

**Chapter 191: The Possibility of Turning Enemies Into Friends**

If Team Leader Qu's departure was sudden, then Miao Ying's arrival was even more unexpected. Actually, in a place like the Key Case Investigation Unit, where news travelled fast, people would usually hear something whenever there was going to be some major personnel changes. However, there had been no sign of Miao Ying's arrival. Not only did the normal agents not know about it, but even Mao Wei and Liu Changhu were completely unaware. Besides them, even Bureau Chief Luan Xiaoxiao, who led Miao Ying in and introduced her, had also been unprepared. It was only when Bureau Chief Zhou called her shortly before that she got to know the news. Prior to that, she had no idea that there would be someone taking over as Team B's leader so soon.

Because of this, Miao Ying's sudden arrival caused the atmosphere to be a little awkward. For the past few days, the agents had guessed who could be the next team leader of Team B. Some felt that in terms of seniority, Peng Xin could be transferred over, or it could be one of the few senior agents in Team B getting promoted. However, no one had thought that the higher-ups would transfer a newbie from the faraway Ruyang Branch to become the team leader! Also, when everyone heard that Miao Ying was previously a criminal investigation team captain, they became even more puzzled and wary.

Although there was some awkward silence, the normal proceedings still had to be done. After Bureau Chief Luan's introduction, Miao Ying also briefly introduced herself and said that she would work hard with everyone and hoped for everyone's support, etc.

After some polite and conventional verbal exchanges, the ongoing case analysis meeting on the Mianling Case continued. Miao Ying did not consider herself as an outsider. She pulled up a chair and sat in the middle of everyone, and started to listen carefully to Mao Wei's thoughts on the investigation.

Actually, there was nothing new about what Mao Wei's had to say. He simply copied everything from Qu Ping before her death, and even the information on the whiteboard had not been moved. After Zhao Yu listened carefully for a while, he realized that the clue on Cheng Sanli, which he had gotten from Yang Wentao, had been forsaken. Over the last few days while Zhao Yu had not been at work, the agents investigated Cheng Sanli in detail, and also found a copy of the silver mine contract that year on Yang Wentao's computer. The date on the contract proved that Cheng Sanli contracted the silver mines thirty years ago.

Another piece of information also showed that after Cheng Sanli contracted the silver mines that year, he had dug out silver and became richer. With this, it could be deduced that Cheng Sanli was already very rich before the Mianling Case happened! The possibility of him being the Mianling kidnapper was very slim.

After hearing this, Zhao Yu could not help but feel disappointed. If the clue on Cheng Sanli did not work out, then he was only left with his last hope, which was the truth behind Qu Ping's death! Therefore, Zhao Yu decided that he still had to follow his original plan, which was to use the last lie detector on Hou Meng and get to the bottom of things.

As Miao Ying had just arrived and was still not familiar with the agents, she returned to Team B after the case analysis meeting for a quick introductory meeting with her team members before knocking off early.

As for Zhao Yu's Team A, it was very lively. Everyone felt happy about Zhao Yu's return and kept asking him for a treat. However, Zhao Yu's mind was on investigating the case, and he used the fact that he needed to remove the stitches on his head as an excuse, saying that it was no big deal for him to treat everyone and that he would take everyone out to a good meal after he fully recovered.

After knocking off, Zhao Yu was not in the mood for lunch. He asked Li Beini to help him make an appointment at the detention center. He planned to get there immediately to interrogate Hou Meng.

On the way to the detention center, he felt unsettled. Too many things had happened recently, and he felt that there always seemed to be an invisible force stopping him from investigating the case! Whenever he wanted to put in his whole heart to investigate the case, some kind of accident would happen. He really had no idea if another misfortune would happen!

Also, Miao Ying's sudden arrival caught him by surprise. Although he appeared proud and annoying in front of Miao Ying, he always felt a strange sense of emptiness whenever Miao Ying left. Initially, he felt that he had lots of things to say to Miao Ying, but after seeing her, he could not control himself and only knew how to argue with her!

Tsk tsk... Zhao Yu guessed that Miao Ying suddenly becoming his colleagues could have brought back his lovesickness. His mind was filled with Miao Ying's valiance, and her soft red lips...

"Tsk tsk... since I have the chance to see Miao Renfeng everyday, does that mean that I'll have more chances with her? Or do I have a higher chance of being beaten up by her?" he wondered.

Zhao Yu finally reached Rongyang Detention Center while letting his thoughts run wild; however, his colleagues at the detention center told him that a female police officer from Rongyang Branch was already interrogating Hou Meng.

Eh? Zhao Yu was surprised and quickly looked at the visitor records. Miao Xiaoying's name suddenly appeared on the paper.

"It's her!? Are you kidding me? Isn't this too coincidental? What's going on? I'm here to interrogate Hou Meng because I have important things to ask! What about her? Why is she here to interrogate Hou Meng? Could it be..." Zhao Yu was no fool and he suddenly seemed to become aware of something. "This Miao Ying...don't tell me...her purpose is the same as mine? She's also investigating the truth behind Qu Ping's death? Oh..." Zhao Yu quickly understood that there probably was some special purpose as to why Miao Ying was suddenly transferred to Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit, and even demoted to Qu Ping's position!

"No wonder no one knew about this beforehand! Then...Since this is the case..." Zhao Yu looked at his watch, it was now fifteen past twelve noon. He calculated inside him, "Knocked off at eleven fifty at the police station, Miao Ying reached here at eleven fifty-five, that means she has not had lunch, and also she just started interrogating Hou Meng and will not be out so soon." Therefore, Zhao Yu pondered carefully and thought of the "Kan-Zhen" hexagram today, which made him come to a plan quickly. If his

plan worked, not only could he get clues from Hou Meng, he could also improve his relationship with Miao Ying and there was even the possibility of them turning from enemies to friends!

Therefore, Zhao Yu first gave Pizza Hut a call and ordered two sets of takeout, and then sat on the long bench outside the interrogation room and waited patiently. Five minutes later, the delivery came on time. Eight minutes later, Miao Ying who had finished interrogating Hou Meng came out from the interrogation room and saw Zhao Yu with takeout in his hand!

Miao Ying naturally refused to accept. She glared at Zhao Yu and yelled, “Zhao Yu, you find this interesting? Why did you follow me?”

“Keke.” Zhao Yu was not surprised. “I knew you would say that! But if I tell you, it’ll be the same situation as me bumping into Zhang from your department at Yulangdian that time—it’s just a coincidence. What do you think?” Miao Ying shook her head impatiently before leaving, without even saying a “I can’t be bothered with you.”

“Captain Miao!” Zhao Yu was still holding the takeout and said confidently, “Oh, it should be Team Leader Miao now! Let me guess, you did not get a satisfactory answer when you interrogated Hou Meng just now, right?” After hearing that Zhao Yu had some hidden meaning in his words, Miao Ying suddenly stopped walking, but did not turn her head back.

“Keke, do you remember how I interrogated Liu Pengfei? Zhao Yu smiled. “I’ve prepared for a long time for today’s interrogation! Perhaps I can be of some help!” This time, Miao Ying was obviously moved. Thinking back on Zhao Yu’s amazing performance when he interrogated Liu Pengfei, she could not help but turn her head back. Zhao Yu handed her the takeout. “Team Leader Miao, quickly take a bite! After eating, our second collaboration is gonna begin!!”

## **Chapter 192: Conscious Hypnosis**

Due to her agreement with Zhao Yu, once Miao Ying finished up her interrogation, Hou Meng was not directly sent back to his cell, but stayed in the interrogation room in the detention center.

To show his own sincerity, Zhao Yu invited Miao Ying to watch his interrogation. Miao Ying also wanted to see just how good Zhao Yu was as the “Interrogation Expert,” and agreed readily.

Hou Meng’s face was covered with scrape wounds, looking especially awful. His leg was wrapped in thick bandages. There were clear signs of surgery where he had been shot.

Miao Ying had just finished her interrogation. When Hou Meng saw her, he craned his neck and spoke impatiently, “Hey, are you guys done yet? I’ve already said everything I know. Just what do you guys want with me? I really don’t remember anything! Even if you guys don’t mind this, I do! If you guys keep going like this, I won’t cooperate anymore! Especially you, girly, how dare you slap me! Watch out for my reports once I get out of this business!”

Miao Ying had not even sat down properly. When she heard this she immediately stood up again, and turned off the security camera. In one stride, she stood in front of Hou Meng and spoke coldly. “It seems like your wound opened again! Why is it bleeding again?”

“What?” Hou Meng looked down, then shook his head in confusion. “What do you mean? It’s not bleeding?” Just as Hou Meng looked up, Miao Ying’s hand was already headed toward his wound!!

“Ah?!” Zhao Yu was quite sharp. He already knew what Miao Ying was trying to do and immediately rushed over from the desk to restrain her. “You! Don’t get too excited, you don’t have to yet! Calm down, calm down!”

Hou Meng finally understood what was happening. If Miao Ying managed to get a hold of him, he was guaranteed to end up in the hospital again. Hou Meng’s face blanched in fear as he yelled, “You...You guys...What are you guys trying to do? Are you guys trying to coerce me into saying something by using violence? Misusing force? I want my lawyer! I—”

“Kid, can you shut up?” As Zhao Yu tried to block Miao Ying, he shouted at Hou Meng impatiently, “Can’t you see I can barely hold her back?”

Zhao Yu used all his strength to finally push Miao Ying to the side as he tried to placate her. “Team Leader Miao! I’m trying to interrogate the criminal! Can you not add more work for me? If you open his injury again, he’ll have to get surgery again. These are tax payer’s dollars! I’ll try to control the situation. Go ahead and go sit down and listen, okay?”

But right after Zhao Yu finished calming down Miao Ying, Hou Meng fearlessly aimed more insults at Zhao Yu instead. “Kid, I know you. You aren’t some good kid either! I’ve seen it all! You were the one that shot my leg! I couldn’t resist but you shot me purposely! It was on purpose! I’m telling you, once we’re in the court, I’m going to report this word by word—”

“F\*cking holy sh\*t!” When Zhao Yu heard him, his temper immediately flared up. He raised his leg and aimed a kick straight at Hou Meng’s thigh! Thankfully Miao Ying had fast reflexes and quickly pulled him back. The tip of Zhao Yu’s feet brushed lightly against Hou Meng’s bandages.

This scared Hou Meng terribly. Sweat fell from his head like rain. He looked fearfully at the man and woman in front of him; these two looked like quite the gentleman and lady together, yet they were unexpectedly fierce!

“Sorry, sorry!” Zhao Yu realized his mistake and immediately patted down his police uniform. He said calmly, “That was unprofessional of me! Hehe. Team Leader Miao, let’s start quickly! Cough, cough.” With Zhao Yu’s awkward coughing, the two finally returned to their seats across Hou Meng.

“Hou Meng,” Zhao Yu eased in for a bit, but immediately entered the main topic, “listen to me. The two of us aren’t actually responsible for this case. Today we’re here not to force a confession from you, but to find the truth! If you really aren’t the murderer, then we will uncover the truth and restore your innocence! So, from some angle, we’re actually here to help you!”

Zhao Yu’s words came straight like a bullet, confusing Hou Meng mildly. He considered it for a while before asking in confusion, “Officer, I don’t even know if I killed her or not. How would you know?”

“B\*llshit!” Zhao Yu could lie with a straight face and spoke without a pause, “I’m a professional hypnotist. In a bit, as long as you answer my questions and follow my instructions, I can understand what happened that day!”

When Zhao Yu finished talking, Miao Ying almost staggered in her seat. She rolled her eyes at him, clearly judging him. How could he just lie without blinking like that?

“Hypnotist?” Hou Meng looked both shocked and suspicious, and slightly worried.

“Kid, you don’t believe me? Hehehe...” Zhao Yu simply smiled sneakily. “Could it be that you forgot how I caught you?”

“Ah?!” When he heard Zhao Yu, Hou Meng immediately shivered as he remembered. Right, when he was captured, he clearly saw a bicycle coming toward him at high speed, yet there was no one riding it! He thought the bicycle was possessed! Could it be?

“Yes! Exactly!” Zhao Yu spoke as if he already knew what the other was thinking. “That day you were hypnotized by me. You saw the bike, but didn’t see me at all! How about it, now that you know just how amazing I am, right?”

“Then...” Hou Meng’s shock and suspicion faded, but the worry remained. He was worried that he really did kill someone! If he really did, he would die for it!

“Don’t worry, hehehe...” Zhao Yu seemed have guessed his thoughts and smiled again. “I’m different from other hypnotists. The method I use is a form of conscious hypnosis! In a bit, your thoughts will be the same, but when I question you, just answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’! Even if you lie, or make a mistake, it’s not a problem!”

“Ah? What?” Hou Meng was completely dumbfounded.

Miao Ying was familiar with Zhao Yu’s words and simply sat there with her arms crossed, watching the show with interest.

“Here, here, let’s practice!” Zhao Yu asked, “Are you a male?”

“Ah?” Hou Meng was not sure how to react.

“That’s wrong!” Zhou Yu prodded. “Answer quickly!”

“Yes!” Hou Meng finally obeyed.

“Are you a woman?”

“No!”

“...”

“...”

Zhao Yu asked a few simple questions, and seeing that the other was getting more comfortable, he finally used his final lie detector. Within that moment, Zhao Yu felt a pang of regret. He had wanted to save this last one for the Mianling case, but now he had to use it ahead of time!

“Hou Meng, did you kill Team Leader Qu Ping?” Once he turned on the lie detector, Zhao Yu went in for the kill.

“No!” Hou Meng immediately gave the answer, almost instinctively. But Zhao Yu’s shock, the light that lit up in his mind was green!

Ah?! Tsk, tsk...Zhao Yu could not help but be stunned. Could it be, Team Leader Qu Ping’s murderer really was not this guy?

“If it’s not you, then who could it be?” Zhao Yu blurted out before he could stop himself. When they heard him, both Hou Meng and Miao Ying were shocked.

“Officer, how do I answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to this?” Hou Meng asked. He also gave out an answer very cooperatively, “I don’t know!”

Zhao Yu waited for a few seconds, but there was no response. It seemed like this question was something that the lie detector could not clearly understand.

“Then,” Zhao Yu immediately changed his way of thinking, “do you know Team Leader Qu Ping’s murderer?”

“No!”

The light was green once again!

Truth! No way?! Zhao Yu was temporarily dumbfounded. Apparently, Hou Meng did not kill Qu Ping, and was not even an accomplice to her murder. He did not even know the culprit?!

Zhao Yu’s mind spun. Even though the results of the lie detector shocked him, it was not beyond his expectations. Even when Zhao Yu was thinking before, he had predicted this sort of possibility. But now, there was still a key question.

At this time, Zhao Yu could not suppress the excitement in his heart. He stood up in his excitement and asked Hou Meng, “Hou Meng, answer me. Is Team Leader Qu Ping’s death related to the Mianling case?!”

### **Chapter 193: You Really Want Me to Tell the Truth?**

When Zhao Yu suddenly mentioned the Mianling Kidnapping Case, Hou Meng was totally clueless. Miao Ying was also a little confused.

“Quick tell me!” Seeing that precious time was disappearing, Zhao Yu quickly urged him. “Just say ‘yes’ or ‘no’! Quick!”

“Then, uh, no!” Hou Meng could only randomly pick one. In the end there was no reaction from the lie detector, even after a long wait.

Damn! In that instant, Zhao Yu understood that the lie detector was unable to give an answer for questions that did not concern the targeted person, which was what the word “specific” had meant in the introduction! Therefore, if he found a random person to question, he would not be able to obtain any important information at all.

Things did not look good and Zhao Yu could not help but feel anxious. Although he had done a lot of preparation beforehand, he did not expect that the real interrogation would turn out this way!

“O-Officer!” Hou Meng felt anxious and doubtful seeing Zhao Yu not talking. “You’re done with the questions?”

“Cut the crap!” Zhao Yu slammed the table and refused to give up. “Let me ask you this: are you linked to the Mianling Kidnapping Case!?”

“No!” Hou Meng quickly answered, feeling terrified. “Impossible!” The green light lit up.

Truth. Holy sh\*t! There was no reaction other than the green light. Zhao Yu even started to wonder if there was something wrong with the lie detector itself.

“Then, was the murderer who killed Qu Ping sent by the real culprit of Mianling Kidnapping Case?” Zhao Yu still refused to give up.

“Yes!” But there was no reaction from the lie detector.

Zhao Yu was going crazy! He quickly flipped through his notebook and looked for the questions he had prepared beforehand. “Hou Meng, tell me about Qu Ping’s murder. Were you framed by someone?”

“Yes, yes, yes!” Hou Meng finally got a good question and quickly said yes. In the end, the green light lit up. It was the truth!

“After you were done drinking and taking drugs that day, did you go alone to the place where Qu Ping was killed?”

“I don’t know.” He quickly revised his answer seeing Zhao Yu getting impatient, “Yes!”

Beep! The red light lit up! Lie! The red light finally appeared, which meant that Hou Meng did not arrive at the crime scene alone. Zhao Yu had wanted to ask him how he arrived at the crime scene, but this type of question would not yield any results. He could only ask, “Did the murderer drive you by car to the place where Qu Ping was killed?”

“Yes!” The green light lit up. Bingo!

“Then, were you already unconscious when Qu Ping was killed?”

“Yes! Yes! Definitely!” Hou Meng almost stood up from the interrogation chair. It was a green light again.

“Then,” Zhao Yu asked again, “was Qu Ping’s real murderer a male?”

“Ah? What?” Hou Meng was puzzled and almost wanted to ask, “How would I know that?” but he suddenly recalled Zhao Yu’s criteria, and quickly gave a definite answer, “Yes!” In the end, there was no reaction from the lie detector again!

Tsk, tsk. This also won’t do? Although Hou Meng was unconscious and did not know anything, he had interacted with the murderer. This question should not be unrelated to him, but why was there no reaction?

Just as Zhao Yu was feeling puzzled, Miao Ying suddenly hit his shoulder and whispered to him. After listening, Zhao Yu was suddenly shocked and felt his spine turn cold. "Hou Meng!" Zhao Yu was stammering as he asked, "Was there more than one person who killed Qu Ping?"

"Yes!" There was still no reaction from the lie detector. Oh. Zhao Yu was aware that he could have used the words in his questions too loosely, and quickly corrected himself. "Was there more than one person who conspired to kill Qu Ping?"

"Yes!" Hou Meng seemed to realize that Zhao Yu's questions were to his advantage and become more enthusiastic in answering. This time the green light finally lit up.

Zhao Yu gasped and quickly asked again, "Then was it two people who conspired in killing Qu Ping?"

"Yes!" Red light!

"Three people?"

"Yes!" Red light!

"Four people?"

"Yes!" Red light again!!

"Five people!?"

"Yes!" It was still a red light.

Ah!? Zhao Yu slumped into the chair and felt his body turn cold. He thought to himself, "That's too scary! So many people conspired in Qu Ping's murder? Why? What exactly did Qu Ping do? Was it really because of the Mianling Case?"

"Hou Meng, was it more than ten people who conspired to kill Qu Ping?"

"Yes!" Hou Meng was already used to answering this type of question. However, the time limit for the lie detector was already up, and the image of red and green lights had already disappeared from Zhao Yu's brain.

No, no, no! Ah! Zhao Yu anxiously hit the table. He still had a lot of questions to ask, but the time had passed so quickly!

Seeing Zhao Yu so upset, Miao Ying was puzzled and could only ask, "Hey, you alright?" Zhao Yu looked up and glanced at Miao Ying. In that instant, a thought flashed across his mind, and Zhao Yu was suddenly shocked!

"What is it?" Miao Ying asked after seeing the strange look in Zhao Yu's eyes.

Zhao Yu pondered over his thoughts seriously and suddenly realized something. He quickly stood up and said, "Alright, I already know the answer! Let's go!"

"Hey? What are you up to?" To Miao Ying, the interrogation had just begun, but Zhao Yu turned and walked toward the door. Miao Ying had no choice but to hurriedly pack up and follow Zhao Yu outside.



“Zhao Yu, Zhao Yu!” Seeing that Zhao Yu had already gone far, Miao Ying quickly caught up and stopped him. “Hey, are you okay? What exactly did you find out?”

Seeing Miao Ying getting anxious, Zhao Yu turned and looked Miao Ying over coldly. “Captain Miao! I’ll be honest with you. Just like the time with Liu Pengfei, I’ve already gotten many important clues, and they are all shocking big clues! But—”

“What clues?” Miao Ying asked impatiently. “Was Hou Meng framed? Tell me quickly!”

Zhao Yu laughed coldly without saying anything and even turned to leave.

“Hey, what’s with you again?” Miao Ying pulled him back. “Are you trying to act mysterious again? I’ve seen it all just now. Your questions were all random! Don’t tell me you didn’t manage to find out anything?”

“Keke.” Zhao Yu smiled and said seriously, “Captain Miao, I can tell you responsibly that my interrogation went smoothly, but I overlooked something! I made a big mistake—I should have interrogated you before interrogating Hou Meng!”

“What?” Miao Ying was shocked and felt even more puzzled. “Zhao Yu, what do you mean?”

“What do I mean?” Zhao Yu shook his head. “I sincerely wanted to help you, but I think I was over enthusiastic! Let me put it this way. My purpose is different from yours. I’m here to interrogate Hou Meng only to find out information on the Mianling Case! But what about your purpose? I guess it’s not as simple as just investigating Qu Ping’s death, is it?”

“...” At that moment, Miao Ying finally understood what Zhao Yu meant and stopped talking.

“I don’t get it, why can’t you just be upfront about it? We’re both officers investigating cases, but you made yourself look like some thief! If you had told me beforehand, the results of my interrogation could have been even better!” Zhao Yu stood in front of Miao Ying, looking compatible with her because of his tall stature.

Zhao Yu asked seriously, “Captain Miao, although we had some misunderstandings, you’ve worked with me before, you know my ability! Think about this carefully: I can do things easily over here at Rongyang Branch. As long as you cooperate with me, you only stand to gain!”

Miao Ying lifted her head slightly, showing her handsome face as her hair moved.

“So,” Zhao Yu spread out his hands and said, “since we look like the golden couple standing together, it’s better to stop playing tricks! What do you think? Now, can you tell me the truth?”

“Golden couple? The truth?” Miao Ying lifted her head slightly and looked at Zhao Yu with her clear bright eyes. “You really want me to tell you the truth?”

“Yes!” Zhao Yu waved his hands, looking pleased.

“Alright!” Miao Ying lifted her right hand and pointed at Zhao Yu’s bald head. She said each word with emphasis, “Your hairstyle is really very ugly!!” At that instant, the air became still, and Zhao Yu felt a few crows flying past him. More than ten seconds later, Zhao Yu suddenly realized something after seeing Miao Ying grin, and he finally let out a smile.

## Chapter 194: All This Trouble for a Date

Outside the detention center was Miao Ying's blue Phaeton. At the moment, Miao Ying was sitting in the driver's seat, with Zhao Yu in the passenger's side. To Zhao Yu's shock, Miao Ying took out her phone and started scanning Zhao Yu, as if to check if he had any bugs on him.

"Really? Sis?" Zhao Yu looked at her in disdain. "Is this necessary? We aren't secret agents, are we?! This almost feels like you're a double agent!"

"Okay!" Miao Ying put away her phone and asked seriously, "First, how did you know that I was hiding something from you?"

"That's too obvious, don't you think?" Zhao Yu answered without a pause. "Just now, during the interrogation, you were the one that reminded me that there was more than one culprit in Qu Ping's murder! When you spoke, your expression already told me you knew something!"

"Besides, your transfer to Rongyang Branch was quite sudden. Not only was it a demotion, but you went to interrogate Hou Meng by yourself on the first day. Isn't it obvious you had something on your mind?!"

"Fine!" Miao Ying nodded. "Zhao Yu, I don't like you as a person, but I cannot deny your abilities!"

Ah? Unexpectedly, Miao Ying's words prodded something inside Zhao Yu, and Zhao Yu remembered an old memory. Sometime ago, hadn't Team Leader Qu Ping said something similar?

"Okay!" Miao Ying's expression suddenly hardened. She said seriously, "Zhao Yu, I hope I didn't trust the wrong person! I can tell you my secret, but remember this! The moment I tell you, you are stuck with me. If we're unlucky we can both end up like Team Leader Qu Ping!"

"Ah?! What? Really?" Zhao Yu was shocked. He thought for a moment before realizing something and shook his head. "Then, tell me later. Let me consider this for a bit! I already have enough on my hands right now. I still want that ten-million yuan prize! You...don't—don't...ah!"

Miao Ying snatched Zhao Yu's collar and pulled him close to her face, smiling savagely. "It's too late! I'm telling you now. I accepted a secret mission from the higher-ups to investigate the truth behind Qu Ping's murder!"

"Also, Mrs. Qu Ping had been working on a special case for a long while when she was here. The higher-ups suspect that Qu Ping's death was connected to this case!"

"So, Zhao Yu, you were wrong!" Miao Ying spoke harshly. "Qu Ping's death has nothing to do with the Mianling case! The special case that she was investigating should be many times more dangerous than the Mianling Case!"

"Nonono!" Zhao Yu closed his eyes and waved his hand. "Team Leader Qu, please, no, don't joke anymore! I don't know anything! I didn't hear, I didn't hear you!"

“Hehe, you asked for it, and now you want to run?” Miao Ying clenched hard on Zhao Yu’s collar, pinning his elbow with her shoulder, preventing him from moving. “You’re right, having someone help you is good! Especially a foul-mouthed, shameless, perverted officer like you!”

“I didn’t hear, I didn’t hear...” Zhao Yu wanted to block his ears, but Miao Ying grabbed him by the ear and commanded, “We have to be very, very careful while investigating! We can’t use work time, nor can we let anyone else know of this!”

“Here, I’ll get you a phone later. We can’t use the one the office gave us! Also, even at work, you have to be extra careful.”

“Wait, wait.” Zhao Yu suddenly understood something. His eyes widened in shock. “You mean, there’s betrayal involved?! No way? How did it get so intense all of a sudden?”

“Of course!” Miao Ying warned him fiercely, “If it was just to investigate Qu Ping’s death, I could investigate it in Ruyang Branch Office. Why would I need to be transferred here? Can’t you tell? If Hou Meng was framed by someone, then Qu Ping’s death is a very complicated murder. If there wasn’t any inside help, how could they succeed?”

“Ah!” Zhao Yu was nearly in tears. He pulled at Miao Ying’s elbow, his face full of despair. “I beg you, don’t say anymore, okay? Truthfully, I just wanted to act cool to get a date. I never imagined that not only would I land a date, but I also bought disaster upon myself.”

“What date?” Miao Ying was shocked. “A date with me? Hehe!” Miao Ying was enraged. “Zhao Yu, you really are an idiot! Fine, don’t play dumb with me! To catch Hou Meng and get revenge for Qu Ping, you even dared to give up your life. How are you scared now?”

“Sis!” Zhao Yu shook his head. “Aren’t you just afraid I’m the one you’re looking for? Why are you looking for me specifically?! I was just talking! Are you actually taking me seriously?”

As he spoke, Zhao Yu also realized that the Miracle System had lied to him. He thought that by getting the “Kan” hexagram, it meant that he would get closer to Miao Ying! He never would have imagined that he would end up with such a big problem. Suddenly, he felt like he was in a huge whirlpool, unable to escape!

“I don’t think it was all talk! I’ve investigated you. You seem foul, but your record is actually the cleanest one!” Miao Ying spoke openly. “Also, when capturing Hou Meng, you were the most eager! Not only that, but you were also the most fearless!”

“You!” Zhao Yu scorned and made a decision, refusing until the very end. “I don’t care, it’s not my business! Go find someone else. This is simply too dangerous. Just pretend I heard nothing! I’m leaving now—”

“Okay!” Miao Ying was not agitated at all, but simply let go without a care. “You can leave! Go wherever you want! I’ve already told you the secret. If you don’t care, go tell someone! Let’s see who dies first!”

“You?! Ah!” Zhao Yu had no way out. “Sis, can you not? I’m a Key Case Investigation Unit Member! You talk to me like you’re threatening a hostage. I thought I was shameless! Ah, today I am truly unlucky!”

“Hehe!” Miao Ying laughed. “You mean you think I’m more shameless? Please, you were the one who looked for me first! You were the one that forced the truth out of me!”

“I don’t care!” Zhao Yu put his hands on his waist stubbornly. “Miao Renfeng, this mission is too dangerous. Don’t I deserve a reward? Hm? Or some kind of motivation!” As he spoke, Zhao Yu raised his eyebrows. He squinted hard at Miao Ying suggestively.

Miao Ying was very intelligent and had already realized what he was thinking. She simply laughed. “Alright, you little delinquent! Even now you can dream big? But,” Miao Ying thought for a bit before finally nodding, “fine! I agree! If you really help me finish this mission, then,” She thought a bit more before continuing, “I can consider going out with you once!”

“What do you mean?!” Zhao Yu straightened his back. “All that risk for just a date? That’s a terrible deal! How about a date for a night?!”

Boom. One punch from Miao Ying and Zhao Yu’s painful wailing came from the Phaeton.

### **Chapter 195: The Fatal Hidden Secret**

To avoid suspicion, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying returned to their own unit to work in the afternoon and the two did not meet again. When Zhao Yu stepped into the main building of the police station, he felt very different from before, and constantly felt uneasy.

“There’s a rat in the police force? What should we do? Who is the rat? Is it one, two, or a gang? Oh my goodness! I don’t think it was this complicated when I was involved in gangs. Tsk tsk...if only I had a load of lie detectors. I could test everybody one by one and nab that b\*stard!” Zhao Yu thought.

To the Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit, Qu Ping’s case had already ended. After the court decided that Hou Meng was guilty, the case could be closed. Therefore, the entire team put their focus on the Mianling Case.

After Mao Wei assigned the missions, Zhao Yu joined the investigation and went to visit Niu Weiguang’s widow with Dafei and the rest. Niu Weiguang’s wife, Zhang Ying, was already over fifty, and she had not remarried since Niu Weiguang disappeared with the children who were kidnapped.

As Niu Weiguang had been suspected of being involved in the kidnapping case, Zhang Ying went through a lot, enduring rumors and accusations. On the third year after the kidnapping happened, she had no choice but to leave Mianling Town with her child. Although Niu Weiguang’s remains had just been found, people still suspected him of being an accomplice. However, although it had been so many years, Zhang Ying firmly believed that Niu Weiguang was innocent and that he could never be a kidnapper! That year, Niu Weiguang’s child was only two-years-old, and now he was already a twenty-eight-year-old man. When Zhao Yu and company came to his house to investigate, their experience was both good and bad.

On one hand, Zhang Ying was extremely cooperative with the agents’ investigation. She tried her best to prove to the agents that Niu Weiguang was a kind man who looked after his family, and that he would never do such an evil thing! That year, Niu Weiguang was a driver, and Zhang Ying operated a small

textile mill. They led a comfortable life and Niu Weiguang had no reason at all to harbor evil thoughts! Zhang Ying asked the agents to find out the truth and prove their innocence.

However, on the other hand, Niu Weiguang's son hated the agents to the core and showed hostility throughout. He said that the police's incompetence that caused their sufferings, having people talking behind their backs, making them unable to walk with their head up high. If they had been able to solve the case and cleared his father's name long ago, then he and his mother would not have had to go through so much! In the end, his son got so agitated that he even wanted to beat up the agents. Zhang Ying was not able to stop him, and there was even a minor clash between both parties.

After the conflict subsided, Zhang Ying sent the agents down and apologized at the same time, asking the agents not to hold it against her son. She also requested the agents to let her bring Niu Weiguang's remains back soon so that he could rest in peace.

However, Dafei and company were on a mission and they still had some questions for Zhang Ying. They started to ask in detail, again, at the stairs. In the end, when Zhang Ying recalled the happy life they had had, and the pain of losing her husband, she could not control herself and cried out loud, attracting the attention of many neighbors.

Seeing Dafei and the rest talking with much effort, and Zhang Ying crying, Zhao Yu quickly left and returned to the car. He moved the seat back, placed his arms behind his head, and started thinking with his eyes closed. For the past few days, he had encountered too many adventures, and even his identity had been switched many times.

First Su Yang wanted him to be a special investigator. Then, Captain Jin gave him a book and wanted him to become a central criminal investigator to solve extreme cold cases. After that, Miao Ying suddenly appeared and wanted him to help secretly investigate the real cause of Qu Ping's death! Zhao Yu heaved a sigh and said to himself, "What's going on? Why did things become so troublesome out of the blue? What are the things that I should do? And how should I do them?"

Zhao Yu slowly thought through these things again, analyzing them one by one to find a direction for himself. Firstly, regarding the matter of special investigator, he had to wait for Su Yang to contact him before he could start! Without Su Yang's instructions, he did not have to bother, so he could put this aside for now.

Secondly, it was unlikely that any of the major cold cases which Captain Jin wanted him to investigate would happen soon. The night before, he had briefly looked through Jin's yellow notebook. The five cases recorded inside not only happened a long time ago, but were also extremely complicated. Each of them was at least a hundred times more complex than the Mianling Case. Cases such as the Huayun Mountain Massacre Case and the Jinding City Demon Case were all big murder cases where the methods used had been extremely brutal and psychotic.

He felt that he was still far from being able to investigate such difficult cases! Although he had the help of the Miracle System, he still needed certain power and ability, along with sufficient experience and time before he could carry out the task. He should not be impatient about this. After all, the Old Jin could not solve these cases after spending his entire lifetime on them. How could he be so anxious? Therefore, this matter could also be put aside first.

Lastly, as for the matter concerning him and Miao Ying, it was totally different from the first two! At the very least, there was no danger involved in the first two. The worst would be not getting things done, and he did not have to risk his life! Frankly speaking, Zhao Yu had also suspected that there was a hidden secret behind Qu Ping's death, but he had never imagined this hidden secret to be fatal! This was the cause of Zhao Yu's agony.

Miao Ying's sudden arrival seemed to change Zhao Yu's work nature in the police force! Up until now, Miao Ying had not told Zhao Yu what type of case Qu Ping had been investigating. Why was this case so dangerous that even she fell victim to it? Miao Ying only said that the higher-ups only wanted her to find out the truth behind Qu Ping's death, and also did not tell her the nature of the case. There seemed to be something very fishy about this, and it also came too suddenly, making Zhao Yu feel shaken and clueless.

Actually, Zhao Yu had not lied to Miao Ying in regards to this! He had only wanted to act heroic in front of Miao Ying so that Miao Ying would look at him differently, allowing him to get closer to the beauty! However, he did not expect to get himself into the situation instead! Nonetheless, although Zhao Yu expressed his unwillingness, in his heart, he was not resentful of this special mission. Firstly, he had sworn in front of Qu Ping's grave that he would definitely find her real murderer. Since he knew that the murderer was someone else, he had to find out who the real killer was! Even if there was no Miao Ying, he would still continue this investigation!

Secondly, Zhao Yu was doing it because of Miao Ying. Although the mission looked dangerous, Zhao Yu felt that it was a rare opportunity for him to get close to Miao Ying! Zhao Yu was also one who liked to ask for trouble. Even though there was still a bruise from Miao Ying on his face, his interest for this violent and shrewd female officer became stronger, and he was already deeply attracted to her!

He thought, "If I could work together with Miao Ying, what's more, on a secret mission, then wouldn't it be normal to create some kind of sparks? A man would die happy for a beautiful girl! I'm taking on this secret mission!" After Zhao Yu finished thinking things over, his thoughts went back to the Mianling Case. Miao Ying said that they could only investigate Qu Ping's death in secret, which was after work. During working hours, he still had to focus on the investigation of this major kidnapping case. Therefore, these two things did not conflict.

It had already been some time since the reinvestigation of the Mianling Case, however, they were still faced with difficulties after this amount of time and they had little results. Even with the Miracle System, Zhao Yu also had not found any valuable clues. After thinking it over, Zhao Yu felt that he had to look into Cheng Sanli again. There were two main reasons why he felt this way. As of now, Cheng Sanli was the only person who could be linked to the Yinpan Mountain mine. Although it was quite unlikely that he was the murderer in the kidnapping case, he still could have had some connection with the murderer!

Yinpan Mountain was some distance from Mianling. Since the murderer chose to kill, and bury the bodies there, there could be a reason why he did so. They might be able to find something by investigating Cheng Sanli's personal relationships.

The second reason was, although Miao Ying was very certain that Qu Ping's death had nothing to do with the Mianling Case, Zhao Yu was unsure of that. This was because it was when he and Qu Ping

learned about Cheng Sanli that Qu Ping was killed. He had the feeling all along that there was some connection between these two incidents.

“What if the real murderer of Mianling Case has already become someone with great authority and power? When he knew that Qu Ping was close to finding out the truth, he killed her with a borrowed knife, and made Hou Meng the scapegoat!” he thought. Zhao Yu let out a sigh. Many things seemed to be predestined. Zhao Yu once again put his focus on Cheng Sanli!

## **Chapter 196: A Kiss as a Reward Is Also Good**

Jinjiang Road, the scene of Qu Ping’s murder.

It was nighttime, right after the street lights had been turned on. Seeing a car fleeing by in front of her, Miao Ying asked Zhao Yu, “Zhao Yu, are you really sure that Qu Ping wasn’t murdered by Hou Meng?”

“I am sure!” Zhao Yu took out his notebook and carefully wrote down his observations as he answered Miao Ying. “Not only am I sure, but I also know Hou Meng was framed. He had no idea what happened! Not only was he drunk and high, but he probably was knocked by something else as well, then driven to the scene of crime!”

“The way you describe it makes it seem like you saw it!” Miao Ying was a little suspicious, but nodded. “But I agree with your perspective! It’s possible that Hou Meng doesn’t even know the real criminal, and that he was just an unlucky scapegoat!”

“Oh?” Zhao Yu considered Miao Ying’s words. “I was sure because of the lie detector, but how did you come to your conclusion?” he thought.

“See, the fact that Hou Meng is still alive is the best evidence!” Miao Ying seemed to have realized Zhao Yu’s confusion. “The person who killed Qu Ping has a lot of influence! If Hou Meng really knew something, then they definitely would’ve killed him!”

“Oh, true!” Zhao Yu realized. “In other words, we won’t find any other evidence related to Hou Meng anymore!”

“Right!” Miao Ying answered. “Imagine, if we used the same method to kill Qu Ping, with our power, don’t you think we could do it flawlessly?”

Miao Ying’s theorizing peeked Zhao Yu’s interest. He thought hard for a bit, but answered, “Probably, but...too difficult!”

“Right!” Miao Ying answered. “The most difficult part is the fact that Qu Ping was investigating in the police station that night. When she went home, what road she used, when Hou Meng should’ve been there, when to kill, these things weren’t easy to control!”

“According to Team B, when Qu Ping announced she was going home, she had no prior plans!” Zhao Yu guessed, “Could it be, these criminals were secretly monitoring Qu Ping to find the best time? Oh, no wonder you said there were spies in the police force!”

“The police station has listening devices in place.” Miao Ying nodded. “To know Qu Ping’s movement at any time is something only insiders could do!”

“Then,” Zhao Yu’s eyes lit up, “I’ll look up the investigators who left with Qu Ping that night. They are the most suspicious! If there was someone who encouraged Qu Ping to leave work, it was most likely the spy!”

“It’s not easy to investigate, nor could we actually do it!” Miao Ying shook her head. “If we investigate, we’d expose ourselves! Right now, our priority is to lay low! Otherwise it would be a disaster! Besides, it might not even be members of Team B. Security, the people running the surveillance cameras, or even some higher-ups—any one of them is a possibility!”

“Powerful higher-ups?” Zhao Yu clapped his hands. He had never considered this possibility, but truthfully, only a higher-up with a lot of influence could hide such a big secret. “If you ask me, we should investigate Liu Changhu and Mao Wei! Those two seems suspicious; they definitely have issues! Mao Wei came back to work before his leg was healed. Maybe this guy had some unspeakable secrets!”

“That’s only your own bias.” Miao Ying shook her head. “I’m warning you, don’t get your emotions caught up in this. You’re a professional police officer! Before we have any solid evidence, we have to investigate properly!”

“Okay, okay.” Zhao Yu pointed at the solar-powered street lights. “This area is still under construction. Even though there was no electricity, the solar-powered lights still work. So people like Hou Meng wouldn’t have known that there was no security at that time! Only an expert who had carefully planned this murder could know such a thing!”

“You said that Hou Meng was carried here by car?” Miao Ying furrowed her brows. “Where’s your evidence?”

“I don’t have any, but I’m sure!” Zhao Yu spoke seriously, “I can read minds. I dug this up from deep from within Hou Meng’s thoughts!”

“Che!” Miao Ying glanced at him in annoyance. “Can’t you be a little more serious?”

“If they didn’t use a car, did they carry him?” Zhao Yu shrugged as he explained, “See, they had to have gotten the information that Qu Ping left the office before they messed with Hou Meng, right? The bar is pretty far from Jinjiang road. Without a car, how could they do it?”

Miao Ying nodded quietly and looked around before taking a guess. “If we could find the car that took Hou Meng here, then we might have a breakthrough!”

“I looked at the map already,” Zhao Yu quickly followed up, “Jinjiang road is within six miles from here, and was all under construction. All the streets were dead, so the car could have come from any direction. Finding the car won’t be easy!”

“Even if it’s not easy, we still have to do it!” Miao Ying was very serious. “Besides, I think we have to widen our range of investigation, and find out how many cars left the bar and came towards Jinjiang road at that time!”



“Ah?!” Hearing about cars, Zhao Yu suddenly realized something and asked Miao Ying, “Something isn’t right? Team Leader Miao, assuming that we were trying to kill Qu Ping, isn’t there an even bigger issue?”

“Hm? What issue?” Miao Ying was confused.

“You see, look at the cars passing by,” Zhao Yu considered carefully, “even though it was late at night, it was still a murder! What if a car passed by during the act?”

“Right!” Miao Ying’s eyes lit up. She whispered, “How did I not think of this?”

“Oh!” Zhao Yu realized and quickly answered, “Road blocks! Definitely! That’s how it is always in the movies!”

“Are you saying,” Miao Ying also understood, “the culprits set up construction roadblocks on the road? That would guarantee no cars passed by! But...”

“What other possibilities are there?” Zhao Yu grasped his shoulder as if he were shivering. “You’re right! Qu Ping’s death was a huge, careful operation! This killer was quite professional! I’m guessing from planning, to carrying out the plan, there were at least five or more people involved! Holy sh\*t, just what did Team Leader Qu Ping get into?”

Seeing Miao Ying standing there quietly, Zhao Yu was suddenly agitated. “Team Leader Miao, look how far have we’ve gotten but you still won’t tell me everything. Just what was Team Leader Qu Ping investigating? If we know what she was investigating, then that would be a good direction to go in, right?”

“Zhao Yu, I’m not lying to you!” Miao Ying said, “It seemed like the higher-ups were also troubled. I tried to force them to tell me, saying exactly what you said, but they wouldn’t tell me, no matter what!”

“What the hell?!” Zhao Yu was rather frustrated. “If we want to fish, we need the fishing pole, bait, and line, right? What about us? Are we trying to grab fish with just our hands?”

“I think,” Miao Ying was a little hesitant, “Team Leader Qu Ping wasn’t murdered because she was investigating a case! Maybe she discovered some huge secret, or she obtained some very valuable treasure! Anyway, basically, it’s very complicated!”

“Hah!” Zhao Yu laughed. “I thought you were trying to say, ‘it’s nothing big’!”

Faced with Zhao Yu’s dry humor, Miao Ying could not help but be a little taken aback. At the time, a breeze suddenly blew past and brushed past her bangs, showing off her perfect beauty.

Zhao Yu could not help but be mesmerized, and spoke without thinking, “Team Leader Miao, you’ve truly put me in a difficult situation! Did you notice? Just like in TV shows, even if we find the murderer, we still wouldn’t know the whole story! Even at the end, we will probably still be in danger!”

“Okay, no more jokes!” Miao Ying returned to her stoic attitude. “If you want to back out now, you still can! If you’re so afraid to die, I won’t force you!”

“Hehe.” Zhao Yu smiled. “Team Leader Miao, as long as you know I’m risking my life for you, then it’s fine! Also, about our one night stan—oh...” Seeing Miao Ying raise her fist, Zhao Yu immediately

changed what he was about to say, “I mean, our date, don’t forget! Hmm, at the very least, I should get a kiss too, right?! Huh? Huh, wait, wait, don’t!”

With a spinning kick from Miao Ying, Zhao Yu flew through the air like a ninja and landed in the grass on the side of the road.

### **Chapter 197: Twin investigations**

“It can’t be,” Zhao Yu thought. He looked at his face and chest in the mirror when he got home and felt gush of emotions. Miao Ying punched his face and kicked his chest. Although it was rather painful, he felt like he was in the seventh heaven.

“It can’t be?!” Zhao Yu was confused himself. “Unless.. I am a masochist? Why can’t I stop teasing Miao Ying? Why do I hit where one lives?” he wondered. “But, why do I feel stupendous after I tease that evil lady all the time? Sh\*t, Sh\*t, Isn’t this a little sick?” However, his injury did not go to waste. Not only did he achieve ninety percent completion, but he was also awarded an extraordinary tool as a reward for today’s adventure—an invisible bullet proof suit!

According to the manual, the bullet proof suit offered invisibility and covered one head to toe, like a full bodysuit. It could withstand normal gunshots as well as rapid fire of a submachine gun. On top of that, it lasted one hour!

Amazing! What Zhao Yu needed the most was something that could protect his life! Getting this superb bulletproof suit was like getting a treasure.

Besides the tiring and complicated adventure, there were something that happened to Zhao Yu recently. First of all, Miao Ying told Zhao Yu that Lin Meifeng was released on bail. Her current husband sold all of his stationery shops to hire the best lawyer and swore to defend Lin Meifung in court.

Looking at the current situation, the evidence and information obtained was in Lin Meifung’s favor. She would most likely be granted a stay of execution and avoid being imprisoned at the very end. If so, Zhao Yu could consider his goal of saving Lim Meifung accomplished.

There was more good news. Jiang Xiaoqing told Zhao Yu that the street office gave her a sum of money for her mother. Also, the funding from the Red Cross that she applied for had been granted too. Her family no longer had financial woes. Zhao Yu took advantage of the situation and advised Jiang Xiaoqing to stop hacking, and to focus on her studies and prepare for her midterm examinations.

Jiang Xiaoqing was good child. She had only tried to earn money to save her mother. Since she did not need to worry about that anymore, there was no need to bear the risk of illegally obtaining money. Thus Zhao Yu was no longer plagued by that issue either!

There was even more good news! Huahua called to inform Zhao Yu that her dad had found someone to perform surgery on Daheng, and that his legs were well taken care of. However, he had to rest for another two weeks until he fully recovered. Zhao Yu felt extremely delighted and wired Huahua money to cover the cost of the surgery.

Even though there were so many things on Zhao Yu's mind, he slept better nowadays. He fell asleep within seconds of lying down. Zhao Yu knew that only quality sleep would guarantee his strength in investigating cases.

The very next morning, Zhao Yu got the "Gen-Kan" hexagram. He finally got the "Gen" hexagram that he had always wanted. He went to the police station early and started working on the Mianling Kidnapping Case.

Mao Wei had delegated tasks to Zhao Yu, but Zhao Yu couldn't care less and continued to investigate how he saw fit. After he gathered information about Cheng Sanli, he went to investigate Cheng Sanli's relationships with others before he died.

According to the record, Cheng Sanli was from Mafang Town, which was another mountain town like the neighboring Mianling Town. Due to its geographic location, it was much smaller than Mianling Town.

Back in the eighties, Cheng Sanli built a building material business. He became one of the most wealthy and powerful men. The entire market for building materials within Qinshan mountain area was monopolized.

Being one with deep pockets, he invested into the mining industry, and purchased quite a number of mine tunnels. He found silver within a year and made a fortune. He made his way in the world and became extremely wealthy.

It is said that this b\*stard was rather rude, and that he was fond of gambling and women. The number of mistresses were in the double digits, and he could not even keep track of the number of illegitimate children he had. Relying on his powerful background, he even ran an illegal loan shark business.

But that did not last for long. He faced the downfall of his trading business in the mid nineties. Due to a bad market and his poor management skills, his factory closed down and he was knee-deep in debt. From then on, Cheng Sanli had lived a tough life. He sold his properties and land, was chased and beaten up by debt collectors, and had nowhere to escape. In the end, Cheng Sanli was admitted to the hospital for a stroke due to psychological stress. He eventually passed away during what was supposed to be his golden years.

A few years later, his wife committed suicide because she had had enough of the collectors coming after her. Rats leave a sinking ship. Cheng Sanli's mistresses and children eventually ran away and disappeared. Cheng Sanli had a legitimate son and a daughter. The eldest daughter died in a car accident while he was still alive. The youngest son was still serving a prison sentence.

Yang Wentao had not been lying when he said that Cheng Sanli was once rich and young, but his life ended with a broken family and a saddening death. Ever since the investigation took place, Zhao Yu had never put the spotlight on Cheng Sanli's scattered family members, but on the people that he had come across while he was running his mining business. Zhao Yu believed that Cheng Sanli must have known the kidnapers of the Mianling case. If he could find this person, he was sure to make great progress on the case.

Zhao Yu had managed to develop a rough outline of the kidnapper. This person had worked for Cheng Sanli in his mine tunnels. As he was familiar with explosions, he was definitely not a regular mine worker. Secondly, this person might have been poor before, but suddenly became wealthy from the

ransom money in the Mianling case. Thus, Zhao Yu concluded that he must be somebody important now. Thirdly, this person was very careful and courageous. He must have been a very capable person at work.

With all these traits, Zhao Yu started his thorough inspection and analysis. When reinvestigation of the Mianlin Kidnapping Case begun, the team had already interrogated the people who had worked at the mine tunnel. But these people were either common workers or lived nearby. Some of them did not even know the owner of the mine tunnels. On top of that, it was from quite a while back, so many had already passed away. It was difficult to acquire new leads. Fortunately, Zhao Yu had assistance from Zhang Jingfeng, the tracking expert. With Zhang Jingfeng's abilities, Zhao Yu had managed to locate the remaining few suspects.

Zhao Yu spent the whole day exploring the mountain area. He was tossed around on the buffalo cart on a bumpy route to look for a senior mining worker, then he finally found the suspect. He then found out that the suspect had amnesia and could not even recognise his own family members, let alone recall the stories from back then. Zhao Yu had no choice but to return with no success.

Zhao Yu continued until the sky was dark and considered himself done for the day. However, the sweat on his brow did not go to waste. He had gained some new information about Cheng Sanli and a few possible suspects.

These suspects matched the traits that Zhao Yu outlined earlier. If he continued to investigate in depth, it might lead to a great payout. He sent the suspect profiles to Zhang Jingfeng and urged him to check on their situations thoroughly. He was planning to continue his investigation elsewhere. He would not throw in the towel even if the suspects were dead.

It was meant to be a busy day. When Zhao Yu finally drove back to Qinshan, it happened to be the time to look into Qu Ping's case with Miao Ying. He did not even have time for a proper meal. He only managed to grab some burgers from KFC before he rushed to their meeting point.

The two of them picked a fairly quiet spot to meet up as if they were spies. Miao Ying gave Zhao Yu two items when she saw him. One was a cellphone that she had prepared for him, and the other was a stack of documents with photos.

### **Chapter 198: Please Take Me Along**

To Zhao Yu's surprise, the phone Miao Ying gave him was a simple cell phone watch, and it looked it was meant for a child. Miao Ying said that even though the phone could only accept calls, it was the most advanced phone in terms of security—no one could possibly listen in on the calls. Zhao Yu accepted the phone and immediately put it around his wrist.

"The phone has an automatic tracking device," Miao Ying said. "This is for your benefit, try to not take it off!"

"Whew!" Zhao Yu immediately felt a sense of heaviness. When he opened the document to check, he saw it was all photos of cars. Miao Ying said that these were all the cars that passed by Jinjiang road

during the time of crime. She wanted Zhao Yu to look through every photo and see if he could find any leads.

No way? More investigation?!

“Team Leader Miao!” Zhao Yu wailed in pain. “Have you considered expanding our team? With just two of us and this much work, isn’t it—”

“I’ve always worked alone. You’re already an exception!” Miao Ying said. “I haven’t even reported that we’re working together to the higher-up yet! I’m worried they’ll see your record and scold me!”

“Let me ask you something!” Zhao Yu’s expression turned stern as he held the document folder. “You won’t let me kiss you, and you won’t tell your higher-up that I’m doing this. So, aren’t I just doing something for free?”

“Yes!” Miao Ying spoke without hesitation. “You are! So what?”

“Ah?” Zhao Yu was speechless for a moment. Suddenly, he felt Miao Ying was even more shameless than him.

“Fine, let me give you some motivation.” Miao Ying smiled mysteriously and said, “See my brand new Phaeton?”

Zhao Yu nodded but did not understand where she was going with this.

“That was the reward from my last mission!” Miao Ying said. “At Tianjing Garden, I also have a 200 square-meter duplex apartment!”

“Hehe.” Zhao Yu laughed. “Fake! You’re free to lie! I’m not a three-year-old. Do you think you can fool me so easily?”

“You don’t have to believe me.” Miao Ying couldn’t care less. “The documents, deed, reward diploma, I’ll send them to you if you want. This time, I followed up on Qu Ping’s mission because I’ve set my eyes on a mansion in Zhaoyang Area, and a single room! Also, a new Bentley Bentayga!”

“Che! Hehehe.” Zhao Yu shook his head. “Team Leader Miao, how about I just call you Miao James? Even if agent 007 completes a mission, they wouldn’t give such a reward, right? I thought I was good at exaggerating. I never thought there would be someone even better! I am truly impressed! Please accept me as your disciple!”

“From your perspective, the country wouldn’t spend people’s tax money to give out rewards, right?” Miao Ying smiled. “But, have you thought about it? What if the country’s not using their own money? Like...do you understand?”

Oh. Zhao Yu’s eyes widened, as if he suddenly understood something.

Could it be? Could they really do that?

“Miao Ying’s words imply that if I help her find Qu Ping’s murderer and arrest them, then the riches from all those people could be used as my reward?” he wondered.

This...Is it possible?

Wait! Suddenly, Zhao Yu remembered Liang Huan's words. He said that no one knew Miao Renfeng's background! Not only did she hit a vice-bureau chief, but she even got them transferred! Then...could it be?

Holy Jesus! Zhao Yu immediately put away the documents and smiled eagerly. "Hehehe, Team Leader Miao! Don't worry, leave this tiny mission up to me! Also, Team Leader Miao, don't forget to report me to your higher-ups. You're an expert, so help me a little! I won't ask for too much. We don't have to compete, but once this is over just get me a Phaeton too! As for housing..."

Zhao Yu's shameless expression shocked Miao Ying. She flipped her hair, speechless for a moment before saying, "I can make the report, but I have to watch your performance first to see if you're worthy!"

"Okay, okay!" Zhao Yu nodded and respectfully put the documents back into his bag. Once he put away his things, Miao Ying grabbed a hamburger from Zhao Yu's bag and ate it without a care. Zhao Yu was also hungry and grabbed one without a word. As he ate, he even handed a coke to Miao Ying.

Quickly finishing the burger, Miao Ying wiped her mouth and asked, "How is it going with the Mianling case? I heard you went into the mountains for clues today?"

Since the two were already teammates on the Key Case Investigation Unit, Zhao Yu had no need to hide anything and simply told Miao Ying about the investigation results.

"Sigh!" Miao Ying sighed and spoke seriously, "Zhao Yu, I can't imagine how much Liu Changhu hates you! I heard he reported you to Bureau Chief Luan again! He said you didn't obey orders from a superior, and refused to work on your assignment!"

"Really?" Zhao Yu paused. "That guy's quite interesting. Sooner or later I'll take care of him! How about we make up some crime for him and frame him as the spy?"

"Stop joking around!" Miao Ying was very stern. "If I were Liu Changhu, I'd snitch on you too! An investigator who doesn't follow orders isn't a good thing. If there were any emergency situation, it might even be dangerous!"

"Hmph, we just don't get along!" Zhao Yu sighed stubbornly. "I do want to follow their orders, but they never listen to my opinions!"

"Zhao Yu," Miao Ying asked curiously, "how do you know your investigation direction is right?"

"I don't know!" Zhao Yu answered quickly. "But if my direction is wrong, then theirs is probably even more off! Right now, Mao Wei wants to investigate the parents of the children, but all the kids were killed! Is that even possible? Did he watch too many movies?"

"Mm." Miao Ying sipped her coke as she stared, as if trying to think. She spoke after a long pause, "Zhao Yu, old cases like this Mianling Case are truly difficult to investigate! Say, even if you found a suspect one day, even if you found the killer, there's no one left to prove it! How would we be able to judge him then?"

No one left to prove it?!

“No!” Zhao Yu immediately corrected her. “There’s one left! Don’t forget, there’s one that might be alive!” Zhao Yu opened his phone and pulled out Liang Sisi’s portrait from the Missing Person’s Department. From the portrait, one could tell that Liang Sisi was a very pretty girl. She had a round face, large eyes, almost like a doll, with a small mole under the tip of her mouth on the right side.

“Tsk, tsk.” Miao Ying shook her head. “True, but the chance of this child being alive, isn’t it too small?!”

“Don’t call her a ‘child’!” Zhao Yu corrected. “She would be thirty-three-years-old this year. She’s older than us!”

“Tsk, tsk.” Miao Ying smacked her lips, “Truly, the cold case of Qinshan is so complicated! With so many unreasonable facets! Maybe we can’t even think of the truth! How about this!” Miao Ying suddenly asked Zhao Yu, “Just so you don’t get snitched on, tomorrow I’ll officially talk with Liu Changhu, and you can be my partner, and we can go investigate Chen Sanli together!”

Ah? Zhao Yu was quite excited! He did not expect there would be such a surprising gift. He immediately answered, “That’s great! Sis, please take me along!”

### **Chapter 199: Unpreventable Manoeuvre**

Under the night sky, Miao Ying was belting along the highway in her Phaeton. They flew past the street lights, and the streaks of light were flying across her attractive face. Suddenly, her phone rang.

“Hello?” Miao Ying answered via bluetooth.

“How are you, my dear daughter? How’s your new job going?” There was a woman’s soothing voice on the other end of the phone.

“Don’t even bring it up, mom!” Miao Ying complained pettily. “How else could it be? The captain and the other team lead classified me as an enemy! They arranged for me to investigate the victim of such a big case. Not only is that tiresome and bothersome, but also useless! On top of all that, I met the person that I least want to see here!”

“The person that you least want to see?” Miao Ying’s mom asked. “Who is it?”

“You wouldn’t know even if I told you. Anyway, he is an irritating person!”

“An irritating person?” Miao Ying’s mom was very surprised. “Is there really a person in this world that has the nerve to make you hate him?”

“Mom, stop joking around!” Miao Ying suddenly thought of something and laughed.

“What is it? What are you laughing at?”

“Nothing, I just thought about something funny!” she explained. “I got my revenge today! I fooled the person that I hate by making him believe that I was on this dangerous secret mission, and that I would get a car and property after I completed the mission! Hahahaha, it’s funny just to think about it. He has

now become my minion and follows my instructions. He said to me ‘please look after me, sis.’  
Hahahaha!”

While Miao Ying was talking, Zhao Yu was shouting his lungs out from above Da Feng Ge Fruit Co.

“Damn it!” Zhao Yu thought. He pulled up the tab on his beer and it spilled everywhere! He thought that Miao Ying was a very mischievous person when he talked to her, so he decided to put an invisible eavesdropper on Miao Ying so that his life was not put at risk. His intention was only to look into Miao Ying’s background, although he was also doubtful about what she had said about getting property and a car if he closed Qu Ping’s case. God knows he would be able to find out such pitiful news within half an hour!

“Damn it! Trap! Unpreventable maneuver!! This evil Miao Renfeng! This evil lady! Made me live on edge for a couple of days. I dared not even speak loudly during work in fear of being spotted by someone!”  
Zhao Yu thought.

He quickly used the invisible detector to check whether there were any eavesdropping signals when he got home.

“F\*ck! Pisses me off! Miao Renfeng! Just you wait! Watch how I’ll take care of you. An eye for an eye!” he exclaimed internally. No matter how crazy it made Zhao Yu, Miao Ying did not know, and her conversation with her mother continued.

“Ying Ying,” Miao Ying’s mom complained, “what were you trying to achieve when you gave up your position as a captain to be a team leader in Rongyang Branch? Oh! Just to get your hands on the Mianling Case? You wanted a more challenging task?”

“Mom knows me best, hehehe!” Miao Ying joked. “Actually the reason why I stayed in the detention center to interrogate Hou Meng yesterday was to see whether Qu Ping’s death was related to MianLin case. Who knows, maybe Hou Meng was a scapegoat!

“Coincidentally, that annoying person went to the detention center too! He played tricks on me and said that he knew hypnotisation and mind reading. I got angry and decided to put on a show! I dismissed him with only a kid’s toy phone! Hehehe...”

When Zhao Yu heard what she said, he got furious and smashed the beer can flat.

“You are always so naughty!” Miao Ying’s mom commented. “So, what happened? Is Qu Ping’s death related to Mianling Case?”

“Hmm, although Qu Ping’s murderer may be someone else,” Miao Ying confirmed, “but her death shouldn’t be related to Mianlin Case!”

“Why?”

“Because looking into the clues that Rongyang Branch found, closing the Mianling Case seems frustratingly out of reach. It is impossible that the murderer decided to put himself out there and risk killing someone. Also, she was a team leader! It just doesn’t make sense!” Miao Ying analyzed. “Also, if it’s really related to Mianling Case, what could they achieve just by killing Qu Ping alone? The Key Case



Investigation Unit has so many members! Especially that annoying bastard, he is really good at what he is doing! He should be the first to die!”

Ugh! Zhao Yu was fuming! He hit the beer can furiously!

“Aiya, my dear daughter!” Miao Ying’s mom expressed her worry. “The Mianling Case can be left aside. Qu Ping’s death is very suspicious! If it wasn’t for Hou Meng’s doing, you’d in trouble! Daughter, listen to me, when you’re done with the Mianling case, go do something else. Do not get yourself involved with Qu Ping’s case!”

“Mom! Don’t worry! I am not a kid anymore, I know my limits!” Miao Ying replied grumpily.

“No!” Miao Ying’s mom said sternly. “I cannot have you making any mistakes! Well, if you say that the captain and team leader are in your way, I will dismiss them tomorrow and make you the captain! Regarding the annoying person that you were talking about, if you think that they will not give you full cooperation during the investigation, send me a list of names and I will swap your subordinates from Ruyang around for you.”

Zhao Yu felt puzzled. The more he eavesdropped, the more confused he got. Why does Miao Ying’s mom...

“Mom!” Miao Ying begged. “Don’t cause me any more trouble! The last time I beat up the bureau chief, you exiled him that very minute! That’s a bit overboard! If you do stuff like that, I won’t have any friends!”

“I’m just upset! He took advantage of you and you let him off the hook so easily!” Miao Ying’s mom continued nagging. “I will move Zhou Andong and let Uncle Liang supervise you instead. He is a more sensible person!”

Zhao Yu was in shock and pulling the flattened beer can nervously. “Oh my God, the bureau chief was only trying to touch her, but I... kissed Miao Ying, such sin...”

“Aiya, mom!” Miao Ying panicked. “If you continue to do so, I’m going to ignore you!”

“My dear daughter, I only have you. I’ve sent you to learn martial arts since you were young because I was worried that you might be bullied!” Miao Ying’s mom explained. “God knows it backfired! With my ranking, I can easily reposition you to the provincial office, but you are in awe to bring a case to book. My only requirement is that you do not do anything dangerous! I would rather have Ruyang branch office take charge of the Mianling Case directly!”

“Okay, okay! I’m going into a tunnel, there’s no signal. We will chat again soon.” Miao Ying cut off the call.

When the eavesdropper went silent, Zhao Yu got goosebumps as he thought about it! Suddenly, Liang Huan advice popped up in his head, “Love life, leave Miao Ying!” From what happened, his advice definitely made sense!

“Unfortunately, I realized it too late!” Zhao Yu fox the beer can and left it on the table.

## **Chapter 200: The Second “Gen” Hexagram**

Anger! Horror! Complication! That was how Zhao Yu felt right now. To think, the hunter became the hunted! As it turned out, Miao Ying’s seemingly random transfer to the Rongyang Branch Office was purely for her own interest! Her goal had always been to solve the Mianling Kidnapping Case! This woman was truly evil!

Now that Zhao Yu knew the truth, he had already prepared more than eight ways to get his revenge, but Miao Ying’s mother’s few sentences had instantly destroyed his will!

Just who was Miao Ying’s mother? Even if she was some sort of powerful official, she should not be able to speak so boldly, right? How could she speak so casually about transferring and promoting in the police department?

“If I enraged her daughter, then the results would be disastrous!

“Get away from Miao Ying if you value your life!

“Miao Renfeng, is really f\*cking dangerous!” Zhao Yu recalled what others had told him.

Other than anger and fear, Zhao Yu felt a different emotion—conflicted! Because, regardless of how Miao Ying tricked him, Qu Ping’s death really had been an inside job! With the lie detector, he already knew that the real killer was someone else! Because of this, Zhao Yu easily fell for Miao Ying’s lies.

“The people who killed Qu Ping dared to kill a police team leader. What can’t they do?” he wondered.

“Should I continue my investigation like this? Even if I continue, I should be careful, right? Also, those so-called police spies are still a possibility, right?

“Difficult! Difficult! Difficult!

“Annoying! Annoying! Annoying!” he thought in frustration.

Just as Zhao Yu clenched his head in annoyance, he heard Miao Ying’s voice from the eavesdropper again. To his shock, Miao Ying went to a very crowded place, with many people speaking Thai. He could clearly hear words like “Sawadika” and other greetings.

“Sawadika!” As it turned out, Miao Ying also spoke Thai. He immediately heard sounds of yelling and attacks over the eavesdropper.

Zhao Yu furrowed his brow for a while before he understood. Apparently, Miao Ying was practicing her fighting skills in a Muay Thai Club! The sound of the blunt attack was the sound of her hitting the punching bag.

Holy sh\*t! Zhao Yu looked at his watch. It was already 9:30 at night. Was Miao Renfeng addicted to martial arts? Did she learn different types of martial arts?

Hearing the sound of the attack, Zhao Yu's heart beat rapidly. He remembered back when he fought with Miao Ying, and could not help but feel proud of himself.

"I was truly fearless!" Zhao Yu thought. He was so fearless and ignorant; to still be alive was a miracle!

"Congratulations," the system suddenly spoke. "Today's adventure was completed. Completion rate: eighty-five percent. Congratulations, invisible item obtained, please accept!"

"Eight-five?" Zhao Yu suddenly remembered the "Gen-Kan" hexagram. The "kan" hexagram was obvious—he had almost been tricked by Miao Ying. Since the "Kan" hexagram represented women, it obviously had to do with Miao Ying. But what about the "gen" hexagram?

Even though he had spent a lot of time investigating, it did not seem like he had obtained any valuable clues. Eighty-five was not low. Could it mean that his investigation direction was correct?

Zhao Yu opened his reward and saw that he obtained the rather useless signal amplifier once again. This thing was not that useful, unless he got trapped in a tunnel again.

But right now, Zhao Yu was not thinking about that at all, and he went right back to the investigation. If his investigation direction was not wrong, then what about tomorrow? Would he make any progress? Also, he had to investigate with Miao Ying. To be so close to that female devil again, how should he act?

He knew that Miao Ying following him on the case was not because she wanted to take care of him, but because she was against Liu Changhu and Mao Wei! This woman was truly devious. "Even though she was using me, she still acted like she was trying to help me, seriously," Zhao Yu thought.

After this, Zhao Yu listened in on Miao Ying a few more times. After Miao Ying finished practicing Muay Thai, she quickly went home, showered, and slept. In between those times, she only went on her phone a few times, but did not talk to anyone. During her shower, there was only the sound of the flowing water, and Miao Ying humming a happy tune to herself.

At the time, Zhao Yu felt a bit of regret. He should have used a surveillance camera to enjoy her beautiful body, and get a little vengeance for himself.

In the end, Zhao Yu started reviewing his case information to prepare for his investigation the next day, then finally went to bed. But that night was doomed to be sleepless, with Miao Ying endlessly invading his dreams.

In his sleep, Zhao Yu had a strange dream. He dreamt of getting his way with Miao Ying, and seducing her while wearing his invisible cloak! But just as he took off Miao Ying's clothes, he suddenly realized he could not take the cloak off.

Zhao Yu woke up bright and early and started his hexagram before the dawn even broke. To his excitement, he opened the "Gen-Kan" hexagram again; the same as yesterday!

Zhao Yu was close to the answer he had been looking for! Remembering back to when he had captured Yang Wentao, he also kept getting the "Gen" hexagram before he finally managed to capture the other. Could this time be the same?

This excited Zhao Yu greatly, and made him much more motivated. It was not even time for him to work when he arrived at the office. Since Miao Ying had not talked with Liu Changhu yet, Zhao Yu first went to the forensics department and asked to have his stitches removed.

The stitches were finally removed, and Zhao Yu no longer had to wear a headful of covers and gauze. He felt his head was much lighter, and he felt much more refreshed.

Just as they finished removing the stitches, he got a call from Miao Ying. The two met up at their designated location and quickly moved into the main topic. But seeing Miao Ying drive her own Phaeton, Zhao Yu could not hide his surprise and asked, "Team Leader Miao, we have police cars. Why would you drive your personal car?"

"Firstly, because it's a habit!" Miao Ying smiled. "Also, my car has a surveillance system, so it's safer!" As she spoke, Miao Ying even purposely winked at Zhao Yu.

Zhao Yu was quite angry and thought to himself, "Fake it all you want! I know the truth now!" But fearing Miao Ying's background, Zhao Yu did not dare to reveal what he knew, and got on the car cooperatively.

"How about it, detective Zhao, what's our mission today?" Miao Ying asked eagerly as they got into the car.

"Here." Zhao Yu handed the list of names on his phone to Miao Ying. "Yesterday, I found four suspicious targets. These four all used to work in the mines and are now very rich!"

"Mm..." Miao Ying nodded and pointed at the one at the very top. "This one's the closest to us. Should we start with this one? I'll take out the GPS."

"No!" Zhao Yu shook his head and pointed at the second one. "We'll investigate this one first!"

Miao Ying looked at the information and asked, "Han Wenjun? Why him?"

"I heard that he had already been working in the tunnels before Cheng Sanli contracted the tunnel area, and was a leader in the Tunnel Exploration Team! Most importantly, this guy was also from Mafang Town, just like Cheng Sanli! I think, even if he isn't related to the kidnapping case, he knows something!"

"Oh, I heard that among the kidnapers of the Mianling Case, there was someone familiar with dynamite." Miao Ying was shocked. "If this person worked with the Tunnel Exploration Team, then...hey? Zhao Yu! This is important! Why didn't you tell the team leaders?"

"Report?" Zhao Yu side eyed her and shot Miao Ying an annoyed look. "Sure, you're the Team B Team Leader, why don't you go!"

Miao Ying considered what he said, aware of the anger in Zhao Yu's tone. But she figured it was because Zhao Yu was angry with Liu Changhu. So, without thinking twice, she started the car and drove towards the mountain area with Zhao Yu.