

## Crazy 271

### Chapter 271: The High IQ Criminals

"In the safety deposit box vault, there were a total of seventeen safety deposit boxes that was opened." Peng Xin pointed at the information written on the whiteboard and said, "The bank worked really hard, and there were ten owners that came to retrieve their lost items, but...what's weird is that none of them lost anything. Even though their boxes were broken into, nothing was taken! I think Yu can share something with us regarding this!" The detectives looked towards Zhao Yu, but he waved.

"Hold on, Little Zhao!" Liang Huan gave him a thumbs up and said, "Wait until we close this case, and I will conduct a mini auction for your two-hundred thousand old notes. You will gain a fortune from that!"

"Peng," Xiao Liu suddenly raised his hand and asked, "did the bank give out the items in a hurry? Are the items in the boxes correct? Why did they claim them so quickly? What if there was a mistake?"

"This is the bank's emergency mechanism. There were valuable personal goods in the safety deposit boxes. The bank had to take care of their customers. If not, it would severely affect their reputation! Regarding claiming the wrong items, you should ask Zhao Yu!" Peng Xin threw the ball to Zhao Yu again.

Zhao Yu nodded and answered, "That's easy. It's like claiming your lost wallet! The bank needs to verify three things: first, keys; second, password; third, to describe the items in the box in detail before you can claim them. When they open the box and everything matches, they give you the items! If it doesn't, they won't give you anything!"

"Oh..." Everyone understood the process.

Pen Xin said, "But besides the box that was used to store the corpse, there were six boxes left that have yet to be claimed. Among the six, there were items from two or three boxes that were damaged. They were removed and thrown on the ground!" She continued, "The boxes were opened without any logic or pattern, as though they were opened randomly."

"This is so annoying," Li Beini said. "It's been so long, but we don't even know what the robber took?!"

"Peng, what's the update for the six boxes that were not claimed?" Miao Ying asked.

"The bank tried to get in touch with the six owners, but the contact details are all false!" Peng Xin replied, "I guess these items are probably illegal!"

"Regardless of the situation, we have to find them. We have to find out what is missing!" Miao Ying pleaded.

"Yes, we are on it!" Peng Xin then continued and zoomed in on a photo. "Look, this is the internal structure of the safety deposit box. Although it is solid, there was a hidden unlock button located three inches to the right of the lock. This is to prevent the box from being locked if it malfunctioned. The door could still be open if there was a hard knock on the secret unlock button!"

"This secret unlock button was only made known to a few high-ranking architects of the manufacturing company. It is classified information. Even the bank managers were not informed, let alone the ordinary

attendants! But surprisingly, the robbers were familiar with it. All seventeen boxes were opened with one hard knock! That's why the bank manager that had on a mask said that there was not much movement!"

Amazing! Zhao Yu nodded. No wonder the robbers were not easy to deal with. They were really experts at this. But because of that, Zhao Yu had a new idea. Because there were not many experts in this field, he might be able to find something if he found the right person to ask about it.

"Team Leader Miao and fellow colleagues," Peng Xin continued, "over these two days, we have listed all the items in the safe deposit boxes that were broken into. Even though the boxes weren't huge, there was a large variety of items, such as gold, jewellery, accessories, and different kinds of notes. Whatever valuable items you can think of were all in there.

"There were only three robbers that got into the vault, and from the surveillance camera in the bank hall, they only brought two backpacks. From comparing before and after footage on the surveillance camera, the backpacks didn't look any different! The robbers didn't seem to have put a lot of things into the backpacks. So, we thought that they must've taken items that were light and expensive. That way it'd be easy for them to escape, and also make a big profit from it!"

"Mm..." Liu suddenly raised his hands and said, "Peng, I think that they did not just take lightweight and valuable items, but that they took from one or two boxes only! Their aim was very precise! They were already sure that the owners weren't going to claim their lost items! That's why we are so confused about what was stolen!" Liu's analysis won applause and agreement from his colleagues.

"That made sense," Miao Ying agreed. "They opened the other boxes just to mess with us. The robbers already knew what they wanted to steal from the very beginning! That's weird, what on earth did they steal?"

"Everyone, please don't forget about the corpse!" Zhang Jingfeng reminded, "Maybe, the robbers breaking open the safety deposit boxes was to show us the corpse hidden within?"

"Woahhh!" Just when Zhang Jingfeng finished talking, Zhao Yu jumped up and pointed at Peng Xin as he asked, "Peng...Peng, you...did you just say that the robbers only brought two backpacks into the vault? And the backpacks looked the same before and after entering the vault? Not carrying many things?"

"Yeah?!" Peng Xin was confused. The other police detectives did not understand as well.

"F\*ck!" Zhao Yu sighed and said mysteriously, "Everyone, these robbers are super cunning!" Zhao Yu stood in front of the whiteboard and said, "They were probably using the backpacks as a cover! In fact, I know they did!"

"Before they robbed the bank, they already opened a few other safety deposit boxes anonymously. When they robbed the bank, they broke open their own safety deposit boxes too. Then they moved all the stolen items into their own boxes and escaped to make us think that they were running away with stolen goods!"

"But in fact, the things were still in the safety deposit box! They then headed back to the bank to claim their 'lost items' fair and square!" Zhao Yu's theory left everyone's mouth hanging open. If it was really so, these robbers had a really high IQ.

“Oh my God. No wonder they covered the bank manager’s eyes!” someone agreed.

“Wait...” Peng Xin pondered for a while and said, “No, Zhao Yu! We’ve thought about this. Although they would know what was inside the safe deposit boxes, if they opened their safety deposit boxes during the robbery, the bank would have known as it would’ve been recorded on the digital key code system.

“Yeah!” Liu Xueshan continued, “On top of that, the bank stopped operating when it got robbed! If the robbers did touch the other safety deposit boxes, we could investigate right now!”

“No!!!” Miao Ying suddenly shouted. She said excitedly with her eyes wide open, “Sh\*t! We forgot the most important question!”

“Huh? What? What is the important question?” Zhao Yu stunned and asked.

“We forgot about those...those boxes that were opened without losing anything!” Miao Ying pointed at Zhao Yu and said, “Just like your two-hundred thousand that was still in the box! The robbers could easily move the items from the other boxes into their own, just like yours!”

“Huh?” Zhao Yu finally understood and he felt a shiver go down his spine. “You mean, the robbers broke open the other boxes and their own as well. Then they moved the stolen items into their own. After that, they went through the claim procedure of the bank and took the items just like that. Oh my God...”

“Yes! Didn’t you say just now that there are three things: key, password, and a description of the items in the box.” Miao Ying held her fist and said, “Of course the robbers would know what is inside.”

“It can’t be!” The idea took Peng Xin’s breath away, and she said, “Does it mean that the real robbers have already appeared in front of us a couple of times? They were among the ten owners who claimed their lost items?”

“No! No! Nine of them!” Zhao Yu clarified, “You can’t count me!”

## **Chapter 272: The Plot Thickens**

Based on the investigator’s analyses, the culprit’s motive and methods were already revealed, becoming clearer by the minute. The case went something like this: before the robbers robbed the bank, they already registered one more different safety deposit boxes.

When they actually robbed the bank, they opened their own as well as seventeen other boxes. Actually, out of the seventeen security boxes, there was only one or two that contained their true target! In order to throw the police off track, after breaking into the boxes with the desired possessions, they also destroyed the contents of the other boxes, scattering them all around.

Then they put the item they planned on stealing into the safety box under their own name, then left the bank empty handed. A day later, they returned, and using the bank’s confirmation method, took the item under their own name and left!

Only this theory this could explain why the robbers had opened so many safety deposit boxes, but did not touch any of the contents! All the investigators were stunned! No one could have imagined that the culprits would be so genius! They had completely used both loopholes in registering for a safety deposit

box, as well as the flaw in the bank's method of returning items, to their advantage, and executed a nearly flawless crime!!

In the last ten hours or so, all members of the Key Case Investigation Unit had moved out and enacted another "fiasco"! First, the investigators found all the people who had taken items out of the security boxes with lightning speed. They were interrogated, then had their DNA compared to the DNA found on the masks.

Miao Ying's first thought was that if the culprit was really mixed in with the nine people who had retrieved their items, then after retrieving the items, they had probably already escaped. There was no way they would let themselves be caught. Thus, whoever ran would be the true culprit!

But Miao Ying was completely mistaken. All nine of the suspects were successfully taken to the police station. To make things worse, none of their DNA matched the DNA on the mask!

Oh no! Only now did Miao Ying and the others realize the situation was far more complicated! Even though the DNA was not a match, it did not necessarily mean the culprit was not one of the nine people brought in. If they sent a different person to retrieve the item, then obviously the DNA would not matter at all. If these people all used their real names to register, and they correctly described the items in the box, then the police would have no way of knowing if they were working with the culprit or not!

There was no time left, and the investigators were only left with one method, which was to check the items that were retrieved by these people and see if the items were under their name, and if anything was suspiciously valuable!

Indeed, the culprits had put in inhuman effort. There was no way they would steal anything less than a few hundred-thousand yuan. They surely wanted something extremely valuable and rare! Thus, when the investigators investigated in this direction, they quickly eliminated the majority of the suspects, leaving only three!

The remaining three not only retrieved items worth millions, but none of them could present proper identification for their items within the short notice either. The three of them were rather all influential people. Among them was an entrepreneur, a retired radio station owner, and a famous antique appraiser. Only after being detained for ten hours was the information regarding their valuables finally revealed.

The first, the entrepreneur's item, was a family heirloom. He did not want his wife to find out about it, and decided to save it in the safety deposit box. The second, was ten gold bars from the retired radio station owner. It was from when he and his wife sold a house and invested in gold. The reason they deposited it in the bank was so their children would not worry about it.

The third, the blue-and-white porcelain, was not even the antique appraiser's, but rather an auction item his association had been preparing for a long time. It was the focus of the auction. Now that it was revealed ahead of time, it would affect the auction greatly without a doubt.

Indeed, the suspicions regarding them were cleared; however, how could the three of them simply let it go? All three of them were famous and influential people, and they were being tossed around by the police. They were clearly embarrassed and frustrated. Soon, their lawyers arrived, and even their legal

representatives all arrived! Some say they will sue the police, some wants a reason for the arrest, Tang Zhaolong was completely buried by the work!

Even though Tang Zhaolong was a leader at Rongyang Branch, he was constantly abused in these sorts of situation. He did not dare to touch the powerful investigators under him, nor offend the officials above him. Ever since his promotion, he was in a good situation. Thus, in a fit of frustration, he submitted his resignation letter, saying he would rather retire than continue his job, ready to leave!

With no options left, the bureau chief of the city bureau could only send out their best officers to help with the situation. Placating and appeasing people from all sides, they finally managed to ease the situation temporarily.

With such a fiasco from above, the pressure on Miao Ying's shoulders was also gigantic! If they still could not solve this case, then their situation would be even worse. Only now did Zhao Yu realize that it might not have been a bad thing that he had not ended up as the substitute Team Leader for Team A! Otherwise, all this pressure would be on his head instead!

But since all nine suspects were no longer believed to have been involved with the crime, Zhao Yu was just as surprised! Suddenly, he was almost suspecting himself. "Could I have robbed the bank while I was asleep" he wondered.

Tsk, tsk... Zhao Yu broke into a cold sweat. This was truly strange! "Did we really guess wrong? Did the culprit really not use any sort of deception? Or...did we miss something?" he thought to himself.

Zhao Yu's eyebrows were locked together, confused to the extreme. Just like everyone else, Zhao Yu had not put too much thought into this case at first. He figured with something as big as robbing a bank, such a bold move, with so many culprits, there should have been many evidence to be found and flaws made! Yet...why couldn't they find anything?

It was almost as if the five culprits vanished. Not only did they disappear completely, but nobody even knew what they took? Could it be, just like Zhang Jingfeng said, they took such a big risk, but had a different motive? Then...what could it be? Was it really the vacuum sealed bodies? The puzzle grew bigger and more complicated by the minute.

The entire Key Case Investigation Unit fell stagnant. All the investigators felt as if they were up against a huge wall, unable to proceed.

"Don't give up!" During this time, Miao Ying's leadership ability shone as she spoke without a hint of despair, "Right now, we still have two directions to investigate! One, no matter what, we have to figure out just what the culprits stole. As long as we know what they stole, we can investigate that line of evidence! Two, we still have the security footage from the old city area. After some analysis and fieldwork, we will definitely find some sort of evidence!"

### **Chapter 273: The Sixteen Suspects**

It was nine at night. The police detectives that had been busy for the past few days were still discussing the case around the whiteboard.

“According to the surveillance video, the car drove into the old city one night before the robbery,” Peng Xin was explaining the latest piece of information she got. “We couldn’t trace the exact direction of where it came from, but we are certain that it was from the south.

“The car stopped in the alley for a night. We talked to the residents nearby. They said that they saw the car when they were going to the bathroom, but they didn’t pay much attention to it as it was nothing special.”

“That’s weird! Did they sleep in the car? Or did they go home to sleep, then returned before the robbery?” someone asked.

“There shouldn’t have been anyone in the car!” Peng Xin answered. “It was close to a toilet and the car isn’t spacious. It would be difficult for five of them to sleep in there for a night. Plus, according to a witness statement, the car seemed to be empty!”

“If so, we have to count on the surveillance video. Get the investigators to look into it thoroughly to see if there were any suspicious people!” Miao Ying ordered.

“Bureau Chief Luan transferred a few colleagues from other departments to assist us with this case!” Peng Xin continued, “Team Leader Miao, from the site investigations, we have verified the identities of the sixty-six suspects that appeared around the old city during that time frame. Most of them are local residents.

“But there are sixteen with unknown backgrounds, and we couldn’t locate them!” Peng Xin pointed at her cellphone and said, “These sixteen suspects’ video profiles are in the shared folder! You can take a look at it. We asked the local residents, but no one knew these sixteen suspects. Now, we are looking for them via the Missing Persons Department. Maybe, the suspects will be among them.”

“To pick five out of sixteen, that’s not a small percentage.” Zhao Yanghui clapped. His eyes were red from working continuously for the past couple of nights.

“Don’t be so certain just yet!” Lan Bo shook his head. “The robbers are cunning. If they found a blind spot in the surveillance area, our efforts will all go down the drain!”

“Lan Bo, don’t be so disheartened,” Liu comforted him. “Nothing is impossible. I don’t think these robbers are as gifted as those in Now You See Me. They will not be able to escape!”

“Look, everyone,” Peng Xin turned on the screen next to her, displaying a map, “This is the old town’s distribution map. The red lines indicate the route that the police dogs traced. You can clearly see that the robbers ran separately in different directions. The police dogs couldn’t trace them any further after they entered the busy area! From where the smell disappeared, it was within the surveillance area. So there is a high chance that the robbers are among the sixteen people!”

“Mm!” Miao Ying nodded. She turned around and told Zhang Jingfeng, “Zhang, you are an expert in this, the task of looking for these suspects falls upon you. Please go to the Missing Persons Department and follow up!”

Zhang Jingfeng nodded.

Da Fei suddenly stormed in and said nervously, "Everyone, everyone! Latest update! Unlike Qinshan Bank, Tongchuan Bank saved their surveillance videos. We found the person that stored Shao Zhenjiang's corpse in the safety deposit box four years ago!"

Huh?! Everyone was suddenly hopeful.

"It's on the flash drive!" Da Fei quickly inserted the flash drive into the player. The screen started playing the video. From the video, they saw a person that was not too tall wearing a grey jacket. They entered the bank's main hall with a white suitcase.

It was winter then, and that person was wearing a grey windbreaker with the hood on. Just like what the attendant from Qinshan Bank described, the person wore a pair of big sunglasses with a face mask. From the video, no one could tell whether the person was a male or a female. The person found the manager to open an account for a safety deposit box. The person showed his ID, then also signed the application form.

What shocked the officers was that the person, while speaking to the attendant, was showing them their suitcase. It seemed that he was asking the attendant whether or not his suitcase would fit in the safety deposit box. The attendant carefully looked at the size of the suitcase. She nodded and led the person into the safety deposit box vault.

"This box..." Miao Ying was investigating the case all this while. She quickly paused the video and roughly graphed the size of the suitcase, then said, "This box seems to be bigger than the others."

"You're right!" Li Beini quickly pointed at the data on the whiteboard and said, "The suitcase used to store Shao Zhenjiang's corpse was certainly one size bigger than the others!"

"Oh, I understand now!" Peng Xin said, "Among the five of them, Shao Zhenjiang's body was the biggest. The safety deposit box in Qinshan bank wasn't big enough, so the suspect went to another bank!"

"That's right!" Li Beini quickly located the details and said, "Tongchuan Bank's standard for safety deposit boxes is slightly higher, but more expensive, of course!"

"How could the suspect carry such a heavy person?" Lan Bo asked.

"They could!" Zhang Yaohui said, "The victims were starved to death. When a person is severely dehydrated, their weight goes down by a lot! Plus, the suitcase had wheels!"

"This is the document that contains suspect's handwriting." Da Fei took out a document and said, "It has the suspect's signature. And the attendant that helped the suspect four year ago is still working for Tongchuan Bank. She said that she still vaguely remembers this as there is barely anyone that goes to the bank to store large suitcases.

"The attendant told us that the person's sounded like a young man, but the ID was a woman's. The attendant wanted to have the person remove their spectacles to verify the photo on the ID, but they refused and claimed that they would leave if they couldn't proceed! The attendant saw that the person was planning to open the safety deposit box for ten years, so she let it slide, and assisted the person in opening an account."

“Then, the suspect should be a man!” Miao Ying cringed and asked, “Da Fei, have you gotten the video from the bank’s entrance? Can you see how the suspect got to the bank?”

“I’ve tried!” Da Fei answered. “Unfortunately, the surveillance videos for outside the bank were not saved”

“Then...Liang Huan,” Miao Ying continued to ask, “how is the background check of the five victims going? Are they connected in any way?”

“There are no results as of now,” Liang Huan shook his head when he answered. “Besides Gong Xiuzhen and Duan Dacheng being married, there seems to be no mutual connection between the others. It is still too early to conclude, but we are still working on it!”

“Then, maybe the culprit just randomly killed people?” one of the detectives asked.

“If so, it could be the principle of proximity!” Xiao Liu answered seriously. “Gong Xiuzhen went missing in Tongyang, and the others went missing in Qinshan. Maybe the murderer lived in Tongyang, then moved to Qinshan later?”

“That’s right! We need to plot the locations of where the five victims were missing and try and piece together what happened,” Miao Ying said, then looked towards Zhao Yu. “But Zhao Yu’s hypothesis may be valid as well! Maybe the five victims offended the murderer at different times, so the murderer wanted to kill them! If we can find out the reason, we may get closer to the answer!”

#### **Chapter 274: A River of Tears**

At night, Zhao Yu did not stay overtime with the other investigators in the police station, nor did he continue any more crime scene investigation. Instead, he went straight home to rest. Most of the investigators were already used to Zhao Yu’s selfish behavior. Conversely, Miao Ying simply did not want to waste the effort to deal with him.

Actually, Zhao Yu did not really intend to sleep, but wanted some time alone to carefully ponder of the case. Even though he was very rowdy during the day, when Zhao Yu wanted to think to himself, he preferred a quiet atmosphere. He felt like the police station was too crowded, and it made him unable to focus properly. After he got home, he opened a can of beer and pulled out a new notebook, starting his own way of investigating the case.

From the start of the case until now, Zhao Yu’s feelings about the case had changed drastically. At first, it was disdain, then confusion, and now complete puzzlement. Everything that happened already made Zhao Yu realize that these two cases surrounding the bank safety deposit boxes were not regular cases. Yet, the more difficult the case seemed, the more excited Zhao Yu became, and the more he wanted to solve it.

After some deep thinking, he seemed to have realized some things. He felt that the reason why the case was so confusing was most likely because the investigators were thinking too much! Thinking about the progression of the case, they were now dealing with both the vacuum sealed corpse case and the robbery case. The investigators were chaotic because of all the confusion, just like they were a few days ago.



In Zhao Yu's opinion, even though the case seemed complicated, once he calmed down and analyzed it carefully, it would become clear as long as they figured out two key questions. The first key question was, just what did the robbers steal? Just like Miao Ying had said, if they did not know what was stolen, then they would not be able to figure out the motive of the robbery! If they did not know the motive, then it would be difficult to decide the direction of the investigation.

The second key question was, was there any relationship between the vacuum corpse case and the bank robbery? Did the robbers purposely reveal the corpse for people to find, or did they come across it by accident? Not to mention, the two questions could almost be considered one. As long as they knew the answer to one question, then they would know the answer to both. Once they figured out what the robbers had stolen, they would know if the corpse had anything to do with the robbery. Thus, the single most important thing at that point was to find the answer to the first key question! Then...how would they find out what was stolen?

Without a doubt, the only one who could answer this question was the person whose possessions had been stolen, but did not dare to claim it! Everyone used false information, how could the police find them if they did not come to claim the items personally?

Just as Zhao Yu pondered over the case, the adventure completion message played in his mind. His completion rate for the day was only seventy-six, and he only gained a rather useless signal amplification device. Hearing this result, Zhao Yu could not help but feel a bit disappointed. According to the hexagram explanation, he should have gained some important information regarding the case, but in the end, nothing worthwhile happened.

"Then...what's missing?" Zhao Yu thought to himself. "Did I miss something, or...or...? Hm..." Suddenly, Zhao Yu finally realized what he was missing! The reason for his failure on the adventure that day was exactly because he had not been in the best condition lately!

First of all, he had been bothered by the "Kun" hexagram for the last few days, and was simply too worried about the safety of his friends and himself to focus on the case. Then, the most important thing was that he was not lacking in money! Now that he had ten-million yuan in his back pocket, he had become confident, proud! Thus, ever since the bank case, even though he was running around every day for the case, he always held a certain carelessness, as if the case did not have much to do with him. He no longer had the focus and fierceness while investigating the case as he had before. In other words, he did not have any motivation!

Previously, if he wanted to show his competence, or get the reward, he had always had to put in a hundred percent of his energy into the case. But right now, he did not have nearly as much energy. He always felt like solving this case did not have much to do with him. Since he already had money, shouldn't he just enjoy himself more?

Thinking back to the day before when he laid in bed with Yao Jia, remembering her seductive body, he could not help but sigh.

"Yeah! I already died once, I've already paid for all the sins I committed! Right now, I am only working to better my current life! Now, I have money, and I have a life! Shouldn't my next step be a house, a car, a relationship?" he thought. "Speaking of relationships, should I go for Yao Jia, or Miao Ying? Both of them are top tier beauties, but one is gentle and kind, while the other is bold and fierce! Hehe, both of them

have their pros and cons! If I can get both in bed at once, hehehe..." Zhao Yu giggled to himself, and his mind continued to wander, no longer focused on the case at all. The beer went down his throat refreshingly. He ended up drinking ten of them in a row, nearly finishing all the beer in the fridge.

The next day morning. It was hard to say which house had a rooster, but as soon as dawn broke, the rooster started its morning call, "Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

Zhao Yu was roused by the call, and lazily pressed a pillow over his head. But how could the call of a rooster be silenced by a simple pillow? Stupid rooster!

Zhao Yu opened his eyes and sat up in bed before he saw all the empty beer cans around him. He could not believe that he had drunk so much by himself last night! Since he could not sleep anymore, he might as well go to work! It had been another night, was there any more progress on the case? Miao Ying and the others had battled through another night, could they still bear it?

Thinking this much, Zhao Yu started washing up, ready to go to work bright and early. Before he left, he suddenly remembered his notebook from last night. He returned to the bedroom and packed up the notebook, planning on continuing his analysis from yesterday. Yet, just as he picked up his notebook, he suddenly saw something. The notebook Captain Jin had given him was thrown on the table haphazardly!

He finally remembered that a few days ago he had flipped through the notebook. Five infamous cases were recorded in the notebook, all of them personally investigated by Captain Jin. Not only were the cases unsolved, but each of them was cruel and bloody. Take the Huayun Mountain Massacre Case for example, the victim was the CEO of a famous company. His entire family of five was massacred in their own home. The brutality of the case was mind-numbing!

Looking at the yellow notebook thrown aside, Zhao Yu obviously picked it up. Yet, as he brushed the dust off the front of the notebook, he suddenly saw a small line of text on the title page of the notebook. From the writing one could tell the writing was Captain Jin's. It said: "Behind every crime case was a river of tears. We cannot stop the tears from flowing, but we can wipe away their marks."

"A river of tears? How deep. What does it mean?" Zhao Yu could not quite understand the line of words, but felt like he had heard it from somewhere before. Behind every case, was a river of tears? Seeing this line of text, Zhao Yu's focus was absorbed by it instantly.

Suddenly, he remembered the angry tears Li Dan had shed in the interrogation room, and the painful howling from the family of the victims in the Mianling Case, then the devastating weeping of Qu Ping's children, even the wailing of Tang Zhaolong when he heard of his family's tragic end.

It...it really was like that... Behind every crime was countless tears being shed, and countless families broken. We cannot stop the tears from flowing, but we can wipe away their marks!

"Could this line of text mean that as police, even though we cannot stop crimes from happening, but we can bring the criminals to justice, and help ease the pain of the people?" Zhao Yu wondered.

"Oh..." Suddenly, Zhao Yu felt moved. "Right, even though we cannot prevent crimes, we can still find the truth, and give people justice!"

## **Chapter 275: Black Market Merchant**

“What do you think, Zhao?” In the safety deposit box vault, Liang Huan was looking at the safety deposit boxes that had been broken into when he said to Zhao Yu, “I have a feeling that behind this robbery, there must be other murder cases!”

“What do you mean?” Zhao Yu looked at the table in the middle of the safety deposit box vault. The valuable goods were organized according to category.

“Look at it this way!” Liang Huan started to analyze, “If the officers were bribed, there should be boxes of cash! Even if they did accept jewellery, they wouldn’t just take everything as if they were in a grocery store. Look at these. Vacheron Constantin, Armani, Louis Vuitton...you can find all kinds of brands. They are all very expensive, but who would bribe an officer with this? This is so silly!”

“So?” Zhao Yu asked without lifting his head.

“So, I think these robbers already killed the owners of the safety deposit boxes!” Liang Huan said mysteriously, “They knew that there was some good stuff in the safety deposit boxes, but they couldn’t find the keys, or the password was invalid after they killed them. So they robbed the bank!” He continued even though Zhao Yu did not reply, “If not, why would they not come to claim their goods after such a long time?”

Zhao Yu touched the jewellery on the table while thinking whether or not Liang Huan’s hypothesis made sense. He got the “Gen-Dui” hexagram that day. He thought he would make great progress in the investigation that day and examine most of the items that were in the safety deposit boxes. So he had decided to come along to the safety deposit box vault with Liang Huan to investigate further.

The bank hired a number of experts that day to verify and recover the ditched items in the vault. In the safety deposit box vault, the robbers had opened seventeen of the boxes. Minus the one that was used to store the vacuum sealed corpse, there were sixteen left. Among those, there were thirteen boxes that were untouched by the robbers. Out of those thirteen, ten of them had been claimed, and three had no owner.

Also, the remaining three had been left in an entirely different situation. The robbers pulled out all the items from the boxes and scattered them all over the floor, which made the safety deposit box vault look very messy. The police detectives guessed that if the robbers had taken something, it would be from the three boxes. They might have thrown all the things from the three boxes onto the floor to confuse the police forces, confusing them on what had been taken!

At that very moment, the experts hired by the bank had verified the valuable items and began their recovery and repair task. As Liang Huan was familiar with the antique collection scene, Miao Ying sent him to gather more information and monitor the verification task carried out by the bank.

Among the variety of valuable items, there was jewellery, gold, and silver that were especially worth a lot of money. There were also many antique paintings and goods, branded bags and watches, and even a precious ancient traditional Chinese comic book. After the experts evaluated the goods, they declared none of the items were fake. They were all genuine!

“All of these items add up to about a few billion!” Liang Huan said as he looked at the three empty boxes. “I don’t understand, the robber should’ve taken this stuff, and that would’ve been enough for the rest of their life. But...why didn’t they take this stuff?”

“Unless,” Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows and said, “unless the robbers took something even more valuable than all these items!”

“True! That’s what I thought too! But, you see,” Liang Huan pointed at one of the red jewellery boxes and said, “they even threw the diamond ring on the floor. How could anyone explain that? What is more expensive than a diamond ring? Plus, the diamond ring isn’t that big. It wouldn’t have caused any trouble if they brought that along.”

Exactly. Zhao Yu thought it was weird too. The robbers had not even taken the diamond ring that was easy to carry and cost a fortune. What else could they have taken?

“Liang,” Zhao Yu was looking at the three boxes when he said, “The amount of things on the table right now wouldn’t be able to fit in one box. Am I right?”

“True!” Liang Huan agreed. “It would need three boxes! But we don’t know which items go into which box.”

“The three boxes weren’t next to each other,” Zhao Yu pointed at the safety deposit boxes and said, “but they were near each other. Do you think they belonged to the same person?”

“Same person?” Liang Huan recalled. “The name registered for these boxes wasn’t the same though! But, if the registration names were fake, we can’t dismiss the possibility of them belonging to the same person!”

“Then...when were they last opened?” Zhao Yu asked again.

“We checked this before, but I can’t remember! Hold on.” Liang Huan unlocked his phone and retrieved the data.

“Oh yeah, what did the forensic department say?” Zhao Yu thought about something and asked, “Were there no fingerprints found on these items?”

“Yeah!” Liang Huan was still using his phone and only reacted two seconds later, “Hey, how did you know?”

“Hehe.” Zhao Yu grinned and patted Liang Huan’s shoulder. “It’s okay. I understand why the owners of these boxes did not dare appear!”

“Huh? Why? Are they dead?” Liang Huan stopped pressing the buttons and asked curiously.

“Sigh! Liang!” Zhao Yu sighed, “This bank robbery case is getting very interesting! Let me tell you,” he pointed at all the items on the table and said, “these items were all acquired illegally. They were all stolen!”

“Huh? Stolen?” Liang Huan raised his eyebrows. “What does it mean?”

“Isn’t it obvious?” Zhao Yu told him confidently, “Quickly, get someone to check! These items are either reported missing or robbed! These three boxes were used to store stolen items! We ran into a ‘black market merchant’!”

“What? What?” Liang Huan was confused. “What does ‘black market merchant’ mean?”

“On the streets, a ‘black market merchant’ buys stolen goods!” Zhao Yu explained, “A ‘black market merchant’ can be categorized into three levels: low, mid, and high class. The low class does simple pickpocketing for phones and wallets; the mid class does wire transfers, or public property; and the high class does what’s laying in front of us—priceless valuable items!”

“Oh...” Liang Huan scratched his head. “No wonder the owner has yet to make an appearance! These are all illegal items! Trading and stealing is not a normal crime. These are worth up to billions, and definitely have the possibility of being sentenced to life in prison!”

“Hehe, let me tell you another secret!” Zhao Yu was an expert in this. He told Liang Huan, “This is a large scale operation, definitely not by just one individual! This is one of the biggest black market merchants hidden in Qinshan! If we were to capture these people, that would be amazing. If we investigate following this route, we could arrest more than eighty percent of the robbers and burglars in Qinshan!”

“Ah! That...that’s amazing!” Liang Huan’s heart was pumping and he quickly took out his phone. “I...I need to call Team Leader Miao!”

## **Chapter 276: Competitors**

Just as Liang Huan was reporting everything Zhao Yu had told him to Miao Ying, he suddenly heard commotion on the other side of the phone, as if Miao Ying was being disturbed by someone.

“Oh? What’s wrong, Team Leader Miao? Why is it so loud over there?” Liang Huan asked curiously, “Where are you?”

Hearing Liang Huan ask, Zhao Yu was suddenly very curious too. He immediately gestured at Liang Huan. Liang Huan quickly realized his intention, and put the phone on speaker instead.

“No...nothing,” through the phone came Miao Ying’s agitated reply. The yelling on the other end of the phone could clearly be heard. The voice of other investigators like Zhang Yaohui and Peng Xin could be heard as well.

“I’m at the police station! How about you guys, any new developments?” Miao Ying responded through the commotion.

“Hello, Team Leader Miao, are you alright? What’s wrong?” Zhao Yu rushed up and asked.

“Nothing, nothing, just a small situation within the police team.” It seemed like Miao Ying had found a quieter area. She asked, “Zhao Yu, Liang Huan, how about it? Any news?”

Hearing Miao Ying’s question, Zhao Yu could only report what they had discovered. Miao Ying took note of it immediately, and told the two of them to stay at the bank and continue to look for more information. They had to find the stolen goods buyers!

Originally, Zhao Yu wanted to ask her more, but Miao Ying was clearly agitated. She hung up as soon as she finished talking.

“Tsk, tsk.” Zhao Yu furrowed his brow. “What happened in the police station? There’s yelling too?”

“Team Leader Miao didn’t fight with someone, right? I think I heard Bureau Chief Luan’s voice!” Liang Huan said. “Zhao, if the situation is like this, then let’s keep investigating! Let’s get the surveillance footage, and see who recently touched these three boxes, how about it?”

“Mm!” Zhao Yu nodded, but he was still worried about what was happening on Miao Ying’s side.

“Right!” Liang Huan suddenly remembered the records he had just pulled up on his phone. He immediately turned on his phone again and pointed at a certain picture. “This is the record for these three shelves! Here, look! These three shelves were frequently opened! It was opened more than ten times within the last few months!”

“Of course!” Zhao Yu said. “Such a large underground business, obviously it’s popular!” He pointed at all the valuable items on the desk. “This business is super lucrative! Their sale price is usually more than ten times what they buy it for normally. At the peak of business, they even do underground auctions! The prices wouldn’t be lower than any official auction!”

“Woah, amazing!” Liang Bo sighed in amazement. “Zhao, I’ve been in the item collection business for quite a few years, but I’ve never heard of an underground auction before! You’re amazing, how do you know so much?”

“Of course,” Zhao Yu thought. “I’ve seen my fair share of illegal businesses. Except, every time I was usually the bodyguard to keep order in the area.”

“Oh, I think I realized something!” Liang Huan said. “The bank robbers most likely had some sort of grudge against the underground business! They robbed the bank to expose the illegal organization, so we could step in and take care of them!”

“Hehe...” Zhao Yu shook his head as he laughed. He patted Liang Huan on the shoulder. “Liang, how can you be so naïve as a Key Case Investigation Unit Member! How cute!”

“What? What do you mean? I’m wrong?”

“On the streets, this is called a competitor!” Zhao Yu explained. “Watch, it’s definitely another group of people who wanted to replace the current Qinshan organization, and take over this giant business for themselves! That’s why, they would run the risk of robbing a bank to destroy the previous organization. Then, they could build an even bigger black market!”

“Woah! These people are really merciless!” Liang Huan sighed. “If so, then...if we can find the black market organization’s competitor, then we would be able to solve the case?”

“Logically speaking, yes! But these people have worked in the business for many years, it won’t be easy to find them!” Zhao Yu spoke conservatively.

“Then what are we waiting for? Let’s go!” Liang Huan spoke excitedly. “The last time the box was opened was a week ago. We can definitely see who opened the box from the security camera!”

Zhao Yu nodded, then followed Liang Huan out of the dark vault.

Yet, just as they returned to the bank lobby, Zhao Yu's phone rang. The call was from Li Beini. As soon as Zhao Yu picked up, Li Beini's anxious voice came through the phone, "Senior, here's your latest inside news, the station is in complete chaos!"

"What?" Even though Zhao Yu already felt wary from his phone call with Miao Ying, he never thought it would be this serious. He immediately asked, "What's wrong Beini? Tell me!"

"The station's in chaos for many different reasons! Listen, I'll go over it slowly with you." Li Beini paused for a few seconds before speaking, "First, Bureau Chief Tang Zhaolong submitted his resignation letter again. This time, he said he won't come back no matter what! He said his power is limited, and that he can't deal with such a difficult mission. He'd rather go back to Tongyang County!"

"Apparently, the officials in the city originally didn't let him quit, but Tang Zhaolong had already made up his mind. He won't do it no matter what! I heard from above that everything in Rongyang Branch will be taken over by Bureau Chief Luan!"

"Isn't this good news?" Zhao Yu laughed. "Bureau Chief Luan used to be an investigator. She has ample experience and expertise, so isn't letting her take over a good thing?"

"Technically yes, but with such a large branch office, like ourselves, with our bureau chief position constantly vacant, it's not good for people's mentality! Everyone's stressed out because of it!" Li Beini signed. "Oh, right! Let's talk something else. This also can't be counted as a bad thing, but it's not good either! The officials have already transferred Liu Changhu out of Rongyang Branch!"

"Oh? Liu Changhu left?" Zhao Yu thought to himself, "Now that Liu Changhu left, then...is Miao Ying immediately going to be promoted? Maybe I'll end up as team leader."

"Not transferred, he's promoted!" Li Beini said, "Liu Changhu was transferred to the city level Economic Investigation Team as the team leader!"

"That's amazing!" Zhao Yu exclaimed. "The Economic Investigation Department is quite a good department. From now on, he'll have quite the support behind him! But regardless of his position, he's still an economy investigator, nothing to do with us criminal investigators!"

"That's the idea, but he's still in a high position. Hopefully he won't mind you too much..."

"Why would he mind me?" Zhao Yu reminded her, "I didn't crack his head open. You better tell team leader Miao to be careful!"

"Oh, right, speaking of Miao Ying, there's still a big problem I didn't tell you!" Li Beini immediately said, "This morning, a bunch of people came from the city. These people were led by the vice captain of the City Criminal Investigation Team. They said they were here to help us investigate the Bank Hidden Corpse Case!"

"Oh?" Zhao Yu was alerted.

"These people were quite arrogant," Li Beini said. "When they came, they immediately asked Team Leader Miao Ying to vacate the Team B office for them, and even share all the case resources. Think about it, how could we just take that? That's why there was some conflict!"

Oh... Zhao Yu finally understood why it had been loud when talking to Miao Ying.

“But, these people came with orders from Bureau Chief Hong from the city office,” Li Beini said. “Even Bureau Chief Luan can’t stop them! Sigh! Who knew that these people were sent over because the officials felt like our progress was too slow? This is to put pressure on us!

“Senior, if we can solve the case, then that’s great!” Li Beini was very worried. “But if those people solve the case instead, then Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit will suffer great humiliation!”

### **Chapter 277: What Gym?**

Li Beini also told Zhao Yu that the City Criminal Investigation Team sent a special task force to take charge of the Bank Hidden Corpse Case. As for Bank Robbery Case, it would not be their main focus. So, the vice captain told Miao Ying that Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit would only need to focus on the Bank Robbery Case while they took care of the other.

From what they heard, this was a special task force formed last minute. Not all of the police detectives were from the city, but some were elites transferred from other branches within Qinshan. Previously, due to solving the Mianling Case, Rongyang Branch became famous. These people were of course envious of them, or jealous of them, or even hated them. So, the elites, who were selected to join the special task force to solve the Bank Hidden Corpse Case, were dying to perform well. First to win glory for their own unit, second to humble Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit!

Thus, what Li Beini said was not fallacious. If those people in the special task force did solve the case before them, it would put Rongyang Branch to shame.

After hanging up the phone, Zhao Yu wanted to call Liao Jingxian to question him, but he suddenly changed his mind as he could understand where was it coming from. The structure in Rongyang Branch was not as complete as when they were investigating the Mianling Case. They were in the midst of a deficit in manpower.

The vice bureau chief sat in for the bureau chief, while the captain of the Key Case Investigation Unit was being fulfilled by a team leader. The bureau chief was forced to leave his post, the captain’s head had been cracked open, and the team leader for team A was on leave due to his injuries. Due to the various factors, the municipal leaders decided to form the special task force.

Maybe the leaders wanted to help lighten the burden on Rongyang Branch. But it was the total opposite instead. What happened made Rongyang Branch even more stressed out.

As for the police detectives on the special task force, they did not have the same intentions. They thought that Rongyang Key Case Investigation Unit was a scattered team that was running around like headless chickens, and that they could easily beat Rongyang Branch in solving the Bank Hidden Corpse Case first!

Zhao Yu couldn’t care less, but felt a slight bit of excitement. This was what he liked the most—to solve a case under pressure. If there was no pressure, there would be no motivation! So, the formation of the special task force gave Zhao Yu a thrill of excitement, and he was determined to solve the case!



That was why he did not head back to the police station to fight the special task force, but stayed to continue investigating the underground black market merchant! For criminals that were black market merchants, it was much easier for Zhao Yu to handle compared to other police detectives. That was because he had been involved in that kind of business in his previous life, so he was familiar with the entire procedure.

Zhao Yu knew that the best way to investigate this kind of high class black market merchant was not to investigate the black market merchant itself, but from either one level above or one level below.

The one below referred to burglars and robbers. These people knew where to sell what they stole, so Zhao Yu could easily find out where the nest of the black market merchant was from them.

The one above referred to the rich people that enjoyed collecting, and the rich descendants of wealthy families. These people were the main customers of the black market merchants. Zhao Yu could also find out more about the black market merchant from them if he found them.

However, most of the time, these people had strong bonds of brotherhood. They would rather be imprisoned than tell the truth. It would only work if there were some special tricks. What Zhao Yu did before he came to this life was to use tricks on people who were not honest. So, having him investigate this would be the most suitable choice!

After deciding, Zhao Yu told Liang Huan to stay back in the bank to retrieve the surveillance video and to look for clues in the safety deposit boxes. Zhao Yu left to find the people in the hood to get some news.

The first person Zhao Yu thought about was Hong Zhitao, who was in prison. This guy, who called himself Daddy Hong, was once running wild at Chahai Street. He would definitely know what went on behind the scenes of this black market merchant! Plus, he was imprisoned, so it would be easy to interrogate him. If it did not work, Zhao Yu had an Invisible Lie Detector anyways! He was not afraid that Daddy Hong would not tell him the truth!

Zhao Yu had decided. He drove towards the prison when he wanted to request an criminal interrogation. Just when he looked at his phone, it rang—it was Blondie Zhou Yang calling.

At first, Zhao Yu wanted to ask Blondie and his gang about the black market merchant, but after rethinking, he realized that they were all poor. They would not be involved in such high class affairs. Who knew why Blondie gave him a call instead. Maybe he had an update.

“Hey! Bro,” Zhou Yang sounded really excited over the phone, “I have good news! You wanted to invest in something, right? We found something that’s very suitable. Don’t worry! It’s definitely the kind of big business that you wanted!”

Zhao Yu thought it was related to the case when he first heard good news. His heart even started pumping. But when he heard that it was about a big investment, he was disheartened.

“This is such a coincidence!” Zhou Yang said with enthusiasm. “Baldie’s friend Zang Ba was working for a gym, and guess what? There were rumors that they wanted to sell the gym at a dirt cheap price! Bro, this is a chance that’s hard to come by. I heard gyms make tons of money!”

“Gym?! Why did a gym pop out of nowhere?” Zhao Yu thought. His mind was being occupied by the case, and he had no interest in some sort of investment. He dismissed Zhou Yang by saying, “I am busy right now. We will talk about this later!”

“Eh? No way, bro! You have to listen to me,” Blondie said in a hurry. “It’s because the boss wanted to sell it by today. I heard he has some financial problems, and he needs the money now! Otherwise, we definitely would never get this kind of good deal!”

“What? Today?” Zhao Yu cursed, “F\*ck, I don’t even know anything! What kind of urgent sale is this?”

“Let me tell you, bro!” Blondie began wholeheartedly, “This investment is definitely worth it. Even if you buy it just to resell it, you could easily double your capital! Have you heard of Huabei Commercial Building? The busiest commercial building in Qinshan. Huabei Commercial Building’s fifth floor, and you would own half of the fifth floor! And guess what, they are only selling it for 2.5 million! Including all of the workout machines and everything else! What do you think? It’s worth it, isn’t it?”

“What the hell!” Zhao Yu spat. “2.5 million?! It’s two-hundred and five you dumb\*ss! How can things fall out of the sky? If the contract isn’t expiring, there must be some kind of problem. It’s not possible for it to be so cheap!”

Zhao Yu was not involved in any gym businesses, but he was familiar with Huabei Commercial Building. Its slogan was “Don’t ask for the best, but ask for the most expensive!” Whatever was sold in the building was double its market price. Everyone who went to Huabei Commercial Building was as proud as a peacock. Running a gym in such a busy place was definitely a top-notch business. If they were letting it go at 2.5 million, something was falling out of the sky.

“Bro, once in a blue moon!” Blondie said, “There are many investors that’ve heard about the rumors, and are currently rushing over to Huabei Commercial Building! We’re not sure if we can seal the deal before the others! What do you think? Could you drop by just to take a look at it?”

Zhao Yu wanted to reject Blondie, but he suddenly recalled that he got a “Gen-Dui” hexagram that day. “True that! Maybe there’s some luck awaiting me. Will I gain more fortune if I go to Huabei Commercial Building? If so…” he thought to himself.

“Alright then! Wait for me at the entrance. I’ll be there soon!” After Zhao Yu hung up, he turned the car around and drove towards Huabei Commercial Building.

## **Chapter 278: Depth of Breath Gymnasium**

As it turned out, Cang Ba was not a name, but a nickname. The person looked like a Cang Ao but had the personality of Jing Ba, thus gaining his nickname. When Zhao Yu saw him, he immediately realized this. Even though the man looked burly and terrifying, when he talked, he looked exactly like a yes-man.

“Bro Yu, what I said was a hundred percent true! Me and Baldie have been friends for many years, I’d never lie to you guys!” Cang Ba spoke to Zhao Yu outside the gym. “My boss really does want to sell this place as fast as possible. The prices and everything have already been released. You guys just need to take one look to understand!”

“The machines, the coaches, and everything, you can have it right away! Even though the membership cards won’t be accepted anymore, the contract for the building still has four more years. Also, the rent for this year has already been paid, so you don’t have to worry about that either!” He pointed at the gym and said, “I’ve already been here for quite a few years, it’s very popular! We don’t understand why the boss wanted to sell this place at all! Bro Yu, listen to me, this is definitely a good deal for you. You’ll definitely make tons of money.”

“Yeah, yeah...” Baldie and the others all rushed to Zhao Yu’s side. To the few of them, this was a once in a lifetime chance. If Zhao Yu really did buy this gym, then the few of them would not have to worry about the future after this. Yet, what kind of person was Zhao Yu? In his previous life, he lived and died by the ways of the street, and knew of all about trickery and deception. He still felt like this gym was quite suspicious. There was no way something so convenient would simply fall into his lap. Thus, before coming, he had already called Zhang Jingfeng and Liang Huan, and asked them to find out the details regarding this gym, to see if there were any issues.

The gym was indeed quite advanced. The words “Depth of Breath” were on the door. Zhao Yu was not very familiar with the gym business, but he had heard of the name before. Also, the location of the gym was too perfect, on the fifth floor of the Huabei Commercial Building. It was indeed luxurious. Many people who chose to come here to exercise were not really here to exercise, but rather to show off their status.

The gym was indeed quite crowded. All sorts of machiners were being used by youthful beauties working out. There were also some energetic and muscular coaches who were personal trainers.

Zhao Yu and the others did not wait for long before a man wearing white dress shirt came forward. The man was pale and white, with smooth youthful skin. He gave off the feeling of a young new worker.

Cang Ba saw the man approach and immediately introduced him to Zhao Yu, saying that the young man was the owner of the Depth of Breath Gymnasium, Mister Zhang.

Hm? Hearing Cang Ba’s introduction, Zhao Yu was instinctively alert. The Mister Zhang in front of him was simply too young. If he were the manager of the gym, then it would make sense, but someone so young as the owner? Zhao Yu would never believe it!

The youthful Mister Zhang shook hands with Zhao Yu, and started to introduce his gym, stating its size, the number of equipment, how many coaches, members, its yearly profit, etc.

To Zhao Yu’s shock, the gym size was truly beyond his imagination. Whether it was size or the facilities, everything was top-notch. Besides routine exercise machines, there was even a yoga room, a sparring ring, an indoor cycling room, and more! The bigger shock, and the reason why Zhao Yu was suspicious, was the 2.5 million yuan price tag. If the price was ten times that, then it would be more reasonable.

“That...” Zhao Yu interrupted when he about it. “Mister Zhang, I don’t understand. Such a valuable business, why are you trying to sell it? Why so urgently?”

“Ah, that’s...” Mister Zhang seemed a little hesitant. He pondered a few seconds before answering, “It’s truly unfortunate! My father is stuck in Australia with a huge debt. If I don’t send the money over, he’ll die! Sigh! Otherwise, why would I part with this business?”

“Oh, truly a loyal son!” Zhao Yu praised him, yet cursed in his heart. This excuse was truly PATHETIC. Watch, this gym definitely had some problems! But the more suspicious he became, the more curious Zhao Yu was for the truth. He felt like if he could figure out the main issue, then maybe he could lower the price of the gym even more!

“Come to my office!” After touring the gym, Mister Zhang gestured for them. “You can take a look at our recent financial statement. I guarantee everything is legal!”

“Hah! Obviously!” Cang Ba spoke from the sideline. “This is in the Huabei Commercial Building, if we didn’t have the paperwork, how could we open a gymnasium here? Hehehe...” This was the first time the Blonde and his friends had seen such a huge business. Each of them could only laugh along, but were unable to say anything fitting.

Under Mister Zhang’s signal, everyone walked into his office. The office was not big, but it was very modern. Once everyone found a place to sit, Mister Zhang started discussing the financial situation of the company with Zhao Yu, as well as taking out all sorts of permits for him to see. He also said that the news was just released, and quite a few people already were interested. If it was not for the fact that he was rushing to save his father, he would never sell at such a low price! Thus, he hoped Zhao Yu would decide as quickly as possible.

“Mister Zhao, I’ll make it clear. Right now, I just want money. The faster I get the money, the less my father has to suffer!” Mister Zhang spoke honestly, “So, the person who can pay the fastest, easiest, I’ll give them the gym. I already finished writing the transfer contract!”

“Hehehe...” Zhao Yu was all smiles. “Mister Zhang, you should know that the money isn’t a small amount, and I’m not too familiar with this business, so I have to be a bit more careful!”

“Cough!” Cang Ba said, “Yu, what’s there to be careful about? Our boss Zhang is an honest person, you don’t have to worry at all!”

Cang Ba had barely finished talking when Zhao Yu’s phone rang. He looked down to see it was Zhang Jingfeng. Zhao Yu knew this was because Zhang Jingfeng had found something. He immediately apologized to everyone, and walked out of the office to find a hidden area to take the call.

“Zhao, the gym’s clean!” Zhang Jingfeng said, “Every year the income is about 700,000 yuan. Everything’s by the books, no bad records, no property disputes!”

“Oh, really?” Zhao Yu could not believe it.

“Nor was there anything on the property side. The contract is for five years, there’s still three years and a half years before it’s over!” Zhang Jingfeng said, “Huabei Commercial Building usually does one year contracts. For them to be able to contract five years, clearly they had a good relationship with the president of the building!”

Tsk... Hearing this, Zhao Yu could not help but smack his lips. From his instincts, this gym had to have some issues, yet there did not seem to be any on the surface. Then...what about under the surface? Could this gym host some illegal activities? Maybe help people deal with shady money? Now that the business was done with, they wanted to run? Thinking this much, Zhao Yu then gave Mister Zhang’s name to Zhang Jingfeng and asked him to investigate, to see if he was telling the truth.

During the call, Zhao Yu obviously did not want anyone to hear. He walked further away. Yet, just as he slipped into a neighboring room in the owner's office, the invisible detector in his mind suddenly lit up with a red warning...

### **Chapter 279: Pixelated Image and Gecko Power**

Zhao Yu's long term detector was on. With the detector, he could tell the location of nearby cameras and electronic devices that video or voice recording functions. What was interesting was that the detector could even sense if someone was using their cellphone. If anyone turned on video or voice recording, the detector would show a red warning sign and pinpoint the exact location of it.

But what Zhao Yu felt was obviously different. He was standing at the entrance of a room next to the boss's office. This room only had a white anti-theft door with no sign.

Zhao Yu felt the warning came from inside of the room. He looked closely at the image in his mind. In the room, there were a number of hidden cameras, and also a high tech infrared alarm device.

"Wow..." Zhao Yu cringed and thought, "Why would a gym need a high tech infrared alarm device? Maybe this room was the gym's finance department? Is there a safety deposit box?"

Eh? Suddenly Zhao Yu felt odd. "What century are they living in? How many people who come to use the gym pay in cash? There are credit cards and PayWave on their phones. What is the use of a safety deposit box?" he wondered. "Plus..." He took two steps back and noticed that there might be a mystery inside the small room. There seemed to be a big space in between the boss's office and this room.

He suddenly understood why the boss's office was so narrow. "Oh..." Zhao Yu thought. He realized that there must be a hidden mezzanine space in the room!

"That's interesting..." Zhao Yu recalled the whole situation. "A gym that's trying to be sold as quickly as possible, and a mezzanine space with an infrared alarm device installed. If there's nothing wrong with this place, then my last name isn't Zhao!" he thought. "But, what's wrong?"

Zhao Yu had a stratagem. He had three invisible fluoroscopic devices in his toolbox! He wanted to use it for some perverted things, but why not use one to see what was behind the door in front of him?

He clicked on his toolbox to activate the invisible fluoroscopic device. The invisible fluoroscopic device was like the invisible invisibility cloak—it only lasted for one minute; he had to hurry up. After he activated it, he was able to see through objects, but the penetration of the invisible fluoroscopic device was not very strong. Places with multiple layer of walls could not be seen through clearly, and there was a severe color difference in the image.

Just when he activated the invisible fluoroscopic device, a fit woman with big bust walked in front of him. Zhao Yu could not help but to look at her chest. He was surprised that the invisible fluoroscopic device did allow him to see through her clothes, but what was behind her clothes was blurry, as though it was pixelated!

"What the!" he thought. Even the system tool had an built-in pixelating function! Luckily, he did not use one on Miao Ying. If he had, it would have been a waste!

He quickly turned around and looked behind the anti-theft door. Even though there was overlapping in the image, Zhao Yu could make out what was going on inside.

It was a square room with a long bench in the middle of the room. All four walls were lockers. It looked exactly like the changing room for their customers.

“Hey? Is this a VIP changing room? That’s not right?” Zhao Yu thought. When he had arrived earlier, Mister Zhang had introduced him to the gym’s changing room, shower room, and sauna, too!

“Why would there be another changing room here? And if it is a changing room, why would they install hidden cameras and an infrared alarm device? Is it for arresting peeping toms, or preventing thieves, or maybe it’s to take some kind of x-rated video?” Zhao Yu wondered.

With his strong curiosity, he looked in the direction where the infrared alarm device was installed. Then, between the room and the boss’s office, was the hidden mezzanine space. And it seemed that they had thickened the wall because it looked more blurry compared to the other places, even with the use of the invisible fluoroscopic device.

“Something’s really fishy!” Zhao Yu thought. He quickly walked towards the wall to take an even closer look inside. He saw that it was a rectangular room with a lot of stock racks, and the floor was full of boxes. What surprised Zhao Yu was, there were humans! He saw about four to five people busy doing something.

As the strength of the invisible fluoroscopic device were not that good, Zhao Yu felt like he was watching a shadow puppet show. He could barely make out the outline of the people, but from their actions, he could see that they were moving goods on the rack into the boxes on the floor.

Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows. “These people look like they’re packing something. What are they packing? Is it that...this gym is a drug nest? It can’t be. This is Huabei Commercial Building. There’re so many people coming in and out everyday. Who’d have the nerve to set up their base here?” he analyzed in his mind.

To be able to see what was in their hands, Zhao Yu was looking so closely that his face was planted against the wall. A buff personal trainer suddenly walked past. He patted Zhao Yu’s back and asked, “Sir, what are you doing?”

“F\*ck off!” Zhao Yu was lazy to deal with him. He replied, “Have you never seen anyone practicing Gecko Power?”

What? The coach was dumbstruck. “Gecko Power? I wasn’t informed that the gym started a new course,” he thought.

Just as the coach was stunned, something changed in the room. Someone that was done packing started walking out with a big box. Just when this person was crossing in between the two rooms, the whole wall of racks moved away. The racks were a hidden entrance! The infrared alarm device turned off when the entrance was opened. Then, the person holding the box walked towards the white anti-theft door, about to exit.

It had been one minute, and Zhao Yu’s invisible fluoroscopic device stopped working.

“Mm...you...can you tell me who is the coach conducting the class?” The coach was still trying to figure out what Gecko Power was.

Just then, the anti-theft door opened. A rugged looking brawny man walked out with a huge box in his arms. The box was in black and opaque so that the contents could not be seen. Even though Zhao Yu did not know what was in the box, he was sure it was something secretive!

“No way!” he thought. Zhao Yu could tell that there was something illegal in the box. The people in the room were packing hurriedly. That meant that they were transferring the goods. If he left it, he would not be able to find it again!

At that crucial moment, Zhao Yu pulled the coach in front of him and shouted, “What’s wrong? Is it illegal to practice Gecko Power? Are you really a coach? Bah! I learned it myself!” He then pushed the coach abruptly before the coach could respond, who fell towards the rugged looking man that was carrying the box. Accompanied with a ‘Boom’ sound, the box fell onto the floor and everything inside fell out.

### **Chapter 280: The Person Who Opened the Shelf Is Him?**

Zhao Yu purposely put in some strength. When the coach rammed into the man, the entire storage box fell harshly on the floor, and a bunch of things fell out of it as well! Unexpectedly, what fell out was a bunch of bags!! There were wallets, leather bags, backpacks, handbags of all varieties in color and type!!

Zhao Yu was an expert in this. With one look he could tell these bags definitely had not been obtained legally. Not only were the bags different brands, but they were even different ages! Without a doubt, these were most likely stolen! Who would have thought that this was the thieves’ stolen goods headquarters?

Seeing these goods, Zhao Yu’s eyes lit up. He thought to himself, “I was just here for information on the black-market organization, to think I ran into one straight up! If I catch these people, can I use them to get information regarding the bank case’s black-market organization?”

When the man saw that the items in the box were exposed, his expression changed drastically. He immediately rushed to the ground and started picking up the bags, putting them back into his box. At the same time, he cursed at the coach.

The fitness coach was also agitated. He was so muscular and large, yet was shamed by Zhao Yu. How could he bear it? He immediately turned around, about to argue with Zhao Yu.

But Zhao Yu did not have any time to deal with him. Seeing the man picking up the bags, he immediately stepped up and kicked the man’s temple! With a resounding sound, the box once again fell to the floor, and the man instead flew sideways. After slamming down on the floor, he only had the energy to shake his head in pain.

“Ah?! You...what...” The coach’s eyes bulged in fear. Originally, he had wanted to question Zhao Yu, but when he felt Zhao Yu’s terrifying aura, he went quiet and stepped aside.

Zhao Yu knew these people had partners. Once he knocked the man aside, he immediately pulled out his phone to ask for backup. Yet, just as he opened his phone, a video popped up on his screen.

The video was from Liang Huan. The message with it said that the video was of the security footage from the bank. The person in the video opened the safety deposit box that the robbers had discovered!

Zhao Yu opened the video and was completely dumbfounded! "Ah! Holy sh\*t!" he cursed. He first took a look at the person on the phone, then at the man he had just kicked! They were the same person!

"My God! Isn't this...too much of a coincidence?" he wondered in disbelief. If everything was as he imagined, then this man lying in front of him right now was the person who registered for the safety deposit box that was broken into. Which meant that these people were the black-market organization whose goods were stolen from the bank?

"Oh..." Zhao Yu suddenly realized, this was definitely the power of the miracle system! He had originally thought that the Depth of Breath Gymnasium was a match for the "Dui" hexagram, for money. Yet, unexpectedly, he found a huge clue for the Bank Robbery Case instead! If so...

Seeing the man about to wake up, Zhao Yu immediately pulled out some handcuffs, about to restrain him. Yet, the man's companions from within the secret room suddenly realized something was wrong, and immediately sent someone to the door to check! That person was also holding a black storage box. He opened the anti-theft door with some difficulty, about to come out.

Zhao Yu knew the rule of first attack advantage. Seeing this, he immediately rushed forward and slammed into the anti-theft door. The person inside was bounced back against the door. With a resounding sound, the anti-theft door slammed shut and locked! Boom! The person and the storage box flipped and fell!

"Ah? What's wrong?" From within came the voice of a woman, "Quick, go out! Everyone rush out!"

Zhao Yu heard and immediately used his shoulder to block the anti-theft door. He called Zhang Jingfeng for help.

Bam, bam, bam! The people inside slammed at the door harshly. Zhao Yu's body bounced against the door.

"Hello? Zhang, quick!" As soon as the call connected, Zhao Yu yelled, "Huabei Commercial Building, fifth floor, Depth of Breath Gymnasium! Hurry and send someone over. I found the suspect of the Bank Robbery Case, quick!"

"Ah?!" Zhang Jingfeng was completely dumbfounded when he heard. Only when Zhao Yu repeated what he said did Jingfeng realize the severity of the situation. He immediately went to Miao Ying for help!

Bam, bam, bam! The people inside heard Zhao Yu asking for reinforcement and already knew his identity. In their agitation, they slammed on the door harder and harder! Zhao Yu was holding the door closed with all his strength.

In the end, their commotion attracted the attention of other people. The coach from the beginning brought a bunch of other coaches over. "It's him! Learning wall climbing or something. He even hit people!" The coach put his hands on his waist as he yelled at Zhao Yu.



“Get away!” Zhao Yu roared. “Police investigation! Get out of my way!”

“Oh! Okay, okay!” The coach did not dare to refuse. He immediately lowered his head and backed away!

“Oh? Something isn’t right?” A female coach who taught yoga asked, “Shouldn’t you have a warrant? Also, where’s your police uniform?”

“Right...” The coach suddenly realized the lady was right, and once again walked forward.

“Handcuffs! Look! Handcuffs! I see it!” Another coach pointed at Zhao Yu’s handcuffs and said, “It’s definitely a police officer, he’s undercover!”

“Oh...” The fitness coach once again backed away awkwardly.

Bam, bam, bam... The people behind the anti-theft door were even more agitated now, slamming against the door harder and harder. Zhao Yu clearly could not hold it anymore.

At this time, the young owner, Mister Zhang, as well as Cang Ba, the Blonde, and his friends all heard the commotion as well, and came to check it out.

“Ah? Bro...you...” The blonde was shocked.

“Ah?!” Mister Zhang’s expression changed quickly upon seeing the situation. He immediately rushed forward and kicked Zhao Yu.

Zhao Yu could never imagine that even though Mister Zhang seemed thin and weak, on top of his formal clothing, he would attack so fiercely! With no other choice, Zhao Yu could only lower his head and dodge.

Due to the lack of resistance, the anti-theft door sprang open. Three bulky men rushed out from behind the door, as well as a middle-aged woman wearing a black suit. This woman was near fifty, with short hair. Even though she seemed a little agitated, her eyes were filled with ruthlessness, clearly murderous!

“Sis!” Upon seeing the woman, Mister Zhang became strangely respectful. Zhao Yu realized, it seemed like this woman was the boss behind the gymnasium!

“Say, we were talking about business inside, what happened now?” Cang Ba stood in the center of the attention scratching his head, still talking about the gym business.

“Take the goods away, take down any opposition!” The woman that was called Sis fiercely gave her command, and everyone immediately rushed toward Zhao Yu.

“Police! Nobody move!” Seeing his enemies approaching, Zhao Yu made a gesture as if he was pulling out a gun.

“Ah?” The three bulky men shivered in fear. One of them almost wanted to run.

“Don’t get scared!” The woman was quite sharp. She already saw that Zhao Yu did not bring a gun and yelled out immediately, “If we don’t take care of him, we won’t be able to take our goods! Bros, fight with your life!” Hearing this, the three men no longer hesitated, and once again rushed toward Zhao Yu.

Seeing this, Mister Zhang immediately waved his hand towards the crowd. "Everyone disperse. This is none of you guys' business! Go back to work!"

"But," the confused coach asked, "Mister Zhang, that guy said he was the police! How about we call the police first?"

"Zhou Yang!" Zhao Yu tried to hold off the three bulky men as he yelled at Zhou Yang and the others, "Catch them all! These people are suspects! Don't let them get away!"

"Ah?!" The blonde and the others were stunned by the news, but they were quite loyal. Hearing Zhao Yu's command, they immediately rushed up, attempting to help Zhao Yu.

"Hey, hey, Baldy, Shouhou, Zhou Yang!" Cang Ba stood there idiotically, trying to calm the situation.

"Isn't there...some kind of misunderstanding? It's only a gym, how could there be a crime? Also, who's the police?"

"Get out of the way! Otherwise I'll take care of you first!" Zhou Yang rushed up, about to push Cang Ba away. Yet, the very agile Mister Zhao simply huffed coldly, and with a quick step forward, threw out numerous lightning fast kicks. The blonde and his friends, along with Cang Ba, were all kicked away in an instant.