

## Crazy 411

### Chapter 411: The Unimaginable Plot Twist

Sou...

Miao Ying's spin kick was ferocious, but the Taoist priest managed to dodge it easily, using the concept of counter steering the opponent's strength in Taichi Kungfu (Chinese martial arts) in order to swing her out.

Miao Ying suddenly lost her balance and almost fell on the ground. Zhao Yu suddenly dashed forward and caught Miao Ying on her waist.

Then, Zhao Yu made a round turn in the air, carrying Miao Ying and swinging her legs toward the Taoist priest. The Taoist priest lowered his head and dodged it, while Zhao Yu landed a heavy punch on his face.

After a quick spin, the Taoist priest got into Zhao Yu's embrace and pushed him off, so Zhao Yu fell backwards again.

Zhao Yu having just fallen, Miao Ying dashed before Taoist priest again. But after a few rounds, Miao Ying was swung onto the ground by the Taoist priest's Tai Chi Kungfu.

Then, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying quickly ran against the Taoist priest and continued to fight with him. The Taoist priest had trained for Tai Chi Kungfu for many years, so he was already reaching perfection.

Tai Chi Kungfu strived to fight against force with gentleness, but Zhao Yu and Miao Ying used the toughest and strongest punches and kicks. Although the two of them joined forces to fight against the Taoist priest, after a few minutes, they didn't manage to take advantage, but were rather flipped over by the Taoist priest a couple of times.

Of course, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying weren't just any ordinary people. Their punches and kicks were extremely ferocious, and even a slight hit was unbearable. The Taoist priest became overcautious, and was getting difficult to fight against!

But, it was two against one at the end of the day. The Taoist priest knew that the longer time it took, the more unfavourable the situation would be for him! Hence, after a while, the Taoist priest suddenly switched his fighting style and drew two steel forks to stab at the two of them!

The two of them saw the Taoist priest's hidden weapon and quickly hid. After taking out the steel forks, the entire fighting pattern took a great change. From Tai Chi, which was slow and steady, it became extremely brutal, the priest's action speed increasing by a few folds, as though it was on fast forward.

Zhao Yu and Miao Ying didn't expect that, not only would the Taoist priest's kungfu be so strong, but that he would also know such swift and fierce assassination skills. They were suddenly caught off-guard, and Zhao Yu was slightly cut by the steel fork.

No matter that it was Tai Chi earlier, or the steel forks after, the Taoist priest played very strange tricks always, and Zhao Yu felt that he only had strength enough to survive, and couldn't give full play to it all, so he was very depressed.

Miao Ying shared the same feeling of not knowing where to start. Helplessly, she took out the dagger that she brought along and fought against the Taoist priest. But the Taoist priest was obviously more skillful. After a few rounds, one of the steel forks in the Taoist priest's hands was spinning quickly, and flipped Miao Ying's dagger away.

Miao Ying had yet to respond, when the other steel fork stabbed into her shoulders!

Ah!

Zhao Yu saw that Miao Ying was stabbed and rushed over, as though he was crazy. The Taoist priest jumped in the air and kicked Miao Ying away, then leapt next to Zhao Yu.

Zhao Yu threw ferocious punches, but the Taoist priest lowered his head and dodged them. The Taoist priest suddenly stabbed back from under his ribs at Zhao Yu's stomach.

Zhao Yu quickly retreated, but the Taoist priest was already going for Zhao Yu's throat. The Taoist priest's actions were fast and fierce, leaving Zhao Yu nowhere to hide. He could only raise his hands to grab the Taoist priest's wrists.

Zhao Yu thought he was strong enough to suppress the Taoist priest from the aspect of strength. But, he was wrong once again. Although the Taoist priest appeared scrawny, he was magically strong.

Zhao Yu tried to pull his wrists apart, but the Taoist priest put force in both of his hands and moved nearer to Zhao Yu's throat, almost ready to cut him.

"Ah!"

Then, Miao Ying suddenly popped out from the side, sending a spin kick towards the Taoist priest's head. Maybe after a long fight, the Taoist priest already got the gist of Zhao Yu's and Miao Ying's abilities. When he saw Miao Ying's spin kick again, he laughed coldly and lowered his head to dodge it.

But while he dodged, he thrust his steel fork quickly at Miao Ying's calf. Miao Ying screamed and quickly lifted her legs to dodge. The Taoist priest took the opportunity to sweep his legs and tripped Miao Ying directly. Then, the Taoist priest jumped and pounded the steel fork towards Miao Ying's body again.

Zhao Yu already got up from the ground and dashed over at the back of the Taoist priest. The Taoist priest seemed to foresee Zhao Yu's attack, so didn't even turn over, but rather, did a back kick to trip Zhao Yu.

Then, the Taoist priest took up the steel fork and stabbed towards Zhao Yu's throat again! But, this time, it was the Taoist priest's turn to be shocked.

After such a long fight, Zhao Yu understood that, even if Miao Ying and him were to join forces, they might not be able to win against the Taoist priest! So, I'd better take out my old expertise, and take an illegal way!

Looking at the steel fork approaching him, Zhao Yu did not resist, but rolled over on the ground and came next to the Taoist priest. Then, he suddenly raised his head and shouted in the Taoist priest's ears.

“Ah...”

Technically speaking, a scream didn't matter. But before he shouted, Zhao Yu had already activated the Invisible Sound Amplifier, turned to its loudest!

“Ah...”

Zhao Yu's sudden shout was piercing and ear deafening! Plus, it happened quite suddenly, so the Taoist priest was caught off guard and could only hear his ears buzzing. Not only couldn't he hear anything, but half of his body was numb, too!

In the end, as he remained stunned, Zhao Yu extended his hands and grabbed his right leg! The Taoist priest was shocked and quickly stabbed him with the steel fork. But why would Zhao Yu give him another chance, when Zhao Yu was finally winning? Zhao Yu immediately grabbed onto his right leg and started dashing to the empty land.

The Taoist priest's weight was limited, and with Zhao Yu's drag, he couldn't stand firm on the ground, but fell hard onto the ground. Zhao Yu started running around, pulling onto the Taoist priest's thighs. He intentionally picked the places that were filled with stones, causing the Taoist priest to be knocked all over.

In the end, just when Zhao Yu saw Miao Ying had stood up, he swung the Taoist priest toward Miao Ying.

Miao Ying was already prepared. She landed a forceful spin kick right on the Taoist priest's chest, sending him flying about five metres away in the air. He landed like a bomb on the ground. It even caused a cloud of dust!

“Oh...Oh oh...”

The dust slowly fell on the ground, revealing the Taoist priest, blood coming out from the corner of his mouth, lying down on the ground. He couldn't stand up anymore, and the two steel forks were nowhere to be seen.

“You bastard! See, I'll kill you or not!” New hatred piled onto the old, and made Zhao Yu's veins pop in anger, as he launched punches against the Taoist priest!

But, just then, in the woods next to the empty land, came a loud gunshot!

Zhao Yu thought it was Taoist priests' comrades, and so they suddenly stopped their footsteps to attack, now prepared to hide.

But, at the same time, there were loud and clear gunshots from the surrounding woods. Zhao Yu and Miao Ying then realised that those gunshots were shots being fired towards the sky!

How....

What is going on?

The two of them exchanged a glance and suddenly felt the situation was not right. Within a few seconds, Zhao Yu and Miao Ying were shocked to see that there was a bunch of armed people that popped out from the woods around them.

These people appeared and hemmed in Zhao Yu and Miao Ying, leaving them with nowhere to hide! Then, the two old experts, Tian Dongmin and Wang Taiming, and those grave robbers that had no power to resist, were all dragged out from the woods.

Damn!

It can't be, right?

Zhao Yu took a few looks and recognized the people. These people had never seen Zhao Yu, but Zhao Yu had seen them before! These same people had once appeared before Li Xiusheng's sick bed, and Zhao Yu had seen them through the Invisible Camera.

In other words, these people were all Li Xiusheng's underlings!!!

### **Chapter 412: I Am the Oriole**

Zhao Yu guessed it right, as there was indeed a person behind him. Just after the two old experts and the tomb robbers were shoved into a clearing in the jungle, a man dressed in white athletic wear appeared. He was Li Xiusheng.

Li Xiusheng suffered from influenza and had not yet recovered. He looked pale and kept coughing. Witnessing the sudden appearance, Zhao Yu's heart jolted.

Oh no!

Things... were not looking good?

Why did Li Xiusheng and his men appear here?

How did they find this place?

Was it... because they followed him here? It could not be! Zhao Yu thought to himself. "I activated the Invisible Detector. If anyone was to follow me, I would have known it!"

So...

Li Xiusheng and the Taoist priest were from the same gang? But, from the way he treated the tomb robbers, they did not look like they were from the same gang.

"Cough... cough..." Li Xiusheng was coughing, as he walked forward towards Zhao Yu. He greeted Zhao Yu, "Officer Zhao Yu, we meet again! What a... coincidence!"

"A coincidence? Should I not be the one saying this?" Zhao Yu replied in a hostile tone. His eyes were surveying the situation around him.

"Don't say that, you are too humble..." Li Xiusheng replied solemnly. "Your talent is beyond my expectations!"

Zhao Yu wanted to take the opportunity to ask him a few questions. But as soon as Li Xiusheng finished his sentence, he turned around to face the wounded Taoist priest. He said in an unusually evil tone, "Taoist priest, we finally meet again! He he he..." Li Xiusheng put on a fake smile and said, "Over the past years, you were always my idol, he he he!"

"Oh..."

The Taoist priest covered his wound on his chest with his hand. He wanted to say something, but could not, as he had a mouthful of blood.

"Do not get too worked up, do not get worked up, your life is precious!" Li Xiusheng waved his hands and said. "There is no hurry. We have many opportunities to communicate! Taoist priest, I really take my hat off to you! I was ransacking through your luggage at the bottom of the mountain. Who would have thought that you brought along a drone with you?! My disciples said that you also had remote sensory devices on the drones!"

"It is so surprising to see that tomb robbers nowadays are also embracing the new technologies around us!"

"No, no, not just a tomb robber... you should be called a tomb robber master! It is no wonder that you are still at the top of the tomb robbing trade after all these years!"

"You... Who are you?" The Taoist priest struggled to speak.

"Who am I? He he he..." Li Xiusheng put on a fake smile and said. This sight sent chills down one's spine. "I am just a nobody! Today I have the pleasure of meeting you, my idol. My wish is fulfilled..."

Just as Li Xiusheng was speaking, his men had tied up the tomb robbers and proceeded to tie up the two experts.

"Hey! Li Xiusheng, what do you mean by doing this?" Zhao Yu hastened to say. "Have you forgotten who you are? Do you need me to remind you?"

"Hmm... What do you think about this?" Zhao Yu asked.

Zhao Yu added, "The policemen were carrying out our duties of capturing the tomb robbers and rescuing the old experts. But in the process, we were outnumbered, and our lives were at stake. At this crucial moment, you led a group of good citizens to come forward and rescue us boldly. Do you think the story went like this?"

Zhao Yu could see Li Xiusheng's evil intents. Thus, the reason he tried to dissuade him with these words.

"He he, Officer Zhao, thank you for your kindness! Cough... Cough..." Li Xiusheng replied. "But, today I am here to settle several important matters. If I fail to accomplish them, I cannot become a good citizen!"

When Li Xiusheng said that, his men laughed.

"Hello," Zhao Yu asked again, "Master Li, what exactly do you mean by this? Are you trying to take advantage of the situation? Could you not tell that you would not be able to rob anything out of this? If you were to gain nothing of value, why would you take the risk?"

“Think carefully. There is only a fine line between good and evil. It is still not too late to quit now!”

“Let me remind you. This gang of tomb robbers bombed and killed several policemen. This is not a trivial matter!”

Zhao Yu advised, “Therefore, I advise you not to take part in this!”

“Hmm. Not a trivial matter? Yes, you said it right, it is not a trivial matter at all!”

Suddenly, in Li Xiusheng’s eyes, there was a malicious glint. Then, he stretched out his right hand to one of his men, who handed him a black crossbow. The crossbow was extremely small, smaller and shorter than a regular pair of chopsticks.

At this time, Da Niu, who was knocked unconscious by Zhao Yu previously, was regaining conscious and attempting to stand up. Li Xiusheng suddenly took an aim at Da Niu and shot at his arm.

Naturally, the small crossbow could not kill. Da Niu groaned in pain, as he pulled out the arrow from his arm. However, just after he pulled out the arrow, he started to tremble and twitch. He continued groaning. In a mere few seconds, he stopped moving.

Everyone turned pale after seeing this. Upon taking a closer look, it was discovered that Da Niu’s face had turned purple and become distorted. He was already... dead!!!

Ah?!

The arrow was poisoned! And it was a deadly poison!

“You?!” Zhao Yu shouted at Li Xiusheng. “What... do you want?”

“He he...” Li Xiusheng coughed and said to Zhao Yu coldly, “Officer Zhao, let me tell you what exactly happened today! Your police force encountered the tomb robbers in the wild, and had an exchange of gunfire. This led to great losses on both sides, and to death in both parties!”

“Ha! What a perfect ending?” Li Xiusheng said with a laugh. “Cough... Cough... The mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind. Now, I am that oriole...”

Oh no!

Zhao Yu took a serious look at the surroundings and saw that Li Xiusheng had a total of eleven men, all armed with weapons. These weapons included poisonous crossbows, hunting rifles, and pistols. Under such unfavorable circumstances, it was nearly impossible for Zhao Yu and Miao Ying to force their way out.

“Are all of you crazy? Miao Ying shouted at Li Xiusheng. “We have already called the police. In less than five minutes, the police helicopters will arrive. How will you escape?”

“Tsk... Tsk...” Li Xiusheng paid no attention to Miao Ying’s warning. “Miss police officer, you did not notice? How I was praising the Taoist priest and his men on their embracing of new technologies? If I wish to be an oriole, do you think that I would be worse off than them?” Li Xiusheng said proudly. “Did you not notice the weak cell signal strength here? You said you called the police? How did you do that? He... he...”

“Do not think that I am unaware of the situation? I can tell you clearly that, by the time the police force discover that you are uncontactable, then search the mountains, it would take at least thirty hours! By that time... It would be too late!”

Hearing this, Li Xiusheng’s men sneered, with sly looks on their faces. Judging from their behaviors, these people should be experienced in illegal activities like this. They were just as ruthless as the tomb robbers.

“Officer Zhao” Li Xiusheng said to Zhao Yu. “In fact, the two of you were not part of my plan! It was unfortunate that both of you were caught up in this. So, I had no choice. Blame it on your bad luck! Now I can avenge my nephew, Fei Chang, at the same time. He... he... he... Cough... Cough...”

“Li Xiusheng, are you sick in your mind?” Zhao Yu shouted. “What good do you gain in doing this? Are you trying to find the Gold Buddha? Even the Taoist priest and the two old experts could not find it. Do you think you can?”

“He... he... he..., I am well aware of the situation!” Li Xiusheng shook his head and said. “In our trade, we would only appear when there is gain! But... I am not as naïve as them, who think that they could find the Gold Buddha with their own efforts!”

“Hey! Officer Zhao, it looks like what you are aware of is too little!”

Once he finished his sentence, Li Xiusheng walked towards the Taoist priest and held on to his braid, then said with an evil tone, “Yuan Shucai, this name was given to you by your parents, right?”

“Ah?!”

Hearing his real name mentioned, the Taoist priest trembled. He looked up at Li Xiusheng and asked, “You... Who exactly are you?”

“Huh!” Li Xiusheng pulled the braid aggressively, and said fiercely, “You may not know me, but I know you very well! Our feud originated eighteen years ago. You killed the princess, then heartlessly buried her in someone’s tomb. You even put an ancient costume on her!”

“You heartless demon...” Li Xiusheng slapped the Taoist priest and gripped his jaw, then shouted, “Tell me! Where is my master? Where did you bury him?!”

### **Chapter 413: The Crime Under the Night Sky**

Eighteen years ago, beneath the raven moon in a quiet night.

In the corner of a wasteland in Qinshan Tongyang county, there was a disharmonious rustling of noises. The sound turned out to be a gang of grave robbers that was digging a hole in a tomb. The gang of grave robbers came from a family grave robber gang. There were five members in the gang, and they were all relatives that carried the same surname.

At that moment, there was a person named Yuan Shucai, who was working at the top in the robbers’ hole. The comrades above him quickly pulled him up from the hole.

Yuan Shucai brought out a basket of soil, and one of his brothers quickly took over the basket to pour the soil into the deep groove faraway.

“Shucai,” an elderly grave robber called. “See the water yet?”

“No, dad!” Yuan Shucai answered. “I’ve looked. It is quite dry. I reckon, in another few meters, we will be able to enter!”

“Alright!” The old man tied the rope on himself to climb into the robber hole personally.

“Dad, I’m not tired, let me go down and dig some more!” Yuan Shucai said.

“It’s okay, let me do it!” the old man said. “Save some energy. When it’s through, we will depend on you to enter!”

He didn’t wait for Yuan Shucai to respond, but went ahead into the robber hole.

“Bro Shucai,” a young man, aged about nineteen, came before Yuan Shucai and asked, “I think this is too small, would there be anything good in there?”

“How would I know? Why didn’t you ask my dad earlier?” Yuan Shucai lit up a cigarette and started smoking casually.

“Your dad wouldn’t even let us talk!” The young man pushed Yuan Shucai and asked, “Bro, Ah Niu sent me a letter, told me to follow them to Haixiang to work in a factory, as their pay is thousand and five per month!”

“Oh? Then... You don’t want to work with us anymore?” Yuan Shucai puffed out a ring of smoke.

“Mm, I think, we are taking such a big risk to empty buckets and enter the pit, but we couldn’t even earn much. I might as well work for someone in the factory! Emptying buckets ain’t a long-term trade, dealing with the dead everyday, and it’s... It’s illegal...”

“Humph! Look at yourself!” Yuan Shucai replied in disdain. “Let me tell you, the reason why we can’t earn much is because we don’t have any good contacts. We have the good stuff, but we can’t sell at a good price! Just you wait, in the future, I will be the biggest success in Qinshan!”

Just when Yuan Shucai said this, there was a huge noise from the robber hole, and a cloud of dust that puffed out from it!

“Ah! No! It collapsed!” Yuan Shucai jumped up and quickly ran to pull the rope with his brothers. But, after pulling on the rope for a while, it still wasn’t moving at all!

“You! All of you, put in more effort, okay! My dad is underneath!” Yuan Shucai was screaming crazily. “Hurry up! Pull!”

“Ah...”

The brothers tried their best to pull it together. But they had never expected that, the person would not be pulled out, but that the rope would suddenly be broken instead. Everyone of them shook and fell on the ground, one after another.



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After a few days.

To a hidden storehouse that was located on Qinshan Flower Market Street, Yuan Shucai and his two brothers sent the relics that they had unearthed. The one buying the relics was a woman that looked extremely beautiful and coldly elegant. The grave robbers called her Gege!

Looking at Yuan Shucai and the others who were bringing forth the stealings, the woman didn't even find anyone to appraise the goods, but went ahead and told her underling to take out two thousand dollars to pass to Yuan Shucai!

"Big... Big sis!" Yuan Shucai bottled up at first, then finally said, blushing, "Can... Can you give more? I asked in the market, and the jade that we found last time, the jade alone costs about six to seven thousand dollars! But you only have given us four hundred dollars. Everything, in total, we aren't even getting more than a thousand dollars!"

"Humph! Country bumpkin!" the woman said arrogantly. "If you have the ability to do so, sell them at the market for such a fee. You can even sell them for ten thousand dollars! That is, if you wanted to enter the police station the next day..."

Then, Gege turned around and leave.

"Big sis!" Yuan Shucai stopped her again. "Please! My dad, he, due to a mistake, he is dead! Consider it a funeral expense, so then you could pay more, right?"

"The hell I could!" Gege had her eyes wide open as she scolded. "What are you trying to do? Oh, all of your grave excavation workers are here to mourn over your poverty? Your dad died, and for that, I have to pay more? What do you think you are doing? Do you think I am here as a charity?"

"No, that's not what I meant!" Yuan Shucai explained, with his face all blushed with embarrassment. "Big sis, listen to me, you can't be that unreasonable. We have found you so many good things, all this time. There were many things that cost a fortune! You... You can't just keep giving me wholesale pricing, right?"

"Yeah," Yuan Shucai's brothers added, "We risked our lives to go underground, so you can't just dismiss us, right?"

"Yo? What's going on today?" Gege pouted and scolded impatiently. "You country bumpkins are trying to rebel? Do you still want to do business? Let me tell you, there's only so much money, so take it or leave it!"

"Alright then! We don't want the money!" Yuan Shucai was irritated and shouted, as he pointed at the items that he had laid down earlier, "We are taking all of these items back!"

"How dare you! Try to touch them and see what happens!" Gege pointed at Yuan Shucai's nose when she spat out the words, "I tell you, out of the whole of Qinshan, only I will be able to buy your things! If you want to fleece me here, you'd better be careful of your heads!"

"I... I am afraid you might fail..." Yuan Shucai was equally angry, as he lowered his head and wanted to turn back, but accidentally knocked into Gege instead.

“Ya! You bloody beggars! You don’t want to live anymore?! Hey, knock them down!”

The henchmen behind Gege swarmed forward after receiving the command. They landed punches and kicks on Yuan Shucaï and his brother, who were all brutally beaten up.

In the end, the few of them and the trishaw that had delivered the goods were all thrown out by the henchmen, like rubbish!

Hualala...

Gege then threw the two thousand dollars out the door. The money was then all over the floor, and many of the notes fell into the mud puddles...

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Around midnight that same day, in one of the villas on Flower Market Street.

The woman named Gege had just finished a strenuous exercise session with a boss named Huang Jing, and the both of them were sleeping soundly in each other’s embrace.

As it turned out, Huang Jing was the big boss behind the scenes, the biggest relics seller in Qinshan! He was a little over fifty years old, but he still maintained his skills and had fun with Miss Gege every night. All of his business was basically passed on to Gege, who acted on his behalf.

That night, when the two of them were in a deep sleep, Huang Jing suddenly heard some noises in the bedroom. When he opened his eyes, he was shocked as he saw a few masked people looking for something in the bedroom.

“Ah!!

Huang Jing shouted and pushed away his blanket to flee, but he was caught by a masked man on the spot. Gege woke up too. But before she could even scream, she was suppressed by a masked man too.

The masked men were none other than Yuan Shucaï and his brothers. Originally, Yuan Shucaï never thought of killing anyone, and only wanted to take the storehouse keys to take away the relics in the storehouse. He didn’t expect that he would have startled Huang Jing and Gege, leaving them with no other choice but violence.

Then, Yuan Shucaï, who felt that he was pushed into a corner now, finally made a move to kill. He seized Gege by her throat, until she died, while another brother of his did the same to Huang Jing.

After murdering them both, Yuan Shucaï and the rest panicked, as they did not know what to do next. In the end, Yuan Shucaï figured out a way. He thought that he was a grave robber, and so he might as well bury the two of them in other people’s tombs.

Then, their bodies would be hard to discover. As long as no one found the dead bodies, they would not be suspected. Then, the few brothers took action separately.

When Gege died, she was naked, so Yuan Shucaï just simply grabbed an ancient costume from the couch and placed it on her. That costume was a genuine item from the Qing Dynasty that Huang Jing brought back from his travels to add to his personal collection. Yuan Shucaï had no idea what it was, as he only

wanted to put some clothes on the woman. That's how it came into being in the Female Corpse in Ancient Costume Case that startled Qinshan!

That night, his brothers hid the two dead bodies into someone else's ancestral tomb, while Yuan Shucai used the keys that he found to open up the storehouse and take away the relics!

At the beginning, they wanted to stay in Qinshan and continue their business. But the good times were cut short, as the government suddenly wanted to rebuild the Qinshan Bridge and the locals were asked to move the tombs. Then, they unearthed Gege's dead body.

Yuan Shucai thought the crime that he had committed would be exposed, so he and his brothers ran away with the relics and jewelry that he had stolen. They left Qinshan...

#### **Chapter 414: To Sacrifice for Riches**

"Yuan Shucai!" Li Xiusheng tugged at the braid of the Taoist priest and gave a murderous glare. He added, "Do you think that having a braid makes you a deity?"

Slap!

Li Xiusheng gave the Taoist priest another tight hard slap on the face. The Taoist priest's cheeks turned red and swollen...

Zhao Yu was astonished to witness all that had just happened. He did not expect that the Tomb Murder Case was related to the Female Corpse in Ancient Costume Case. On top of that, both Dong Peizhuo and the princess were both murdered by the same person, the Taoist priest!

In addition to murdering these two, the Taoist priest also murdered Huang Jing, Fu Jianxing, and his men. This Taoist priest seemed so ruthless, and must have an extensive criminal record!

Zhao Yu did not expect that Li Xiusheng was such a powerful character!

Since he was the disciple of Huang Jing, this meant that, after the death of Huang Jing, he would naturally take over his mentor's business of trafficking cultural relics in Qinshan.

Really... I underestimated this guy!

Zhao Yu had never regarded Li Xiusheng as being a good person, and was always on his guard against him. However, all that had happened had made Zhao Yu feel that he had really underestimated him.

In particular, there was one time, when Zhao Yu brought Li Xiusheng in for questioning. He showed Li Xiusheng a photo of the princess, yet Li Xiusheng did not look flustered, bit rather, had behaved normally. Li Xiusheng executed the whole act so perfectly, without any flaw, in order to conceal his sins!

Now, in retrospect, it seemed that Li Xiusheng could have known that the Tomb Murder Case was related to this Taoist priest long ago. He secretly hid behind the scenes and waited for the police to fight against the Taoist priest. Then, just when both parties suffered great losses, he appeared. He was such a sly guy!

But...

Although Zhao Yu understood the whole sequence of the case, he was still unable to decipher Zhao Yu's current actions. Had Li Xiusheng wanted to avenge his mentor and the princess, he would not have needed to take such a big risk. All he would have needed to do was to expose the whereabouts of Li Xiusheng to the police and get him caught.

But why did he what he did? In order to capture the Taoist priest alive, Li Xiusheng was risking the accusation of him murdering the police. Could there be other reasons behind this?

"Cough cough...Your business must be booming, Taoist priest?" Li Xiusheng said with a sneer. He added, "I had combed half of China and could not find a trace of you. It was... akin to searching for a shadow!"

"I was close to giving up! And I never dreamed that you would appear here on your own!"

"So, after 18 years, you are back here in Qinshan again. Do you feel emotional?" Li Xiusheng shook his head and sighed. "I do not understand. You had been successful in your business. Why were you not satisfied? What... was so attractive about the Gold Buddha? Where did Dong Peizhuo find you, and how had he managed to talk you into agreeing to this job?"

Li Xiusheng's men burst into laughter when they heard this.

The Taoist priest gazed at Li Xiusheng coldly, and his right hand reached into his pocket slowly.

"Hey! Do not move. What are you trying to do?" Li Xiusheng had already noticed the movement of the Taoist priest, and had hurriedly loosened his braid, then stepped back.

At the same time, someone was aiming the crossbow at the Taoist priest.

However, the Taoist priest did not stop his movements, and eventually pulled out two things from his pocket. One was a very old piece of yellow colored cow skin, and the other was a square of ancient jade.

After taking out the two objects, the Taoist priest threw them in front of Li Xiusheng. When Li Xiusheng saw that there was no impending danger, he bent down and picked up the two things.

Before that, Li Xiusheng should have learned all about Gold Buddha by asking the Taoist priest's men. When he picked up the two things, he was very clear what these items were. Although he was mentally prepared, as he looked at the two things, he could not help but have eyes light up.

Zhao Yu knew that the piece of cow skin must be something that the old experts had found on the corpse of the ancient man, the will left behind by Qiu Cheng. And the piece of ancient jade must be the hidden treasure map, which was buried with Qiu Cheng, and contained a clue about the whereabouts of the Gold Buddha!

"He... He he... He He..." Li Xiusheng scrutinized the two things for a long time and started laughing. After laughing for a few second, he said to the Taoist priest, "Taoist priest, Taoist priest. I'm starting to understand how you feel. No matter how much money you earn, there would still be some dreams left in your mind to achieve!"

"But, I learned a valuable lesson from witnessing your bad experiences. I would rather pursue something more realistic. Cough..." Li Xiusheng coughed and said, "Taoist priest, a man will do anything in his pursuit of becoming rich. Now that you are in my hands, you should know what I want!"

“First, tell me where you buried Huang Jing! After all, he was my mentor, and I was his apprentice. Without him, I would not be who I am today.”

“Second, tell me the whereabouts of all your vaults where you keep your loot. Eighteen years ago, you robbed my mentor of everything, and today you should return them. The surplus... should be treated as interest duly paid...After all, without having robbed my mentor, you could not have gotten rich! Am I right?”

Oh...

At this point, Zhao Yu finally understood Li Xiusheng’s actions and intentions. Putting in so much effort and taking such a big risk, Li Xiusheng’s intention was to make a fortune!

It fits the saying: “A man who is never contented resembles a snake trying to swallow an elephant”. Li Xiusheng was already a rich man in Qinshan. But he was not content, and thus, planned to usurp everything else!

This guy... is very ruthless!

“Huh!” The Taoist was slowly regaining his energy. He spit a mouthful of blood out and said to Li Xiusheng, “Now that you know all about me, do you think you can usurp my stuff?”

“To usurp or not is none of your concern! You do not have to worry about that!” Li Xiusheng replied to the Taoist priest angrily. and with a murderous look!

Not good!

Zhao Yu felt his heart pumping faster. It seemed that Li Xiusheng wished to harm many people!

Beforehand, he and Miao Ying were formulating strategies to deal with the situation. However, facing so many enemies with deadly weapons, they had no chance of winning, even if they were to put up a fierce fight against the enemies.

Now what?

Zhao Yu understood clearly that once Li Xiusheng mouthed the word “kill”, then it would be too late for them to do anything! Now, Li Xiusheng’s intentions seemed obvious. He only wished to keep the Taoist priest alive, and everyone else could be sacrificed.

No way!

Zhao Yu was very anxious. He scanned through all the props in his brain, but there was not a single prop which he could use to get him out of danger. At such a crucial time, he could only rely on his own strength to save himself...

At this moment, Miao Ying experienced the fear of death, and was prepared to put up one last struggle, but she knew that the struggle would only lead to her dying in vain!

Miao Ying quickly approached Zhao Yu and subconsciously held on to Zhao Yu’s hand. Although the two of them did not communicate with words, Zhao Yu could feel that Miao Ying wished to protect him, should the enemy launch an attack.

How would that work?

There were so many weapons directed at them, and no one could protect anyone else. At this critical moment, Zhao Yu was quick in his thinking. He even thought of dashing over and taking the Taoist priest hostage.

If Li Xiusheng wanted to have all the cultural relics and treasures for himself, he would not let the Taoist priest die. But... The distance between him and the Taoist priest was too far. If he were to dash over, the enemies would surely shoot at him.

What should he do?

Li Xiusheng walked towards the Taoist priest, bowed his head, and whispered a few words to the Taoist priest. Looking at the Taoist priest's heavy breathing, it seemed like Li Xiusheng would not hesitate to sacrifice him too.

However, just as Li Xiusheng was about to speak again, Zhao Yu spoke first, "Wait! Wait!"

Suddenly, Zhao Yu thought of a very immature idea. But in the face of crisis, he had no choice but to try it.

"Wait, wait..." Zhao Yu raised his arm and shouted to Li Xiusheng, "Li Xiusheng, listen to me, as I just thought of something important!"

What Zhao Yu said attracted Li Xiusheng over to him, all guns aimed at him as well.

Hearing that, Miao Ying was as puzzled as the rest. She could not help but hold on to Zhao Yu's hand even tighter.

#### **Chapter 415: Last Words**

"What is it, police officer? Cough cough..." Li Xiusheng was a careful person. He saw that Zhao Yu took two steps forward, as he dragged the Taoist priest two steps back while asking, "Do you have, any last words?"

"Lao Li! Tsk tsk..." Zhao Yu saw that Li Xiusheng wasn't taking it, and he couldn't just leave, so he might as well stop.

He solemnly declared, "You are right, I have my last words! You see if it's doable? We are going to die anyway. So, could you fulfil my wish before I die, and let me see how the Gold Buddha looks?"

"Mm?"

Li Xiusheng and the rest were dumbstruck at what Zhao Yu said.

"Police officer, you are already dying, and you are still thinking of playing tricks?" Li Xiusheng shook his head and pointed at Tian Dongmin and Wang Taiming when he said, "When the two of them were fighting with Taoist priest, I already interrogated the two old folks! They didn't even know where the Gold Buddha was! Where would you see them?"

“No! You are wrong!” Zhao Yu said seriously, “Just because they can’t find it, doesn’t mean other people can’t! Let me tell you, now... I already know where the Gold Buddha statues were hidden!”

Waaa....

Everyone was surprised, even Miao Ying. She was confused as to what was hidden under Zhao Yu’s sleeve.

“Hahaha... Jokester! Are you trying to con me?” Li Xiusheng laughed, “Although you found a will and treasure maps, from what I see, a Dozen Statues of Gold Buddha was only a legend! It feels like as if someone was telling me that Qianlong Emperor was still alive! Son, stop struggling unnecessarily. That’s useless! Quick, bid farewell with your girlfriend!”

“Li Xiusheng!” Zhao Yu said calmly, “You could lie to the others, but you can’t lie to yourself. Actually, you are the same as the Taoist priest. You want the God Buddha statues, even more than him! I believe you had your dream once, and I can fulfill your dream today! If you were to kill us now, you will miss your dream! Unless...” Zhao Yu’s eyes grew mysterious, “Do you really... Do not want the Gold Buddha statues?”

“You.... Cough cough...” Li Xiusheng looked at Zhao Yu coldly, not buying what he had said.

“There were clues on the ancient jade!” Zhao Yu said. “The Taoist priest had found five for you: General Ridge, Jade Stone Slope, Millennium pine tree, Crescent Moon pit, Rain Droplet Stone! This is a treasure hunting game that the prefect Qiucheng was playing with his descendants. The others couldn’t get it, but I got it!”

“How?” Li Xiusheng raised his eyebrows and asked, “Unless... Do you know what the clue was that was left out?”

“Yes!” Zhao Yu said with confidence.

“Impossible. How?” Li Xiusheng was still suspicious.

“You forgot? I am a... Detective!” Zhao Yu looked proud when he spoke, “Li Xiusheng, I believe you have gone through my background. You should know from the Hand Chopped Case, and the Mianling case until the Bank Hidden Corpse Case, all were solved by me, Zhao Yu! If I had no confidence, how could I come all the way here?”

“Mm...” Then, Li Xiusheng thought about what Zhao Yu said seriously. Zhao Yu was right. He definitely searched Zhao Yu’s background before, and so knew all of his glorious history.

“Actually, we police force mastered even more beneficial resources, and have resolved the clues from the Buddhist scripture,” Zhao Yu made use of his advantage again. He blabbed calmly, “Honestly speaking, those police that the Taoist priest killed with explosions were in charge of arresting the criminals, while the two of us were sent to investigate the location of the Gold Buddha statues in secret...totally unrelated to them!”

“At first, we were confused, as there weren’t any clues! But... After I talked to the two old experts, I was suddenly enlightened! Hehe, I managed to reveal the answer! No point hiding it from you, as I have already figured out where Qiu Cheng hid the Gold Buddha statues!”

“Oh? Then..... you tell me?” Li Xiusheng squinted his eyes while he asked.

“Hehe,” Zhao Yu opened his hands and said, “Still like what I said earlier. I know that, no matter if we could find the Gold Buddha statues or not, you will not let us off the hook! So, I only wish to find the Gold Buddha statues personally, to see with my own eyes. Then... I can die in peace!”

“Oh, is it so?” Although Li Xiusheng looked cold, he was obviously thinking about the possibility of what Zhao Yu said.

“You said it yourself,” Zhao Yu continued, “After the police station realised that they couldn’t contact us, they needed at least thirty hours to find us! I wouldn’t be wasting much of your time, but could at least let you get your Golden Buddha statues. This transaction is not worthwhile enough?”

“Taking a step back to see things clearly, you have so many people, and there are only two of us. You are still afraid that we would run away?” Zhao Yu spread his hands and said, “If my judgement was wrong, and I couldn’t find the Gold Buddha statues, you can kill us then. It’s not too late then, right?”

Then, all was suddenly in silence.

Li Xiusheng was thinking about what Zhao Yu said seriously. Indeed, before the police arrive, he would have the advantage.

Although, it was a little risky, but what if... I could really get the Gold Buddha statues?

Actually, Zhao Yu guessed his thoughts. Although he spoke as though he wasn’t bothered, his heart had an unspeakable desire toward the Gold Buddha statues!

“Alright! I can only give you six hours! If there is no result in six hours, I could only...” Li Xiusheng waved his hands at Zhao Yu, then said to his underlings, “Put handcuffs on the two police officers. Separate them and watch them when we are walking later. Keep your eyes on them closely!”

Li Xiusheng’s underlings were all experts in relics. They all possessed the same indescribable affection toward the legendary Dozen Golden Buddha statues.

Hence, no one went against Li Xiusheng’s decision, but there were people who quickly got the handcuffs from Taoist priest and handcuffed them on Zhao Yu and Miao Ying. Plus, their hands were handcuffed behind their backs!

“Son, if you were to play tricks, I can kill you anytime!” Li Xiusheng threatened, “It’s okay if you die. But you’d better think of your policewoman girlfriend, as she is such a beautiful policewoman. I can’t guarantee my underlings, tsk tsk....”

Zhao Yu gave him a death stare and gritted his teeth, “The two old experts have to follow me. In this, there are many things that are related to them!”

Li Xiusheng looked at the two old experts held captive and snapped his fingers. His underlings brought forward Tian Dongmin and Wang Taiming. Then, Li Xiusheng seemed to be planning his next action, as he was discussing things with his underlings.

Zhao Yu seized the opportunity to ask Tian Dongmin softly, “Hey, old man, is it far away from the mountain cave where you found the will?”



“Huh?” Tian Dongmin was dumbstruck. He then answered, “On the east, about... A three-hour walk, I think. Police officer... What do you mean?”

“It can’t be, right?” Wang Taiming seemed to understand and quickly told Zhao Yu softly, “It’s impossible for the Gold Buddha statues to be hidden in the mountain cave! We searched through that mountain cave! And.... A few days back, the Taoist priest ransacked the mountain caves too!”

“Yes!” Tian Dongmin said, “Qiu Cheng’s descendant died there. If the Gold Buddha statues were hidden there, it’s possible that he couldn’t find it!”

“You two old folks,” Zhao Yu scolded, “The two of you just want to die, is that it? Would you die if you talked less?”

“Huh?!” The two old men were confused and didn’t understand what Zhao Yu was trying to do.

“Let me tell you, later, just lead the way!” Zhao Yu commanded, “Bring us to the mountain cave, understand?”

“Oh, okay...” The two old folks nodded.

There were sudden gunshots from the woods behind them. Bang Bang Bang... Along with the gunshots, there were sounds of heavy items falling on the ground....

“No! No....” The Taoist priest heard all this and suddenly roared at the sky.

Zhao Yu and the old expert turned back and looked. They were all shocked. They never expected Li Xiusheng and his brutal gang would kill every grave robber that was under Taoist priest!!

#### **Chapter 416: Divine Reasoning**

Zhao Yu, Miao Ying, the two old experts and the Taoist priest named Yuan Shucai, all under the domineering control of Li Xiusheng and his men, headed to the eastern side of the General Ridge.

Li Xiusheng knew that the Taoist priest was gifted in martial arts, and thus, chose to lock his hands with handcuffs. As for the two old experts, they were casually tied up by ropes only.

In order not to let Zhao Yu take advantage of the situation, Li Xiusheng intentionally let Zhao Yu walk in front of the group, and placed Miao Ying last in the group, so that they did not have any opportunities to communicate.

In fact, the reason why Zhao Yu claimed that he knew the location of the treasure was purely to delay. He knew clearly that, if he did not say so earlier, both he and Miao Ying would end up dead like the other tomb robbers.

His idea was to find opportunities to escape on their way to search for the treasure. After all, in his device bar were the skeleton key, Invisible Night Vision, and Invisible Breathing Device. If he managed to find a chance, it may help them escape!

However, in the current situation, the cautious Li Xiusheng obviously did not give Zhao Yu any opportunity to escape at all. Not to mention a chance at saving Miao Ying and the two old experts! Truly, it seemed to be too difficult to save even himself!

What should he do?

What should he do...

Just as Zhao Yu struggled to think about the strategy, Li Xiusheng suddenly spoke.

“Officer, if I guessed it right, you must be bringing me to the cave where they found the will? Why, do... Do you think the treasure would be hidden there?”

“Hmm, what?” Zhao Yu was shocked to hear that and slowed down his footsteps. Surprisingly, Li Xiusheng was so sharp to sense something was amiss with Zhao Yu, only after walking for half an hour.

“Ha ha...” Li Xiusheng said with a murderous gleam in his eyes, “They had searched the cave many times. If the treasure was really there, how could it still remain untouched till today?”

Once Li Xiusheng said the above, all of them stopped in their tracks. Some of them even placed their fingers on the triggers of their guns, seemingly preparing to shoot at any time. The atmosphere became very tense.

“Uh...” Zhao Yu stood straight and said, “Yes, Master Li, the treasure is indeed hidden in that cave. The Taoist priest’s not finding anything there does not mean that I would not!”

Hearing Zhao Yu’s words, the Taoist priest, who was standing beside him, could not help but sigh, and the two old experts turned pale.

“As far as I know,” Li Xiusheng said in a sullen tone, “Qiu Cheng’s descendants once lived in that cave for a few years to avoid the war. If the treasure was hidden in that cave, would they not have found it long ago? Also, don’t forget that they had a treasure map in their hands!”

“Well, well... This happened hundreds of years ago, how would I know?” Zhao Yu shrugged his shoulders and said.

“You!” Li Xiusheng glared at Zhao Yu and said, “Zhao Yu, you must be delaying the time! Alright, then I shall kill your girlfriend first, then see if you dare put up a smokescreen!”

“Hush... Hush!” Zhao Yu quickly said, “Mr Li, why is your temper so bad? I am telling the truth. I do not know what the thoughts of Qiu Cheng’s descendants were, but as a detective, I believe only in facts!”

When everyone heard the dramatic twist in Zhao Yu’s words, everyone was curious to hear more of what Zhao Yu had to say.

“There was a missing clue after the General Ridge, Jade Stone Slope and the Millennium pine,” explained Zhao Yu, “because the scriptures associated with the clue were lost. That was why the Taoist priest was not able to find the Gold Buddha and treasure. But the remaining two clues were found: One was the Crescent Moon pit, and the other was the Raindrop stone!”

“The fact that the Taoist priest and his men did not manage to find the treasure because of the missing Millennium pine,” Zhao Yu stole a glance at the Taoist priest and continued, “means that they could only continue to look at the remaining clues, the Crescent Moon pit, do you agree?”

“But where to find the Crescent Moon pit? After hundreds of years, I am afraid to say that the pit could be filled up, nowhere to be found.”

Zhao Yu stopped speaking for a moment and glanced at the crowd.

Apparently, everyone start to believe in Zhao Yu’s words, and they were staring hard at Zhao Yu, listening attentively.

“But!” Zhao Yu suddenly added another twist to his story and surprised everyone. “In this case, all of you had overlooked one of the most fundamental issues. That is, what was the missing clue between the Millennium pine and Crescent Moon pit?”

“You...” Li Xiusheng could not help but frown, and said impatiently, “Could you stop beating around the bush? What do you mean, say it quickly?!”

“Look!” Zhao Yu said, “Were the clues arranged in descending order from the General Ridge to the last clue? If so, as long as we follow the order in the treasure map, and find the Raindrop Stone, we can consider our mission accomplished! But, will it be so simple? Qiu Cheng was not a fool. He would not casually find a place to store such important treasures!”

“If the Crescent Moon pit and Raindrop stone were so easy to find, the treasure would already be found!” Zhao Yu explained, “Looking at the order from the Millennium pine, followed by the Crescent Moon pit, what are your sentiments?”

“What?!”

Everyone was confused.

“All right,” Zhao Yu said frankly. “I will tell you the truth! Actually, I do not know what the clue between the Millennium pine and Crescent Moon pit is.” Before everyone became anxious, he added another twist to his story and said, “But, but... I know, it must be something related to... a cave!”

“A cave?” Although Li Xiusheng had a feeling that Zhao Yu was putting up a smokescreen, he could not find any loophole to refute him.

“Yes! A cave!” Zhao Yu affirmed, “Look at it like a crossword puzzle. If the Crescent Moon pit was next to the Millennium pine, there was no need for another clue in the middle. Now that there is one missing clue in the middle, what suitable words do you think we should fill in?”

“Well...”

“Well...”

After Zhao Yu finished his speech, everyone was lost in thought. Awhile later, they finally understood what Zhao Yu really meant. Indeed, if there was a clue between the Millennium pine and the Crescent Moon pit, then a cave would be the best answer.

“Wow...”

Hearing Zhao Yu’s fresh reasoning method, all of Li Xiusheng’s men cast a peculiar look at Zhao Yu. Not only did Li Xiusheng look upon Zhao Yu in a different light, but even the Taoist priest could not help but widen his eyes and do some reflection.

“But...” Li Xiusheng thought about it and frowned again. “Alright! Even if the missing clue was indeed a cave, there is more than one cave in the General Ridge. How can you be so sure that the treasure will be hidden in the cave that the corpse was found within?”

“Well!” Zhao Yu gave a quick thought and hurriedly said, “The old experts originally found the will in the hands of the corpse, right? At that time, the corpse was in a very very high location. That was why the corpse was not taken away by wild animals.”

“So...” Everyone felt enlightened when Zhao Yu said, “Why do you think that a dying man would climb to such a high location?”

Oh?!

When Zhao Yu asked the question, there was an uproar among them.

“Oh...” Li Xiusheng asked suspiciously, “Do you mean, the treasure is near the corpse?”

“He he he...”

In fact, these were Zhao Yu’s actual speculations. He was about to let out a laugh, while telling his story, when the Taoist priest standing beside him could not help but speak up.

“Hey, young chap, are you belittling me?” The Taoist priest said coldly, “Do you think I did not know to search around the corpse? Let me tell you, there was nothing to be found!”

“You!” The words from the Taoist priest were no doubt a great blow to Zhao Yu’s confidence.

It was obvious that the man that the Taoist priest hated most was none other than Zhao Yu, who had spoilt his great plans. If he could overthrow Zhao Yu’s reasoning, it would give Li Xiusheng a valid reason to kill Zhao Yu.

“True...” Li Xiusheng raised his eyebrows and said, “The Taoist priest is the most authoritative person in this trade. He owns metal detectors and remote sensory devices. If the treasure was really hidden there, there really is no reason that they could not have found it!”

Speaking of this, Li Xiusheng’s eyes once again revealed... a murderous gleam!

### **Chapter 417: Where is the Treasure?**

“Haha, Hahaha...” Dealing with the Taoist priest’s accusation and Li Xiusheng’s urge to kill, Zhao Yu suddenly burst into laughter. He laughed for a few seconds, then said maliciously, “Master Li, when did I say that the treasure must be hidden next to the corpse? Aren’t those your guessings?”

“You?! Cough cough....” Li Xiusheng was so hot with emotions, that he started coughing vigorously again.

“The reason why I brought up about the reasons as to why the dying corpse climbed to a higher ground, was to remind everyone!” Zhao Yu said, “The dead person was holding onto Qiu Cheng’s death note, or will, and he climbed all the way up, so why was that?”

Zhao Yu asked this, leaving everyone confused, looking at him blindly.

“Guarding!” Zhao Yu wanted to clap his hands, but both of his hands were handcuffed behind his back. He could only shake his head and say, “The descendants of Qiu Cheng died at such a high ground, wanting to safeguard the treasure, to protect the last bit of the Qiu family!”

“Humph!” The Taoist priest snorted.

“You, this is getting a little ridiculous!” Li Xiusheng shook his head continuously too.

“Ridiculous, how is this ridiculous?” Zhao Yu said with full confidence. “Let me ask you, if the descendants of Qiu Cheng really ran into the mountains to run away from the war, why didn’t they enter any other mountain caves, except for this particular one? You thought it was chosen immediately?”

“That... That mountain cave is located halfway up the hill....” Professor Tian Dongmin couldn’t help but cut in. “The cave entrance is more hidden, and it could avoid being noticed by the enemy and wild beasts!”

“Tian, are you okay?” Wang Taiming heard Tian Dongmin going against Zhao Yu, and immediately panicked and nearly scolded him.

Zhao Yu’s face grew dull, and he pointed at Tian Dongmin when he said, “Correct, the old man said it! The entrance of the cave is well-concealed. In other words, it wouldn’t be easily discovered!” Zhao Yu suddenly spoke, as though he had just discovered something, “That cave is big, deep, and well-hidden. If I were Qiu Cheng, I would definitely consider hiding the treasure there!”

“This...”

What Zhao Yu said gave people a strange feeling. It sounded like it was made up randomly, but there was no way to refute it.

“There are only a few variations of situation,” Zhao Yu continued. “When war broke out in Luya, the descendants of Qiu Cheng thought of going into the mountains to look for the treasure. So, according to the clues on the treasure map, they found the mountain cave!”

“Then, the Millennium pine tree was definitely there, and the mountain cave must be found that much easier!”

“But, after looking through the mountain cave, there are two possible outcomes. First, there was something wrong with their treasure map, they lost it, or it was incomplete. So, they only managed to find the mountain cave, but not the treasure. Second, they found the treasure, but, as they were at a difficult times, there wasn’t any use to bringing the statues out. On the contrary, it might even court their own destruction. So, they didn’t touch the treasure.”

“Anyway, they lived in the mountain cave then! To hide from the war, and to guard the treasure! Unfortunately, there was an epidemic, and everyone died! So, the person who was holding onto Qiu Cheng’s death letter, climbed onto a high ground before he died. He held the death letter, maybe to pass down the secret of the Gold Buddha statues.”

“Humph! Nonsense,” the Taoist priest gritted through his teeth. “There wasn’t any Crescent Moon Pit nor Raindrop Stone. Besides the underground river, there was nothing else!”

“Mm.....” Li Xiusheng thought, then supported, “The Taoist priest does make sense. The treasure can’t be hidden in the underground river, right? No matter how silly Qiu Cheng was, he wouldn’t hide the treasure at a place that would be flooded! They are Gold Buddha statues! And, if your speculations were true, that treasure was most likely moved, right?”

“Humph!” Zhao Yu pretended to be angry, as he told Li Xiusheng, “Master Lee, believe it or not! I told you, I know where the treasure is! I said I know it, and that means I know it! I am not stupid. If I were to tell you everything now, I would have no more cards to play! You could just kill me, ain’t that it?”

“This...” Li Xiusheng sent a glare at Zhao Yu and said, “Alright. As you are so sure, I will believe in you this time! Let me make this clear, I am not a kind man. If you were to lie to me, I will make sure you die miserably!”

Zhao Yu’s hands were handcuffed. He could only shrug his shoulders and consider the matter answered.

So, the troop started moving forward again, towards the mountain cave where the ancient corpse was found. After the rain stopped, the sun finally broke through the clouds and showed itself. The forest was filled with noises of cicada’s shrill droning and bird’s chirping, all full of life.

Although Zhao Yu remained calm, the pressure he felt was imaginable. Only he knew that everything about the treasure was made up, and that there was no similarity or coincidence. So, on the way there, he was still looking for a chance to escape. But Li Xiusheng’s underlings kept their guards up the whole time, with no intention of letting up.

Originally, Zhao Yu even considered an idea, which was to cooperate with the Taoist priest to break through a tight encirclement. However, the careful Li Xiusheng kept the Taoist priest under watch himself, not letting Zhao Yu have any chance to get close to him.

Actually, there was another important reason why Zhao Yu wanted to delay for so long, which was that, ever since the system gave a “Gen Qian” hexagram, it had been one and a half days, but the system didn’t send out any ending notification. That had never happened before.

So, Zhao Yu was looking forward, wondering if the miracle adventure were to be completed, would he then be able to get an amazing tool? He didn’t need anything else but an invisible invisibility cloak. Then he might be able to solve the problem!

But, Zhao Yu waited for a very long time, and the system in his mind was completely quiet. Worse still, the whole way through was very smooth, and they even found the well-concealed mountain cave located halfway up the hill within two hours!

Tsk tsk....

It was getting closer to the moment where he lay his last card on the table, so Zhao Yu was feeling even more pressure. But, in order to not let Liu Xiusheng and the rest find any flaw in him or his plan, he pointed at the forest before the mountain cave and said,

“Look! Take a good look, all of you! Aren’t these pine trees before the mountain cave? Let me tell you, the millennium pine tree on the treasure map must have been here back then! Look at these pine trees, they are all so tall and straight. They would turn into millennium pine trees after a thousand years too. Hehe...”

As the Taoist priest and the old experts had just come to the mountain caves not long ago, they knew the place well and guided everyone into the cave with ease. It was really like how the old experts had described. The entrance of the cave was filled with plants, and it was really hard to see from the bottom of the hill with the naked eye. Also, after entering the mountain cave, there was really a huge space that could contain three to four basketball courts!

“No!”

After entering the cave, the Taoist priest pointed above, and everyone quickly saw that the connection between the high cave wall and the top of the cave was really a deep concave. If only seen from the bottom, one would really have thought that there was another hidden cave!

But, as the Taoist priest said that they already searched through the place, it was naturally unnecessary for Zhao Yu to have them climb up there.

“Alright! Police officer!” Li Xiusheng told Zhao Yu coolly, “We have arrived at the mountain cave! Next, it’s your turn! I can guarantee with my reputation that, if you could really find the Gold Buddha statues, I would let you take a good look at it and send you to death directly! How about that?”

“Okay!” Zhao Yu nodded and said, “That’s great! Then....” He looked around and beckoned to the depth of the mountain cave with his chin, and said, “Follow me! The moment to witness a miracle is soon to be here!”

“Hey! How many times do I have to tell you for you to believe me?” The Taoist priest was very angry, “We have already ransacked the entire underground river that was connected below the cave! You are wasting time, just kill the two policemen already!”

“Arrrgh!” Zhao Yu spat. “You looked it through? You really looked it through thoroughly? Master Lee,” Zhao Yu turned around and said, “You think about it. If Crescent Moon Pit and Raindrop Stone could be easily found, why would it be called the hidden treasure?”

“But... Water...” Li Xiusheng seemed to hesitate, as he didn’t know who to believe.

“Oh please, use your brains. You only look at what is before your eyes, but have you thought about the past? Mm?” Zhao Yu opened his eyes wide and said, “Did you forget about how Qiu Cheng got the Gold Buddha statues?!”

“Huh? What... How?” Everyone was confused.

“Pray... Pray for rain...” Then, Tian Dongmin couldn’t help but cut in again, “It was a draught! To pray for rain, Prefect Qiu united with the local rich businessmen, to make Gold Buddha statues to pray for blessing!”

“Yes!” Zhao Yu puffed and said, “Draught! In other words, when Qiu Cheng hid the treasure, there wasn’t any water, so there wasn’t an underground river!”

“That... That’s not right?” Li Xiusheng shook his head, “Even if there wasn’t any water then, Qiu Cheng should know that there would be water sooner or later. He wouldn’t have hid at such place, right?”

“Why not?” Zhao Yu shook his head, “Generations after generations. Why did Qiu Cheng hide the treasure? Let me tell you why! He did it for himself, to cater to his possible future need, to keep for himself a backup plan! Why would he think about a few centuries in the future?”

“Think about it, everyone! To fill his selfish desire, Qiu Cheng could have swapped the Gold Buddha statues that were used to pray for the people’s blessings. From the standpoint of criminology, this person was extremely selfish! Such a selfish person could only think about himself! Just like... the two of you, the same!”

Then Zhao Yu pointed at Li Xiusheng with his chin, and then to the Taoist priest, Yuan Shucai. Suddenly, the entire mountain cave was in silence, everyone stunned by Zhao Yu’s impassioned but reasonable inference.

“Alright!” Li Xiusheng nodded and said, “You are right, I am a selfish person! Let’s go! I would like to see if what you said was true, to see if the Gold Buddha statues are inside?!”

#### **Chapter 418: Identifying the Crescent Moon Pit**

In fact, the reason why Zhao Yu was speaking so vehemently, was that he wanted to convince Li Xiusheng and the others to go deep into the cave. Zhao Yu knew that the cave was at the hillside, a part of the hill between the top and the foot, and that there was water deep in the cave. This meant two things: one was that there was complicated terrain inside the cave, and the other was that the cave must be pitch dark inside.

Zhao Yu had the useful Invisible Night Vision device in his brain. He felt that, if he had any chance to escape at all, this was it, in going down to the depths of the cave. When the time comes, he would first use the skeleton key to quietly open the handcuffs, and then use the Invisible Night Vision device to hide himself, before beating them up by surprise, and finally, escaping the cave with Miao Ying...

However, Zhao Yu also knew that the opponents were carrying numerous weapons, many of which were deadly. In such a situation, the possibility of him escaping was critically low. But at this crucial moment, he could not think of a better idea, so he must take the risk!

Not long after walking towards the cave, Zhao Yu’s heart froze.

Holy sh\*t!

He had never thought that the depth of the cave would look exactly the opposite of what he had imagined. The cave was brightly lit!



Looking up, there were many holes on the walls and the top of the cave. The sunlight shone in through them all. They did not even need to light up the cave.

Gosh!

The sight made Zhao Yu feel gloomy, as he felt that he did not stand the slightest chance to escape now.

This...

Zhao Yu deliberately slowed down his pace, and kept calling out to the Miracle system in his brain, "Hey boss, what were you thinking? Now, hurry up and give me some miracles. If things go on like this, I will be done for. You would not survive either, as we are both connected."

However, no matter how Zhao Yu communicated with the system, he did not get any response. As long as an adventure is incomplete, no prop will be rewarded.

The cave was wide enough to allow three people to walk side by side. Li Xiusheng and his men remained vigilant. One of his men with a crossbow was always following closely behind Zhao Yu. If Zhao Yu were to make any suspicious move, he was bound to be shot by this man.

Although the surrounding air in the cave was cold and damp, Zhao Yu's forehead was sweaty. Zhao Yu found himself in a distressed predicament!

Could it be... this place and day, will be the ones that I will perish?

With the group of them walking deeper into the cave, the light became dimmer than before. Gradually, they could not see the sunlight shining into the mountain. However, when Li Xiusheng's men activated the advanced lighting equipment which they had brought along, all of them could see clearly in the cave once again.

All of them continued to walk deeper into the cave. Suddenly, they heard the sound of water dripping, and observed that the walls looked moister than before.

"Why, do you still need me to spell it out?" The Taoist priest, now standing at the rear of the group, suddenly said, "If we walk in deeper, it would lead us to an underground river. It is impossible for the Gold Buddha to be hidden there."

"Hmm! You must be cooking up a story!" the Taoist priest added. No one expected that, once the Taoist priest finished speaking, Zhao Yu would stop in his tracks and shout back, "What underground river? This cave is several hundred meters deep. We barely walked only a few tens of meters, so why would there be an underground river?"

"Well... To be precise," Professor Tian Dongmin could not help but interrupt, "it was a pool connected to the underground river. Because of the special structure of the mountain, a pool was formed in a place above the ground! And the pool should be connected to the underground river."

"Oh..." Zhao Yu quickly thought of a way to handle the situation. Seeing that everyone's face revealed a suspicious look, he nodded in haste and shouted, "Yes! That is correct!"

"Gosh!"

Zhao Yu's loud words gave some of them a fright. One of them said, "You must be delaying the time! Do you think there would be monkeys acting as your reinforcements, waiting for you? Ha ha ha..."

Everyone laughed.

"All of you know nothing!" Zhao Yu growled in anger, "Let me tell you. Now is the most crucial time. In a moment, you will be dumbfounded by what you see!"

"Sure, let's go!" Li Xiusheng turned around and waved his hand at everyone behind him, and said, "Stop dawdling and get moving!"

"Sure, let us continue! I am not afraid of you!" Zhao Yu said angrily, and continued to walk deeper into the cave.

Strangely enough, the cave was curved, but there were no crossroad, only one visible path. It did not take the group more than five minutes, before they approached a lake with dark colored waters. This emergence of the pool was unexpected.

Zhao Yu did not expect that the surface area of the pool would be so big. From a look at it, one could only see that it had a width of six or seven meters, but would not be able to tell the length of it!

"Wow! What a big hole in the cave!" It was Li Xiusheng's first time in the cave. He said, "I guess the water must be very cold. Officer Zhao Yu, do you yearn for a water burial? And do you think Qiu Cheng would hide the Gold Buddha here?"

"In order to let you die with no regrets, let me tell you this!" the Taoist priest said, "We already explored the whole pool using a lifeboat. There was no sign of the Gold Buddha here!"

"Office Zhao, what else do you have to say?" When Li Xiusheng said so, people surrounding Zhao Yu immediately pointed their crossbows at him.

"No!"

Miao Ying was shocked to see this, and hurried to the front from behind the group. But the alert group of Li Xiusheng's men stopped her, turning to now aim their poisonous crossbows at her.

"Wait!" Zhao Yu shouted, "Li Xiusheng, Yuan Shulin, oh no, I meant Yuan Shucui! Let me tell you, when I said that I could find the treasure, I meant it! There is so much water in this pool right now, but what about hundreds of years ago? There was a drought in the Ming Dynasty, this pool... could it have been a deep valley?"

Well?

Both Li Xiusheng and the Taoist priest were stunned by Zhao Yu's words.

"Hmm!" Zhao Yu's back was facing the pool, as he shouted, "Open your eyes and have a good look. Does this pool look like the crescent-shaped Crescent Moon pit?"

"Ah?!"

Zhao Yu's question made everyone curious. Those men with a crossbows in their hands could not help but lower their crossbows. Everyone stretched their necks and focused on giving the pool a good look. Those with flashlights quickly shone them on the pool.

Under the strong light, the pool looked like a trumpet shape, and did not resemble a crescent shape at all!

"Hmm... This..." Everyone looked at the pool very carefully, and frowned.

Zhao Yu was obviously uttering nonsense. When he turned around and looked back, his heart froze again. Miao Ying could tell that Zhao Yu was at his wits' end. She stooped down and hugged herself tightly. She seemed to be preparing for the worst.

Zhao Yu held his head high and asked, "Did you see it?" He continued with his story, "Let me tell all of you. The moment of truth, revealing the miracle, will soon arrive! Do not be fooled by what you see now, as the pool does not look like a crescent shape, but that is... because... there is too much water in it!"

"I bet the Crescent Moon pit is right below this pool. And the Raindrop Stone is inside the Crescent Moon pit! Once I manage to find the Raindrop Stone, the Gold Buddha will be found! Ha ha ha.....you think that I am a genius?!"

Zhao Yu laughed loudly, but everyone at the scene looked stunned. It was like watching a lunatic.

Swoosh!

Li Xiusheng suddenly pulled out a gun and aimed it at Zhao Yu's eyebrows. He said coldly, "Ok, Officer Zhao! In that case, I will have to bother you to let us witness the miracle! Now! It is time for you to jump down and bring me to the Gold Buddha!"

#### **Chapter 419: Wait For Me**

"Police Officer Zhao, as you are so certain," Li Xiusheng aimed the gun at Zhao Yu's forehead and said coolly, "Why not you go down to get us the Gold Buddha statues?"

Li Xiusheng exposed his ferocious side as he spoke, while all his underlings looked equally unconcerned. From what they saw, they thought Zhao Yu's inference about the Gold Buddha statues didn't make sense, and they didn't believe that the Gold Buddha statues were hidden underwater!

Then, with Li Xiusheng forcing Zhao Yu to go down to the water, no doubt, that was his way of giving Zhao Yu a death sentence! Not only was the water cold, the landforms were complicated, and there might be an undercurrent. If Zhao Yu were to go underwater, it was like committing suicide!

Hence, everyone on the scene was definite that Zhao Yu wouldn't agree with Li Xiusheng's suggestion and that Li Xiusheng would pull the trigger to kill Zhao Yu without hesitation!

"Alright! No problem!" Zhao Yu nodded in agreement readily, surprising everyone. "Master Lee, this idea is good! Among everyone, I know the location of where the Gold Buddha was hidden. If I am not going, who else could?"

Mm?!

When Zhao Yu spoke, everyone was taken by surprise, even the old experts and Miao Ying were surprised.

“You... Really want to go down there?!”

Li Xiusheng took a glance at the cold lake, but he had yet to put down his gun.

“Mm, although it’s a little cold, I think I can deal with it!” Zhao Yu nodded and said, “How about that? Look at your watch, and within half an hour, I will definitely find the exact location of the Gold Buddha statues!”

“You...” Zhao Yu said and Li Xiusheng looked awkward. He didn’t know whether to hold the gun up or put it down. He creased his eyebrows and said, “You... You are so certain that the Gold Buddha statues are underneath the water?!”

“Like I said earlier, believe it or not!” Zhao Yu raised his eyebrows and said, “Kill me and you will miss the opportunity to get the Gold Buddha statues!”

“No! I cannot!” Miao Ying suddenly ran forward and said, “Zhao Yu, let me... Let me go with you!”

“No way!” Li Xiusheng seized the chance to keep his gun and said, “I need to keep the policewoman as a hostage!”

Li Xiusheng’s underlings quickly stopped Miao Ying.

“Alright!” Li Xiusheng shouted at Zhao Yu, “Zhao Yu, I am not afraid of you fooling around, I have waited for such a long time, so I might as well give you another 10 minutes!”

“Are you deaf? I said half an hour!” Zhao Yu beckoned to the water, “Although I know the accurate location of the statues, I still need some time to find it, right?”

“No way, half an hour is too long! I can only wait for you for 10 minutes!” Li Xiusheng didn’t allow space for negotiation, “If I don’t see you bringing the Gold Buddha statues back after 10 minutes, I will kill your girlfriend and the two old experts in the most brutal way!”

“Bas... Bastard!” Miao Ying gritted through her teeth. She wanted to break through the enemy’s restraints, but they were dominating her with sheer force of number and stopped her again.

“Captain Miao! Don’t worry...” Zhao Yu quickly said, “As we can’t escape anyway, why not take a look at the Gold Buddha statues first? Then, we can die in peace. Am I right?”

When he spoke, Zhao Yu nodded faintly at Miao Ying. Although Miao Ying wasn’t sure what Zhao Yu meant, she could feel that Zhao Yu might have a plan, so she stopped struggling.

Zhao Yu turned around and spoke to Li Xiusheng, “Fifteen minutes, that’s my limit! Oh please, what’s the point of you fussing over a few minutes time with a person that is going to die?”

“Okay! Son, this is what you said!” Li Xiusheng nodded and said, “But... I’m telling you, we didn’t bring any diving suit or oxygen tank!”

"I don't need them!" Zhao Yu bent his neck and beckoned, "Unlock my handcuffs, and I will do this!"

"Mm..."

"Aiyo, come on. Stop wasting time!" Zhao Yu pouted and said, "If you think that I could still run away under such circumstances, you might as well kill me with one shot!"

"Mm..." Li Xiusheng was still hesitating.

Then, there was a comrade, who was quite old, that walked from the back and whispered into Li Xiusheng's ear. Although no one could hear what he was saying clearly, the person was most likely reminding Li Xiusheng to not let Zhao Yu have a chance to escape, or something along those lines...

"Humph!" Li Xiusheng obviously didn't have such concerns, and finally waved his hand and said, "The pool is connected to the underground river. It is at least a dozen metres from here to the underground river.

Then, Li Xiusheng beckoned to his underlings, sending someone forward to unlock Zhao Yu's handcuffs.

"Taoist priest!" Li Xiusheng turned around to tell Yuan Shucan, "If you were me, you would have made the same decision, right? This boy is right, the both of us are extremely selfish humans, but... only people who are selfish would be so obsessive with their dreams.

"Humph!" Taoist priest snorted and turned away in disdain.

Zhao Yu moved his wrist and told Li Xiusheng, "Hey, Li, you must have rope, right? Tie it on me. When I find the Gold Buddha statues, I will tug the rope, and you can just pull me up!"

"Okay! Alright! We'll do as you wish!" Li Xiusheng nodded, sending people to prepare for the rope immediately.

Then, there was someone holding a torchlight that came forward, saying, "Take this, it's waterproof!"

"Don't need it!" Zhao Yu waved his hand and smiled maliciously, "I am good at looking in the dark!"

"Crazy!" The person rolled his eyes at Zhao Yu, showing an inconceivable expression.

"No way, young man! It's so dark underneath, how could you not bring a torchlight?" Professor Tian Dongmin reminded from the back.

"Oh!"

Zhao Yu originally thought that he had Invisible Night Vision on hand and didn't need any illumination equipment. But, after Tian Dongmin's reminder, he thought that, if he didn't use a torchlight, it would give rise to suspicion. So, he extended his hand to take the torchlight.

"Humph!"

Then, everyone there was even more in doubt of Zhao Yu.

"Master Lee, you've got to keep your word!" After everything was ready, Zhao Yu told Li Xiusheng again, "Look closely at your watch. After 15 minutes, I shall return!"

“Before that, you can’t cause my people to be in any danger, including the two old experts. They spent their entire lives looking for the Gold Buddha statues. Before they die, you’ve got to let me take a good look at the Gold Buddha statues, alright?”

“Of course!” Li Xiusheng nodded and said, “Can’t I wait another 15 minutes? But, after those minutes, everything would be hard to say what will happen! If you don’t want your girlfriend to die miserably, you’d better be back quick! I will make it short for all of you! Hehe!”

“Okay!”

Zhao Yu then turned around and walked towards the pool, Miao Ying couldn’t help but be worried, and shouted, “Zhao Yu!”

“Mm...” Zhao Yu turned around to look at Miao Ying and requested from Li Xiusheng again, “This is such a dangerous trip, can I bid farewell to my girlfriend?”

“No way!” Li Xiusheng was worried that there was a trick they were trying to pull, so he rejected firmly.

“Alright! Great!” Zhao Yu sent a flying air kiss to Miao Ying and said, “Don’t worry, my dear. I will find the Gold Buddha statues! Wait for me!”

Then, Zhao Yu winked at Miao Ying and turned around to jump into the pool.

Feeling the first splash of water, Zhao Yu suddenly exclaimed, “Aiyo, my goodness, the water is so damn cold...”

## **Chapter 420: A Quiet Pool**

After entering the pool, Zhao Yu activated the Invisible Night Vision device. Although he carried a lighting device, in such a dark deep pool, the light could not penetrate far!

After the Invisible Night Vision was activated, the field of vision underwater improved. Zhao Yu discovered that the pool was very deep. What an intimidating sight!

In fact, Zhao Yu was well aware that the system opened the “Gen Qian” hexagram today. This meant that, without the “Dui” hexagram opened, it would be unlikely for him to find the Gold Buddha and treasure!

Although he had made a lot of reasonable reasonings before everyone, to the extent that even he believed it himself, he knew that the probability of finding the Gold Buddha was very low. His plight drove him to this decision, as he knew that he had no other way to escape from Li Xiusheng, but hoped that he could find an escape path within the pool.

He felt that, since the pool was so big, there was a possibility that some exits could be found. If he could find any exit, he would go around Li Xiusheng and his men and launch a surprise attack from behind them!

Of course, he knew that the probability was not very high. Thus, he thought of a backup plan for himself. In case he did not find anything, he would simply swim back up and lie, saying that he had found the Golden Buddha. However, because he was short of tools, he had come back empty handed.

Zhao Yu could tell that Li Xiusheng, who took a great risk to follow him to this cave, must be obsessed with the Gold Buddha. Should there be any chance to lay hands on the Gold Buddha, he knew that Li Xiusheng would not let it go.

If Li Xiusheng bought his story, he would definitely get Zhao Yu to lead the way underwater, in order to retrieve the Gold Buddha with the right tools. This way, Zhao Yu would successfully delay for more time. The longer the time was delayed, the greater his chances of escape.

After his backup plan was in place, he ignored the chilliness in the cold water and began to swim fast to find a possible exit.

Although the pool was deep, it was not an open space underwater. There were many huge and irregular rocks, with gaps in between. Some parts resembled a maze!

Tsk tsk...

From the look of it, the topography beneath the pool was really complicated. Zhao Yu continued to survey the surroundings as he dived. Only when he needed to take another breath of air, did he rise to the surface of the pool. Though he had an Invisible Breathing device, he did not want to use it unless necessary.

Whoosh...

The water in the pool was so cold that Zhao Yu literally felt the chill down his spine. The water in the pool did not seem to be made up of stagnant water. He could feel the surge of current in the water, pushing him towards the depths of the cave.

Even if it were not for the fatal threat made by Li Xiusheng and the others, Zhao Yu would still definitely consider this experience a frightening one.

Exit... Exit...

Zhao Yu endured the chilliness and dove down again. This time, in order to see more clearly, he activated the Invisible Telescope device. After activation, his vision became clearer! He could see the depth of the pool clearly, even without diving deeper to take a closer look.

Exit... Exit...

How to find an exit?

Though he saw many gaps between the rocks, he could not be sure that the gaps could lead to other places.

What should he do?

Time passed quickly, and Zhao Yu was getting anxious. He kept swimming forward and thought hard about possible countermeasures.

Why not....

He saw that he had an Invisible Fluoroscopic device in his brain. He contemplated on whether to activate it.

Just when Zhao Yu was thinking about whether to activate the Invisible Fluoroscopic device, something caught his eyes!

Oh my God!

So... What was that?!

Under the combined usage of the Invisible Night Vision device and the Invisible Fluoroscopic device, Zhao Yu observed that, about five or six meters below his feet, there was a huge gap.

The huge gap resembled a devil's big mouth. It looked much dark inside the gap, as compared to where he was. The more important thing that he observed, was that the gap was in a crescent shape!

Seeing this huge crescent-shaped gap inside the pool, Zhao Yu felt a creepy sensation. Feeling shocked, Zhao Yu forgot to take a breath, and was choked by the pool water. He hurriedly swam to the surface of the water and coughed.

"Cough cough..."

He finished coughing and hurriedly took a deep breath before diving into the water again.

That is correct!

The gap was definitely crescent shaped, about thirty meters long.

Could... could this be...

This time, the creepy sensation had worn off, and Zhao Yu was not fearful anymore. But he felt goose bumps all over his body. Could this crescent-shaped gap be the Crescent Moon pit marked on the treasure map?!

Oh my God!

If he guessed it right, it would mean that the Gold Buddha... is right below?!

Could it be... That the Gold Buddha was truly buried under the water?

Gosh!

For a moment, Zhao Yu could not even feel the chilliness from the cold water. He could only feel the adrenaline pumping through his body. He looked at his watch, still ten minutes from the agreed upon meeting time. That was barely enough to find the Raindrop Stone from within such a big pool!

Thinking of the short duration he was left with, Zhao Yu did not hesitate any longer, but immediately activated the last Invisible Breathing device, as he swam towards the huge gap. He had prior experience with the usage of the Invisible Breathing device, thus, when he used it this time, he could adapt quickly while breathing through it.



Just as Zhao Yu approached the huge gap, something weighed heavily on his mind. This huge gap was five or six meters deep underwater, and the Crescent Moon pit itself was very deep, too. This meant that, if he wished to swim into the Crescent Moon pit, he would have to dive ten to twenty meters deeper.

He did not know if his body was able to withstand diving in such deep waters. Although the breathing device could keep up with his breathing, the great water pressure may slow down his speed. Also, searching such a huge Crescent Moon pit was no easy feat.

But...

In the process of diving deeper, Zhao Yu's mind was busy analyzing, and soon made a hypothesis. He thought, if there was no water here when Qiu Cheng came hundreds of years ago, the Crescent Moon pit must be a very deep pit in the cave.

So... Where would be the most likely place where Qiu Cheng would choose to hide his treasure?

Bottom?

Central?

Or... Top?

While analyzing the options, Zhao Yu eliminated the possibility of Qiu Cheng hiding the treasure at the bottom. He thought to himself, "If this is a deep pit, then the humidity at the bottom would naturally be very high. It would be unlikely that Qiu Cheng would hide the treasure at the bottom!"

If it was not the bottom, it had to be either the middle or the top part.

So... Where do I start searching?

While Zhao Yu was seriously contemplating, he had unconsciously swum to the edge of the Crescent Moon pit. The width of the pit was nearly ten meters wide. It looked magnificent.

Zhao Yu swam onward to the middle of the pit. He surveyed his surroundings again. Suddenly, he observed that there was a piece of rock, which looked different from the others, located just beside the wall of the pit.

The rock was not only big in size, but also had a narrow top and wide bottom. The texture of the rock felt smooth. It looked exactly like a teardrop shape!

Teardrop!

Raindrop?!

Holy sh\*t! When Zhao Yu saw the stone, he almost shouted out from under the water. It was an incredible moment! How coincidental!

Could this... This stone be the Raindrop Stone?!

What about the Gold Buddha?

The Gold Buddha... could it possibly be there too?

