

Crazy 361

Chapter 361: The Suspicious Ancient Tomb

It was drizzling in Qinshan, and the woodlands were dewy. The rain made the air foggy, and there were clouds enveloped around the entire mountain valley. It looked like something out of a fairytale.

But on the empty land down in the valley of the mountain, it was all muddy. It was a piece of mountain flatland about two to three kilometers in circumference, which formed an isosceles triangle. The Ming Dynasty's ancient tomb before their eyes was located right in the center of the triangle.

Zhao Yu was walking down with another six or seven people from a bus. They were all in raincoats, and were walking on the muddy ground towards the entrance of the ancient tomb.

The air was cold and damp. Accompanied with the view before their eyes, which was a grave that had just been unearthed, it made them feel heavy-hearted and uneasy.

The people accompanying Zhao Yu were experts from criminal investigation units from each branch in Qinshan.

It had been reported that after revealing the crime scene, the archaeologists that had been working there had vacated the scene, leaving it untouched. When Zhao Yu walked along the dark aisle leading to the coffin chamber of the ancient tomb, the investigators in white were already gathering evidence in the chamber.

Regarding investigating a case in the ancient tomb, Zhao Yu had been sent in an interesting manner. Because the location of the ancient tomb was under the control of Qinshan Yunyang County, it was supposed to be managed by the Yunyang County police station.

But although Yunyang County had a large domain, the organization system was incomplete due to its location in the deep mountain. The Yunyang Police Station was not capable of managing the case. In addition, the case was unusually odd, and would definitely be difficult to solve.

As a result, the criminal investigation unit in the Qinshan Municipal Bureau decided to have a joint investigation for the first time in their history. A joint investigation meant that a select few experienced criminal investigation experts from each branch in Qinshan would be assisting the Yunyang Police Station to solve the case!

Interestingly, they selected a few staff members, but the municipal bureau did not assign any team leaders, and let everyone display whatever they excelled in. This meant that the joint investigation was inevitably full of strongly competitive atmosphere!

Everyone wanted to be the first to solve the case, so every branch that had been selected by the municipal bureau sent their best police detectives, and gave the best investigation resources from behind the scenes. In short, it was not just a couple people who were trying to solve the case; each selected branch that was involved was in an unprecedented competition.

Due to their recent outstanding performance, Rongyang was of course the first to be selected by the municipal bureau. As the most popular police detective, Zhao Yu was entrusted by Bureau Chief Luan to represent the Rongyang Branch to join the investigation!

It was supposedly a joint investigation, but in reality it was a competition organized by the municipal bureau!

Although there was no exact reward for solving the case, no branch was stupid; they all understood that it would be a great opportunity to be in the limelight. Whoever solved the case first would be in the municipal bureau's favor, and would stand out as the best of the Qinshan police, so to speak.

Because of the competition, the seven elite police detectives from different branches that came to the coffin chamber did not speak to each other, but harboured selfish motives, vainly hoping they would win the competition!

Then, a police officer from Yunyang led all the police detectives to the front of the coffin in the middle of the chamber.

The police officer began explaining to everyone, "The ancient tomb was discovered half a month ago and was reported to the Qinshan Archeology Department. After getting approval from the higher ups, the archeology department carried out an excavation operation of the ancient tomb. They uncovered the tomb entrance and got into the coffin chamber today.

"According to the monument inscription on the tomb entrance, the archeologists certified that the owner of the ancient tomb belonged to Qiu Cheng, Qiu Zixu of the Luya Prefecture in the last years of the Ming Dynasty.

"But..." The face of the police officer changed as he said, "As you can see, the coffin chamber was visited by grave robbers, and there aren't many valuable cultural relics left! But the coffin didn't look like it was damaged. So the archeologists decided to open the coffin to take a look, just to see whether if there was anything valuable. But when the archeologists opened the coffin..." The police officer pointed at the inside of the coffin and said, "It was quite the scene... Tsk tsk... Truly puzzling..."

The coffin was open. Before the police officer had even given the briefing, everyone had already seen the situation inside. Who would have guessed that it was not a skeleton of a man from the past, or any dazzling burial objects, but a modern-looking person that was wearing a long-sleeved blue shirt with black slacks!

Although he looked like someone you could find on the street, he must have been dead for quite some time. The corpse was rotten and it was ferocious looking. A vital wound on the top of his head was clearly visible as well.

Looking at the scene, the police detectives found it unbelievable. A proper ancient coffin with an everyday person lying in it; what kind of situation was this?

"That's interesting..." An old police detective in his fifties on the right side of Zhao Yu said. "I've been in criminal investigation for half of my life and I have never come across such a strange incident! A modern corpse in a coffin from the Ming Dynasty, very interesting!"

“Mm...” The Yunyang police officer pointed at the corpse and explained, “Before your arrival, the archaeologists had looked and said that there should be a ancient corpse below this corpse, but someone messed with it...”

“The deceased is a male!” The other detective in glasses on the left side of Zhao Yu said as he scribbled on his notebook. “They were between fifty-five to sixty, one hundred and seventy meters tall, wearing a blue shirt...”

“From what I see,” another older police detective suddenly said, “it wouldn’t be difficult. The grave robbers quarrelled over an uneven distribution of the spoils and fought to the death; it’s nothing new. After killing the person, they thought it would be fitting to put the person in the coffin, so they did. Grave robbers always do as they wish, without considering the consequences...”

“Police officer,” another detective with sideburns that looked to be in his forties said, “How many robber entrances did you find that lead to this coffin chamber?”

“Only one!” Next to the group of police detectives, there was someone from the archeology personnel that was familiar with the coffin chamber. On behalf of the Yunyang police officer, the person replied, “The entrance looked quite new, so it should have been dug quite recently! Police officers, on behalf of the Qinshan Cultural Relics Bureau, I beg you—the grave robbers took a large number of cultural relics. Please arrest them and retrieve them!”

“The owner of the tomb was Qiu Cheng. Although he was only a prefect, due to the special location of Qinshan in ancient times, it was actually a strategic point that linked north and south. Qiu Cheng was an influential commander of border. There must be precious cultural relics in his tomb!”

Mm...

The police detectives nodded. Although it was very odd to find a modern person’s corpse in the ancient coffin, everyone thought that they could reveal the truth if they could arrest the grave robbers!

But looking at the secret room that was in disorder and the corpse that was lying in the coffin, Zhao Yu smelled something different.

Hm... That’s not right?!

Zhao Yu was beginning to think that finding the person behind the Tomb Murder case might not be as simple as they thought!

Chapter 362: Smell a Rat in the Matter

“Hey! Let’s just drop it.” In the booming of thunderstorms, Zhao Yu was standing by the window of the hotel and talking to Miao Ying on the phone. “Captain Miao, hurriedly charge another person to come, as I’m so depressed here! I’m a sunny, handsome guy, and I’m not suitable for such an overcast place! I don’t have any knowledge about the cultural relics at all! Liang Huan! Liang Huan knows them well, it’s better to let him come over here!”

“Ha-ha, how can that be? You are the most capable staff appointed by the Bureau Chief Luan, so do it well!” Miao Ying laughed. “By the way, how about the other branch?”

“Cough!” Zhao Yu shook his head and said, “It’s a bunch of old people, and I’m the only one below 30 years old! You know what, they looked at me in such a strange way in our first meeting! It was scorn. I almost pointed the middle finger at them. They really acted like snobs, as if they never saw such a young detective ever?”

“Oh, yes, one of them is full of white hair, and he looks much older than my grandfather! Do they call the retired veteran cadres to come over as well, this gang is really amazing!”

“Hey, don’t look down on people, Zhao Yu!” Miao Ying spoke in a solemn manner. “Those people are the veterans of Huiyang branch! Huiyang branch is putting all their efforts toward fighting for this case, too! A question for you: Did you see a bearded man? About 40 years old?”

“Yes, who is he?”

“He is Fu Jianxing of the Moyang branch, the veteran detective of Qishan City who had served as a provincial special investigator for criminal investigation before!”

“I heard that... this man has a lot of thoughts in his mind, you must beware!” Miao Ying reminded.

“Okay, dear,” Zhao Yu put the mobile phone close to the window. “You listen to this rain, it’s really making my heart feel cold! It’s so boring in the mountains, alas! Dear, what are you doing now? Why don’t you come and stay with me?”

“Go away, don’t be garrulous! Who is your dear?” Miao Ying kept a straight face and said, “Hasten to the point, tell me how is the situation over there? The colleagues are curious! This is the first time I hear about the Tomb murder case!”

“Cough! It’s doesn’t matter to me,” said Zhao Yu contemptuously, “Just an old man having been killed and thrown into a coffin! As of now, the corpse has been sent for checking and making comparisons, so we all are waiting for the result at the hotel! The hotel here is much worse, cockroaches are everywhere. Yet...there are two people in a room, not even an independent bathroom...”

“Come on, stop nagging now, can we just continue to the point?” Miao Ying frowned.

“Okay, okay...”

Thereupon, Zhao Yu told Miao Ying the general situation in the tomb. After listening to it, Miao Ying immediately guessed, “Does this mean, that there was a rebellion among the tomb robbers? They’ve killed the man and dumped the corpse into the tomb? In that case, we could solve the case, if we find the tomb robbers!”

“Nearly!”

“Hey... Zhao Yu...” Miao Ying said, “The day is still bright. Why don’t you look for the traces? Have a look at the escape route of the tomb robbers?”

“Oh, really?” Zhao Yu acted dumb. “No wonder I haven’t met my roommate yet. I think he went for the scene survey? In such a heavy rain, this guy is so dedicated!”

“Seriously?,” Miao Ying reproached. “If you want to pack off so many burial goods, it’s impossible to use one or two cars only, the scene would definitely leave a trail! Hurry, don’t just let those people take over the opportunities...”

“Hahaha...” Zhao Yu laughed. “Captain Miao, don’t worry, if I can’t even think of it, am I still able to be the top detective in the Rongyang branch? Frankly, I had already explored it when I went there. The tomb was located in a hollow area in the middle of the mountain, so there’s only one way to enter and exit around it!”

“But, as you know, the tomb has been excavated for almost a week, and there are so many vehicles that come and go, the trails of the tomb robbers had already been erased for a long time!”

“But... I also noticed, if you want to drive out from the tomb, surely you would pass through the Yunyang County Town, where am I staying now. Therefore, I already asked Lan Bo and others to retrieve surveillance video at every intersection in Yunyang County, so those old people are definitely behind me!”

“Hmm... Good job!” Miao Ying heaved a sigh of relief and changed her tone, “Although, you looked absent-mindedly and querulously. In fact, you are the person who wants to take the case before someone else!”

“But!” Zhao Yu rarely spoke in a serious manner, “Captain Miao, I have seen some measures of how the tomb robbers dispose of the stolen goods. I think we should focus on the peripheral place to dispose of the stolen goods, rather than focus on that tomb. With such a huge number of unearthed cultural relics, they definitely won’t take any risk to ship out from Qinshan.”

“So, could you check those potential buyers for the stolen goods, and see if there are any stealthy changes?”

“Although I’m not an expert in tomb robbery, the person who is able to rob at such a hidden tomb, presumably should be a particularly talented person! Generally, this kind of talented person is quite well-known, so you may look for the news from other sources. Let’s see what you could find out!”

“Okay!” Miao Ying nodded and asked, “Well...how about the corpse? That corpse is also important, right? If the dead was their partner as well, does it mean...”

“No!” Zhao Yu said with certainty, “The dead man definitely was not a tomb robber!”

“Oh? Why?” Miao Ying was surprised.

“Tomb robbers usually work underground, and they will look mystifying, have a dark complexion, and seem as if they have been possessed by ghosts!” Zhao Yu said in serious manner, “Although, the dead was not young, but his skin was fair, glowing, unlike underground workers!”

“Are you looking for a whip?” Miao Ying noticed Zhao Yu was talking in vain, “Even if there’s no gap between the duration, the tomb has been excavated for a week, and the man was dead for at least a week, so how could his face still be white and bright? Are you looking for a beating?”

“Hahaha, you caught it, I am embarrassed!” Zhao Yu explained wickedly, “Well, there’s a rule for tomb robbers, generally those that are 50 years old or above, and are not going down to the pit. After all,

digging a grave is hard, manual work, as it is hard to dig it while you're getting older! Moreover, a gang of tomb robbers are made up of clan relatives. Tomb robbers of this age are generally given the roles of experienced commanders, with high prestige in the team!"

"He was the eldest, yet a commander. How could he have been killed by his partners? The rule of the tomb robbery industry is usually combined by nephew and uncle. If the old man is also a tomb robber, he must be the uncle of other people, so does it mean the nephew had killed his uncle?"

"In addition, the breach on the dead man's head already indicates the way of killing of the murderer was extremely fierce and ferocious. It's impossible to kill your relative in such a cruel way!

"Also, there's another point, the dead man was wearing a pure cotton, long sleeved shirt, so the price should not be low! Have you ever seen a tomb robber wearing a branded shirt to rob a tomb?"

"Zhao Yu," Miao Ying said earnestly, "Have you ever dug anyone's ancestral grave? How do you know so much about tomb robbery? Did you read too many novels?"

"Well... Do you see me reading any books?" Zhao Yu pouted and said, "Captain Miao, have you ever thought that if the dead is not a tomb robber, the matter would become complicated?"

"So...does it mean, the dead had passed by the tomb and was found by the tomb robbers, who then killed him and dragged the corpse to the tomb?" Miao Ying speculated.

"Impossible," Zhao Yu said, "Usually, the tomb robbers will make pilfer holes during midnight, so who would run to that place at nighttime? Moreover, seeing the dress code of the dead man, apparently, he didn't seem like an ordinary person. So, there must be something wrong with it!"

Chapter 363: Walls Have Ears

Hualala...

With water running near his feet, Zhao Yu quickly moved aside as he was nearly splashed.

"Motherf*cker!" Zhao Yu swore. He then got off the squatting pit and walked over to the basin to wash his hands.

Not only did the simple inn have no bathroom stalls, but there weren't any bathrooms either. There were only traditional squatting pits in a public restroom, and there weren't even any dividers between them!

Near the basin was a mirror full of cracks that was taped to the wall. Looking at himself in the mirror, Zhao Yu played with his newly grown hair.

Just as Section Chief Wang Fei had said, although there was stitching on the top of his head, due to his undamaged hair follicles, when his hair grew there wasn't any trace of a wound. There was only a small scar on his forehead.

It had been more than a month and there was no scar on his face. The fractures of his collarbone, rib cage, and scapula had almost fully recovered. But perhaps because of the damp air caused by the rainy day, he still felt uncomfortable and tight all over.

The Tomb Murder Case!

Zhao Yu shook his head and sighed as he thought about the strange case again. Although the autopsy report had yet to be released, every branch that was involved in the joint investigation had started taking action.

But Zhao Yu was not being left behind. He had sent people to retrieve the surveillance video nearby, and asked about rumors among the clan from Blondie and the others!

What is the truth behind this case? In an ancient coffin chamber, there lies a modern corpse... Tsk tsk...

Just as Zhao Yu was thinking about this, a novel idea popped into his head. He had yet to finalize his thought, however, before the bathroom door was pushed open.

The one who walked in was the bushy bearded man, Fu Jianxing.

Although they had taken the same bus over, the police detectives had not officially introduced themselves to one another. When they saw each other they nodded, but did not converse.

After acknowledging Zhao Yu, Fu Jianxing took off his pants and squatted over the pit. He was holding some bathroom paper. Zhao Yu finished washing his hands, then pushed the door open and left.

After exiting the bathroom, Zhao Yu recalled Miao Ying's warning. She had told Zhao Yu to be careful around Fu Jianxing, as he was extremely cunning.

Tsk tsk...

Zhao Yu was rubbing his chin while he was thinking. Why don't I pull a prank on him to show my power and put him in his place? How should I toy with him? It is raining outside, and there's nowhere for me to buy firecrackers....

Just as Zhao Yu was pondering outside the door, he heard Fu Jianxing begin speaking inside the bathroom. It seemed like he was on the phone with someone else.

Huh? Hm, why not listen to what he has to say.

Zhao Yu wanted to walk towards the bathroom door and eavesdrop, but he realized that there was a gap under the door, so the lights of the corridor would cast his shadow on the ground. Fu Jianxing would definitely notice.

Can I turn off the lights? No way! Turning off the lights would make the guy even more suspicious.

Zhao Yu looked around and suddenly fixed his gaze on the women's bathroom next door! Besides the police detectives that were staying in the hotel in the remote mountain village, there was barely anyone else there. There shouldn't be anyone in the women's bathroom!

Zhao Yu quickly sneaked into the women's bathroom. He looked around, and there was no one there. He fastened the lock properly and went to the divider between the men's and women's bathroom.

When he put his ear against the separating wall, Fu Jianxing's voice was crystal clear,

"Let me tell you, Lao Li." Fu Jianxing seemed to be covering his cellphone with his hands. His voice sounded muffled. "Do you remember the tomb that belonged to the Yongtai Princess? The tomb that was the size of your palm but had more than sixty robber entrances?! This tomb of a prefect only had one, and it was dug recently. What does that mean?"

"It meant that the tomb of the prefect was not even found by the ancient grave robbers, which meant that it was well hidden! It also means that the one who came to rob the tomb was not just some nobody!"

Hey?

Hearing that, Zhao Yu was suddenly interested. It seemed as if Fu Jianxing was discussing about the case with his colleagues from his branch! His colleague seemed to think the same way he did.

Zhao Yu listened even more closely.

"You're asking me? I am in the bathroom! On a squatting pit! This ridiculous place!" Fu Jianxing continued, "How else could I call you? They had to arrange two people to share a room, and it is still raining outside. Where else could I make a call? Don't worry, no one is eavesdropping; I'm the only one in the bathroom! There aren't even stalls in the bathroom. Everything is out in the open!"

Zhao Yu laughed and thought to himself, Out in the open. Have you ever thought that the walls might have ears too?

"The tomb was unusual," Fu Jianxiang said. "I looked into the prefects' tombs in the other area. None of theirs were this big. Plus, the place is quite interesting. It's hard to imagine that a commander of the border would ever bury themselves in such a remote area! I just find it a bit odd. It doesn't seem to make sense!"

"Mm... Right, right, right, maybe... I know, who doesn't want to take the opportunity to step into the limelight? But there is no use rushing. The traces on the road were wiped away by the cars. We can only look at the surveillance control in Yunyang County! Right, tell our colleagues to hurry up. I'm afraid that there will be people that work faster than me!"

"Oh, and from what I can tell, I reckon the deceased has been dead for about twenty-five days. But I couldn't tell how the environment in the ancient tomb affected the corpse. It would be best to check all the vehicles that passed through Yunyang County in the last twenty to thirty days. Plus, a robbery of cultural relics would normally be done in the middle of the night..."

Fuck! Zhao Yu was shocked. It seems like this person is really an expert. Not only did he find such a crucial point, but he thought about it more thoroughly than I did.

"What? You meant the deceased? Yes, the forensic scientist from the municipal bureau is making comparison. I reckon that there will be an answer in three hours or so..."

"No, no, no, I'm telling you, the deceased is definitely not a grave robber!"

When he said that, Zhao Yu was shocked again. He never would have guessed that the guy would have the same prediction he had!

“Let’s make a bet. A professional grave robbery organization would not have any internal conflicts!” Fu Jianxing voiced his well-thought-out plan, saying, “It’s pretty obvious judging from a few clues. This is too easy. I think even a detective could be able to tell!”

“No. Firstly, it’s his age. As far as I can tell, the deceased is at least sixty years old. He might even be seventy years old!” Fu Jianxing said. “There wouldn’t be any grave robbers that were that old and would still go into the tomb themselves! Plus, the deceased is not a grave robber!”

“Yes, sure! There was an operation scar above the collar bone of the deceased, which signified that he had an operation related to his thyroid gland. In addition, the sole of his right shoe had serious wear compared to his left foot, which indicates he had a walking problem. How could someone like that be a grave robber?”

“No, no, no. He definitely wasn’t dragged down from the robber’s entrance after he died...”

“Yes! I have noticed that the sleeves on his shirt, his thighs, and his calves had traces of soil. It meant that the deceased climbed in through the robber’s entrance! If he was dragged down, there would be stain on his shirt...”

“Judging off the wound on his head, the weapon the robbers used should have been a pickaxe. Such damage would definitely cause a splatter of blood. I haven’t found them, which means the kill took place inside the coffin chamber itself...”

My goodness...

Listening to Fu Jianxing’s analysis sent shivers down Zhao Yu’s spine. Who would have guessed that this person was so amazing! He even noticed very minor details. He was just like Sherlock Holmes!

Let me analyze the psychology of the murderer to you,” Fu Jianxing continued. “After the murder, he stuffed the person into the coffin and laid him over the ancient corpse, then put the cover of the coffin back on!

“That implies that the murderer was thinking about grave robbery all year long. This person is brutal, cruel, and unreasonable, and twenty percent of his mentality is twisted. He stuffed the dead into the ancient coffin without giving it a second thought; he just thought it might be fun!”

“T person would most likely have a criminal record, so hurry up and look. See if there are any suspects with these traits...”

Criminal record?!

Hearing that, Zhao Yu recalled his novel idea from earlier.

“Hahaha, alright, stop flattering me!” Fu Jianxing laughed. “This time, everyone who has come are elite. We can’t be careless! Especially the one from the Rongyang Branch. Even though he is the youngest, he solved the Mianlin Case. We can’t take him lightly. I heard that the guy is quite strange...”

He heard some information about himself, so Zhao Yu tried to listen carefully. But just as Fu Jianxing said that one sentence, someone knocked on the door.

Knock knock knock...

He then heard an old lady shouting from outside the door. "Hey, who locked the door? Open up! I can't hold it anymore!"

Chapter 364: Give A Dog A Bad Name and Hang Him

"Ah~ Hero, please chase after my sweet dream with me..."

At the most crucial moment, Zhao Yu's handphone rang to stir up more trouble.

Damn it!

Zhao Yu quickly turned off his phone and ran before the door to block against the door. At the same time, Fu Jianxing next door seemed to hear something and he didn't talk anymore.

"Open the door. Why do you lock the main door when you are using the toilet? I'm dying to use the toilet!" the lady outside the door was obviously in a hurry.

Tsk tsk...

Zhao Yu panicked and he was in cold sweat. But, he suddenly recalled that there was a device that he had gotten few days ago, called the Invisible Voice Changer. After activation, he could change his voice.

Under his eagerness, Zhao Yu immediately tapped it to use and changed his voice into a female's voice. Then, he shouted, "Hey madam, I am have a very bad stomach ache and I can't move. Isn't there another toilet in the backyard?"

"Oh, true that!" the lady heard a woman answered from inside. Then, she quickly covered her stomach and ran downstairs. But halfway down the stairs, she suddenly recalled, "Hey? That's not right? In the entire inn, I am the only woman. Where did the woman in the toilet come from? And, the toilet in the backyard was made for men to pee. There isn't any pit. Why am I going there for?"

Then, the old lady covered her stomach and ran back up. When she returned to the toilet, she realised that the door was unlocked and there was no one inside!

"Hey? What's the person? Is it... Is it an illusion?" The old lady hesitated but she was suddenly hit by the pain in her stomach and she turned around to enter the toilet.

Just when she got it, the male toilet door was pushed open. Fu Jianxing exited from the toilet puzzled and seemed to realise something.

But, he saw that there was no one there so he couldn't find out anything. So, he turned around to return to his room.

Aiyo, fuck!

Zhao Yu obviously fled back to his room in lightning speed. That moment, he was covered in cold sweat. Luckily, his brain was fast enough and he used the device just in time.

But Zhao Yu faintly felt, That Fu Jianxing is so smart, he must have felt something.

Miao Ying got it right. That man is quite amazing. Not only is he a first-rate case resolver, his point of view is also quite unique. How can he tell that I, Zhao Yu is his only match?

Humph...

Zhao Yu snorted and thought, Fu Jianxing, I will figure out a way to prank you and make you withdraw from the game! Otherwise, keeping an expert in the game, my wish to resolve the case earlier might be hard to realise.

But, the phone rang earlier, I'd better check my phone first!

He unlocked it and saw that it was from Lan Bo. When he returned the call, Zhao Yu was surprised to hear the noises,

"Bro Yu, a few of us are here at Yunyang Traffic Department to get the videos! But there is already a large crowd here and it's just like a market. I think, it was not only us that wanted to get the surveillance videos! The other branches are here too!"

"Seriously?" Zhao Yu pouted and thought to himself. It seems that the police detectives that are in charge of the tomb murder case are not anyone easy to deal with. Then, he quickly exhorted, "Lan Bo, I don't care if you need to fight for it, you have to grab the surveillance videos! Otherwise, the few of you would be Rongyang Branch's disgrace!"

"I know, I know!" Lan Bo answered quickly, "But the Yunyang Traffic Department is a mess. They are reporting to the municipal bureau now! I heard them saying to make copies and what not. I reckon, it will most likely be distributed to each branch. Don't worry. There would be ours definitely!"

"Alright, then you guy watch closely! And..." Zhao Yu recalled something Fu Jianxing said and told them, "When you get the videos, look for suspicious vehicle that appeared at the junction to come in and out of Yunyang during the time frame between twenty to thirty days. Understand?"

"Okay, got it!"

Then, Lan Bo hung up the phone call.

Zhao Yu checked his watch and saw that it was already half past seven at night and the sky was almost dark. According to Fu Jianxing's prediction, municipal bureau would send the autopsy report to their handphones in no time. Once they identified the victim, it would be the starting pistol gun shot that signified the competition to solve the case had begun!

But, whether or not the victim was a grave robber, he felt that there was no need for him to stay in the inn to wait. He might as well return to the city and he might be faster than the others.

Although Zhao Yu was puffed up with arrogance normally, he knew himself well enough. That was his first time to come across real detectives and he couldn't help but be triggered.

Hence, he believed that his only advantage compared to the other detectives was that he was young and he could run faster than them. So, he had to make use of his advantage and take swift action.

The thunderstorm continued and it was difficult to get a cab in the remote area in Yunyang County. Zhao Yu wanted to go to Yunyang Traffic Department to find Lan Bo and the team but he thought it wouldn't be appropriate. In the end, he called for a car on Didi App.

After about fifteen minutes, a white Ford Focus stopped at the entrance of the inn. Zhao Yu got onto the car and realised that the driver was a fashionably dressed woman!

He looked at the woman and Zhao Yu suddenly recalled, I got a "Gen-Kan" hexagram this morning. Would this woman be the woman that I need to encounter in my miracle adventure?

The woman was quite a good talker. She drove while she chatted with Zhao Yu and they got familiar really soon.

Turned out, the woman's hometown was in Yunyang County and she happened to return to attend a funeral. As her company called her in for an emergency overtime, she had to rush back to Qinshan through the night. Then, she saw Zhao Yu's request, so she responded to make some extra income along the way.

But there was something in Zhao Yu's mind and he was constantly looking at the information on his handphone while waiting for the autopsy report to be sent out by the municipal bureau. At the time being, he even wanted Lan Bo to get his dad's assistance, who was an officer in municipal bureau to provide him news ahead of the other!

"Oh yeah, you saw the news, right? They found a big tomb at West Cow Mountain! From the Ming Dynasty! It was already unearthed by the archeologist!" Unconsciously, the woman brought up the topic, "let me tell you, now everyone on the streets and lanes are talking about it. There are so many strange things happening in this world! Guess what, when they opened the coffin, there was a human being lying inside! He was rushed to the hospital for treatment now. Don't know whether if he is alive or not. Isn't it bizarre?"

The fuck...

Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows tightly and he finally understood the theory of give a dog a bad name and hang him.

"I did not make this up. My cousin works for those archeologists. He saw it with his own eyes!" The woman continued talking, "That is an ancient tomb from the Ming Dynasty. There should be ancient corpse in an ancient coffin. But, it is the first time to hear a human lying inside! It is just like the movie!"

Then, the friendly woman started telling Zhao Yu about the history of Yunyang. She said that, Qinshan city was called Luya back in the days but according to the archeologist's research, the exact location of Luya's palace was not in Qinshan but was in Yunyang County. She also mentioned that there were stele and historical remains as proof.

Zhao Yu did not pay attention but was pondering about the case in his mind.

Unconsciously, he recalled what Fu Jianxing was talking about. He suspected that the murderer of the tomb murder case should be perverse and psychopathic. The reason why he hid the dead body into the coffin was out of fun. And, the murderer was ruthless, so he should be someone with crime record!

Suddenly, when Zhao Yu refocused on the word “crime record”, his mind popped up the novel idea that he thought of earlier.

The Tomb Murder Case before his eyes, was a modern person’s dead body in an ancient coffin from the Ming Dynasty. The dead body was even wearing modern clothing!

But in his impressions, there was another bizarre case that was the total opposite...

Chapter 365: A Completely Opposite Case

During the springtime in 1994, Qinshan was upgrading the Qin River Bridge, and they had to relocate the village nearby. Some of the villagers were required to move their ancestral graves.

Qin River Bridge was under the jurisdiction of Rongyang. During the resettlement, there was a villager with the surname Wang who suddenly lodged a report at the local police station, and told them that when they moved their ancestral graves, they found a terrifyingly strange corpse inside!

Getting the police report, the local policemen went to take a look at the scene and they got a shock too. In the ancestral tomb, there really was a creepy corpse! Although the corpse had signs of rotting, it was had not yet completely decayed. They could clearly tell that it was a young lady! What made it inexplicable was that the female corpse was wearing a bright red ancient costume, and she looked extremely creepy!

The news spread like wildfire. Those villagers that didn’t know the truth spread the story from mouth to mouth, and the news got scarier and scarier each time. It frightened many people, and it nearly affected the relocation operation.

The oddest thing was, after being verified by experts, the ancient costume that the female corpse was wearing was a real cultural relic! It was female Han clothing from the Qing Dynasty, called the embroidered mandarin sleeve jacket. Not only it was a cultural relic, but it was worth a fortune.

Besides that, there were doubts and suspicions about the corpse. Although the corpse was slightly rotten, one could clearly see the woman’s appearance, and her fingerprints were safely contained in the police’s records. However, the police had yet to figure out the woman’s identity!

The police only knew that she was about thirty-five-years-old and one-hundred and sixty centimeters tall. Information about her had posted for a very long time, but no one came to claim her corpse.

In the end, as the corpse was badly rotten, the police couldn’t continue to store it. So they cremated her body and buried it in the name of authorities. Before cremation, the police kept a complete copy of her DNA, fingerprints, blood, and the other information. They hoped to reveal the identity of the deceased someday. But even with the advance in technology then, there was no match. It finally became one of the unsolved cases in Cold Case Department. During the time Zhao Yu was in the Cold Case Department, he had come across the case, and it had left an impression on him.

Back then, after he solved the Uptown Slaughter Case, Zhao Yu was brimming with confidence and wanted to reopen the case, but the Mianling Case surfaced and he put it aside.

But Zhao Yu understood that if he wanted to investigate the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume Case, it would be much more difficult compared to the Slaughter Case! Because the identity of the dead couldn't be verified, they didn't even know who the victim was. How could they possibly solve the case?

That moment, sitting in the Ford on his way back to Qinshan, Zhao Yu suddenly recalled the case. He thought about it because the case seemed similar to the Tomb Murder Case. In the Tomb Murder Case, they found a corpse wearing modern clothing in an ancient grave! While in the Female Corpse Case, they found a corpse that was wearing ancient clothing in a modern grave!

Besides the fact that both of the deceased were people from this century, the two cases were the exact opposite! But under such contradiction, Zhao Yu faintly smelled the connection between the two.

When it came down to it, he was reminded of Fu Jianxing's line. Fu Jianxing thought that the murderer intentionally put the corpse into the coffin for fun! Hence, just when Zhao Yu was thinking about the Female Corpse in Ancient Costume Case, he realized that whoever killed the lady seemed to share the same notion of "fun".

Try to imagine, what normal murderer who killed someone would dress up the body in an ancient costume, then stuff it into other people's ancestral grave? If so, was there a hidden link between these two cases that was eighteen years apart? If the murderer of the Tomb Murder Case had a criminal record, would the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume Case be the same person's doing?

"Yeah!" Zhao Yu thought. He believed that there was such a possibility because the ancient costume on the female corpse was a real cultural relic. Why would a normal person have an ancient costume? But if the murderer was a grave robber, it would be different. They robbed so many ancient tombs; it would be acceptable if they had a few ancient costumes.

"Oh God! Who would the grave robbers be?!" he suddenly realized.

Just as Zhao Yu was pondering, his phone finally rang. The criminal investigation unit in the municipal bureau sent the latest autopsy report to the police detectives. According to the forensic investigation, they found the identity and cause of death of the victims in the Tomb Murder Case.

The cause of death was as expected—a fatal head wound.

Regarding his identity, it shocked Zhao Yu!

Since the very beginning, Zhao Yu knew that the victim was not a grave robber, but he had never expected that not only was he not a grave robber, but he was one of the old experts at the Qinshan Cultural Relic Bureau!!!

"Oh God!" Suddenly, Zhao Yu felt that his brain was overworked. "What is going on? Why was there an archeologist, who had been involved in archeology all his life, buried in a coffin in an ancient tomb?" he wondered.

"One was the archeologist, one was the grave robber... This.. Is this National Treasure? The competition between good and evil? In the end, the old expert from the good side died as he got killed by the evil grave robbers?" he thought.

“But...that’s not right...” Thinking about it, Zhao Yu felt there were more and more questions about the case that were unexplainable!

“Is it that...in the Tomb Murder Case, there weren’t any grave robbers? Was it always the heritage expert who was into cultural relics that robbed the ancient tomb? The expert ran out of money? What kind of situation is this?”

“Hey, what happened to you? Ever since you got in the car, you have been creasing your eyebrows. Is there anything that you took it too hard?” the female driver asked thoughtfully. “It’s okay. Say it out loud and you will feel much better. I am willing to listen!”

“Dong Peizhuo!” Zhao Yu mumbled a name unconsciously.

“What? What Zhuo? What is it?” the lady asked curiously.

“Nothing, focus on driving!” Zhao Yu was glad that he had predicted this and left earlier than the others. If he were to rush to the victim’s house, he should be faster than everyone else!

Dong Peizhuo was the name of the victim in the Tomb Murder Case. According to the information, not only did he have a stellar reputation among the heritage community, but he was accomplished in calligraphy and painting too. The person was fifty-seven-years-old. As he had suffered a chronic disease and had had a major operation, he had to retire earlier! But whenever the Cultural Relic Bureau ran into any tricky problem, they would come and ask for his advice! It was hard to imagine that such a highly regarded old expert would die a tragic death in a coffin of an ancient tomb.

Zhao Yu quickly called Miao Ying once he got the latest information. Miao Ying was, of course, shocked too. She immediately found the address for Zhao Yu and told him that she was closer to Dong Peizhuo’s house, so she would get there first to investigate when Zhao Yu arrived!

“Ya! Shit!” Zhao Yu exclaimed in his head. He realized something. Although he left before the other detectives, they could have asked for help from their colleagues too! At that very moment, there must be many people on their way to Dong Peizhuo’s house.

Chapter 366: More Than One Person

“The miracle adventure for today has been completed. The completion rate is eighty five percent. Congratulations! You received an invisible device. Please accept it!”

Just when Zhao Yu was like a cat on a hot tin roof, the system had decided to join in the fun! To his surprise, the miracle adventure had ended quite early. But, Zhao Yu knew that, besides entering the tomb to look for clues and eavesdropping in the female toilet, he hadn’t had any significant encounters.

So, he was glad to be able to get any device! But, when he tapped on his awarded device, he still pouted a bit.

“Invisible Perfume? It could get rid of any weird smell on the body after activation. There are forty-five different fragrances to choose from, too! And, it will last for ten hours...”

Zhao Yu shook his head, This system is getting funnier and funnier. How did this invisible perfume thing come about? The next time, would there be an invisible shaver, invisible gel, or even an invisible condom?!

But, he was at a crucial moment in the case investigation, so Zhao Yu dared not divert his attention to such silly matters. He told the female driver to take him to the housing estate where the victim's residence was located. That female driver most likely understood something from the phone call he just had with Miao Ying, as she didn't speak any further, but drove to the destination directly.

From Yunyang County to Qinshan was a two-hour drive. Add to that the rainy weather conditions, it was already ten at night when Zhao Yu arrived. As expected, the house was surrounded with police cars.

The siren lights were flashing and the rain was getting heavier. But, at the same time, Zhao Yu also found that there were police officers that were on duty at the door, prohibiting everyone else from entering.

Beep beep...

There was someone honking by the side. Zhao Yu then saw Miao Ying's blue Phaeton.

He kept his umbrella and got into the car. Just when Zhao Yu wanted to ask a question, Miao Ying brought her finger to her lips and beckoned to him to stay quiet.

Then, Miao Ying took off her earphones and lay her phone flat before Zhao Yu, enabling the handsfree function on her handphone. Zhao Yu then realized that Miao Ying's handphone was currently on a call. The phone was a little noisy, but they could here a female sobbing, while another male spoke.

"The situation was out of control, so the municipal bureau has to do this themselves!" Miao Ying explained softly into Zhao Yu's ear. "They never expected the case to be so complicated. The purpose of having a joint investigation was to uplift everyone! But now they have already drawn fire against themselves, as Qinshan sent almost half of their forces to keep this case under watch, as though they were injected with chicken blood (meaning they were energized)! Actually, the more people are added to the mix, the more difficult the case investigation gets!"

Miao Ying continued. "So, Captain Feng Xiao has to step in to resolve it! Their people are in there interrogating the family members now, and he said that they would send the voice recording to each branch, prohibiting us from bothering the victim's family!"

"Then, you..." Zhao Yu pointed at the handphone and looked confused.

"I happen to have a friend on the municipal bureau police team. He was transferred from the Ruyang Branch. They are talking to the victim's family, so I got him on handsfree! He secretly put his phone in his pocket, so we have to listen carefully and quietly!" Miao Ying moved the handphone nearer to Zhao Yu.

Amazing!

Zhao Yu gave Miao Ying a thumbs up and paid full attention to the call. Unfortunately, Miao Ying's friend must have received an order and left the questioning scene temporarily, as they could only hear noises over the phone currently.

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying exchanged a glance and shrugged at the same time. They could only wait in patience. Seizing the opportunity, Zhao Yu told Miao Ying about what happened with Lan Bo, when he went to retrieve the surveillance videos.

“It seems that the people from the municipal bureau got themselves into trouble! With such chaos, I wonder if they would dare to play the fools in the future?!” Miao Ying said.

“Yeah. That’s just a group without a leader, with everyone trying to cheat each other. So, how can we be expected to investigate properly?” Zhao Yu sighed.

Then, Zhao Yu’s phone rang. It was from Zhang Jingfeng. He seemed to have found something important and it sounded like he was in a hurry. His voice was so loud, even Miao Ying could hear him.

“Xiao Zhao, I feel like the joint investigation for this case is getting out of control! When I looked for the victim Dong Peizhuo’s missing person report from the missing persons department, I found that he was not the only one who went missing!”

“What?!”

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying were stunned at the same time. Miao Ying quickly covered the handphone that had the call for eavesdropping on it.

“Tian Dongmin and Wang Taiming were both lost too!” Zhang Jingfeng said excitedly. “They are Dong Peizhuo’s colleagues and were both experts in cultural artifacts. Also, they are around the same age! According to the report, the three of them were all lost at the same time!”

“It can’t be?!” Then... Zhao Yu was confused. Why were there two more experts, out of nowhere?

“Grave robber?!” Miao Ying had her eyes wide open. “The grave robbers wanted to excavate and rob the prefect’s tomb, but they couldn’t find it, so they needed the assistance from the three experts! Hence, they kidnapped them and killed them after they found the ancient tomb?!”

Zhao Yu nodded. It seemed to be the only reasonable explanation! But... To kidnap and kill, just to rob a trifling ancient tomb? That didn’t sound like a grave robber’s conventional practice....

“But...” Miao Ying couldn’t convince herself either. She mumbled, “Why just kill one of them? If they’d reached their goal, then all three of them should have been killed, right?”

“Zhao Yu, Captain Miao!” Zhang Jingfeng recognized Miao Ying’s voice and quickly said, “You two got it wrong! On the missing person report, it stated clearly. I’ll send you a copy later! Before they went missing, the three old experts lied to their families, saying that the unit wanted them to go for an inspection! But the Cultural Relic Bureau certified that there was no inspection order. So, these three persons lied to their families!”

“Can that be right?” Zhao Yu was perplexed. This... What is going on? The three old experts all lied and then went missing together? Then, one of them died in the coffin in the ancient tomb?!

Miao Ying creased her eyebrows, also finding this unbelievable. When Zhang Jingfeng put down the phone, Miao Ying’s friend returned to Dong Peizhuo’s house and they all continued to listen to police force’s interrogation of the victim’s family.

As it turned out, Dong Peizhuo's partner and son confirmed what Zhang Jingfeng had found out. The three old experts did fib together. When they got the update, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying suddenly saw that some of the police cars that had been waiting at the door had left quietly.

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying shared a glance and realized something. Miao Ying immediately started her engine.

They had both suddenly thought of an important question. They had to quickly get the surveillance videos from the residential area of the three old experts, then somehow retrace their tracks on the day they went missing! If they could discover the reason that the three old men went missing, the case might then be able to progress greatly!

But, just when Miao Ying started her engine, Bureau Chief Luan called to pass on an order from the higher ups. They requested the Key Case Investigation Unit in the Rongyang Branch to immediately stop all investigations related to the Tomb Murder Case. Moreover, anyone who took any actions in secret would receive heavy disciplinary action!

Chapter 367: What Is the Reason for Murder?

Half past eleven at night, at the Key Case Investigation Unit in Rongyang Branch.

At that very moment, Zhao Yu was using Fu Jianxing's explanation he had overheard from the women's restroom to deceive the group of detectives. Zhao Yu exaggerated the story and told them excitedly, describing himself as a reborn Sherlock Holmes. The police detectives didn't know that he was telling them a story he had overheard, and they were fooled by Zhao Yu. They paid full attention to his story.

But only Miao Ying managed to find it odd. She quickly interrupted Zhao Yu and argued, "Zhao Yu, that's not right? When you were on the phone with me, you did not make it sound this bizarre. How dare you not report to me? Are you asking for a fight?"

Looking at Captain Miao's fist, Zhao Yu stopped and asked for forgiveness, with his hands clasped before him.

"Captain Miao, what is the municipal bureau trying to do? Going back and forth with their orders. Are they trying to make a fool out of us?" Liang Huan complained unhappily. "You tell me, in the middle of the night, when it is pouring outside, they want the entire police force to be on standby. What does that even mean?"

"We have no choice!" Miao Ying said. "Superior command is superior command! Actually, maybe it is a good idea. It'd be better than everyone fighting against each other to get the video of the old experts disappearing.

"Don't worry, I have heard stuff from some of my connections. After the municipal bureau's investigation team gets involved, they will be the main investigator for the case. As they made it clear beforehand, they will still share the information with all the branches. We can't investigate at the crime scene but can only analyze the information they share with us, and further investigate according to our own instincts.

“So, this stupid match is still ongoing! Instead of the few representatives, it became all the branches! Then, whoever finds out the truth first and arrests the criminal will be the proud champion!”

“Interesting!” Da Fei rolled up his sleeves and said, “The case is so interesting, and the way to solve it is also interesting! I’m all pumped up. Let’s vie to win the championship, guys!”

“I really don’t understand!” Zhang Jingfeng was not impressed. “It’s more delicious when you fight for the food. But this is a case investigation, how can you fight for it? With such chaos, they better not lose any major evidence! In short, the criminal investigation department in the municipal bureau doesn’t make me comfortable.”

“Captain Miao!” Li Beini suddenly raised her hands and said, “Lan Bo sent an update from Yunyang County. The surveillance videos were uploaded to our internal website by the municipal bureau. We can look at them!”

“Okay!” Miao Ying immediately sent people to check the surveillance videos. Zhao Yu did not forget to tell them to focus on the time frame of the surveillance videos.

“Bro, you really impress me!” Li Beini complimented Zhao Yu. “In the past, you were...you were... But you are so amazing now! You can even tell how long the corpse has been dead for. Back then, I couldn’t tell how good you were from the way you acted.”

“Are you trying to say that I was such a gangster back then?” Zhao Yu casually said, “There are many things that you can’t tell. Quick, go get your bro a cup of coffee. Same as usual; two packs of sugar!”

“Alright!” Li Beini immediately left her seat.

“Aiya, I’m here! I’m here! Sorry, I came late!” Li Beini had just left, and someone came through the door, holding his umbrella. This person was the original Team A team leader, the current team leader of Team B—Mao Wei.

Mao Wei was discharged at around the same time as Zhao Yu. His leg injury had fully recovered and he could walk freely. Although Mao Wei had had an unpleasant encounter with Miao Ying and Zhao Yu, he had a big positive trait, which was his easygoing nature.

After getting back to work, Mao Wei found Miao Ying and apologized. At the same time, he found Zhao Yu and expressed his intention to work harmoniously with him and to back each other up. Actually, neither Zhao Yu nor Miao Ying had any hierarchical conflict with Mao Wei. Looking at Mao Wei’s sincerity, the two of them had no reason to fight with him. The three of them reconciled and worked wholeheartedly at their jobs. The Key Case Investigation Unit was back on track again.

“The rain just got heavier.” Mao Wei was still looking for an excuse for being late. “It was impossible to get a cab! Oh, Captain Miao, I heard on the way to the police station. How is the case that the entire city was focused on? Any updates?”

Listening to Mao Wei’s questions, Miao Ying updated him with all the latest news.

“Aiya, this is really hard to understand!” Mao Wei scratched his head and said, “The heritage expert was involved with the grave robbers. This would be considered a scandal, right?”

“Mao, you are a team leader! You must take responsibility for what you said. If it was heard by the press, the cultural relic bureau would fight you to death. You’ll find yourself in serious trouble...” Zhang Jingfeng joked. “From what I see, the question might not be hard to explain. The case may have happened like this,

“The three old experts lied because they wanted to inspect something in the wild but didn’t want people at home to be worried. But while they were inspecting, they ran into a bunch of grave robbers. In the end, the grave robbers had no choice but to kill them. So, we should arrest the grave robbers, and the case will be closed!”

“Zhang, you make it sound so easy!” Liang Huan objected, “To inspect something, it’s okay if you do not tell your family, but couldn’t they get a few younger folks from their unit? They were all so old! And there is only one corpse; where are the other two? If they successfully robbed the grave and killed one of them, they might as well kill the other two as well. Where are the other two?”

“Maybe,” Zhang Jingfeng guessed again, “the grave robbers were impressed by the vast knowledge of the heritage experts and decided to keep them alive to help them verify unearthed relics.”

“No! You don’t understand the profession!” Liang Huan said solemnly, “Let me tell you! Normally, it is quite rare to hear that the grave robbers kill. Grave robbers are robbers too, not any professional killer. If they had a choice, they would never have the idea of killing someone!”

“Let me share something with you; an ancient tomb like the prefect’s one would hardly have anything bizarre! Earthenware, porcelain, jade pieces, copper coins, and some gold. Such an ancient tomb compared to the nobles’ tomb was barely anything!

“So, for a prefect’s tomb, it is not worth it! If they were to run into anyone, they’d rather give up the ancient tomb than be caught, and they wouldn’t kill for that tomb either! Take a look at the existing regulations. To rob a grave of someone of that standing, you wouldn’t be given a severe punishment; not more than ten years!”

Listening to Liang Huan’s analysis of grave robbers and the ancient tomb, Miao Ying started pondering. Ever since she found out that the victim was an archeologist, she had similar suspicions. She felt that it wouldn’t be as simple as it seemed. Behind the peculiar Tomb Murder Case, there seemed to be something bizarre!

In the long run, Miao Ying seemed to form a habit. Every time she was lost, she would instinctually look for Zhao Yu, and every single time, Zhao Yu would be able to develop his own unique hypothesis and a novel idea about the case! Looking around, Miao Ying found out that Zhao Yu was focusing on his monitor attentively.

“Zhao Yu, what are you looking at?” Guided by her strong curiosity, Miao Ying asked him and walked over. At the same time, Li Beini was done brewing the coffee and put it before Zhao Yu. When the two girls looked at Zhao Yu’s monitor, they saw the photo of a female corpse that in an ancient red mandarin jacket.

Chapter 368: A Face-to-Face Phone Call

When Zhao Yu told them that he thought that there was a connection between the Tomb Murder Case and the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume Case from eighteen years ago, the police detectives were divided on how to respond.

Some of them, including Mao Wei, didn't believe that there was any connection between the two cases. But, Zhang Jingfeng and Lianghuan, who were familiar with cold cases, were supportive towards Zhao Yu's hypothesis. They agreed with Zhao Yu's analysis, as both cases were related to the tomb. Hence, it might be the same person's doing!

The reasons that led to Mao Wei's rejection of the idea was that the methods used in both cases were different, and also that the time interval in between the cases was sizable. Da Fei, who also disagreed, had also pointed out that the female corpse in the Ancient Costume Case was strangled, while the Tomb Murder Case victim was killed with a pickaxe! Hence, the methods of murder were completely different!

But Zhao Yu still insisted on the plausibility of his idea, saying, "Eighteen years ago, the murderer had never killed anyone before. So, I'm guessing that was why he resorted to the simple strangling of his victim. But, eighteen years later, I'm guessing that the murderer had grown up and become more sophisticated and calculated. Hence, he had advanced in his technique to incorporate weaponry!"

Zhao Yu said this because he had always been involved in fights in his previous life, so he was quite familiar with people that were ruthless. From studying the wound of the victim in the ancient tomb, he could tell that the murderer had killed with just one hit. It had been a brutal and accurate blow. If the murderer wasn't someone that had strong will, they definitely wouldn't have been able to commit such a violent deed.

"Captain Miao, what Zhao Yu is saying can't be ignored," Liang Huan said. "If the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume Case is indeed related to the Tomb Murder Case, it could be that there were even more homicide cases that occurred in the years between the two! Try to imagine this scenario: the murderer was a ferocious grave robber, who was also quite wicked and psychopathic. After he killed, he discarded the dead bodies inside the grave..."

"Mm!" Although Miao Ying thought that Zhao Yu's speculations were still a little far-fetched, she had to agree with what Liang Huan was saying. Such possible connections and evidence could not in good conscience be ignored.

So, she said, "Alright, I agree that it is indeed necessary for us to reopen the investigation of the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume Case. Who knows, we might even be able to find some new clues from this line of thinking, thanks to Zhao Yu!"

"And..." Mao Wei suddenly said, "If the murderer was really a grave robber, he might have a criminal record. So, I think we should look for any details we can find on arrested grave robbers in the past. Then, if we get lucky, maybe the murderer is hidden among the profiles already in our record!"

"True!" Everyone nodded, followed by Miao Ying's deciding to appoint Mao Wei to lead the investigation.

"Zhao Yu, regarding the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume, let Zhang Jingfeng and Liang Huan handle it!" Miao Ying told Zhao Yu, "I'd like you to focus your attention on investigating the relics! Why don't you head to the antique market to see if there are any relic sellers that are suspicious..."

“Mm...” Zhao Yu really wanted to look into the Female Corpse in the Ancient Costume Case instead. But, as Miao Ying had already given the orders, he couldn’t refuse and simply nodded quietly.

“Li Beini!” Miao Ying then said to Li Beini, “You are in charge of keeping watch on the updates coming from the municipal bureau. Once there are any new updates, report all findings to us immediately!”

“Okay!” Li Beini made an OK hand signal.

“I will look into the details surrounding the three old experts’ situation, when they went missing with Zhang Yaohui!” Miao Ying said. “Alright. Everyone has their orders, so let’s work together to solve this case!”

As Miao Ying finished speaking, everyone made the same OK hand signal like Li Beini.

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As Zhao Yu left the police station, the sky was quickly growing dark with clouds and stormy weather. Good thing he had brought his umbrella!

The rain was getting heavier, seeming almost like it was going to become a torrential downpour soon. Although Zhao Yu had his umbrella, his trouser legs were already completely soaked with rainwater.

Zhao Yu quickened his footsteps in an attempt to return home more quickly. Just when he was turning onto Shun Feng Street, a breeze blew toward him and he couldn’t help but sneeze!

Achoo...

When he sneezed, the system in his mind was suddenly activated, resulting in his receiving a hexagram, right there in the rain! Zhao Yu only then realized that it was already past midnight! So, it was indeed not that unusual that he could get a new hexagram at the moment. However, after he looked at the hexagram, Zhao Yu felt a little disappointed, as the system had given him a “Dui-Kan” hexagram!

Tsk tsk...

It was a crucial time for Zhao Yu, as he was deep in the throes of investigating the case. Because of this, the hexagram that he most looked forward to was the “Gen” hexagram, which represented the development of the case investigation. It’s a pity, he thought to himself, that there wasn’t one of those this evening instead.

He was, of course, disappointed. It almost seemed to even forebode that the case investigation the next day wouldn’t go well.

Looking at the hexagram, Zhao Yu recalled that, while his mother had been helping him look for the book, she had searched up and down at both of his two uncles’ houses. She had even found his uncles’ private money stashes! Yet, she couldn’t find any ancient book that was related to Ghost Ba Gua whatsoever.

In the end, however, his mother did come up with another lead. She told Zhao Yu that Zhao Yu’s grandfather used to have an assistant, who stayed in Lingyun City. This person was already more than eighty years old by now, she said. However, he still might know something about Ghost Ba Gua.

Then, his mother found the address and passed it on to Zhao Yu, so that he could visit Lingyun City personally. Of course Zhao Yu wouldn't normally let such a chance slip by. But, just when he was getting ready to visit Lingyun City, the Tomb Murder Case happened, so he had to postpone in order to deal with that.

“Dui-Kan” hexagram!

Zhao Yu thought to himself: “Dui” represents wealth and “Kan” represents woman. So....hmmm....Regarding wealth...Recently, I didn't see any signs of my gaining wealth...

Last month, the gym had made a net profit of one hundred and fifty thousand, and there had been one “Dui” hexagram during that time. The other time that the “Dui” hexagram was received, was when the twenty thousand cash reward for the Bank Hidden Corpse Case was transferred.

Although there were many victims in the Bank Hidden Corpse Case, and the case was very serious, as it was not a reward case, the cash reward wasn't much at all. Hence, Zhao Yu had done the work himself on the case as a favor, at little cost to him, and then was able to distribute the twenty thousand to everyone!

He considered this handling of the reward as the only fair way. Although he had risked his life to arrest Qiu Xinyang during the case investigation, everyone on the team had given an effort, and Pengxin and the rest were even knocked out by anaesthesia smoke! Hence, it wouldn't be nice if he greedily kept the reward only for himself.

Besides, the pouch filled with the two hundred thousand in old notes that Mr. Tao had given to him, Zhao Yu no longer intended to sell! He felt that firstly, he was not short of money, and secondly, the old notes had too much of sentimental value to not keep them.

So, in the end, he went to deposit the money back into the safe deposit box in Qinshan bank. Luckily, the safe deposit box system in the bank had been upgraded, so it could definitely ensure its security.

After this was completed, he had to wonder: If money that should be received was already in his hands, what would happen the next day that would be related to money?

Besides the “Dui” hexagram, there was the “Kan” hexagram. Zhao Yu could read people very keenly. So, when he was in the cab on his way back from the bank, he could tell that the female driver was definitely interested in him. In fact, he was pretty sure that, if he were to carry on with the woman, they might already be in a motel by now! But, Zhao Yu's heart belonged only to Miao Ying, so he didn't have any wicked ideas.

At that moment, when he saw another “Kan” hexagram, he could only hope that the hexagram related to his relationship with Miao Ying. Then, it could possibly mean that he would get to “know” Miao Ying further!

But, the miracle system was unpredictable. When Zhao Yu reached the fruit store on Shun Feng Street, he knew that the “Kan” hexagram that day would not be related to Miao Ying! He could tell this because of the scene that greeted him at the fruit store.

He could see that Yang Hong was standing at the stairway anxiously. She had just taken out her phone and seemed to be making a call to someone. Coincidentally, when Yang Hong was making the call, Zhao

Yu's phone rang. Zhao Yu looked at the display screen, only to see that it was indeed Yang Hong calling him!

Chapter 369: The Extra Money

In the middle of the night, it was pouring.

Yang Hong was giving Zhao Yu a call on the staircase, and she looked like a cat on a hot tin roof. Zhao Yu could tell that there must be something urgent!

"Alright!" He had just gotten himself a "Kan" hexagram and it was fulfilled so quickly. Plus, he had gotten the hexagram because he had sneezed due to the cold air.

"Ah...Hero, please keep my sweet dreams..." Even though he was out in the heavy rain, Zhao Yu's ringtone was still attention-grabbing.

"Huh? Police Officer Zhao! Police Officer Zhao!!!" Yang Hong looked up and saw Zhao Yu, who was holding an umbrella. She looked as though she had seen her life savior. She dashed into the rain and dragged Zhao Yu to the staircase.

"Sis, what is it? It's the middle of the night," Zhao Yu quickly asked.

"Hua...Huahua..." Yang Hong was panting, "Huahua is in trouble. I...I have no idea who to look for! Officer Zhao, please, save her!"

"Huahua?" Zhao Yu was surprised. He quickly supported Yang Hong and asked, "Why is Huahua in trouble again? What happened?"

"Huahua owed a loan shark money. Today, she was taken by the loan shark!" Yang Hong's tears ran down her cheeks, and no one could tell whether it was the rain or her tears. "I knew there was something wrong when Huahua did not return today! Police Officer Zhao, save her, please, I beg you!"

"Loan shark?" Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows. "Why would Huahua owe a loan shark money? I thought her family was quite rich? Her father runs a puppy mill, right?"

"Cough! It was just her being stubborn." Yang Hong was almost shouting. "Her father does rear dogs but he was squeezed out by the people of the same trade. The litter of dogs that finally grew up were all poisoned! Her father lost all his capital. Not only did he owe people money, but he also fell sick!"

"This...I didn't know about this earlier, and that kid didn't tell anyone! Then she went to borrow money from the loan shark, this kid..."

"But...my dog! Huahua's father operated on my dog!" Zhao Yu refused to believe it.

"That I'm not sure of!" Yang Hong held Zhao Yu's arms and said, "Maybe, Huahua did it somewhere else. Officer Zhao, the money that Huahua owes is not something that just happened in a day or two. She is still a kid. Now that she's been caught by those people, I don't know what will happen! Consider us your neighbors, please save her!"

“Sis, don’t panic!” Zhao Yu from his previous life had constantly run into such matters; it was as common to him as having a meal. Hence, although he was worried about Huahua’s safety, he was clear about the entire procedure. He advised Yang Hong, “This is nothing serious. Anything that can be solved with money is not an issue! Tell me, who took Huahua, and where did they bring her?”

“I’m not too sure who Huahua owed money to, I think it’s someone called ‘Fatty Sausage!’” Yang Hong said, “Oh...Huahua called me earlier and told me to find money to save her. She gave me an address! Officer Zhao, you are a policeman, why not file a report?!”

“No!” Zhao Yu waved his hand. “Huahua borrowed money from a loan shark. It is right and proper for one to pay their debt. We don’t break the regulations of the market! Sis, give me the address, I will solve it!”

“We don’t file a police report? That...that bunch of people won’t be easy to deal with!” Yang Hong was worried but she gave the address to Zhao Yu.

“Hehe.” Zhao Yu comforted her with a smile on his face, “Sis, don’t worry. We are going to pick a fight, not to reason things out, what would we file a police report for?”

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Fifteen minutes later, Zhao Yu and Yang Hong took a cab and arrived at an alley in Flower Market Street. Flower Market Street, as the name suggested, was ninety percent flower vendors.

The two of them looked around under their umbrella for the address, and finally found a pergola that was still lit up.

“Sis Hong, wait for me out here. I will go in to get Huahua!” Zhao Yu gestured at a dark place that could shelter her from the rain, then turned around and walked towards the main entrance of the flower store.

Looking at Zhao Yu’s receding figure, it tugged at Yang Hong’s heartstrings. She felt that Zhao Yu’s body was much taller and powerful than before.

Knock knock knock... Zhao Yu knocked on the door. Someone asked through the peephole, “Who are you looking for?”

“I’m here to help Huahua pay her debt,” Zhao Yu said calmly. “You called earlier, I am her family member!”

“Oh...hold on!” The person inside went to report to someone. He returned to open the door after a while.

The air in the flower store was damp and stuffy. It was surrounded by various kinds of plants. Under the dim light, Zhao Yu saw the person who had opened the door for him was half naked. Ninety percent of the short, young man was covered with tattoos.

Further back in the flower store, there were another five to six men that were covered with tattoos! All of them had cigarettes dangling from their lips while they played paijui. They were swearing like troopers, and Zhao Yu could tell that they weren’t good people.

“Did you bring the money?” The short one looked at Zhao Yu in disdain. “Do you know how much to pay?”

“You called so last minute, how could I get cash?” Zhao Yu calmly said, “Don’t worry, I brought my card! Show me Huahua first!”

“Alright! You know the rules!” The short guy snapped his fingers and pointed at the stairs. “Follow me!”

Zhao Yu followed him up to the second floor. The flower store was a wooden house. Walking on the stairs made of wood, there was creaking sound.

Zhao Yu walked upstairs while he looked at the surroundings. The second floor was obviously smaller than the first floor. There was a living room, and a super fat guy sitting on the couch in the living room! The fat guy weighed a ton. He wore a black T-shirt that looked like a curtain. The back of his right ear to his right arm was covered in tattoos. At that moment, the fat guy was watching a TV show attentively. When he saw Zhao Yu, he only took a glance.

“Bro Sausage,” the short guy bent down and told him, “this person is here to pay the girl’s debt!” The short guy introduced him, and there were suddenly four or five brawny men that came out from the next room. These people were all covered in tattoos too, and they all looked ferocious, as though they ate humans.

“Woo woo... Woo woo...” The room door opened and Zhao Yu heard Huahua weeping.

Zhao Yu looked into the room wanted to see where Huahua was, but a man with a ponytail raised a pair of woman’s white panties and blocked the door. This guy smiled maliciously, and he even covered his nose with the panties and took a deep breath. He then produced a look of twisted enjoyment, looking psychopathic.

“We are only here for the money. If you follow the rules, we will too. Do you understand?!” Then, the fat guy called ‘Fat Sausage’ slowly said, while his eyes were still fixed on the TV screen, “Ah Gui, get the bill!” The short guy understood his boss’s intention and he quickly beckoned to one of the other men.

“Coming.” A scrawny man came before Zhao Yu and said, “The girl borrowed one-hundred and ninety-thousand in total. It has been three months, and according to our interest scheme, you need to return two-hundred and seventy-six thousand and forty-eight dollars. But, we are doing a promotion, and we will give you ten percent off. Two hundred and forty-eight thousand! We see that you didn’t bring any cash, are you paying with card?”

“Hehehe.” Zhao Yu shook his head and laughed. “You guys are nice. Even loan sharks give discounts? That’s interesting!” While laughing, Zhao Yu took out his bank card from his wallet.

Ah Gui saw and quickly brought over a card machine. Zhao Yu keyed in his pin, and he quickly transferred two-hundred and forty-eight thousand over!

Looking at Ah Gui nodding, Fat Sausage then waved at the man with a ponytail and the others. The man with a ponytail quickly went into the room and led Huahua out.

At first, Zhao Yu was suppressing his anger and never thought of getting violent, but when Huahua was brought out, he saw that Huahua looked messy and her face was covered with bruises. It was obvious that she had been hit!

“Woo woo woo ...Zhao...Bro Yu... Woo woo woo...” Huahua saw that the person who had come to save her was Zhao Yu, and she suddenly burst into tears and fell into Zhao Yu’s embrace.

“Don’t cry, my lady! Noh...Let’s give this back to you...” The man with the ponytail passed the white panties to Huahua. It was only then that Zhao Yu realized that Huahua’s skirt was torn. She had definitely suffered while she was in the room earlier.

Sigh! Looking at the people around, Zhao Yu lifted his head and sighed. He then hugged Huahua’s head, and told Ah Gui, “Hey boy, there’s three-hundred thousand in my card,” Zhao Yu said seriously. “I will key in the pin again. I will transfer all of it to you!”

Listening to what Zhao Yu said, everyone was shocked. No one had ever seen such a customer who wanted to pay more.

“Humph, Bro!” Fat Sausage finally looked away from the TV and asked Zhao Yu curiously, “What do you mean?”

“What do I mean?” Zhao Yu laughed and his face suddenly grew stern as he said, “The extra money is for your...medical fees!!!”

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Once he said that, everyone got a shock. However, only Huahua, who was in his arms, was still crying.

“Cheh!” Fat Sausage did not give a damn, but said, “Psychopath!”

“Haha... Hahaha...”

Then, everyone laughed. Ah Gui, who was holding the card machine, had no idea what to do.

“These are the rules in the hood: After sixty days, you are urged to make a payment. After ninety days, you get a warning. After a hundred days, that is when you better look out!” Zhao Yu stood his ground and said, “My sister only owed you money for three months, and yet you took action against her! You obviously do not know the rules! Let me ask you, how do I calculate this debt?”

“Mm?”

Suddenly, upon hearing Zhao Yu explaining such professional terms, Fat Sausage was shocked. The other hatchet men stopped laughing and looked at Zhao Yu in a different light.

Actually, Zhao Yu’s role in his previous life was mainly to chase after debtors for payment on behalf of his boss. So, he was familiar with all the rules of loan sharks.

Because of that, he did not intend on using any other method besides simply being straightforward. He only wanted to return the money and recompense Huahua. After all, Huahua owing him money would be far better than her owing anything to a loan shark.

But when he saw Huahua's swollen face and shabby dress, Zhao Yu became angry. Huahua's bra had been stripped away, and he could tell that she went through hardship when she was held captive.

In the past, Zhao Yu would have not had much of an awareness regarding these actions, thinking it was something common. After all, sexually harassing a woman, and even threatening and breaking a few of her limbs, any of these things were actions that he used to do.

But he had matured greatly over the years. Today, he couldn't bear the sight of how a loan shark would hurt or sexually harass a woman in such a way. So, he had to get justice for Huahua!

"Bro, where are you from?" Fat Sausage seemed to only notice him just now. He sat with his huge body straight.

"People in the hood call me God-king!" Zhao Yu was full of bullshit. "In Qinshan, I used to have a few friends, like Hong Zhitao from Chahai Street, and so on. But, all of them are now behind bars. So, forget about them!"

"Oh?" Fat Sausage looked around, doubtful at first, but then took Zhao Yu's statement as truth. Hong Zhitao's name was famous, so of course Fat Sausage had heard it before.

"God-king?" He kept quiet for a while, then asked, "Alright. So, what do you want?"

"What else? Give me the person that hit my sister, and I will take care of him! Then, the debt between us will be considered as paid!" Zhao Yu said calmly.

"Hey you, are you trying to die?! Who the hell are you?!" The man with the ponytail roared at Zhao Yu. Every hatchet man crowded around him as well, wanting to pressure Zhao Yu.

"Hahaha..." Fat Sausage laughed creepily. "You do not know the immensity of this dark underworld. You dare ask me to give you my brother, on my turf! Let's see, I'll make it easy for you. I'll return your ten thousand dollars later, as a compensation for this girl. How about that?"

"Hehehe..." Zhao Yu smiled coldly. "Fat Sausage, think about this properly. To pay such a sum, possibly losing your entire business, just to protect your underlings... that's not worth it!"

Pak!

Fat Sausage slapped the armrest of the couch and stared at Zhao Yu angrily, "Son, what you are doing now is refusing a toast, only to set yourself up for drinking a penalty! Let me tell you, I do not practice your rules here. We hit her and stripped her, so what?"

"Exactly!" The man with ponytail, who was still holding onto Huahua's bra, said mischievously, "The girl is quite pretty! Also, you think that we don't know that she used to be a wild chick that everyone could bang?! We actually kind of regretted not playing around with her more!"

"You!" Zhao Yu's fist was itching to punch this guy right in the face.

"Bro Yu... Woo... Forget it... Forget it..." Huahua was frightened, trying to pull Zhao Yu away as she spoke.

"Huahua, go into the room and wait for me there!" Zhao Yu patted her hair. "I will handle this!"

Then, he turned around to tell Ah Gui, "Hurry up, bring your card machine here. I will transfer the rest of the money to you!" Zhao Yu pointed at everyone around and counted. "I think this amount for medical fees isn't quite enough, but you can just make do with it! I hope all of you have medical insurance!"

Zhao Yu said this, and the hatchet men couldn't help but laugh hysterically.

"Bro Yu... This..." Huahua was terrified. From what she saw, Zhao Yu had gone crazy!

"Go ahead and wait for me in the room. Go!" Zhao Yu pointed her toward the room. Huahua could only obey, walking over helplessly.

But for Huahua to enter the room, she had to pass by the hatchet men. The man with the ponytail saw her and quickly raised the bra in his hand, slapping it towards Huahua's face.

But as he raised his arms, Zhao Yu suddenly came before him and landed a heavy punch onto his face! That punch was brutal. The ponytail man lost his balance, then landed heavily on the ground.

"Huh?!"

Once they saw Zhao Yu take action, all the hatchet men crowded around, the very first man being suddenly seized by Zhao Yu on his collar. Zhao Yu then lowered his head and pushed him with both his arms. He then raised the huge man over his head and turned around with him, like a windmill.

Ahhhhh...

All the ratchet men were forced to retreat. Zhao Yu swung his arms and threw the person out of the window.

Hualalalala.....

The glass of the window shattered, and the person flew out of the window. He first landed on the canopy roof on the first floor, then crashed on the table that people were playing paijui on.

After that, basically everything collapsed like house of cards. When the canopy roof broke, the rain came down in buckets. Those who were playing paijui got a shock, and realized that there were problems happening upstairs. They took the metal sticks that were hidden behind the potted plants and dashed upstairs.

There were already fights in full swing happening upstairs. Zhao Yu was brave and fierce. He had already taken down a few of their men. Then, Zhao Yu saw the bunch of people that had just come upstairs with weapons, and he immediately grabbed the television and threw it down the staircase!

The hatchet men that were dashing up did not expect a huge television to fly down from above. They were suddenly hit, all of them knocked off balance and sent rolling down the stairs.

Regarding fighting, Zhao Yu had been daily training in the gym, so his stamina had greatly increased and his muscles were really built! Also, Zhao Yu was greatly gifted, and his talent was outstanding.

With Miao Ying's patient guidance, his fighting skills had improved amazingly. At that moment, he didn't fight like how he did in the past, but used a lot of practical skills.

A brawny man rushed forward and grabbed Zhao Yu's neck, while Zhao Yu pulled his hair and jerked it forcefully. He was suddenly flipped over, then slammed onto the ground harshly.

Ah...

Another brawny man dashed over with a flowerpot. Zhao Yu deflected the attack, kicking right onto the person's chest.

Ah...

The person staggered backwards and fell onto the ground, the flower pot crashing ironically onto his own head...