

Crazy 201

Chapter 201: There's Another Person

The benefit of having Miao Ying as a partner was that Zhao Yu did not need to drive himself. Miao Ying would also discuss the case with Zhao Yu as they drove, which made it more interesting compared to investigating by himself.

"I've heard," Miao Ying said to Zhao Yu, "that the Missing Persons Department has found a few people that look similar to Liang Sisi?"

"Yeah." Zhao Yu nodded. "But none of them passed the DNA test!"

"Sigh!" Miao Ying sighed. "It's like looking for needle in a haystack! Although we hope that Liang Sisi is still alive, the possibility of it is pretty low! Do you think that maybe it was a prank that the kids were pulling back then but it got out of hand?"

"Oh please!" Zhao Yu shook his head. "It could be possible if we were talking about kids nowadays, but kids back then were simple minded. Besides, do you think that kids could pull off ransom, hiding in a mine, and use dynamite?"

"That's also true!" Miao Ying nodded and continued to fill in Zhao Yu with her bizarre predictions and hypotheses. Zhao Yu could tell that Miao Ying was interested in the Mianling Case to the point of obsession.

They were chatting when Miao Ying brought up Captain Jin Zhenbang. "I heard from Bureau Chief Liang in Ruyang Branch that he was on the same team as Captain Jin back in the day. I also heard that he was a typical spirited detective when he was young. He solved many significant cases and arrested many villainous criminals!"

"Yeah, he is really a remarkable man! Quite stubborn too!" Zhao Yu got upset when he thought about Captain Jin.

"Bureau Chief Liang says that Captain Jin would have been a bureau chief by now if he was willing to!" Miao Ying continued, "Unfortunately, he preferred to be at the front lines to solve cases and capture criminals, and was not interested in being the chief at all!"

Zhao Yu thought, "Jin has the same beliefs as you do. You'd rather be degraded to get your hands on the Mianling Case!" But he was afraid that he would say it out loud so he kept quiet.

"This old man's temperament should be quite difficult." Miao Ying seemed to be quite interested in Captain Jin and continued, "He didn't inform anyone after getting surgery for his femoral head necrosis! If Bureau Chief Liang hadn't run into him in the hospital, no one would have found out!"

"Hmm..." Zhao Yu thought for a minute, but asked once he realized, "What did you say? femoral head necrosis?!"

“Look,” Miao Ying joked, “even the underlinings didn’t know about this! This old man is too stubborn! But don’t you worry, I heard he got a new one and is able to walk now. Hey? Zhao Yu, are you okay? Why do you look like you’re swearing?”

“Old man!” Of course Zhao Yu was swearing, even to the point that his gums were almost bleeding! “Didn’t know that this old man would play tricks too! It really is an evil world out here, everyone has some ulterior motive!” he thought to himself. But as Zhao Yu thought about it, he calmed down quickly, because even though Jin Captain had tricked him, his intentions were good. Maybe he had been worried that Zhao Yu would leave the police force because he was suspended, so he decided to put on this show.

“Also, him giving me the precious yellow notebook is the biggest way to show his faith in me,” Zhao Yu thought. But Zhao Yu did not feel good knowing he had been tricked!

Miao Ying’s driving skills were as amazing as her martial art skills. They got to Mafang Town pretty soon in her Phaeton.

According to the information that Zhang Jingfeng found, Han Wenjun had dealt with colored metal since the nineties. He built his company and provided one stop service from mining, trading, and to processing. His business was rather steady. His current headquarters was even located in the capital!

Zhao Yu tried to make a call before they went over for investigation, but nobody answered or it was an invalid number. So they had no choice but to visit in person.

Han Wenjun was really well-off. He built a majestic garden mansion in the better area of town. God knows that when Zhao Yu and Miao Ying arrived, they only managed to see Han Wenjun’s eldest grandchild. His grandchild told them that Han Wenjun hardly ever returned and stayed in capital permanently. They would have to look for him in the capital.

Zhao Yu asked the grandchild a couple of questions about Han Wenjun’s past, but he could not answer due to the age gap. Zhao Yu left after getting his phone number and immediately made a call. The call was answered by Han Wenjun’s secretary. Zhao Yu explained why he called, and the secretary set up an appointment in the capital for the upcoming weekend before she hung up.

“Damn it!” Zhao Yu was irritated. “Why must we go and visit? Can’t he just answer the call? Hmph. So what if you’re rich? Watch how I’ll pull a prank on you!”

However, Miao Ying highly valued this lead and told Zhao Yu, “We can’t lose this lead! We have to meet Han Wenjun regardless of the inconvenience. If this person really worked in the mine tunnel at Yinpan Town back then, we will definitely get more clues from him even if he is not the kidnapper.”

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying left to visit another person on the list right after they left Han Wenjun’s mansion. He was also another old man that lived in Mafang Zhen, around eighty-years-old. This person had worked in the mine tunnels at Yinpan Town, and was pretty well-off too.

This time was very straightforward. They found the man, and he was pretty energetic and friendly even though he had some difficulties with his legs. They found out that he had been an accountant for the mining business. He had never been to the mining area even though he worked for Cheng Sanli. But he told them that he knew Han Wenjun, and that Wenjun was in the mine prospecting team. He worked there for a while when Cheng Sanli contracted the mine tunnel. He also mentioned that Han Wenjun

was a top student and was very knowledgeable as well. Han Wenjun was even more capable now, being a boss and really, really rich.

Zhao Yu asked him without any hesitation whether or not Han Wenjun knew anything about dynamite. The old man's memory was quite good and he answered that the main job of a mine prospecting team was to demolish, so it would be normal for Han Wenjun to know how to handle dynamite.

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying were thrilled when they heard that. From what it seemed, Han Wenjun was definitely looking more suspicious. They needed to look into this person in detail.

Zhao Yu called Zhang Jingfeng immediately after they left the old man's house and told him to find out every single details about Han Wenjun as quickly as possible, including his family, children, and career—everything that was there for them to find out.

Zhang Jingfeng could tell that it was something really important when he heard Zhao Yu's tone. He promised to complete the task ASAP. Zhao Yu and Miao Ying then left Mafang Town and went to visit the next two people on the list.

After running around for half a day, they eliminated the remaining two suspects. Even though the two suspects knew Cheng Sanli, they had never worked for him or been to the mines in Yinpan Town. Therefore, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying believed that the investigation should be directed at Han Wenjun.

"Han Wenjun," Miao Ying repeated his name as she drove, trying to figure something out. Suddenly, she asked Zhao Yu, "It doesn't make sense. This name did not appear in our records, how did you find him?"

"Cough!" Zhao Yu explained calmly, "What is there to explain? I asked and investigated one by one according to Cheng Sanli's relationship!"

"But," Miao Ying was dumbfounded, "no one has found out about him even though they had investigated for so long!"

"Hehe." Zhao Yu said arrogantly, "They couldn't find him because they started their investigation based on the mining area, while I started my investigation based on the individuals. Once I find one person, I can find two or three more. After that, it's all about looking for them and questioning them one by one!"

Although that was not a lie, the reason why he took this approach was because he had been a debt collector for his bosses in his previous life. He had used all kinds of methods to dig up the debtors. He could also be referred to as an expert in tracking people, to a certain extent. Certainly, one that did not admit defeat.

"Oh." Miao Ying nodded and said, "I thought you were going to say something silly, like your friends from above helped you or something. Eh, Zhao Yu, I think something's up with you today. Why are you so honest all of a sudden?"

Duh! Zhao Yu thought, "I'll be transferred if I lie again!" referencing Miao Ying's past experiences. But obviously he could not say that, so he teased, "Miss, what do you want? You hated it when I teased you, so now I'm speaking honestly, but you still don't like it. You are too hard to please."

"Hehehe, that's quite true! I actually am not used to you not behaving like a gangster!"

Damn it! Zhao Yu was thinking in his heart, "Who is the masochist among us?"

“Eh? That’s not right.” Miao Ying thought about something and asked, “Cheng Sanli is definitely not related to the kidnapping case. Why did you pick him?”

“Hmm, my friends from above told me so!” Zhao Yu replied seriously. “They want me to look into Cheng Sanli. Hey? Hey, hey, hey, hey!” Zhao Yu saw Miao Ying roll up her sleeves and he changed his explanation. “The hostages were hidden in one of Cheng Sanli’s mine tunnels, so I went off of that. I’m guessing that the kidnapper must’ve been someone who worked for him, so I thought Cheng Sanli might possibly lead me to the kidnapper. F*ck, don’t hit me when you’re driving! This is a freaking mountain road.” Miao Ying had made the fearless Zhao Yu crack.

“Hmm. It totally makes sense! You are pretty impressive!” Miao Ying was driving single-handedly and nodding to herself. After she thought for a while, she turned around and said, “Zhao Yu, if we are using Cheng Sanli as a starting point, didn’t we miss something? There is one more person that we can look into.”

Chapter 202: Deep-seated Grudge

After a few days, Zhao Yu once again returned to Qinnan Jail. This time, he was investigating someone named Cheng Guangming.

Cheng Guangming, fifty-years-old of Mafung Town, was Cheng Sanli’s son. Even though Cheng Sanli had many illegitimate sons, the one in front of them was the only “real” one. As it turned out, the person Miao Ying said required investigation was exactly this person. Since he was Cheng Sanli’s son, he should understand the situation better than anyone. Also, this man had been fairly old twenty-six years ago, so he definitely was aware of many things.

“Failed murder attempt! Sentenced to thirty years in prison?!” In the interrogation room, Miao Ying read Cheng Guangming’s file as she asked Zhao Yu incredulously, “Didn’t you say he was in for battery and assault?”

“Please!” Zhao Yu furrowed his brows. “I heard everything from someone else too! It was a miracle the name was right!”

“Thirty years, that’s quite severe!” Miao Ying looked at the documents. “Imprisoned for stabbing businessman Hao Gang, for stabbing him many times with a knife, seriously injuring him and causing Hao Gang’s spleen and intestine to rupture!”

“Holy sh*t!” Zhao Yu said in shock. “That’s a truly failed murder attempt. It was clear he was gunning for his life! In public too! Truly crazy! Hey, wait, businessman Hao Gang? Ehy does that name sound familiar?”

“Holy sh*t, you still don’t know? That’s the boss of Rongtian Corporation!” Miao Ying laughed. “I remember this case now. I think I was still in high school. The boss of Rongtian was stabbed. It made headlines in Qinshan. Apparently, Hao Gang was quite lucky—he nearly died! I suppose thirty years really wasn’t that much!”

Oh... Zhao Yu finally remembered. As it turned out, Hao Gang was Hao Jiajun’s father.

"I don't understand." Miao Ying shook her head. "Why did Cheng Guangming stab Hao Gang with a knife? Clearly he was trying to take the other down with him!"

"Isn't it obvious?" Zhao Yu had wanted to say the word "revenge," but with the clanging sound of the iron door, Cheng Guangming was brought out by the jail warden.

To Zhao Yu's shock, Cheng Guangming was blind in one eye. Miao Ying was also a little shocked and immediately scanned the document again. As it turned out, in his second year in prison, one of Cheng Guangming's eye had been blinded by another inmate!

Miao Ying immediately signaled to Zhao Yu, and Zhao Yu hid his smile behind his hand. Clearly, Cheng Guangming's eye had not been an accident, but he had been blinded by someone hired by Hao Gang! Apparently, these two had quite the grudge against each other!

But Zhao Yu felt that regardless of the two's huge grudge against each other, it had nothing to do with his investigation of the Mianling case. Thus, it was better to just get to the main point of his interrogation.

Once Cheng Guangming sat down at the interrogation table, the interrogation officially began. Zhao Yu and Miao Ying's main interrogation topic started with the mining area near Yinpan Town.

Even though Cheng Guangming was very cooperative, but because he had been just a rich spoiled brat thirty years ago, only knowing to eat, gamble, and enjoy life, he had never gone to the tunnel area. Also, because Cheng Sanli spoiled Cheng Guangming extremely, Cheng Sanli had not mentioned anything related to business to him, only knowing to give! Give! Give more money! Thus, after a long period of questioning in vain, Cheng Guangming not only did not know who worked for his dad, but he did not even know Han Wenjun.

Seeing the interrogation coming to a close without any results, Miao Ying suddenly got curious and started to ask about the situation regarding Cheng Guangming's arrest. She wanted to know why Cheng Guangming stabbed Hao Gang.

But when she brought it up, Cheng Guangming's face was filled with anger. He spoke with infinite agitation, "Hao Gang, that evil bastard! It was him that broke up my family and lead them to their deaths!!!" Apparently, Cheng Sanli had always lived rather swimmingly within Qinshan, but it was because of Hao Gang that his family was broken apart, and that his life ended so tragically!

Cheng Guangming said that Hao Gang also went into construction in order to oppress his family, and that Hao Gang used all kinds of underhanded tricks. Sometimes, he would rather lose a large sum of money and steal away the other family's customers. Also, Hao Gang had quite a large influence, both in public and in the underworld, forcing Cheng Sanli into a corner, making him finally close his business!

If it were just business competition, it would not be that big of a deal, but once Cheng Sanli lost his business, Hao Gang did not stop. He kept setting all sorts of traps for Cheng Sanli, then kept sending debt collectors to harass him, assault him, and destroy his property. Then, even worse, Hao Gang even hired someone to rape his sister! Then, when the sister died in a car crash, the circumstances were also very suspicious.

Cheng Guangming also said that after what happened to his sister, Cheng Sanli was truly terrified. He immediately used up his remaining wealth and sent Cheng Guangming out of the city and into hiding. But not long after Cheng Guangming left Qinshan did he receive tragic news that his father had died of a serious illness, and his mother had hung herself!

Cheng Guangming knew that the breakdown and death of his entire family was entirely due to Hao Gang. That was what drove him to murder, stabbing the Hao Gang in public.

Originally, he had wanted to die with Hao Gang, but unexpectedly, Hao Gang was quite lucky and lived! Of course, Hao Gang would not let this go! Not withholding any money or method, he ensured that he would receive a heavy sentence, then hired someone to blind him!

After hearing everything, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying could not help but look at each other. To think there was such a story behind the situation!

“Right.” Miao Ying lowered her head and whispered to Zhao Yu, “I already heard that Hao Gang was a rather extreme businessman, using some unsightly methods with competitors. This person was truly influential, added with his tight connection to the government, no one could touch him for all these years!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu smiled gently, thinking to himself, “That’s not one-hundred percent true!” What a coincidence that the cooperation’s that Su Yang was investigating at the moment had the name “Rongtian Corporation” in it.

“Hehehe, they may be doing well now, but they better watch out!” Zhao Yu thought.

“But...” Yet, Miao Ying quickly fell into deep thought and asked in confusion, “That’s kind of weird. The business competition part if is understandable, but raping woman, driving the family into a corner, this was clearly some kind of personal grudge!”

Thinking this much, Miao Ying immediately asked Cheng Guangming, “If what you said is true, and Hao Gang was so against your family, did your dad offend him in some way? Did they have some sort of conflict?”

“This, I...don’t think so?” Cheng Guangming tried to remember. “I don’t think I heard of this guy from my dad. What kind of conflict could there have been? Even if there was, wouldn’t that be too extreme?!”

“Tsk tsk...” Miao Ying smacked her lips and shook her head. She whispered to Zhao Yu, “Right, but we only have his words! There’s no evidence! If Hao Gang really committed these crimes, then he should’ve been locked up a long time ago!”

“Officer, I know I don’t have any evidence!” Despite Cheng Guangming’s blindness, his hearing was clearly fine. He said urgently, “I can use my life story to promise that everything that happened to my family was done by Hao Gang! Originally, my father had many friends. Even if our business failed, we wouldn’t come to ruin like we did! Hao Gang was clearly trying to drive us to extinction!”

“That’s quite difficult.” Zhao Yu did not even raise an eyebrow. “Your dad had so many illegitimate children. They’ve already spread far and wide. There’s no extinction to speak of!”

“You!” Cheng Guangming was angry, but quickly began to beg. “Officer, I beg of you, please believe me! Hao Gang really wasn’t a good person. He is truly sneaky, and he definitely did many immoral things! Please investigate him! This sort of person, you can’t let them walk away so free.”

What?! Sneaky... Suddenly, Zhao Yu focused on this word. The word seemed to remind him of something. If Hao Gang was really just as Cheng Guangming said, so evil and sneaky, then could there be another possibility?

Suddenly, it was like Zhao Yu had been possessed by an idea. He immediately asked, “Cheng Guangming, let me ask you, when did Hao Gang suddenly get rich? When he got rich, was it...kind of sudden?!”

Chapter 203: The Simple Truth

He gave himself goosebumps by asking that question. Miao Ying understood that very minute and looked at Zhao Yu.

“I don’t know!” Cheng Guangming said weakly, “It should’ve been around the mid nineties. 1994 or 1995 I think. Anyway, it is pretty sudden. That b*stard popped out of nowhere and opened quite a number of building material companies with one goal, as if he could fight our family! My dad argued with him but I don’t quite remember.”

Zhao Yu turned around and looked at Miao Ying without saying anything. They seemed to be communicating with their brain waves.

Miao Ying turned back and said, “That’s not right. Hao Gang was born and bred in Qinshan, in the city, not Mafang Town! And...” Zhao Yu did not say anything but drowned in his thoughts.

Miao Ying was starting to shake, so she shut her mouth and waited patiently for Zhao Yu while he put on his thinking cap. After a two-minute silence, they exchanged eye contact and left the interrogation room.

Zhao Yu saw that there was no one out there. He spoke softly, just loud enough for Miao Ying to hear him. “I think I need Zhang Jingfeng to work overtime!”

Miao Ying understood what Zhao Yu was thinking and said, “Don’t worry about that, Hao Gang is different from Han Wenjun—he is a public figure. I can take care of it. Zhao Yu, I think this is quite urgent. We will take a break from Qu Ping’s case for tonight. Let’s find out about Mianling case first.”

“Cool. I was thinking the same thing!” Zhao Yu nodded but he was raging inside. “This cunning Miao Renfeng. I’ll see how long you can pretend for,” he thought.

Both of them went back into the detention room and asked Cheng Guangming some more questions. They left Qinnan Prison and went to the police station when they could not get anything new information from him.

They got back to the office at around seven. Most of their colleagues had left so the office seemed rather empty. Zhao Yu walked into the office, picked up his pen and wrote Han Wenjun and Hao Gang’s name on the whiteboard.

“What if...” Zhao Yu tapped on the two names while talking to himself. “What if these two people are related. That would be exciting! We need to look into it again.”

While Zhao Yu was talking, Miao Ying had already gotten her hands on Hao Gang’s resume. Hao Gang was the so-called ‘Michael Jordan’ of Qinshan’s business world. Anyone could easily get his information with a quick search on the internet.

The both of them were struck by lighting by just one glance at his resume. He resume said that he had served in the military, and he had also worked as a police officer in demobilization, but he started his own business after a while.

He started off with building material, then moved into property exploration, exporting business, then logistics, and he succeeded in everything. Hao Gang built Rongtian Corporation, which was the pioneer corporation of Qinshan and was considered one of the most elite in the country.

He was in the military and was a police officer?! That made him really suspicious! Miao Ying thought that even though a police officer was different from a police detective, being in the same system, he could possibly understand how detectives handled a case.

Zhao Yu looked at the timeline on his resume. It said that Hao Gang gained fortune in the nineties and established Jin Yang Building Material Co in 1996. He lived a glamorous life from then on!

1996, that was five years after the Mianling Case. Where did the capital for Hao Gang to start his business oame from?

Zhang Jingfeng, Liang Huan, Li Beini along with colleagues from Team B, like Zhang Yaohui and Lan Bo, came into office mis discussion. These were the people Zhao Yu requested help from. He knew that it was a crucial time for Mianling Case, and it would not be possible for him and Miao Ying to deal with the amount of work by themselves.

Furthermore, they were Zhao Yu’s best friends and all knew the importance of the Mianling Case. No one rejected Zhao Yu’s request, and all of them got to the office on time to investigate alongside Zhao Yu.

In big cases, it was common to report to the higher-ups when they found an important clue; however, Zhao Yu did not inform Captain Liu Changhu, Mao Wei, or Peng Xin. What happened between him and Liu Changhu did not matter, but he felt a sudden change in atmosphere in team A since Mao Wei’s return.

Although Mao Wei was very nice to everyone, he was rather stubborn when it came to delegating tasks and deciding the investigation approach. He did not accept any suggestions regarding the case. Zhao Yu was afraid that he would try to take charge of the investigation after Zhao Yu told him what he had found out, which might complicate Zhao Yu’s investigation strategy.

Anyway, he was not afraid of Liu Changhu and Mao Wei’s accusation as he had Miao Ying alongside him. What he wanted most was for them to piss off Miao Ying. Zhao Yu was the only person that knew Miao Ying’s background! If he was on the same side as this violent police woman, he would never need to be worried or afraid.

Miao Ying did not look like she was planning to report to the higher-ups either. She was busy delegating tasks to everyone. It seemed that she did not want any disruption from them, and only wanted to focus on the investigation.

As Miao Ying was the team lead of Team B, she had the highest ranking, so everyone worked under her guidance. The tasks revolved around Han Wenjun and Hao Gang. Looking into Han Wenjun was logical, but they were surprised when they heard about Hao Gang's involvement in the Mianling Case. It would make headlines across the entire country if a wealthy and famous businessman happened to be a kidnapper in this cold case.

At that moment, Zhao Yu was already in his own working mode. He constantly added new information on the whiteboard. He added whatever that he thought of and erased stuff that did not work out. He had filled up two whiteboards within two hours.

Miao Ying felt strange as she watched Zhao Yu pay full attention to his work. They had worked together on Jian Wenli's case, but he had never been so serious and careful.

Oh... Miao Ying seemed to understand something. "No wonder this d*amn Zhao Yu can close so many cases. He had his own way around this! Well, I didn't know that this bastard was so persistent even though his mouth is so filthy!"

Li Beini brought Zhao Yu a freshly brewed coffee and told him that she added two bags of sugar while he was working. Zhao Yu took over the coffee and said thank you to her, then he put the coffee next to him. He looked up to read what he had written on the whiteboard and filtered them in his mind.

Running through the case, Zhao Yu felt a sense of familiarity, as if it had happened yesterday. From the moment he found the ransom money in the tunnel, to the discovery of every clue in the Mianling Case, it made it even more complicated!

This twenty-six-year-old cold case seemed to have a lot of unexplainable facets. How did the kidnappers take the ransom money? Why did they kill the hostages? Why did they bring the driver along? Why was the ransom money left with the skeletons? And why hasn't anyone found Liang Sisi's body? This girl, that would be thirty-three-years-old, was she alive or dead?

Ransom, skeletons, van, driver, mine tunnel... There just did not seem to be a logical connection between these elements. What was the truth?!

But just when everything about the Mianling Case seemed so complicated, Zhao Yu realized the truth that they had been looking for was right in front of him. The truth that they had been looking for since forever did not seem to be that complicated.

"Why? Why would I feel so...? Did I miss something? Or did I think of something earlier that was correct?" Zhao Yu wondered.

"Oh my, oh my!" Li Beini suddenly stood up from her seat and pointed at her screen as Zhao Yu was frustratingly pondering. "Brother, look at this. Hao...Hao Gang and Han Wenjun knew each other!"

Chapter 204: Uncle

“They used to be soldiers together; they were comrades!” Li Beini spoke excitedly. “Hao Gang and Han Wenjun were comrades, then—”

“Company, the company!” Liang Huan gestured at another computer screen. “Han Wenjun’s Youse Metal Company was once part of the Rongtian Corporation. It only became

independent once Rongtian Corporation started selling stocks. In other words, before gaining its independence, Han Wenjun used to work for Hao Gang!”

“Holy sh*t!” Zhang Jingfeng sighed. “This, this is too much! Hao Gang’s fifty-seven-years-old. Han Wenjun is fifty-six-years-old. They were war comrades and work partners. This isn’t just some normal relationship! Also, Han Wenjun is familiar with the mining area and knows how to deal with explosives, while Hao Gang used to be a police officer and knows the way the police operate! This...this is—”

“No!” Zhao Yu waved his hands in dismissal. “These two definitely couldn’t do something as big as the Mianling Kidnapping Case. There should be more...Beini! Quick, investigate all their war comrades and see if there is anyone else that’s suspicious.”

“Okay.” Li Beini immediately started investigating.

“Yu, Team Leader Miao!” Li Beini had just sat down, but Liu raised his hand. “I investigated Hao Gang’s investment money. Apparently it was a bank loan, but I couldn’t find any documents. Also, he’s not qualified for loans either. Even if he got one, he couldn’t have gotten such a big loan!” he said. “Oh, and from a less appropriate route, I learned some information: someone said that the startup investment Hao Gang got could’ve been a usury loan!”

“Usury loan?!” Zhao Yu suddenly thought of Cheng Sanli. During the peak of Cheng Sanli’s business success, he had become involved with usury loans. Could it be that Hao Gang’s loan was from Cheng Sanli? And the grudge between the two was due to that?

Thinking this much, Zhao Yu immediately asked, “Hurry and investigate it. Find out why Hao Gang and Cheng Sanli had such a deep grudge against each other.”

Yet, just as Zhao Yu spoke, Miao Ying spoke right at the same time. “Quick, go investigate. What kind of grudge did Hao Gang and Cheng Sanli have with each other?” The two’s words were spoken with the same speed, tone, and intonation. Liu was stunned for a moment. It took a while before he could digest the order. He immediately started

tapping away at the computer.

Zhao Yu turned to see Miao Ying. Miao Ying also felt very interested. This was not the first time either. It seemed that regarding case investigation, the two had a similar way of thinking, always reaching for the same ideas.

“I got it, I got it!” There was truly strength in numbers. It was not long before Li Beini found the important information. “There’s someone called Gao Yang. He was also Hao Gang and Hao Wenjun’s comrade, also someone from Qinshan! Also, Also...God!” Li Beini yelled in shock. “He...he’s from Mianling!”

Hearing the news, all the investigators around could not help but stand up. Soon, Gao Yang's picture and information was pulled out by Li Beini. The information showed that he was indeed from Mianling. After returning from being a soldier, he had yet to keep a proper job. Although he was currently fifty-six-years-old, he still had no work or family records.

Seeing this, Zhang Jingfeng immediately went to Li Beini's computer and spoke confidently. "Give me three minutes!" Yet, even before the three minutes had passed, Zhang Jingfeng was already speaking as he tapped away at the keyboard. "Gao Yang isn't married, there were no records. This person only had one hospitalization record. Oh, no way? Even though it was only once, he's still there, also...also it's in the asylum!"

What?! Asylum? Everyone was stunned.

"Yes! For insanity," Zhang Jingfeng read aloud. "He's already been there for seven years! Look at his family situation: no parents, was the only son, didn't marry, no daughter or son. God, this is someone who was completely forgotten!"

"Not him!" Liang Huan whispered to the investigator beside him as he shook his head. "If he really was the kidnapper, he'd be rich. How could he not marry? How'd he go crazy? This isn't right!"

"Wait, there's a signature on the diagnosis list. Mm...Gao Yang had a cousin. Let's see." Zhang Jingfeng typed and quickly found the information. "His cousin is named Gao Qian, also from Mianling, her phone number is xxxxxxxx..."

Zhang Yaohui quickly wrote down the number and immediately called to investigate.

"Oh?" Zhao Yu, who practically memorized the case record, suddenly remembered something. He immediately walked up to one of the whiteboards and pointed at a name. "Gao Qian, isn't this her?"

Miao Ying was stunned and immediately ran up to investigate. Indeed, Gao Qian's name was marked on the white board. With a careful look, one could see that Gao Qian was Liu Hongxiang's mother! Liu Hongxiang was one of the victims of the Mianling case. That year, Liu Hongxiang was merely ten-years-old.

"Oh..." Miao Ying said. "Apparently, Gao Yang was Liu Hongxiang's uncle! This..." No one could understand if this was a coincidence or if there was some sort of hidden connection.

"What? What did you say? How could it be?!" This time, it was Zhang Yaohui's loud exclamation that interrupted everyone's thoughts. Once he hung up the phone, Zhang Yaohui shook his head at everyone. "Gao Qian said that Gao Yang died six years ago! Heart attack in the asylum!"

Ah?! What?! Dead?!

"No way!" Zhang Jingfeng pointed at the computer screen. "There's no record of his death! How could it be?"

"Calm down!" Miao Ying was indeed a police team leader. She immediately spoke to calm the crowd. "Let's not rush! One step at a time. The asylum has no record of his death, yet Gao Qian said Gao Yang is dead. There is definitely some sort of problem here!"

“Gao Qian already said that, “Zhang Yaohui immediately added, “Gao Yang’s family was from Mianling, but their family had always been in the medicinal business. Most of the time they lived near Maling County since Maling was near the mountains, allowing them to pick the herbs they needed.”

“Holy sh*t!” Zhang Yaohui had just finished when Zhao Yu yelled out. He first ran his hand past his bald head, then immediately went up to another whiteboard and pointed at a something. “Look, here’s Maling, this was the cliff where the kidnapers took the money from!”

Wow! When everyone heard, all the investigators felt their hair stand on end as they looked on, stunned.

“All three of them match up!” Miao Ying’s jaw dropped in shock as she spoke. “Gao Yang was familiar with the area to obtain the ransom money so they could escape! Han Wenjun was familiar with the cavern and knew how to work with explosives! Hao Gang used to be a police officer and knew the way the police force worked so that he could take out the listening devices! All three of them were war comrades, their ages were similar, their identities similar, gender...gender...”

“Team Leader Miao,” Liu asked, “Gao Yang is Liu Hongxiang’s uncle. Why would he kidnap his own nephew, and even murder him? Isn’t that...too cruel?”

“Why not?” Liang Huan immediately retorted. “Otherwise, how could Gao Yang go crazy?”

“But...isn’t it weird?” Liang disagreed. “These three would dare do something so insane, and dare to stay in Qinshan?”

“Of course!” Zhang Jingfeng continued. “It’d be more suspicious if they ran away!” Even though everyone nodded in agreement, they were still in a state of confusion.

“If you ask me, we will let the truth speak for itself!” Miao Ying ordered, “Zhang Yaohui, go to the asylum and figure out Gao Yang’s situation, and see what happened to him, okay? Remember, ask the doctors, and get the details.”

“Okay!” Zhang Yaohui immediately obeyed.

“Liang!” Miao Ying turned to Liang. “Please go to Gao Qian’s house and find the right information. Don’t overlook any details!”

“Got it!” Liang immediately sorted his documents, ready to leave.

“Zhang, Beini!” Seeing Miao Ying finishing up her commands, Zhao Yu also added one for her. “Please, figure out the three’s relationship and see if they were sworn brothers! Also, figure out the conflict between them and Cheng Sanli.”

“Okay.” The two agreed, and immediately went to work. Due to the sudden change in the direction of the case, the atmosphere within the office was extra anxious.

Zhao Yu turned and saw the coffee Li Beini prepared for him. Just as he took a sip, he realized the coffee was already completely cold. He walked toward the break room to make a new cup of coffee. He had only walked two steps before he saw Miao Ying standing at the entrance, nodding at him. It seemed like Miao Ying wanted to talk!

Chapter 205: She's More Ruthless Than I Am

"What's wrong, Captain Miao? Oh no, Team Lead Miao," Zhao Yu asked after entering the pantry. "How can I help you?" His tone was as stubborn as before but he was obviously not as jeering as before.

"Why?" Miao Ying took out her cellphone and asked, "Are you not reporting this?"

"Sure." Zhao Yu spread his hands and said carefree, "You are the team leader, I'll do as you say!"

"Hmph, I knew you would say that!" Miao Ying gave Zhao Yu a death glare and kept her phone.

"Hey, let's make this clear. You are the one who is not reporting!" Zhao Yu immediately clarified. "If the higher-ups get mad about it, I'm not taking responsibility!"

Miao Ying did not seem to care. She looked distant, as if she was thinking about something. Just when Zhao Yu turned to walk to the coffee machine, she said, "Zhao Yu, I don't think it matters if we report this. What I'm concerned about the most is that even if they are the murderers in the Mianling Case, there's nothing we can do about it!"

"Huh?" Zhao Yu had not considered that. He nodded and complained, "Team Leader Miao, you definitely plan ahead. Even though the three of them seem suspicious, they are only unofficial suspects. There's no evidence!"

"I think," Miao Ying explained, "if we really want to close this Qinshan cold case, we cannot act according to the rules. We need to actively put pressure on them! Then they might show their true colors!"

"Oh my goodness!" Zhao Yu pressed a button on the coffee machine and exclaimed, "Team Lead Miao, are you crazy? To take action and put pressure on them? What makes you so sure that these are the murderers in the Mianling Case?"

"I'm not sure!" Miao Yin continued, "But I think we could use the same method as how we dealt with Liu Pengfei—fake it till you make it. What if found something we were looking for?"

"F*ck!" Zhao Yu replied, "I do not know Hao Gang, but I don't think he is someone that would be so easily tricked like Liu Pengfei. Same goes for Han Wenjun!" Zhao Yu put down the coffee cup as the machine started to brew.

"I've seen Hao Gang in person." Miao Ying crossed her arms and excitedly said, "He is a very courageous but careful person! You are right. They have all the money in the world to hire any lawyer. If they do not confess, we can't do anything about it. Therefore, we need to take the lead!"

"You lost me right there!" Zhao Yu was confused. "What do you mean by 'taking the lead'? To put on a show and make them admit it?"

"Sigh!" Miao Ying sighed and changed the topic. "Zhao Yu have you seen the information? Hao Gang has not remarried after his wife died of an illness even though his business got bigger and he got wealthier. Everyone says that he was loyal!"

“Oh?” Zhao Yu gave the coffee to Miao Ying and teased her, “Didn’t know Team Leader Miao was quite the busybody too! But from the rich bosses I knew, people like Hao Gang do not lack women. He can be a manwh*re and still maintain his reputation!”

“Sigh! Whatever is good turns sour when it comes from you!” Miao Ying took the coffee casually and continued, “From what I know, Hao Gang never had any affairs. Some people even suspect that he was into men! But even if that’s Hao Gang’s trick, it’s nice that he could restrain himself from remarrying for his son.”

“Oh...Hey?” Zhao Yu heard something strange and asked, “Team Lead Miao, what are you trying to say?”

“Hao Gang only has one son! His son was one-year-old when his wife passed away!” Miao Ying took a whiff of the coffee and said seriously, “His son is already...twenty-seven-years-old this year.”

Zhao Yu wanted to make himself another cup of coffee but he realized something after listening to what Miao Ying had said. He quickly asked, “F*ck, Team Lead Miao, what do you mean? Oh, you meant that you want to kidnap Hao Jiajun?”

“Shh...” Miao Ying whispered. “Zhao Yu, what are you talking about? We are cops, COPS! How could we do that? But...Han Wenjun has a grandchild...”

“You...” Zhao Yu gulped. His face turned pale and he looked at Miao Ying as if he was looking at a ghost!

“Hehe!” Miao Ying laughed hysterically. “I’m just joking! Honestly, I haven’t really thought about what to do with them! Why don’t you help me! Oh, thank you for the coffee.” She turned to leave after she was done speaking, leaving a puzzled Zhao Yu.

What was this Miao Renfeng doing? Was she crazy? Zhao Yu kept thinking, “Does she really want to play this immoral trick of kidnapping? This lady is really more ruthless than me! I haven’t even done that! But if we really kidnapped Hao Jiajun, what would the consequences be? If Hao Gang and Han Wenjun were really kidnapers, they would pay close attention to their kids’ safety. It wouldn’t be that easy!”

After thinking, Zhao Yu still felt that these ideas had aroused from heat of the moment. They could only consider it when they got more detailed information. Zhao Yu made himself a cup of coffee and went back to work at his desk.

After a while, Zhang Yaohui brought back some updates. The person in charge of the mental hospital told him that Gao Yang passed away after he was admitted to the hospital. The information was because the hospital had been under renovation back then. Hence, the record was not changed since Gao Yang had no family. Zhang Yaohui could not find Gao Yang’s doctor since it was already middle of the night, so that had to be delayed till the next day.

At the same time, Xiao Liu said that Gao Qian was not familiar with this relative of hers. They were close when they were younger. They lost touch when Gao Yang’s parents passed away. The only thing that she was sure of was that Gao Yang had followed his parents around the mountain areas in Ma Lin to get herbs and medicine when he was young, so he was definitely familiar with the mountain area.

Furthermore, Zhang Jingfeng and Le Beini had difficulty in looking for mutual acquaintances between Hao Gang and Cheng Sanli. Everyone made different assumptions, like Hao Gang’s death was related to Cheng Sanli, but there was not any evidence.

It was already middle of the night. Zhao Yu looked at his watch. It was already three-thirty. Looking around, all of his colleagues were worn out, sleeping on their desks, even Miao Ying, who was always energetic.

But Zhao Yu was not sleepy. He was still thinking in front of the whiteboard. The sudden appearance of Hao Gang and the other two made it seem as though they had found something. Also, there seemed to be more uncertainties.

According to his gut feeling, whatever happened between Hao Gang, the other two, and Cheng Sanli seemed to be the main lead in the Mianling Case. But how were they related? That seemed fairly vague.

Zhao Yu asked himself repeatedly, who was the murderer of the Mianling Case? Was it Hao Gang and the other two? How did they do it and why? Was Gao Yang related to the Mianling Case? He was related to one of the hostages. They were uncle and nephew. Was he cruel enough to involve his own relative? And what Miao Ying said, it was impossible for them to get any direct evidence as of now. If the three were the true murderers, what would make them confess?

The Miracle System suddenly beeped. The system informed Zhao Yu that he received a ninety percent completion rate on his adventure. He got another invisible night vision. This was the third time he had gotten this. The previous two times, the invisible night vision had been fully utilized. Once to catch Yang Wentao, and another time to catch Hou Meng. He wondered, who would he catch this time?

The system ended really late this time. As it was already past midnight, Zhao Yu did not wait any longer to smoke a cigarette and activate his new hexagram.

The result made Zhao Yu excited again. He could not believe that the miracle system gave him another "Gen-Kan" hexagram!

Chapter 206: A Fifth Possibility

"Gen-Kan Hexagram," the system said. "Gen for mountain and Kan for water. Mountain before water, the roads ahead is curved, for forces are mysterious, and the future is unclear."

Zhao Yu really wanted to know, what does this hexagram mean? If he could understand it, could it point him in the right direction for his investigation? But even if it did not, it was still enough to excite Zhao Yu immensely.

Thinking back to his investigations, every time the "gen" hexagram appeared, it meant that he was very close to solving the case! This implied that his previous efforts were not wasted, and that his investigation direction was almost definitely correct! With this in mind, how could Zhao Yu not be excited? Could it be, Hao Gang, Han Wenjun, and even Gao Yang, really were related to the Mianling case?!

In his excitement, all of Zhao Yu's sleepiness faded away, and he continued to stand in front of the whiteboard as he pondered over the case.

Six white boards, a huge amount of case information, and with countless people involved, Zhao Yu focused as best as he could as he waded through the evidence, trying to uncover the truth hidden behind the fog of mystery.

Unexpectedly, once he completely focused, he actually did think of another possibility! He suddenly remembered the experience kidnapper Jiao Hai's words. Jiao Hai had mentioned four possible reasons for kidnapping and then murdering the victims. But if Gao Yang really was one of the kidnappers, then the situation of the Mianling Case was clearly not one of these four possibilities because Gao Yang's nephew, was one of the kidnapped targets.

To kidnap his own family member was one of the least professional thing to do within the kidnapping business. Not only would it be easy to be caught, but it was also completely immoral. Even if that was what happened, why did they carry out their plan they way their did? They took the driver and the car as well, could it...could it be?

Suddenly, a thought crossed Zhao Yu's mind. He suddenly remembered that his first impression of the Mianling Case was that it was incredibly unprofessional. That was why he had thought that the Mianling Case was an accident. If his guess was right, then could it explain this situation that he was trying to uncover?

There was no more space on the whiteboards. Zhao Yu could only pick up a pen and start drawing on his notebook. Could there be a possible fifth reason for murdering the kidnapped victims? Considering Hao Gang and the other twos plan, perhaps they had originally only intended a robbery, or had their sight on the car. But once they took down Niu Weiguang's little van, they suddenly realized that it was filled with students, and that Gao Yang's nephew was sitting in the car!

With such an incident happening during the robbery, the criminals then decided to take everyone and hide them somewhere. But during the process, they realized that all these children were the children of rich families, and realized that they could kidnap them, which was why it took them three days to make the call. Even though everything went smoothly, and they managed to get their ransom money, since Gao Yang's nephew recognized Gao Yang, they had no choice but to kill the children!

If the kidnapped victims were returned, then the police would immediately figure out the kidnapper's identities, and no amount of money would help them! So they decided to risk it all and kill all the victims involved to eliminate any future worry! But because of the guilt Hao Gang felt for killing his own nephew, he went crazy. Yet the cruel and merciless Hao Gang and Han Wenjun continued their lives without a worry.

Whew... After taking notes, Zhao Yu could not help but sigh. Could that be the truth? Was the Mianling Case an accident? Could the case really be so simple?

With these questions in mind, Zhao Yu continued to ponder over and over, trying to find some way to contradict his theory. But even as the sun rose, he still had no answer.

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Miao Ying patted Zhao Yu's bald head, then pulled at his ear and yelled, "Hey, hey! Master detective, it's time to wake up! We've been working all night, yet here you are, snoozing away? Your snoring is quite impressive. I thought there was some sort of alarm!"

Seeing Miao Ying pull at Zhao Yu's ear, Li Beini and the others were stunned! For a long time, no one dared to go against Zhao Yu that close or personally. Zhao Yu was famous for his temper. Who dared to mess with the devil himself?

"Holy sh*t! Who the hell?!" Indeed, Zhao Yu was immediately enraged. He immediately grabbed Miao Ying's hand, intending to break her wrist. Yet, as soon as he realized the one pulling at his ear was Miao Ying, he immediately suppressed his anger.

"Oh, it's Team Leader Miao." Zhao Yu gently patted Miao Ying's pale and smooth hand, smiling from ear to ear. "Hehehe, what do you need?"

Seeing Zhao Yu's shamelessly flirty expression, all of his co-worker's jaws dropped to the floor. The way they looked at Miao Ying was akin to the way they viewed a demon!

"Woah." Li Beini stuck out her tongue and sighed softly. "Is this lady officer from the circus? A beast tamer?"

"Zhao Yu!" Miao Ying got straight to the main point. "I remembered something. Mr. Tao, who was responsible for throwing the ransom money off the cliff, heard the kidnapper's voice. Can we give him the recording of Hao Gang and Han Wenjun's voice to him, and see if he recognizes them?"

"That's a good idea." Zhao Yu was like a servant with his master, gently putting down Miao Ying's hand as he spoke with nothing but respect in his voice. "But I think we shouldn't get our hopes up too high. It's been so long. Would he even be able to recognize the voices? Besides, even if he does, we couldn't use it as evidence. Also, the person who was familiar with the location was Gao Yang, so the person who was talking to Mr. Tao before was most likely Gao Yang, not the other two!"

"True!" Miao Ying nodded. "But we should try anyway. Also, I think no matter how we investigate, we wouldn't be able to touch Hao Gang and Han Wenjun. The two of them are sneaky and careful. If they realize what's happening, it would make our investigation even more difficult!"

"Yes, we need to investigate in secret!" Zhao Yu agreed. "Maybe we should talk to their comrades in the army and see how good the relationship was between the three of them?"

"Good idea!" Miao Ying's eyes lit up. "Also, we could search their old neighbors; neighbors love to gossip. Not only could we get information, but we also wouldn't attract any attention." Seeing Zhao Yu and Miao Ying's cooperation, all the other investigators were stunned.

"Jesus," Liu whispered to Li Beini. "These two are quite the pair, and so in-sync too. Aren't they a good pair?"

"Pair my ass!" Li Beini rolled her eyes. "Don't you see Zhao Yu's bald head? Just take a look at Team Leader Miao. A pair? Hmph..." Li Beini turned and kept typing away on her keyboard as she looked up information. Liu was suddenly a little confused, not sure how he had offended her.

At this time, Zhang Yaohui returned. He had bought breakfast for everyone. Everyone immediately crowded around and enjoyed the delicious breakfast as they continued to discuss the case. But before Zhao Yu managed to take a few bites, his phone suddenly beeped. It was a WeChat message.

Zhao Yu opened his phone, and against his expectations, saw that it was from Yao Jia. Yao Jia told Zhao Yu that she and Cang Jie were going to get married at Branya Grand Restaurant that night, and hoped that Zhao Yu could come. Maybe she was afraid that Zhao Yu would refuse, so there was another request:

“Officer Zhao, I really love officers with a sense of justice like you. Me and Cang Jie both hope that you can be our children’s godfather! I really hope you can attend!”

Seeing this, Zhao Yu could not help but be touched. To think that Yao Jia looked up to him so much. “I only acted tough in front of her a few times, but she takes me so seriously, and even asked me to be a godfather?! Wouldn’t Jiang Xiaoqing get jealous?” he thought.

How could he not go? Zhao Yu immediately returned a message to Yao Jia. First, he offered his congratulations, and then promised that he would be there on time.

It had been a while, and the love Zhao Yu held for Yao Jia had truly faded. Even hearing about her wedding, and the possibility of children, he was still relatively unaffected. He only thought that it was not really his business and that it was quite normal. He hoped that he could find some major breakthrough in the Mianling Case before he attended the wedding, so that nothing would interfere with the ceremony.

Beep, beep. His phone soon rang again. It was a quick reply from Yao Jia, expressing her appreciation. But before Zhao Yu could take a closer look at the message, his phone suddenly rang, this time from an unknown number.

When Zhao Yu picked up, a mysterious yet hoarse voice came through the phone. “Zhao Yu, in the alley to the south of the police office, we need you, hurry up.”

Chapter 207: The Troublemaking Plan

“Bro, is that necessary?” Zhao Yu saw Su Yang wearing a mask and cap. “You could’ve just sent me a text rather than dressing up like Frankenstein.”

Su Yang was tall and chunky. Dressing up like that with his broad shoulders certainly made him look like a monster.

“You can recognise me?” Su Yang took off his mask and passed Zhao Yu a cellphone. It gave Zhao Yu a shiver when he saw the handphone—Su Yang gave him a phone that was meant for seniors!

“What the heck. Miao Ying gave me a toy phone first, and now I got a phone for seniors?!” Zhao Yu thought.

“We will stay in touch with this in the future. I’ve saved my new phone number inside!” Su Yang announced. “I’m afraid that our phones are bugged!”

Hmph. Zhao Yu laughed. “Well played. Teaming up to fool me? If only I had more than one invisible eavesdropper and camera, I would use them on you right now!” he thought.

“Keep it! It prevents eavesdropping through secure network coding! Very expensive!” Su Yang explained. “It also tracks your live location. Keep it with you at all times!”

“Phew!” Zhao Yu was holding his fist so tight that it cracked. He felt like throwing the ugly phone at Su Yang’s face.

“Zhao Yu, your task is here!” Su Yang informed him mysteriously. “Your target is Tianlong Technology Enterprise. You only have to do what you are good at, which is cause chaos!”

“Excuse me, Chief Su!” Zhao Yu gave the phone back and replied, “Do you know about the Mianling Case? Right now is critical, I can’t leave! How about making it some other day!”

“F*ck! You tell me now?” Su Yang panicked. “Zhao Yu, do you remember what you said about hating the bad and crushing evil forces? This is your time to shine!”

“F*ck!” Zhao Yu nearly bit his tongue. “Bro, don’t burn me to make me shine!”

“What are you talking about? I told you, there will be no danger!” Su Yang explained, “We found out that the account books are hidden in the office of Tianlong Technology Enterprise. If we can get our hands on their account books, we can capture the officers that cooperate with them to empty people’s pockets!”

“Hehe.” Zhao Yu simply replied, “And you want to capture them on behalf of the people? Chief Su, do you all learn your tricks from the same teacher? Why does it have to be me? Does pulling a trick on me make you happy?”

“What?” Su Yang was confused. “Zhao Yu, what are you trying to say? Who is pulling tricks? Who is having fun? What you need to do is to cause some trouble and make the security guards leave their posts. We will take care of all the other technical stuff.”

“Pretend then!” Zhao Yu did not believe in anyone. “Do I really seem so stupid?”

“Zhao Yu, what is wrong with you? What are you babbling about?” Su Yang put on his poker face. “What do you want now? Promotion? Money? Do you need me to sign an agreement with you for you to do this? Hmph! I think I got the wrong person!”

“Don’t pull this on me!” Zhao Yu waved his hand. “You’d better tell me everything! You can’t just use me as you wish without telling me about the situation!”

“Wh-what?” Su Yang scratched his head. “Did you lose your memory? Just the other day, I was telling you about being a special agent! I just need you to cause chaos in Tianlong Office to distract them. Then, we can easily go in and find evidence that the provincial officers in Rongtian Corporation were involved in bribery, and overthrow them!”

“Don’t you f*cking...hmm.” Before he said the word ‘lie,’ he realized something. He grabbed Su Yang’s collar and asked, “What did you say? Rongtian Corporation?”

“What?” Su Yang wiggled his way out. “Tianlong Technology is under Rongtian Corporation. They secretly hide all the records regarding buying out the officers there. It is well hidden but we found out anyway. Hehe, so—”

“Alright, why are you so full of crap?” Zhao Yu immediately kept the phone. “Quick, tell me what time to start. My only task is to make the security guards leave their posts, right? Easy-peasy. Quick, Chief Su, say something!”

Su Yang was dumbfounded and responded, “Zhao...Zhao Yu...There must be something wrong with you!”

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Due to limited amount of time, Zhao Yu did not head back to the police station after seeing Su Yang but prepared for his troublemaking plan. Although Zhao Yu was not sure how things would go, he knew that once Rongtian Corporation was under investigation, in chaos, or even closed down, it would be beneficial for him to look into Hao Gang! So he had to take up the task of giving Tianlong Technology a hard time regardless!

Zhao Yu made a call to Miao Ying before he left, and told her that he was going to look for new clues about the Mianling Case. He knew that Liu Changhu would be furious when he found out that no one informed him about the progress on the Mianling Case, so Miao Ying would have to be responsible for that. He would avoid embarrassment and responsibility if he was not there.

Hmph! Let them fight then! Hopefully Liu Changhu would trigger Miao Ying and her mother would get angry. Then, Liu Changhu...Good luck! Hehehehe. Zhao Yu felt extremely excited even though he barely slept.

Zhao Yu wore his new police uniform and arrived at the lobby of Tianlong Technology at exactly ten in the morning. He was ready to put on a show!

Zhao Yu did not ask any of friends from the station to help since Zhang Yaohui and everyone else was occupied with the case. He called Zhou Yang and his gang instead.

Zhao Yu was an expert in troublemaking. He probably had more than one-hundred and fifty methods up his sleeve. In order to get the best result, Zhao Yu decided to execute a few methods together for maximum chaos.

Tianlong Technology Enterprise was a twenty story building with a large number of security guards. It required a lot of effort if you wanted to mess with the tight security system.

Zhao Yu signalled to start at the promised time. Soon, someone fainted in the lobby on the fifth floor. The security guards nearby quickly went over when they got the report. Then, a fight broke out in an office on third floor. That also attracted a bunch of security guards. There was also a crazy person that pushed people and ran around on the tenth floor. He made the security guard chase after him.

Zhao Yu signalled for the blonde Zhou Yang when it was time. The blonde quickly ran to the elevator and threw a big black bag in the center.

A lady that looked like a secretary at the elevator entrance saw the bag and went to pick it up. Zhao Yu immediately ran over and stopped her. He shouted, “Miss, do not move! There might be a bomb in the bag!”

Chapter 208: How Could You Just Take My Phone?

Zhao Yu's sudden yell like a bomb instantly attracted everyone's attention.

"You are..." The secretary-like female looked at Zhao Yu. Even though she saw Zhao Yu's police uniform, she still reached for the black bag without a care.

"Don't move!" Zhao Yu's yell not only shocked the lady, but all the onlookers shivered. "Believe me!" Zhao Yu pointed at the police insignia on his uniform. "I've been following this terrorist for a long time! This is definitely not a joke!" He used his phone and pointed at the bag. The phone immediately started ringing with the sound of a siren.

"Ah!" Zhao Yu first yelled out in shock himself, then immediately started backing off. Everyone became even more intimidated and immediately moved back. The lady who had tried to pick up the bag had already run out of the building faster than what anybody could see.

Seeing the commotion in the elevator, two security guards immediately ran over! But before the two could even get close, they heard Zhao Yu roar, "Hey! Do you two want to die? This is a bomb! Go and call the police. Get the people out of here! Do you guys want to blow up together?!"

Zhao Yu nearly caused the two guards to collapse then and there. The crowd naturally started to panic, and everyone immediately started running! Soon, more guards came from every direction.

Zhao Yu immediately picked up his phone and started acting. "Hello, is this headquarters? Please call the bomb experts. Yeah, Tianlong Technology Enterprise! There is an unidentified bag here, suspected of having heavy explosives! Hey..." Half way through his act, he suddenly saw a guard call the police. Zhao Yu immediately roared, "Oi? Are you nuts? Don't you see I'm already talking to the police? What are you guys all doing? Not even ringing the police alarm? If this bomb really explodes, all of you guys have a legal responsibility!"

"Oh...ohohoh." The guard was dumbfounded and immediately went to pull the police alarm.

"You folks, don't just stand there!" Zhao Yu immediately commanded the rest. "Don't you see there's a bomb in the elevator? Why aren't you guys going and turning it off? Oi? Wait..." Seeing that the guards were really going to turn off the elevator, he immediately called them back. "No, no, there's still people in the elevator! Go and clear everyone out first. Once you clear everyone out, turn off the elevator. Don't gather here, find some other exit! Quick, quick..." All the guards acted chaotically, and immediately followed Zhao Yu's orders and ran towards the stairs.

Zhao Yu immediately turned to a few older guards. "From what I know, the bomb can be activated by touch, and remote too! This building is huge. If it explodes, then anybody upstairs will have to jump and pray! You guys hurry and go alarm the workers keeping an eye on the surveillance cameras, and those guarding the machines. Tell them to hurry up and run!"

"Oh, okay, okay." At this point, anything Zhao Yu said was the truth. The guard immediately started to make the calls.

There was still one last guard beside Zhao Yu. “What about the higher-ups? They’re having a meeting up there!”

“Don’t worry about the higher-ups! Don’t worry! The higher-ups get information faster than anyone. If something’s up, they’ll definitely get out before the workers!”

“Ah! Really?” The guard was completely dumbfounded and could only watch the chaos. The police alarm quickly started ringing. The people who already knew about the bomb poured towards the exit.

The guards were quite dutiful. Despite knowing the bomb could explode at any minute, they continued to stand at the door of various exits, helping to organize the crowd and preventing a stampede.

At least this was a technology company, so there were not a lot of people at work, and everyone was educated. Despite the rush, nobody was panicking. The evacuation was quite orderly. But just as people were evacuating, an accident happened.

When the last group of people came down from the elevator, a unsupervised child suddenly walked toward the mysterious bag, and even put his hand out to grab it.

Ah! By the time the guard and Zhao Yu saw him, it was already too late. But in such a dire situation, suddenly someone rushed out from behind the boy, and held the boy in his arms. The person rushed out incredibly fast. The two flew through the air almost parallel to the ground. When they landed, to avoid hurting the boy, the man tumbled on the ground, holding the boy tightly within his arms.

Bam... A white phone flew out a fair distance, landing right at Zhao Yu’s feet. Zhao Yu picked up the phone and finally recognized the man. The man who risked his life to save the boy was Hao Jiajun—the rich spoiled kid! The phone was also his, but because of the rough landing, it flew out quite a distance.

“President Hao, that’s...” The old guard immediately rushed over to pat the other down and asked gently, “Are you alright? President Hao, are you alright? Come this way, there’s a bomb!”

“No problem, no problem!” Hao Jiajun waved his hand as he stood up and immediately asked the boy who was pale with fear, “Kid, are you alright?”

The boy shook his head in shock, then the boy’s father suddenly popped out from nowhere. He held the boy in his arms and immediately bowed to Hao Jiajun, thanking him endlessly.

“Quick!” Hao Jiajun waved his hand. “No time to talk, go!” The boy’s father then quickly took the boy’s hand and left the area. Hao Jiajun knew his phone was gone, and immediately lowered his head, looking for it.

President?! Zhao Yu did not immediately return the phone, but wondered, “President? Could it be, Hao Jiajun is the president of Tianlong Technology Enterprise?” Hao Jiajun was Hao Gang’s son. No wonder this company was under the Rongtian Corporation!

Zhao Yu looked carefully, but did not see anyone like a bodyguard beside Hao Jiajun. Could it be, Hao Gang was not worried that someone would hurt his son?

At this time, Hao Jiajun finally saw that Zhao Yu was holding his phone. He immediately walked up to him to take it back, but as he looked up, he immediately recognized that the man holding his phone was the police officer who had wanted to fight him to the death at the hospital!

“You...” Fear flooded across Hao Jiajun’s face immediately. He swallowed whatever he was going to say. But Zhao Yu simply ignored him and flipped open his phone.

Hao Jiajun’s phone was quite regular and did not seem to be some name brand, but despite the rough landing, it was completely unscathed. Apparently it was quite sturdy. One could tell that this phone was not just an everyday phone.

After the fall, the screen still lit up. Zhao Yu saw that Hao Jiajun’s background was none other than the beautiful nurse Yao Jia!

“Holy sh*t!” Zhao Yu could not help but curse and showed Yao Jia’s photo to Hao Jiajun. “Are you a stalker? This...what’s this?”

“Ah...” Hao Jiajun’s face immediately turned red. “It’s just a phone background!”

“No sh*t, I know that! I’m asking you, where did you take this picture? Why Yao Jia?” Zhao Yu questioned him loudly.

“Hey! Officer,” the old guard suddenly perked up, pointing at Zhao Yu, “there’s a bomb! Can’t you guys fight somewhere else? If it explodes, Hao...President Hao...”

“Officer,” Hao Jiajun’s face was beet red, “this was from before. I didn’t have time to change it! I know, I know Jiajia is your girlfriend. I’ll change it.”

What?! Girlfriend? Zhao Yu paused for a moment, but suddenly remembered that when he was playing tough, he had shamelessly said that Yao Jia was his girlfriend!

Zhao Yu was even more bold. He immediately pointed at the phone again. “Right, you’re using my girlfriend as your phone background. How could I be alright with this? Kid, go change it now!”

As Zhao Yu let Hao Jiajun change his phone background, an idea suddenly came to him. Since Hao Jiajun was the president of Tianlong Technology, maybe he had something important in his phone? Could it be of any help to Su Yang and the others?

“If I could get the phone for myself, then could we get any information out of it?” Zhao Yu thought. But how could he get it?

“Hey! Did you guys not hear me?” The guard was going nuts. He was tiptoeing between Hao Jiajun and the bomb, fearing that the bomb might affect the young master. “Don’t you guys realize there’s a bomb in that bag? What’re you doing, talking about boyfriend-girlfriend things?”

“No!” Zhao Yu said stubbornly. “This is important to my pride as a man. Kid, if you don’t change it now, I’ll die with you today!”

“Okay, okay.” Hao Jiajun was like a defeated animal. He immediately opened his phone and picked a random photo. “I changed it, I changed it, alright? I’ll also delete the old picture, okay?”

“No!” Zhao Yu grabbed the phone. “I need to see if there’s any other pictures on your phone!”

“There isn’t! It was just that one! Really!” Hao Jiajun immediately explained, but fearing Zhao Yu’s ferocity, he did not dare to try and take his phone back.

“Oi? I say, are you completely unreasonable?” The old guard was incredibly angry now. The old guy stomped his feet and held his hand up to try to take the phone back. Yet, just as he extended his hand, Zhao Yu suddenly yelled and leaped several feet into the air in shock, nearly giving the old man a heart attack.

“Hao...Hao...Hao Jiajun!” Zhao Yu’s eyes bulged, almost as if he had been struck by thunder. He immediately moved forward and grabbed Hao Jiajun by the collar, his body shaking as he pointed at a picture on the phone. “Tell me! What...what is this?!”

Hao Jiajun lowered his head. The picture was of a beautiful lady. The lady was not stunning, but was quite pretty. Her eyes were large, and her hair curly, almost like a doll! The most important thing was that at the tip of the woman’s lips, on the right side, was an obvious mole!!!

Chapter 209: Latiao Bomb

Zhao Yu wanted to use the excuse of a bomb threat to run away with Hao Jiajun’s phone. But just as he was looking at the photo on the phone, he noticed that it was actually an old photo. He could tell that it was not a photo taken with the cellphone because the photo was yellowish and stained, with a outdated border. He assumed that it was a scanned photo.

It was of a beautiful young lady, and the photo was taken at an old photoshop. The lady had wavy hair from the eighties and a pair of big eyes, just like a doll.

Zhao Yu took a glance and felt that she looked really familiar. He then saw the mole on the right upper side of her lips and he suddenly remembered Liang Sisi’s picture!

Oh God! At that very moment, it sent shivers down his spine. This lady in the photo and the Liang Sisi’s lab-generated picture looked too alike! Could it be... Is it...

Zhao Yu felt as if he had been struck by lightning! He couldn’t care less about anything else. He grabbed Hao Jiajun and demanded, “Quick! Tell me! Who is this person in this photo? Where did the photo come from? Answer me!”

“Hey, hey, hey.” The senior security guard stood in front of Hao Jiajun. “Officer, what are you talking about? Why are you holding our manager? Where are you come from?”

“You, SHUT UP!!” Zhao Yu pointed at him and glared. The senior security officer was frightened. Zhao Yu pulled Hao Jiajun closer and shouted, “Hao Jiajun, I think the bomb will explode soon. If you don’t say anything, we aren’t going anywhere alive!”

“Aiyo...” Hao Jiajun was panicked, but he contained himself, like a prince maintaining his elegance. He replied, “I really don’t understand you, officer. Are you trying to lose your life? This...this is my mom! I can’t even carry my mom’s picture with me?”

“What? You mother?!” Zhao Yu frowned. He could not process it. He looked closely at the photo in the phone. It was definitely an old photo. The lady may have seemed young, but she definitely did not look to be from this day and age.

Mother?! Hao Jiajun's mother? This lady in the photo looked so similar to Liang Sisi. Is Hao Jiajun's mother, Liang Sisi?! Ugh?!

Zhao Yu was getting more confused. That's impossible! If Liang Sisi was still alive, she would be thirty-three-years-old. Hao Jiajun was twenty-seven. So if Liang Sisi was his mother, she gave birth to him at the age of six? F*ck...What the... What the hell was going on?

"Yes!" Hao Jiajun's eyebrows burrowed and said, "This is really my mother. Officer, are you trying to make fun of me? Let's leave and talk outside!"

"Exactly!" The senior security guard said back.

No! Zhao Yu shook his head. According to the information, Hao Jiajun's mother passed away due to an illness when he was one-year-old. But...why? Why did his mother and Liang Sisi look so alike? There's must be...a reason...

Zhao Yu immediately took out his cellphone and showed Hao Jiajun the picture of Liang Sisi.

"There!" Zhao Yu said, holding his phone. "You see, do you know this person?"

Hao Jiajun turned to look at the bag that might explode, then turned back to look at Zhao Yu's phone.

"Officer, what do you mean?" Hao Jiajun furrowed his brows. "Of course I know who this is. Isn't this the little girl that was lost during the Mianling Kidnapping Case? It's all over my WeChat news feed. Why? You found the girl?"

"F*ck." Zhao Yu told him to take a closer look. "Look closely! She has a mole above her upper right lip too. Don't you think she looks very familiar?"

"Familiar?" Hao Jiajun looked closely. "I've never seen her. What does familiar mean? Oh, do you think I'm the kidnapper? Oh, I get what you mean!" Hao Jiajun suddenly realized and said, "She and my mother...It can't be. Officer, take a closer look. Look." Hao Jiajun put the two photos together, and even showed them to the senior security guard as well. "See that? Besides the mole, their height and appearance is not the same! And my mother is more beautiful!"

"I don't know!" Zhao Yu remained silent, but the senior security guard said, "Manager Hao, I forgot to bring my glasses. I can't really tell!"

Zhao Yu took another glance. True enough, there was no resemblance. Even the mole was at a slightly different position. Hao Jiajun's mother was taller, and Liang Sisi's mole was slightly lower and different in size too.

Oh. Zhao Yu wiped away the sweat on his bald head and uttered that it was a false alarm! Hao Jiajun's mother was really not related to Liang Sisi! It seemed that he was tired from investigating Mianling Case!

Just as Zhao Yu was comparing the pictures, the phone that he was given by Su Yang vibrated. It was a signal—Su Yang was done and Zhao Yu could leave too!

Zhao Yu saw no reason to hold onto Hao Jiajun phone. He returned it and said, "I warned you, delete all photos of Yao Jia that you have. If not, I will start a rumor on WeChat and embarrass you!" He pointed at

the senior security guard and continued, "Quickly check on the evacuation status of this building. The bomb expert is coming!"

"Oh...Hmm...Ah..." The senior security guard was confused and stood there.

While he stood there, Zhao Yu made his phone ring and pretended to answer the call.

"Hello? Captain! Where did you go? Why is there no one here yet? The people have been evacuated! Huh? What? You caught the terrorists? There was no bomb in the bag? It's a fake? What? Okay then, I know what to do!"

After pretending to end the call, Zhao Yu looked at Hao Jiajun. "Excuse me, Manager Hao, the suspects have been captured. There is no bomb in the bag. False alarm!"

"No way!" God knows why the senior security guard popped up out of nowhere and shouted at Zhao Yu, "Is that how the police work? There must be no bomb if the terrorists said so? What if they lied?"

"Aiyo, F*ck you." Zhao Yu was annoyed but he had no choice. He walked towards the bag.

"Hey! Hey!" The senior security guard was panicking and immediately stood in front of Hao Jiajun. "Don't be reckless!"

Zhao Yu opened the black bag and made a surprised face while the senior security guard shook in fear!

"Ah!" the senior security guard quickly lied down and made Hao Jiajun lie down on the ground as well.

"Oh my God!" Zhao Yu poured everything on the floor. More than ten bags of Latiao fell out.

Chapter 210: Where's Your Rage?

In order to complete his act, Zhao Yu acted as he packed up the Latiao, and put it back in his police car. Originally, he had wanted to take time to talk with Hao Jiajun and ask if he knew about his father's relationship with Han Wenjun and Gao Yang. Since Hao Jiajun was Hao Gang's son, if the three of them were really close, Hao Jiajun would probably know something.

Zhao Yu thought about it and decided against it. Because of the photos just now, he had already exposed himself somewhat. If he asked Hao Jiajun any more sensitive questions, then he might attract Hao Gang's attention. If he brought attention to him this early, and Hao Gang realized what was happening, then the investigation would definitely be affected.

Instead, Zhao Yu simply took down Hao Jiajun's phone number and said that the police may call him later for some questioning, then he simply left Tianlong Technology Enterprise with his bag of Latiao.

On the way back to the police station, Zhao Yu drove as he ate the Latiao, and Su Yang quickly called him. Department Leader Su told him that the mission was a success, and that they had found suspicious information, and their next step was to decode it.

Su Yang even mentioned that Zhao Yu's work was beautiful. Not only had he shown a face of justice, but also eliminated evil. No matter what the results were, Zhao Yu would be rewarded greatly!

Hanging up the phone, the overjoyed Zhao Yu immediately called the blonde kid, Zhou Yang, and the others, then used the praise he had heard from Su Yang to motivate them. He praised them for their ingenuity, pretending that the Latiao was a bomb. Zhao Yu was quite happy! The few of them were also very happy, saying that if there were any other special missions, the boss could call them at any time.

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By the time Zhao Yu returned to the police office, the officers were still working without pause. Due to the Key Case Investigation Unit being split between Team A and B, Miao Ying had already taken Zhang Yaohui and the others back to the Team B Office.

Once he returned to the team A office, Zhao Yu felt like the others were looking at him a bit weirdly. They were all avoiding his gaze, as if hiding something from him! Especially Team Leader Mao Wei. When Zhao Yu greeted him, Mao Wei opened his mouth, as if wanting to say something, but appeared to hesitate, then said nothing. Zhao Yu was already used to the way his teammates looked at him, and decided to simply ignore it!

His eyes swept through the office, not seeing Zhang Jingfeng or Liang Huan, so he immediately walked over to Li Beini's desk. Yet Li Beini was the same as the others. Seeing Zhao Yu, she also looked as if she wanted to say something, but did not.

Zhao Yu did not speak, and simply opened his phone. He showed Hao Jiajun's mother's photo to Li Beini. "Beini, look at this photo. Doesn't it look like Liang Sisi?"

"Hm?" Li Beini was a little surprised and immediately looked carefully at the picture. She bit her lips. "Senior, at first, she really does! The look, the mole, both very similar! But if you look carefully, they're different! Here." As she spoke, Li Beini quickly pulled up Liang Sisi's picture from before and pointed things out for Zhao Yu. "See, the placement and the shape of the mole is wrong. One is bigger than the other. Also, the face shape is different, the eyes too. So, we can be sure this is Liang Sisi!"

"Hm, but what about...plastic surgery?" Zhao Yu questioned offhandedly.

"Senior," Li Beini was very serious as she asked, "where did this photo come from? Who is this?"

"Hao Jiajun's mother!" Zhao Yu answered.

"Ah?" Li Beini was indeed shocked. "Hao Jiajun's mom? Hao Gang's wife? Hm, didn't she die a long time ago?"

"Yes!" Zhao Yu suddenly thought of something. "How did Hao Jiajun's mother die? Was it from an illness?"

"Yeah!" Li Beini had looked this up and answered knowledgeably, "A very rare blood disease! From a medical view, it was considered a death sentence! Also, not only was it incurable, but it could also be passed on, so Hao Gang always gave Hao Jiajun the best physical examination every year, fearing that he had inherited his mother's illness."

"Oh." Zhao Yu nodded. Even though he felt like this picture was a little strange, he could not tell why. Just what kind of connection was there? He could only ask Li Beini to investigate it, to see if Hao Jiajun's mother and Liang Sisi's family had any sort of connection.

“Okay!” Li Beini nodded, and started typing away at the keyboard again.

“Also,” Zhao Yu immediately asked, “while I was gone, was there any progress? I’ve noticed people looking at me weird, did something interesting happen?” Zhao Yu’s was clearly asking, did Miao Ying and Liu Changhu have any conflict?

Hearing that, Li Beini looked up. Seeing that Mao Wei had already left, and the other investigators were still busy, she lowered her voice and said to Zhao Yu, “Senior! Nothing ever goes right during the first meeting!” Li Beini’s face clearly showed some anger.

“What do you mean? Was there some awkwardness?” Zhao Yu was confused.

“The first meeting! That new Team Leader Miao!” Li Beini pouted. “That woman is quite savage! Brutal, even.”

“Hehehe.” Zhao Yu could not help but laugh, thinking to himself, “It seemed like my wish came true. Miao Ying definitely had a conflict with Liu Changhu and the others!”

“This morning, when work started,” Li Beini clenched her teeth as she described, “once Liu Changhu found out about the situation, he immediately freaked! In the end, Team Leader Miao immediately stood up and told Liu the reason she didn’t report anything was entirely because of you! Everyone had wanted to report it, but you stopped them! Saying that you even said that if anyone dared to report something, you’d hit them.”

Suddenly, Zhao Yu’s expression froze, as if something burnt his heart to a crisp. Miao Ying...Miao Renfeng...

“Tell me, how could there be someone like that?” Li Beini was also very angry. “Forgetting her helpers! For you to help her so selflessly, then she immediately betrayed you over something so small! How could it be?”

“Even though me and Zhang Yaohui, and the others tried our best to defend you, you know Captain Liu. Even if you were there, he’d gladly believe Miao Ying’s word instead. Right now, he might even be reporting to Bureau Chief Luan! Senior, you’re going to take the fall for this!”

According to Li Beini’s understanding of Zhao Yu, as soon as Zhao Yu heard this news, he would jump up in rage, or maybe even take a knife to Miao Ying right away! Before, Liu Changhu had only asked him for a cup of coffee, and Zhao Yu threw it at him! Now, Miao Ying had practically sh*t on his head. He would definitely go into rage mode right away! Yet, Li Beini was wrong again.

After ten minutes of shock and numbness, Zhao Yu showed a sneaky smile instead.

“Muhahaha, Miao Ying, what a hand! Amazing, amazing.” Zhao Yu smiled unnaturally. “I really do like her more and more!”

“Huh? Are you nuts?” Li Beini was stunned. “Senior? You, you aren’t angry? Where’s your rage? How can you bear this?”

“Hehehe, I’m used to it, used to it!” Zhao Yu spoke, and continued to smile as he stretched. He asked, “Ah! I didn’t sleep all night, I’m going to go nap a bit. Just investigate this for me for now. If there’s any

news tell me right away...yawn..." Zhao Yu yawned, then went back to his own desk, sprawling lazily on the desk as he rested.

Ah? No way? Li Beini was completely stunned. Ever since she knew Zhao Yu, she had never seen Zhao Yu back off in such a defeat! She really could not understand, just what sort of god was Miao Ying?

Actually, how could Zhao Yu not be angry? Even if he was stricken by Miao Ying, to be framed so clearly, how could he swallow it? But Zhao Yu was quite experienced in life already. He knew just what kind of position he currently was in. He had already offended Liu Changhu, but he could not carelessly offend Miao Ying, especially since Miao Ying's background was so terrifying. No matter how Miao Ying tortured him, he had to continue to side with her.

Actually, with Miao Ying's sudden appearance, the relationships in the Key Case Investigation Unit were already very sensitive. On one hand, Liu Changhu and Mao Wei did not want Miao Ying to affect their own place. On the other, they also did not want to see Miao Ying come and immediately stand with Zhao Yu. Thus, they obviously wanted to cause a rift between Miao Ying and Zhao Yu.

Miao Ying herself was quite intelligent. She knew that since she was new, she could not offend Liu Changhu and Mao Wei. If she protected Zhao Yu, she would add to the conflict and gain a bad reputation with the higher-ups. But if she used Zhao Yu as a scapegoat, then the conflict was easily dissolved. Even though she might offend Zhao Yu, she would not offend any of the higher-ups!

Also, Miao Ying wanted to taunt Zhao Yu! If Zhao Yu and Miao Ying fought, then Miao Ying had ample reason to eliminate Zhao Yu. If that happened, only one word from her mother and Zhao Yu would be transferred far, far away.

Zhao Yu knew he could offend anyone, but not Miao Ying! If he offended her, then he would have no chance left!

"Fine, if you want me to get angry, then I won't be. I'll even be nice to you. See if you like that! I'll guilt you to death!" Zhao Yu thought.

On another hand, Zhao Yu did have some strings to pull. He had just done good work for Su Yang. Having a province level official on his side, he was not worried about Liu Changhu doing something to him! But...

Sprawled on the desk, Zhao Yu closed his eyes as he thought to himself, "Miao Renfeng, Miao Renfeng, you have to remember one thing: I, Zhao Yu, am a man who will do pay back for everything! It's not that I won't get my revenge, it's just not the time yet! Today you screwed me over. I'll remember it! Hmph, one day, if I get a chance, watch me. I'll pay you back ten fold!!!"