

## Crazy 1091

### Chapter 1091: Terrible Threats

The next morning, in the office of Feng Ping police station.

Li Beini looked at Zhao Yu and asked sincerely, "I'm the one who was on the night shift yesterday, and you look much worse than me. Did you stay up all night?" Li Beini was right. Zhao Yu looked pale and haggard. He hardly slept at all last night. However, his insomnia was not due to anything emotional, nor was it because of his dedication to his work, but rather, it was due to his injuries.

It turned out that Xiao Hang's punch to Zhao Yu's throat had been so rough that he had suffered serious, constant pain afterward. Although he had used a Respirator to ease his pain, when he lied down, he found it hard to breathe. Because of this, he sat up through most of the night. Zhao Yu would rather lie than admit that he was suffering. He said, "This is how I roll."

Li Beini believed his words immediately. "You should take care of yourself. We are just starting off! Two months is a long time. Don't push yourself that hard!" she said.

Zhao Yu's throat felt itchy. He coughed and pinched it a few times, then asked, "So, is there anything new?"

"Cui told me a lot of things." Li Beini handed a document to Zhao Yu. "You can have a look first! She's exhausted, so I asked her to go rest!" As Li Beini finished speaking, Cui Lizhu walked in from the front door of the office. "Cui, why are you here?" Li Beni asked.

"The dormitory in the police station smells bad! I can't stay there for one more minute." Cui Lizhu rubbed her sleepy eyes and frowned.

"You used to be a thief. You have lived in the sewers. Why do you care that much?" Zhao Yu asked.

"But it's not fair that you can stay in a comfortable hotel! Why don't you let me have a room in a hotel?" Cui Lizhu pouted her lips and asked.

Zhao Yu said seriously, "I've told you. It's because you are Tao Xiang's daughter. Do you want to get kidnapped again?"

"Oh!" Cui Lizhu grabbed Zhao Yu's shoulder and shook her head. "I don't care, I don't care! I want to sleep in a hotel. If you're worried about me, I'll share a room with you! It's not like we haven't done it before." Cui Lizhu's words caused Liu Zhanbing to lose his grip on his folder and Zhang Jingfeng to spill his coffee.

"Hey! What's wrong with you?" Zhao Yu looked embarrassed as he scolded her. "Don't frame me. I have made an appointment with the technical team of the Feng Ping Provincial Government today, and you must stay here until you get the locator! You've had a long day. Go to bed now!"

"Well..." Cui Lizhu raised her head and looked at Zhao Yu with affectionate eyes. "I can't sleep. I want your company, just like how you used to..." she said with a soft tone.

Zhao Yu was going to lose his temper. Cui Lizhu hugged him, whispering into his ear, "Boss, lend me 500,000 yuan to pay off the management fee of the villa, and I won't bother you anymore!" Zhao Yu finally understood her intentions. "Please! No matter what, I have to pay them off before doing anything! Please..." Cui Lizhu laughed and said, "I will return it to you in the future! With interest! If that's not enough, I'll sell the house to pay you!"

"You!" Zhao Yu was extremely embarrassed.

"If you don't lend me the money... Hmm." Cui Lizhu narrowed her eyes and said, "I'll tell them about what happened in Jinping. I don't think our new colleagues have heard our stories yet, have they?"

Zhao Yu frowned. "Cui, you know that those who dared to threaten me in the past are either dead or disabled, right? Do you still want to try? Or, do you want Miao Ying to practice her martial arts with you? I think she will be very happy about that!"

"You are merciless!" Cui Lizhu looked pitiable.

Zhao Yu waved and said, "Stop giving me that look. If the case is solved, you will probably get the villa back! For now, just go back to the police dormitory. When the technicians come, I will let you know!"

"How cruel you are," Cui Lizhu whined, but there were no actual tears in her eyes.

After Cui Lizhu left, Zhang Jingfeng and others were still standing there shocked, and the atmosphere seemed a little awkward. "Um, Zhang..." Zhao Yu wanted to end the embarrassment as quickly as he could. "Is there any progress?" he asked.

"Oh..." Zhang Jingfeng quickly put down his coffee and took out a pile of documents. "Here is the detailed information we have on the five experts that were killed! I have informed the police of the joint investigation and asked local officers to visit them. More detailed information will be sent today!"

"Good!" Zhao Yu said, taking the files.

"Team leader!" Liu Zhanbing reported his work, saying, "We visited the place where Yang Juncheng was killed again. We found the footage from his neighborhood. There were no suspicious people or cars spotted yet. And we are going to expand the investigation scope today."

"I heard Cui Lizhu say that the cameras in Yuan Juncheng's neighborhood have been damaged. Is that true?" Zhao Yu asked.

"Yes, during the time Yuan Juncheng was killed, all the cameras in his neighborhood stopped working!" Liu Zhanbing replied. "According to the property management office, it's a problem in their processing system. It didn't take long before it was fixed. The technical team will investigate that today! If someone did it intentionally, then the possibility of a remote attack is very high."

"Well..." Zhao Yu nodded and said, "it seems our enemy is really good!"

"Team leader, we saw a lot of cars parked downstairs at Yuan Juncheng's building in the footage before the cameras stopped working. We are going to look for the car owners today to see if we can find anything from their dashcams," Liu Zhanbing added.

“Good,” Zhao Yu said. “In addition to the cameras, witnesses are also very important! Talk to those who were visible in the footage and see if they know anything.”

“I will!” Liu Zhanbing left. Just as Liu Zhanbing walked to the door, he noticed a man in a jacket standing there. The man raised his arm and was about to knock on the door. He looked a little scared. Liu Zhanbing recognized him immediately and asked politely, “Hey? How are you? What are you doing here?”

With a smile on his face, the man held a folder up and explained, “I’m not here for trouble, I’m here to give you this!” The man was one of the secret service agents with Xiao Hang yesterday, and the one who suffered the least in the fight with Zhao Yu. As soon as the man arrived, the atmosphere in the office became extremely tense.

“Group leader Zhao, how are you?” The man hurried into the room and bowed slightly to Zhao Yu, but he did not dare to look directly at him. “Well, I’m here on orders from my leader to give this to you. Um, yesterday there might have been some misunderstandings between us. I hope you’ll forgive me,” he said.

Zhao Yu turned to look at the man and immediately understood his intentions. His attitude changed immediately and went up to the agent with enthusiasm. Zhao Yu shook hands with the man. “Haha, the fight just introduced us to each other. Let’s forget about that. Come on,” he said.

Seeing Zhao Yu’s friendly demeanor, the man was relieved. He quickly handed the folder to Zhao Yu and explained, “Team Leader Zhao, this is the supplementary information that my boss asked me to give you. They are all files related to the treasure! And... and... and...” The man took out a black mobile phone from his bag and said, “This is what we use in the secret service. The password is your number! There is only one number in it, and it is mine! I’ll be your liaison officer for the next few days. Group leader Zhao, I’ll do my best to help solve the case.”

Using force was the hard truth. Yesterday, the agent had been so arrogant, but after Zhao Yu beat him in the fight, he suddenly became polite. In fact, Zhao Yu had been waiting for him. Since his team got the case, he had only received a USB. He had no communication at all with the secret service and had no idea what progress they might have made in the investigation.

Zhao Yu thought the agent was coming at just the right time. He had a lot of questions that he needed to ask the man.

## Chapter 1092: Treasure Mystery

“At first it was called the Special Operations Section.” Ma Jichun, the liaison officer sent by the Secret Service, was telling Zhao Yu the story of the search for the treasure. “Before the founding of the People’s Republic of China, we had received information from the BIS and knew about the traitor Liu Dianchen. It is said that BIS paid close attention to Liu Dianchen’s confession. After the war in Liaoning and Shenyang, they wanted to send him to the south for custody. Fortunately, we got the news ahead of time. We planned to snatch him, but BIS executed him secretly in order to avoid him being rescued.”

“It is said that there was a terrible gunfight at that time, and the investigation record was incomplete,” Ma Jichun continued. “The interrogation record found by group leader Zhao is the part we were missing.”

“Well...” Zhao Yu thought for a moment then asked, “So, only the traitor’s notes mentioned the treasure? There’s no more evidence? According to the situation at that time, Liu Dianchen wanted to keep his life, so it was likely he made up the story about the treasure.”

“Of course not,” Ma Jichun replied. “In order to confirm his story, we have done several years of investigation and research in the northeast. First, some stories about the treasure that spread among the people were consistent with Liu Dianchen’s notes. Second, after their defeat, not all of the Kwantung Army withdrew to Japan. Many Japanese stayed in the northeast. These people either assimilated into the local communities and stayed in China forever, or they worked as spies on the orders of the Japanese military.”

“The founding of China was followed by Mao’s purges. A large number of spies were captured. According to them, the buried treasure was real. Well...” Ma Jichun paused for a while and said, “Among them, it is worth mentioning that in the 1950s, we captured a group of Soviet intelligence agents in the northeast, including Soviet secret police and some geological experts. From them, we obtained some more information and even some top-secret information the KGB had gotten from Japanese senior officials.”

“According to the Japanese senior officials, the treasure left in Northeast China was not just a rumor. They had heard about it themselves. However, many of them were war criminals and had been executed by the International Court of justice. No one knew the specifics of the treasure after that. Therefore, the Soviet Union had also been trying its best to find the treasure and they even sent people to Northeast China to search for the treasure,” Ma Jichun said. “Of course, their target is the missing gold. They think that the Japanese couldn’t have used up all 600 tons, and there must be some left. As long as they can find it, they will have sufficient evidence to file a lawsuit with the Japanese government and apply for a claim.”

“Because we have information from multiple different sources, the treasure is considered a real thing. And, led by the Special Operations Section at that time, a nationwide treasure hunt started. It’s just...” Ma Jichun shook his head and sighed. “Although UNESCO has done a lot of work and field investigation, and have obtained a lot more information, the treasure has not been found. In the past few decades, they have traveled through almost all of the mountains and forests in Northeast China, but they have still found nothing.”

“And over time, the treasure was gradually forgotten and become more difficult to find.” Ma Jichun opened the papers and showed Zhao Yu an old map. “This is a copy of the treasure hunt, which records in detail the location and route of BIS’s search for the treasure.” Zhao Yu and the others opened the huge map and saw various route signs and symbols on it. It showed that the treasure hunting team traveled most of Northeast China.

“Later, the BIS was renamed the Secret Service Agency, but the search for the treasure never ended,” Ma Jichun continued. He then opened another map and said, “This map shows our exploration routes over many years. These places marked in red have all been searched by us. We used high-tech gear,

satellites, and remote sensing systems in searching for the treasure. We found several abandoned Japanese factories, but we still didn't find any trace of the treasure." Ma Jichun sighed. "Alas. Our focus shifted. For a long time, our focus had been on access to international information, investigation of suspicious foreign personnel, and the existence of the treasure."

"Even inside the Secret Service, people hold different opinions. The experts we hired basically spent most of their time trying to find out whether the treasure even really exists," Ma Jichun said. "And, this is interesting. We didn't end up empty-handed. We got a piece of important news. We have confirmed that long ago, the Japanese also secretly set up a treasure hunting team to look for the treasure. They had infiltrated the northeast of China several times to conduct a secret investigation."

"Oh?" Zhao Yu frowned slightly. He seemed to have heard this before.

Ma Jichun continued. "The Japanese buried the treasure, then they came to search for it, which confused us. So, we continued to investigate and learned from elsewhere that the Japanese at that time might have lost the information about the treasure by mistake."

"Oh..." Zhao Yu just remembered that Li Jing had told him this. It turned out that her information was from the Secret Service, and it had nothing to do with any of her friends.

Li Beini frowned and asked, "In that case, will the death of the elderly experts have had anything to do with the Japanese spies?"

Ma Jichun shook his head, then said, "We don't have any evidence, but we don't think Japanese agents are that bold. They wouldn't be able to afford the immeasurable international impact if they were caught killing people. So, we think that the death of the experts may have more to do with Tao Xiang."

"Oh?" Zhao Yu nodded and asked, "What do you know about Tao Xiang?"

"Not much more than you," Ma Jichun said sincerely. "What we particularly want to find out is, from whom did Tao Xiang get the traitor's notes? This is very important. Not everyone can have access to such notes."

Zhao Yu smacked his lips and said, "I've thought about that as well, but Tao Xiang's notebook doesn't say that. It's probably a long time ago. At that time, Tao Xiang was still a young man."

"Yes, where he got the notes from still needs to be investigated, but the name list... It did have a lot to do with us," Ma Jichun said. Zhao Yu felt momentarily nervous when Ma Jichun mentioned the list of names. Ma Jichun continued, saying, "It's obvious that Tao Xiang must have gotten the list from us, it was part of our top-secret files. Only those who work for the Secret Service have access to it. However, there is no record of the list being lost or slipping out. Because of this, things get rather confusing."

Li Beini frowned then said, "So, you didn't leak or lose it. How did Tao Xiang get it? Did he dare to steal a document from the Secret Service?"

"So, Captain Li doubts..." Ma Jichun raised his head and said with a complex expression, "the list may have been leaked. That means we have a mole."

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“We are investigating our guys,” Ma Jichun said. “We’ll find the guy. But this may take some time because we need to get permission first.”

Li Beini frowned and said, “Wait a minute. Is it possible that the list was leaked by one of the five experts?”

“No,” Ma Jichun said firmly. “Experts employed by the Secret Service are divided into different teams. They might have met or known some of the others, but not everyone! At that time, they wouldn’t have had the complete name list!”

“But I still don’t understand... why does Tao Xiang want the list? The list isn’t a map to find the treasure,” Li Beini asked.

“It may still have given him some help,” Ma Jichun replied. “After all, the experts are employed by the Secret Service and have first-hand information on the treasure. I think Tao Xiang wanted to get some information from those experts.”

Li Beini frowned and said, “This doesn’t seem to make sense! Think about it. If Tao Xiang had an accomplice working in the Secret Service, and this accomplice could give Tao Xiang what he wanted, then he didn’t need the experts.”

“Um...This...” Ma Jichun had never thought of that. He was a little surprised and unable to answer quickly.

Liu Zhanbing interrupted them. “Maybe this guy does not have access to the information that Tao Xiang needed. He can only get the name list, but not something directly related to the treasure,” he said.

“This... I’ll check this later!” Ma Jichun nodded and said, “if you are right, it may help us find the mole!”

Xu Hai asked again, “What if there was no such mole? What if Tao Xiang got the list by himself? I am not looking down on the Secret Service, but Tao Xiang was the King of Thieves, after all.”

“Tao Xiang was generous. Maybe he paid for the name list?” Li Beini guessed. “If that’s the case, even if Tao Xiang had an accomplice, this guy doesn’t have to work for the Secret Service, right?”

“Um... I see!” Ma Jichun nodded and said, “I will report this to my boss and have him look into this! Group leader Zhao, there is something I want to...”

“OK! Cui Lizhu hasn’t thought of anything useful yet!” Zhao Yu unexpectedly shrugged his shoulders and said. Ma Jichun was shocked. It turned out that Zhao Yu knew that he was going to say something about Cui Lizhu. “I don’t need you to remind me. I know Cui Lizhu is important in this case! But... I also hope that we can cooperate in an honest way in the future...” Zhao Yu said. He approached Ma Jichun’s face. “What do you think? Captain Li?”

“Um...You... What does that mean?” Ma Jichun looked like he felt awkward.

“Ha ha...” Zhao Yu smiled then explained, “While you’ve been speaking, you’ve looked down toward your lower right more than 20 times. I thought the bug was in your armpit. But after careful observation, I realized that you are just repeating others’ words. You must be a high-tech fan. Is it in your right ear? From the outside, I really can’t see anything!”

“Ah... This... This...” Ma Jichun broke into a cold sweat and his eyes were full of fear. Liu Zhanbing and others were also frightened and encircled Ma Jichun. Zhao Yu was actually lying. It was the powerful Invisible Detector in his brain that detected the bug. Since the moment Ma Jichun had arrived Zhao Yu had known that he had the bug in his ear!

Ah... Heroes... Zhao Yu’s phone rang.

“Zhao Yu, don’t!” Li Jing’s hasty voice came from the phone’s speaker. “If we didn’t want to cooperate with you, I would not have sent Ma Jichun as our contact person! You should know that to solve this case you need the authority and support of the Secret Service!”

“Captain Li, you don’t need to be overly polite to me.” Zhao Yu laughed and said, “I just hope that we can make our work simpler. Don’t make it so complicated, OK? I promise that I don’t care about the unfortunate events that happened earlier!”

“No shame!” Li Jing said angrily. “You haven’t suffered any losses at all. Why do you even care?”

“Ha ha ha...” Zhao Yu laughed, then said, “Captain Li, you know, I’m starting to miss you a bit!”

Li Jing was obviously angry but unable to express it, so she sighed sadly and said, “Zhao Yu, you don’t need to check the murder scenes! We have done that. They were all the same as that of Yuan Juncheng. They all died in their own houses, and the cameras in their neighborhoods all stopped working that night! You should know that the security system used LANs. Since it was attacked remotely, the attack must have been extremely complex! And considering the use of the truth-telling agent and the lozenges, I can say that the murderer is a pro, and it may also be a gang-related crime! So, you need our help!”

“Good!” Zhao Yu replied. “The basis of cooperation is honesty. Captain Li, now can you tell me what the five experts died of? I’ve read the papers, but I can’t find the answer.”

“We don’t know either...” Ma Jichun interrupted.

“Zhao Yu, I’m afraid that the papers are incomplete, so I sent you a supplementary report. Do you think we are not being honest with you on this? If it wasn’t for... Hum...” Li Jing seemed to be hiding something from Zhao Yu. It seemed that what happened yesterday had something to do with Miao Kun.

“The five experts must have known some secrets. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have been given the truth-telling agent!” Zhao Yu said firmly. “Captain Li, what do they know? Is it about the treasure?”

“Zhao Yu, we really don’t know anything about this! If we knew that the five experts were really keeping secrets about the treasure, we wouldn’t have taken this long to realize they were killed,” Li Jing replied sincerely. Zhao Yu frowned as he thought about Li Jing’s words.

“We conducted an internal investigation as soon as we got your news!” Li Jing continued. “Although the five experts tried different searching for the treasure in different ways, they all failed! They definitely didn’t know where the treasure is. We don’t know what the killer wanted to know from them!”

“Well...” Zhao Yu pondered for a moment. He thought that Li Jing had no reason to lie about this. It seemed that the Secret Service also had doubts about the death of the five experts. He smacked his lips as he suddenly thought of something. “This case wouldn’t be a simple case!” he said to Li Jing. “What I worry about the most now is whether the killer has gotten the answer he wants.”

“Yes,” Li Jing said approvingly. “If the killer has gotten the answer, maybe he is on his way to find the treasure! If he didn’t get it, he must have left. If that’s the case, we won’t be able to find him.”

“It seems that...” Zhao Yu shook his head helplessly. “We have to start by investigating Tao Xiang’s mysterious partner!”

“Yes! That’s what I am saying! Do you understand me now? Cui Lizhu is the key to solving the case!” Li Jing said.

Unexpectedly, after hearing this, Zhao Yu immediately objected. “No! Captain Li, maybe we both have ignored something. On top of Cui Lizhu, there is another person who may have the key!”

### **Chapter 1094: Why Didn’t You Say That Just Now?**

“I don’t know. Tao Xiang never told me,” a haggard old man with gray hair told Zhao Yu over a video call in the Special Investigation Group’s office. The old man was Li Fei, the murderer in the Headless Female Corpses Case. He was the other key owner that Zhao Yu had mentioned before.

Li Fei was a senior student of Tao Xiang’s teachings. He was familiar with Tao Xiang. Most importantly, Li Fei participated in Tao Xiang’s theft of the Tamil Star, which happened to be an important turning point in Tao Xiang’s life. So, Zhao Yu thought that Li Fei might know something. “Li Fei, how do you think... when you stole Tamil Star with him, did Tao Xiang tell you anything? Do you think he has an accomplice?” Zhao Yu asked.

Li Fei thought and said, “I’m not sure. Tao Xiang has always been a maverick. I told you that stealing the Tamil Star was because he wanted to do me a favor. In fact, he was totally capable of doing it on his own.”

“But...” Zhao Yu reminded him again, “what about his previous cases? Have you never thought about it? I can’t believe that Tao Xiang acted alone in all of his previous cases. It’s incredible. Where did he get the information? How did he get rid of his stolen goods? If he didn’t have an accomplice, how could he have done it all alone?”

“Well, you can ask Flying Squirrel Gao later,” Li Fei said. “He knows how to sell stolen goods. As I remember it, Tao Xiang was not eager to sell stolen goods after his robberies. As for his accomplice, I really don’t know. I feel that even if he had an accomplice, it doesn’t have to be a close relationship. No one was capable of becoming friends with Tao Xiang. He was too cautious and careful; he wouldn’t have had any friends at all.”

“Are you contradicting yourself?” Zhao Yu asked seriously. “If he had no friends, how could he have wanted to help you?”

“I’m different from others, it’s like a kind of kinship.” Li Fei waved his hands, saying, “Take the gem theft for example. I didn’t know what his plan was until the end. If it wasn’t for those foreigners who wanted to kill, I didn’t know that they were conniving.”



Zhao Yu smacked his lips. He felt like he was wasting his time. Everything he had tried to ask just now was in vain. Even Tao Xiang's daughter had no idea who the possible accomplice was, let alone Li Fei.

Li Fei said haggardly, "Officer, I want to know when I will receive my punishment? I beg you. Can you hurry up? I really can't stand it. Tao Xiang has become injured. I don't have any family anymore. It's better to die and atone for my crime than to suffer any longer in this lonely world."

Zhao Yu thought about what Li Fei had said carefully. It seemed that Li Fei didn't know that Tao Xiang had passed away. If Li Fei knew, he would want to end his life. Thinking about what would happen, Zhao Yu quickly changed the subject of the conversation. "Li Fei, we found some things left by Tao Xiang. We suspected that they have something to do with a great treasure. Tao Xiang can't remember anything now. How about this? As long as you can help us find the treasure, we can help you realize your wish."

Li Fei frowned and said doubtfully, "Officer, didn't you confiscate all Tao Xiang's treasures? All my things are were with those. Of course, some have been sold."

"No," Zhao Yu said. "I'm talking about another treasure, one that Tao Xiang has been trying to find all his life. It's about gold. Did Tao Xiang ever mention to you that he was looking for something like this?"

"This..." Li Fei grabbed his gray and messy hair and tried to remember. "Gold? Tao Xiang... Tao Xiang told me at that time... No. I told him. I told him that the gem was from the exhibition, and it was an international exhibition. Its owner was a foreigner. If it is found lost, the police will try their best to catch the thief, which will put him in great danger. I advised him to reconsider it." Li Fei thought and said, "But Tao Xiang said that he wanted to stop. This might be the last time he stole something. Because the price offered was very high, he agreed."

"Last time?" Zhao Yu frowned.

"Yes. Yes..." Li Fei fell into a nervous state and said, "he said that his daughter has grown up, and he doesn't want his daughter to be a thief like him. And... What else did he say? I think his daughter wasn't the only reason he wanted to stop stealing."

"Because of the treasure? Was he going to look for the treasure after he had earned enough?" Li Beini guessed, sounding shocked.

"But... We still don't know if Tao Xiang had any accomplices." Liu Zhanbing whispered.

Zhao Yu turned to Li Beini and said, "Beini, give Li Fei the notes left by Tao Xiang. Let him help us analyze Tao Xiang's thoughts and see what we can get."

"Okay." Li Beini did as Zhao Yu told her.

Zhao Yu then said, "Liu Zhanbing, Li Fei mentioned Flying Squirrel Gao just now. Contact the Bailing police to see if they can find the man. He is also a student of Tao Xiang's teacher. Let's see what he knows."

"Yes." Liu Zhanbing replied.

While Zhao Yu had investigated the Headless Female Corpses Case in Bailing, Liu Zhanbing had learned of the case from Wu Fangfang and knew about Flying Squirrel Gao, so he was the right person to take

this task. After that, Zhao Yu turned back. He was thinking about Tao Xiang's accomplice when he suddenly saw the office door open. Cui Lizhu was standing there, staring at him with a blank expression.

"Hey? Cui?" Zhao Yu asked, slightly surprised. Unexpectedly, Cui Lizhu turned and ran away. She looked sad. "Cui." Zhao Yu frowned and ran after her. He was stopped as he suddenly ran into Wu Xiumin at the door carrying a suitcase.

"Team leader?" Wu Xiumin turned around and said, "I just saw Cui. She was crying."

"Well..." Zhao Yu looked around and saw that Cui Lizhu had already entered the duty room where she had been told to rest. "I don't know. We are talking to Li Fei. Maybe she's recalling some sad memories."

"Oh? Li Fei?" Wu Xiumin frowned. "Why are you talking to him?"

"It's a long story." Zhao Yu waved his hand then said, "It's good to see you here. Come on, let me introduce you..." Zhao Yu invited Wu Xiumin into the office and to introduce her to everyone. However, when he entered the room, he found that all the others were staring at the big screen with serious faces.

Zhao Yu saw that Li Fei was drawing something. "Hey. What is he doing?" he asked.

Li Beini frowned and said, "I haven't given him the notes yet. He said that he thought of someone, then began to draw."

"Who?" Zhao Yu frowned.

"Tao Xiang... He had talked to this man in secret." Li Fei drew carefully and spoke without raising his head. "I saw them when I got up in the middle of the night and went to the toilet. This man could be his accomplice."

"Why didn't you tell us this earlier?" Zhao Yu asked.

However, Li Fei was lost in his drawing, totally ignoring Zhao Yu's question.

## **Chapter 1095: Fearsome Enemy**

"Well..." Looking at Li Fei's drawing, Cui Lizhu bit her lips and thought for a long time, then she shook her head helplessly. "I really can't recall having seen this man. Li Fei... Did Li Fei draw this?"

"Yes." Zhao Yu nodded. "Li Fei said that when he and your father were planning to steal the Tamil Star, he accidentally saw your father speaking to this man in secret in the middle of the night."

Cui Lizhu's eyes were still red. "Oh... I can't believe that you trust Li Fei," she said. "You know what he is like now. And as he said, it was midnight. Do you think he could have seen clearly in the dark? And even draw what he had seen?"

"We cracked the Headless Female Corpses Case. I had interrogated Li Fei in person. Although his confession was incomplete and the timeline he had given for the crime was confusing, he provided the basic facts. Those were consistent," Wu Xiumin said. "Moreover, his fragmented memory was more trustworthy than someone telling a complete story. So, I think what he said was not made up."

“But...” Cui Lizhu looked at Li Fei’s drawing and shook her head. “This man, I really don’t know him.”

Wu Xiumin looked at the drawing and said, “I didn’t know that Li Fei is so good at drawing. Look at his lines. He’s professional. Team leader...” She turned to Zhao Yu and asked, “Do you want me to send this portrait to Zeng Ke and ask him to help identify this man?”

“You don’t need to do that. I’ll do it,” Zhang Jingfeng said. “I used to work in the Missing Persons Department. I have the facial recognition software we would need here.”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu said. He quickly introduced Wu Xiumin and Zhang Jingfeng to each other, and they shook hands.

“Leader Zhao, wait a minute...” Xu Hai suddenly said to Zhao Yu. “I feel... The portrait looks familiar to me. Wait...” As he said that, he shouted to Liu Zhanbing, “Zhanbing, come and have a look, hurry up...”

Right then, Liu Zhanbing was trying to call the Bailing police to look for Flying Squirrel Gao. He quickly put down the phone and came to check the drawing as Xu Hai asked him. “Hey? This is...” As Liu Zhanbing looked at the big screen, he frowned and thought for a while, then said, “This man looks like...”

“What is the name?” Xu Hai urged him.

“Don’t you remember?” Liu Zhanbing asked. “When we followed Leader Wu to look for the Tamil Star, we investigated this man. At that time, we thought he was the mysterious buyer of that gem.”

“Oh... Yes, yes...” Xu Hai suddenly remembered the man and said to Zhao Yu, “Leader Zhao, we did investigate this man before. At that time, we thought he was the buyer, but later, because AK’s Chinese agent was killed, our investigation came to a dead end. What’s his name?”

“His name is Meng Youbin,” Ma Jichun said. Before Liu Zhanbing finished, Ma Jichun from the Secret Service had opened the door and come in.

“Huh?” All of the people in the office were shocked. They had no idea how Ma Jichun knew his name.

“Group leader Zhao. Look at this.” Ma Jichun came to Zhao Yu quickly, took out his mobile phone out, and handed it to Zhao Yu. “We just found this,” he said. “We have investigated this man before.”

Zhao Yu opened his eyes wide. He was shocked by the Secret Service’s working efficiency. Also, no one had told Li Jing about Li Fei’s drawing. Zhao Yu looked at the big screen then realized that Li Jing was probably monitoring the video call the whole time. The Secret Service was everywhere. What surprised Zhao Yu the most was that the Secret Service was able to find the man’s information so quickly. He wondered if Meng Youbin was the mole in the Secret Service? Was he Tao Xiang’s mysterious accomplice? However, after reading what Ma Jichun gave him, he finally understood the truth. He was wrong.

“Meng Youbin sells information for a living,” Ma Jichun said. “At that time, he was in charge of a huge private intelligence organization that covered many secretive, illegal fields. In the beginning, we suspected that other governments might be supporting him, which seriously affected our national security. So, four years ago, with the National Security Bureau and other departments, we took joint action to crack down on them, attack their dens, and arrest hundreds of individuals suspected of doing illegal intelligence work.”

Zhao Yu was surprised. "Incredible. What about later? What happened to him?" he asked.

"When we were about to catch several key figures of the intelligence organization, we found that they had died in a fire. It's a pity that we don't have a way to identify Meng Youbin, so we can't confirm whether he was included in those deaths," Ma Jichun answered.

"Obviously, they were killed for something they knew," Zhao Yu said.

"Yes, we haven't given up on this, and we are still trying to find out the reason of the fire," Ma Jichun told Zhao Yu. "However, since the fire, his intelligence organization and the support behind them have disappeared."

Li Beini frowned and sighed, saying, "This case is much more complicated than I had thought." Li Beini meant that this was not something that they could handle alone. They shouldn't have participated in this.

"Intelligence organization..." Zhao Yu frowned and said, "although this seemed like a very powerful organization, we can't connect it with the treasure. It's possible that Meng Youbin and Tao Xiang just worked together on getting Tamil Star."

"We don't know," Ma Jichun said. "Leader Zhao, no matter if it's the treasure or the gem, or the cases Tao Xiang had done before, these thefts obviously have something in common. Have you ever thought about how Tao Xiang got this secret information that ordinary people don't know anything about?"

This thought inspired Zhao Yu. He nodded and said, "Now the five experts have been killed. There must be an unknown dark power behind this whole thing."

"If my father's list is from this intelligence organization, this intelligence organization has a clear connection with the death of the five experts," Cui Lizhu said, speculating. "After all, apart from the Secret Service and my father, only this intelligence organization knew about the list." She pulled Zhao Yu's arm, saying timidly, "Boss. My sixth sense is right. When we dug out the box, I felt like something important was going to happen."

Zhao Yu had the same feeling. At that moment, he felt a trace of regret over taking this case. From what he had at present, his enemy this time was much stronger than Cheng Lingfei.

Cheng Lingfei had almost ruined his reputation and killed him, what was this enemy capable of?

### **Chapter 1096: Finding the Cause from the Dead**

It was night and the moon was high. In the office of the special investigation group at the Feng Ping police station, Zhao Yu was following his regular routine, facing the whiteboard and doing his case analysis. Due to the large number of materials that he read, he had set up seven whiteboards to record everything, leaving almost no spare room in the temporary office.

From the clues about the treasure and Tao Xiang and the intelligence organization behind him to the five experts, Zhao Yu had a lot to consider. The workload was large. In addition, the difficulty of this case was unprecedented. Although they had found out about the secret intelligence organization, they had no idea where to start given the evidence they currently had.

The Secret Service had tried their best but failed to find out the truth. They didn't even know whether Meng Youbin was dead or not. It would be impossible to crack the case if Zhao Yu only had the help of his special investigation group. In fact, Zhao Yu thought more than once that maybe the case of the five old experts was not as difficult as he had originally thought. It might have been Meng Youbin's intelligence organization or the supporters behind the intelligence organization that killed them. If he could catch Meng Youbin, the truth might come out.

However, the case was also full of mystery. Until now, Zhao Yu had no idea why the five experts were killed. Although they were recruited by the Secret Service, they had worked at different times and had not collaborated in their assigned tasks. Although they knew some of the others, none of them were close friends, and they had only known each other academically. Besides, the five people lived in different cities and were of different ages. Zhao Yu didn't know why the murderer made them his target.

The murderer using truth serum on the victims showed that this crime was not a hate killing. The murderer wanted to know something from these people. That was also the biggest mystery in this case. What did the killer want to know? Would this situation be the same as the Gold Buddha Case? Had these five experts ever had any special experience like the experts in the Buddha case? But they were of different ages and they had not worked together. Zhao Yu was really confused.

Now Zhao Yu was only sure about one thing. All of the five experts were on a list of names and were killed according to the order of the list. Therefore, their deaths must be related to the treasure.

Treasure... treasure... Zhao Yu had a sense of being powerless when he thought of the treasure. He believed differently than he had before. Although he took the case, he never believed that he could find the treasure.

Looking at the two maps from the past and current groups hunting the treasure, Zhao Yu learned that in the past 80 years, experts had searched almost every possible area in the northeast where they thought the treasure might be, using expensive high technology means. If the treasure really existed, it should have been found.

Zhao Yu thought that the treasure was either totally made up or it had been found by someone already. However, if there was no treasure, why were so many countries, including the Japanese, still making great efforts to find it? Was there any secret to be found with the treasure?

Since the Devil Case, Zhao Yu had realized the truth. To solve a case, he couldn't only rely on luck or his system. No matter how powerful the adventure system was, he also needed to work hard. Therefore, despite all the doubts, Zhao Yu was still determined to find the truth. He forced himself to focus and read the materials he had on hand.

Whenever Zhao Yu found a new clue, he wrote it on the whiteboard or corrected an incorrect conclusion he had written previously. In this way, before long, he filled another two whiteboards. After reading the materials, Zhao Yu summed up several investigative steps that he needed to take.

First, he needed to go to the locations where the five old experts were killed. Maybe he could find clues there. Second, he had to track down Meng Youbin's intelligence organization and find out its connection with Tao Xiang. Third, he needed to find out the reason for the death of the experts. Fourth, he needed to learn more about Tao Xiang's past and see what else he could find through Cui Lizhu, Li Fei, and Flying

Squirrel Gao. Fifth, he had to investigate all the information related to the treasure to see if he could make any breakthrough in that respect. Finally, his sixth step was to start a new hexagram every day and see if he could get help from his big boss, the powerful system.

After summing up what he had to do, Zhao Yu realized that getting all of this done would not be an easy job. He needed people and money. He especially needed the assistance of someone great. Although he now had the help of the Secret Service, Zhao Yu still felt that was not enough.

Zhao Yu sighed heavily. Later, he discovered that today's Du Zhen hexagram was over. He had not had high expectations for this common hexagram, so he was quite satisfied with his 203% completion and two rewarded devices. He looked at his watch and found that it was past midnight. It was now a crucial time and he could open a new hexagram, so he tried to make himself look very serious. He put his hands together and chanted, "The spirit of heaven, and the spirit of earth... Boss. This time, it's up to you. Give me a new hexagram."

Zhao Yu almost cried out in excitement. After he saw the new hexagram, his eyelids drooped. The new hexagram was still just a common hexagram, Zhen Li. It was even worse than the last one as it didn't include a Gen.

"Sh\*t!" Zhao Yu felt depressed and murmured, "Every time I need you the most, you give me sh\*t!" Zhao Yu was airing his grievances. He knew how the adventure system worked. He knew that the system didn't give the hexagram he wanted because his investigation was halted. Like the Devil Case, he still had a lot of things he needed to work on. Fortunately, Zhao Yu was the kind of person who didn't give up that easily. So, after starting the new hexagram, he went back to the case and reread the papers.

"Team leader. It's so late. You're impressive," Wu Xiumin said. As Zhao Yu had been working, Wu Xiumin suddenly came from the back of the office. "Leader Miao told me to stop you when you work like this."

Zhao Yu looked back at her and said, "I'm ok. I slept yesterday. I want to work things out today. "

"Oh? Are you still thinking about the five experts?" Wu Xiumin walked over to Zhao Yu and looked at the materials he was reading. "I just finished the detailed information about these five people. Apart from searching for the treasure, they have no close dealings with each in their work or their regular lives," she said.

Zhao Yu nodded. "Yes, I still don't understand the cause of their death. What do you think?" he asked.

"According to the Secret Service, the five experts found nothing at the end. However, the murder is clearly related to the treasure. This is really puzzling," Wu Xiumin replied.

Zhao Yu thought for a moment then said, "Yes, I feel that if we want to know the answer, we have only one thing we can do."

"Oh? What do you mean?" Wu Xiumin asked.

"Since the cause of their murders is our biggest question now, we might as well look for the reason from the dead." Zhao Yu pointed to the papers in his hands. "Maybe they have some unknown secrets."

"Oh. So?" Wu Xiumin asked.

“So...” Zhao Yu raised his head and said seriously, “I plan to start with the people closest to these experts and see if they have done any dirty deals. How about that, my psychological expert?” Zhao Yu turned to Wu Xiumin and said with a smile. “You make the preparations. This time, you’ll go there with me.”

### **Chapter 1097: Think Different**

A month later, in the special investigation group office at the Feng Ping police station.

Over the past month, Zhao Yu had proven that his deduction was completely wrong through his own hard work. He and Wu Xiumin had visited the five experts’ families, friends, and colleagues and adopted many different ways of trying to get more information from them. However, the facts have proved that these five experts were good people. They were all innocent.

Of course, within the month that had passed, in addition to the interviews and investigating, Zhao Yu had done a lot of other work. However, no obvious progress had been made in any of the six investigation steps he had written up. The case seemed to have come to a hopeless dead end. In other words, it was the first time in a long time that Zhao Yu was stuck on a case. After investigating the case for so long, he had still found nothing. He hadn’t encountered such great difficulty when he investigated the Headless Female Corpses Case or the Devil Case.

The mysterious murderer seemed to have totally disappeared. Although the special investigators tried their best to have Cui Lizhu, Li Fei, and Flying Squirrel Gao recall whatever they could, none of them provided any clues about the mysterious intelligence organization and Tao Xiang’s possible accomplice.

Zhao Yu’s adventure system also seemed to be unable to provide any clues. Although he had gotten several Gen hexagrams that showed a connection to the case, Zhao Yu obtained little useful information. Sometimes, Zhao Yu’s completion rate even fell below 100%, which was a rare thing for him.

Zhao Yu finally understood the Secret Service’s difficulties. The mysterious treasure was really too hard to find. Within the latest month, he had almost memorized all the files that he had. At that time, he was still trying to analyze related information in front of the big screen. There were two treasure hunting maps displayed on the screen that had been given to him by the Secret Service. Zhao Yu couldn’t do anything about the experts’ death, so he turned his attention to the treasure.

Zhao Yu pointed to an area on the big screen with a laser pen and said to team members, “This place is all mountains, but why didn’t the experts mark this area? Why didn’t they go there to look?”

“Team leader, haven’t we discussed this before?” Li Beini asked. “There was no road there. That place is too far away from the city, and there is no way for the Japanese to transport the gold from there.”

“Yes, we have actually gone there before. The expressway is newly built. It used to be only mountains and cliffs. There is no way for the Japanese to build a road there at that time,” Ma Jichun said.

“That place is in the deep west. The Japanese can’t have built fortresses there. It’s basically of no strategic significance,” Li Beini added.

Zhao Yu shook his head. "I feel that since the treasure has not been found for such a long time, it must have been hidden in a place that no one would think of. Where we think is impossible is actually worth a try," he said. "Have you ever thought that the Japanese have planes? Do you think they might have transported the gold there by air? That when the Japanese waiting in that place received the gold, they buried the treasure there?"

"Team leader Zhao..." Ma Jichun frowned and said, "we have thought about this. But that would be too obvious. In order to keep anyone from learning about it, the Japanese wouldn't have done that. Besides, we have checked the region you suspected with a remote sensor. Unless the treasure had been buried in the deepest earth, we would have detected it."

"But..." Li Beini interrupted, "That place is too far away, the Japanese could not have sent many of their people there, so it would have been impossible for them to bury the treasure deep underground. Team leader, although you believe the treasure is in an unexpected hidden place, the location should at least make sense. I don't think it's possible for the treasure to be hidden in that area."

"Hey?" Zhao Yu pointed to the blue area on the map and asked, "What about the rivers? Would that be possible? Look, there are so many rivers and lakes surrounding Feng Ping. The Japanese might have sunk the treasure under the water. Did the remote sensor work underwater?"

"Well..." Ma Jichun frowned. "Group leader Zhao, I reported this to you last time. While the Secret Service was still just the Special Operations Section, we had checked all the water around Feng Ping. Later, experts also assessed the surrounding waters. The work scope was later expanded to the whole northeast region, but we didn't find anything."

"Thieves don't hide their stolen goods in rivers," Cui Lizhu said suddenly. "Fish living in the rivers means fishermen, and the treasure could be easily found. Especially for such a big treasure, the Japanese would not be stupid enough to leave the gold in a river. Unless they could build a perfect treasure hiding place underwater, after 80 years, the treasure definitely would have been found."

"Japan's defeat was so sudden that they couldn't have built a secure place to hide the treasure in that short of a time," Li Beini added.

"The point is, it says that the treasure is hidden in a secret fortress built by the Japanese. Therefore, looking for this fortress is the key to finding the treasure," Ma Jichun said. "For a long time, we have been actively looking for the map of the Japanese Kanto army base with the Soviets, trying to find out the location of the secret fortress. But unfortunately..." Ma Jichun said helplessly. "We have found a lot of maps, but they have been known to the public for a long time. As for the secret fortress, it has never been found."

"No." Zhao Yu shook his head. "Even the Japanese didn't know the location, how could we know? Alas... How can I find the secret fortress in the wide northeast?" Thinking about this, Zhao Yu suddenly started to think about his system devices. He wondered whether it was possible to find the treasure by upgrading them. Could the Omnipotent Browser work in this case? If Zhao Yu upgraded this device to the highest level, could he get the answer that no one knew? Or the Metal Detector? Should he upgrade the Metal Detector, or use a Hacker's Command on it?



Seeing Zhao Yu remaining silent, Wu Xiumin said Ma Jichun, "Has your side made any progress? This is not our case alone."

Ma Jichun hastily replied, "Yes, this is for sure. Well, we are paying close attention to the abnormal activities in the northeast area according to what group leader Zhao asked us to do. More than a thousand drones have been used to monitor that area, and we are also using remote sensing satellites. Don't worry. It's such a large treasure. Even if the murderer really got something from the old experts and find out the location, they can't easily dig the gold out."

"Alas." Hearing this, Zhao Yu suddenly sighed and said, "Even if the killer got what they wanted from the experts, they will not be able to find the treasure. If the old experts really knew something, we would have found the treasure already."

"Yes." Ma Jichun nodded, then said, "I don't think the old experts really knew anything."

"So..." As Zhao Yu thought, a wonderful idea occurred to him. "In my opinion, we can't go on looking for a clue like this without a plan. We must find the connection between the murders and the treasure. To make a breakthrough, we must think differently..."

The others asked curiously, "Oh? What do you mean? Do you have any ideas?"

Zhao Yu opened his eyes wide. "Feng Ping! The Forbidden City of the Qing Dynasty and the film production base!" he said excitedly. The others nodded, but they were completely confused. Zhao Yu clapped the table and said, "All of you stop the work at hand. Don't think about anything. Let's have some fun."

### **Chapter 1098: Run Out of Ideas?**

Zhao Yu didn't break his promise. He and his group had great fun for the next several days. They visited the forbidden city of the Qing Dynasty and the film production base. They went to great mountains and rivers, they watched traditional song-and-dance duet, tried local food, and also went to KTV.

However, Zhao Yu's team members didn't know why they suddenly earned a holiday. Wu Xiumin and Li Beini knew Zhao Yu the best out of everyone. At first, they thought that Zhao Yu just wanted a break for a few days, but unexpectedly, Zhao Yu didn't mention the case at all anymore.

It was the fifth day since they had left the office, but Zhao Yu didn't seem to want to return. He even took his team members to the local zoo and they rode the roller coaster. This was the third time they had ridden the roller coaster in the last five days. As the roller coaster swooped down, Zhao Yu and Cui Lizhu screamed loudly, but Li Beini, Wu Xiumin, and others beside them looked frustrated. Their vacant-looking eyes showed that they were not as excited as Zhao Yu.

When the roller coaster stopped, Zhao Yu took Cui Lizhu to play shooting games. Although Zhao Yu had practiced before, his shooting skills were disappointing. They spent 100 yuan but still won no prizes. However, they still were having a lot of fun so they gave it another try.

"Alas." Looking at Zhao Yu and Cui Lizhu, Li Beini sighed. "What happened to leader Zhao?" she asked Wu Xiumin. "It's been five days. What does he want?"

"I don't know what he wants." Wu Xiumin took up a cup of milk tea. "But I know that group leader Miao is coming back. When she arrives, we will see," she said leisurely.

"Oh? Is the case at Gao Lanqi finally over? So, there is only one case left out of the five pending cases?" Li Beini asked.

"Yes, I have the same feeling as you," Wu Xiumin said, looking at Zhao Yu in the distance. "I think that our leader is more suited to looking into the pending cases. Finding this treasure is really not what he is good at."

"Impressive!" Li Beini exclaimed. "How did you know what I was thinking? I think that leader Zhao has done his best. In fact, we shouldn't have taken this case from the beginning. Now I'm afraid that the two-month deadline is coming up. We are still where we were at the beginning. Wu, the Secret Service knows that we can't do it. So why did they choose us?"

Wu Xiumin shook her head and said, "I don't know, but I have a feeling that the Secret Service may have seen something in team leader Zhao. They want to poach him."

"Ah? What do you mean?" Li Beini asked, appearing surprised.

"Don't forget, our team leader beat a group of their agents all by himself," Wu Xiumin said with a smile. "Anyone like our boss who is good at both fighting and solving cases is a candidate they would want." Suddenly, Wu Xiumin spotted an acquaintance. She pointed to them in the distance. Li Beini looked in that direction and was surprised to see a tall woman in a jacket walking towards Zhao Yu.

Wu Xiumin and Li Beini exchanged looks. They needed to tell Zhao Yu about this. Zhao Yu had actually noticed their unexpected guest before they had.

"Hello. Group leader Zhao." The woman came to the shooting range and waved to Zhao Yu in an impolite way. "I want to talk to you. Come here."

When Cui Lizhu saw the woman, she felt nervous. "How come you are here?" she asked. The woman was Captain Li of the Secret Service.

"Well..." Zhao Yu raised his eyebrows, pointed to the gun in his hand, smiled, and said, "Captain Li, I've just paid for the game. Can I finish this?"

"Hum." Li Jing gave a cold hum and took the gun from him. Far from the shooting line, she pulled the trigger. The distant electronics suddenly rang, showing she had hit the target.

"Ah?" The shooting range owner stamped his foot and shouted, "Stop, there is a problem with my machine. That doesn't count."

"D\*mn you." Cui Lizhu clapped excitedly and grabbed several fluffy toys as their prize. The owner of the range began to argue with Cui Lizhu.

Li Jing had already put the gun down and walked away from the shooting range. Zhao Yu followed her, though unwillingly. "Zhao Yu, stop it. It didn't work." Li Jing said coldly.

"Ah? What do you mean?" Zhao Yu pretended that he didn't understand what she was talking about.

“Can’t you understand? Your plan failed.” Li Jing shook her head and said, “You’re trying to use Cui Lizhu as bait to lure the murderer out, right?”

Zhao Yu frowned and said, “Wow. Impressive. My people don’t even know my plan yet. How do you know that? It seems that you’ve done a lot of research on me. Why? Was it because the last time we kissed and you fell in love with me? No way, you know I have a girlfriend. I will never cheat on my girl...”

“Your shamelessness would have killed you more than 800 times if you were not good at beating people.” Li Jing rolled her eyes at him and said, “we’ve been following you for five days. We’ve done everything we can to locate your mobile phone, monitor your activities, and use drones to record you. We are absolutely sure that you are not the target of anyone’s surveillance. So, I’m here today to advise you to stop doing meaningless things.”

Li Jing was right. What Zhao Yu had been doing these days was his plan to lure the murderer by using Cui Lizhu as the bait. He knew that it was not a wise decision, but he had no alternatives. He had put an upgraded positioner on Cui Lizhu, and also had spent a lot of points to upgrade his Invisible Detector, expand the detection range, and strengthen its functions. By doing this, once someone was on the trail, he would know immediately. However, the plan did not work for him. In the past five days, the only things his devices detected were the devices of the Secret Service.

“Now you know that this is not fun, right? The deadline is coming. I think you are ready to hand in your blank report. If so, keep playing and have fun,” Li Jing said coldly. After that, Li Jing turned and began to leave.

“Hum.” Zhao Yu snorted coldly. “Captain Li, I’m afraid you are the last one who should criticize me,” he said. “We are just helping each other. Our failure won’t bring you any benefit. So, stop your victory speech.”

“You are the Special Investigation Group. I’m the Secret Service. I don’t have a deadline.” Li Jing shook her head.

Zhao Yu suddenly became serious. “Is it? So, what do you want to remind me of? Isn’t my failure what you want to see?” he asked.

Li Jing also said coldly, “Zhao Yu, this is my job. I came to remind you because of my job. You can ignore me if you like. There is something else you may not want to hear. You shouldn’t bring up your past honors just to show off all the time, do you understand? Now many people are waiting to see you fall. The Secret Service has prepared the headline for you. Unsolved cases master is at the end of his career. What do you think?”

“Let me tell you, I have more than 10000 ways to solve the case. Let’s wait and see,” Zhao Yu said fiercely.

Zhao Yu waved at Cui Lizhu. The owner of the shooting range was still arguing with her. When Cui Lizhu heard Zhao Yu shouting her name, she immediately grabbed a bunch of fluffy toys then left with Zhao Yu.

**Chapter 1099: Successor**

Zhao Yu couldn't remember how many nights he had been like this. Yesterday's hexagram had just ended and a new one started. Zhao Yu was lying on his desk, looking at the ten whiteboards set up in front of him. He looked very exhausted but he couldn't stop thinking about the case. Was the unsolved cases master at the end of his career?

Zhao Yu despised the Secret Service. "You couldn't find the treasure in 80 years. Do you think you can use this to pull me down? It's a total joke. It's not a big deal. No one can solve this case." He knew that he should accept the fact that he couldn't solve the case on his own. He didn't know why but he still felt very disappointed. Was it because his work as a detective had always been so easy for him? No matter what big case there was, he could eventually crack it in the end. So, this was a doomed setback arranged by the system? Was it in order to help him grow?

Looking at the tons of files in front of him, Zhao Yu knew that he could not easily give up on this case, although he felt terribly dizzy. "Maybe the treasure can never be found. No one should blame me. After all, they don't even know if it exists... But I want to solve the case," Zhao Yu said to himself.

"The five old experts died and the murderer is still at large. I must find justice for them and catch the real killer. I have solved so many difficult big cases. Even the Headless Female Corpses Case and the Devil Case didn't stop me. The experts' death wouldn't be the most difficult one I've solved. If I lost, that would be so embarrassing!" he said. Zhao Yu nodded softly. From what they had already found, whoever killed the five experts were pros, even better than Cheng Lingfei. They were highly skilled at murder. If the police hadn't found Tao Xiang's list of names, no one would have even known that the experts were killed.

He couldn't give up the investigation just because the case was difficult. The murderer must pay for his crime with his life. That was Zhao Yu's purpose for coming into his present life. No matter what enemy was waiting for him. He made up his mind to find out the identity of the murderer. But how?

Zhao Yu pinched his temple hard and scolded himself. "You say you have more than ten thousand ways to solve the case? But now you can't come up with one possible way. So many people are waiting to see you fail. You can't let them get what they want."

Ah... Hero, please accompany me to pursue my dream... His phone ringtone sounded so abrupt in the silence of the night. Zhao Yu answered the call and heard a familiar voice coming from the other end of the phone. "How are you, honey? Is there any progress? Are you still working on your whiteboard in the office? You answered my call so quickly this time. You remember to take care of yourself." Hearing Miao Ying's comforting words, Zhao Yu felt much better. He immediately filled her in on his latest plans and what had happened to him.

After listening to Zhao Yu's explanation, Miao Ying comforted him. "It's OK, don't worry about her. I've asked my dad. The old man wouldn't tell me the truth, but I still managed to find out about his plan. Honey, you must not put too much pressure on yourself. Just do your best," she said.

"What do you mean by his plan? What does your father want to do?" Zhao Yu asked.

"I guess when my father found out you wanted to take the northeast treasures case, he wanted to kick you out of it. He did it because he knew that this was not an easy case and that I would go with you. He didn't want this to delay our engagement," Miao Ying explained. "However, in New Zealand, my father

had learned a lot about you, so he conspired with Li Jing and the others to get you off the case. However, he still underestimated you. He didn't expect that things wouldn't go as he wished. Now things are out of his control."

"You not only saw through Li Jing's plot but also beat a group of agents." Miao Ying sounded a little frustrated as she continued. "Do you know? From the moment you took charge of this case, things were no longer under my father's control. So that's how it is now."

"Ah?" Zhao Yu frowned. "Now? Do you mean the deadline?"

"Yes," Miao Ying replied. "But that's only my guess. But my father's always evasive with me about this. It seems that some powerful higher-ups have gotten involved. They are the ones who gave you the deadline, that was their idea."

"Em..." Zhao Yu stammered.

"This is not hard to understand," Miao Ying said. "There are two reasons for the deadline. One is due to their appreciation for you, the other is as a potential punishment. The Secret Service's elite agents were all good at fighting, but you beat them despite being totally outnumbered. There are few guys in the whole country who could do something like that. So, I think the higher-ups must think highly of you and want to get you into the Secret Service."

"I didn't expect that." Zhao Yu rolled his eyes.

"But," Miao Ying continued, "they don't want it to look too obvious. They need a reason to recruit you. That's why I say there's a punishment. In fact, I think the deadline is a warning to you. They want you to get to know how the Secret Service works first and to understand the difficulty of the treasure case. That's their real purpose."

Zhao Yu shook his head. "Oh? Really? They don't feel very welcoming."

"It's obvious," Miao Ying said with a smile. "Two months is an impossible deadline to give to someone searching for a national treasure. Look, they just want to see that you make an effort. Once the deadline passes, whether the case is solved or not, the Secret Service will send their invitation."

"Two months later happens to be our engagement day. So, your father also knows about the deadline?" Zhao Yu asked.

"He should know," Miao Ying replied, still smiling. "My father is torn on this. On the one hand, he hopes that we can live a safe and happy life away from danger. But on the other hand, he also wants you to be able to take charge of things by yourself so that you can inherit his business in the future."

"Wow." This time, Zhao Yu was shocked and stammered, "So... Secret Service... Later..."

"The Secret Service is a bigger stage than that of the criminal department. I think it's a better playground for someone like you. I'm looking forward to how you play with those big names, ha ha..." Miao Ying said. Zhao Yu was stunned into silence.

"OK. Don't think too much, honey," Miao Ying said. "No matter what happens in the future, you still have to do your own work. I just want to tell you that no matter what others say about you, just do your best. Don't put too much pressure on yourself. I can't bear watching you struggle too much."

“Um. You know me best. Don’t worry, I will take care of myself,” Zhao Yu said with a smile. “By the way, how is your work? When can you come?”

“In a short time. Writing the report is like creating a long novel,” Miao Ying said softly. “Fortunately, I’m now only waiting for the work being done abroad to finish up. In a few days, I’ll let Zeng Ke take it over from me, and I’ll come to join you.”

“I’m waiting for you to come,” Zhao Yu said.

“By the way, there is something else I wanted to talk to you about,” Miao Ying said suddenly. “I thought of a new reason why the five experts may have been killed.”

“Oh? What did you think of?” Zhao Yu asked as his eyes brightened.

“Honey, it’s all because of Tao Xiang’s notes,” Miao Ying said seriously. “Have you thought about it? Maybe the five experts’ death has nothing to do with the treasure.”

### **Chapter 1100: The Last Hope**

“Zhao Yu, do you remember last time when we solved the bank case?” Miao Ying asked.

“Huh? Why do you want to bring that up?” Zhao Yu asked, curious.

Miao Ying recalled the case. “This is what I am thinking about. The biggest difficulty in the bank case was figuring out how the murderer did it. Because we couldn’t find anything in common between the murders, we didn’t make much progress in the case for a long time,” she said.

Zhao Yu nodded. “Yes, but later when we turned our attention to the tunnel accident, the real murderer suddenly came to the surface. Meow, you mean...?”

“Apart from helping the Secret Service look for the treasure, do the five experts have anything else in common?” Miao Ying asked.

“But... I have checked their backgrounds carefully,” Zhao Yu said. “They were good people and had not participated in anything illegal. They were innocent people. They were friendly with others and didn’t hold any grudges. There’s almost no reason they would have been murdered out of just hatred.”

“That’s not what I am talking about. Look, because of the treasure, we are definitely influenced when we think about the five experts’ death. Zhao Yu, think about it carefully. Actually, in addition to the treasure, there is another common point among the five experts,” she said.

“Another common point? That’s... Their... ” Zhao Yu was puzzled.

“Yes. What they did for a living,” Miao Ying answered. “The five people were experts in the fields of cultural relics and history. Is it possible that they were killed for their profession?”

“Well...” Zhao Yu nodded and said, “Meow, I understand what you mean. Do you want me to investigate this and see if there were other experts murdered in similar fields to these five people?”

“Yes, if there is anyone else who was murdered in a similar way to these five people, it shows that the murderer didn’t kill them because of the treasure, but for other reasons,” Miao Ying said excitedly.

“Honey, I have been very busy this month. I thought of this before the first week. I asked Zhang Jingfeng and Wu Xiumin to check this for me and find people with similar experiences, but unfortunately, the answer is no. No one had similar experiences like the five people,” Zhao Yu said regretfully. “In a month, they visited thousands of experts in the fields of history and cultural relics, but none of them knew anyone who died due to this kind of sudden heart attack. So, this is not going to work for us.”

Miao Ying was obviously disappointed and murmured, “I see. Did you find anything that belonged to the five experts missing from their homes?”

“According to the list provided by their families, they didn’t lose anything,” Zhao Yu said. “Yuan Juncheng’s study is full of valuable cultural relics and porcelains, but the murderer didn’t even move them. Obviously, he didn’t come for money. Also, don’t forget the truth serum. It shows that the murderer killed them for something they knew. So, the experts’ death is obviously closely related to the treasure.”

“In that case, this case should be the biggest outstanding case. This is obviously much more difficult than any of the cases we have dealt with before. What do you know about the five experts? Have you read their work logs? What happened to them when they were searching for the treasure?” Miao Ying asked.

“I can almost recite all of their information from memory. They didn’t work for the Secret Service at the same times. These five people worked for the Secret Service in different years. Although they met each other during the transitions, their work was basically independent of each other,” Zhao Yu said helplessly.

“Oh.” Miao Ying sighed and said, “This is different than the old professors in the Gold Buddha Case. They worked together and had their accidents at the same time, but these five experts were totally different.”

“By the way, we are told that the Secret Service uses a matching model,” Zhao Yu added. “In addition to the experts in historical relics, the treasure study group also includes geological experts and scientists. The Secret Service has confirmed that only these five experts in historical relics were murdered and no other participants had been threatened.”

“Alas,” Miao Ying said, helpless. “It seems that our great detective is really facing a big dilemma this time. However, remember what I said. No matter what, you shouldn’t push yourself too hard. No one is perfect. Don’t go down a dead-end, OK?”

“Don’t worry, I’m called the crazy detective. Things will work out for me.” Zhao Yu smiled and blew Miao Ying a kiss through the call, then hung up. However, after putting down the cellphone, Zhao Yu was focused. Although he had shot down Miao Ying’s guesses, he still felt that there was something important in her words. What was it?

Zhao Yu sat at the desk and pushed away the papers laying in front of him. However, his eyes were still fixed together. It seemed that something in his mind was becoming more and more clear. Will it... Is that where the answer lies?

Thinking, Zhao Yu quickly ran to his backpack and started to look for something. Soon, he found his yellow leather notebook. While opening the notebook he was so excited that he almost accidentally tore off a page. "Behind every crime, there is a liter of tears..." Zhao Yu rummaged and said to himself, "it's not this..."

Finally, when he turned the notebook to the last page, he saw what he wanted. At the end of the book, there were famous sayings about criminal investigating recorded by Captain Jin. Among them, in the penultimate line, it said: "the truth, often hidden in seemingly useless clues, just needs to be discovered..."

Yes. That's it. Zhao Yu gently scratched the line with his fingers, and silently read it again. The truth lies in seemingly useless clues. I might have thought too much all along, but ignored some of the most basic things? Is it...? Zhao Yu thought to himself.

Thinking of this, Zhao Yu felt so excited that his eyes appeared red bloodshot. Where is it? Where is it? he thought. He quickly put down the yellow notebook, then rummaged through several file boxes. He finally found the deceased five experts' work logs. He read through every page carefully and made notes.

An hour later, Zhao Yu finally put his pen down. He tapped the papers gently and sighed excitedly. "This time, this is probably my last hope. The answer is... Is it really hidden in these papers?" Zhao Yu sighed again. He found that it was past midnight, so he could start a new hexagram.

This time... Zhao Yu was so excited by the thought of a new hexagram that he opened it immediately. However, Zhao Yu was stunned when the new hexagram came out. The two big characters that appeared in the center of the system display were Kun Gen.