#### **Crazy 1831**

### Chapter 1831: shocking words

"At 10:30 pm, in the Yaoming city Special Investigation Group's temporary office, Zhao Yu was talking to Miao Ying on the phone with a smug look on his face."

"""What do you think, MeowMeow? You can't convince me, can you?"

"""You know what? When I told the doctors in the mental hospital that Liu Cheng had spoken to me, they were all dumbfounded!"

"""In their eyes, this is an impossible task. My achievements have even enlightened them ..."" "

"""That's enough,"" Miao Ying said.""You're just a blind cat that got lucky. If it weren't for your bad habits, how would you know that Liu Cheng had always been interested in the stones and not the flowers?"" "

"""Hey? You're still not convinced?"" Zhao Yu replied,""ten days! 10 days! If it were any other person, they would have gone crazy along with him! Just give me a compliment or two, baby ..."" "

"Miao Ying laughed and said," well, I have to say, if it were me, I wouldn't have your perseverance!" No matter how unreliable things are, miracles always happen when they're done by you!" "

"""Hmm ... You don't seem to be complimenting me!"" Zhao Yu was not satisfied. "

"""Alright, let's get down to business!"" Miao Ying became serious again.""Since we can prove that the murderer of the sanatorium murder case is not Nong zhifa, then this matter really needs to be investigated!"

"""It seems that your premonition was right!"" "

"""Mm ..."" Zhao Yu said.""Before I went to the mental hospital, I watched all of the videos of Nong zhifa's confession. I keep feeling that there's something wrong with this person!"" "

"""Oh? What's the problem?"" Miao Ying asked. "

"""In fact, the reason why I stayed in the mental hospital for so long was not entirely for Liu Cheng,"" Zhao Yu finally revealed his true intention," in fact, I just wanted to feel the world of mental patients, and then compare it with Liu Cheng ..."" "

"""Ah? ""No way ..."" Miao Ying was shocked.""Zhao Yu, are you trying to say that Nong zhifa is also a mental patient?!"" This ... This is also ..."" "

"""Yes,"" Zhao Yu nodded,""you know me best. From the moment I saw the video, I felt that Nong zhifa was not mentally sound!"

"""Now, after my experience in the mental hospital, I'm even more certain of this guess!"

"""Nong zhifa's eyes, expression, and the numb expression he had when he spoke were exactly the same as those mental patients. He couldn't have faked it! I suspect that Nong zhifa might have a delusional disorder!"" "

"""Delusional?"" Miao Ying was shocked.""I ... I've seen the video, but ..."" "

"""Yes,"" Zhao Yu said.""It's precisely because of the melancholy in Nong zhifa's eyes that it's easy for normal people to have the illusion that this person is very similar to those psychopathic murderers!"

"""So, it's very likely that from the very beginning, we fell into an established prejudice and fixed this person in place!"

"""But what if ... He's just a patient with a delusional disorder?"" "

""This ..." Miao Ying gasped." Isn't this too scary?" If he was delusional, then who was the real murderer? It must be ... Someone who's very familiar with Nong zhifa, right?" "

"""No matter what, this is just my personal guess,"" Zhao Yu said.""I plan to go to the prison that Nong zhifa is in and ask the people there to see if I can get any clues."

"""I ... Tsk tsk ..."" "

"""What's wrong?"" Miao Ying was familiar with Zhao Yu's style and immediately noticed the problem. She asked,""have you thought of something?"" "

"""Well ..."" Zhao Yu stammered.""I don't want to reveal my secret until the critical moment ..."" "

"""Don't keep me in suspense, alright?"" Miao Ying urged him,""my great detective, good detective, tell me quickly. I can help you think of an idea!"" "

"""Mm, alright!"" After thinking for a while, Zhao Yu said,""I suspect that the key point of the memory of the murder record is likely to be in the prison!"" "

"""Oh?"" Miao Ying asked,""you mean, the real murderer is also the prisoner in that prison?"" "

"""No!"" Zhao Yu said with certainty,""I feel that the real murderer is not the criminal inside, but the prison guards of the Kongtong gang!"" "

"Zhao Yu's words shocked Miao Ying, who was on the other end of the phone."

"After more than ten seconds, Miao Ying finally recovered from the shock and said in a trembling voice,""You mean ... There were prison wardens ... Who made Nong zhifa confess? Why ... Why?"" "

"""I'm not sure,"" Zhao Yu said bluntly.""I just think that the real murderer knows how the police handle cases, so it's very likely that he's someone in the police system!"

"""And, according to the prison records,"" Zhao Yu continued,""Nong zhifa was a loner and didn't have any fixed cellmates, so it was more convenient for the prison guards to get in touch with him!"

"""Moreover, only the prison guards knew more about Nong zhifa and knew that he was the best candidate ... "

- """And ... From a social class perspective, the prison guards have a strong influence on the prisoners, so it might be easier to implement psychological suggestions!"" "
- """Psychological suggestion ..."" Miao Ying said in surprise.""My God! You think that a prison guard saw that Nong zhifa was delusional, so he gave him a psychological suggestion to make him think that he was a serial killer, so that he could admit to the crimes in the memoir?"
- """Isn't this ... A little too ridiculous?"" "
- ""There was such a scene in the movie, but I haven't studied it carefully yet," Zhao Yu said.""So, I'm going to discuss it with Wu Xiumin later to see if there is such a possibility.""
- """MeowMeow, look ..."" Zhao Yu opened his palms and analyzed,""assuming that my previous guess was right, Nong zhifa was a mental patient, then ... Why was there no record or report on this in the prison's report?"
- """And ..."" Zhao Yu continued,""I've seen the interrogation reports from the prison. The testimonies of Nong zhifa's fellow inmates were all vague, and they avoided the subject, as if they were afraid of something ..."
- """So, I think there's something fishy going on in the prison, and this is probably the key to solving the case!"" "
- """You ... Hmm ..."" Miao Ying thought for a long time, then said,""it sounds like you have a point, but you seem to have overlooked an important issue!"" "
- """What's the problem?"" Zhao Yu asked. "
- """Did the murderer have nothing better to do?"" Miao Ying also pointed out the suspicious points.""The murderer was clearly at large, and no one knew about the memoir of the murder. So ... Why would he take such a big risk to entice a prisoner?"
- """This will increase the chance of him being exposed. If he is a prison guard, it would be even more unreasonable, right?"" "
- """Yes, indeed!"" Zhao Yu admitted,""I have considered this before. I think there are two possibilities for the murderer to do this. "
- ""First, he was old, or maybe he had a terminal illness or something. He didn't want the case he had committed to be forgotten, so he wanted to use the agricultural record to express his desire."
- """It's like some kind of perverted show-off!"
- """Secondly, something happened that made the murderer think that his crime would soon be exposed. He was in a hurry to find a scapegoat, so he chose Nong zhifa!"" "
- ""Tsk tsk ..." Miao Ying pouted and said," I still can't agree with your speculation! I've always believed that psychological cues are too far away from reality, and the success rate is low."
- """Nong zhifa is still an important suspect in the memoir of the murder!"

"""However, some of the cases weren't committed by him. Maybe he had an accomplice, or ... Something else!"" "

"""Alright then,"" Zhao Yu said.""Actually, I hope that I'm wrong, but I still think that Nong zhifa doesn't fit the basic characteristics of a murderer at all ..."" "

"""So, let's continue the discussion after I come back from my investigation in the prison ..."" "

# Chapter 1832: more advanced methods

"The next afternoon, in the same temporary office of the Special Investigation Group."

"Zhao Yu didn't go directly to the prison, but secretly investigated the situation in the prison."

"He asked Zeng ke to screen all the staff who were holding Nong zhifa prison, in an attempt to find any potential suspects."

"Zhao Yu's screening criteria was that the suspect's age had to be at least before 1975. As the first case in the memoir happened in 1993, the suspect must be quite old."

"Secondly, this person had to have sufficient time to get in touch with Nong zhifa. If someone had really given Nong zhifa a psychological suggestion, then the two parties must have been in contact for a long time."

"Finally, the most important point was that the suspect's life trajectory had to at least match or be close to all the crimes in the memoir."

"In the end, after filtering through the three criteria above, the final result was a "" 0""!"

# Not even one!

"""Team leader ..."" At this time, Ran Tao suggested to Zhao Yu,""should we include the high-level leaders such as the warden?"" "

""That shouldn't be the case," Zhao Yu said, confused." I know the prison well. The prisoners and the prison's higher-ups almost never have the chance to meet ..." "

"""What?"" Ran Tao was surprised.""You know about prisons? Could it be ... You've been in prison? Hehehe ..."" "

"Zhao Yu rolled his eyes and thought to himself, not only have I been in prison in my past life, I've even been executed!"

"""But ..."" Zhao Yu pondered for a moment, then said,""we can't rule out this possibility completely, so ..."" He turned to Zeng ke and ordered,""also, pay attention to the prison's top management!"" "

"""And ..."" Zhao Yu said again,""check the past records and find all the staff who were transferred, including the cafeteria workers. Don't let anyone go!"" "

"""Yes!"" Zeng ke immediately got back to work. "

"""Aiya, boss ..."" At this time, cui Lizhu came in from outside and said to Zhao Yu,""there's a problem on Liu Cheng's side. He's tired of being asked, so he won't say anything again!"" "

"""No way? What the hell is this!"" Zhao Yu frowned.""Didn't I already tell you? We can't ask too many questions. At least let him go to the garden to talk to the stone every day. These experts are really ..."""

""No wonder ..." Cui Lizhu said." There are too many suspects. There are hundreds of prisoners in the prison alone. It's annoying for normal people to look at them!" "

"""It can't be?"" Zhao Yu said,""officer Wang can't be that stupid, right? He should at least screen the suspects before showing them to him!"

"""Pick out the people who fit the criteria first. We can't just push all the blame to him!"" "

"""Yes!"" Cui Lizhu scratched her head.""I'll go ask officer Wang, that idiot. Did he see Liu Cheng as a normal person?"" "

"Then, cui Lizhu quickly made a phone call."

"""Team leader ..."" As soon as cui Lizhu left, Wu Xiumin came in through the door and said to Zhao Yu,""I have consulted many psychologists!"

"""Psychological suggestion shouldn't be made up in movies and television, but it does happen. Moreover, in the field of psychology, this is already a relatively mature technical means!"" "

"""Oh?"" Zhao Yu's eyes widened.""Really?"" "

"""Yes,"" Wu Xiumin said.""However, psychological suggestion is mainly used in treatment. It uses the principle of emotional interaction and a variety of behavior suggestion methods to counsel patients who have suffered psychological trauma, so that they can restore their optimistic and positive attitudes. "

"""Of course, on the contrary, it can also bring pessimism to the person who receives the suggestion ... Well ..."" Wu Xiumin then said a lot of technical terms," "especially for a person with a psychological defect, psychological suggestion is more likely to succeed!"" "

"""..."" Zhao Yu nodded, but his expression betrayed him. It was obvious that he didn't really understand."

"""For example,"" Wu Xiumin said,""we ask a student to recite a poem. If you tell him that it was written by a famous poet, then he will have a deeper impression of it, and he will remember it more quickly."

"""But if you tell the students that you wrote this poem, then the students will have a hard time reciting it!"" "

"""This ..."" Zhao Yu swallowed and asked himself,""do I know how to write poems?"""

"Ran Tao raised an objection.""But, to make a person admit that he has killed someone just by giving a hint ... Isn't that a little too ridiculous?"" "

"""If you can really do it, then wouldn't you be able to make others do anything you want? A puppet?""

"""Right!"" Wu Xiumin nodded.""You're right. It's not that easy to make a person admit that he's a serial killer!"" "

"""I've consulted the relevant experts,"" Wu Xiumin said with a serious expression.""What they said is exactly what I expected. Ordinary psychological suggestions are definitely not enough. In addition to certain innate conditions, more advanced means are needed!"" "

"""High-level methods?"" Ran Tao raised his eyebrows.""What kind of means?"""

"Wu Xiumin was silent for a moment, then said the word ""hypnotize"" in a heavy tone. "

Zhao Yu and ran Tao's eyes widened at the same time.

"""What? Hypnosis?"" ""You mean ... Nong zhifa might have been hypnotized?"" Ran Tao asked in surprise. "

"""Yes, if the group leader's speculation is correct, then this is the only possibility that can be realized!""
Wu Xiumin then said,""hypnosis is also an important method or technique of psychological suggestion.
It can make a person's consciousness enter a relatively weakened state and expose the subconscious.
Then, through repeated prompts, some new consciousness can be instilled into the person. In this way, the hypnotized person will mistakenly think that those actions were done by themselves!"" "

#### Pa!

"Zhao Yu suddenly snapped his fingers and said excitedly,""I was wondering why he looked so familiar! In the video of Nong zhifa's confession, his eyes had been so unfocused ... "

"""Now that I think about it, it's like I was hypnotized!"" "

"""This ..."" Ran Tao still found it unbelievable.""Is hypnosis really that powerful?"" Then ... Who was the one who hypnotized him? Are you still a prison guard? But we ... We don't seem to have found anyone suspicious?"" "

"""Team leader,"" Wu Xiumin reminded him,""if our hypothesis is true, then the person who was able to hypnotize them must be an expert!"" Perhaps...It shouldn't be too hard to find out!"" "

"""We ..."" Zhao Yu pondered for a moment, then slowly walked to the whiteboard and said,""the first thing we have to do now is to focus on investigating Nong zhifa's situation before he was sent to prison """

"""Before he went to prison?"" Ran Tao obviously couldn't keep up with Zhao Yu's jumping rhythm."

"""Right!"" Zhao Yu's eyes were firm as he said,""we need to know if Nong zhifa was in this state before he went to prison. If that's the case, then we have to focus on the time before he went to prison!"

""But if it's not," Zhao Yu pointed at the whiteboard, which was marked with the word "prison"," then that means that Nong zhifa's problem was in Xuanji prison!" "

### Chapter 1833: Guan Emperor temple

"It was 11:30 in the morning in an old residential area in fengtao District of andu city, western Sichuan Province."

"It was the time when the students were dismissed from school and the workers were off work. Logically speaking, it should be the liveliest time in the community."

"However, the heavens were not on their side. With a rumbling Thunder, a heavy rain suddenly fell from the sky, causing the Western Sichuan land, which had just entered the early summer season, to be shrouded in rain and fog."

"Therefore, there were very few people on the streets of the community, which was particularly deserted."

"In the heavy rain, several men in suits suddenly turned into an alley on the street and ran all the way here. As they did not have raincoats, they were drenched and looked very embarrassed."

"Among them, a young man was running while using his briefcase to block the leader's head."

"Just as they ran to the middle of the street, someone saw something and hurriedly waved his hand. The few of them quickly flashed past the intersection and ran into a low and dilapidated temple ... "

"After entering the temple, the few of them quickly shook off the raindrops on their bodies. The elderly leader smiled and said,"""This rain came at the right time ... Hehe, I didn't expect it to rain so quickly!"" "

"""Director Zhang,"" a middle-aged officer next to him said,""unfortunately, the alley is too narrow, and our car can't get in!"" Why don't we ... Take shelter from the rain first and go out when the rain is less ..."" "

"""Well ..."" Director Zhang nodded and said,""that's all we can do! Western Sichuan's naivety can change at will. I haven't been drenched in many years, hahaha ..."" "

The leader's joke made everyone burst into laughter. The young and shy lad even blushed slightly ...

"Director Zhang was the leader in charge of the demolition work. Today, they came to the community to observe the situation and prepare for the demolition work."

"However, he did not expect that the inspection would be interrupted by this heavy rain halfway through."

Hong long long ...

"Another wave of muffled Thunder rang out, and the rain became even heavier."

"""It seems that ..."" Director Zhang wiped his phone and sighed helplessly.""We have to stay in this temple for a while!"" This is ..."" "

"Director Zhang turned to the center of the hall and looked at the statue."""This is a Guan Emperor's temple!"" "

""Yes," an officer who was familiar with the situation said." Don't underestimate this temple. It is said that this temple was built in the Ming Dynasty and has a history of more than 500 years!" "

"""Oh ..."" Director Zhang nodded as he came to the statue and sighed.""Since it's a cultural relic, it should be well protected!"" He said. "

"""Even if this place becomes a new residential area in the future, this temple should be preserved ... Tsk tsk ..."" As he spoke, director Zhang saw the cracks on the statue and the cobwebs. He said,""it seems that this Guan Emperor temple is not very popular!"" "

"""Indeed,"" the officer agreed.""Times have changed. In the past, the temple of Emperor Guan was worshiped and taken care of by the local elderly. Now, there are fewer and fewer elderly people, and the young people don't believe in these things, so the temple is basically abandoned!"" "

"""If the Civil Affairs Bureau hadn't renovated the streets last year, I'm afraid it would have collapsed long ago ..."" "

"""Aiyo, that's not good ..."" Director Zhang sighed.""Why haven't I heard of it before? Regardless of whether you believe in it or not, it's still a cultural relic left behind by our ancestors ..."""

"Just as director Zhang was sighing, the young man was also looking around the dilapidated temple. The temple was filled with the stench of urine. It was obvious that some bad people had treated this place as a public toilet."

"As he looked, the young man found that there was space behind the statue. Driven by curiosity, he came to the side of the statue and took a look behind it."

"Who knew that after he looked over, the young man was suddenly stunned ... "

"Then, the young man's pupils dilated and his hair seemed to stand on end. However, in his extreme shock, he did not make a sound even though he opened his mouth."

"""Xiao Ling, what's wrong?"" At this moment, director Zhang happened to be standing not far away from the young man. When he saw the young man's strange expression, he walked up to him and looked behind the statue."

"In the end, director Zhang's expression changed drastically. He immediately let out a loud cry and fell backward onto the dusty ground ..."

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"At Teno' clock that night, Zhao Yu, who was in the Yaoming City Police station's Special Investigation Group office, suddenly sneezed!"

Achoo ...

"After the beating, Zhao Yu rubbed his nose and then his eyes, thinking to himself, who is missing me again? Is it my dear MeowMeow? Or was it the same beauty from before?"

"After feeling a wave of fatigue, he turned around and picked up the coffee that cui Lizhu had made for him."

"However, when he took a sip, he realized that the coffee had been left there for a long time and had gone cold."

It turned out that she had been thinking about the case for a long time.

Hu ...

Zhao Yu took a deep breath and put the coffee back on the table. He then turned around and continued to think about the case.

"The whiteboard was marked with detailed information about the suspect, Nong zhifa: "

"He was born in 1941, from Xingyuan County, Yaoming city. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for intentional homicide. In 2006, he was sent to Yaoming Nanhai prison until he died of cancer."

"In other words, he was already 65 years old the year he was imprisoned. It was also because of his age that he was spared from the death penalty."

"The one who was killed by Nong zhifa was his married husband, Mr. Liu, who had been his lover for many years. The two of them quarreled over the debt. In a fit of anger, Nong zhifa killed Mr. Liu and fled to avoid punishment."

He was later arrested by the police and put in jail.

It was also because Nong zhifa killed people on impulse that Zhao Yu couldn't tell if there was something wrong with his mental state at that time.

"However, he felt that since Nong zhifa knew how to escape, it meant that he should not have any mental problems."

"Don't forget, from the time he was sent to prison, Nong zhifa had spent 14 years in prison. If he already had mental problems when he was sent to prison, then even if the prison had no records, they could draw a definite conclusion from the statements of the prisoners or the prison guards!"

"So, Zhao Yu still thought that Nong zhifa's problem must have happened in prison."

"If he wanted to find out the truth of the case, he would have to work from the inside of the prison."

"However, according to the information provided by Zeng ke, there was still no suspicious target among the prison staff."

"Most of the prison's top leaders were not locals. Their life trajectories were completely different from the memoirs of the murder, so they could be ruled out as suspects."

"It was the same for the other staff members. Their ages did not match, and their life trajectories did not match ... "

"More importantly, among all the people who were investigated, no one was found to be related to psychology. If Nong zhifa was really hypnotized by an expert, then this person must have some reputation. Logically speaking ... It should be easy to investigate, but why couldn't he be found?"

Could it be that ... He had really guessed wrongly?

"Was he wrong from Liu Cheng? From the beginning to the end, it was all done by Nong zhifa? Liu Cheng was just spouting nonsense?"

Or ...

Di di ... Di di ...

"Just when Zhao Yu was at a loss, his phone suddenly rang."

He didn't expect that it would be Division Chief Jiao Guofeng calling him so late at night.

Tsk tsk ...

"The moment before he answered the phone, Zhao Yu realized the seriousness of the problem. If it was something insignificant, Division Chief Jiao wouldn't have called him personally at this time!"

"""Hello ..."" After the call went through, Division Chief Jiao didn't even say anything. She asked Zhao Yu directly,""Zhao Yu, have you heard of the ghost king case that happened in the Western Sichuan area during the early days of the liberation?"" "

Chapter 1834: The ghost king case of western Sichuan

"The next day, at 10 am, in the Yaoming city Special Investigation Group office."

"""Between September 1953 and may 1954, there were several serial murders in Xi'an City, Chuan.""
Zeng ke was introducing an old document to Zhao Yu.""After the victims were killed, they were
disguised as malicious ghosts. Some of them were sitting, some were standing, and some were hanging
in the air. They looked very scary ... "

"While he was introducing the materials, Zhao Yu flipped through the information in his hands and realized that most of the information was written in traditional Chinese."

"""At that time, it was in the early days of the founding of the People's Republic of China."" Zeng ke understood Zhao Yu's intention, so he immediately explained,""a camera is a very luxurious item, so there were no photos of the scene."

"""I only heard that there was an artist who painted at that time, but whether we can find it or not depends on western Sichuan!"" "

"""Malicious ghost!"" Cui Lizhu shivered.""It sounds like a horror novel!"" "

"""It's not a novel,"" Zeng ke said.""It's not a rumor, either. This is a bizarre crime that has really happened!"

"""At that time, the case caused a great panic in the entire andu city. Almost every night, the streets were empty, and no one dared to go out!"" "

"""What happened after that?"" "Didn't you catch the murderer?""Zhao Yu asked. "

"""Yes,"" Zeng ke said.""After killing five people, the murderer was finally caught by the police! According to the information, the murderer's name is Tao Yulan, and she's an opera singer!"" "

"""Tao Yulan? This name ... It really sounds like an opera singer!"" ""Is it a man?"" cui Lizhu asked. "

"""Right!"" Zeng ke said,""the police found clothes and decorations used to disguise the deceased in the man's house. They also found a bottle of Strong Poison ..."" "

"""Poison?"" Cui Lizhu was curious.""So, those victims were all poisoned to death?"""

""Yes," Zeng ke said." However, because the testing methods at that time were backward, the ingredients of the poison were still unknown."

"""What's even more bizarre is that after the murderer was caught by the police, he died in prison for no reason. Some people say that the murderer committed suicide to escape punishment, while others say that Tao Yulan suffered from excessive torture, or that she was sick ..."" "

"""At that time, the trial was only halfway through. The information showed that Tao Yulan had already confessed, but there were still rumors that Tao Yulan insisted that she was innocent ... "

""But in any case," Zeng ke raised his head and said," ever since Tao Yulan was arrested, there has been no similar ghost king case!" "

"""Oh ... In that case ..."" Cui Lizhu said.""So, the rumors are all false? The police didn't arrest the wrong person?"" "

"""We'll have to wait until we get to andu and see if the local police can find the original information!"" Zeng ke said,""because the interrogation was not completed, we still don't know the purpose of the murderer."

"""It's said that none of the victims had anything to do with the murderer ..."" "

"""This case ... Just hearing it makes me panic!"" Cui Lizhu shivered again and asked Zhao Yu,""boss, are we really going to andu?"

"""From 1953 to today, it's exactly '66. No one would think that yesterday's case and the ghost king case from' 66 years ago were committed by the same murderer, right?"" "

""The situation is still unclear. It's useless to say anything!" Zhao Yu said,"but one thing is clear. If this case wasn't important, Division Chief Jiao wouldn't have called me in the middle of the night."

"""So ... We have to go to western Sichuan!"" "

"""Seriously,"" cui Lizhu sighed,""what about memoir of a murder?"" We've just made some progress, and now we have to stop?"" "

""This case was supposed to be a friendly visit!"" Zhao Yu said,""officer Wang and the other Special Investigation Group members are here! Let them investigate first ... "

"""Sigh ... I guess that's the only way!"" "

"Zhao Yu's sigh was obviously filled with disappointment. He knew better than anyone else that the memoir had reached the most critical moment. If he could go deeper, perhaps there would be better results!"

But unfortunately ...

""This ghost king case came at the wrong time," cui Lizhu sighed and asked Zhao Yu," boss, can you tell me about yesterday's case first?" Is it the same as the ghost king case?" "

"Hearing this, Zhao Yu hesitated for a moment, then took out his phone. He pulled up a picture and showed it to cui Lizhu."

"As a result, cui Lizhu's face turned pale with just one look!"

"""Oh my God!"" Cui Lizhu said in horror,""how could there be such a murder case in this world?"" "

"Seeing cui Lizhu's frightened face, Zeng ke quickly went over to take a look, and he was also shocked."

"There was a strange picture in the photo. The deceased was dressed in Taoist clothes, had heavy makeup on his face, and had his hair tied up in a bun."

"What was even more bizarre was that the dead man was sitting cross-legged with a zither in front of him. The deceased's hands were pressed on the zither, as if he was playing it ... "

"However, the dead man's face was hideous and terrifying. When paired with the zither, it revealed an indescribable fear. Just a glance at it would cause great discomfort and shock!"

"""Isn't he a Taoist?"" cui Lizhu asked in fear. This is also a malicious ghost?"" "

"""Now you know why Division Chief Jiao called me, right?"" Zhao Yu asked with a serious expression. "

""The Western Sichuan area is the birthplace of our country's Ghost Culture," Zhao Yu said." It is said that the ghost Culture of andu's Feng Tao Bay has a longer history than the ghost city of plentiful city ... "

""In the local museum, there's an ominous handwritten ancient book called" record of the ghost king. "The book records the story of ten malicious ghosts who died because of injustice in ancient China!"

"""It's said that Tao Yulan copied this record of the ghost king and created the ghost king murder case that shocked western Sichuan! He had disguised the victims he had killed as the malicious ghosts in the book. According to the order, they were the first five malicious ghosts introduced in the book!"

"""And the case that happened in the emperor's temple in andu Guan yesterday,"" Zhao Yu said,""happened to be the sixth hostile ghost recorded in the book! ""This Daoist priest ..."" Zhao Yu gestured to his mobile phone.""His name is Guanxian. It is said that he was a hundred-year-old Daoist who lived by the qiushui River during the Spring and Autumn period!"" "

"""Song Jinggong wanted to ask him to teach him Daoist techniques, but he refused. So, song Jinggong killed him with hatred in his heart. From then on, he became a malicious ghost and had to play the zither on the song Kingdom's city wall every day ..."" "

"""Wow ..."" Cui Lizhu was surprised.""Boss, you know so much! You even know the legends!"""

"""What!"" Zhao Yu grinned.""Division Chief Jiao told me this last night. I was so scared that I couldn't sleep the whole night!"" I'm so angry!"" "

Cui Lizhu and Zeng ke were both speechless.

""But ..." Zhao Yu quickly regained his composure and said," of course, these legends are not the key. The key is, why did the murderer start from the sixth malicious ghost in the ghost king Record?" "

""Yeah ..." Zeng ke heard the strange question." Coincidentally, Tao Yulan killed the fifth one. Could it be that the murderer wanted to inherit Tao Yulan's will, so he wanted to kill all the remaining evil ghosts in the ghost king Record?" "

"""Waa!"" Cui Lizhu was shocked.""That's bad! That means there will be new victims in this case?""
Then ... We have to hurry!"" "

Chapter 1835: Strong Poison rat

"At 3:00 P. M., In a KFC restaurant in Yaoming airport."

"Officer Wang looked at Zhao Yu, who was munching on his burger, and promised him," "don't worry, master. I'll continue to investigate according to your plan. I'll find out all the people related to the prison!" "

"""Yes,"" Zhao Yu said.""According to the evidence we have so far, before Nong zhifa went to prison, he should have no mental problems. So, the most important part of the memoir of the murder should be in the prison! "

"""Now that the staff has finished the screening, let's check the prisoners!"" "

"""Yes!"" Officer Wang nodded. "

"""But ..."" Cui Lizhu took a sip of her Coke and said,""Nong zhifa was in prison for 14 years. That's a prison, and the prisoners are like walking lanterns. If we were to investigate them one by one, how long would it take?""

"Officer Wang said," "yes, I did a rough calculation, and there were nearly 5000 criminals who might have been in contact with Nong zhifa!" "

"""However, if we follow master's method of elimination, we should be able to narrow down the range bit by bit."

"""We'll send more people and do our best to fight for it!"" "

"""Also,"" Zhao Yu continued,""there might be other things about Nong zhifa's hypnosis. Next, we can pay attention to the people who have come to visit him in prison over the years, or the letters related to Nong zhifa ... "

"""Since the hypnotist is an expert, it's possible that he used other methods to hypnotize Nong zhifa!"" "

"""Understood, I'll remember it!"" Officer Wang nodded. "

"""Also,"" Zhao Yu put down his delicious hamburger and said,""I heard from sis Wu that senior hypnotists are not common. You'd better send someone to follow this line of thought and see if there are any hypnotists in Yaoming that meet the requirements."" "

"""What if this person came into contact with Nong zhifa through other channels? For example, he could take advantage of the psychological counseling of the prisoners, or he had some relationship with the prison, etc ..."" "

"""Yes!"" Officer Wang quickly took out his phone and recorded Zhao Yu's instructions."

"""Of course, Liu Cheng is also a key figure. Don't ignore this mental patient. After all, he is the only person who has seen the memoir of the killer!"" Zhao Yu said. "

Officer Wang nodded again.

"""Alright."" After explaining everything, Zhao Yu picked up the burger again and said,""if we still can't find anything after all this, it can only mean that my inference is wrong!"

"""When the time comes, we'll investigate according to our original line of thought!"

"""However, before you are 100% sure, do not miss out on any information! The truth often appears in a random place ..."" "

"Officer Wang nodded, then said to Zhao Yu,""master, you have to be careful. I heard that the case you're going to solve is not simple!"" "

"""Okay, don't ask too much about us. Just complete your task,"" Zhao Yu said, finishing his burger in a few bites.""Remember to let me know if there's any latest news!"""

"""I've already spoken to the criminal Division. Although I'm not in charge of this case, I still have the right to participate. So, you can report to me without worrying about leaking any information or having any authority ..."" "

"""Yes, yes, yes!"" Officer Wang pointed at the front desk and said,""you seem to be enjoying the food. How about ... You order a few more burgers?"" "

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"Half an hour later, Zhao Yu and the other Special Investigation Team members boarded the plane and sat in the first-class seats."

"Before the plane took off, Ran Tao, who was sitting next to Zhao Yu, suddenly said to Zhao Yu,""boss, there are some things I want to talk to you about. I went to the prison where Nong zhifa was locked up and had in-depth contact with the prison staff."" "

- ""They told me that ..." Ran Tao observed the environment, then continued vaguely, "in fact, most of the prisoners in the prison have some psychological problems, especially those who are felons!" "
- """So, it's actually quite common for Nong zhifa to have psychological problems."
- ""Think about it, a person sentenced to life in prison and lost his freedom. Even if he can live in prison, it's impossible for him not to have some negative emotions!"" "
- """Mm ..."" Zhao Yu listened carefully, while he recalled his prison days in his previous life. It was just as Ran Tao had said, as a prisoner, the probability of losing control of one's emotions was naturally higher than that of ordinary people. "
- ""They also told me that even if a prisoner had serious mental problems, as long as he didn't have violent or suicidal tendencies, the prison wouldn't be willing to report it!"
- """Because ..."" Ran Tao said in a low voice,""once the prisoner's family finds out about this, they will think that it was a mistake in the prison's supervision that caused the prisoner to lose control of his mind. At that time, they will inevitably complain or Sue, which will certainly affect the prison!"" "
- """So, I really can't say for sure what the reason is for Nong zhifa's problem!"" "
- """Hmm ..."" Zhao Yu sighed, then said,""I can understand what you're trying to say. Maybe I'm being too sensitive!"" "
- """Or perhaps, I'm not too comfortable seeing the murderer, Nong zhifa, die in peace ... "
- """Also, perhaps from my subjective opinion, I hope that a real murderer will appear and bring him to justice ... "
- """But ..."" Zhao Yu gritted his teeth and said,""for such a big case, we have to maintain a suspicious attitude! "
- """Until the moment we have concrete evidence, we must investigate every single suspicious point clearly before we can come to a final conclusion!"
- """So, we can't look at this case based on conventional thinking. After all, Nong zhifa's personality and trajectory don't match the diary of the killer. Furthermore, Liu Cheng has already confirmed that the case at the sanatorium was not done by Nong zhifa ..."" "
- """I see ..."" Ran Tao said.""It turns out that my worries were completely unnecessary. Boss had already looked through the case thoroughly!"" Amazing, amazing!"" "
- """Hehe, it's been a long time since I've heard bro Tao flatter me ..."" Zhao Yu's joke made the two of them look at each other and laugh. "
- "At that moment, the flight attendant reminded the passengers that the plane was about to take off and that everyone should be prepared ... "
- "Just as the plane was about to take off, Zeng ke received a message. He quickly turned around and handed his mobile phone to Zhao Yu."

"""Team leader, the autopsy report from the andu police station is out. The victim has been dead for three days. Due to the makeup, the body doesn't seem to have rotted too badly ..."" "

"""And ..."" Zeng ke pointed to a message on his mobile phone and said,""the cause of death has been investigated. The deceased was indeed poisoned to death. The poison in her body was tetramethylenedisulfoling tetramine, which is what we often call 'strong poisonous miasma'!"" "

"""I'll cut!"" Zhao Yu was surprised.""Poison rat Qiang? It's so ... Advanced!"" "

"""What's even more amazing is ..."""

"Zeng ke was about to explain the situation when the beautiful stewardess in the distance suddenly shouted at Zeng ke,""Sir, the plane is about to take off. Please return to your seat and keep your phone ..."" "

"""Oh ... Oh, oh ..."" Zeng ke quickly turned back and sat down. At the same time, the plane started to take off. "

Chapter 1836: The evil murderer

"When Zhao Yu was investigating the Beichuan devil case, he had entered the Western Sichuan Province, but he had never been to andu."

Andu was the capital of western Sichuan Province and the largest city in the southwest region of China.

"When Zhao Yu arrived by plane, it was already ten in the evening."

"The weather in andu was a little hotter than in Yaoming, and it was already summer."

"As he had already informed them beforehand, Zhao Yu didn't like to involve too many people, so the one who came to welcome them was only Zhang Ling, the criminal Police captain in charge of the ghost king case."

"When he first heard the name, Zhao Yu thought it was another female Captain of the criminal Police. However, after meeting her, he realized that Zhang Ling was not only a male Captain, but also a bald, middle-aged, greasy uncle."

"Now, Zhao Yu's reputation was well-known in the criminal investigation world. So, when the two parties met and introduced each other, Captain Zhang Ling was obviously nervous and even a little afraid."

"He had probably heard of Zhao Yu's unique detective thinking and his domineering temper. Therefore, Zhang Ling was very careful during the conversation, afraid that she would say something wrong and offend this detective."

"However, Zhang Ling was also a smart person. She must have done her homework in advance and knew that Zhao Yu didn't like too much social interaction and courtesy. So, when Zhao Yu got into the car, she immediately reported to him."

""The deceased's name is Niu jinkui. He was a teacher at Tong le art school who specialized in the zither."" Zhang Ling's voice was loud and clear, and her pronunciation was perfect. It was as if she had learned broadcasting and hosting before.""He's 62 years old this year. He used to be an actor in the Sichuan troupe and is proficient in all kinds of musical instruments ..."""

"""Oh?"" Zhao Yu was stunned.""Another opera singer?"" "

"""Sichuan Opera?"" Cui Lizhu interrupted and asked,""did you change your face?"" "

"""Mm ... Yeah, changing faces is just one of his skills ..."" Zhang Ling looked at cui Lizhu. She didn't dare to stay too long on this little beauty, so she continued to introduce,""Niu jinkui did perform on stage, but most of them were just small roles. His main job was still a musician!"

"""However, as a musician, he used to be quite famous in our local area and even appeared on Central TV's shows! However, this person's character wasn't very good. Ten years ago, he had a criminal record for soliciting prostitutes."

"""After that, he was caught having an affair with a married woman and his reputation plummeted. Not only did he get a divorce, but he was also fired from the troupe. He could only go to school to teach the zither ..."" "

"""Oh ..."" Ran Tao nodded and said,""it seems that this person is not easy to deal with!"" "

"""He's living alone now,"" Zhang Ling said.""That's why no one has reported his disappearance for so many days. The school had only called him when they saw that he was not at work, but his phone was turned off and they did not investigate further ... "

"""Also, the zither at the crime scene was also Niu jinkui 's! "

"""I heard that the gugin is very expensive. It's a handmade gugin ..."" "

"""Oh ... Then ... Have you searched the victim's house? Did you find anything?"" Zhao Yu asked a professional question. "

"""Yes,"" Zhang Ling replied hurriedly.""There was no suspicious trace in the victim's home. His cell phone, wallet, and other valuables were all missing, which means that the victim's home was not the first scene. He should have been kidnapped outside!"" "

"""Oh ..."" Zhao Yu thought for a moment, then asked,""so, that temple was the first scene of the crime?"" "

"""Yes, I am!"" Zhang Ling nodded and said,""it's the Guan Emperor temple. According to the forensic appraisal, that should be the first crime scene. The deceased was brought there by the murderer at night three days ago and then killed!"

"""According to the autopsy report, the deceased died of poisoning by TETS, which is what we often call poisoner. I believe ..."" Zhang Ling gestured to her mobile phone.""Have you read this report?"" "

"""Mm ..."" Zhao Yu nodded. "

""The murderer must have made ample preparations in advance," Zhang Ling said." The dissolution of spiked rat poison in water is very low, but he used a chemical reagent that contains traces of alcohol to dissolve it. Then, he injected it into the deceased's digestive and respiratory tract through an injection method, accelerating the poisoning speed!"

"""According to the forensic expert's estimation, after the victim was poisoned, he should have died within 15 minutes!"

"""If we take into account Niu jinkui's age and physical condition, perhaps the entire process of his death was less than five minutes!"" "

Zhao Yu immediately fell into deep thought.

"Zhang Ling waited for a while, and seeing that Zhao Yu was almost done with his thoughts, she continued," "Strong Poison rat is a very Strong Poison. Once used, there will be a lot of accidents. So in 1991, the production and sale of it were completely banned!"

"""After consuming the poison, the symptoms will be very serious. It can affect many systems in the human body, such as twitching and vomiting, until the loss of consciousness and the body stiffening!"

"""The forensic doctor said,"" Zhang Ling said,""the victim had obvious signs of being tied up. They suspected that when the victim died of poisoning, she was tied to the seat by the murderer. "

"""After the person died, their body would immediately become stiff and stick to the seat. So, after the person died, the murderer untied the rope ..."" "

"""Wow ..."" Hearing this, cui Lizhu couldn't help but say,""the murderer is really evil. I think there must be something wrong with his brain!"" "

"""Captain Zhang,"" Zeng ke asked Zhang Ling,""have you found the file on Tao Yulan's case? Was the poison Tao Yulan used also Strong Poison rat?"" "

"""Mm ... About that ..."" Zhang Ling looked at Zhao Yu uneasily, then said,""Tao Yulan's case happened in the early days of the liberation. At that time, andu was not part of the Western Sichuan provincial capital, so we have to go to Chongyang city to look for the relevant files!"

"""Yes, my colleagues over there are already looking for him ..."" "

"After that, Zhang Ling looked at Zhao Yu again. After seeing that Zhao Yu was not angry, she continued, ""It's definitely impossible for him to be strong with poison."

"""We've looked into it, and the drug was invented by Germany scientists in 1949. By 1953, it wasn't popular in our country yet, so...The poison Tao Yulan used was probably something else!"" "

"""After all, the two cases were 66 years apart ..."" Wu Xiumin said to Zhao Yu.""Team leader, I think we should focus on the case in front of us first!"" "

"""Mm ..."" Zhao Yu nodded, then asked Zhang Ling,""what was the situation at the crime scene? Did you find any witnesses or surveillance videos?"" "

"""This ... Um ..."" Zhang Ling hesitated for a moment and said helplessly,""we haven't found any witnesses yet. The scene of the crime was a demolition area, and the surveillance equipment there was damaged long ago!"" "

"""Then ... What about the car camera?"" Ran Tao interrupted and asked. "

"""There are only small alleys in the demolition area. Cars can't get in, so the car recording device won't work ... We can only investigate through the surveillance cameras on the main roads and some of the shops, but we haven't found any clues yet ..."" "

"""Hu ..."" Zhao Yu took a deep breath and said,""the fact that the murderer used a syringe shows that he was well prepared. He must have scouted the terrain!"" "

"""It seems like ... This time, we've met another expert!"" Zhao Yu thought for a while and said to Zhang Ling,""in that case, let's not go to the police station first, but go directly to the scene!"" "

## Chapter 1837: The crime scene

"When Zhao Yu and the others arrived at the crime scene, it was already dark."

"Due to the narrow roads in the neighborhood, they could only Park their car outside and walk in."

"Not only was a yellow line drawn outside the temple of Emperor Guan, but there were also many police officers on duty."

"Perhaps it was because this case was rather strange, so the number of police officers on duty far exceeded that of a normal case. There were more than a dozen of them."

"However, even so, Zhao Yu could clearly feel that these police officers ""expressions were not very natural. Obviously, they were still scared."

"Although the Guan Thearch temple had been renovated recently, it still looked particularly dilapidated. There was a foul smell coming from the temple, which made people uncomfortable."

"For this, Zhang Ling's police officers had specially prepared masks for Zhao Yu and the others, but Zhao Yu did not wear them."

"All the lights in the temple had long been damaged, so the police had prepared a few temporary lamps. When Zhao Yu entered, they were all turned on, and it was as bright as day."

"""This is the crime scene."" Zhang Ling brought Zhao Yu to the back of the statue and explained,""it was blocked by the statue, so it was not easy for people to enter the temple of Guan Emperor to notice!""

"""Then ..."" Zhao Yu looked at the scene and asked,""who found it?"" "

"""It rained heavily yesterday,"" Zhang Ling explained.""Director Zhang Yun from the demolition Department and his colleagues were investigating the neighborhood. The rain was too heavy, so they hid in the temple to take shelter from the rain. In the end, they found the victim!"" "

"""What time is it?"" Zhao Yu asked again. "

"""Around 12 o' clock in the afternoon,"" Zhang Ling said.""The police were called immediately after the victim was found. The police officers from the branch arrived at the scene first and then informed our city Police station ..."" "

"""Have you asked the residents?"" Zhao Yu continued to ask,""do people usually come here?"" "

"""Very few,"" Zhang Ling replied.""We've asked the housing Committee and the residents on the streets. They said that no one came to this temple to burn incense anymore. Although the door was open, only some truant students would come here to smoke or something ..."

"""We've already started going from house to house, and we've also sent a group of people to the nearby schools to ask around ..."" "

"Just as Zhang Ling was speaking, Zhao Yu took the photo of the crime scene and walked behind the statue. He then started to think seriously."

"Looking at Zhao Yu's serious expression, Zhang Ling wanted to say something, but she didn't dare to."

"""Don't worry about me ..."" Zhao Yu said without raising his head.""You can continue, I'm listening!""

"""Oh ..." Zhang Ling then continued,""the forensics department didn't find any suspicious fingerprints or skin tissue, and the fingerprints found on the zither were all from the deceased."

"""Also, the deceased was dressed up as a Taoist priest. The Taoist priest's clothes were not real Taoist priest clothes. From the fabric and style, it looked more like a costume for a TV show or performance."

"""We should also send people to find the channels. They will compare them one by one according to the composition of the fabric. However, there are many troupes and film companies in andu. They ... They ... They ... They meed some time ..."" "

"The reason why Zhang Ling was hesitating was because she noticed that Zhao Yu was sometimes standing, sometimes meditating, and in the end, he was even lying on the ground, which gave her goosebumps. This was the first time he had seen someone investigate a crime scene like this."

"""And ... And ..."" Zhang Ling could only continue with her introduction.""We also sent people to investigate the interpersonal relationships of the deceased Niu jinkui to see if it was a vendetta ..."" "

"""Revenge ..."" Cui Lizhu shook her head and said,""this case doesn't look like a revenge killing!"" "

"""Indeed ..."" Zeng ke nodded, then said,""it feels a bit like the case in France that our team leader mentioned before!"" "

"""You mean ... The oil painting murder case?"" Cui Lizhu felt the same way.""We thought about it together,"" she said.""I was thinking the same thing just now!"

"""Um ... Wu Xiumin,"" cui Lizhu turned to Wu Xiumin and asked,""what do you think?"" Did he feel that the deceased was more like a piece of art? Didn't they say that Ghost Culture is popular in wind peach Bay?"" "

"""It's hard to say now,"" Wu Xiumin said cautiously.""We have to look at the body again before we can do a profile. On the surface, this case is indeed different from a normal crime case ..."""

""Peach Bay is just a general term," Zhang Ling explained to cui Lizhu." In the past, it referred to the area Southeast of andu city, along the Jiang 'an River."

"""It's said that there was a large city here in the beginning, but it was later massacred, and all the people in the city were killed."

"""Some people who were lucky enough to escape later built a ghost temple to release the souls of the dead in order to pay tribute to the dead. Thus, a unique Ghost Culture was gradually formed ... "

""But ... The ghost Culture is actually all about persuading people to do good and do more good things, but it doesn't teach anyone to kill!"" "

"""So ..."" Cui Lizhu looked at Zhao Yu and whispered to the crowd,""I think this has something to do with the ghost king case from sixty-six years ago. I say, uncle ..."" Cui Lizhu turned to Zhang Ling and asked,""about Tao Yulan, have you found anything?"" "

"""Does Tao Yulan have any descendants? Could it be that his descendants wanted to fulfill Tao Yulan's last wish?"" "

"""Um ... Well ..."" Zhang Ling looked embarrassed.""We ... We haven't found anything yet. It's been too long. We need time ..."""

"""Tao Yulan was an opera singer,"" cui Lizhu said.""The victim who died now was also an opera singer. In my opinion, is there a notice or something? To give a warning to all the opera singers? "

"""I bet this case won't end just like this ..."" "

"After cui Lizhu finished speaking, she suddenly realized that she had made a mistake and quickly covered her mouth."

"Although her worries were reasonable, it was obviously not appropriate to say it in such a public place. It would be beneath her status as a special investigator."

"Sure enough, all the police officers present gave cui Lizhu strange looks, and the scene became a little awkward."

"""Captain Zhang,"" Zhao Yu finally recovered from his trance and said to Zhang Ling,""our agent cui's reminder is not without reason, but ... In the current situation, it's obvious that we can't just rely on reminders. The most important thing now is to catch the murderer as soon as possible! "

"""How about this ..."" Zhao Yu said seriously.""Since the murderer was so meticulous, I believe that he must have put in a lot of effort on the deceased, Niu jinkui."

"""So, you sent someone to find all the surveillance videos related to Niu jinkui in the past month. Observe and compare them one by one, and deduce the videos to see if anyone was following or secretly paying attention to him?"" "

"""Oh! ""I understand, I understand ..."" Zhang Ling wiped the cold sweat from her forehead and nodded.""I'll arrange for someone to do it now!"" "

"""Also,"" Zhao Yu said again,""get someone to thoroughly check Niu jinkui's WeChat and address book to see if there are any suspicious people or messages."

"""Finally, we still have to investigate the video of Niu jinkui that was taken on the night of the crime. Let's see how Niu jinkui was kidnapped by the murderer that night ..."" "

"""We're already working on that ..."" Zhang Ling nodded.""Don't worry!"" ""Then ..."" He raised his head and asked Zhao Yu,""are you going to the police station to check the body?"" "

"""Go!"" Zhao Yu said,""but, there's one more thing that I hope you can help me with!"" "

"""Oh? What was it? Please give me your orders!"" "

"""Can you please show me the record of the ghost king?"" Zhao Yu said.""I still don't know who the ten ghosts recorded in the book are!"" "

"""At the very least, we have to know who the next ghost king is, right?"" "

### Chapter 1838: There's a problem

"In the middle of the night, when Zhao Yu and the others finished examining the bodies and walked out of the autopsy room, cui Lizhu shivered. She then held Wu Xiumin's arm tightly and said, "

""Big sister Wu, I don't care. Let's stay in the same room tonight. It's too scary. I don't dare to sleep alone anymore!"" "

"Ran Tao patted Zeng ke on the shoulder and said,""I heard that Zhang Peipei will only arrive tomorrow. So, let's share a room tonight!"" "

"Zeng ke had the same idea, so he nodded."

"""Hmph,"" Zhao Yu reproached her in disdain,""look at you all, how scared are you? What special investigator? Wouldn't he become a laughingstock if this were to spread? It's just a murder case ... Seriously!"" "

"Then, Zhao Yu turned around and said to Captain Zhang Ling," Captain Zhang, don't spend so much money tonight. Just arrange a three-person room for me, Ran Tao, and Zeng ke!" "

l'll ...

"Everyone was shocked by Zhao Yu's words. Captain Zhang Ling almost twisted her waist. After a long time, she quickly nodded and agreed,""Okay, okay, I'll immediately inform the hotel to change your room!"" "

"""Mm ..."" In order to ease the awkwardness, Zhao Yu gestured to Zhang Ling. The two came to the corner of the corridor, and Zhao Yu whispered,""to be honest, Captain Zhang, the criminal Division arranged for me to investigate this case. You should understand how important it is to the higher-ups, right?"" "

"""Yes, yes, yes, I understand ..."" Zhang Ling didn't know what Zhao Yu was going to say, so she listened carefully and nodded in agreement."

"""The ghost king case has a big impact on people's hearts, so the higher-ups hope that it can be dealt with in a low-key manner,"" Zhao Yu said.""Especially since this case is related to the case from sixty-six years ago, and the media nowadays is so unreliable, if it were to spread out, the consequences ... Do you understand?"" "

""I understand, I understand."" Zhang Ling nodded quickly.""Don't worry, our bureau chief has already had an internal meeting. All the criminal Police officers and related personnel involved in the case must keep it strictly confidential and disclose it to the public."

"""Now, the outside world only knows that there was a murder in the Guan Emperor temple in wind peach Bay, but the matter about the ghost king has definitely not been spread out ..."" "

"""Mm ... That's good! ""That's good ..."" Zhao Yu straightened up and said,""I hope we can catch the murderer as soon as possible!"" If there's another case, it won't be easy to handle ..."" "

"""I understand. We will do our best and listen to your instructions ..."" Zhang Ling promised, then handed a file box to Zhao Yu.""Oh, this is the record of the ghost king that you asked me for before. As the museum needs to apply strictly, we entrusted them to scan the original!"

"""But ... It's all in traditional Chinese, so it might take some effort for you to read it. You can read it first. I've already found a relevant expert to translate a new book for you. It will be done by tomorrow ...""

"""Oh ... Thank you for your hard work!"" In any case, Zhao Yu was very satisfied with Captain Zhang's working attitude. Compared to the police officers in Xiangjiang, he was much more proactive. "

"""It's nothing, it's nothing. It's my duty. By the way,"" Zhang Ling said,""this 'record of the ghost king' is a little damaged because of its age. "

"""Also, this book is divided into three volumes, one top, one middle, and one bottom. Each volume records different kinds of ghosts. The first two volumes are about malicious ghosts like Ox-Head and Horse-Face, or Yaksha and Painted Skin. When you're reading, just focus on the third volume!"" "

"""Oh?"" Driven by his curiosity, Zhao Yu opened the folder and flipped through it. As expected, it was divided into three volumes."

""This third volume records the famous ghosts who died unjustly in our country's ancient times. There are a total of ten of them," Zhang Ling explained." Some of these ghosts who died unjustly came from folklore, some were recorded in 'liaozhai', 'God searching records', or other ancient books."

"""When Tao Yulan killed people, she dressed up the first five of these ghosts, and this one in the Guan Emperor temple disguised as a Daoist just happened to be the sixth!"

"""So, Madam cui was right. The two cases should be related!"" "

Hmm ...

"Zhao Yu quickly looked through the book and quickly found the place marked with the words ""champion." He flipped through the book and saw an ancient illustration."

"In the illustration, there was a strange woman in red. The woman should be wearing a wedding dress. Her head was covered with red silk, and her face could not be seen."

What was even more terrifying was that the woman was carrying a white swaddled baby in her arms!

"Although the illustration wasn't very clear, at first glance, it still made one's scalp go numb and feel uncomfortable all over."

""This ghost was called the daughter of the Dou family," Zhang Ling introduced." Because she got pregnant before marriage, she was abandoned by the man. After giving birth to the child, she went to the man's house with the child, but was beaten to death by the man's family. From then on, she became a malicious ghost! "

"""After she became a ghost, she went to seduce those unfaithful men and absorbed their Yang Qi, turning them into mummies ..."" "

"""Wow ... This story ..."" Zhao Yu touched his chest.""I feel like I've heard it somewhere before!"" "

"""Yes, the lady of the Dou clan is from liaozhai!"" Zhang Ling replied,""because this story is more tragic, we didn't dare to use it when we were filming the TV series back then!"" "

"""So ..."" Zhao Yu pointed to the record of the ghost king in his hand and said,""this book should be after liaozhai?"" "

"""No!"" Zhang Ling said with certainty,""records of the ghost king should have been completed in the Ming Dynasty. At that time, there was no liaozhai yet!"

"""I think that the strange stories from liaozhai were adapted from the folk stories that the author had collected, so ... It's very likely that the stories in liaozhai had borrowed from 'record of the ghost king', or from other channels ..."" "

"""Oh,"" Zhao Yu said admiringly.""It seems that Captain Zhang has done his homework. You have even studied these small details ..."" "

"""Oh ... You're flattering me ..."" Zhang Ling was flattered and quickly explained,""actually, in the andu police station, we all know about the ghost king case from sixty-six years ago! "

"""So, after this case, we were afraid that it would continue, so we read"" record of the ghost king "early on ..."" "

"""Mm, you're scheming! Zhao Yu sighed.""It seems that we really have to hurry up! The next ghost king case could happen at any time!"" "

"""Yes!"" Zhang Ling saluted.""I've already informed all the teams to take turns to rest and investigate!"" "

"Zhao Yu turned to Zeng ke and said,""tonight, Zeng ke and I will be on duty. The rest of you can rest!""

"""Don't ... Don't play with me, okay?"" Ran Tao said awkwardly.""You two keep an eye on the class while I go to sleep alone?"" No, we'll go through thick and thin together. I strongly request that I watch the class with you two!"" "

"Hearing this, everyone looked at each other and laughed."

"Ten minutes later, Zhao Yu and the other two men arrived at the office that the local police station had specially prepared for them. The three of them did not stay idle, but immediately started their investigation."

"Those who were looking for information were looking for information, and those who were watching videos were watching videos. As usual, Zhao Yu began to write his case investigation ideas on the whiteboard."

"However, after writing for a few minutes, he suddenly realized a problem and hurriedly said to Zeng ke,"" "

"""Zeng ke, take a good look at the video recording of the deceased, Niu jinkui, that day. It seems ..."" "

"""What's wrong, boss?"" ""You didn't find any clues so quickly, did you?"" Ran Tao asked. "

""No, I'm just a little curious ..." Zhao Yu said." If the zither was the deceased 's, Niu jinkui' s, and the murderer didn't go to the deceased's home, then ... How did this zither arrive at the crime scene?" "

Zeng ke and ran Tao were still trying to understand Zhao Yu's meaning.

"Zhao Yu continued," if Niu jinkui was kidnapped by the murderer at night, then ... What about Qin?" Did he go out in the middle of the night with his zither on his back?" "

Chapter 1839: Pay attention to your character

"""Boss ..."" Ran Tao was holding a yellowed file and asked Zhao Yu, who was reading the record of the ghost king.""What do you think Tao Yulan did back then?"" "

"""Could it be ... He's like this Niu jinkui and also sings Sichuan Opera?"" "

"Seeing that Zhao Yu was ignoring him, he continued to talk to himself,""Do you think Tao Yulan was really wronged?"

"""The murderer got away scot-free and found a successor? Is this the murderer?"""

"""Tao, please ..."" Zeng ke, who was looking at the computer on the other side, couldn't help but say,""we haven't found the information from that year yet!"" You'd better not guess randomly, lest you lead our team leader's thoughts astray ..."" "

"""Okay ..."" Ran Tao put down the file in his hand, picked up a new box, and continued to do his work."

"""Tsk tsk ..."" At this time, Zhao Yu also put the ""record of the ghost king"" that he had read countless times on the table and said disappointedly,""I thought that I could find the murderer's motive in the book! "

""But the book only described the stories of those who died unjustly. It didn't explain anything ..." Zhao Yu said.""I'm really curious, what was the murderer's purpose in killing people?""

"""Cui said,"" Ran Tao couldn't help but start to talk about Zhao Yu again.""This case is very similar to the murder case in the oil painting in France. Could it be that some crazy artist wanted to put on a living ghost king show?"" "

"""Live ghost king performance?"" Zeng ke covered his face.""You're really good at naming!"" "

"""Well ... That's not entirely wrong ..."" Zhao Yu pondered this for a moment, then said,""but ... Just like before, ever since I saw the crime scene, I've been feeling that something is wrong ..."" "

"""Oh? What's wrong?"" Zeng ke asked. "

"""If I had known,"" Zhao Yu said, pointing to his face,""I wouldn't have this expression now! But I think ... The murderer's motive should be different from the oil painting murder case. "" "

"""Boss, don't think too much about it,"" Ran Tao said.""Maybe it's not that complicated. Maybe a guy who studied the ghost Culture went crazy and wanted to kill people to release the souls of the dead, or maybe he wanted to ascend by himself!"" "

"""Didn't the movie also show this?"

"""In my opinion, we should ask the bald Captain to check with the relevant experts. Maybe the murderer is among them!"" "

"""Brother Tao, please ..."" Zeng ke cupped his fists at Ran Tao.""He's the captain of the criminal Police. You can't just give him a random nickname."" If this gets out, how bad would that be?"" "

""That's right, that's right!" Zhao Yu agreed with Zeng ke's suggestion, then immediately scolded Ran Tao." Zeng, you're right. We, who are here to work on cases, should pay attention to our character!" "

"""Yes, yes!"" Ran Tao covered his face in shame. "

"""Where were we just now?"" Zhao Yu recalled what he had said before, then clapped his hands and said to Ran Tao,""but, I think brother Tao's suggestion is good. I'll call the bald Captain now and ask him to check on the experts who study Ghost Culture ..."" "

Pfft ...

"Zeng ke had just taken a sip of water, but he spat it out ... "

Ran Tao also almost fell to the ground ...

"""Sorry, I'm sorry. It's a slip of the tongue ..."" Zhao Yu patted his mouth.""We have to pay attention to our manners ..."""

"In order to ease the awkwardness, Zhao Yu quickly asked Zeng ke,""""How is it, little Zeng? have you found any clues about the zither?"" "

""No..." Zeng ke replied.""In the video that night, you can see that Niu jinkui left his residential area at nineo' clock in the evening. When he went out, you can clearly see that he did not bring the zither with him.""

""Then ... What happened after that?"" Zhao Yu asked again," did she disappear after leaving the neighborhood?"" "

"""Yes,"" Zeng ke said.""There was a blind spot outside the neighborhood, and then he disappeared. No one has ever captured him again."" "

""Then, there should be a car that took him away ..." Ran Tao said.""We can catch suspicious vehicles according to Niu jinkui's walking speed, and then screen them one by one!"""

"""I know."" Zeng ke nodded.""Bald ... Oh ... Captain Zhang Ling has already sent someone to investigate!"" "

"After saying that, Zeng ke's forehead was covered in sweat, and he quickly wiped it away."

"""Have you checked the call records?"" Zhao Yu asked again,""did Niu jinkui call anyone before?"" "

"""Yes,"" Zeng ke replied.""After Sixo' clock in the evening, Niu jinkui only received two phone calls. One of them was to his sister, asking about the performance."

"""Niu jinkui's older sister works in a troupe. Sometimes, she would introduce him to some jobs that can earn him quick money."

"""The other phone call was from the residential property management, but Niu jinkui didn't answer it,"" Zeng ke said.""Captain Zhang has already sent someone to verify it. The residential property management asked him to pay the overdue property fees."

"""I called him at that time because someone saw him. "

"""The property management said that Niu jinkui has already owed them a year's worth of property fees. Every time he urged them to pay, he would use the excuse that he was overseas to refuse. That's why the property management called him at that time ..."" "

"Ran Tao shook his head and said,""it seems that this guy has no manners!"" "

""The technique is very professional ..." Zhao Yu frowned and said," so, you still haven't solved the problem of the guqin!" "

"""Yes,"" Zeng ke said.""Captain Zhang has sent people to investigate, but no one knows where Niu jinkui's zither was."

"""But ..."" Zeng ke said,""I just received the latest news. Through the video team's confirmation, Niu jinkui used to go to a small bathing center in the peaceful Park area at least three times a week. He even applied for a card there!"" "

"""Holy sh \* t, it seems that Niu jinkui's bad habits are hard to change,"" Ran Tao said.""That bathing center must not be very clean, right?"" "

"""Right!"" Zeng ke said,""now, Captain Zhang has sent someone to investigate. We should be able to get some new information soon."" "

"Ran Tao clapped his hands and said,""look at him! He's 62 years old, but he's still strong!"" "

""That is to say ..." Zhao Yu said," on the night that Niu jinkui was killed, he might have wanted to go to the bathing center? No one is trying to lure him?" "

""The possibility is very high!" Zeng ke said," Niu jinkui doesn't have a car, and it's not good for him to ride an electric bike or bicycle. Usually, when he goes out, he either takes the bus or takes a taxi! "

"""I've just checked, there's a night bus from the community where Niu jinkui lives to the bath center. It only costs two Yuan!"

"""Captain Zhang and the others have already obtained the video of all the buses that night,"" Zeng ke said.""But so far, they have not found any video of Niu jinkui."" "

"""It seems that ..."" Ran Tao analyzed,""Niu jinkui must have left the community and then got into an accident when he went to the bus stop!"" "

"""Boss,"" Ran Tao volunteered,""I'm the best at this kind of thing. Leave it to me tomorrow!"" "

"""I can look for the cars that passed by the road that night through the surveillance cameras on the road. Then, I can check the dashcam of these cars one by one. Maybe I can find something!"" "

"""Okay, then you can do it tomorrow ..."" Zhao Yu agreed, then said,""in addition to Niu jinkui's neighborhood, you have to follow this method and investigate the areas near the crime scene!"" "

"""The murderer committed the crime late at night. At that time, there were very few vehicles on the road, so it should be easier to find out ..."" He said. "

"""Okay, no problem."" Ran Tao saluted him.""Just ..."" "

## Chapter 1840: The eighteen levels of hell

"Andu city, wind peach Bay Area, by the Jiang an River, stood a man-made building Scenic Area of 30000 square meters. It was called the resplendent ghost city."

"The building was built in 2010 by the local government to develop tourism, and then it was transferred to an individual."

"According to the blueprint of the local Ghost Culture, the scenic Area had Yama's Palace, the bridge of helplessness, and other netherworld buildings. There were also performances in between to attract tourists."

"However, whether it was in terms of scale or history, there was a huge gap between this ghost city and the ghost city in yedu, which was hundreds of miles away. Hence, it was affectionately called ""little ghost city" by the locals!"

"The tourists who came here to visit were basically all on the side of their trip to andu. Therefore, even during the peak season, there were not many tourists here."

"For example, today, it was not until 10 am that a group of dozens of people from the sunset glow tour group came to visit."

"The attraction guide was holding a microphone and seemed to be explaining with all his might, but from his lazy eyes, it could be seen that he had long been tired of this unstable job."

"After leading the elderly tourists around the ghost city, they finally entered the last attraction in the scenic Area."

""Everyone," after entering the attraction, the guide said according to the usual explanation, "this is the legendary 18 levels of hell!"

"""That's why I say, one should never do anything bad or guilty. Otherwise, when you go to the netherworld, you'll have to suffer in the eighteen levels of hell ..."" "

"As he spoke, he led the tourists into the gloomy Hall. Inside the hall were some three-dimensional portraits that were slightly smaller than real people, showing the miserable state of sinners being tortured."

"""Look ..."" The guide pointed to one of the group of portraits and said,""this is the hell of tongue-pulling. As the saying goes, trouble comes from the mouth. We must not be gossipmongers. Otherwise, these people who sowed discord, slandered others, and lied when they were alive will be sent here to be punished!"" "

"""Look, the kids are using pincers to pull out the sinner's tongue. They can't pull it out in one go, but they can pull it out long ... Isn't it scary ..."""

"Although they knew it was fake, the tourists were still frightened and didn't dare to say anything."

"""Here ..."" As they moved on, the guide introduced to the next group,""this is the hell of scissors. If a woman is a widow and you persuade her to marry again, then in the netherworld, the little ghost will cut off your ten fingers ... "

"""Look at the hell of trees of steel. This place is designed to deal with those who drive a wedge between others. The trees are all filled with sharp knives. No one would want to be tied to such a tree ... "

"""This is the hell of the mirror of sins. If someone uses connections to escape punishment in the world of the living, they will be arranged to look into a mirror here. As long as they look into the mirror, their original crimes will be revealed ..."" "

"""Hmm ..."" Suddenly, an old man behind them could not help but speak. He patted the guide's shoulder and pointed to a figure in the hell of mirrors of sins.""Tour guide, what's up with this woman?"" Is there a mistake?""

"With the old man's reminder, everyone looked over and saw that there was an additional woman in the portrait!"

"The woman was about the size of a real person, and at first glance, she didn't fit in with the mud statuettes in the scenic Area."

"What was even weirder was that the woman in red was sitting next to the brat and the person who was being punished. Although she was facing the tourists, her face was covered with a fiery red veil, like a bride in ancient times."

"However, despite being a bride, she was carrying a baby swaddled in white cloth in her arms!"

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"""This ..."" "
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"The guide was very familiar with this place. When he saw this new portrait, he couldn't help but complain in his heart. He thought that the staff of the scenic Area had made a mistake and moved the portraits from other places here."

"However, a few seconds later, he suddenly jolted and realized that something was wrong. There was no such person in the entire Scenic Area. Moreover, there was definitely no one the size of a real person!"

This ...

"Out of curiosity, he took a step forward almost subconsciously and reached out to take off the red veil on the woman's head."

Whoosh ...

"After the veil was taken off, all the tourists present were shocked!"

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"""Oh oh oh ..."" "
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They all retreated in shock.

"""What ... What the hell is this?"" The guide's reaction was a little slow. He held the red veil in his hand and looked at the woman's face carefully for a few seconds before he said with uncertainty,""this ... This can't be a person, right?"" "

"After that, he turned around to look at the tourists, but he saw that the tourists had already taken out their mobile phones and cameras and were taking photos ... "

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"An hour and a half later, Zhao Yu, Zhang Ling, and the others arrived at the crime scene in ghost city."

"""What? Geezer GE, I'll dig out your earwax!"" Although Zhao Yu was present, Captain Zhang Ling was still angry and shouted at the guide,""you let them take photos! Where is he?"" "

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"""Let's go ..."" The guide was pale with fear.""Let's go ..."" "
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"""F \* ck you ..."" Zhang Ling was so angry that she raised her hand to hit him, but when she saw Zhao Yu, she clenched her fist and roared,""get it back! Don't let a single photo leak out!"" "

"""If things get out of hand, you won't be able to escape responsibility!"" "

"""Yes! ""Yes, yes, yes, I'll go now, I'll go now ..."" The guide was about to leave, but was pulled back by Zhao Yu. "

"""Alright, it's too late!"" Zhao Yu then said to Ran Tao,""tell Zeng ke to contact the internet security team!"" "

"""Understood!"" Ran Tao quickly picked up the phone. "

"Zhao Yu turned around and said to the leaders of the scenic Area,""Hurry up and contact the travel agency to see which team it was. Stop them! Otherwise, your Scenic Area will be closed for good. Who would dare to visit your place in the future?"" "

"""Yes!"" The leader of the scenic Area quickly nodded.""We've already contacted them. I didn't expect ... I didn't expect it to blow up so much ..."" "

""Team leader Zhao ..." Zhang Peipei, who was examining the body, suddenly said to Zhao Yu," come over and take a look. The deceased is a man!" "

"Since the completion of the Xiangjiang case, Zhang Peipei had not followed Zhao Yu and the others to Yaoming, but returned to the criminal Division."

"This morning, she had just rushed over, but she did not expect such a case to happen before she could put away her luggage."

"""What? Male?"" Zhao Yu was shocked, and so were the others. "

"The crowd came forward to take a closer look, and indeed, they saw the Adam's apple on the deceased's neck."

"""This ... What's going on?"" Zhang Ling frowned.""Why is it a man?"" "

"""Leader, Captain,"" at this time, a local forensic doctor said to Zhao Yu,""the face of the deceased is hideous, and the body is stiff. There were traces of her being tied up before. From the surface, it should be the same as the case in the temple of Guan!"" "

"""Hmm ..."" Zhang Ling sighed.""You don't have to tell me."" Al! The thing we were most worried about still happened! "

"""It's been less than four days,"" Zhang Ling said gloomily,""that's too fast!"" "