yu's chest. However, Zhao Yu had faked the earlier kick, so he still managed to hit Xiao Hang with an actual kick.

The two of them spun out and Xiao Hang flew into the crowd, slamming into someone's leg. Zhao Yu slid into the office, his back slammed hard onto another desk.

Chapter 1078: Forcing Myself to Pretend to be a Pretentious Pr*ck

It was not known if this was a common occurrence for Special Services or whether this was just a one-off display of Xiao Hang's temper, but during the fight, the remaining members all stood to the side indifferently as though this were commonplace. Although Zhao Yu's comrades were anxious, they knew his temper and nobody dared to try and stop the fight. Li Jing had thought about it, but she was helpless and could only watch nervously from the side.

When Zhao Yu fell, Xiao Hang was livid. he approached Zhao Yu, biting his lips. Zhao Yu decided that this time he wouldn't be as rash as before because he realized that behind Xiao Hang's violent exterior there was most likely a hidden ulterior motive. Going by normal reasoning, if the Special Services team had wanted to seek assistance, they wouldn't have come here with such an attitude.

When everything first started, Zhao Yu had assumed Xiao Hang had only wanted to scare him, but after exchanging blows he began to get an unusual feeling about the whole situation. Something was wrong! Zhao Yu thought that Xiao Hang was from the Special Services. If he was indeed here to resolve an issue, then he could have played by the rules. Why would he come and scare the leader of the Special Investigations Team? They were all smart and capable individuals, and he of all people should understand the importance of teamwork. There was no reason to stir the pot by causing chaos like this. Unless... Xiao Hang was giving him trouble for some other reason? Was it revenge?

D*mn it... Zhao Yu thought to himself, unable to understand it. As far as he knew, even though he had offended countless people throughout his career, he didn't do anything to offend anyone in such a high position. Hmph! Zhao Yu decided to forget everything. He had a plan. If that was the case, then Xiao Hang shouldn't blame him for being ruthless! Zhao Yu had originally only wanted to have a normal fight and it didn't matter if he lost. Since Xiao Hang had ulterior motives, if Zhao Yu continued going easy on him, he wouldn't be able to forgive himself.

This time, Xiao Hang rushed towards Zhao Yu. He sank both his shoulders and bent his knees. It was clear that he was going to attempt a flying kick. Zhao Yu calculated the opportune moment and reached for an Invisible Spring Launcher to use on Xiao Hang. As expected, Xiao Hang used his strength to jump and spread his right leg, panning to kick Zhao Yu.

The Spring Launcher exploded immediately and Xiao Hang swore as he flew straight into the ceiling. Not only did he break the ceiling, he slammed his head into the ventilation ducts. Everyone was shocked. With the twisting sound of the metal, Xiao Hang flattened the ventilation duct and landed with a heavy thud onto the ground.

Thud! Crash! The compromised ceiling collapsed and fell into pieces, landing on top of Xiao Hang's body. Xiao Hang, who was now unconscious, was moaning on the ground. Everyone was flabbergasted as they had never seen anything so odd.

"Oh no!" Zhao Yu loudly exclaimed. He sat with his legs crossed on the ground. His eyes widened deliberately as he feigned horror. "Oh my god, Leader Xiao! You're so awesome! You can actually rip apart the ceiling. That jump was way too scary! It could probably break the Guinness World Record!"

"You've got to be kidding..." Liu Zhanbing said from a distance. "I was not expecting him to hurt himself... hey..." He shouted at the agents next to him. "Hurry up and check on him, don't you have to call the ambulance?"

"Fuhaha!" Cui Lizhu and Li Beini burst out laughing. The Special Service agents were all confused. Nobody understood what had just happened to Xiao Hang. It seemed as though he had just flown up into the sky and rendered himself unconscious!

"Leader..." One of them ran over and pulled Xiao Hang out of the ruins. Xiao Hang was covered in dirt and looked like a mess. Even though his injuries weren't critical, he was fading in and out of consciousness. "D*mn it!" The Special Service agent nodded to the others behind him and stepped forward, prepared to take Xiao Hang away.

"Wait!" Zhao Yu said with coldly, his voice filled with murderous intent. He picked himself up off the ground. "We have yet to settle the issue at hand, who allowed you to leave?"

"Ah..." The Special Service agents began to sweat. They were overwhelmed by Zhao Yu's presence.

"According to the agreement with Leader Xiao earlier, the loser will accept their loss gracefully," Zhao Yu gestured. "Now, hand over whatever information you have!"

"That's right!" Zhang Jingfeng shouted hastily. "Hurry up and hand over the documents! Don't think you can weasel your way out of this!"

"Uhm..." The Special Services agent who had taken the lead glared at Zhao Yu in frustration. "Our Leader Xiao did not lose! It was... just an accident! Anyone could tell you were no match for him!"

"God d*mn it, go f*ck yourself!" Zhao Yu shouted. His eyes widened. "Your leader is the one who fainted, not me! Is the outcome not obvious enough?"

"Exactly!" Xu Hai and Liu Zhanbing said in unison. "Don't be so shameless, stop arguing! Hurry up and hand over those documents then scam!"

"Hmph!" The leading agent stood up and pointed at Zhao Yu. "You, Zhao, know that what happened just now was merely an accident. It doesn't count! If you want information, fine, come and fight me. If you can win against me, I'll let you take what you want and I'll tell you everything!"

“Fuhaha!” Zhao Yu said, laughing with his head tilted back. “You guys are very untrustworthy! What fun does this still hold for me?”

“Well...” Li Jing hurried to Zhao Yu’s side and whispered, seemingly realized something. “Leader Zhao, I think you should just forget about it! We’ve already caused a huge mess, this has gone on for long enough... listen to me, don’t haggle with them any further!”

“You, with the surname Zhao!” The agent yelled arrogantly, seeming to have caught on to something. “You took quite a pummeling earlier, if you’re scared to fight then just admit to it!”

“You! Shut up!” Li Jing shouted. “You guys think you haven’t made a big enough mess as it is? Hurry up and call for an ambulance to get your leader to the hospital!”

“Fuhahaha!” Just as Li Jing finished her sentence, Zhao Yu threw his head back and began to laugh. He started counting the number of agents. “One, two, three, four... aren’t there just four of you? Hahaha! Alright, today I’ll let you see what I’m truly capable of! Since it’s gotten to this point, the four of you can come at me at once!”

“Wh... what?!” Li Jing was in shock, her body trembled and her expression changed. The other group members were also shocked by his attitude and held their breath.

“This...” The four agents thought about whether or not to agree. For ten seconds, they stood in stunned silence. “Do you have a death wish?” the lead agent asked in surprise.

“Hmph! You’re the one with a death wish!” Zhao Yu said aggressively. “Today, I will show you that nobody can bully my special investigation team!”

Chapter 1079: Why Kiss Me?

Boom! One of the special agents was knocked down by Zhao Yu’s brute force and flew far into the corner, breaking the edge of the big display there. By the time he landed, he was screaming and moaning in pain. The agents were all top tier fighters, no matter how formidable Zhao Yu was he couldn’t win against all four of them. But Zhao Yu knew that this special battle had been a conspiracy all along, thus he didn’t need to worry about being moral. He had already activated his Energy Booster and began acting cocky.

After Zhao Yu had hit the first agent, another agent came and grabbed him by the neck from behind while the remaining two approached readying punches and kicks. However, Zhao Yu was like a legendary muscular devil. He ignored all the pain in his body and moving his arms, he grabbed the thighs of the agent behind him and fell backward. Thump! The ground shook and the agent began throwing up blood as he hit the floor.

Whoa! Zhao Yu thought. In that instant, he was like a demon king. Without turning to face his enemy, he picked up a large office desk with his bare hands. The large office desk was as easy for him to lift as a small wooden stick. Turning around, he smashed the desk down onto the agent. Without hesitation, the agent broke the solid desk with his bare hands. He had been trained in Kungfu!

With a loud sound, the desk broke and the well-trained agent spun like a windmill, crashing into the door beside him with his head facing down towards the ground. He didn't make a sound and seemed to be unconscious.

"Ah?!" There was only one agent left and he was scared out of his wits. He had seen many strong men but none as violent or seemingly invincible as Zhao Yu. "Whoa!" Zhao Yu didn't care and collided with him fiercely.

"Ah..." In a panic, the agent began to kick randomly. But without a proper plan, Zhao Yu grabbed him and threw him into several desks. The computers fell and documents flew everywhere. Zhao Yu pushed the agent into the heart of the mess. Then, to everyone's shock, the sound of someone getting slapped and desperate howls rang out. Every time the agent cried out everyone would shrink away, even Zhao Yu's own Special Investigations Team.

"What's wrong? What's wrong?" The commotion in the office had become too big and had alarmed the staff in the police station, several of whom came rushing in to check. Zhang Jingfeng knew that the fewer people that knew about this, the better. He shouted outside, "This is internal business, get lost!" After this, he shut the door and locked it.

After that was settled, Zhao Yu dragged the agent out as though he was dragging a dog. After everyone saw the beaten-in face of the pig-headed agent, they understood what had happened. Li Jing saw him and her long, fluttering hair stood on end as though she had seen the devil!

"Urgh..." At this point, the unconscious Xiao Hang began to stir. Even though he had regained his consciousness he couldn't move. He suddenly realized where he was and was shocked, thinking it was all a dream! Zhao Yu walked towards Xiao Hang and threw the agent in front of him. Xiu Hai and Liu Zhanbing had already brought the other agents to the same spot and set them down in a corner near the windows. If they were too close to the door they might run away! Zhao Yu squatted in front of Xiao Hang, wanting to speak to him.

What?! Zhao Yu thought. Surprisingly, Xiao Hang was so shocked that he fainted again. "D*mn it, this can't be!" Zhao Yu sighed in anger. He tapped Xiao Hang's face a couple of times before realizing he had really fainted. After that, he glanced at the agents to see who would make a suitable target for interrogation.

As Zhao Yu was looking the agents over, Li Jing ran to over to him, panicked. "L... Leader Zhao! This is bad! We could have caused a big disaster! The superiors will surely come to question us and we'll all get in trouble! Why don't we call an ambulance for them and get them to the hospital quickly?"

"Oh?" Zhao Yu turned around and looked at Li Jing, who was pale as snow. He stood beside her and gently persuaded her. "Leader Li, don't worry! Even if the sky falls down around us, I will be here to carry it. Besides... this a**hole said he'll take responsibility for the consequences and wouldn't investigate this issue. That cannot be taken lightly, right?"

"That won't do either! Don't you understand? It's no longer about personal grievances. Sigh..." Li Jing said in bewilderment. "How about I head straight to the Criminal Investigation Head Office and explain to the superiors now? Maybe... maybe they'll give us some leeway!"

“There’s no need for that!” Cui Lizhu said. While talking, Zhao Yu shot a look at Cui Lizhu, who had been standing in the corner of the office. She nodded profusely and her eyes flashed, strangely full of glee.

Zhao Yu immediately understood and playfully pulled Li Jing’s hand. “Leader Li, I am so moved! Look, it’s our first time working together and you’re already so considerate of me. I, Zhao Yu, don’t know what to say! Come on, give me a hug!”

“Huh? What?” Li Jing was in shock and couldn’t understand Zhao Yu’s eccentric behavior. Zhao Yu didn’t care and pulled her in for a tight hug.

“Hey, you...” Li Jing wanted to push him away but there was a great difference in their strength. There was no way for her to push him away.

“It was a pleasure to have gotten to know you! Haha, let’s kiss!” Zhao Yu said, shamelessly planting his lips on Li Jing’s face and sucking away.

“What?!!!” Li Jing scolded him. She panicked and pushed him away, finally breaking free. “You... what do you think you’re doing?! Have you lost your mind?!”

“Fuhahaha!” Zhao Yu laughed for five seconds before staring at her with an intent look on his face.

“Leader Li, all this espionage, are you trying to trap me? I don’t get it! You know that I, the famous Zhao Yu, have the talent to work out everything and unnatural godly power. I’m also a super smart godly detective, so why would you play such a cheap trick? Were you testing my strength?”

“You... you!!!” Li Jing wiped off traces of the kisses on her cheeks as she shouted. “What are you talking about? You better go to the hospital for a checkup as well! You’ve lost your mind!” Before Li Jing could finish her sentence, her phone rang. Amid the confusion, she answered it without a second thought.

“Hello... helloooo...?” After saying hello twice, she realized something was amiss and quickly checked the phone’s screen. When she saw the caller ID, she was taken aback and her face became even paler. She raised her head and looked at Xiao Hang, who was still unconscious.

“Hello, I’m here!” Li Jing turned and saw Cui Lizhu in the corner, holding a mobile phone and waving at her. The phone she was holding belonged to Xiao Hang. In the confusion, Cui Lizhu had stolen Xiao Hang’s phone and secretly cracked his password. Next, she had dialed the most recent number on his phone and Li Jing’s phone had rung.

Li Jing trembled and her eyes flashed with horror. “Ah... you... you guys... how did you know?”

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“From what we could see on Old Zhang’s monitor, we realized you walked to the window and looked out three times before the van even arrived at Feng Ping station. That led me to believe that you knew something from the start, like perhaps that Secret Services would be coming through our doors!” Zhao Yu said, pointing at the monitor while talking to Li Jing.

“Oh? Really?” Li Jing frowned. “You decided that I was suspicious just because I looked outside a couple of times?”

“Of course not,” Zhao Yu answered. “Xiao Hang had definitely done his homework since he dared to come here and question us. But for him to question your identity when you stood up for me seemed... a bit unreasonable! Leader Li, the most important thing here is that I was someone who grew up orchestrating scams like this,” Zhao Yu said, patting his chest proudly. “While it looked like Xiao Hang and you were at odds, there was a certain fakeness to it. Leader Li, a person’s eyes don’t lie! When Xiao Hang hit the ceiling and was knocked unconscious, your eyes didn’t show shock or uneasiness, they reflected worry! I’m guessing you and Xiao Hang have a pretty intimate relationship, am I right?”

“That’s right!” Cui Lizhu said, smirking as she raised Xiao Hang’s phone. “There are photos of the two of them together on this!!”

“Oh? Is that so? Are there photos where they’re scantily clad?” Zhao Yu asked.

“You...” Li Jing said, angry and humiliated. “Zhao Yu, don’t cross the line!”

“D*mn it, that’s something I should be saying, right? Don’t steal my lines!” Zhao Yu said with a straight face. “Leader Li, at this point, shouldn’t you be honestly telling us which cave you crawled out of and what sort of demon witch you are? Let me guess, you’re probably in a higher position than Xiao Hang, but only slightly. Looks like I was right when I first tried to find out more about you from Ma Runkui. It was not a mistake at all, the new team leader was supposed to be Li Xiaoqiang and Li Xiaoqiang was supposed to be male!”

“But after I saw you, I called Ma Runkui again and he changed what he said. He suddenly said that Li Xiaoqiang is the same as Li Jing. Did you know Ma Runkui works in Foreign Affairs? He’s terrible at lying and I could tell immediately he was covering something up! And here’s the kicker...” Zhao Yu continued. “When Cui Lizhu was kidnapped, Xiao Hang received a call from someone before releasing her. If kidnapping Cui Lizhu was an order, then Xiao Hang would have gotten approval from his superiors. Therefore, the person calling him was probably not one of his superiors! ”

“At that time, everything had happened so suddenly and the only people who knew about Cui Lizhu’s kidnapping were the people in this group. I’ve worked with everyone here except for you, so naturally, I began to doubt you! I don’t know if you guys planned poorly, or Xiao Hang had acted on his own and ruined your plans. But to be honest, Leader Li, your plan had too many flaws!” Zhao Yu said, gesturing. “When Xiao Hang and I were dissing each other, your reactions were too exaggerated. The ultimate art of scamming is being natural, reasonable, leaving no trace, and not cutting in inappropriately! Actually, if you had acted slightly calmer, I wouldn’t have figured this out!”

When Zhao Yu finished, the entire room fell silent and a few of the special agent’s faces turned purple. “Ha... hahaha!” After a few seconds of silence, Li Jing suddenly shrugged her shoulders and let out an evil laugh. “Great, you’re really great! As expected from a godly detective, you’re different from the others! Fine, I’ll admit defeat this time. I took you too lightly!”

“Thanks for the compliments!” Zhao Yu said, clenching his fist. He had a sunken expression on his face as he asked her seriously, “So, Leader Li, will you show us your true colors? Who are you really and what are you doing all of this for?”

“My name really is Li Jing!” she said calmly, crossing her arms. “There is also a real Li Xiaoqiang in the Criminal Investigation Foreign Affairs office, but that’s my brother. You were right, my brother was originally supposed to lead the team, but I was swapped in at the last minute!”

“Oh, then you’re...” Zhao Yu started to speak, but realized he shouldn’t be taking the limelight and quickly shut up.

“I am the real leader of Secret Services. Xiao Hang is my boyfriend and the second in command! The reason why I took Li Xiaoqiang’s place in this team was to learn more about the whole situation, perhaps gain a deeper understanding of your abilities, and get some information,” Li Jing said. “Actually, for the longest time, I headed this case’s investigation.”

F*ck... Zhao Yu thought. He and the other members of his team couldn’t help but let out a gasp when she said this.

“But after infiltrating your team, everything I saw and heard was nothing short of disappointing!” Li Jing said suddenly, taunting and admonishing them. “Your work system, attitudes, abilities, and various other aspects are all atrocious! I’m thoroughly dissatisfied with everything! Especially you, the obstinate leader!” Li Jin said, glaring at Zhao Yu. “Your management is a mess and your work style is simple, old fashioned, and way too individualistic.”

“You picked these inexperienced police officers to handle this case over the other plentiful, excellent resources in the Criminal Investigation Office. What were you thinking?” Li Jin continued her tirade. “And even though I’m only here as a figurehead, I still hold the title of leader. When you speak to me you should at least pretend that you’re having a discussion. But you don’t even seem to pay any attention to me and treat me like an outsider!”

“And finally!” At this point, Li Jing stared closely at Cui Lizhu, who was standing a distance away. “What I cannot tolerate the most is that you actually allowed the thief king Tao Xiang’s daughter to be a part of this team!”

“What?!” Cui Lizhu was stunned and put down Xiao Hang’s phone.

“As far as I can remember, the Criminal Investigation Department has never done something this absurd before!” Li Jing said. “All this was done as an exception for you, a fresh godly detective. I’m truly bewildered. Do you really not know how serious the stakes are or is your brain really just full of rust?”

“Cui Lizhu is the daughter of the thief king Tao Xiang. She’s a law-flouting thief who has committed countless crimes. How could you let such a person join this team? How is she going to become a fair and impartial police officer?” Li Jing asked, clearly agitated. “I have sufficient evidence to show that Tao Xiang had other accomplices, and yet you put Cui Lizhu in such an important position. Are you not afraid that confidential information will be leaked??

“Also, in this case, the treasure is obviously connected to Tao Xiang!” Li Jing growled loudly. “But you act indifferent about it and allow Cui Lizhu to participate in the investigation. This is simply ridiculous! Do you still need me to tell you what to do? After Tao Xiang was arrested, Cui Lizhu didn’t reveal a single one of Tao Xiang’s accomplices. She obviously didn’t surrender a lot of items either. These things may be crucial to the case, and you guys behave like you’re some sort of family!”

“You...” Cui Lizhu shouted. She was so angry her brows were deeply furrowed. “That’s some toxic slander! I don’t know anything about Tao Xiang!”

“What a joke!” Li Jing said, still adamant. “Have you all forgotten that Cui Lizhu’s uncle is Li Fei, who committed the Headless Female Corpse crimes? Her biological parents were also thieves, not to mention her father, the king of them all, Tao Xiang. How can you trust anyone with a family background like hers?”

“You b*tch! I’m going to fight it out with you!” Cui Lizhu shouted, shaking with anger. She looked as though she was going to charge at Li Jing.

“Wait!” Zhao Yu reached out and gestured. Liu Zhanbing and Xu Hai quickly stopped her. Then, Zhao Yu turned to Li Jing and quietly said, “So that’s the reason you got Xiao Hang to plan the kidnapping?”