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Chapter 171: What If It Wasn't an Accident?

After Zhao Yu and Mao Wei sent Qu Ping's body to the Forensic Identification Bureau's autopsy room, Qu Ping's husband Bai Yang finally arrived. Bai Yang was a professional accountant and had been with an enterprise in the provincial capital. After receiving the news that morning, he quickly rushed over from the provincial capital. Bai Yang was dumbstruck after hearing that his wife had passed away. He took a long time to answer when talking, and he was unable to speak clearly. Although he was mentally unable to accept the situation, he still cooperated with the police and signed the autopsy agreement form.

After the door of the autopsy room closed, a few Team B agents who knew Bai Yang quickly went forward to console him. At that moment, the agents' phones rang. The higher-ups called all Key Case Investigation team members for an urgent meeting at the case analysis room. Needless to say, the urgent meeting was held because of Qu Ping. By then, Zhao Yu had already roughly understood the process of how Qu Ping had been killed. The night before, due to a new development in the Mianling Case, Qu Ping and some of the agents had worked very late in the police station and left after one in the morning. No one had expected such a fatal accident to happen on the way home!

According to the agents who surveyed the scene, there was an obvious sign that Qu Ping's Subaru had braked suddenly before stopping. She had probably encountered some situation and used the emergency brake, however, after checking, the car did not have any signs of being hit, which showed that she did not hit anything. Therefore, an agent deduced that Qu Ping could have seen someone on the road, used the emergency brake, and then got off the car to check. In the end she got stabbed and her bag in the car had also been stolen!

Coincidentally, there was no dashcam in Qu Ping's car, and the surveillance cameras on Jinjiang Road where the incident had taken place were all not working as electricity had been shut down due to excess rainwater. Therefore, the criminals could have planned the robbery beforehand to kill Qu Ping. It was also possible that the criminals had only wanted to take money, but stabbed her in the end due to some complications...

"No! It's definitely not so simple!" Zhao Yu thought. He sat on the long bench outside the autopsy room and gave a hard knock on the handrail as he thought to himself, "It doesn't make sense at all to say that the criminals killed her accidentally after robbing her! There's definitely more to Qu Ping's death than what meets the eye!" Just Zhao Yu's understanding in robberies alone was enough for him to deduce that Qu Ping's death was not just a simple robbery! If the criminal had only wanted money, he would only have one choice after seeing the target was a police in uniform—run away! No robber would be able to bear the consequences of robbing a police officer, so any experienced robber would choose to escape! Although the autopsy report was not out yet, it could be seen from the crime scene photos that Qu Ping had been stabbed several times and was covered in blood! "If a robber killed a person by accident, why would they stab them so many times!? This does not make sense at all! But..." Zhao Yu wondered.

After calming himself down, various thoughts came up in Zhao Yu's mind again. If Qu Ping's death was not an accident but a premeditated murder...what situation would that be? "Who wanted Qu Ping's life?"

Why did he kill Qu Ping? Was it because of the Mianling Case!?” With this thought, Zhao Yu’s body turned cold and goosebumps started to appear. “Was it because Qu Ping was close to uncovering the truth behind the Mianling Case and got murdered? If that’s really the case, then I’m in danger too!? Holy sh*t! What is it exactly?”

The emergency meeting was to be held at the case analysis room. Qu Ping’s sudden death had naturally caused another uproar, shocking the entire police station! Just before the meeting, the agents received another two pieces of news. The first was from Chief Wang Fei. Although the autopsy had not been completed, Chief Wang sent someone to convey the message that there was something strange about the knife wounds on Qu Ping. Although she had been stabbed a few times in the front, the fatal wound was a stab on her back! That knife had entered from Qu Ping’s back, and the tip of the knife hit her heart! It had been said that such a method was very powerful. Not only did the knife avoid the bones protecting the heart, but it could also cause immediate death to the victim without making any noise!

There were many experienced people among the agents. Once they heard that Qu Ping died in such a way, the first thing that came to their mind was that the criminal was definitely an expert! It was possible that he had killed someone like that more than once! Just as everyone was discussing, the second news came, however, it was a piece of good news. An agent found a bloodstained knife in a garbage bin more than one kilometer away from where Qu Ping was killed! It was highly possible that the knife was the weapon used to stab Qu Ping, and it had already been sent to the forensics department for analysis. It was said that there were obvious fingerprints on the knife. If it really was the weapon used to kill Qu Ping, then the murderer would soon be revealed!

Although the incident created a stir, the case analysis concerning Qu Ping’s death was very short. As it was still prime time for solving the case, it was useless to say too much. The most important thing was to find clues as soon as possible! During the meeting, Bureau Chief Zhou Andong expressed his shock and grief, and then urged everyone, regardless of the manpower needed, to quickly find the culprit and bring him to justice! Needless to say, even without Bureau Chief Zhou’s encouragement, the Key Case Investigation team agents were already tearful. After the case happened, they had been working non-stop, collecting all the surveillance cameras around the crime scene and checking them.

The blood on the knife indeed belonged to Qu Ping, and the shape of the knife was consistent with Qu Ping’s wounds. Shortly after, the fingerprints on the knife had also been analysed. The fingerprints belonged to a person named Hou Meng. This person had numerous criminal records, and had been imprisoned before due to crimes such as robbery and illegal possession of weapons, etc.

Hou Meng! As the investigation progressed, Hou Meng’s data quickly got to the agents’ desks. This man was a major suspect without a doubt, so the police decided to arrest him immediately! Unexpectedly, before the police car went off to catch Hou Meng, the agents received more important news. There were other agents who had also found traces of Hou Meng on various surveillance cameras around the crime scene. The surveillance videos showed that it had been around two in the morning, and Hou Meng was staggering past these screens. It could also be clearly seen that he was holding on to a lady’s bag, and this bag had belonged to Team Leader Qu Ping!

The agents all felt indignant and clenched their fists. They could not wait to catch this sick and evil murderer to get revenge for Team Leader Qu! Boom boom boom...The agents hopped into the police car and left the station to arrest the criminal! Zhao Yu stood by the office window and looked blankly at the

big parade outside, but his mind was full of doubts! Qu Ping's death was really too sudden and too strange! The police data and mobile phones were all connected by the same network. Zhao Yu looked at the video regarding Hou Meng and kept having the feeling that something was not right! Firstly, the weapon was found more than a kilometer away from the crime scene. The place where Hou Meng appeared in the surveillance video was less than one kilometer away from the scene, but Hou Meng was not holding the knife in the videos! Secondly, looking at the way Hou Meng was staggering, he had either drunk too much or had taken drugs. Qu Ping was police officer, could a person who could not even walk straight kill her?

"Oh..." Zhao Yu suddenly thought of what Chief Wang Fei said. The stab on Qu Ping's back was the fatal wound. "Could it be...there was another murderer at the crime scene!?"

Chapter 172: Who Will Come with Me?

Hou Meng: twenty-five years old, single, native of Qinshan. Parents divorced, address unknown. Previous records including robbery, illegally carrying firearms, fighting...Seeing Hou Meng's information on his phone, Zhao Yu could not help but drown out all his other useless thoughts. It did not matter what the truth was behind Qu Ping's murder, even if it related to the Mianling case. As long as they could catch this Hou Meng it was possible that everything would be made clear.

The capturing process was not that smooth, however. For the past few hours, the investigators looked everywhere Hou Meng could have possibly been hiding, but found nothing. Even though the surveillance cameras had caught some traces of him, city transportation was too advanced. There was no way to figure out exactly where he had gone. Other than sealing off roads and guarding over train stations, bus stops, and other important areas, the investigators could only use Hou Meng's personal relationships as a starting point. They had to see if he was hiding in the homes of any friends or family.

According to the newest information the investigators found, Hou Meng was unemployed. He had been an internet café manager, previously managed PC shops, opened gambling casinos, and even organized illegal propaganda, but none of them had lasted long. He had terrible relationships with his relatives, whether it was his parents or step-brother on his mother's side, and they all lived out of town anyway. The chance of Hou Meng contacting them was slim.

According to the police investigation, the focus was on females that were close with Hou Meng, as well as his so-called "bros." Apparently, Hou Meng was currently dating an Internet Café attendant. The police had already placed surveillance around the girl, waiting for Hou Meng's appearance.

Hou Meng also had a sworn brother named Ji Chunhua, who was on good terms with him. This person had some fame in the streets and had quite a bit of influence. He had also apparently organized illegal propaganda in the past, which Hou Meng had helped him with. The two had a very good relationship. The police put him on surveillance as well. As soon as Hou Meng contacted him, the police would know right away.

In addition to these two leads, the police also had some extra personnel stationed at places Hou Meng often appeared, as well as around any friends he had decent relationships with.

There was a saying about the “golden twenty-four hours” in the police force. It said that within twenty-four hours of a crime is the best time to capture the criminal. Once this time frame passed, it was very possible to have issues like Yang Wentao’s again. To capture him again would take even more time and effort!

It was already six o’clock in the afternoon, but the investigators were still busy in the office. They were calling various branch officers and police stations nonstop, asking about their progress and ways to set up more surveillance.

Ever since Zhang Yaohui of Team B had come back from his patrol, he had his head down on the table while he sat in his chair. As it turned out, last night when Qu Ping was getting off work to go home, Zhang Yaohui had noticed Qu Ping looked a bit out of it, and was afraid she could not drive. He had volunteered to take Team Leader Qu home, but Qu Ping did not want to inconvenience him and had kindly refused! Zhang Yaohui was still experiencing endless regret and frustration. He kept blaming himself. Had he insisted last night, there would not be such a tragedy today! “Team Leader Qu Ping was so diligent. She was just alive, how could she have just disappeared like that?!” he thought to himself. Despite the comforting words of many co-workers, Zhang Yaohui still could not let it go. Tears continued to fall down his face. It was saddening to see an elderly woman cry in such despair.

At that moment, Zhao Yu remembered something, and he hurried over to the Team B investigators.

“You guys, who was the person to last be with Team Leader Qu?” he asked.

Hearing Zhao Yu question, a few investigators raised their hands.

“That...yesterday, what did you guys find? How come you guys left so late? Could it be that you guys found something on Cheng Sanli?” Zhao Yu asked, each question coming quickly after the other.

“Cheng Sanli?” an investigator named Liu responded. “I found that, yeah. He used to do business in building materials. He died many years ago! Why?”

“How did he die?”

“Mm...according to the information in the Bureau of Civil Affairs, Cheng Sanli died a natural death! There was nothing suspicious, I think,” Liu answered. “I already gave all his information to Team Leader Qu, and I didn’t see any reaction from the Team Leader!”

“Mmm...send me a copy of the information later!” Zhao Yu kept questioning them. “Other than that, did you guys notice anything new? Anything about the Mianling Kidnapping Case?”

“No, everything seemed normal!” Liu answered. “You don’t understand Team Leader Qu’s personality. It was because there was no progress that we could get off work and go home! If there had been progress, even a little, then we would not have gone home that night! If I had known before, I would rather have just done overtime that night! That way Team Leader wouldn’t have...” As he spoke, Liu’s eyes also started turning red.

“Tsk tsk...” Zhao Yu’s eyebrows furrowed. Based on his instincts, he was still wondering if Qu Ping’s death had anything to do with the Mianling Case. If Qu Ping really died due to the Mianling case, then how terrifying would this make Qinshan’s first cold case?! Could he himself also be in grave danger?

Suddenly, Zhao Yu could not help but remember his Miracle System again. Today's hexagram was the "Kun-Gen" Hexagram. Could it be that this hexagram explanation had already signaled something big was happening today?

"Kun! What does this 'Kun' word truly represent?! Is it like the Mianling Case? When the 'Kun' Hexagram pops up does something big always happen?"

Just as Zhao Yu was thinking all of this over, Li Beini ran over with two large baskets filled with lunch boxes.

"Here guys, you haven't eaten all day. You must be hungry, right?" Li Beini put down the basket and started handing boxes of lunch one by one to the investigators. "Eat up!" she said energetically. "Only when you guys are well fed can you guys have the energy to catch criminals!"

Within seconds, a lunch box was handed to Zhao Yu. Li Beini bit her lips as she spoke. "Senior, yours has more food. Eat more!"

Holding the lunch box, Zhao Yu felt content. But despite the delicious fragrance of the lunch box in his hand, he had absolutely no appetite! Up until now, he still had not recovered from Qu Ping's sudden death. Qu Ping had left too suddenly. There was no sign of it at all!

Zhao Yu's mind was still thinking about problems related to the Mianling Case, as if he could still go discuss it with her, letting the respectable Team Leader give some of her opinions! "But now she is gone! Now who do I ask?" Zhao Yu thought to himself. His mind almost felt empty. Thinking back to a certain afternoon, Qu Ping's words still rang in his ear:

"Zhao Yu, I do not talk people, only facts!"

"Zhao Yu, I do not like you as a person, but I do not deny your abilities..."

"Don't worry! No matter how difficult the situation is, as long as we focus with all of our energy, we will definitely see results!"

Thinking about it now, it was as if Zhao Yu's heart was touched by something. He felt a wave of sadness welling up inside of him. Then, within seconds, this emptiness and sadness suddenly became a source of energy, power, determination, and an indescribable sense of anger!

"Team Leader Qu," Zhao Yu thought to himself, "I will not let your death be in vain! I will not only reveal the truth behind the Mianling Case, but I will definitely find the culprit who killed you! I won't betray your hope—I will finish what you wanted to do!!"

Thinking to himself, Zhao Yu gently put the lunch box back on the table and walked towards the whiteboard filled with the case information of Qu Ping's murder, looking at it carefully. He stood there for a whole twenty minutes, and in that time Zhao Yu did not move at all. He barely even blinked. He carefully looked at all the information related to Hou Meng, his mind quickly formulating numerous plans!

Twenty minutes later, Zhao Yu slowly turned his head towards Zhang Yaohui and the rest of Team B, clenching his teeth. "Bros! I have an idea of how we'll find Hou Meng! But," Zhao Yu's eyes suddenly turned cold, "which one of you will come with me?!"

Chapter 173: Massive Killing

It was eight o'clock on a windless night. The neon lights of Feiteng Internet Cafe reflected on the wet streets, creating psychedelic reflections on the dirty water stains. There was a Jetta parked in front of the cafe. A group of six which included Zhao Yu, Zhang Yaohui, and Lan Bo were standing by the Jetta's window, blocking the view of the internet cafe from inside the car.

There were two men in suits in the front seats of the Jetta. They were detectives from Xihuan Branch who had received order to monitor Hou Meng's girlfriend. At that moment, an elderly detective looked up from the window and said to Zhao Yu and company with a worried look, "Bros, you are making things difficult for us! This," he pointed his chin toward the internet cafe, "isn't this a little too much!?"

However, Zhao Yu and company were still expressionless. Their backs were facing the internet cafe, and although they were looking at the two tailing detectives in the car, their focus was spread out and they seemed to be waiting for something. The detective who spoke looked awkward after seeing that no one bothered with him. He wanted to say something more but felt that the atmosphere was not right and stopped himself. In the end, the young detective in the passenger seat started to lose patience. He was unfastening his seat belt and wanted to get out of the car and reason with them.

Lan Bo, who was smart and tactful, quickly came out from the crowd and passed a pack of Chunghwa cigarettes over as he smiled apologetically.

"Bros, bros! We're all doing work, it must have been tough on you! Come, have a cigarette first."

The elderly detective had no choice but to take the cigarettes. The young detective sat down again helplessly although he still felt displeased. Lan Bo quickly took out a lighter to help them light their cigarettes. Unexpectedly, at that moment, a series of loud chaotic noise and the sound of breaking glass came from inside the internet cafe. There was also a woman screaming within the chaos!

"This really won't do!" The elderly detective was getting impatient again and said worriedly, "We're all in the same line, don't you guys have to go by the rules? You're taking this too far. What should we do if our superiors put the blame on us?"

"Don't worry, don't worry, kekeke..." Lan Bo quickly helped the two light up their cigarettes. "Please do not worry bros, our Officer Zhao already said that he will give you a satisfactory answer! You will definitely not be implicated!"

Just as Lan Bo finished his sentence, the main door of the internet cafe suddenly opened.

With a baseball bat in his hand, a blonde led a few of his accomplices and strutted out from the internet cafe. The blonde was called Zhou Yang, and he was the same blonde who had previously gone to the police station to extort money from Zhao Yu. The accomplices behind him were also young punks from Yuxi Alley. After seeing the blonde come out, Zhao Yu left the Jetta and walked over.

"Big bro!" The blonde rushed to Zhao Yu and bowed humbly. "That woman has confessed! She said that Hou Meng called her this morning saying that he got into some trouble and is gonna go into hiding! He's gonna look for a person called Ji Chunhua for help!"

“Mmm...” Zhao Yu nodded and asked, “How’s it? Broken?”

“Yes! Broken! They have to be! This woman is very stubborn. We had to break her legs before she spoke!” the blonde said seriously.

“Great!” Zhao Yu nodded his head without looking up. “You know what to do after this? Don’t worry, I’ll get you guys out as fast as possible! You will definitely gain from this!”

“Definitely!” The blonde pounded his chest. “If it’s from big bro, we’ll definitely do our best! Come,” he said to his men, “let’s go, brothers!” The young punks all nodded at Zhao Yu before proceeding to the front of the Jetta and kneeling down with their fists together! Clank... the baseball bat also fell onto the ground. Zhao Yu gave a fierce stare at the two detectives in the Jetta before spitting on the ground, and then brought the people away. The two detectives suddenly felt a chill go down their spines and did not dare to say a word!

“Heh heh heh...” Lan Bo smiled apologetically as he gave them a salute. “Bros, now...you can explain to your superiors? I have to trouble you to clear up the mess here! Bye bye...”

This had all been a part of Zhao Yu’s extreme plan to capture Hou Meng! In order to get information from Hou Meng’s girlfriend, he even used extreme methods by hiring the blonde and his gang to break her legs! In his past life, Zhao Yu’s main job was to do such dirty jobs for people, so naturally, he was familiar doing it now; however, the purpose was entirely different this time! He had wanted to do it himself, but due to his special identity now, he had to delegate this task to the blonde and his gang in order to help force a confession.

As for the blonde and his gang, they did not escape after beating up someone, but went to the two monitoring detectives and surrendered themselves. As such, both parties were able to account for this properly and the whole incident had been done accordingly and by the rules.

Until now, Qu Ping’s death had already deeply upset Zhao Yu. He could not think of what was right or wrong, all he could think of was quickly arresting the murderer and seeking revenge for Qu Ping! He would do this at all cost! Even if Hou Meng’s girlfriend knew nothing, he would still break her legs without mercy! Not only her, but anyone related to Hou Meng were within Zhao Yu’s range of attack! He would not hesitate even if he had to break all their legs! At that moment, revenge and hatred had already spread throughout his body like a tumor, turning Zhao Yu into a ruthless and tyrannical demon!

The police car with Zhao Yu and company was moving fast on the road. Zhang Yaohui, Lan Bo, and the rest of the agents were all stealing glances at Zhao Yu. They had witnessed the brutality of the blonde and his gang toward Hou Meng’s girlfriend, as well as their respectfulness toward Zhao Yu, thus deepening their impression toward this legendary gangster detective! They had never dared to imagine what Zhao Yu had done just now. However, Zhao Yu’s brutality unexpectedly got instant results. Hou Meng’s girlfriend had indeed lied to the police. Hou Meng had contacted her after killing Qu Ping!

After her confession, Zhao Yu and company all made their target Hou Meng’s sworn brother, Ji Chunhua! At that moment, the police car was headed toward a tea house in the outer north. The boss of this tea house was Ji Chunhua. According to intelligence, Ji Chunhua was having tea with a group of friends in the tea house now.

No one spoke in the police car and the atmosphere was serious and tense. According to the information, Ji Chunhua was no ordinary character. He had both connections in the underworld and within the government. One could imagine that he must have had many helpers and followers within the tea house!

As Zhao Yu and company did not have a search warrant, they could theoretically only ask questions and not resort to any force. If they got into a conflict with these people, the consequences would be dire!

“Bro...Bro Yu,” Lan Bo held his phone and said to Zhao Yu, “Dafei and Liu Xueshan from your team are the ones in charge of monitoring Ji Chunhua! They’re our own guys. Shall we...Get them to go up with us?” Lan Bo was obviously worried that he would be at a disadvantage if there really was a conflict. However, Zhao Yu kept looking out of the window and did not say anything.

At this point, an agent named Liu asked worriedly, “We already asked Ji Chunhua previously, and he claimed that he was not in any contact with Hou Meng! If he doesn’t admit later, what should we do? We can’t...” Everyone looked at Zhao Yu again after Liu’s question.

This time, Zhao Yu broke his silence and asked the group coldly, “Anyone of you brought your gun?” The agents all shook a little after Zhao Yu’s sudden question about the gun. “Well...well...” Liu thought of something and said to Zhang Yaohui, “Yaohui, didn’t you bring your gun today? Where is it?”

“It’s been taken back!” Zhang Yaohui shook his head. “The higher-ups knew that we Team B members were emotionally unstable after Team Leader Qu’s death, so they took my gun away!”

“It’s okay! It’s okay!” Lan Bo quickly said to Zhao Yu, “Dafei and Liu Xueshan are on duty now and monitoring an important target. I’m sure they have one!”

“Mmm!” Zhao Yu said coldly without moving his eyes, “Let me ask you, do you wanna seek revenge for Team Leader Qu Ping?”

“What kind of question is that?” Zhang Yaohui panicked and his eyes turned red. “The answer goes without saying!”

“Exactly!” Liu chimed in. “Of course we want to!”

“Huh!” Zhao Yu snorted coldly and asked again, “Are you afraid of being punished?”

“No!” The agents all said unanimously. “If we’re afraid, we wouldn’t have come here with you today!”

“Good!” Zhao Yu laughed coldly. “If that’s the case, you have to listen to my instructions and act accordingly when we reach the tea house!”

The agents all nodded. Although Zhao Yu looked calm when he talked, the agents could clearly sense from his cold and murderous expression that there was the implication of a massive killing!

Chapter 174: The True Face of a Fighter

“Don’t move! Nobody move!!!” Zhang Yaohui yelled as he gestured at the crowd using his gun, signaling for nobody to move. Zhao Yu saw all the police officers rush into the teahouse.

“Police investigation!” Lan Bo pulled out his police ID as he led the group. “Everyone stay put. Cooperate with us!”

At the moment, there were not more than twelve or thirteen people in the teahouse. A few within the group looked like businessmen or business owners. They were all seated in front of tea sets enjoying their tea. Around them were burly men that appeared to be bodyguards, surrounding the group. Seeing so many people rush in, the bodyguards quickly rushed in front of their various bosses, fearing some sort of accident.

At this time, a middle-aged man seated right in the middle looked up, and raised his head leisurely. “What’s up, officers? What do you guys need?”

This person was Ji Chunhua. He looked a little older than forty, wearing a set of traditional clothing, with a perfect goatee on his chin. He looked quite healthy and well off.

Even though many police officers rushed in, Ji Chunhua was not intimidated at all; he did not even leave his seat. He figured since the police had nothing on him, he had nothing to fear. Also, he had seen many higher-ups in the police station himself. He knew these low-level police officers would not dare to do anything rash!

But he was completely wrong. Right after his question, Zhao Yu had already taken a quick stride forward. Without a word, Zhao Yu straight up threw a punch right at his face!!!

Boom! The punch was powerful and sudden, catching Ji Chunhua completely by surprise. He was immediately flung backwards, his nose bleeding instantly.

“Ah?!” Ji Chunhua’s underlings were all confused and immediately stepped up to stop Zhao Yu, but Yang Yaohui blocked them with his gun. The other investigators also rushed forward, blocking Zhao Yu from the underlings.

“You! Who are you? You dare...” Ji Chunhua yelled out, but his face was once again met with Zhao Yu’s many punches. His entire face blossomed into red; he could not even talk!

Right after, Zhao Yu grabbed Ji Chunhua’s collar and pulled him off the ground, then kicked him into Huan Huali’s large armchair!

Creak...The massive armchair made a heavy noise.

“Ah...” Ji Chunhua was beaten badly, but was also very confused! Ever since he had finished being a thug, he had never been beaten so savagely by anyone!

Once Ji Chunhua stopped wobbling on the armchair, Zhao Yu stepped on his thigh, then leisurely pulled out Hou Meng’s photo, yelling savagely, “Tell me! Where’s Hou Meng?”

“You...what are you trying to do?” Ji Chunhua seemed like he realized something, and immediately glared back. “I’ve told you guys many times! I don’t know! Kid, do you understand what you’re doing? Wait for it, watch how I deal with you later...”

Slap! Before Ji Chunhua finished talking, Zhao Yu immediately followed with another hard slap.

Ji Chunhua was slapped senseless as he wailed, “Hey?! Are you guys crazy?! How could you do this? Which police station are you guys from! I’m going to report you guys!”

At this time Ji Chunhua’s companions could no longer sit around. They rushed towards the police, wanting to save their boss! The bodyguards finally reacted and rushed forward as well. It looked as if they were about to breach the defense set up by the investigators!

“Yaohui! Shoot!” Zhao Yu spoke without even turning around. Zhang Yaohui immediately raised his gun and shot into the air.

Pew! The loud gunshot immediately stunned the crowd. Nobody dared to move. The investigators worked again and pushed the group back!

“Everyone listen!” Zhao Yu spoke coldly. “Right now we’re trying to catch the criminal who murdered a team leader of the police force. Whoever tries to interfere with the investigation will be dealt with by law! Those who want to take a bullet, step forward!”

Hearing the reason of the police arrival to be something so severe, the businessmen and bodyguards all stopped their movements. No one dared to speak. Even though they were all Ji Chunhua’s good friends, everyone wondered, did Ji Chunhua actually kill someone?! If Ji Chunhua really had done something, would they all be considered accomplices?!

“Zhao...Zhao...” At this time, Liu Xueshan was already paralyzed by fear. The gun in Zhang Yaohui’s hand was his. If this really got out of hand, there was no way he could avoid responsibility!

“Liu!” Dafeng was still calm. He already saw the severity of the situation, and immediately forced Liu Xueshan back, not letting him speak.

“It has nothing to do with me!” Ji Chunhua was bleeding profusely as he roared at Zhao Yu, “This is police brutality, later I’ll...wait, nonono...” Seeing Zhao Yu raising his elbow again, Ji Chunhua did not dare finish his sentence and grabbed his head. In the end, Zhao Yu’s slap landed on his hand instead! But even like that, Ji Chunhua was still sent staggering back!

“Oi! Ji, are you stupid?” Zhao Yu grabbed Hou Meng’s picture and raised it in front of Ji Chunhua, speaking fiercely. “Why don’t you try to think. If we didn’t have any evidence, how did we find you? I’ll be honest with you, Hou Meng’s girlfriend already confessed. Today he came and asked for your help!”

“Hmph!” Ji Chunhua was still stubborn. “Do you believe anything she says? Do you guys listen to reason at all? Hey...”

This time, Zhao Yu did not hit him, but instead pulled out a shelf of an office desk, then stuck Ji Chunhua’s right leg into the hole. Ji Chunhua’s entire right leg was right in front of his face.

“Ji,” Zhao Yu spoke coldly, “do you really not understand the situation? The person Hou Meng killed is the team captain of the police force! Do you think you can save him from the consequences, hm? Did you not think about it? Without orders from the higher-ups, could we few low-level police officers dare come and mess with you?”

“I’ll be honest with you, the higher-ups were completely livid. In order to catch Hou Meng and return honor to the police force, they won’t hesitate to turn Qinshan into a blood fest! You’re a smart guy. Tell

me, if you guys are cannon fodder, how quickly would you die?!” As he spoke, Zhao Yu raised his leg and aimed right at Ji Chunhua’s knee, acting as if he would step down at any moment! If he did, Ji Chunhua was guaranteed to be crippled permanently!!

This time, Ji Chunhua was truly intimidated and waved his hands. “O-Officer! Listen to me, don’t...don’t...”

Zhao Yu glanced at him with little care, and slowly put his foot down.

“I...even though I don’t know where Hou Meng went, but...but I can help you guys look!” Ji Chunhua was nearly begging. “Please believe me, I can help you guys find him! Really!”

“Hehehe...hehehe...” Seeing Ji Chunhua surrender, Zhao Yu only laughed, then shook his head and sighed. “Ji, do you think I’m a kid? Hm?! Hehehe...” Then, as he laughed, Zhao Yu suddenly rose and kicked Ji Chunhua’s calf!

“Ah! No!” Ji Chunhua’s protest was too late. With the crisp sound of bones breaking, Ji Chunhua’s ankle snapped!

“Ah...” Ji Chunhua’s painful wail rang throughout the entire teahouse. The businessmen and bodyguards all broke out in cold sweat!!

Zhao Yu showed no sign of stopping. He straightened Ji Chunhua’s thigh, then aimed again at his knee, raising his foot high, ready to strike again!

“I’ll talk! I’ll talk!! I confess!!!” This time, Ji Chunhua looked like he was about to break down. He immediately groaned in pain, “Nanchuan Building Storage! Number two! Number two! Oh...Ow...that hurts so f*cking much! Ow...”

Chapter 175: The Unexpected Accident

“Hello, hello, Captain Liu, yes! We need more manpower at Nanchuan Tower Warehouse number two,” Zhang Yaohui reported the situation in a hurry to Liu Changhu. “Hou Meng is very likely to be hiding there! We are rushing over now. Please send more men over there! Yes yes...”

“Bro Yu,” Lan Bo was helping Zhao Yu look at the map, “warehouse number two refers not only to one warehouse, but a whole stretch of them. Ji Chunhua only said that Hou Meng could be hiding there, but he didn’t say which one!”

“Dafei sent a message!” Liu quickly said. “They’ve already questioned him again. Ji Chunhua said that he doesn’t know which one Hou Meng is hiding in!”

Lan Bo sighed again and said, “Then we can only search one by one! We only have six people, should we all spread out? Or wait for the support team to arrive before we take action?”

“We can’t wait!” Zhao Yu said decisively. “Although Liu Xueshan and Dafei are watching Ji Chunhua, we can’t guarantee that the information won’t leak out! It will be terrible once Hou Meng gets wind of it! The warehouse is so huge and it’s now nighttime, once this fella escapes, all our efforts will go down the

drain! Let's do this! The six of us will split into two groups later. We'll secretly go in and check out the situation first and then strike together after finding the target!"

"Alright!" Zhang Yaohui quickly distributed the walkie-talkies, handcuffs, ropes, etc. to everyone. He also attached Liu Xueshan's gun on his own waist! Although it was Liu Xueshan's gun, he had no choice but to borrow it due to the urgency of the situation. Although Liu Xueshan was extremely unwilling, he had to give in under Zhao Yu and company's pressurizing stares! Among the agents, only Zhang Yaohui was qualified to hold the gun, which was why the one and only gun had been handed to him.

However, although Zhang Yaohui had the most experience, Zhao Yu was the leader beyond all question. After the incident at the internet cafe and tea house, the agents were now full of admiration and respect for Zhao Yu! If not for Zhao Yu's brutality, they would not have been able to track down Hou Meng, even if they were given more time!

Every second was precious! The police car was driven at top speed! Under the bright moonlight, the deserted warehouse looked especially quiet. According to prior arrangements, Zhao Yu led Lan Bo and Liu, while Zhang Yaohui led the other agents. The two groups headed toward different warehouses.

There were at least four big warehouses, and Zhao Yu had thought that they would have spent a long time before finding anything, however, just as they reached the entrance of the first warehouse, something unexpected happened! Lan Bo, who was right in front, suddenly got startled as he made a turn into the entrance of the warehouse!

"Eh?" Lan Bo raised his arm and pointed at something as he shouted, "You...You are..." Rumbling sounds came from the warehouse entrance as if someone had kicked something while running!

"Damn!" Lan Bo jumped up and pointed in front of him. "Hou...Hou Meng! Don't...don't run!" With this, Lan Bo ran toward the front. Zhao Yu and Liu were also shocked. No one had thought that they would run into Hou Meng while they were still unprepared! What kind of luck was this?

Zhao Yu and Liu quickly followed Lan Bo. Lan Bo was already inside when they reached the warehouse! They saw a row of fallen bicycles at the warehouse entrance, and the rumble just now had been from these bicycles which had been knocked over.

Zhao Yu quickly followed Lan Bo as he was worried that Lan Bo might not be able to handle the situation. Liu also followed closely behind.

In the end, right after the three of them went into the warehouse, another unexpected thing happened! The lights in the warehouse suddenly switched on and flashed past their eyes. After they were able to see clearly, they were shocked to see that the huge warehouse was filled with metal bunk beds! At that moment, there were more than forty people either standing, lying, or sitting on the beds! These people were all young men in singlets with dyed blonde hair. Some of them were even striped to the waist! All of them looked sleepy with their eyes half-open. They had probably all been sleeping on the beds!

"Damn!" Zhao Yu cursed inside his head as he began to understand the situation in front of him. This warehouse was actually a pyramid selling nest! All these people were part of a pyramid scheme!

“Holy sh*t!” Zhao Yu recalled that data had clearly shown that Hou Meng had previously helped Ji Chunhua organize illegal pyramid selling activities. Judging from the situation in front of him now, it seemed that he had never quit!

After the lights flashed on, Hou Meng was seen with a black backpack, standing among the people. Seeing that Zhao Yu and company only had three people, Hou Meng immediately shouted to the pyramid scammers, “Quick! Catch them quick, don’t let them get away! They are all bad guys!” Hou Meng was the leader of these people. Once he gave his instructions, the scammers all jumped down from their beds and surrounded Zhao Yu and company.

“Hey!” Lan Bo shouted. “Don’t try to be funny! We are police officers!!”

“Eh! Don’t!” Zhao Yu had wanted to stop Lan Bo, but he had shouted too fast. As a result, the moment Hou Meng heard that the three of them were police, he shook and quickly ran toward the other end of the warehouse with his backpack!

“Hey! Don’t run!” Liu panicked and quickly rushed forward, but the scammers all rushed forward and blocked him.

“What’s this!? What are you doing!?” Liu roared and pushed them. “Rebelling!? We’re police officers! Do you know what obstructing justice means?”

“Yaohui, Yaohui, quick...come here...” Lan Bo saw that Hou Meng had escaped and quickly sent information over the walkie-talkie so that Zhang Yaohui and his group could go to the other side and block Hou Meng! However, Lan Bo was also surrounded by a group of scammers before he could make himself clear. The walkie-talkie even fell onto the ground amidst the pushing. At the same time, Zhao Yu was also surrounded and could not move at all!

“Damn!” Zhao Yu shouted to Lan Bo and Liu. “Alright, I’ll handle things here. You two have to quickly get out and catch that bastard!” Just as Zhao Yu finished talking, four or five scammers came forward. Zhao Yu took this opportunity and grabbed the hair of one of them, and then threw him toward the crowd like a discus. Right after that, Zhao Yu used both of his fists and knocked down several scammers!

While this was happening, Liu and Lan Bo finally got out of the crowd; however, just as the two were ready to run out the main entrance, they saw that it was already blocked by people!

“Damn! I’m going mad!” Lan Bo shouted in exasperation, and then sprang toward the scammers. Liu also shouted as he struck, and the whole warehouse was in chaos!

At that moment, Zhao Yu was already mad with fury and had bloodshot eyes. He displayed all that he had as a top fighter! First, he charged toward the crowd like a raging bull in order to destroy the formation of the pyramid scammers. Then he charged toward the center of the warehouse with all his might!

“Ah!” Zhao Yu roared and threw a scammer at the crowd! However, Zhao Yu also suffered several punches at the same time. Although these scammers were poor at fighting, they outnumbered him! Several of them sprang at Zhao Yu and held him down. Zhao Yu pushed and knocked the crowd, hitting and kicking anyone he saw!

Zhao Yu's unique skill was being ruthless in attacking! He targeted at the opponents' eyes, nose bridge, and other vital areas! After a round of attack, a few of the scammers already lost their defence and were howling in pain.

Just as Zhao Yu stood up, a scammer grabbed hold of him from behind. Zhao Yu quickly retreated backward and slammed that man onto the metal bed!

Bang...The metal bed fell onto the floor and the man even vomited blood!

However, the pyramid scammers also panicked. A few of them struck together, and Zhao Yu staggered a few times! In the end, one of them held a pointer used during their lectures and hit it hard on Zhao Yu's forehead!

Bam! The thick pointer broke into two.

Probably due to something sharp on the pointer, a long gash appeared on Zhao Yu's forehead and blood suddenly flowed! In the end, the man holding the pointer got shocked after he saw Zhao Yu bleeding!

Unexpectedly, just as the man was not paying attention, Zhao Yu quickly ran forward and snatched half of the pointer from his hand! Right after this, under everyone's shocked stare, Zhao Yu stabbed the broken end of the pointer into the man's shoulder!

"Ah!" a shrill scream suddenly filled the entire warehouse!!!

Chapter 176: How Do We Ride?

That half piece of the pointer stabbed right into the person's shoulder, forcing out wails of incredible pain and anguish. Zhao Yu held the pointer fiercely, and commanded the person right in front of him around, like he was driving.

The pyramid scammers obviously were not fighters. Seeing such a terrifying scene, their faces distorted in fear, and everyone took many steps backwards, giving some space to Zhao Yu!

"Lan Bo, Liu! Come here!" Zhao Yu called, but the blood flowing from his forehead got in his eye and blurred his vision. How were his two companions doing?!

At this time, Zhao Yu suddenly heard something behind him, and in a rush, he pulled the out the pointer harshly from the person's shoulder, then stabbed behind him as fast as he could!

As it turned out, there was indeed someone behind him who wanted to ambush Zhao Yu and help their injured companion, but he had never expected Zhao Yu to move so quickly!

In the end, with Zhao Yu's stab, the bloody pointer immediately went into his lower abdomen!

"Ah!" All the pyramid scammers could not help but yelp in fear. Their faces once again lost all color!

The ambusher was also shocked. In his shock, he moved his hand forward, wanting to pull out the pointer, but Zhao Yu immediately followed with a kick, leaving him on the ground. Zhao Yu also pulled out the pointer and held it in his hand.

“Ah...Oh...” The ambusher shivered in pain. Using his fingers, he pressed against his stomach. Blood was already seeping through!

Zhao Yu took this opportunity and immediately wiped away some of the blood blocking his vision. Yet, just as he managed to see clearly, he suddenly saw someone holding another pointer two meters from him, intending to fight!

The person was also stunned. He originally wanted to assault Zhao Yu when he had the chance, but hearing his friend’s painful wail, he hesitated, not sure if he should attack or not.

Zhao Yu did not care about this man’s hesitation, and rushed forward with the bloody half pointer in his hand. The person was immediately scared stiff, and almost collapsed on the ground in fear! By the time he had wanted to move, Zhao Yu was already in front of him, almost devil-like. Then, with a stab, the half piece of the pointer immediately pierced his thigh!

The Zhao Yu now was even more ruthless than before. After he stabbed the man, he did not wait for the other’s wail, but immediately pulled the pointer out again, and immediately stabbed him four or five times more. The person’s thigh was poked full of bloody holes!

“Ow, ow, mom...mom...sob...” The person was poked until he could not even wail anymore, and began to call out for his mother, his tears and snot mixed together!

Seeing Zhao Yu’s demon-like ruthlessness, the other Pyramid Scammers were immediately intimidated and fell backward, not daring to move forward. Some of the more cowardly ones even crouched behind the bed, trying to hide!

Zhao Yu raised his head and saw a few people surrounding Lan Bo and Liu, beating on them endlessly. The two could only hold their heads, completely unable to fight back!

Originally, Zhao Yu wanted to quickly chase after Hou Meng, but seeing Lan Bo and the other in danger, he could only come back!

The group of people were too focused on beating Lan Bo and Liu, so they did not notice when Zhao Yu approached them. Zhao Yu moved silently but efficiently. Once he was close to someone, he immediately stabbed the pointer right into the back of their thigh!

“Ah!” The person hopped up in pain. Zhao Yu immediately rammed the guy with his elbow, sending him flying!

Then, Zhao Yu immediately aimed at another person’s back, and stabbed down! Even though the pointer was no longer sharp, under Zhao Yu’s furious assault, the person’s back was still bloody all over. The person wailed endlessly in pain!

Seeing that the pointer was no longer effective as a stabbing tool, Zhao Yu simply turned the object around and used the blunt side of the pointer to smash everybody’s face and head!

After a few moments of chaos, a few more people wailed as they joined their companions in the pool of blood at their feet!

Zhao Yu pulled on the pyramid scammer that was still kicking at Lan Bo, and stabbed him in his face with the blunt end of the pointer. The person was immediately knocked out! Zhao Yu immediately followed up with a shoulder slam, and the person flew like a cannonball, knocking down a few of his companions.

There was still a bold scammer focused entirely on kicking Liu, who was already on the ground. Zhao Yu threw the pointer at his face, and with a loud sound, the pointer hit its mark, splashing blood on their face.

Ah? In the moment the guy hesitated. Zhao Yu came with a flying kick, sending him flying through the air. His back slammed on the metal bed frame with a bang! By the time he fell to the ground face up, he could only roll around and wail in pain!

The group finally recognized Zhao Yu's ruthlessness, and the smart ones had already run off! But there was one unfortunately dumb one. In a rush of movement, he somehow ran face first into Zhao Yu!

Ah?! The person was stunned by the blood flowing all over Zhao Yu's face, and ended up standing up straight in front of Zhao Yu.

But Zhao Yu did not move, and only opened his mouth and roared, "Boo!!!"

In the end, the person turned and tried to run away in fear, but forgot there was a huge door right behind him. His face slammed right into the door with a loud bang, and he fainted right there!

Lan Bo's face was bruised and battered as he crawled up. His clothing was covered in footprints, but seeing Liu, who was even worse off than he was, Lan Bo immediately stumbled over to try and help.

Yet, just as the two got up, the door of the storage unit suddenly opened, and an investigator who had left with Zhang Yaohui previously immediately rushed inside. This person was named Ma Wei. As soon as he entered the storage unit, he was stunned by the bloody scene in front of him!

"How...How did this happen?!" After his shock, he finally saw Zhao Yu and the others, and immediately moved forward. "You guys...Are you guys okay? Yao Wei was afraid something happened to you guys and sent me over. Who...Who are these people?"

"Cut the useless chatter!" Zhao Yu grabbed Ma Wei's collar and yelled, "Where's Hou Meng? Did you see him?"

"He...he went to the north!" Ma Wei was stunned by Zhao Yu's face, which was covered in blood. He stuttered as he spoke, "We saw him! We saw him! Yaohui is chasing him! But...You guys..." he pointed to all the people collapsed on the ground wailing in pain. The scene was complete chaos.

Zhao Yu immediately threw him to the side and rushed out of the storage room! But due to the heavy beating he had received, Zhao Yu staggered as he walked, even running into the door with his shoulder!

Just as Zhao Yu managed to get out of the door, he suddenly saw a bunch of bikes outside. He did not even think as he grabbed one that still had air in the tires, planning on chasing Hou Meng with the bicycle!

Unexpectedly, the bicycle was still locked, with a metal chain jingling on the back wheel. Zhao Yu did not notice. When he got on the bicycle, he only managed to get a few steps before the wheel of the bike came to a halt, and the bike was pulled down!

Zhao Yu rolled on the floor. By the time he crawled up, the blood flowing from his forehead blurred his vision once again!

“F*ck, f*ck this sh*t!” Zhao Yu cursed in anger and wiped away the blood on his eye. Pushing on his heavy body, he once again propped the bicycle up.

At this point, seeing Zhao Yu’s determination, Lan Bo and the others were truly stunned.

“Yu...Yu, bro...” Lan Bo extended his hand, wanting to stop the other, but in the next moment, he saw Zhao Yu’s hand lightly tap on the car lock, and the lock immediately opened! Zhao Yu hopped on the bike in a simple fluid motion, and sped to the north of the storage unit!

“Yu!” Lan Bo looked as if he just remembered something and immediately grabbed the walkie-talkie in Ma Wei’s hand and threw it at Zhao Yu. “Yu, be careful! We’ll catch up soon!”

Ma Wei and Lan Bo went to find bikes that were still usable, but as they were looking, Ma Wei looked as if he remembered something and pulled at Lan Bo. “Wait! It’s already night time; it’s so dark! We can’t see anything! How...How can we ride?!”

Chapter 177: The “Spirit” Catches the Murderer

Although Zhao Yu used the multifunction key awarded by the system to unlock the bicycle, and had also used the night vision device which he had recently received so that he was able to see in the dark, his mind was filled with regret and frustration. If he had not been so anxious just now, he could have used an invisible tracking device to locate Hou Meng’s location so that he would not have to worry about Hou Meng running away! However, due to the urgency of the situation just now, he had forgotten about this powerful tool! If he had been calm enough, he could have switched off the lights in the warehouse and used the night vision to sneak past those pyramid scammers and go after Hou Meng. This way, he would have been able to save a huge amount of time and energy, and he would not have to fight with those scammers!

The situation now did not look good. As too much time had been wasted in the warehouse, they had no idea where Hou Meng had gone! If Zhang Yaohui and the other officers were not able to stop him, it would be terrible!

With this thought, Zhao Yu quickly increased his speed and rode north of the warehouse with all his might. After the big fight just now, not only had Zhao Yu’s stamina decreased significantly, but he had also suffered several punches and kicks, and his forehead was still bleeding non-stop. Things were not looking good for him, and he was now supporting his body purely based on willpower.

After riding to a suitable location, Zhao Yu quickly got on the walkie-talkie, wanting to contact Zhang Yaohui and his group to ask where Hou Meng had gone; however, before he was able to say anything, he was shocked to hear a gunshot from one of the warehouses!

Bang! The gunshot sounded extremely loud in the silent night. Zhao Yu quickly got on the bicycle again and rushed toward where the gunshot came from.

After turning out of a passage, he suddenly saw a familiar figure. Zhang Yaohui was chasing something down a small road. As he ran, he raised his arm and pointed his gun in front of him! It could be seen that the gunshot had been fired by him! However, there seemed to be something wrong with Zhang Yaohui's leg; he was limping as he ran! At crucial moments, he even tiptoed on one leg and jumped forward!

"Yaohui! What's wrong?" Zhao Yu quickly rushed forward a few steps and finally caught up with Zhang Yaohui. "Where's Hou Meng!?"

Zhang Yaohui quickly pointed in front of him and shouted when he saw Zhao Yu, "Quick! Just in front! Damn! That fella has a gun! A BB gun. He shot my leg! Zhao Yu! Quick! Don't let him get away!"

Imitation gun!? Damn! Zhao Yu just recalled that Hou Meng had been to jail because of illegal possession of weapons. He had not expected that this fella would actually have an imitation gun with him.

"Here! Take it!" Zhang Yaohui's face was sweating, but he still ran forward with all his might. Seeing that Zhao Yu's motorcycle was faster, he passed the gun to Zhao Yu and shouted in a hurried voice, "Don't let him get away no matter what!!"

Zhao Yu did not need to be reminded. He quickly took the gun and continued forward with all his might! As Zhao Yu had already turned on the night vision mode, he had clearer vision than anyone else. Although he did not have the help of a telescope, he was able to see a person escaping onto a small road on his right within a short distance! Hou Meng! Ah...With bloodshot eyes, Zhao Yu pedaled faster with his legs and pursued him down the small road.

Hou Meng's physical strength started to decrease, probably because he had been running for too long. After Zhao Yu went after him for some distance, he was getting closer and closer to him!

At that moment, not only could Zhao Yu see that the person escaping was the murder suspect, Hou Meng, but Hou Meng was also able to see that Zhao Yu was in hot pursuit!

Unexpectedly, even before Hou Meng could see clearly, he turned and fired a shot at Zhao Yu! The steel ball bullet shot out from the imitation gun could not be underestimated!

Zhao Yu felt a dull ache on his shoulder followed by sharp pain! Oh...This shot had landed on his right shoulder! After being shot, his whole arm started to feel numb and almost could not move! Zhao Yu wanted to strike back with his pistol, but it was extremely difficult with his arm feeling tight.

At that moment, the two had reached a small road at the center of two large warehouses. The road surface was asphalt, and there were no trees covering the area. Under the bright moonlight, the two were able to see each other very clearly! It was not likely that Hou Meng would be able to get away. After seeing that his pursuer was on a bicycle, he stopped running and held the imitation gun in his hand instead, aiming it at Zhao Yu, wanting to shoot him down right there! However, just as Hou Meng was aiming carefully, something which he could never comprehend happened! Hou Meng was shocked to see that there was only a bicycle chasing him but there was no one on it!!!

Ah!? Hou Meng thought that there was something wrong with his eyes and quickly gave them a rub. After looking carefully again, he got a big shock! He saw that the pedals of the bicycle were turning fast and the bicycle was running toward him at a great speed, but there was really no one on the bicycle! He

quickly looked at his surroundings and did not see anyone around! Huh!? Hou Meng was suddenly confused. What was going on? “Don’t tell me...the bicycle turned into a spirit!?” he wondered.

Seeing that the bicycle was already in front of him, Hou Meng had no choice but to fire twice at it. However, the bullets hitting the bicycle had no effect at all, it was still charging at him! Damn! At that moment, Hou Meng finally realized that he was in a bad situation. He stopped thinking about shooting, then turned and ran away instead. However, the bicycle had already reached a speed of forty miles on the smooth road; it was too late for Hou Meng to run away. Just as he turned around, the bicycled knocked right into him!

Bam...With a loud crash, Hou Meng was thrown up high, and then rolled a few times on the ground. His gun fell and his backpack also flew off!

Ah... Hou Meng felt dizzy. His back was in pain and his face had also been scratched on the ground! However, before he could scream out in pain, something even more ghostly happened! After Hou Meng turned his head, he was horrified to see that the bicycle was actually dangling in midair and slowly swayed right above him!

“Ah!? Is this a spirit!? Ghost...” Just as Hou Meng was panicking, the bicycle fell and smashed on Hou Meng’s head. He started bleeding and almost fainted! Ah...Hou Meng laid feebly on the ground and started groaning.

While he was groaning, he suddenly heard a loud sound near his thighs. After a few seconds, he was terrified to see a man suddenly appear right beside him like in a magic show! What was more horrifying was that this man had a gun in his hand and he was pointing it at Hou Meng’s thigh, ready to pull the trigger!

“Damn!” the man cursed angrily. “Are there no bullets?” Just as the man finished speaking, the gun gave off a “bang,” shooting hitting Hou Meng’s thigh at point blank range, making it all bloody. Ah!!! Hou Meng’s bloodcurdling scream suddenly came from the quiet warehouse compound!

The man holding the gun also got a shock and sat onto the ground as he kept cursing, “Holy sh*t...”

Chapter 178: The Delayed Salute

How could the person who yelled “Holy sh*t” be anyone but Zhao Yu?

Just as Zhao Yu was regretting not using the invisible tracking device, he suddenly noticed the invisible Invisibility cloak! Thus, when he saw the powerful BB gun in Hou Meng’s hand, he used it one without hesitation. But after he used it, only he turned invisible, the bicycle did not! Thus, through Hou Meng’s eyes, the bicycle looked like it was possessed!

Once he stunned Hou Meng by throwing the bike at him, Zhao Yu became more and more angry. In order to capture this guy, he had taken a beating from that bunch of pyramid scammers, and his elbow had also been shot by Hou Meng’s BB gun!

In order to return the favor, Zhao Yu aimed the gun right at Hou Meng’s thigh! But he had never shot a gun before, and with his right elbow not working properly, he could only shoot with his left hand. He

was not sure what was wrong with the gun, but he had to pull the trigger many times before the gun went off!

In the end, the loud sound of the gun shot shocked Zhao Yu himself, and the recoil sent him stumbling onto the ground as he cursed, "Holy sh*t" ...

Ah...

Ah...

Hou Meng's thigh immediately turned into a bloody hole, the meat on his thigh swayed from the impact. The man was in pain beyond pain, wailing profusely.

Hearing the loud gun shot, Zhang Yaohui was the first to rush to the scene. Seeing that the person who was shot was indeed Hou Meng, he finally breathed out in relief, and simultaneously shot a thumb up to Zhao Yu in praise.

"Bro, your shooting skills are quite impressive! To hit them with only one shot!"

"Mm..." Zhao Yu wanted to explain that he shot the other out revenge, and that he was already defenseless. But before he managed to speak, Zhang Yaohui already ran up and stepped right on Hou Meng's wound with one foot!

"Ah!!!" With a wail of pain, Hou Meng immediately fainted!

"Your mom." Zhang Yaohui kicked him a few more times in revenge, clenching his teeth in anger. "Just one shot is going easy on you!" Then, Zhang Yaowei turned and pulled out handcuffs, and cuffed Hao Meng's two hands together.

Then, Lan Bo and the others all rushed to the scene as well. After some brief communication, five or six more minutes passed, and the team led by Liu Changhu finally arrived.

Hearing that Zhao Yu and the others had finally captured the suspect who murdered Team Leader Qu Ping, all the investigators felt satisfied, and immediately started taking care of the scene of chase according to routine.

The investigators thought they only had to take Hou Meng to the police station, but when they saw all of the the pyramid scammers that had been beat up by Zhao Yu, and the bodies lying all over the storage room, they were stunned! In the end, they could only contact a few more police cars, and a few more ambulances.

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An hour later, inside the Rongyang Branch Team A's Office, Peng Xin specifically asked Department Leader Wang Fei to personally give Zhao Yu's head stitches. Originally, Department Leader Wang wanted Zhao Yu to go to the professional emergency room for treatment, but Zhao Yu insisted on staying at the office so he could get the news on Hou Meng's interrogation as soon as possible.

"Tsk...Ouch..." Zhao Yu grabbed onto Department Leader Wang's doctor gown, and said through the pain, "Department Leader Wang, can you...work a little lighter? I...I'm still alive, not a corpse!"

“No,” Department Leader Wang remained heavy-handed, but spoke gently, “if I don’t use some strength, how can I stitch this up? Zhao Yu, if you ask me, you should go to the hospital for a full examination! You don’t want any more other issues! This isn’t a joke!”

“No need, no need!” Zhao Yu clenched his teeth. “It was just a hit over the head with a stick! I’m curious, how could a stick actually open a wound?”

“The stick might not be completely smooth, so you got a splinter! You...stop moving...” Department Leader Wang continued the stitches, but Zhao Yu noticed that Peng Xin stood less than a meter in front of him, her arms crossed.

“I say, Team Leader!” Zhao Yu asked, “Why are you so close to me? Why don’t you go and ask how the interrogation went? Or...should I interrogate him instead? We’re in a rush!”

“Don’t you start!” Peng Xin’s expression was hard. “I’m so close to you right now because I’m afraid of you going and making even more trouble! The details of your heroic actions have already spread all over the police station. Yu, you even though you caught Hou Meng, your methods...sigh!”

Peng Xin had just finished her sentence when she saw Zhang Yaohui leading a huge number of people into Team A’s office. Wang Fei did not understand what was happening, and immediately stopped what she was doing to turn and watch.

Zhao Yu and Peng Xin also turned to watch, but realized that the entire office was filled with investigators from team B. They came in and immediately surrounded Zhao Yu, each of them standing up straight!

With a yell from Zhang Yaohui, everyone stood up straight and faced Zhao Yu, then respectfully bowed!!

Oh?! Zhao Yu paused in shock. Wang Fei and Peng Xin were both thunderstruck.

After the bow, Zhang Yaohui took a quick stride toward Zhao Yu and spoke seriously, “Zhao Yu, on behalf of Team B, and on behalf of Team Leader Qu Ping,” speaking this much, Zhang Yaohui’s eyes reddened, and he forcefully swallowed before continuing to speak, “thank you! Thank you for your selflessness in capturing the culprit. If it wasn’t for you, we wouldn’t have had any way to catch Hou Meng!”

“Yeah!” Another elderly investigator sighed. “Truthfully, we never liked you much, but now it’s different! Zhao Yu, from now on Team B is at your beck and call. If you need anything, just name it!”

“Right!” Another investigator who had always avoided Zhao Yu spoke up, “Officer Zhao, I am completely convinced by your bravery! From now on you are my boss! If I can be of use to you, I will not hesitate to follow!”

Hearing words of such respect and admiration, Peng Xin looked as if she almost wanted to say something, but stopped herself.

“Hehe...” Zhao Yu laughed bitterly. “Don’t say it like that. Team Leader Qu Ping was also my colleague and friend. To get revenge for her is my duty! Right, since you are saying this, did Hou Meng confess? How did the interrogation go?”

“Zhao Yu!” Peng Xin immediately blocked him and scolded, “Don’t mention that, okay? First...first take care of your stitches!”

Seeing this, Wang Fei immediately pulled on the needle again and continued her stitching.

“Captain Liu and Team Leader Mao Wei are still doing the interrogation.” Lan Bo snuck under Peng Xin’s arm and spoke, “I heard a bit. That guy first said he drank too much, and that he doesn’t know anything; then, he said not only did he drink, but he also was drugged! He says he doesn’t remember anything! He’s not confessing at all!”

“What?” Zhao Yu moved again, and the wound that was just stitched up started bleeding again. But Zhao Yu acted as if he didn’t feel it at all as he said, “Don’t remember anything? Bullsh*t! I’ll go! I’ll go interrogate him...”

“Don’t move, don’t move!” Department Leader Wang immediately tried to stop him, and Peng Xin also restrained Zhao Yu.

Seeing Zhao Yu’s head bleeding, his flesh visible, Zhang Yaohui immediately tried to comfort him, “Bro, don’t get too excited, wait first! The person has already been caught. He’ll confess soon enough! We will all wait by the interrogation room. If there’s any news, we’ll tell you immediately! Don’t worry!”

“Right, right!” Peng Xin immediately started to gesture at the group and agreed. “We’ve already caught the person, why rush? You guys hurry up and go!”

Zhang Yaohui and the others said a few more words of encouragement, then finally left the office.

“Whew...” Zhao Yu breathed in hard, even more agitated now. Even though they had caught the suspect, he still felt unsure! He felt that Qu Ping’s case was not so simple! Whether it was the murder weapon being in the wrong spot, or Hou Meng’s drunken claim, there were many problems!

Zhao Yu felt that only when Hou Meng confessed the truth, could they get to the end of the case!

Lie detector! There was only one lie detector left, and Zhao Yu had wanted to use it to solve the Mianling Kidnapping Case, but in order to find the truth behind Qu Ping’s murder, it seemed like he would have to use it now!

Chapter 179: New Tool

Although he had already used the lie detector four times, Zhao Yu was still unsure of how powerful the lie detector really was. Firstly, the accuracy of the lie detector was beyond question! It was precisely because of its amazing performance that Zhao Yu was able to solve the Slaughter Case and determine that the real murderer was Liu Pengfei. However, after testing it on Liu Pengfei and Lin Meifeng, Zhao Yu realized that the power of the lie detector was far beyond his imagination. The lie detector was even able to detect things that someone was unsure of! With such power, Zhao Yu could not help but let his thoughts run wild. He wondered, if he got a random person and used the lie detector to ask them about the case, would it also have the same effect?

If it really worked, could Zhao Yu narrow down the questions and then determine the real murderer from there? For example, he could ask a random person if the real murderer of the Mianling case was a

Mianling local? Was it one person, two people, or three? Was it a female? Between twenty to thirty years old? With the last name Wang? Was it a police officer etc... If the lie detector was able to respond, wouldn't he be able to narrow down the target very soon? And he would make a breakthrough?

However, after reading the introduction to the lie detector carefully, he began to have doubts. The introduction stated that the lie detector could only test questions which were simple and specific, otherwise it would not have any effect.

Zhao Yu wondered what the word "specific" meant? Could it mean that the person being tested had to be related to the question? Would it not be effective on a random person? Such as Lin Meifeng. Although she was not aware of the truth, she participated in the crime, which was why the lie detector worked.

After thinking it over, Zhao Yu did not dare try this experiment in the end. He was worried that he would waste his last lie detector if it failed! After all, the lie detector was too important for solving cases! Zhao Yu felt that he should instead continue to put in effort in completing the adventures, and he could experiment after he received another lie detector!

However, Qu Ping's death had obviously messed up Zhao Yu's plans. He was now eager to know the truth behind Qu Ping's death. He wanted to know if Qu Ping had died because of her investigation over the Mianling Case. If that was the case, it meant that the real murderer of the Mianling Case had already appeared, and was an extremely dangerous person! Even he himself was in great danger! His life was at stake and it was no joke. Zhao Yu felt that he had figure out the truth soon, even if he had to use the last lie detector! However, Hou Meng was now being interrogated by Liu Changhu and Mao Wei. The higher-ups were worried that Zhao Yu would act brazenly again, so they got Peng Xin to look over him and not let him go near the interrogation room.

Having no other choice, Zhao Yu could only wait patiently for their interrogation to end, then he would find a chance to get near Hou Meng.

After disinfecting and stitching his forehead, Chief Wang also bandaged Zhao Yu's wound and thoroughly cleaned the wounds on the other parts of his body. Although his right arm had been shot by a steel ball bullet, it was not serious since it had been from a far distance.

That type of bullet caused enormous pain after being hit, but the pain also dissipated very quickly after. Thus, not only was Zhao Yu's wound alright, but Zhang Yaohui's leg was also fine, and he was already able to move around freely; however, Liu was not as lucky as them. His head had hit a metal bed while fighting with the pyramid scammers. He suffered a concussion, and had been sent to the hospital for observation and treatment. Although Lan Bo had also been beaten up, and his face was swollen, he did not suffer any serious injuries and only needed simple treatment to reduce swelling.

After Chief Wang finished treating Zhao Yu, Peng Xin still kept a close watch on Zhao Yu. She watched closely outside the door even when he went to the toilet, afraid that he might get into trouble again. As they had to wait for the results, most of the detectives from the Key Case Investigation Unit did not go back, and either stayed in the office or waited for orders outside the interrogation room.

Although Zhao Yu stayed put in the office, he already knew the latest information on the interrogation from what Lan Bo had sent him on his phone.

As Hou Meng had been shot in his thigh and the wound was quite serious, there was a professional doctor giving him emergency treatment in the interrogation room. In order not to affect the interrogation progress, the treatment was done while he was being interrogated.

Initially, Hou Meng was not fully conscious and kept mumbling about a bicycle becoming a spirit, and that he had seen a ghost. As the doctors gave him treatment, he finally gained consciousness after a while and narrated the whole incident that day.

According to Hou Meng, he was enjoying himself at a nightclub with a group of friends. Not only had he drunk, but he had also taken drugs. In the end, he did not know when he went or how he left the place. He also could not remember where he had gone after leaving! After gaining consciousness, he had been lying on the shoulder of the road on a field. He first discovered himself lying in front of a white car and holding a female's bag to his chest. Right after this, he was shocked to see that there was a person covered in blood lying in the field, not moving at all!

At that time, he had not completely regained his senses and was terrified. He instinctively left the scene with the bag, and he was not even sure if Qu Ping was dead then. Only after he reached his home at dawn did he see that his hands, clothes, and even his body had blood stains on them. It was then that he realized that he could get into big trouble! Feeling nervous, he first called his girlfriend and told her that he was going into hiding, and got her to transfer him some money. Then, he made a phone call to Ji Chunhua and asked him for help.

Ji Chunhua was quite loyal to his friends. Not only did he arrange for Hou Meng to hide in the pyramid nest at Nanchuan Tower Warehouse, but he also got his men to arrange for him to get away. However, things were just so coincidental! Hou Meng felt distraught that night and could not go to sleep. He kept thinking that the situation which he had gotten into could not be so easily solved. Therefore, he packed his things in advance and planned to run away at night, and not wait for Ji Chunhua's arrangement.

When he reached the entrance of the warehouse with his backpack, he had a sudden craving for cigarettes and decided to take a puff first before fleeing! Unexpectedly, before he could light up his cigarette, he ran into Lan Bo, and that was how the scene which followed happened!

According to the information that the police had, Hou Meng had previous robbery records, and the method used by him was forcing one's car to stop, which was similar to how Qu Ping had been killed. Therefore, Liu Changhu and the others had already firmly believed that Hou Meng was Qu Ping's killer! He must have taken too many drugs that night, and after being stimulated, he decided to repeat the same thing again and committed another highway robbery. In the end, he stopped Team Leader Qu Ping's car and wanted to rob her. The two got into an argument in the process, and Hou Meng killed Qu Ping after being enraged!

All evidence, such as the weapon, fingerprints, skin, bloodstains, and Qu Ping's missing bag pointed at Hou Meng. No matter how he tried to deny, he was unable to avoid being the major suspect of a robbery and murder!

To ensure that everything was foolproof, Liu Changhu, immediately arranged for Zhang Yaohui and others to investigate and collect evidence from all around. After Hou Meng's statement, they needed to get the evidence, such as the bag and clothes back, and also arrest those friends of Hou Meng's who drank and took drugs with him, to see if their statements were consistent. Other than that, they also

had to arrange for someone to investigate the surveillance videos near the bar to see what kind of state Hou Meng left the bar in? How did he get to the scene of the crime, were there any eyewitness, did Hou Meng have any accomplices etc...

Therefore, many agents were being sent out, with the exception of Zhao Yu and Peng Xin. Zhao Yu knew that on the surface, the leaders were worried about his injuries and felt that it was inconvenient for him to move around, but in actuality, they were afraid that he would get into trouble again!

Zhao Yu was also not interested in investigating this. There was only one thing on his mind which was of the utmost importance. Did Qu Ping's death have anything to do with the Mianling Case? If they were related, then he only needed to get the truth behind Qu Ping's death, and the truth behind the Mianling Kidnapping Case would also come out!

Unexpectedly, just as Zhao Yu was seriously thinking, the system suddenly spoke and told him that the current adventure had been completed. His completion rate was ninety-six percent! He received another five tools as a reward! As Zhao Yu was hoping to receive the powerful invisible lie detector again, he quickly opened the tools to check before doing the analysis. "Invisible breathing device!" the system said. "This tool is able to provide oxygen for breathing under any circumstance for a period of ten minutes!"

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Zhao Yu thought for a bit, but immediately realized that the invisible breathing device was basically an invisible gas tank. If he fell in water one day, or ended up somewhere without oxygen, he could use this to breathe!

Actually, this reward really matched the high completion rate of ninety-six percent well! This was a life saver! He had to make sure to remember it in case if he got into any danger.

Once he examined his item, Zhao Yu instinctively pulled out his notebook and started writing down things related to that day's hexagram explanation. Today's "Kun-Gen" hexagram had come to an end!

The "Gen" hexagram was easy to explain; it was related to work! He caught the suspect of Qu Ping's murder, so obviously he had a huge breakthrough related to work. Thus, the high completion rate was obvious. But what about the "Kun" hexagram? What did that represent?

Kun meant earth. Was it related to an earthquake-like incident? Then every time he got the "Kun" hexagram, would there be a huge murder or case?!

Also, even though he did not know what "Kun" meant, judging from the completion rate, did he do well? "But...how did I complete it?" he wondered.

Thinking long and hard, Zhao Yu still felt he was a far from the true meaning of the "Kun" hexagram, thus he simply recorded his observations and did not think much of it.

Through Qu Ping's death, Zhao Yu was a little fearful of the "Kun" hexagram. He felt that it was not a good hexagram, and he hoped that it would appear less!

It was already dawn by that point. After Zhao Yu finished his record, he rolled a cigarette and opened his new hexagram. Since it was a new day, what kind of hexagram would appear? Zhao Yu listened carefully.

“Zhen-Kan Hexagram,” the system rang out. “Zhen for thunder and Kan for water. Thunder rolls upon water and disturbed the depth, it is quite worrying.”

“Zhen-Kan Hexagram?” Zhao Yu thought to himself. “‘Zhen’ represents status, so maybe my ranking might go up today?! ‘Kan’ represents women, so today there will be another woman falling for me?”

The hexagram explanation seemed pretty good. Zhao Yu was only a little disappointed about the lack of the important “Gen” hexagram. No doubt this worried him!

The thing he wanted the most was to find out the truth! Originally, the Mianling case was already very confusing, but with Team Leader Qu Ping was suddenly murder, he felt like everything was in chaos!

Zhao Yu felt that once Hou Meng’s interrogation ended, no matter what, he had to talk to him. Even if he had to waste his last precious lie detector, it would be worth it!

Originally, there had been specific rooms in the police station to allow investigators to rest, but having been in the detective career so long, all of the investigators were used to this sort of night job, so the resting rooms had become storage rooms long ago.

With the passing time, by the time the dawn arrived, the work given to Yang Yaohui and others was completed, and they all came back with reports one by one.

After a night of battle, they finally captured the people who were drinking with Hou Meng that night, and also found many witnesses.

According to these peoples’ words, what Hou Meng had said was true. That night, Hou Meng not only drank, but also took drugs, and had left by himself! The cameras at the bar had very clear video evidence of him, and one could clearly see him leave the bar by himself; his movement seemingly agitated!

By the looks of it, it was possible for Hou Meng to have left the bar and head straight for the scene of crime, then kill Team Leader Qu Ping there. But that was where the weird part began!

Due to the distance between the scene of crime and the bar, the investigators wanted to use the cameras to capture Hou Meng’s route, to see how he approached the scene of crime. The investigators looked through all the nearby cameras, but did not find any sign of Hou Meng. It seemed like he simply disappeared after leaving the bar! The investigators even looked at all the nearby taxis or cabs that passed by the area. No one admitted to seeing Hou Meng! This was simply too strange!

Even though there were videos of Hou Meng after Qu Ping’s murder, before Qu Ping’s murder, there was no sign of him anywhere in any surveillance camera! In other words, the investigators only knew how Hou Meng left, but not how he arrived at the scene of the crime! Just how he arrived at the scene of crime, no one knew, even himself!

This only added to Zhao Yu’s suspicions. Could it be, Qu Ping’s death really had some hidden truth? Was Team Leader Qu really murdered by Hou Meng? Or was there another culprit?!

With this chain of confusion, Zhao Yu really wanted to go to the interrogation room himself and use the chance to find the truth with his lie detector.

At this time, Peng Xin was still slumped on the office desk, fast asleep, Zhao Yu quickly left the office, planning on running off. But just as he walked into the hallway, he suddenly ran into Mao Wei.

It seemed like Mao Wei had come for Zhao Yu. As soon as he saw Zhao Yu, he immediately grabbed his arm and said, "Oh? Zhao, just in time, I was looking for you!"

"What's up?" Zhao Yu asked, noticing that Mao Wei's expression was a bit strange.

Mao Wei avoided making eye contact as he spoke, "Zhao, hurry, the bureau chief is looking for you! It's Bureau Chief Zhou, not Bureau Chief Luan!"

"Bureau Chief Zhou?" Zhao Yu paused, but he saw something in Mao Wei's expression. "What's wrong? Why is he looking for me?"

"Sigh! Isn't it..." Mao Wei sighed, but stopped what he wanted to say. He instead changed the topic. "You...just hurry and go. You'll know when you get there! Go to Bureau Chief Zhou's office! Mm..." As he pulled Zhao Yu forward, Mao Wei reminded the other carefully, "Yu, from what I saw, Bureau Chief Zhou seemed a bit strange. When you get there, be sure to speak carefully. Don't do anything rash again..."

Hm? A bit strange? Oh...

Zhao Yu understood. It must be because Bureau Chief Zhou heard what Zhao Yu had done in order to capture Hou Meng. It seemed that the bureau chief was very angry, and the results would be severe! But Zhao Yu didn't care. Even though the process had been a bit immoral, the results were good! At least he caught the culprit!

Alright, since the bureau chief had asked to see him, he would go listen, and see what the chief had to say.

Just as Zhao Yu arrived at the bureau chief's office, secretary Su Chao was leaving. When he saw Zhao Yu coming at him with his bloody head, Su Chao immediately ran to the side in fear, and opened the door for Zhao Yu almost like a guard. He watched as Zhao Yu strutted in. As soon as Zhao Yu entered, he immediately closed the door.

Bureau Chief Zhou had just finished brewing his cup of longjing tea, and was currently sitting at his desk holding his tea cup and blowing on the tea leaves. Upon seeing Zhao Yu arrival, he put down his teacup and spoke seriously.

"Zhao Yu, come here." He pointed at Zhao Yu's forehead. "How is it? How's your wound?" Even though Bureau Chief sounded concerned, from his tone, one could tell that he was quite angry.

"No need to worry," Zhao Yu spoke politely. "Thank you for your concern, but it was only eight stitches!"

"Mm." Bureau Chief Zhou did not react much, but started speaking again, "I heard that yesterday you caught the suspect who murdered Team Leader Qu? You! You're quite...something!" The word "something" came through bureau Chief Zhou's clenched teeth.

“Not at all, not at all!” Even though Zhao Yu noticed Bureau Chief Zhou’s tone, he was still praising him, so he could only cooperate. “This was just the result of your guidance! Haha...”

“Mm...” Zhao Yu’s laughter made Bureau Chief Zhou even more awkward. He could not hold it anymore and slammed his hand on the table and yelled at Zhao Yu, “Zhao Yu! I’m officially informing you now, due to your severe transgression of the police code, ignoring the law, and abusing your authority, I, as the Bureau Chief of Rongyang Branch Office. I authorize suspension as punishment upon further investigation!”