

Crazy 161

Chapter 161: Field Study

It was a new day and Zhao Yu got a “Li-Kan” hexagram. The hexagram reading was, “Fire and Water. Fire burns water, symbols burn, neither life or death, the ability to be fearless.” From his memory, it was the first time that the “Li” hexagram was in front. According to Zhao Yu’s deduction, this “Li” hexagram was highly likely to represent friendship. He could make use of the opportunity to find out.

“Kan” represented woman. Who would he meet today? Could it be Miao Renfeng!? Although there was no “Gen” hexagram, Zhao Yu still followed his plan and drove out to the crime scene early in the morning.

As there were no surveillance facilities on the roads twenty-six years ago, and also no valid eyewitness, the police that year could only use the van’s speed to roughly estimate the area where the kidnapping had taken place. It was highly possible that Niu Weiguang and the group of students had been kidnapped while they were on the road; however, it was a pity that the mountain road that year had now become a highway, and there was nothing left! Zhao Yu looked at the Qinshui River at the side as he was driving on the highway and he had no idea what he was doing there! There was only a tunnel called Hujiazui on the highway which still looked like it had originally over twenty years ago. It looked old and mottled.

As he entered the tunnel, a thought flashed in Zhao Yu’s mind. He thought to himself, would he would choose to strike in this part of the tunnel if he were the kidnapper? The entire tunnel was two kilometers and could be passed through in a flash. Shortly after passing through the tunnel, a road sign with the word “Mianling” appeared. He had already reached the area of Mianling Town.

Mianling Town was the closest place to city in that area, which explained why Mr. Tao and the rest chose to send their children to the better schools in the city. There were no boarding schools then, so they could only hire a driver to send their children back and forth. Actually, the then already well-off Liang Wanqian and Mr. Tao had previously bought a house in the city area and had intended to move to the city with their families, but in the end, they were met with such a tragedy! The two were both full of regrets after the incident. If they had moved earlier, their children would not have befallen such mishap!

Zhao Yu drove down the highway and went one time around Mianling Town. He had never been to this place in either his previous or present life. However, he could read from the data that Mianling Town was no longer the poor village that it used to be. It had already expanded more than ten times, and there were high-rise buildings everywhere he went. Zhao Yu did not feel any inspiration and drove back to the highway, and went toward the cliff where Mr. Tao had thrown the money to the kidnapers.

That part of the cliff was different from Mianling Town. It was located in the mountain hinterland and was very far from developed areas. After the car exited the highway, Zhao Yu drove a long distance of mountain road before finally finding it. The last part was almost all unsurfaced road and was very difficult to move on.

After Zhao Yu got out of the car and strolled to the top of the cliff, he noticed a problem! Although Mr. Tao threw the ransom money from here, the kidnapers were hiding at the bottom of the cliff to get the

money. Would it be better if he went to the bottom to experience what it was like? However, the cliff was steep, and he did not see any road that led to the bottom. To get down, one had to choose to make his way down using a fixed road or make a big detour.

Zhao Yu looked down from the top and saw that the bottom was covered with trees and dense vegetation, and there was barely any exposed area. Needless to say, this was really a good area to receive the ransom money! According to the map, the bottom of the cliff was all deserted valleys which were suitable for hiding. It could be seen from here that the kidnapers were indeed very cunning!

However... Zhao Yu squatted at the top of the cliff and realized something while looking down. Mr. Tao had thrown down five bags full of money that year! Mr Tao was unable to carry them all by himself and had come together with another parent! Was the kidnapper able to carry them all? He had to remove the tracking device and carry the money away, which was not easy! Could there be two kidnapers at the bottom, or even more?

According to the records, other than Mr. Tao's handbag, the other suitcases which contained the money had all been dumped at the scene by the kidnapers. The police had made an analysis on this. The ransom from the other hostages' families were all heavy suitcases, and they contained old notes. As for Mr. Tao, his were all new notes from the bank, and were the lightest among the ransom bags, and easiest to carry. Therefore, the kidnapers took the handbag away together.

Zhao Yu went closer to the edge of the cliff to have a clearer look. He had a strange thought when he saw the tall and lush trees at the bottom. "What if...when Mr. Tao threw down the ransom money, the suitcases got caught in the trees? Could it be the trees were not so tall at that time?"

According to the records, when Mr. Tao had gotten here following the kidnapers' instructions, the kidnapers were afraid that he would get the place wrong and specially placed an arrow at the entrance of the road. They had even painted a red circle at the top of the cliff. A walkie-talkie had already been placed under the rock, and the kidnapers used the walkie-talkie to coerce Mr. Tao to throw the money off the cliff. They had asked Mr. Tao to stand inside the red circle and throw the five suitcases down to the same position. If not, they would be collecting the dead bodies of their children! Mr. Tao acted according to the kidnapers instructions as he was anxious about the safety of his child.

It was reported that this walkie-talkie had been kept in the City Bureau's evidence department. It was a type of walkie-talkie commonly used at construction sites, and there was no DNA left on it.

There was another point. According to Mr. Tao's recollection, the walkie-talkie rang the moment he reached the cliff. This meant that the kidnapers had seen him, but... Zhao Yu studied the angles and realized that if the kidnapers were at the bottom of the cliff, they probably could not have seen the top of the cliff, right?

Tsk tsk...Could it be...There was another kidnapper hiding near the cliff at that time? There was something else that was even stranger. The bottom of the cliff was full of rough and uneven valleys, and it was difficult to walk through them. On top of that, it was nighttime. How did the kidnapers escape after getting the money?

The data files recorded that after Mr. Tao threw down the suitcases, the detectives immediately gathered a large police force and surrounded the area. They had searched the mountain for nights, and

had even set up checkpoints at nearby towns and villages. However, other than finding a few tracking devices at the bottom and some messy footprints, they found nothing else. Logically, with such manpower and speed, the possibility of the kidnappers escaping with the money was low.

“Don’t tell me they could fly? What happened exactly?” Zhao Yu thought. He was preoccupied with this thought when his phone suddenly rang. The loud ringing sound gave him a big scare and he almost fell off the cliff. “Holy sh*t...” Zhao Yu quickly climbed back to the safe area and his face was pale from shock! He cursed as he picked up the call. In the end, he was surprised to hear that the call was actually from the provincial leader, Su Yang. Su Yang told Zhao Yu that he was back from a business trip and would like to treat him to hotpot at Liuheshun that afternoon!

Zhao Yu did not expect this big leader to really keep to his word, and immediately accepted his invitation. After hanging up, he immediately thought of the “Li” hexagram today. If “Li” represented friends, did it mean that he would become friends with this provincial leader after this meal?

“If there’s really a provincial leader looking after me, wouldn’t I be able to call the shots at the police station in the future? Liu Changhu, if you dare provoke me again, you’re gonna die...” Zhao Yu thought. However, he still felt a bit uneasy about having a meal with a big leader. He knew that this leader’s face would become red once he drank alcohol, and he was an unyielding and forthright man. If he said something wrong and offended him, Zhao Yu would be in trouble! After much deliberation, Zhao Yu’s eyes lit up as he suddenly thought of Yao Jia.

“Right, Su Yang and Yao Jia chatted quite happily when they met at the hotpot place the other time! I heard that they grew up in the same area. I’m sure they have a lot to talk about. Hmm... if I invite Yao Jia, with this gentle and understanding head nurse around, would it lessen the probability of me offending the big leader?” he wondered. Also, Zhang Jingfeng had thoroughly checked the background of Yao Jia’s boyfriend. Since Yao Jia had asked him for a favor, he could make use of this chance to give her an answer, wouldn’t it be perfect?

Zhang Jingfeng and Zhao Yu had gotten into a big mix-up that time at Sanlitun. They had thought that Zang Jie had cash flow problems and therefore needed to produce fake goods and went to Sanlitun for shipment! However, this was totally not the case! Zang Jie had no cash flow problem at all. He had only bought a small villa at Lingyun without telling Yao Jia! Also, he had gotten a Volvo for Yao Jia! He had planned to use these two items as dowry to marry Yao Jia and to surprise her! As the loan had come a few days late, Zang Jie borrowed some money from Yao Jia first.

As for his business, it was doing really well! Zang Jie not only did procurement for branded clothes, but he also managed two small garment factories together with his grandaunt. He was just doing some legal trading that time at Sanlitun. Luckily Zhao Yu had been held up by Liu Pengfei’s issue. If not, he would have definitely screwed things up! Since this was the case, Zhao Yu had to inform Yao Jia so that she did not have to worry anymore.

Previously, Zhao Yu would have definitely gone nuts knowing that Zang Jie was a good guy, and think of ways to ruin him! However, ever since he found Miao Ying, his love for Yao Jia was no longer like before. Although Yao Jia looked like his old lover, her temperament and character were very different. Other than her perfect looks, Zhao Yu had no feelings for her. Seeing that she and her boyfriend were a perfect match, he also did not feel a tinge of jealousy. Therefore, when Zhao Yu made the phone call, he

sounded normal and told her everything matter-of-factly. Yao Jia was happy to hear what he said and also accepted his invitation.

With Yao Jia's help, Zhao Yu felt more at ease, as if he had bought insurance. He quickly drove his car back and finally reached Liheshun Hotpot after almost an hour's drive. Before Zhao Yu entered, he was shocked to hear a loud bang on the table and Su Yang's loud roar, "Huh! This bunch of people are really too much!!!"

Chapter 162: Special Identity

Zhao Yu saw the burly Su Yang sitting in his usual seat, chatting idly with the hotpot shop's owner. The angry department leader was clenching his fist as he angrily cursed.

"What, Department Leader Su?" Zhao Yu sat right in front of Su Yang and asked, "Who's so bold as to anger you?"

"Hmph!" Su Yang huffed coldly, his expressions dark.

Once the owner saw Zhao Yu, he immediately lowered his head and said in a whisper, "The pot is almost ready. You guys sit first, I'll go take a look. It'll be served soon!" Then, the owner left for the kitchen.

"What's up? Is it still those people who were singing 'Going with your feelings?' The shop seemed kind of quiet. Was it their fault?" Zhao Yu raised an eyebrow and opened a beer as he put it in front of Su Yang.

"That's just the underlying problem! The true evil is the people working in the background!" Su Yang raised the beer bottle and easily took a large gulp. Then he repeated everything he heard from the shopkeeper to Zhao Yu.

As it turned out, ever since the last time with the singing incident, there was another bunch of delinquents that came and messed with the shop occasionally. The problem became more and more severe. Not only did they vandalize some customer's cars, but they even started putting mice, cockroaches and such in the smoke vent. It was truly despicable! It had only been one short week, but they completely ruined the hotpot shop's business!

Hehe...Zhao Yu laughed to himself. These people are truly amateurs! If it were him, he could guarantee that the shop would close within three days!

"Since it's like that," Zhao Yu looked around and smiled, "why are we eating in the lobby, what about a private room?"

"Mm...I'm used to it!" Su Yang shook his head. "I never managed to get the private room, so I'm used to the lobby!" As he spoke, he raised his head again and took a gulp, finishing the entire bottle. "Actually, their boss is a developer trying to take over this plot of land.

"The shopkeeper told me that during the beginning, the developer offered six-million yuan to try buy the hotpot store, but the shopkeeper did not like the price so he denied!

“But, then what I said happened. The shopkeeper couldn’t take it anymore, so he tried to negotiate with the developer again. That way he could move somewhere else! Yet, the developer went back on his word and said he would only pay three-million yuan!

“Hmph! Everything was planned by them. This is bullying civilians! Such underhanded techniques make me angry!”

“Huh?” Zhao Yu pointed at Su Yang’s reddened face. “Damn, your face turns red fast?! If you had a beard, you’d look just like Santa Claus!”

“Tsk, tsk...” Department Leader Su’s eyebrows furrowed and he threw a bemused glare at Zhao Yu.

Zhao Yu realized had made a mistake and immediately changed the topic, “Why are you just sitting here being angry? You’re an influential official, just talk with the city police station. Wouldn’t that save the shop? What developer would want to offend a provincial level official such as yourself? If that doesn’t work, then just send a call to the branch office bureau chiefs. Wouldn’t they easily take care of the delinquents?”

“Sh...you, can’t really say that...” Su Yang’s angry expression melted into dejection. “It’s exactly because I’m from the provincial office that I can’t move as I please! Mm...” He opened his mouth, as if wanting to say something but could not.

Zhao Yu ignored him and waved over a server. “Hey! Bro, give me another set of silverware!”

“What?” Su Yang was surprised. “What do you mean? Is there someone else coming?”

“Don’t be too alerted.” Zhao Yu grinned. “Remember that beautiful lady who was eating with me that day? I invited her along!”

“Oh...” Su Yang’s brows furrowed. “She’s not even your girlfriend, why did you call her over?”

“Mm...” Zhao Yu thought a bit to himself, then immediately responded, “Wasn’t she from your hometown? I’m afraid that I’ll accidentally offend you somehow. If I offend an important official as yourself, I’m done for!”

“Huh? You...you kid!” Su Yang was annoyed by Zhao Yu’s words, shook his head and sighed. “What kind of weird plans are going on in your head? Maybe I chose the wrong person.”

“What?” That one sentence shocked Zhao Yu instead. He immediately asked, “What do you mean? Choose what person?”

“Cough!” Su Yang took up another bottle and managed to open the cap with just his fingers. He first gulped down half of it, before speaking to Zhao Yu seriously, “Since...there’s another person coming, then I’ll cut the idle talk. Let’s just talk business! You’re not dumb, right? Have you not thought about this at all?”

“What do you mean? Thought about what?” Su Yang’s words became more and more mysterious, confusing Zhao Yu even more.

“I’m a provincial level official, but I took the initiative to talk with you, a mere investigator, don’t you think that’s weird?” Su Yang asked.

“Mm...” Zhao Yu thought hard, before finally realizing something and saying, “Oh...so you have something to ask of me!”

“Sh*t!” Su Yang grinned and nodded at Zhao Yu. “You’re quite sharp! Actually, meeting you at this hotpot shop was really a coincidence last time, but from then on, I’ve set my eye on you! I felt like you are the type that...has a sailor mouth, a bad temper, and isn’t popular at your workplace!

“Then, I did some investigation. Not only were you a Key Case Investigation Unit member, but you also solved many difficult cases, so I felt like you were probably smart enough. That’s why I paid extra attention to you!”

Su Yang smiled. “Yet, here’s my favorite part. You made so much prize money, yet you didn’t give any to your higher-ups. That was what made me happy! So, I picked you right away! You’re the person I need. There are no alternatives!”

“No alternative my ass!” Zhao Yu puffed up as he roared, “Tell me, what did you pick me for? Probably something bad! Let me tell you, I’m not some easy prey. Don’t think I can be easily deceived!”

“Sigh...what are you saying!” Su Yang finished the rest of his beer in one gulp and smiled. “You can probably guess without me saying it! I’m a provincial level official. Why would I go to your branch office for no reason? Obviously, I’m not bored enough to impulsively scrutinize your guys’ every move for no reason, right?”

“Mm...” Hearing the other’s explanation, Zhao Yu felt like he realized something, and immediately calmed down and listened intently.

“Exactly! I’ll tell you the truth!” Su Yang looked around, still red in the face, before lowering his voice down to a whisper, “To tell you the truth, my target actually isn’t even in Qinshan, but rather those department officials on the provincial level!”

“Mm?” Zhao Yu was a little confused, “Are you nuts? Investigating your provincial level people? Why did you come to Qinshan?”

“You have no idea!” Su Yang looked around carefully before lowering his guard. “We got some information that said all those rich developers in Qinshan are working with the provincial level officials. They work together and make money using loopholes, hurting the civilians! There are many cases where the city level officials are unable to interfere or help! So, that’s why I was sent!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu pondered. “Could it be...your identity...”

“Yep!” Su Yang responded, “Provincial Police Office Supervising Department Leader is just a cover! As long as you remember that, there’s no need for other questions!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu mulled over the words. How much benefit could he actually get out of this?

“Kid,” Su Yang seemed to have noticed, and was very serious, “you have to keep this a secret, otherwise one report from me and you’ll end up jobless!”

“Che!” Zhao Yu nodded without a care. “I’ve always seen money as air, and cared for nothing more than trust, loyalty, responsibili-”

“Shh....” Hearing his voice rise, Su Yang immediately stopped him and spoke, “Do you understand? Actually, the developer trying to buy this hotpot shop is within my investigation range, so...if I openly interfere, that’s like giving myself away! Got it?”

“Alright, bro.” Zhao Yu threw a glance at Su Yang and spoke, “Let’s get to the real talk! What do you want me to do?! I’ll say it right now, if there’s nothing in this for me, then don’t even bother!”

“Don’t you worry!” Su Yang smiled. “If you do this well, I can’t guarantee rich, but if you want a promotion, then that’s easy as pie!”

“That’s more like it.” Zhao Yu squinted. “Tell me! What do I have to do?”

“Mister Zhao Yu,” Su Yang spoke mysteriously, “from now on, you are our Provincial Discipline Inspection Team’s special investigation member!!!”

Chapter 163: I Haven’t Used This Trick Before

“Special Investigator?” Zhao Yu frowned and pondered seriously. This title did sound noble.

“Actually,” Su Yang opened a can of beer for Zhao Yu and smiled, “it means I would like you to be my support! You will represent us when it comes to matters which we cannot settle personally!”

“Support?” Zhao Yu took the beer and squinted his eyes. “I’ve already said it before, I won’t do anything that’s dangerous!”

“Eh?” Su Yang put up a stern face. “We’re not asking you to go undercover. You think you’re in the movies? Haven’t I already told you? I’ve taken a fancy to your foul mouth and bad temper! What I need you to do is to cause trouble for those bad guys!”

“Stir trouble?”

“Hmm...let me give you an example!” Su Yang said. “Say, I wanna investigate a certain organization, but it’s inconvenient for me to deal with them. I’d send you over, and you only need to stir trouble for them with your identity as a Key Case Investigation Unit member. You can just randomly link them to a criminal case and turn their plan upside down. The messier the better! Our job would be easier this way!”

“Do you get me now? You just need to listen to my instructions and it won’t interfere with your main job!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu finally understood. Su Yang was asking him to make things difficult for others! This task...seemed to suit him quite well. Wasn’t it similar to screwing people up, like what he used to do?

“Heh heh heh...” Zhao Yu raised his thumb at Su Yang. “Leader, I didn’t know you guys used such methods to settle things!”

“We’re forced to do this!” Su Yang and Zhao Yu clinked their beer bottles together. “When evil strikes, we have to strike back ten times harder! Comrade Zhao Yu, use your abilities to the fullest. I feel that you’re most suitable for this task!”

“Huh, you mean, I look like a gangster!?” Zhao Yu took a big sip.

"It's not 'look like,' delete these two words!" Su Yang corrected. After the two looked at each other for two seconds, both of them laughed out loud!

At that moment, the owner brought the hotpot over and said to Su Yang, "Big brother, this plate of peanuts and mixed vegetables are on the house, please enjoy!"

Su Yang expressed his gratitude as he pulled the owner and said, "Boss, I've thought about it just now. Let me give you a suggestion about your shop!"

"Oh, that would be great!" The owner quickly bowed.

"If your finances allow it, you should open a branch somewhere else first! As for this location, just try to keep it as it is now! Actually, those developers bidded on land worth hundred of millions of RMB at one go. They are the ones who are really anxious! You only need to occupy this place and they will come and negotiate the price with you again soon! You just have to insist on a price which you feel is reasonable! If they use any illegal means again, you can just give this police officer a call!" He pointed at Zhao Yu. "Officer Zhao will definitely seek justice for you!"

"Eh!" Zhao Yu glanced at Su Yang and thought to himself, "This guy really knows how to offer favors at the expense of others. I'm being used by him just like that?"

"Thank you! Thank you!" The owner bowed before Zhao Yu and thanked him continuously. Zhao Yu had no choice but to nod his head.

"Alright, I'll give you Officer Zhao's number later!" Su Yang said happily. "Don't worry, your issue will definitely be settled fairly! But the city's development, demolition, and relocation are inevitable! As long as they are able to give you a reasonable price, it's better that..."

"I understand, I understand!" The owner bowed again. "We will definitely respond to the government's call! Moreover, we do not lack skills. If we open a new shop, it might even do better than this one!" With this, the owner said a few words of thanks again and left the main dining hall.

Su Yang heaved a sigh of relief as though he had settled a problem, and then raised his beer bottle and knocked it against Zhao Yu's. However, Zhao Yu did not respond this time round. After a few blinks, he said to Su Yang with his tongue in his cheek again, "Oh Chief Su! Well, I'm glad to be your special investigator, but...I'm just a lowly agent now, and because of my straightforward character and me not submitting to power, I've been allocated to a weak team. Look, I don't even have anyone under me. How could I assist you in your work? How about...you give me a promotion?"

"Kekeke..." Su Yang pointed at Zhao Yu's nose and laughed. "Young man! What should I say about you? Think about this, why didn't I look for the chiefs and team leaders under me, but went to look for you instead? Let me tell you. It would be riskier if more people knew about this! You don't understand that the situation now is actually quite tough. Those enemies are much more cunning than we had imagined! The consequences will be very severe if the information is leaked out!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu looked displeased.

"Keke..." Su Yang smiled. "Comrade Zhao Yu, everything is performance-based! You are on probation for now. If you can really help me settle a few things nicely in the future, promotions are just a small issue!

By then, you can take your pick on what post you wanna have! Even if you wanna be a supervisor, it's also possible!"

"This sounds better!" Zhao Yu knocked his beer bottle against Su Yang's. "Alright! I'll take this deal! Cheers!" The two raised their necks and drank a big mouthful.

"Hmm..." After Su Yang drank finished, he looked at the entrance and asked, "Why isn't the lady you mentioned here yet? Do you need to give her a call?"

"There's no hurry!" Zhao Yu waved his hands and laughed at Su Yang with ill intentions. "Chief Su, heh heh heh...since I'm now your special investigator, I can also report something to you!"

"Huh?" Su Yang was surprised. "What else is there?"

"Well! Recently I used your name and did a good deed which benefited the country and citizens." Zhao Yu laughed. "So...before Yao Jia comes, please quickly help me complete my pretence!"

"You...what did you pretend to do this time!?" Su Yang frowned.

Zhao Yu told him about the incident where he used Chief Su's name to get Lu Zhaohong to get rid of Chahai Street's Hong Zhitao. Zhao Yu also requested him to praise Lu Zhaohong and compliment him a little, so as to help him cover up his lie. After this, Lu Zhaohong would definitely believe in Zhao Yu and go all out to help him in future.

Su Yang did not know whether to laugh or cry after hearing Zhao Yu's unreasonable request. However, Chief Su was also an righteous man who hated evildoers, so he was not against what Zhao Yu had done. Therefore, when Zhao Yu started a video chat with Lu Zhaohong, Chief Su complimented him on doing the job well, and asked him to keep up the good work. He also did not forget to tell him to keep it a secret and not let anyone know!

Lu Zhaohong was dumbstruck after being praised by a provincial leader suddenly. He kept saluting him and promised that he would do his best and listen to his advice! With Chief Su's help, Zhao Yu's pretence was complete and had no loopholes. Feeling extremely delighted, the two finished another bottle of beer even before starting the hotpot.

At that moment, Miss Yao Jia, who was in a white dress, finally arrived. There was an emergency call at the hospital and she had to work overtime, which was why she arrived late. Since everyone was here, they started the mutton hotpot. As the three had all met once before, they quickly got familiar with one another after a brief introduction. Chief Su and Yao Jia were indeed from the same area. Although they were almost twelve years apart in age, they had many common interests. Together with Zhao Yu's comical gestures and nonsensical bragging, the three had fun chatting.

However, there was a reason behind the hexagram reading today. Just as the three were enjoying themselves, nine men with obnoxious and dramatic clothing suddenly came in the entrance. There were both males and females, and they all had colorful hair, tattoos. and nose piercings. Interestingly, these people did not say anything after coming in, but spread out and sat in front of the customers who were eating. After that, they stared fiercely at the diners and kept spitting onto the floor, making the diners unable to continue eating.

One of them also went in front of the table where Zhao Yu and his friends were eating. A green haired woman in a black t-shirt sat in front of the three of them, and then crossed her legs as she stared at them with a displeased look! Zhao Yu looked around and knew that these people were here to make trouble like the previous group who had sang songs! "Interesting!" Zhao Yu thought. He could not help but laugh. "This is something new! I haven't used this trick before, even when I was in this type of business!"

Chapter 164: I'm a Professional

Without a doubt, these punk-dressed delinquents were definitely from the evil developers trying to interfere with the hotpot shop's business.

Zhao Yu was very familiar with this routine. His eyes swept through the crowd once and he already knew what was happening. Actually, these delinquents picked quite an interesting way to interfere with the business. There was no need to glare at anyone, or break tables and chairs; just their odd attire was enough to gross people out and force them to leave. It was safe and easy!

You could choose to call the police, but it was not like they did anything illegal! You could ask them to order, but they would say they were waiting for someone and occupy the tables, and there was nothing you could do about it.

Exactly as expected, as soon as the delinquents sat beside other customers, the customers simply could not eat anymore. Every one of them asked for their check and left. A few of them did not have even more than a few bites! Soon, the large lobby only had Zhao Yu's table of three left.

A green haired woman sat opposite of Zhao Yu. Her lips were green with a lip ring. Her black T-shirt had a large pale skull on it, truly terrifying!

Seeing a woman like that sitting beside her, Yao Jia instinctively leaned towards Zhao Yu, fear showing on her face.

At this time, the shopkeeper, who had just finished giving someone their check, came to their side. The shopkeeper's awkward and helpless expression had at least two meanings: one was that he wanted to ask Su Yang, "What are you guys going to do, leave as well?" Another meaning seemed to say, "Su Yang, didn't you say you guys would help me? Now that the bad guys are here, are you still going to help?"

Su Yang could obviously understand the shopkeeper's hidden expression, and looked at Zhao Yu. Yet, Zhao Yu did not even lift his head. He kept eating as if nothing had happened.

"Hey? Hey hey..." Su Yang pulled at his elbow. "Zhao Yu...stop eating...Zhao Yu..."

"What?" Zhao Yu feigned ignorance.

Su Yang gestured at the delinquent woman beside him and said, "This...hurry up and deal with it, please?"

"Huh?" Zhao Yu grinned and whispered, "Why doesn't Your Majesty just give the bureau chief a call. Soon there'll be four police cars on the way. What do you need me for?"

“Sigh! You can’t say that either!” Su Yang waved his hand and pulled Zhao Yu towards him, lowering his voice, “Just now I didn’t tell you everything! Did you know? The storekeeper had already called the police many times about the delinquent interference! Do you know what happened at the end? Not only did no officers come, but they even warned him about making false police reports!

“That wasn’t even the worst of it! Ever since the developer set his eye on this property, Business Management Department, Taxation Department, and even the Hygiene Department all came to bother him, saying this shop wasn’t up to standard. Everyone was clearly trying to force him to close the shop!

“What does this mean? It means the bosses behind the scenes could make use of our regulatory departments. Our enforcement team is working for them, do you understand?” Su Yang continued, “How could we let that be? Once their power continues to grow, they’ll become even more arrogant, and they’ll look down on civilians even more!

“Zhao Yu, look carefully at the shopkeeper, do you see it? His face has nothing but compromise, acceptance, and submission written all over it! He has already given up! He has already gotten used to this sort of bullying, do you see?

“As a police officer working for justice, don’t you think we should do something? If we let them continue to let them do as they please, where’s the justice? Where’s the morality?”

“Wow...” Zhao Yu patted Su Yang’s shoulder and praised him, “Bro, what you said was truly touching! So, this is the power of a leader! I have been riled up by your speech. If it’s like that, then should I use my method to take care of this problem?”

“Your method?” Yang was worried. “Sigh. Zhao Yu, you have to be careful, we’re police officers! They’re only watching people eat, it’s not illegal! You can’t just do as you please!”

Hearing Su Yang’s whisper, Zhao Yu could not help but grin evilly. He grabbed Su Yang’s head and pulled him close. “Boss, I told you I’ll use my methods, so don’t you worry! We’ve already said it, to maintain peace on earth, safety for society, you take care of the big problems and I’ll deal with the small issues, leave it to me! Don’t worry, it’s just scaring some kids, this is my expertise!”

“Mm...you...” The way Su Yang looked at Zhao Yu changed completely. He was truly curious. How was Zhao Yu going to take care of this issue? Zhao Yu let go of Su Yang, then started acting stoic as he scrutinized the woman across him. The green-haired woman was not easy to deal with. Seeing Zhao Yu scrutinize her, she spat on the ground without a care!

Yao Jia was shocked, and once again nudged herself closer to Zhao Yu. Zhao Yu gestured at Yao Jia, and the two quickly swapped seats.

“Hehehe...” Once Zhao Yu was beside the green haired woman, he broke into a creepy giggling. His eyes became thin as he gawked at the green-haired woman’s chest. He spoke sharply, “Here, girly, do you want to have some fun with me? If you won’t, then I’ll have some fun with you instead, how about it?! Hehehe...” Zhao Yu flashed a grin, showing all his teeth.

When the sound of laughter ended, there was only silence. Su Yang was thunderstruck as he watched. His jaw nearly hit the floor. Didn’t Zhao Yu say he would be professional? Why was he acting like this?

Yao Jia was shocked too. She had never seen Zhao Yu like this, and she scooted backwards as if worried she would catch something from Zhao Yu!

The green haired woman was even more dumbfounded! She stared for a good three seconds before she finally reacted in anger. "You're mental!"

"Hehehe..." Zhao Yu kept up his shameless façade and laughed. "I really like flat girls! See, you look almost like a guy, right down my alley! How about this, I'll give you twenty yuan and we go to my car and have some fun?"

"Holy sh*t!" The green haired woman slammed the table, about to explode in anger as she roared at Zhao Yu, "Idiot, do you want to die?!" As soon as the woman slammed the table, all the delinquents around all stood up, each of them looked ready to kill!

"Hey, don't be mad!" Zhao Yu also stood up as he pointed at the woman. "I know, twenty yuan's too much right? Look at you, five yuan should be enough!"

"Ah!" The green haired woman was almost red with anger. She pointed her finger at Zhao Yu as if wanting to curse him.

Unexpectedly, Zhao Yu flew up first and with a swift movement grabbed her hair! When Zhao Yu pulled hard, the woman obediently sat on the floor. A shocked cry came out of her mouth.

"Ah?!" The other delinquents were all shocked. They never imagined that the person in front of him would be so wild and arrogant. They immediately rushed toward Zhao Yu.

"Don't move!" Zhao Yu pulled hard on the woman's hair and yelled, "I told you all, nobody move!!"

"Ow...ow...ouch..." The green haired woman kept swatting at Zhao Yu's elbow, but the more she resisted the harder Zhao Yu pulled, causing her to wail in pain. Now, those delinquents were truly intimidated by Zhao Yu, no one dared to move forward.

"You're all unruly kids!" Zhao Yu spoke stoically. "You dare mess around on my property without telling me first! Do you know who you're messing with?! Hm?! Do you guys want to live?!" Zhao Yu's voice was thunderous. Everyone present shivered at his raised voice.

The delinquents were all completely stunned by Zhao Yu. They had completely lost control of the situation. They considered rushing forward, but hearing Zhao Yu's natural street talk, they really could not gauge how powerful Zhao Yu was!

"You sh*theads! You're just some two-bit delinquents, still kids, and you dare to come onto my property and make a fuss! You must not want to live anymore! Hey, you!" Zhao Yu yelled at a tall and skinny delinquent coming at him. "Come here, here!"

"Ah?" The tall skinny man blinked, but did not dare to move.

"Che!" Zhao Yu cursed and with a flick of his wrist, threw the green-haired woman under the table. She rolled away and with many clattering sounds, knocked down multiple chairs as she was flung out!

Then, Zhao Yu took a large stride forward and grabbed the tall skinny delinquent by the collar as he yelled into the crowd, "Everyone open their eyes! I'm the God-King of Shunfeng Street! And the two

sitting there,” Zhao Yu gestured at Su Yang and Yao Jia, “one is Dajing Mountain’s so-called Guan-Gong Face Su, another is the thirteenth sister from the Baisheng Family! Don’t you guys see? Do you guys not fear death, hmm?”

Ah?! Zhao Yu’s words confused the delinquents even more. All their eyes were now on Su Yang and Yao Jia.

Yao Jia’s face paled in terror. Her hands kept shaking.

“Don’t move, calm down!” Su Yang comforted Yao Jia, but he was nearly laughing out loud. He thought to himself, “Zhao Yu, your acting abilities are truly incredible!!”

Chapter 165: Expert?

Zhao Yu who was familiar with this trade. He had already known that these group of people who stirred trouble at the hotpot restaurant were merely small punks without any power, unlike those local gangsters with strong backings. Although they looked frightening, they were all quite young, and some were even underage students. Zhao Yu could tell from their subtle expressions and gestures that they were all newbies. The unscrupulous developers were good at business. It was definitely more cost efficient to hire this group of people to make trouble than to hire those experienced gangsters. Zhao Yu had also decided on his pretence after he was certain that these people were inexperienced.

Now, it seemed like the time was right. The group was all scared stiff by him! Zhao Yu smacked the tall guy across his face and blood flowed out from his nose. Zhao Yu quickly followed with a kick and caused him to knock over a few tables. After seeing how brutal Zhao Yu was, the rest did not dare to strike again. A few had wanted to sneak off but Zhao Yu shouted, “Hey! Let me warn you, if you do not want to lose your limbs, you better stand still! We haven’t settled the score yet!”

“Big brother, big brother!” At that moment, a more mature-looking delinquent stood out and said, “Let’s talk this out. We...we were not aware that there are rules here, we...”

“Damn it!” Zhao Yu gave him a kick before he could finish, and then pressed his knees against his elbows, followed by two big slaps! The two slaps were loud and crisp, and the other punks were terrified hearing them.

“Shut up if you don’t know the rules! Just answer whatever I ask you, understand?” Zhao Yu kept a straight face and shouted at the others, “Now, tell me the name of your leader, if I’m unable to deal with him, I shall not be called Brother Tianba from Shunfeng Street! If that doesn’t work, our Master Su will go and have a talk with him!” Su Yang swallowed hard after hearing this, but he still glanced coldly at the group in order to match Zhao Yu.

“We...we don’t have a leader!” The tall guy under the table said as he covered his head. “Big brother, we’re sorry, we won’t do this again!”

“Won’t do this again?” Zhao Yu stared at him and mocked, “You young punks really know how to talk! Just a ‘won’t do this again’ and that’s it? You!” With this, he pointed at one of them again. “Tell me, who’s the one who told you to stir trouble here! Is it Flying Dragon or Blonde Zhang?”

"It's...it's the one wearing specs..." the young punk stammered. "I think he's called Horsey Chao. He hangs around Haihe Road. Yes, it's him! He's the one who gave us money!"

"Damn!" Zhao Yu shook his head. "That's who it is? Just that stupid fool! Damn, he dared to do this behind my back. See how I'm...mmm...Quick, call him now and get him over here!" Actually, Zhao Yu had never heard of the name before.

"Big...big brother!" One of them gathered the courage and said, "We do not know him very well! We don't have his number! He only gave each of us one-hundred RMB and told us to stir trouble at Liuhehun. We only needed to scare the customers away!"

"Ha!" Zhao Yu laughed. "You little fools, our Master Su just had dinner with the big boss, and they offered twenty-thousand RMB! Horsey Chao only used one-hundred RMB to hire you guys! Master Su," Zhao Yu turned and asked Su Yang, "this is against the rules. Do we have to settle with this Horsey Chao? How can this go on?"

Su Yang was speechless, and could only raise his neck and finish a mug of beer.

"Alright, if that's the case, you are also victims, then..." Zhao Yu regained his kind looks and said nicely to the young punks, "just leave the money on the table and you can leave!"

"Ah!?" Not only were the young punks were shocked, but so were Su Yang and Yao Jia. Even the owner and waiters all stared in disbelief.

"What?" Zhao Yu asked arrogantly. "Any objections? Alright, boss, please take out a few more pots, I'll treat these young friends to a nice meal!"

"No, no..." the young punks sensed that something was not right with Zhao Yu's words, and a few of them quickly put the money on the table. After these few took the lead, the rest did not dare to resist anymore and all of them put a one-hundred RMB note on the table. The young punks saw that Zhao Yu stopped paying attention to them and quickly escaped from the restaurant.

After seeing that the young punks had all left, Su Yang raised his thumb at Zhao Yu and praised him, "Amazing, you're amazing! I've really chosen the right person. Your presence is simply top notch! You're truly an expert!" As Yao Jia was also present, Su Yang did not say what he really meant. Zhao Yu had not only beaten up the young punks, but he had also gotten important information from them, such as Horsey Chao, which could become Su Yang's investigation evidence in the future.

"Kekeke..." Zhao Yu grinned and wanted to brag, but what Su Yang had just said seemed to remind him of something and made him feel very important!

"Hahaha...Master Su! This name, hahaha..." Su Yang was still feeling emotional as he said to Yao Jia, "Thirteenth Sis! Great name, hahaha..."

Although Yao Jia had not had many interactions with Zhao Yu, but she had already understood the pretence just now and was also laughing. "I was really scared stiff and sweating non-stop! I didn't expect Officer Zhao to have such great acting skills! Your acting just now was really convincing! Kekeke..." She had no idea that Zhao Yu was not acting, but just showing his true self. Usually, Zhao Yu would have a load of nonsense to say, but he seemed to catch something important from a thought that flashed past his mind and started pondering over it.

“What?” Su Yang noticed Zhao Yu’s unusual behavior. “Something wrong?”

“Boss,” Zhao Yu quickly asked, “you...what did you say I was just now? In the first sentence?”

“I said...I chose the right person?” Su Yang answered, his face full of doubt.

“No, at the last part!” Zhao Yu asked seriously.

“The last part? Oh...” Su Yang recalled. “I said, ‘you’re truly an expert!’”

“Expert!? Right! It’s this word!” Zhao Yu suddenly stood up on a chair and gave Su Yang and Yao Jia a shock.

“What are you doing? What’s with the sudden fluster? What happened?” Su Yang raised his head and asked.

“Wait!” Zhao Yu touched his head and was started thinking about something. “Expert!? Expert... Mianling Kidnapping Case, expert!? Holy sh*t... Could it be...” With this thought, Zhao Yu quickly said to Su Yang, “I’m sorry Boss, I suddenly thought of something about the case. Could I trouble you to send Miss Yao Jia back?” Then he turned to Yao Jia and said, “I’m sorry Miss Yao Jia, I have something important to settle, and I have to make a move first! Let’s meet up more often in future!”

“Eh?” Su Yang and Yao Jia called out at the same time. They wanted to say something more, but Zhao Yu was already gone!

Chapter 166: The Third Possibility

Qinnan Jail was the biggest, most heavily guarded jail in Qinshan City. All the worst criminals in the city were locked in there. Because Zhao Yu signed up ahead of time, the jail gave him a proper interrogation room, and not just a regular interrogation window.

The person Zhao Yu was interrogating was a criminal named Jiao Hai. He was sixty-five-years-old that year. More than ten-years-ago, he and a group of people joined a kidnapping and murder case! Once he was captured, he was given a deferred death penalty, then because of good behavior and volunteer activity, his punishment reduced to a life sentence. His two companions were shot to death at the scene by the police.

At the time, it was already three in the afternoon. During the entire waiting process, Zhao Yu could not help but be somewhat nervous as he paced in the tiny interrogation room. He kept asking himself, “Is this person...really my target? The Mianling Kidnapping case that shook all of Qinshan, could it be related to this person?!”

As it turned out, after the investigation in the last few days, Zhao Yu could not get rid of a question in his head. That is, the person who kidnapped the five children and the driver Niu Weiguang back then, were they a professional?

For a long time, due to the lack of evidence, the police had always thought that the kidnapers had planned carefully and prepared well for this kidnapping. The police thought they were definitely professionals! But through Zhao Yu’s own understanding of this field, he had his own questions. He

thought that the culprits might have acted impulsively, that this entire kidnapping case was an accident! Then...whose theory was correct?

When Su Yang suddenly praised Zhao Yu as a “professional,” Zhao Yu could not help but think about this again! Yet, after Su Yang’s words, Zhao Yu suddenly felt a flash of inspiration, as if there was suddenly another direction for him.

He remembered at the beginning, when he was discussing the case with Team Leader Qu Ping, he said that because no one picked up the ransom money, he felt that the culprit of this Mianling case was either dead, or so well off so that they had no need to go back for the money!

Yet, when he thought about the word “professional” again, he suddenly realized that other than those two possibilities, could there be a third one? There was! Not only was there another possibility, but it had a big likelihood!

Zhao Yu thought that when the culprits of the Mianling case first kidnapped the five kids and the driver, it was most likely an accident. At that time, they were not professionals! But in those three days, through their carefully crafted plan, they finally completed the kidnapping flawlessly and gained a huge sum of money, instantly becoming rich. Could they have become addicted?

Through the Mianling case, they felt that this was a good way to make money. So after that, they turned kidnapping into a job! They became professionals!

Following this idea, Zhao Yu thought, “Then...with police technology becoming more and more advanced, along with the logic that there is no such thing as the perfect crime, could they have already been captured by the police? Could they have already spent all these years in jail?! It’s possible!”

Zhao Yu felt like this was a distinct possibility. If those people were already captured, but had not confessed to Mianling case, then the police would never suspect them! And because they were in jail, they did not have the opportunity to go back to the cave and pick up the cash!

Right, right! No one could imagine that the culprit of the Mianling Case was already in jail?!

In that moment, Zhao Yu was exceedingly excited. He felt like he was close to the truth! If his theory was correct, then as long as he looked through the criminals matching this profile, could the long-awaited answer soon be revealed?

This was why Zhao Yu had rushed out of the hotpot shop and immediately returned to the police office to investigate his theory.

Logically speaking, now that Mao Wei had returned as the Team A Leader, Zhao Yu should report to him, but Zhao Yu felt like Mao Wei and Liu Changhu were too close, and he was not very close himself. In addition, Mao Wei had just come back to the team. He probably did not seem to understand the Mianling case scenario very well. Thus, after some consideration, Zhao Yu went straight to Team Leader Qu Ping and told her his idea.

After listening to Zhao Yu, Qu Ping felt very inspired. She considered the possibility very important. She immediately commanded her best investigators and started going through jail records to find someone who matched the description.

They were looking for people forty-years-old and above, who were serving time for kidnapping charges, and were still serving their sentence. Especially those with a similar modus operandi as the Mianling Kidnapping Case!

After looking through the list, they picked out six criminals from all jails within Qinshan! Then, after further investigation, they quickly eliminated three, leaving only half. Out of the three remaining, this person, Jiao Hai, was the most suspicious! He used to live in Luquan Town which neighbored Mianling Town. Also, one of his two dead companions used to be a police officer, and another used to be in construction! These conditions perfectly fit Zhao Yu's target! Could it be, this shockingly huge case had been carried out by these three people?!

Taking a guess, Jiao Hai's companions were already dead, so there would not be any reason for him to admit to the Mianling case, right? Right now, he was already serving a life sentence. If this case was linked to him, then his life was definitely over!

Just as Zhao Yu was waiting anxiously and continued to ponder, the metal door suddenly made a noise. The prison guards brought Jiao Hai to the interrogation room. Even though Jiao Hai was only sixty-five-years-old, his long life in jail had made him look extra old.

Due to his advanced age, the prison guards only gave him handcuffs with no other type of restraints. Once Jiao Hai sat down, his expression was complicated as he looked at Zhao Yu who was in a police uniform. He seemed as if he was worried about something.

Zhao Yu was not worried about him not confessing or being dishonest! Because he still has two invisible lie detectors from before! "As long as I use this miracle tool, no matter how deeply you hide your secret, even if you don't know it yourself, nothing can escape my eyes, muwahaha..." he thought.

In order to quickly get to the long-awaited answer, Zhao Yu did not make idle chatter and immediately asked Jiao Hai to use "yes" or "no" to answer his questions!

Even though Jiao Hai did not quite understand why Zhao Yu was requesting this, his long life in jail had eroded his resistance, so he simply nodded in cooperation.

Zhao Yu got straight to the point and immediately asked, "Jiao Hai, let me ask you, do you have any relation to the massive Mianling Kidnapping case twenty-six years ago?"

Hearing Zhao Yu's serious question, Jiao Hai was a little stunned. He shook his head immediately.

Zhao Yu quickly reminded him to only answer "yes" or "no." In order quickly get Jiao Hai to cooperate, he even intimidated Jiao Hai, saying he could even lie if he wanted to! When he said those words, the prison guards beside him were all confused. They had never seen a police officer interrogate prisoners like this before!

"No!" After thinking for a few seconds, Jiao Hai gave his final answer.

Green light. Truth.

Oh! Zhao Yu could not help but pause. He asked immediately afterwards, "Niu Weiguang, Liang Meili, Tao Xia...twenty-six years ago, were you the one that kidnapped them from Mianling Highway?"

"No."

Green light again.

“Did you kill them?”

“No!”

Still green.

“You...do you know them?”

“No!”

Green light again.

“Then...then...then...do you know the culprits of the Mianling Kidnapping Case?” Zhao Yu still would not give up.

“No!”

Still green.

“Hoo...” Zhao Yu muttered to himself, “Holy sh*t” and did not know what else to ask! Even though it was a few simple questions, it was already enough for the truth. Jiao Hai had nothing to do with the Mianling case!

Sh*t, wrong person! Zhao Yu was quite frustrated. Not only did he find the wrong person, but he had also wasted a lie detector! “Now I only have one left! The pain...” he thought.

“Mm...Mianling...” Jiao Hai thought for a moment and raised his head. “Officer, I know that place! Mianling was close to my hometown. Are you talking about that Mianling kidnapping case? The one where a bunch of kids got kidnapped at once? Ah?! You...you can’t possibly believe that I did it, right?”

Jiao Hai seemed worried about something and started to explain immediately, “Officer, please know the truth. That case was a long time ago. I remember, at that time, I...oh right! I was in Tongshan Province picking apples. I was there for many years! If you don’t believe me, you can check! This has nothing to do with me, really! I beg you, it has nothing to do with me...”

When he spoke, Jiao Hai became more and more agitated. Sweat fell like rain from his forehead, he was nearly in tears.

No way?! This crazy?

Zhao Yu already knew that this guy and the Mianling case had no connections, but...why was he so excited? Did he have paranoia?

Thinking again, Zhao Yu kind of understood. This guy was most likely worried that if he somehow got connected with the case, he would be coerced into making a confession and end up as a scapegoat!

Sigh! Seems like this guy did not have a good time sitting in jail for so many years! Zhao Yu also used to be a frequent prisoner, so he could relate very well. Only when you are locked up behind those four high walls could you truly appreciate how precious freedom is!

"It's fine, I'm done! Nothing, you can go now!" Zhao Yu turned and gestured for the prison guard, but unexpectedly, Jiao Hai suddenly started crying and muttered that the Mianling case had nothing to do with him. He would never have had the guts to commit such a huge crime!

Zhao Yu immediately rushed forward and pulled Jiao Hai back, and pulled him toward the door.

"Oh? Wait!" Zhao Yu suddenly acted as if he remembered something and immediately stopped the prison guards. "Misters, misters, sorry, I still have something I want to ask him!"

Chapter 167: The Expert Cleared Up Doubts

Just as Jiao Hai was about to be brought away, Zhao Yu suddenly went back to his original thought and recalled the word, "expert"! He had seen Jiao Hai's records. This fella had been sentenced not only because of one kidnapping murder case, but because he had also taken part in numerous kidnapping cases prior to murder. Thus, he could be called an "expert" in this trade. Zhao Yu thought to himself, "Since this opportunity is rare, why don't I learn a thing or two from this 'expert'?"

"Of-officer, it's really not me! Really not me..." Jiao Hai cried out and his body almost collapsed. Two prison officers held onto him and put him back into the seat.

"Alright alright!" Zhao Yu said. "I already know that you have nothing to do with the Mianling Case! I only want to ask you about something else now!"

"Ah! What...what do you wanna ask me? Please say! As long as I know, I guarantee..."

"Cut the crap!" Zhao Yu cut him off. "Let me ask you, the kidnapping that you did previously, after you got the hostages, how long did you take before calling the families?"

"Ah! Well," Jiao Hai was puzzled, and said as he pondered, "that depends on the situation, the best time is after one night, and not over twenty-four hours!"

"Right!" Zhao Yu nodded. He also thought this way. If they waited more than twenty-four hours, the police would make a case out of it. After one night was enough for the family members to be worried.

"Then...if the family members were called after three days, what kind of situation would that be?" Zhao Yu asked again. As the details of the Mianling Case had never been announced to the public, Jiao Hai had no idea that Zhao Yu was talking about the Mianling case.

"Well...well..." Jiao Hai thought it over carefully, but shook his head after a long while, "It's difficult to say! There could be many kinds of situations."

"Such as?"

"Such as?" Jiao Hai frowned. "Erm...the kidnapppers threatened the parents after they finished spending the money and needed more? Or...the hostages escaped and got caught again? Or...there were internal conflicts among the kidnapppers? There are too many possibilities!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu could not help but shake his head. He had thought of all these possibilities before. It was very likely for accidents to occur after kidnapping five children and one adult. Therefore, it was unlikely

to determine whether the kidnappers were professional based on the fact that the phone call was made after three days.

“Then...what about the vehicle?” Zhao Yu asked again. “Would the kidnappers take the vehicle of the hostages too?”

“No!” Unexpectedly, Jiao Hai said with certainty this time. “That’s called robbery, not kidnapping! No one kidnaps without bringing a vehicle, even if it was a stolen vehicle! Anyway...the kidnappers that I know, no one would take the vehicle! Only a desperate fugitive will do that!”

“Fugitive!?” Zhao Yu pondered carefully over Jiao Hai’s words, trying to find something important in them.

“Then...” After much thought, Zhao Yu asked again, “Under what situation do you think the kidnappers would kill the hostages?”

“Erm...well...” Jiao Hai’s lowered his head as his lips started to tremble. “Of-officer, why are you asking me this? Haven’t you already investigated me? The woman that I kidnapped had a serious heart disease, we did not cause her death on purpose! We kidnappers merely want money, none of us really want the hostages to die!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu recalled that the hostage whom Jiao Hai kidnapped had indeed died from a sudden illness. It was also because of this that Jiao Hai was not given a death sentence immediately!

“Just for money, kidnappers do not want to kill the hostages!? Can this logic be used on the Mianling case? Why did the Mianling case kidnappers kill the hostages? There were five children among them...” Zhao Yu wondered.

“Jiao Hai!” Zhao Yu felt that he had gotten something from Jiao Hai and decided to tell him straight that he was here for the Mianling Kidnapping Case investigation. If he was able to help in the investigation, Jiao Hai could be able to get a lighter sentence.

Jiao Hai’s eyes lit up after hearing this. He quickly expressed his willingness to cooperate and would say everything he knew. After that, he quickly told Zhao Yu his professional analysis, “Officer, there are only a few reasons to kill the hostages! Number one, the family members refused to cooperate or called the police! The kidnappers gave up hope and killed the hostages! Number two, which is also the most common, the hostages saw the faces of the kidnappers, so the kidnappers killed the hostages in fear of being exposed!

“But to be frank, it’s killing someone after all! They wouldn’t do that unless they really had no other choice! Even if their face had been seen, it’s not necessary to kill. Actually, for professional kidnappers, they would look for targets prior to planning the kidnapping and they would never strike people they know! They would escape far away after getting the money, so it wouldn’t be such a big deal if their faces were seen!

“As for the third possibility, it would be like in my case where the hostage has a fatal disease, or the hostage gets into an accident trying to escape! But this is very rare! The fourth possibility, like the Mianling Case, erm...” Jiao Hai said seriously to Zhao Yu, “Officer, I feel that it’s quite possible that the Mianling Case has to do with the fourth possibility!”

“Oh? Tell me about it!” Zhao Yu urged.

“Seeking revenge!” Jiao Hai said emotionally, “Officer, I’ve seen the news and I know that the remains have been found! They killed so many children. What else could be it other than revenge? Also, I think those people all had mental problems and were psychopaths! Only people like that would do such a thing! Damn it! They already got the ransom and still killed the hostages!” Jiao Hai said with his eyes wide, “There’s no sense of morality or credibility at all! Even if it’s for revenge, there would be no need to do this. Although we are all kidnapers, I feel that such people are a disgrace!”

“Ah!” Zhao Yu did not expect to suddenly hear so many new terms. “Seek revenge? Mental problems? Psychopaths? Really? A few mad men were able to plan such a seamless kidnap? What hatred? To leave no survivors? What hatred could cause this?” Zhao Yu’s thoughts suddenly went wild. The Mianling case seemed to have become even more complicated!

“Officer,” Jia Hai seemed eager to contribute, “I feel that there’s something wrong with the driver! You should check on him thoroughly!”

“Hmm? Why?”

“Heh heh, if I were the one doing the Mianling case, I would only want to kidnap the children!” Jiao Hai said seriously. “That driver was totally useless. Why would I wanna kidnap him too? I would have left him behind after kidnapping the children, and let him inform the family members! At most, I would have stabbed him and used his blood to scare the parents so that they would hand over the money! No matter what, I would never take him with me! It’s definitely a hidden danger taking such a strong young man along! So, this person must have been linked to the kidnapping! I’m sure of it!”

Huh!? Hearing Jiao Hai’s words, Zhao Yu frowned even deeper! Was this kidnapping expert’s deduction correct? Could the already dead Niu Weiguang really have had some dark secret?

After this, Jiao Hai continued his analysis of the Mianling case. There were many inconsistencies between what he said and what the police had previously thought. Zhao Yu was unable to tell who was right and who was wrong in such a short period of time.

After Jiao Hai was taken away by the prison officers, Zhao Yu stayed in the interrogation room and continued to analyze the information he had just received. He wrote down the information, and Jiao Hai’s and his own theories in his notebook, and tried to figure out a new direction for the investigation.

Although the case was still bewildering, Zhao Yu felt that he had gotten another step closer to the truth behind this Qinshan Number One Cold Case! This feeling was similar to when he was faced with the Lost Hand Case. He felt that the truth was hidden within the information that he had gotten, but he was not able to figure it out yet!

Zhao Yu continued sitting in the interrogation room for a long time until the prison officers came to remind him. However, just as Zhao Yu stepped out of the room, he suddenly thought of the word “expert” again. Another strange idea appeared in his brain! “Right! How could I forget, there’s another expert in this prison! Why don’t I also take him over and get his opinion!?”

Chapter 168: The Contractor Whose Family Broke Apart and Died Himself

In the few days he had not seen the other, Yang Wentao became incredibly thin. His face was covered with stubble and his body looked like a stick. His face had yet to recover. The stitches on the edge of his right eye showed clearly and still had not been taken off. His nose was set with a fixture, and his forehead was still green and bruised.

As it turned out, the other “professional” Zhao Yu was referring to was Yang Wentao. After a short few days of temporary custody, he was transferred to the Qinnan jail, waiting for his final judgement.

Seeing that the police officer in front of him was the person who had captured him in the cave, Yang Wentao’s emotions were complicated. On one hand, he hated the officer for his ruthlessness; on the other hand, he was impressed by Zhao Yu’s skill. He had hid so well, but had still been captured! Not only that, but the thing that confused him the most was that he still could not understand, how could Zhao Yu, in the pitch-black tunnel without any light, could clearly see? It seemed like this rather dumb looking cop held many secrets.

“What’s up, Yang Wentao?” Zhao Yu asked affectionately. “Your parkour can’t be used in jail, right? Did someone...” Zhao Yu continued with a series of vulgar insults to taunt Yang Wentao.

Yang Wentao looked at Zhao Yu without a word. Right now, what he felt the most, was utter regret! If he had just been a little calmer back then, maybe he would not have ended like this.

“It’s fine, let’s save the banter!” Zhao Yu kindly handed a cigarette to Yang Wentao, and once again, repeated what he had said to Jiao Hai. “Yang Wentao, I’m here to actually help you this time! You know that tunnel area where we had our Player kill is related to the Mianling Kidnapping Case, right? I just want you to tell me what you know. If you can help me solve this case, you might get a lighter sentence!”

“Cough...” Yang Wentao coughed once, dejected as he spoke, “How would I be able to help you? The kidnapping case didn’t have anything to do with me!”

“Of course, it had something to do with you! Otherwise, why would I look for you?” Zhao Yu’s expression hardened as he said seriously, “I heard that you previously attended a scientific investigation, and did field research at Yingpan Mountain tunnel area for a few years, right? Now tell me, does the section of the tunnel with the corpse have any history? Also, during your investigation, was there anything related to the kidnapping case?”

“I...we were just doing scientific investigations, that’s all.” Yang Wentao heled the cigarette, his brows furrowed. “What does that have anything to do with the case investigation?”

“No need to rush, just tell me anything you can think of!” Zhao Yu pulled out his lighter and lit the cigarette for him. “You’re not an idiot, you know your crime carries the death penalty! If you want a good result when you get your sentence, this is your only chance to save yourself!”

“I...I know, I know!” Yang Wentao inhaled deeply a few times and spoke cooperatively, “My information filled fifteen portfolio bags! On my computer, there is also a specific folder! Anything you guys need, just take them all!”

He took a long sigh and started his recollection. "That year, I was also quite rash. If there was anything valuable in the silver tunnel that I could use as a project basis, then I'd make a ton of money! That tunnel, I've been there countless times. Because I was so familiar with it, I chose to take refuge there!

"The place where you caught me was where the bodies were buried. On the map it was a waste pit. The waste pit is basically what we dug up, but we couldn't find anything and gave up! If you make an explosion in those kind of places, there won't be any large-scaled collapse!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu nodded. What Yang Wentao said perfectly matched the idea that one of the kidnapers was an expert in using explosives.

"To me, that place had no research value," Yang Wentao comfortably enjoyed a few puffs of smoke, "thus, I never really paid attention to it! When you chased me, I entered because I was out of options!"

"You knew it was a dead end, but you still crawled in?" Zhao Yu asked.

"At the time I didn't know" Yang Wentao responded. "I only knew afterwards, when you were chasing me so urgently, so I was panicking as well!"

"Do you know who put up that wooden fence?" Zhao Yu asked.

"I don't" Yang Wentao responded. "It's been many years! It was only when we went in there that I saw it!"

"Then...what about the owner of the location? Was the tunnel owned by the government?"

"Strictly speaking, the entire tunnel was owned by the government" Yang Wentao said. "But in the 1980s, due to limited resources from Ying Tunnel area, it was basically abandoned. At the time, to get one last piece of value out of the tunnel, the tunnel's management had an event to sell the areas!

"For example, if you were an investor, and you wanted to bet your luck, then you could give some money to management and take over one or multiple tunnels! If you could get silver out of those tunnels, then you won and would have hundreds time more than what you invested! But on the contrary, if you don't dig anything up, then you lost!"

Oh...Zhao Yu had never heard of this before. To think they ended up making the tunnel like gambling!

"The tunnel we were at was also rented out!" Yang Wentao said. "I saw the contract from back then. The contract was very vague. There was no exact time limit or anything. In other words, from a legal standpoint, this section of the tunnel still belongs to the person who bought it!

"Hmm...If I remember correctly," Yang Wentao recalled, "the entire back mountain of Yingpan Town was given to one person! If I wanted to establish a project there, then I'd need that person's permission. I tried to find him before too!"

"Oh? So, there was an owner!" Zhao Yu asked urgently, "How about it, did you find them?"

"Mm," Yang Wentao scratched his head, "I forgot what company it was, I remember the person's name is Cheng Sanli! I think that guy was originally selling building materials or some sort of construction stuff. Either way he was some sort of really powerful upstart! In the end, we did find him, but he was already dead! Not only did he die, but his family fell apart as well, it was a sad death!

“Since he was already dead, we didn’t have anything to worry about, so we just kept working on our project!

“Officer, I’ll tell you honestly, in Yinpan mountain, at least half of the silver hasn’t been discovered! The silver is buried too deep. Only by using the most advanced mining techniques could you find it! Unfortunately, because of the upfront fee, all of the higher-ups didn’t dare risk it, so they didn’t allow it!”

Zhao Yu did not have any interest in mining, but his mind kept pondering over the contractor named Cheng Sanli!

Cheng Sanli? Upstart? Business in materials, and contracted the mining area? Tsk, tsk...This person...

“Yang Wentao,” Zhao Yu asked urgently, “this person named Cheng Sanli, how old were they?”

“Not sure, probably not young?”

“Then...what year did he contract the mining tunnel?” Zhao Yu asked again.

“I forgot, I can’t remember, but on my computer there was a picture of the contract. You can go find it!” Yang Wentao spoke honestly.

“Why is it that the police couldn’t find it, but you knew about the mining area being contracted?” Zhao Yu was curious.

“That’s easy to explain!” Yang Wentao spoke openly, “The mining area originally belonged to the Mining Department, but the name changed later and then merged. Of course it was hard to find! Originally, we could only get this information from the National Land and Resource Bureau! You can go there and check!”

Oh...Tsk, tsk...Cheng Sanli?!

Zhao Yu once again remembered the name, and asked Yang Wentao, “You said Cheng Sanli’s family broke apart and died. Can you give me any details? Also, how did Cheng Sanli die? When Cheng Sanli contracted this tunnel, did he get any silver?”

“That...I really don’t know!” Yang Wentao shook his head. “I’ve also only heard this information from others! You can go investigate. It probably shouldn’t be hard, right?!”

Mm...Zhao Yu pondered seriously and suddenly felt that Cheng Sanli was a huge suspect. Could it be, he was the culprit in the Mianling Kidnapping Case?!

The reason he had dared to use so much money to contract the mine tunnel was probably because there was someone who knew the mining area well, and that person...could possibly be his partner?!

He and his companions committed the Mianling Kidnapping Case and became upstarts, then they contracted this mountain? Then he and his companions had a conflict and it ended up with his family broken and him dead?

“What a shame. This person is dead. If he was alive, then I would just need to use the lie detector and then they case might be over! But no matter what, my trip to Qingnan Jail was definitely worth it!” Zhao

Yu thought. When he went back to the officer, he would have to investigate this Cheng Sanli thoroughly!!!

Chapter 169: Something Big!

As it was already very late after he left Qinshan Jail, Zhao Yu did not go back to the police station but headed home straight away; however, he had already contacted Qu Ping on the way and reported to her the new information he had gotten. Qu Ping was also shocked after hearing, and praised Zhao Yu highly for the first time. She praised Zhao Yu for being open-minded and able to think of so many neglected clues!

As for Cheng Sanli, Qu Ping started to pay close attention to him. She had already sent people to check on this suspicious target. Although this man was already dead, they could still be able to find clues from him! Qu Ping also told Zhao Yu that other than Jiao Hai, she had already sent people to investigate the remaining two targets, but they did not fulfill the criteria and had been removed from the suspect list. However, Qu Ping said that although the three men were not suspects, she did not rule out the possibility that the real culprit was still in other prisons. Therefore, she had decided to request for permission from higher-ups to widen the investigation area and look for suspicious targets throughout the entire country's prison system! She would not let any criminal escape!

After hanging up, Zhao Yu heaved a long sigh. He could only wait for the news now! He brought back some food from a small restaurant on Shunfeng Street and hastily began to eat. While he was eating, the ending notification from the system sounded. The completion rate this time was only seventy-six percent, and he received another invisible night vision!

"Uh oh..." he thought. The "Li-Kan" hexagram ended just like that. Zhao Yu quickly recorded what happened that day. As he had gotten along quite well with the leader today, Zhao Yu felt that his guess was correct, that this "Li" hexagram represented friendship! However, he had already been chosen by the leader and had become a special investigator. This should be considered a change in status, so wouldn't a "Zhen" hexagram be more suitable? Also, with his own efforts today, he had finally found some clues from Qinnan Jail, should there also be some component of "Gen" hexagram?

"Oh..." Zhao Yu recalled. Just like previously, when there was no "Dui" hexagram, he still got a huge sum of money from Hao Jiajun. Although the miracle system had arranged some adventures for him, these adventures could be changed by his own decisions and actions! Which meant, "If I wanna find clues to solve the case, I do not have to wait until there's a "Gen" hexagram. As long as I'm willing to put in effort, even if there's no hexagram, I can still solve the case!!!"

After the "Li" hexagram, he thought of the "Kan" hexagram. As he had gotten along quite well with Su Yang and also beat up those young punks, thereby impressing his boss, he felt that he had completed the "Li" hexagram adventure quite well! As for why the final completion rate was not high, it was because he had not dealt with the "Kan" hexagram well. Zhao Yu felt that he only had been in contact with two women that day. One was Yao Jia and the other one was Qu Ping! As his relationship with Qu Ping was purely work-related, he did not think that Qu Ping had anything to do with the system's arrangement. Therefore, the woman who could have an adventure with him was Yao Jia!

“Could it be...if I had not been anxious about investigating the case today, something would have happened between me and Yao Jia? Did I just miss a chance of being close to the head nurse? Tsk tsk...” he wondered. Zhao Yu had a different feeling once he thought of Yao Jia. After understanding that this Yao Jia was not the one from his past life, he no longer felt enamored with me. Because of this, he told her everything about Zang Jie without any reservations. After knowing the truth, Yao Jia was naturally very happy and felt extremely fortunate! Although Zhao Yu still felt a little jealous, he accepted it calmly. “Since I have nothing to do with this Yao Jia anymore, why should I waste my effort to destroy her happiness?” he asked himself. Unexpectedly, after removing this thought from his mind, Yao Jia’s attitude toward Zhao Yu became better instead!

When Zhao Yu was still in Qinshan Jail, he received a WeChat message from Yao Jia. Other than thanking him for the treat and for his help, she praised him on his amazing performance at the hotpot restaurant and said that he was indeed a big hero! Having received compliments from a great beauty, Zhao Yu felt a little carried away and became full of vigor!

However, in a stricter sense, there was actually another woman who had called Zhao Yu today, and that was Huahua, who was helping to look after the dog. Huahua told Zhao Yu that the Dragon Boat Festival was coming and she would like to bring Daheng along when she went home so that her dad could take a look at Daheng’s leg and see if it could be treated. Zhao Yu was still worried that there would be no one to look after the dog. He immediately told Huahua that as long as Daheng could be treated, it did not matter how much he had to spend!

After returning home, Zhao Yu felt that something was missing without Daheng running about. “Hope this fella’s leg can be treated!” he thought. After Showering, it was already late. Zhao Yu laid on his bed thinking, and unintentionally thought of Huahua! “Right! Dragon Boat Festival?” Looking at the calendar, he saw that the Dragon Boat Festival was indeed approaching! Huahua was going back home, what about himself?

A few days ago, Zhao Yu’s father gave him a phone call and asked him if he was planning to return home for the holidays; however, Zhao Yu did not know how to answer and used work as an excuse before hanging up! Thinking about it now, he wondered if he should make a trip back. But...he had been all alone in his previous life, how would he get along with all his aunties and uncles now after returning home? Zhao Yu felt very troubled thinking of this! He had no idea how he was going to face his unfamiliar parents and brothers, and his relatives!

“Erm...should I cook up an excuse that I’m out on a business trip or working overtime and continue hiding? But, what if they get worried and come to the city to look for me?” he wondered. Zhao Yu was unable to find a solution after thinking, so he could only switch his thoughts back to the Mianling Case. “I wonder if the clues from Qinshan Jail today are useful to the case? Was Niu Weiguang really in cahoots with the kidnappers? But...if he had really collaborated with the kidnappers, why would he leave with the kidnappers? Wouldn’t it be better if he came back to be a spy? Moreover, Niu Weiguang had a wife and children, would he really resort to this? Also, is that Cheng Sanli be the real culprit of Mianling Case? It’s been so long, Qu Ping’s still hasn’t gotten information on him? Or is it they just did not have time to inform me?” Zhao Yu fell asleep once again that night with these wild thoughts.

As Daheng had gone home with Huahua, he did not have to wake up early to walk the dog, therefore, he stayed in bed until almost eight. Unexpectedly, he sneezed out loud the moment he woke up!

“Ah choo...” The system in his brain activated with the sneeze, “The Miracle System has been activated and is now choosing the divination...‘Kun-Gen’ hexagram! Earth and Mountain, earth meets mountain, against the air and wind, the forces combine, the world becomes one.”

“What!?” Zhao Yu was startled. He had forgotten to do the divination today and it actually got activated by a sneeze. Also, why was there suddenly a “Kun” hexagram!?

“‘Kun’ and ‘Gen’ together...oh my goodness, holy sh*t! Could it be...could it be...” Zhao Yu wanted to say, “Could it be that the truth behind Qinshan’s Number One Cold Case would be found out today!?”

“Ah...ah...ah choo!” Zhao Yu sneezed again, probably due to being agitated. After the second sneeze, Zhao Yu’s phone suddenly rang. “Ah...hero, please chase the dream with me...”

Zhao Yu quickly picked up the call and Li Beini’s uneasy voice came from the phone, “Se...senior, this is bad! Something big happened!!” Li Beini’s voice was rushed and trembling, “Qu...Team Leader Qu Ping is dead!!”

“What?!” Zhao Yu scolded angrily, “What a joke to play this early in the morning!?”

“Boo...hoo...” Li Beini cried in the phone. “I...I’m not lying to you! Boohoo...Team Leader Qu Ping is really dead!!!”

Chapter 170: The Uniform Remained

By the time Zhao Yu was rushing to the scene of crime, his mind was blank. The news Li Beini just had given him was so out of the blue that he was completely thunderstruck! She had said that this morning at about six am someone had reported the case, saying they had seen a bloody corpse on the green belt of Jinjiang road. Beside it was a white car! By the time the police officers had arrived at the scene, they realized the white Subaru was Team Leader Qu Ping’s! The corpse was Qu Ping herself!!

“Qu Ping is dead?! How can Qu Ping be dead?!” Zhao Yu thought. He could not believe it. It was just too sudden. Just yesterday afternoon he had been discussing the case with Qu Ping! How could... He felt like his entire mind was a mess. He could not think at all!

It took him more than ten minutes to finally arrive at the scene. The road was completely sealed off by the police, and the yellow police line was already pulled over the green belt. Most of the Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit investigators were already here!

Zhao Yu saw that Zhang Yaohui of Team B was crouched on the stairs of the green belt with his head down, probably crying! Beside him was Lan Bo holding him by the shoulder, his own eyes swollen red as he comforted him. Even further ahead, he saw Hu Bin and a crime scene investigator from the Forensics Department, who was taking pictures of the crime scene. Team Leader Qu Ping’s white Subaru was stopped by the road. There was no commotion. The scene was deathly silent, but the silence was unbelievably heavy.

Before Zhao Yu even made it to the car, a police car screeched to a stop beside him. Bureau Chief Luan Xiaoxiao, Liu Changhu, Peng Xin, and Mao Wei all hopped out of the car urgently. Peng Xin saw Zhao Yu and immediately rushed towards him and began asking questions. “Zhao Yu, what’s the situation?”

"I...I also just arrived..." Zhao Yu's head was completely messed up. He did not know what to say and could only shake his head.

Lan Bo saw the higher-ups arrive and immediately moved towards them. "Team Leader has already been sent to the hospital!"

"What?! Hospital?!" Bureau Chief Luan's face flashed with hope and she asked in a hurry, "Could it be? Is there hope?!"

Hearing this, Lan Bo could not help but lower his head and whisper, "It's...it's the colleagues from my team, they insisted on taking the body to the hospital! Team...Team Leader, she..."

Before Lan Bo could finish his sentence, Bureau Chief Luan Xiaoxiao's tears were already silently streaming down her face.

Peng Xin's body was shaking as she asked, "Lan Bo, tell me, how did this happen?"

"Not...not sure!" Lan Bo said with difficulty. "Team Leader's body had many wounds! Her bag was gone too, it...it might be a robbery!"

"What? Robbery?!"

The group's chatting was interrupted by Liu Changhu's phone ringing. After he picked up the phone, Liu Changhu's expression completely changed as he reported to Bureau Chief Luan. "Chief Luan, it's not good. The investigators are causing a commotion in the hospital! Let's hurry over!"

"Ah?" Bureau Chief Luan was shocked and immediately took Peng Xin's hand. "Peng Xin, you stay here and keep an eye on the scene. First figure out what happened, then report to me! No matter what, we have to capture the culprit quickly!!!"

Peng Xin could not say a word, and only numbly nodded her head. Her eyes were also red, tears forming dangerously in her eyes.

The higher-ups had already gotten in the car, but Mao Wei suddenly waved his hand at Zhao Yu. "Zhao, hurry up, come with us!"

"Ah?" Zhao Yu was still in a state of confusion, not understanding Mao Wei's words.

"Quit standing around, hurry!" Mao Wei waved his hand again. "Only you can calm those people down!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu finally understood what he meant, and immediately crawled into the car. The car started up again, but no one spoke. The atmosphere was so heavy that it felt solid.

The Central Hospital was not far from the scene of crime. The police car's siren was non-stop the entire way to the hospital, quickly arriving at the door of the emergency room. The group had only just walked into the emergency room when they immediately heard the sound of someone roaring.

"What kind of f*cking doctor are you? Hey! Try it, can't you try again?"

"Yeah, you guys can't give up like this! Maybe there's still hope! Please save our team leader!"

"Doctor!" a woman wailed in grief. "I beg of you, please try to save her one more time!"

“...”

Liu Changhu immediately pulled open the curtain and rushed in. He immediately saw the doctor surrounded by the investigators of Team B. The doctor was trying his best to argue about something, but his voice was completely deafened by the roar of the investigators around him!

“Stop! Everyone stop!” Liu Changhu yelled in an attempt to calm everyone down, glaring at the group. When the investigators saw that behind Lu Changhu also stood Bureau Chief Luan Xiaoxiao, they calmed down some and gradually stepped back. Yet within the crowd flashed a familiar silhouette. It was Department Leader Wang Fei of the Forensics Department.

“Chief Luan!” Wang Fei rushed to Luan Xiaoxiao’s side and spoke into her ear. “Team Leader Qu had already left us! By the time she was discovered, she had already lost all signs of life! There...there is no hope!”

“I know, I know!” Bureau Chief Luan said, her eyes red. “Investigators, friends, please don’t make any more of a mess! I understand what you’re going through, but everyone please calm down! Team Leader Qu...it’s too sudden, we have to figure out the entire story first! We are all professional detectives, so everyone please be more reasonable! There are still things we have to do!”

The investigators knew very well that Qu Ping was already dead, they were just having trouble accepting it. Once they were reminded by Bureau Chief Luan, they finally calmed down and lowered their heads.

“Chief Luan,” Wang Fei said again. “We have to take the body to the police station for examination so we can find Team Leader Qu’s cause of death!”

Bureau Chief Luan nodded and immediately gestured at Zhao Yu. “Zhao Yu, help Department Leader Wang and take Team Leader Qu to the Forensics Department!”

Just as Zhao Yu was nodding, the doctors were already pushing Qu Ping’s body out of the emergency room. A white haired elderly woman immediately rushed forward, wailing in anguish as she leaned over the cart.

“My daughter! How could you! Your mother is here, your mother is here, wake up! Please wake up!”

Some investigators immediately rushed forward to hold her. Zhao Yu and the others finally realized that this elderly woman was Qu Ping’s mother.

Wang Fei knew the longer the body stayed here, the more miserable the mother would be. She immediately gestured at Zhao Yu, asking him to push the body away.

Zhao Yu knew this as well, and immediately stepped forward to push the cart. Even though Mao Wei’s leg was a bit hurt, he still stepped forward to help Zhao Yu.

“You...where are you guys taking my daughter?” The elderly woman asked, seeing the body being pushed off.

“Auntie, we’re taking Team Leader Qu back to the police station for investigation, we...”

As Bureau Chief Luan was explaining the situation, the elderly woman immediately panicked, and again rushed in front of the pushcart and wailed, "You guys cannot do this, my daughter already gave her life for you guys! Why are you guys taking her back?! You police officers are all b*stards! Ah! Ah..."

The woman's ruckus brought tears back into the eyes of all the investigators around. Bureau Chief Luan's face was already covered in tears, at a loss for what to do. Liu Changhu was still somewhat clear-headed, and he immediately called a few female investigators to come and comfort the elderly woman. He then moved in front of the cart, putting some distance between Qu Ping's body and the elderly woman. The elderly woman was so old that after some crying she collapsed of exhaustion. The investigators immediately moved up to help, then went off to find the doctors.

Seeing this as an opportunity, Zhao Yu and Mao Wei worked together to push Qu Ping's body out. Department Leader Wang Fei was already prepared. The cars from the Forensics Department were already waiting. The crowd quickly moved the body onto the stretcher prepared by the police, then carried it into the car that was headed towards the Forensics Department.

Yet when they were moving the body, Zhao Yu noticed that Team Leader Qu Ping's body was still in her police uniform. The blood had already drenched her clothes! "No! Something's wrong!" Zhao Yu thought to himself. "What criminal would be bold enough to try to kill a female police officer in uniform with a knife? Who is the murderer?! What exactly happened last night?!"