

## **Crazy 1121**

### **Chapter 1121: What is He Doing?**

No way.

Although Zhao Yu had found the bomb, he had no time to dismantle it.

If he went to dismantle the bomb, he wouldn't be able to save Cui Lizhu. And, even if he wanted, he didn't know how many bombs there were. Was there enough time for him to locate all of the bombs?

In addition to saving Cui Lizhu, he needed to inform Li Jing and Xiao Hang that they had to evacuate as soon as possible. There were only 14 minutes left.

Is that enough for me? he thought.

At that moment, Zhao Yu was at a loss as to what to do. He had never faced such a difficult task before. He wished that there was another Zhao Yu who could help him. But there was no such device in his Miracle System.

D\*mn it!

I don't care!

Zhao Yu had made up his mind. Instead of waiting and doing nothing, he decided to fight for the slightest chance of hope.

Keeping that in mind, Zhao Yu decided to forget about the bombs and, instead, he immediately ran in the direction of Cui Lizhu.

However, he suddenly saw something familiar. After he had gone around a small circular area, he found that he was back by the first tank he had seen. The mining car that carried them here was still there, leaning against the wall.

Zhao Yu thought about the route Cui Lizhu had followed and finally realized that the enemy was bringing her back to where they had stayed before.

Thinking of this, he ran toward the passage that led down to the military warehouse. As a result, when he arrived at the passage entrance, he saw four people walking towards a stairway beside it. There was a small door above the stairway. Zhao Yu wondered where the stairway went.

Oh...

Zhao Yu suddenly understood again. There must be a passage leading to the upper exit through the small door. There should be a shortcut to the outside. It would take them much less time to exit that way instead of the way Zhao Yu had originally got there.

You want to take her away? No way! Zhao Yu thought.

Zhao Yu secretly stared at them. He first used his points to extend the time on his Invisible Bulletproof Vest and Energy Booster, then rushed out from behind the tank, shooting at the enemy and blocking their way.

Two of the four people had suffered in the mining cart crash from earlier. Although they didn't die, they were seriously injured. They needed others to support them while they were walking.

Zhao Yu's sudden appearance caught them by surprise. Everyone was shocked. One dodged the shots, one fought back, and the two who had been injured in the accident fell down to the ground.

Zhao Yu lunged forward as he shot, trying to hit the enemy. He stepped in front of them and fought with them. The two men who were still able to fight were not weak. After the initial shock, they gradually recovered their composure and began to fight back.

Zhao Yu was quick and fierce. After a few shots, he swept his submachine gun at the enemy and hit one of the men. He then punched and kicked the other uninjured man with all of his strength.

However, the man was so strong that he was able to withstand Zhao Yu's attacks and fought back even harder. In the first round of fighting, both sides suffered. Zhao Yu suffered a great loss, as he was outnumbered.

More people were coming at Zhao Yu. If he didn't have the help of his Energy Booster, he would not have been able to fight against them.

In the second round of fighting, Zhao Yu was tripped by someone. Two other men immediately stepped on him and threw punches at him.

Just then, Zhao Yu noticed something strange. He saw Cui Lizhu lying in the arms of a man ten meters in front of him.

The man wore the same camouflage uniform as the other enemies, but he wore no protective helmet or goggles. Instead, he wore a mask that was often used in masquerades. The mask only covered half of his face. Zhao Yu clearly saw that the man was opening his mouth and whispering something in Cui Lizhu's ear.

Huh?

Seeing this strange scene, Zhao Yu paid no attention to the enemy trampling on his back. He fixed his eyes on the man wearing the mask.

What shocked Zhao Yu was that Cui Lizhu was also saying something to the man. It was as if she was responding to him.

However, although Cui Lizhu's eyes were open, she looked dull and her eyelids didn't move.

This masked man... What's he doing?

Is he hypnotizing Cui Lizhu?

He...

At that time, a guy hit Zhao Yu on the back of his head. He beat Zhao Yu heavily, until Zhao Yu saw only darkness for a while.

Oh...

Zhao Yu felt tremendous pain. Suddenly, while his eyes were still fixed on the masked man, he grabbed a man's calf.

Then, he did as he was taught by Miao Ying. He threw himself on that man, then pulled his arms. The man couldn't stand it and fell down immediately.

Ignoring the other's punches and kicks, Zhao Yu grabbed the ankle of the man with both arms and pulled the guy's ankle to his chest. Zhao Yu broke the guy's leg.

Ah!

The man let out a heartbreaking howl. The pain was killing him.

The other two were shocked by this and rushed toward Zhao Yu. One caught Zhao Yu's neck, and the other caught his arm.

Zhao Yu heard a rush of footsteps and saw three other guys were coming at him from deeper in the passage.

Although the three men rushing toward him had also suffered some injuries, they were able to move quickly. When they saw Zhao Yu, they immediately aimed their submachine guns at him.

"Hands off!" However, at that time, the masked man suddenly stood up gracefully and spoke to them in English.

"Ah..."

However, the two men who had managed to get Zhao Yu under control did not dare to let him go. They hesitated and held onto him.

"Bagayalu," the masked man said.

All of a sudden, the masked man got extremely angry. He scolded the men in another language. Zhao Yu guessed that he was speaking Japanese.

After that, the two guys immediately let Zhao Yu go.

"Woo..." Unexpectedly, right after they did, the masked man kept repeating something. Like chanting an incantation. After murmuring for several seconds, the masked man suddenly lunged at Zhao Yu.

Zhao Yu frowned and immediately moved into a defensive position.

In the blink of an eye, the man rushed toward Zhao Yu and gave him a head-on slap.

Zhao Yu immediately felt a huge pressure and hurriedly crossed his arms to meet the attack.

Then, this person gave Zhao Yu a right punch, whose speed was almost as fast as lightning. Zhao Yu was shocked and hurriedly put his arms together to protect himself.

Zhao Yu was scared and tried to dodge, but the masked man's shoulder shook a little and hit Zhao Yu right in his chest.

After that, the masked man did not stop. He hit Zhao Yu in the back. Then, he marched firmly closer and hit Zhao Yu with an uppercut. Zhao Yu suddenly flew into the air, spitting blood, then fell heavily onto the ground.

After falling to the ground, Zhao Yu's internal organs felt like they were churning and he felt extremely sick. His head was foggy and he could not move.

Zhao Yu tried to clench his fists several times, but his body wouldn't listen and disobeyed his command. He could not use any of his strength at all.

The masked man stood in front of Zhao Yu for a while. He seemed to be thinking about something important, like how he was going to kill Zhao Yu.

Unexpectedly, just then, the masked man heard a strange sound. His face suddenly darkened, and he seemed to realize the sound meant something bad for him. He jumped up and retreated to the side.

Just as he jumped up, Xiao Hang rushed out of the military base pushing a cart used for transporting goods. On the cart sat Li Jing, whose thigh was injured, and a popular 92 heavy machine gun.

This was a real heavy machine gun. After it fired, there was a deafening roar. The bullets shot from the gun and knocked the enemy to the ground. Every one of them was howling.

Chapter 1122: Live or Die

The old heavy machine gun, which had been unused for more than 80 years, was shining in Li Jing's hands. After a round of strafing, all of the enemies had been shot to the ground and died miserably.

Li Jing had originally seen the masked man hit Zhao Yu to the ground and had aimed at him. The masked man had been surprisingly alert and had immediately run up the stairs and into the small door above.

"Whoa." After the gun had finished firing, Xiao Hang couldn't help but exclaim and clap. "The Japanese weapon is awesome. After so many years, it can still work. If we had known this we wouldn't have been beaten to absolute inferiority."

"Enough." Li Jing urged. She looked terribly pale. "How is Zhao Yu?"

Xiao Hang ran to Zhao Yu and turned him over. "Zhao Yu, how do you feel? Are you ok?" he asked.

"Oh..." Zhao Yu felt as though the sky was spinning. His organs were churning violently and he was swallowed by terrible pain. The pain was so intense he gradually became unable to feel anything. However, his mind was still running through all of the important information, and he hurriedly raised his arm and pointed to the small door above.

"They ran that way. Li Jing missed that masked guy." Xiao Hang shook his head and asked, "By the way, who was that guy wearing a mask? How could he beat you?"

“Go...” Zhao Yu’s chest heaved violently and he gasped for air. Then he grabbed Xiao Hang’s hand and shouted, “Go to h\*ll.”

Xiao Hang shook his head, then suddenly saw Cui Lizhu leaning against the corner of the wall. She was still unconscious. “Hey? Cui Lizhu?” he shouted in surprise.

Zhao Yu cursed Xiao Hang again in his heart. Zhao Yu calmed down a little and quickly checked his device bar. He used an Invisible Recovery Agent.

The Invisible Recovery Agent was amazing. After using it, Zhao Yu immediately stood up and pointed to the base in the distance. “Xiao Hang, there’s a bomb out there. It’s going to explode in less than ten minutes. We need to get out of here as soon as possible,” he shouted.

“Ah? What? Bomb?” Xiao Hang was shocked. “How do you know that there is a bomb? There are ten minutes left until the explosion? You had time to swear but no time to tell us about the bomb earlier?”

“I saw that the one wearing the mask just hypnotized Cui Lizhu. He probably got the information he wanted from her. There’s no time for us. The whole mountain will be blown up,” Zhao Yu said in a hurry. “You take care of Captain Li. I’ll take Cui Lizhu. Let’s...”

Boom!

Zhao Yu hadn’t finished his sentence and suddenly heard an explosion come from above his head. The air-raid shelter started to shake.

Ah...

Xiao Hang was shocked and asked, “It’s going to explode? Didn’t you say that there were ten minutes left? Zhao Yu!”

“What happened? What’s happening?” Li Jing limped over and asked, “Do we have to leave now?”

“Wait a minute...” Zhao Yu looked up toward the top of the cave. He saw a cloud of thick smoke coming out of the small door above the stairs.

“D\*mn.” Zhao Yu realized something and almost fell to the ground.

“D\*mn it.” Li Jing was smart, so she understood at once. Judging from the place that the explosion had come from, the masked man who escaped had blown up the exit above.

That was to say, they were probably trapped in this underground military base and couldn’t get out.

The worse news was that there was a bomb in the base, and the bomb would explode soon.

What should I do? Li Jing was driven crazy.

Zhao Yu stuck out his tongue gloomily. He never expected that he would end up in this kind of desperate situation. He had tried his best, but he was not blessed.

What should I do?

There’s no time for me.

Zhao Yu anxiously clenched his fists. Up until then, he had no other way but to race with the God of death. It was either live or die for him. Do I still have a chance to win? he wondered.

All right.

I will give it a shot!

After making up his mind, Zhao Yu waved at Xiao Hang. "Xiao Hang, hurry up. You take captain Li and Cui Lizhu up there now."

"But..." Xiao Hang looked desperate as he said to Zhao Yu, "The exit was bombed."

"How do you know if you don't have a look? Hurry up, what if there is a way out? Or a new way out!" Zhao Yu roared.

"All right... Ok..." Xiao Hang nodded then asked, "What about you?"

"I'll deal with the bomb," Zhao Yu said, then he ran back to the air-raid shelter.

At such a critical moment of life and death, Zhao Yu no longer cared about his adventure points and devices. He knew that once the bomb exploded, no one could help him.

So, he immediately used an Invisible Aircraft and an Invisible Accelerator to speed up the aircraft. Later, in order to avoid being seen by Li Jing and Xiao Hang who still were not far from him, he used a valuable Invisible Cloak and disappeared from their view.

As soon as his devices started to work, he immediately flew up to a high spot in the air-raider shelter, then flew straight to the timed bomb he had just found.

In less than 20 seconds he reached the target, then he used an Invisible Bomb Remover. The bomb was dismantled quickly.

After removing the bomb, Zhao Yu jumped up and flew along the wall towards the inner side of the air-raider shelter, searching for potential threats all the way. Zhao Yu knew that the most urgent thing for him now was not to remove the bomb he had already found, but to find all of the bombs left in the area.

Although he had an advanced Invisible Detector, its range of detection was limited. He was not sure that he could find all of the bombs in such a huge base in the limited time he had available to him.

Because time was running out, he consumed another 2000 points to raise the detection range of the Invisible Detector to a diameter of 70 meters and also to improve the detection accuracy. This way it could display a more precise location of the bombs hidden by the enemy.

It was worth it. After strengthening the device's functions the detector immediately sent an alert. Zhao Yu flew to the location detected right away and easily fixed the third bomb.

Following that procedure, Zhao Yu flew around the large air-raid shelter, and in less than five minutes, he removed seven bombs.

Flying through the air, Zhao Yu suddenly felt confident about himself again. At the same time, he regretted a bit. If he had known that his devices were so powerful, he could have caught the masked man. However, Zhao Yu had let him run away.

Zhao Yu searched the whole air-raid shelter. On top of gaining an idea of the general layout and structure of the base, he found another exit.

However, when he came to this exit, something terrible happened. According to his detector, the last bomb the enemy had placed was near that exit.

Unfortunately, when he found the location of the bomb, he was surprised to find that the Invisible Bomb Remover in his device bar showed they had all been used.

Chapter 1123: For What Purpose?

Boom.

A few minutes later, the bomb inevitably exploded.

Hearing the roar coming from off in the distance, feeling the violent vibration of the earth, and watching the flickering lights, Xiao Hang could not help but hold Li Jing in his arms. "Jing, if I can die with the one I love the most, I have no regrets," he said to Li Jing with relief.

A few minutes earlier, Xiao Hang had gone to the front of the passage and found that the upper part had collapsed. The only entrance to the passage was completely blocked.

At that moment, when he heard that the explosion of the bomb, he accepted his fate.

Li Jing no longer had any hope either. She buried her head in Xiao Hang's arms. "Hang, hold me tight. I want them to find us in the future. I want them to know that we are a couple. What I regret most is that I didn't say yes to your proposal..."

Li Jing could not help but shed tears while she spoke.

"That's not something difficult for me." Xiao Hang wiped his dirty hands, put his hands together, then said, "Now, I'll ask you again. But, it's just..."

He looked around, looking for something to replace the ring, but the ground was full of only scattered bullet casings and dead bodies.

"Oh..."

As he was looking around, Cui Lizhu was awakened by the explosion and let out a soft "Oh".

Xiao Hang and Li Jing looked at Cui Lizhu. Their eyes were full bitterness.

Li Jing gently held Xiao Hang's hands. "I don't need a ring. My answer is yes!"

As she spoke, Li Jing put her cheek close to Xiao Hang's face and was about to kiss him. Unexpectedly, someone exclaimed from near the entrance.

"Whoa, whoa..." Zhao Yu put his hands in front of his face and said loudly, "This is not suitable for me, it's improper. I can't stand you guys!"

Xiao Hang and Li Jing were shocked by Zhao Yu's arrival and separated from each other immediately.

“Um... This... This...” Xiao Hang was obviously feeling awkward. As he stammered, he found that the loud sound gradually weakened. It seemed that the explosion was not as destructive as he had previously thought. The mountain didn’t collapse, nor did the cave.

“Relax, buddy.” Zhao Yu smiled at them. “At the other end of the base, there is a second passageway. After I removed the bomb, I placed it there. First of all, this way, the explosion wouldn’t affect the explosives and weapons in the base. Second, I think that the bomb blowing up inside that passage might clear a way out for us.”

“Oh...” Xiao Hang took a long breath. For a moment, he had a feeling like he was coming back from the dead.

“You... You know how to dismantle a bomb?” Li Jing asked. She appeared shocked.

“Hey? What did all the fighting do to your brain?” Zhao Yu shook his head. “If I knew how to dismantle the bomb, would I have let it explode? I mean, I took the bomb somewhere safe, okay?”

Zhao Yu was right. Li Jing’s mental response time had become really slow because of what happened to her just now.

Xiao Hang asked anxiously, “Then, there’s only one bomb?”

“Well...” Zhao Yu thought about it for a moment, then quickly replied, “I only saw one, anyway.”

Zhao Yu couldn’t tell them about his devices. If they knew that there were multiple bombs out there, Zhao Yu wouldn’t be able to explain to them what he had just done with his devices.

Xiao Hang stared and asked, in shock, “You are not sure yourself!? What if there are still other bombs? This is not going to work for us. We have to find the remaining bombs right away.”

“There is no need for that. That bomb I found was on a timer. If there were other bombs, they would have been set to the same time,” Zhao Yu explained. “They should have all exploded together. Besides, when I came back, I had a look around. I didn’t see...”

Cui Lizhu had been awake for a bit while Zhao Yu had been talking. As soon as Zhao Yu saw her, he quickly changed the subject and rushed over to her.

“Lizhu, you woke up,” he said.

Xiao Hang and Li Jing glanced at each other. It was obvious that they were still worried about the bomb.

“Boss...” Cui Lizhu was completely awake but she looked confused and couldn’t open her eyes.

“I’m here, I’m with you.” Zhao Yu patted Cui Lizhu’s face gently. He then turned to Xiao Hang and Li Jing and asked, “Just now the masked man hypnotized Cui Lizhu. I saw that he had been chanting something in Cui’s ear. Cui Lizhu also said something to him.”

“Ah? Why did he do that?” Li Jing frowned and whispered, “It doesn’t make sense. They found the military base. What else could they have wanted to know from Cui Lizhu?”

“Yes.” Xiao Hang was also very confused. “It would be about Tao Xiang, right? It’s very strange.”



Zhao Yu shook his head and said, "Yes, this is indeed strange. The masked man even scolded his men in Japanese."

"What? Japanese?" Xiao Hang looked at Zhao Yu and asked, "Japanese agents? Is it possible that they...?"

"The point is..." Li Jing thought for a moment, then said, "Did he find the answer he wanted? He found the base. Yes, the treasure. Isn't the treasure here?"

Zhao Yu shook his head and sighed. "We'll never know! The Tian brothers have been missing for more than half a year. We don't know how long they have known about this secret base. Perhaps the treasure has already been transported. Or maybe the treasure isn't here at all."

"I agree with the latter," Li Jing said. "The treasure couldn't have been transported out under our close watch. And, if they did transfer the treasure to another location, why would they care about Cui Lizhu?"

"No." Suddenly, Zhao Yu pointed to the base in the distance. He had a complex expression on his face. "Maybe, the treasure is here, and it has not been moved," he said.

"Ah? What do you mean?" Xiao Hang didn't understand.

"I've had a strange feeling since we were ambushed. I feel like their purpose is not to steal the treasure. When I found the bomb, it further confirmed my guess," Zhao Yu explained.

Li Jing nodded. "You mean that their purpose is to destroy the treasure and the military base."

Xiao Hang frowned and finally realized something. "I know," he said. "The treasure is worth a lot. They know that they can't take the gold away with them. If they can't take it away, they want to destroy it so that no one can get the treasure. Thank god the bomb didn't explode."

"But..." Zhao Yu shook his head again. "I'm not 100% sure. I just checked the surroundings and I didn't see any gold or other valuable things. So, we can't say that the treasure is here for sure."

"Oh..." Cui Lizhu opened her eyes. She looked much better.

Li Jing looked at Cui Lizhu and said, "I agree. If we want to know what their real purpose is, I'm afraid we must first find out what the man asked Cui Lizhu."

#### Chapter 1124: Swearing?

"I... I don't know." After Zhao Yu finished telling Cui Lizhu about the masked man she covered her head, trying to remember what the man had said to her. "I remember that there was an explosion. Then I don't know anything. God! What is this place?" she said.

"Um... Take your time... You woke up once and were caught by them. I saved you," Xiao Hang said.

"Oh, I remember..." Cui Lizhu opened her eyes wide. "That did happen. There were many boxes and cannons."

“Yes, yes.” Xiao Hang nodded and continued on, saying, “When you saw someone chasing you, you ran through a gap in the boxes.”

“Yes, someone was after me. Those people... Who are they?” Cui Lizhu asked nervously.

“That’s not important! Think, what happened after you ran? How did they catch you?” Zhao Yu urged.

“I ran away. Then I ran...” Cui Lizhu slapped her forehead. “This is the secret fortress where the treasure is buried? Where is the treasure? Where is the gold? Did you find it? How much can I get?”

“D\*mn.” Zhao Yu frowned. He turned to the others and said, “Even now she’s thinking about money.” He turned back to Cui Lizhu and said, “If you can’t remember what the masked man said to you, we’ll all die here. Think, hard!”

“I...” Cui Lizhu looked down and thought. After a while, she said, “It seems that I was caught by them without running too far. They gave me... Give me...” She touched her neck then continued, “gave me an injection, then I don’t know what happened after that.”

“But, think about it,” Zhao Yu said anxiously. “You just talked to that guy. There is a guy wearing a mask who asked you a lot of questions. Think about it. What did he ask you? His questions may be the answer to all of our questions.”

Cui Lizhu looked confused. “What? Masked man? No? I haven’t seen a masked man. What’s happened to me? Can anyone tell me what happened just now? What are you doing up here? The treasure is buried here. Why don’t you look for it now? It’s gold! tons of gold!”

“Alas.” Zhao Yu shook his head. “In my opinion, Cui Lizhu was not hypnotized. They probably used a truth serum on her like they did to those experts,” he told Xiao Hang. “She spoke to the man while she was in a coma, but she can’t remember it.”

“If we can’t find the answer, we can’t find the masked man,” Xiao Hang said. “I think we should leave here as soon as possible and find a hypnotist to help us.”

“But...” Zhao Yu suddenly frowned. “I know a little about lip reading. I just saw the masked man speak to her. I have a general idea about what he was talking about,” he said uncertainly. “Although he speaks Japanese and English, what he just said to Cui Lizhu must have been in Chinese.”

“Of course. Cui Lizhu can only speak Chinese,” Xiao Hang said. “If that guy wanted to ask questions, he could have only spoken in Chinese. But, Zhao Yu, I didn’t know that you know how to read lips. That’s not what you should be interested in.”

“What? Masked man?” Cui Lizhu furrowed her eyebrows. “Since he was wearing a mask, how could you see his lips? Boss? You must be bragging about yourself again. Why haven’t you told me that you know lip reading?”

“No, the man was only half masked and I could see his mouth,” Zhao Yu explained. “I am not bragging about myself. I really do know how to read lips. I know all of the bad things you’ve said about me behind my back.”

Zhao Yu was not boasting. When he saw the masked man talking to Cui Lizhu, he immediately used a Lip-Reading device in an attempt to figure out what the masked man was talking about. The reason he

hadn't fought back and let the other guys beat him was that he had been focused on seeing what the masked man had been saying.

Xiao Hang clapped his hands. "Then what are you waiting for? What did the masked man say?" he urged Zhao Yu.

"The point is, that guy was not saying anything useful," Zhao Yu said, embarrassed. "I could only see that he was swearing constantly. He kept saying the f word."

"Ah? A Japanese man swearing in Chinese?" Xiao Hang frowned. "Are you sure? Swearing at someone who's in a coma? Why?"

Zhao Yu tried to think about what the man had said exactly. "No. I remember that he kept saying motherf\*cker. I remember that he asked Cui Lizhu 'Can you remember it? Where that thing is?' And then he mentioned a photo."

Hearing what Zhao Yu had to say, Cui Lizhu pouted and said, "I don't know. What if he was not swearing? Maybe he was talking about his mother. Or my mother? My mother? But my mother is dead? Photo, a photo of my mother? If he can't find my mother, he needs a photo? This is so strange. It doesn't make sense to me."

Zhao Yu shook his head. "That's not what he meant. It's easy for them to find out your mother's information and get a photo of her. There must be something wrong with them. Cui, can you try to see if you can remember anything? You opened your eyes at that point and you said a lot to him, but I couldn't see your mouth."

"Wait! No." Xiao Hang suddenly raised his eyebrows and said, "Either that guy was swearing, or he was not saying mother\*cker. Maybe the person he asked about is not Cui Lizhu's mother, but someone else's mother. Whose mother can it be? Tao Xiang's mother? So, he was asking about Tao Xiang's mother."

"You've got a tongue twister there." Cui Lizhu rolled her eyes at Xiao Hang.

"Tao Xiang is an orphan." Zhao Yu shook his head. "He doesn't know who his mother is. Neither does Cui Lizhu."

"Oh, that's true." Cui Lizhu grabbed her hair angrily and said, "Who did I offend? Why are they all coming after me? What secret do I know about?"

"Keep calm. Don't get excited." Zhao Yu saw that Cui Lizhu was about to collapse and comforted her.

"Well, don't worry, we'll figure it out."

"We don't have time. Let's get out of this d\*mn place first. Didn't you just say that you put the bomb in another passage and detonated it?" Xiao Hang asked. "What about that bomb? Did it explode?"

"If it worked for us, I wouldn't be here wasting time with you now." Zhao Yu rolled eyes at Xiao Hang and said, "Even if it exploded in the passage, the passage would collapse. How could it create an exit?"

Xiao Hang pouted. "So we're stuck here? You know, the passage above has collapsed. Even if the Secret Service found our location, it would still take them several days to find us. There is no food or water here. We will starve and die here."

"It's OK. There's so much food here. You won't die." Li Jing, who had remained silent for a long time, suddenly spoke.

"Ah? Food?" Zhao Yu and the others turned around excitedly, but their faces were all black.

Li Jing was searching for something on the bodies of the dead people laying on the ground. It turned out that what she was talking about was not real food, but the bodies.

### **Chapter 1125: Do You Believe Her?**

When Xiao Hang saw Li Jing searching the dead bodies, he shook his head and walked towards them.

"Jing, we're not that desperate, right?" he asked anxiously. "Be careful, your leg is seriously injured."

"It's OK. I don't know why, but I feel much better. It seems as if the bleeding has stopped." Li Jing waved to Xiao Hang. "Come here and have a look. These people are all foreigners."

Hum. Of course you feel much better, Zhao Yu thought. If it wasn't for my Invisible Hemostat, you wouldn't have the strength to speak now.

"International mercenaries?" Xiao Hang squatted in front of a corpse and carefully studied it. "It seems that there are no obvious characteristics. It's probably not a well-known organization."

Li Jing frowned. "A little more than ten people. Why haven't we noticed such a squad before?" she asked.

"Unfortunately, there is no connection here." Xiao Hang took out his cellphone and said, "I'd better take pictures of them in case I can't recognize them after we get out."

"Advanced equipment, well-trained, and highly confidential. I think..." Li Jing thought for a second then said, "These people were all temporarily recruited. Although they are not professionals, it's good for them to conceal their real identities."

"Yes." Xiao Hang took pictures of the dead and said, "This kind of organization is the most difficult to identify. Look, there are many people who look like they are Chinese. But they are not. They are either Southeast Asian or East Asian."

"Since the masked man speaks Japanese, the boss is Japanese? Obviously, the masked one is their leader," Zhao Yu said.

Li Jing shook her head. "Not necessarily. I know how this kind of organization works. If they had really been recruited by Japanese agents, they would not have spoken Japanese, nor would there have been any Japanese related things on them."

"Oh..." Zhao Yu nodded and said, "I see. they don't want us to know their real identity. It's such an important task, right?"

Xiao Hang nodded. "Yes. Otherwise, once we find out, it would mean big news for the international community. No nation dares to be so bold..."

"So, they may not be Japanese." Zhao Yu shook his head. "Is it the KGB?"

Xiao Hang shook his head and said, "I don't think so. Their position is different. If they're Russian, they would definitely cooperate with us."

"But anyway..." Li Jing hesitated, then said, "It's the worst and the largest conspiracy I have ever heard of. Foreigners come to look for treasure in China and attempt to destroy it. How dare they! I won't let them get away with this."

Xiao Hang frowned and said, "Although this secret base was saved, we still let that masked man run. And, he got his answers from Cui Lizhu. I'm afraid..."

"So, we need to get out of here as soon as possible. No more whining." Li Jing took Xiao Hang's hand and said, "Maybe there's another exit in such a large military base. Let's have a look around."

Xiao Hang nodded. "OK," he said. "But you can't go. Your leg is injured."

"Um... Wait a minute..." Zhao Yu thought of something and quickly waved his hand. "Just now, I thought I saw a couple of people there. They are still alive. I'm going to talk to them and see if I can get anything from them. I'm the best at this kind of thing," he said.

Xiao Hang and Li Jing shook their heads together. "There were not killed in the shooting, but they killed themselves," Xiao Hang said.

Zhao Yu pouted. "What? Death squad? Do they have poison stashed in their mouth? When they can't complete their tasks, they chew the poison and die to keep their secrets?"

Xiao Hang and Li Jing did not answer him. Instead, they looked around anxiously.

Zhao Yu didn't continue and was going to check the dead people with Xiao Hang. A sudden pain caused by his previous injury and a strong sense of fatigue hit him, which made him stumble.

"In this case..." Cui Lizhu was the opposite of Zhao Yu. She showed excitement in her eyes. "Let's look around. What if we find the gold? Eh? Boss? Boss..."

Cui Lizhu was right beside Zhao Yu. Seeing him stagger, she rushed forward to help him.

Zhao Yu gritted his teeth in pain. He felt a burning pain all over his body. He felt dizzy and his vision became blurred. That was a side effect of the Energy Booster he had just used as well as the gradual decline of the effect of the Invisible Tonic.

"Don't scare me, boss," Cui Lizhu said, frightened, and hurriedly took out a bottle of mineral water. She gave it to Zhao Yu. "How do you feel? I won't let anything happen to you."

Zhao Yu tried to look well. "I'm good. I'm just a bit tired. I have to take a rest."

"Really? Are you really all right?" Xiao Hang also looked at Zhao Yu with concern and even checked his pulse. "I heard someone shot you. Are you sure you didn't get hurt? I'm not talking about rubber bullets."

"Screw you! Do you want me to die?" Zhao Yu glared at him and felt a dull, throbbing pain in his face.

"All right, all right..." Xiao Hang waved his hand. "Since he can swear, he's OK. Come on. I'm going to find the way out. You stay here and take care of Zhao Yu."

"I don't need to be taken care of." Zhao Yu waved. "Cui, you should go with Xiao Hang. You are better than him. See if you can find a secret exit or something."

Cui Lizhu seemed obviously embarrassed.

"Well, I'm here." Li Jing took out a pistol and waved.

"Well, be careful," Xiao Hang told Li Jing. "If you find anything, shoot into the air. I'll come back as soon as possible."

Li Jing nodded.

"Well then..." Cui Lizhu nodded, then followed Xiao Hang and left.

Li Jing dragged her injured right leg to Zhao Yu and asked, "Zhao Yu, do you really believe her?"

"What?" Zhao Yu raised his eyes and saw that Li Jing was staring into the distance. He understood what she meant. "Of course. Although Cui Lizhu is not always serious with work, she knows what's right," he replied. "At this point, do you think she has anything she's hiding from us?"

"But it shows that she knows something," Li Jing said. "Otherwise, the enemy would not want to take her. She must know something that we don't know."

"I don't know, but... I believe her," Zhao Yu said firmly. "She never lies to me about this kind of thing. If she says that she doesn't know, then she doesn't know."

"I was thinking..." Li Jing frowned and said, "Maybe what the enemy wants to know is something of no importance at all to Cui Lizhu."

"I have thought about that as well, but Cui Lizhu has told me everything about her from as early as she could remember. I don't think there's anything related to the place where the treasure was buried." The overwhelming feeling of exhaustion poured into Zhao Yu like water from a river flowing into the sea. However, this was a rare opportunity for him, so he forced himself to ask, "Captain Li, can you tell me something about my girlfriend's father? What's there between you and him?"

### **Chapter 1126: Here's a Ball for You**

"Don't worry!" Li Jing joked as she sat next to Zhao Yu, exhausted. "I'm neither your fiancée's sister nor your mother-in-law! We're not related in any way!"

Zhao Yu, who had a habit of shooting his mouth off, did not respond. He was on the verge of falling asleep from fatigue.

Thinking back, when Zhao Yu was still in the process of catching Cheng Lingfei, he had used a similar set of items and had slept for a whole day and night before recovering from the exhaustion.

Back then he had arrested the criminal and was allowed to recuperate in the hospital after. It was different now; he was stuck in a basement, and who knew what dangers were lurking ahead of him?

Besides, the mastermind had managed to escape, and they had no idea what sinister intentions he had. What if the criminals were to do something drastic that led to unthinkable consequences?

“Ow...” Zhao Yu let out in discomfort. He leaned against the wall and tried his best to keep his eyes open despite the drowsiness.

“Erm... you...” Li Jing fidgeted as if she were able to sense Zhao Yu’s suffering. With furrowed brows, Li Jing said softly, “Zhao Yu, what happened previously... was all my fault. I owe you a proper apology!”

“Huh?” Never in Zhao Yu’s wildest dreams had he expected the usually high and mighty Li Jing to apologize to him.

“I admit, I underestimated you! If we survive this, I hope we can become friends... alright, that’s all I have to say!” Li Jing said, blushing.

“Oh...” Zhao Yu said with a slight nod. “Looks like you really have nothing going on with my father-in-law! I was just overthinking!”

“You!?” Li Jing narrowed her eyes at Zhao Yu. However, the very next moment, they were smiling freely at each other.

Perhaps because of his injuries, Zhao Yu barely managed to squeeze out some laughter, before curling up in pain.

“Alright, you better get some rest!” Li Jing said. “The people from the Secret Service Agency are almost here, I’m sure they’ll try their best to rescue us!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu was tempted to rest for a bit, but how could he stop worrying about what was going to happen?

Who exactly was their enemy?

Why had they led them to this base littered with explosives?

Where was the treasure?

And what was the intention of the masked person?

How was Cui Lizhu involved?

What was the distinction between ‘his mom’ and ‘your mom’...? [1]

Zhao Yu had so many questions running through his mind. He needed answers. But even after killing so many criminals, he was still unable to solve the mystery.

Just as Zhao Yu was deep in thought, the Miracle System in his mind came to life. It turned out that the Kun Gen Hexagram from two days ago had just finished its run.

Zhao Yu received an amazingly high completion rate of 435%, again setting a new record. This record was even more remarkable than that of the Kun Qian Hexagram. Previously, when the Kun Qian Hexagram was completed at a rate of 388%, he was rewarded a whopping 40 items.

This time around, he was presented a ground-breaking number of 50 items as a reward. Taking a look at the items, Zhao Yu was pleasantly surprised. There were three Top Grade Device items – the Invisible Hedge Ball!

Wow...

Zhao Yu clasped his hands and bowed in thanks, praising the System. O powerful System, you're indeed awesome, you've awarded me three Balls all at once!

Including what he already had, Zhao Yu now possessed four Invisible Hedge Balls. These were lifesavers, which would no doubt come in handy the next time he was in a bit of a pinch.

In addition to those, his inventory was also replenished with an Invisible Cloak, Invisible Aircraft, and other Level One Devices & Special Device items.

However, the System was often unpredictable, and Zhao Yu had also received other bizarre items such as Invisible Hair Growth Tonic, Invisible Tape, and weirdly enough, even an Invisible Nail Clipper which worked just like a regular nail clipper!

Tut, tut...

Zhao Yu had no time to peruse his inventory; he needed something he could use right now.

However, having searched the entire Device Bar, the only thing that would be vaguely useful was the Invisible Fluoroscopic Device.

If the fluoroscopic qualities of the device could be strengthened, then perhaps it would be able to detect the weakest part of the mountain, so that the people outside would be able to find a way to get him out.

As he was contemplating communication with the outside world, it suddenly occurred to Zhao Yu that the newly accumulated points would suffice in boosting the Signal Amplification Device.

Zhao Yu whipped out the Signal Amplification Device to have a look. As there was no longer anything jamming the signal, he only needed 2000 points to strengthen the device.

After completing the last Adventure, Zhao Yu had been rewarded with 1740 points, which was sufficient. But just as Zhao Yu was getting ready to boost the device, he suddenly remembered something important.

Oh yeah!

He almost forgot. When he saw the masked person speaking to Cui Lizhu, he had first used the Lip-Reading Device, but upon realizing that it could not accurately translate what was being said, he recorded the entire process with an Invisible Video Recorder.

Zhao Yu had kept his eyes on the masked person throughout the entire process, even when he was being viciously attacked by other people.

He really was getting a bit dull. If not for the fact that he saw this Device on the Device Bar, he would have forgotten about it.

Zhao Yu decided to review what he had recorded with the Device.



The recording could only be viewed by him. Unlike the Invisible Sound Recorder, transferring these images to a computer or other platform would require an astronomical amount of Miracle Points, so the recording could be viewed only by him at the moment.

The Invisible Video Recorder had captured what happened perfectly, including the translations made by the Lip-Reading Device.

In the recording, the masked person was asking Cui Lizhu solemnly, "Do you remember where 'his mom' is? What are you gonna do if you can't find 'his mom'?"

Cui Lizhu muttered something rapidly, as if in a trance or possessed. The masked person smiled and said, "Photo?"

Not long after, Zhao Yu received a blow to the back of his head, changing the angle of the recorder, so nothing else was heard.

Oh?

After replaying it once more, Zhao Yu realized something new. His mom... his mom...

Maybe... this wasn't a form of address for someone's mother, but perhaps he was referring to something else altogether?

Just as he came to this realization, Xiao Hang and Cui Lizhu scampered over in his direction, Xiao Hang shouting, "Quick... run! There are so many bombs inside!"

### **Chapter 1127: What the Heck is 'Tama'?**

Although Zhao Yu knew that the bombs would not be able to go off, he did not and could not explain why to Xiao Hang and Cui Lizhu. Instead, he played along and pretended to be surprised.

"We found two of 'em!" said Xiao Hang, whose face had gone as white as a ghost. "The explosives were stuffed into holes drilled in the wall. Whoever did this clearly knew what they were doing! The whole base will collapse upon impact!"

"Sh\*t! Sh\*t!" Cui Lizhu shook her head, dazed. "There are so many explosives here! We won't be able to hide from the explosions! We better find a way out! How about... we do some digging? If that doesn't work out, we could at least leave our last words!"

"Well, it's definitely impossible to dismantle the bombs!" stated Xiao Hang. "Firstly, we don't know when the bombs are going to explode. And secondly, we have no idea how many bombs have been buried here."

"So many bombs..." Li Jing had the same concerns, but very different ideas. "How did they do it right under our noses? That's incredible! Even if we don't make it out, we need to find a way to communicate with our colleagues!"

“Alright, let’s leave this for now...” Xiao Hang said, pointing towards a tunnel. “We may as well go back the same way we came! Even if we don’t find the way out, it beats being blown to pieces by the explosives! We might be able to find a bunker or something?”

“Ok!” Li Jing nodded in agreement.

“What are you waiting for then?” Cui Lizhu’s forehead was covered with sweat. Holding Zhao Yu’s arm, she said, “C’mon boss, I’ll help you! Let’s get out of here!”

Tut, tut...

Zhao Yu clicked his tongue. He was totally exhausted and just wanted to be laying down right now. But it wasn’t like he could explain the truth about the bombs to them.

His only choice was to follow them to the mining tunnel they had come in from.

As the path was uphill, it was difficult for them to make their way up.

Worried about Li Jing’s injuries, Xiao Hang found her a cargo trolley, let her sit on it, and tried his best to push it.

“Boss...” Cui Lizhu stuck her tongue her out at Zhao Yu. “Are you going to be ok? Shall I find you a trolley as well?”

“Wouldn’t it better if you found me a miner’s cart?” Zhao Yu shot her a glance. “What, am I so frail and delicate in your eyes?”

“No, no!” Cui Lizhu was quick to butter him up. “Boss is strong! Boss is mighty!”

“Ouch...” Zhao Yu grimaced as one of his wounds started to hurt from the walking. He quickly grabbed Cui Lizhu’s shoulders, shouting at her, “Could you use a bit more strength while supporting me? Ow...”

Although there wasn’t a long way to go, it was literally an uphill battle for them, especially since they had come down via a mine cart.

Zhao Yu, in particular, was feeling worse for wear. Having reached his limits, Zhao Yu couldn’t last even 30 minutes. He needed a break.

Although there were lights, the mine tunnel wasn’t well-lit and was much darker than the base had been.

Everyone understood that since the lights were working, it meant that there must be generators in the base. And since their enemies had no difficulty turning on the generators, they must be very familiar with this place!

Of course, everyone also knew that it was just a matter of time before the lights went out since the generators would eventually stop running.

“Xiao Cui...” After sitting down, Zhao Yu remembered the questions he had previously thought of. “I’ve thought about it carefully. The masked person wasn’t actually swearing when he said ‘tama’. Neither was he referring to somebody’s mother. It was probably a homonym for something else...”

“Oh?” Cui Lizhu panted. “What do you mean?”

“Zhao Yu,” said Li Jing suddenly. “How about you share with everyone what you’re able to recall verbatim?”

“Sure!” Zhao Yu nodded. He replayed the recording in his mind and repeated word for word what the Lip-Reading Device had managed to capture.

“Woah... ok... it’s indeed like what you said!” Xiao Hang mused. “Tama, tama, tama, tamu... could it be a sole fish?” [1]

“You’re soooo smart!” Cui Lizhu shook her head. “They’ve prepared explosives and you think they’re here for fish? You think this is the Shanghai Seafood Market?”

“Well... he may have a point!” Li Jing said. “I liaise with foreigners frequently, and they often have problems with intonation and enunciation. Besides, it is not unusual to have inconsistencies in translation where lip reading is concerned. I too think that ‘tama’ is a homonym for something else!”

“But what significance could two words possibly have?” Zhao Yu forced a smile while shaking his head. “Tama? Lama? Touwa? Tangma? Tangmu...” [2]

“Wah, boss is even better! He’s including cats and mice as well!” After taking a dig at Zhao Yu, Cui Lizhu also began to rattle off similar-sounding words, “Tama, tamu, tawa...” [3]

“Tou? Tao? Touwa? Taowa? Taoma?” Xiao Hang muttered while rolling his eyes. “Eh? Where’s the ceramic horse? If you can’t remember where it is, I’ll go look for it... What is a taoma? Is it a Tang Tri-Color Glazed Ceramic?” [4]

“You... erm...” Cui Lizhu was stumped by Xiao Hang’s question. She grabbed at her hair as if she had just remembered something important.

Eh?

Something clicked...

Zhao Yu was excited, but he was also curious. Those two words – what was their significance?

“No... it’s not a ceramic horse!” Cui Lizhu shook her head. “It isn’t exactly a Tang Tri-Color Glazed Ceramic either. My dad has never come into contact with any ceramic horses, be it from the Qin dynasty or others! So...”

“Exactly!” said Xiao Hang. “How much could a ceramic horse be worth?”

“What did you say before that?” Cui Lizhu suddenly asked Xiao Hang. “What was it that you said before mentioning the ceramic horse?”

“Before that? Erm...” Xiao Hang tried to recall. “Are you referring to the sole fish?”

“No, what you said after the sole fish. You said something else...” Cui Lizhu said with furrowed brows and a glint of excitement in her eyes as if she had just realized something.

“Taowa or touwa?” Xiao Hang froze, sensing this matter was of great importance.

“Yes!!!” Cui Lizhu clapped her hands and stamped her feet. “I think... I think I’ve figured out what he was saying! Taowa, taowa! Russian nesting doll! That’s right!” Cui Lizhu grabbed Zhao Yu’s hand excitedly. “Boss! The answer is a Russian nesting doll!” [5]

“Ah?” All three of them – Zhao Yu, Xiao Hang, and Li Jing – were stumped by this surprising answer.

What the h\*ll?

Zhao Yu wondered how a new term had just surfaced.

What the heck is a Russian nesting doll? Is it the kind of doll with multiple layers, sold in foreign markets? Why would the matter at hand be related to a mere Russian nesting doll!?

### **Chapter 1128: The Secret of the Russian Nesting Doll**

“I don’t know where my dad got it from!” Cui Lizhu said. “We were still staying in Golden City back then. One day, my dad brought some goods back with him.

“One of which was a particularly beautiful Russian nesting doll.”

“I liked it so much back then, and often played with it!” Cui Lizhu said. She then proceeded to say with less certainty, “I think... the masked person must have been asking about the nesting doll!”

“Well, that’s possible...” Li Jing said as she nudged Zhao Yu. “Look, the mouth shapes when pronouncing ‘tama’ and ‘taowa’ are similar, just that one requires rolling of the tongue, and the other doesn’t. Besides, the visibility wasn’t great, so it’s possible that you misinterpreted it as ‘tama’. It’s impossible to read lips perfectly!”

“No wonder you’re a crazy detective! The first thing that came to your mind was an expletive!” quipped Xiao Hang, directing his remark toward Zhao Yu.

“Go to h\*ll!” Zhao Yu responded ungraciously.

“I was certain...” Cui Lizhu frowned. “Because when you mentioned nesting doll, I seemed to remember someone mentioning it to me when I was in a coma! I... I remember some stuff...”

“It’s ok, take your time” Zhao Yu reassured her. “Calm down and try to remember what the nesting doll looks like and whether it had any special traits.”

“It was quite exquisite! It’s a nesting doll after all, so of course it looked like a little Russian girl dressed in red, traditional attire. So lovely...” Cui Lizhu said, remembering the doll. “There were five layers altogether, with each layer smaller than the previous layer... but they looked pretty much the same. I think that’s about it?”

“And then? What next?” Zhao Yu asked.

“And then...” Cui Lizhu thought for a moment. “Actually... I only played with it for a couple of days, not even for a week...”

“You guys know that those were stolen goods. The valuable ones got sold and the worthless ones got destroyed, there’s no way that we would have kept it for ourselves!” she said.

“That is why the doll was eventually destroyed by my dad, even though I liked it so much!” Cui Lizhu said, sounding resigned. “I got angry at him but to no avail, because I knew that it was his policy. He already made an exception by allowing me to play with it for a week!”

“Oh? Destroyed?” Xiao Hang furrowed his brows. “Then why should we still bother looking for it? Besides, what could the nesting doll possibly contain?”

“You witnessed Tao Xiang destroy the doll with your own eyes?” Li Jing asked.

Cui Lizhu shook her head and said “I’m not sure... he knew I was going to get mad, so he didn’t do it right in front of me.”

“Can you remember where the nesting doll is? Do you have any idea what we should do if the nesting doll can’t be found?” Zhao Yu repeated what the masked person had said. At least it now made more sense than before.

“Oh! The photo!” Cui Lizhu clapped her hands in excitement. “Although my dad destroyed the doll, he left a set of photos!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu’s eyes widened. “That’s what the masked person was referring to when he mentioned photos?” he asked.

“That person must be searching for the photos then! Quick, try and recall where the photos are!” Xiao Hang urged Cui Lizhu.

“Erm... the photos are at Jinping Police Station! They should be in the Evidence Room!” Cui Lizhu clapped again, obviously excited. “I hadn’t known at first, but after my dad got muddle-headed, I went through his bag. Turns out that he had kept photos of all the stolen goods that got destroyed.

“I brought everything to Jinping and placed them in a cabinet at the nursing home!”

“But after I got into trouble,” she continued, “everything was confiscated by the Jinping police! I figured there wasn’t anything important anyway, so I didn’t bother retrieving them!”

“How many photos were there?” Zhao Yu asked.

“Only one, but there were front and back shots of all five dolls!” Cui Lizhu said. “Come to think of it, I opened the nesting doll so many times, but never discovered anything special about it.”

“Regardless...” Zhao Yu said as he whipped out his phone, “Our enemy’s next target is probably these photos. I need to quickly inform Li Luoyun, so that he may take necessary precautions!

“In addition to taking extra precautions, we may as well set a trap for the Japanese!”

While Zhao Yu was making the call, Li Jing and Xiao Hang stared at him blankly, not saying anything. They believed that Zhao Yu was not in the right state of mind and wasn’t thinking clearly.

Prior to this, they had already made numerous attempts with their cell phones, but there was no reception at all.

However, Zhao Yu did not seem to care and simply continued keying numbers on his cell phone.

Dang!

When Zhao Yu utilized the Signal Amplification Device, he was surprised that it only took 354 points to boost the device.

What the heck!

Perspiration formed on Zhao Yu's forehead. It was a good thing that he hadn't used 5000 points to boost this item previously, it sure didn't take long for the number of points required to drop drastically.

Oh...

Zhao Yu figured that fewer points were needed for an upgrade because the signal jammer had been turned off and that the weather outside had gotten better.

He knew that if he had just waited a while longer, he might not even need to use a single point. However, he knew that this wasn't the time to be petty over such a trivial sum.

And so, after using 354 points to boost the device, his cell phone reception was now at full bars.

Beep, beep, beep...

The cell phone rang a few times and soon Li Luoyun's voice came out from the speaker.

"Hello Captain Li! It's me, Zhao Yu!" said Zhao Yu while glancing at both of them. Turning away from them, he told Captain Li "Go over to Jinping Police Station quickly and help me find the items Tao Xiang & Cui Lizhu left behind at the nursing home. Help me find a photo of a Russian nesting doll while you're at it..."

Li Jing and Xiao Hang couldn't believe what they were seeing, Zhao Yu sauntering about with his cell phone. They thought he was joking about using his phone.

But they had no issues hearing Li Luoyun's responses in the quiet tunnel...

"This..." Xiao Hang took out his phone and looked. Despite the fact that there was still no signal, he persisted in trying to make calls and only gave up when it was certain that they wouldn't go through.

"Sigh!" Li Jing also appeared to be in a state of disarray. "We need to learn from the Criminal Division! Just look at the quality of their cell phones!"

"Alright, I'm done..." Zhao Yu had just ended the call, saying to the both of them "I've gotten Jinping Police Station to set a trap for them, we just need to wait for them to walk right into it! Let's see if they'll be able to escape from this, but..."

"No matter what, we better figure out what the secret of the nesting doll is..." Zhao Yu gestured at his cell phone. "Don't worry, I'll get him to send me a copy of the photo as soon as he finds it... eh? You..."

Xiao Hang snatched Zhao Yu's cell phone before Zhao Yu could finish speaking, hastily calling for back-up...

**Chapter 1129: Piecing Together the Clues**

“Wow, your cell phone is amazing!” gushed Xiao Hang after the call ended. “There’s actually reception in this sh\*t-hole of a place we’re stuck in?”

Zhao Yu was about to make a witty remark, but the overwhelming fatigue left him no choice than to sit back down on the ground and lean against the wall. He didn’t bother getting his phone back from Xiao Hang.

“Captain!” Xiao Hang said to Li Jing. “Don’t worry, our people are already at the entrance of the cave. They’ve already consulted an expert and will get us out in no time!”

“Also, Yang Kai and Ah Yong had been injected with anesthetic. They’re going to be ok!” Xiao Hang said. “I’ve already done as you said and got them to conduct a search. The masked person may not have gone far since it’s raining heavily outside. We might still be able to find him!”

“Great!” Li Jing responded. “We should be able to set our minds at ease since we’ve made the necessary arrangements.”

Li Jing waved at Zhao Yu, saying in concern, “Team Leader Zhao, you don’t look too good. You better get some rest!”

“Sigh...” Zhao Yu had his eyes closed. “What I’m worried about is that, since the explosives didn’t go off, the masked person’s plans must have been disrupted. If he decides to back off, it’ll be hard for us to continue our investigation into him...”

“Boss....” Cui Lizhu held onto Zhao Yu’s arm, saying earnestly, “I was thinking...they’ve already found the secret base, haven’t they? Then...”

“Why did they still try to lure us over?”

“It was because of you!” Zhao Yu gestured toward Cui Lizhu. “Can’t you tell? We’ve been keeping such a tight watch on you that they couldn’t find an opportunity to strike. Thus, they had no choice but to try to ensnare us!”

“Precisely!” Cui Lizhu raised her arms in a shrug. “All because of a Russian nesting doll. Isn’t that ridiculous?”

“Hmm... so what are you trying to say, girlie?” Zhao Yu asked with a frown.

“What I mean is, the treasure isn’t even here!” Cui Lizhu said. “They must have discovered this place much earlier and combed through it thoroughly, yet they failed to find the treasure!”

“They may not have found the treasure, but they did manage to find an important clue concerning the treasure, and this clue is closely related to the Russian nesting doll!” Cui Lizhu said, enthused. “And finally, they realized that the Russian nested doll was stolen by my dad, Tao Xiang!”

“Since your dad is dead,” continued Xiao Hang, “they’re targeting you instead, hoping you would give away the whereabouts of the doll!”

“Smart!” Cui Lizhu gave a thumbs up. “So, it pretty much proves that the key to the Golden Treasure lies in the nesting doll!”

“Aiya! How ironic!” Cui Lizhu slapped her thigh. “If our deductions are correct, then my dad was so close to finding the treasure!”

“As for me, I played with what could very well have been the key to the treasure! How annoying!” Cui Lizhu seethed. “Had I figured it out, I could have become the richest person in the world! How comfortable my life would be!”

“Ha...” Li Jing coldly retorted. “You wish! Like you’ve said, the nesting doll has already been destroyed. What good would the photo be?”

“That’s right, girlie. Is it possible that your dad had fooled you? Maybe the nesting doll hasn’t been destroyed?” Xiao Hang asked Cui Lizhu while rubbing his head.

“That’s impossible!” Cui Lizhu shook her head. “I was old enough to know that a Russian nesting doll wasn’t worth collecting. I had no idea back then why my dad had stolen something like that.”

“That’s interesting!” Zhao Yu said, still sitting against the wall with eyes closed. “Where did Tao Xiang steal the nesting doll from? As the King of Thieves, why would he have stolen something worthless?”

“It was...” Cui Lizhu’s eyes rolled as she tried to remember. “There were many antiques as well, which were not very valuable despite being antiques. It was so unlike my dad!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu’s eyes widened as both he and Cui Lizhu spoke in unison, an “Oh” followed by three words — “A consummate expert!”

Li Jing and Xiao Hang watched them in awe.

“It was stolen from some expert’s place!” Zhao Yu’s eyes got even bigger.

“The last one to be killed was Yuan Juncheng...” Cui Lizhu said with balled fists.

“Yuan Juncheng was an expert in both antiques and war relics!” Zhao Yu said through gritted teeth. “So, Tao Xiang could have stolen the nesting doll from him!”

“But the same can’t be said for those criminals!” Cui Lizhu swung her fists as she spoke. “They didn’t even know which expert had the nesting doll! Which is why they had to use the truth serum on each and every one of them, and then they killed them after to keep it secret.”

“Well, they eventually got an answer from Yuan Juncheng, but this made it even more challenging for them because the nesting doll had been stolen!” said Zhao Yu. “They could only track down the person who stole it, which led them to Tao Xiang, and subsequently to you. Oh my, is the key to the Golden Treasure really hidden in the Russian nesting doll?”

“That must be it! Why else would they have made such a big fuss?” Cui Lizhu said as she grabbed Zhao Yu’s arm. “Boss, it’s time for you to show your prowess as a master sleuth! The treasure... the treasure is about to appear! I’ll be happy with just a smidge of it!”

“Hang on...” Zhao Yu appeared to have recalled something, reaching for his phone in a hurry.



“Here!” Xiao Hang finally passed the phone to Zhao Yu. He had been too busy marveling at how the case was being unraveled.

Zhao Yu immediately extracted Yuan Juncheng’s data from his cell phone and quickly said, “I remember that Yuan Juncheng never reported his loss. The artifacts must have been obtained through illegal means!”

“Boss!” Cui Lizhu reminded him. “I was still in Golden City back then. You just have to check year 20xx!”

“Got it...” Zhao Yu promptly examined Yun Juncheng’s data and found what he needed from a set of photos. “Is that it?” Zhao Yu asked while showing them to Cui Lizhu.

“Yes! That’s it!” Cui Lizhu was certain even though she had merely taken a quick glance at the photo. “The red one, that’s the nesting doll!”

Huh?

Surprised, Li Jing & Xiao Hang came forward to look at the photo. It was a photo of Yun Juncheng in his study. Occupying an inconspicuous spot on a bookshelf next to him was a red object – the Russian nesting doll!

“Look...” Cui Lizhu pointed at the other objects on the bookshelf. “This, this, and this... they were all stolen by my Pops!”

“So...” Zhao Yu nodded. “It has been established that the Russian nesting doll was stolen from Yuan Juncheng! That brings us to another question. Where did Yuan Juncheng get the nesting doll from, then?”

### **Chapter 1130: I’m Not a Deity**

“We seem to have gone through all the clues!” Zhao Yu said. “When Zhao Yuncheng was doing research on the treasure, he had met with Tian Zheng...”

“No matter how I look at it, it’s plausible that he had gotten the nesting doll from Tian Zheng!”

“Tian Zheng was a descendant of the Japanese Kanto Army, and his ancestor was even a high ranking official in the Japanese Army,” Zhao Yu continued, “The nesting doll could have been a family heirloom! But no one was aware of its significance.”

“Yes! It is highly probable!” Li Jing said. “The Secret Service Agency has its own rules and regulations. Although it wouldn’t be illegal for Yuan Juncheng to purchase the antiques from Tian Zheng, he would still have broken a disciplinary code.

“That is why Yuan Juncheng did not dare report his loss despite having been burgled!”

“There was no point in making a report!” Cui Lizhu said as she stuck out her tongue. “He didn’t know it was my dad!”

“The Japanese Kanto Army, Tian Zheng, Yuan Juncheng, Tao Xiang, that mysterious masked person, and the criminal organization behind him!” Zhao Yu said. “They’re all linked because of the Russian nesting doll!”

“That’s weird though...” Cui Lizhu said, puzzled. “Why would the Japanese hide their secret in a Russian nesting doll? Sounds a bit out of place, doesn’t it?”

“Perhaps that was the best way to escape detection!” Xiao Hang suggested. “Look, when the Japanese lost the war, their biggest perceived threat was the Russians.

“That is why they thought it would be a good idea to hide it in something Russian. It would be less likely to arouse suspicion!”

“That makes sense!” Cui Lizhu nodded. “Besides, there are five layers to the doll, making it even more covert! Who knows which layer it would be in?”

“So...” sighed Li Jing. “Where could the treasure be... if it isn’t here anymore?”

“I fear the nesting doll has already been destroyed by Tao Xiang!” Li Jing said worriedly. “Perhaps we’ll never be able to solve the mystery of the treasure!”

“Yeah... 80 years of hard work gone down the drain just like that!” Xiao Hang was also feeling discouraged.

“Don’t say that,” Cui Lizhu said soothingly. “The fact that the masked person was so anxious to find it shows that there’s still a chance!”

“Well, there’s one thing I can ascertain,” said Zhao Yu. “This must have something to do with the Japanese!”

“Oh?” Li Jing looked up. “Is it because of the bakayarou? [1]

“No!” Zhao Yu motioned toward the base. “This base is the best proof! It was left behind by the Japanese, and only the Japanese would be familiar with its location!

“For the sake of finding the treasure, they don’t even mind exposing the location of this secret base. It seems as though they need to recover the treasure at all costs!”

“Yup, so we need to find that photo quickly and discover the secret of the nesting doll!” Cui Lizhu said.

Just as Cui Lizhu had finished speaking, the lights in the tunnel started flickering and grew increasingly dim.

It was only a matter of time before all the lights went out. The base would become dark again.

Ah... hero...

Zhao Yu’s phone rang again.

Seeing that the call was from Li Luoyun, Zhao Yu wasted no time in answering.

“Hello? Officer Zhao?” Li Luoyun said urgently. “I just checked, Tao Xiang and Cui Lizhu’s items are no longer at Jinping Police Station!”

“Huh? What?” Zhao Yu asked in shock. “Where are they then?”

“Due to the case of the Headless Female Corpse and Taoxiang’s treasures, everything has been shifted to Nanjiang Province.

“I asked for details, the stuff is now with the Bai Ling City police!”

“Sh\*t!” said Zhao Yu with a frown. “How could I have forgotten!?”

“It is classified information, shifu!” Li Luoyun said with some difficulty. “We don’t have the requisite clearance... it would be a waste of time for us to request access. So...” [2]

“I understand! I’ll give the other side a call!” Zhao Yu was about to hang up.

“By the way, shifu...” Li Luoyun suddenly added. “Although the items have been handed over, we did take photos as a form of record.

“The photo you mentioned is probably archived somewhere. I already got someone to search for it, and will send a copy to you as soon as it’s found!”

“Alright, get it done as soon as possible! But...” Zhao Yu continued, “Although the stuff is not at your end, set a trap as originally discussed. We may be pleasantly surprised.”

“Got it, got it!” Li Luoyun accepted his orders. “Don’t worry, sir! The police are not to be trifled with; we’ll deal with them if they dare appear!”

“Good!” Feeling assured, Zhao Yu finally hung up the call. After updating Li Jing and company, he made a call to the officer-in-charge at Bai Ling Police Station.

Zhao Yu was well-acquainted with those in command at Bai Ling Police Station thanks to the case of the Headless Female Corpse. Although it was really late at night, Zhao Yu still decided to call the chief at Bai Ling.

Upon receiving his call, the chief did not dismiss Zhao Yu’s request. He even assured Zhao Yu that he would examine the items right away...

Just as Zhao Yu was done with the call, he received a document sent by Li Luoyun. They already found the file and had forwarded a photo of the nesting doll to Zhao Yu.

D\*mn...

Li Jing and Xiao Hang could tell that Zhao Yu had no issues using his cell phone. Not only could calls be made, but it could also receive attachments sent to his phone. In comparison, they couldn’t even get a signal on their phones.

“That’s right, that’s right, it’s this one!” Cui Lizhu walked towards Zhao Yu, pointing toward the photo displayed on his cell phone. “My dad combined the front and back shots, so we know what it looks like from both angles!”

Oh...

Zhao Yu enlarged the photo and examined it carefully. Other than the eye-catching color it was painted in, it appeared to be no different than an ordinary Russian nesting doll.

The five layers were each smaller than the previous layer. The biggest doll was just slightly bigger than a thermos and the smallest one was barely the size of a fist.

“They’re also referred to as mascots. They may look simple, but it takes skill to make them!” Cui Lizhu explained. “Especially the wood used to make them. The tree has to be cut down at a specific time and is left to dry for about five to ten years before it is ready for use. There are at least 15 steps in the production process, including shaping, pyrography, gold inlays, etc...”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu inspected the photo again. The five dolls are almost identical, all of them dressed in red-colored traditional attire.

“How is it, boss?” Cui Lizhu asked hopefully. “Do you see anything?”

“Tsk, do you think I’m a deity?” Zhao Yu retorted.

“Zhao Yu!” Li Jing beckoned to him. “At the Secret Service Agency, we have a department that specializes in cracking codes. How about we show them the photo?”

“Okay!” Zhao Yu nodded. He was just about to pass the phone to Li Jing when it rang again.

Looking at the caller ID displayed, Zhao Yu frowned. He suddenly had a bad feeling about it.

The call was from Li Luoyun!

“Hi, shifu!” Li Luoyun said in a panicked voice. “Oh no! The tech department just told me that an ISO file had suddenly appeared; it’s likely that our system is being hacked remotely!

“It was around the same time you called. I fear that someone else has already seen that photo...”