

Crazy 541

Chapter 541: Depart

The second morning, Zhao Yu drove Miao Ying's Volkswagen Phaeton to the capital for his examination.

When the car was already on the Qing River Bridge, he remembered that a long time ago, he had been on that same bridge when he caught the murderer of the Mianling Case, Hao Gang. Actually, the solving of the Mianling Case had been the grounds for establishing Zhao Yu's position as a detective in the first place.

Due to the difficulty of the case and its broad influence, the solving of the case caused a great stir nationwide, gaining Zhao Yu fame. Because of this notoriety, Zhao Yu had qualified to enter his name for the selection of special investigators for the National Criminal Investigation unit.

In the document that was sent by the Central Criminal Division, it described the nature of the special investigator's job. Besides reinvestigating the state-level pending cases, it would involve assisting with each criminal case that was extremely thorny.

In other words, once Zhao Yu passed the examination and became a special investigator, he would have to go around the country to help solve extra difficult cases. To Zhao Yu, this was both a challenge and a hope.

Zhao Yu had thought it through carefully. Bureau Chief Zhou Andong was right, when he said that, if he were to plant his feet steadily in the central level special investigation team, he would be in touch with a higher jurisdiction. Then, he might be able to discover Miao Ying's whereabouts. Besides, he had his magical miracle adventure system with him, which he felt that he might be able to rely on to heighten his chances of finding Miao Ying.

Lastly, and also the main point, after going through the challenges with the Rongyang Branch, Zhao Yu had fallen entirely for the profession. He loved the process of unearthing the truth via looking for evidence!

However, he knew that the competition was rather ferocious. If he didn't succeed in the examination, he would possibly miss out on the most important opportunity of his life!

So, he had to be fully focused! As he was already on forced holiday, if he were to return after failing to achieve his ambitions, he would be even more embarrassed!

Zhao Yu drove so fast, he was on the highway to the capital in the blink of an eye! By then, the miracle adventure that he had gotten the previous day had already ended.

According to the system's interface display, the completion rate for his previous miracle adventure was 130 percent, and he was awarded with a pack of five normal devices as a result. These devices were an Invisible Voice-changer, an Energy Booster, an Invisible Camera, an Invisible Fluoroscopic Device and a Skeleton Key.

Although the five devices were only normal devices, they were devices that Zhao Yu often used, which were currently out of stock. So, getting them at that time was like returning a fish to water!

Qian Dui hexagram!

As Zhao Yu re-read the hexagram poem from the day before, he felt a surge of emotions. Going through the third Qian hexagram, Zhao Yu had a new understanding towards it. He felt that his original speculation had been correct. The Qian hexagram didn't represent anything major, but was a combination hexagram!

When many hexagrams were combined, the system would use a Qian hexagram to cover them all. As such, he received a notification message later that night, informing him that the tax free reward of thirty nine million eight hundred and forty-thousand that the country had granted him, had already been transferred onto his bank card!

Adding up all of his property, Zhao Yu discovered that he was already a millionaire! Because the amount of money was huge enough, the system put a Dui hexagram behind the Qian hexagram.

Besides the realization of the Dui hexagram on the other hexagram poem, Zhao Yu also recognized them from other situations. Firstly, he had met Huahua and Su Jinmei. Then, he was enlightened by Su Jinmei, who helped to resolve the knot in his heart. This was all considered to be within the range of a Kan hexagram!

Besides that, he also received the examination notice and decided to sit for the test for special investigator. He would thus start his new investigative journey, which naturally aligned with the Gen hexagram!

Also, in the afternoon the day before, Feng Lin and Feng Kuo, who were both released from prison, along with Lan Shuping and his family, came to the Rongyang Branch together to thank Zhao Yu.

Looking at her son, who had suffered ten years of injustice and was finally rehabilitated, Feng Lin shed tears of joy. She didn't know how to thank Zhao Yu. Not only did she give him a silk banner, but she also gave him her precious sunflower scarf as a gift!

The scarf was one of Chanel's limited editions from back in the eighties. The price for it back then was expensive, so now it would sell at an even more exorbitant price. Although Zhao Yu rejected her gift, Feng Lin insisted that he keep it. So, referring to the hexagram poem, it could be considered as a combination of a Zhen hexagram and a Dui hexagram.

In the end, during the night, the most superior higher up, Su Yang, purposely rushed back from the provincial capital to see Zhao Yu. The two of them went back to Liu He Shun Hotpot for some mutton and drinks. That was also considered to be a part of the Li hexagram, which represented friendship.

Hence, with all the factors combined, Zhao Yu was certain that a Qian hexagram was a combination hexagram. So, whenever a Qian hexagram was out, it meant that he would come across many different miracle adventures, but not necessarily anything major!

As the car continued driving steadily on the highway, Zhao Yu saw that the Qian Dui hexagram had ended. So, he immediately got himself a new hexagram. He wanted to see if he could foretell his examination luck through the hexagram.

If he could get a Zhen hexagram, it just might mean that he had nothing to worry about with his examination! However, it wasn't what Zhao Yu had wished for. He got a Gen Li hexagram instead, Gen representing a job, and Li representing friends.

The hexagram couldn't be changed, so Zhao Yu could only make the best of it! However, he was worried that, while he was making a trip to the capital, if the side quest happened to be in Qinshan, he wouldn't know what to do! In the end, after he resolved the hexagram poem, he felt relieved. He saw that the side quest to take place near the capital. Zhao Yu then realized that the side quest would change according to his current position, so that he wouldn't have to be fixed in any one city all of the time.

As Qinshan was located right where the north and south regions connected, it was quite a distance away from the capital. Zhao Yu had departed in the morning, but he only arrived at the capital in the afternoon around three.

After checking the coordinates carefully, Zhao Yu was surprised that his side quest was located right in one of the rest stops along the highway. The rest stop was within the jurisdiction of the capital, so he could simply exit the highway after the rest stop.

He never expected that his side quest would be so easy. Not only was the location suitable, the timing was great. He even had time for a quick toilet break! As the rest stop was very near to the capital, the rest stop was very crowded, packed with humans and cars.

When it was about time, Zhao Yu went to the exact location of the side quest, according to the map on his handphone. It was located on the outer side of the rest stop toilet. When Zhao Yu got there, he saw two cars stopped nearby, but no one was there.

Of the two cars, on the right was a blue seven seater Benz and on the left was a white Haima SUV. As the lot was very cramped, the two cars had parked very close to each other.

Very quickly, there appeared a middle-aged woman in a suit. She was wearing glasses and was walking over from the direction of the toilet. The woman had just washed her hands, so she held them in the air to dry. She walked next to the Haima and extended her hands into her pocket to get her keys.

Just when she unlocked her car, there were a few people that walked out behind her. There were several men and women, both old ones and young ones. Looking at their attire, they appeared to be tourists that had come to see the capital.

"Hey?" One of the men, who held car keys in his hand, came in front of the Benz and was suddenly shocked. He then pointed to his Benz and asked the middle-aged lady, "Hey, you... Look, you scratched our car!"

"What?"

The woman creased her eyebrows and came over to check. Then, she saw that the side of her Haima, which was facing the Benz, had a long scratch!

"It can't be." She said in surprise. "It wasn't me! I just... I just drove straight in earlier. I didn't touch your car at all."

“How dare you say you didn’t do this?” The man pointed at the front bumper of the Haima and said, “Look at it yourself. There’s even blue paint at the front of your car! How dare you say it wasn’t you!”

“I...” The woman now saw that the front of her car had been scratched, too.

“Aiya! We just bought this car!” Then, there was a young lady that said tenderly, “How could you be so careless?”

“Yeah!” The man, who was still holding his car keys in his hand, told the middle-aged lady, “What else do you have to say for yourself? Hurry up and pay for this!”

Chapter 542: Doing Anonymous Good Deeds

Very quickly, both parties were found themselves in a stalemate situation. The middle-aged woman, who drove the Haima, refused to admit that she had scratched the other person’s car. Then, the man who drove the big Benz insisted that she pay him for the damages to his car.

Even though Zhao Yu didn’t see the ins and outs of the entire situation, relying on his experience, he could understand clearly what was going on. Although the family that drove the Benz looked decent enough, and their car really did look like it had been scratched by the other party, Zhao Yu instinctively knew that they were staging a con.

Even if he hadn’t had his history in criminal investigation, Zhao Yu could have easily been able to tell that, among the family members, only the man with the car keys was good at acting, while the rest of his family was dodging all eye contact!

In the past, Zhao Yu wouldn’t have bothered with other people’s business. But now, he was a changed man. Plus, if he wanted to get his accumulative miracle adventure points, he had to help to solve this problem.

The previous time, after getting an award worth almost forty-million, his miracle adventure rate had increased tremendously to over four hundred and sixty points. In fact, he was now very close to obtaining his second level up! At such crucial times, Zhao Yu naturally couldn’t let any opportunity to earn more points slip away.

Hence, he walked towards the place where conflict was taking place. On the way, he looked at his watch. As he had to report at the Criminal Division later that day, he intended to solve this matter quickly.

“No way! I remember clearly that, when I parked my car, I definitely didn’t touch your car. Maybe you’re the one that scratched me!” The woman had her chin up and her chest out, and said with confidence, “I suspect that you are trying to extort money from me. So, I am going to call the police! And, I have car camera, too. We only need to check it, and we could see clearly what really happened!”

“Alright, call the police.” The man with the big Benz was unwilling to be outdone, so he said, “See what the police have to say after they come. It’s even better if you have car camera. Go! Hurry up and look!”

“Alright, let’s call the police. There are policemen in the rest stop!” Then, the middle aged woman took out her phone.

"I don't think it is necessary!" Suddenly, Zhao Yu took huge strides to come to the middle of the crowd. He told the woman, "There is no use calling the police! Didn't you notice? Your car is parked within the blind spot area of the surveillance control."

Everyone just looked at Zhao Yu, all of them completely surprised by his interjection.

"The car camera recording is even more useless!" Zhao Yu pointed at the Haima and said, "Look at your angle! The recorder couldn't capture a clear shot of the location where the scratches happened anyway!"

"You... Oh..." The woman pointed at Zhao Yu, then asked, "Are you guys in on this scam together? Is this a staged crash? Do you know who am I? You... Mm..."

She had just said that, when she suddenly saw Zhao Yu flashing his police identification badge. The man who drove the big Benz was stunned, as he also now saw that Zhao Yu was a police officer. He and his family took a step back nervously.

"Sis, haven't you realized?" Zhao Yu smiled faintly and pointed at the man that drove the big Benz. "They planned all of this, right down to the detail of your white car! Do you know why they wanted a white car? It is because their big Benz was knocked by a white car already! So, they chose a white car as their target!"

"Hey, what are you talking about? What scam are we supposedly hatching?" The man driving the big Benz opened his eyes wide. "Police officer, take a closer look. The evidence is right here, and it's so obvious!"

"Are you silly?" Zhao Yu turned around and told the man, "The police appeared just in time, and you thought that it was an accidental phenomenon? I have been watching you for a very long time, okay? My police car is stopped just over there. Do you want me to check the surveillance video from it?"

"Surveillance video?" The man who drove the big Benz was dumbfounded. "There isn't any surveillance camera here though."

Zhao Yu didn't reply, but instead swung his hand and revealed a pair of handcuffs. He then said, "Alright, although I am in a hurry, let me tell you the story from the very beginning!"

Zhao Yu pointed at the family who drove the big Benz. "Your car was hit by a white car earlier, but you didn't manage to find the other party. Then, you thought of a way to still recoup your damages, which was to wait for another white car to scam. After the white Haima parked next to you, you rubbed some blue paint powder onto her car to make a false appearance of the scratch. Then, you popped out to con her!"

"No, that's not it. She really hit my car!" Although the man who drove the Benz was arguing confidently, his face showed his fear.

"Don't think your trick is convincing!" Zhao Yu pointed at the family that was with the man driving the big Benz. "Your family only appeared right when the Haima's owner returned. Don't you think that is a little too much of a coincidence?"

He then pointed at the scratch on the car, "And, look at your door! It was already dented. If that really happened when the Haima was parking, how could the car owner not feel anything?"

"Humph, exactly!" The middle-aged woman chimed in, holding her chest out.

"Listen to me, bro!" Zhao Yu patted the man's shoulders with the handcuffs and said, "This car was one that you rented, right? After you were hit, you were afraid that you couldn't afford to pay the damages on it. So, you resorted to the scam idea, right?"

"You... How did you know?" the man asked.

"Easy! I've never seen anyone else that drives a big Benz stage a crash before," Zhao Yu said. "It's not common, so you obviously have something to prove, and rented a car above your means. I can also tell that you brought your girlfriend's family out for a trip! These must be your future in-laws. Am I right?"

"You... How do you know everything?" Hearing that, the man who drove the big Benz nearly knelt before Zhao Yu.

"If you were bringing your own parents, you wouldn't need to rent a Benz to play it cool!" Zhao Yu pointed at the woman behind him. "This woman is wearing a couple's T-shirt that matches yours, and she is not wearing any wedding ring. She is also just a few years younger than you, so she must be your girlfriend. In order to get to marry her, you bet everything and sought to impress her parents and siblings! But, bro, doing such a dishonest thing in front of your in-laws is awful!"

Then, he pointed at the two cars and said, "You cannot falsify the truth, nor verify lies. If you still feel aggrieved, I will send people here to determine if the paint from both of the scratches is identical."

"It's my fault, police officer!" The man who drove the big Benz hung his head low, embarrassed. He then put his hand over his other fist at Zhao Yu, then bowed at the middle-aged woman to apologize. "Sorry, sis! I rented this car and was afraid that I couldn't afford to pay... So..."

Then, he quickly wiped away the traces of paint from the Haima, using his sleeves. After the blue paint powder was wiped off, the Haima looked perfectly fine...

As the woman was a reasonable person, when she saw that there was nothing wrong with her car, she didn't fuss too much. The conflict was then resolved easily by Zhao Yu.

Before Zhao Yu left, the middle-aged woman called out to him, "Which branch do you work at? I need to thank you!"

"It's okay!" Zhao Yu shook his head, "We do anonymous good deeds! I am Zhao Yu, from the Qinshan Rongyang Branch's Key Case Investigation Unit. I am the team leader of Team A."

"Mm..." The middle-aged woman was dumbfounded at Zhao Yu's shameless character, so she asked, stuttering, "You... You don't work in the capital?"

"It's okay, you can use express delivery to send any gifts you'd like to! If anything, you could opt for the recipient to bear the delivery cost. Thanks..." Zhao Yu smiled cheekily then waved and said, "Sis, I am really in a hurry, so I've got to go!"

Then, Zhao Yu saluted, turned around, and left. When he returned to his car, the system suddenly sent a notification. He saw that his accumulative points for the miracle adventure were now up to 496 points! He was very close to leveling up!

He wondered how the system would look and operate after the second leveling up!

Chapter 543: Interview

The Central Criminal Division was actually only addressed as such internally, among the staff of police system, while the outsiders called it the Criminal Investigation Department. It represented the highest command post out of all of the entire investigation departments.

Their department mainly dealt with government affairs. Generally, the investigation unit of each local police station would be in charge whenever there were any criminal cases present. However, when more serious cases arose, they had to get involved and take responsibility.

As the Criminal Division didn't have any frontline staff members, they would form a Special Investigation Group each year, which was tasked to investigate these major above-mentioned cases.

The group was normally formed from the recommendations of the higher ups, who would choose among the outstanding criminal investigation staff. Once this elite group was formed, they would follow the instructions from the higher ups to complete each difficult case and mission.

By then, those who completed the mission in time would be able to stay onboard with the elite team, continuing to solve other cases. As for those that couldn't complete the mission, or those who didn't achieve great results or high enough ratings from their superiors, they would be dismissed.

Needless to say, nabbing a spot on this elite team was a very enviable accomplishment. Not only was one's title more impressive and showy, the individual's rights were higher than any common police staff member's as well. Plus, their allowances were far more than the local police staff's.

Moreover, if they contributed greatly and obtained splendid results, some investigators were even chosen by some central departments to join the team. As such, these lucky few would rise quickly in the ranks, advancing rapidly in their career from then on.

Unsurprisingly, such great benefits available made the competition among the investigation groups extra fierce. Every investigator would try their best, which perfectly aroused their enthusiasm.

As for the division of work among the team, it varied. Some were in charge of emergency cases, some were in charge of pending cases, some specialized in cases involving injustice, and so on and so forth...

The structure of each group was also carefully arranged. Every group was formed by five types of staff. One was the leader, a role which was filled by someone with rich experience, who possessed leadership qualities.

Another was a computer expert, who was great with computers and gathering information. One was a forensic scientist, who was good at gathering evidence and inspecting dead bodies.

One was a field expert, whose expertise was fighting and hunting down criminals. Lastly, a forensic psychologist, who excelled at criminal profiling, rounded out the group. According to the specialty of each investigation group, the Central Criminal Division would recruit some members with special skills to perfectly complement the team.

As Zhao Yu came in the name of solving the Mianling Kidnap Case, he came to interview for the group in charge of pending cases. He was to be interviewed for the post of team leader!

The biggest factor that Zhao Yu was unsure about regarding the interview, was that, according to the traditional hiring practices of the Central Criminal Division, the team leaders were normally older and had higher levels of prestige, as well as more experience than Zhao Yu. Not only had they usually been out in the field for ten years or more, they were all usually ranked at captain or above.

As for Zhao Yu, it hadn't even been a year since he had been a mere trainee. Although he had experience in being a team leader, his resume still looked less than favorable.

Yet, when Zhao Yu was filling in the form, he saw that the role of team lead was higher by only one level than the others, so he went ahead and ticked the box for that. Then, he immediately began to rethink the choice.

If he was only interviewing for a fieldwork staffer position, then he would be in charge of hunting down suspects. The probability of landing such a role would be much greater.

However, Zhao Yu thought to himself, although he was young, he was perfectly competent to handle the post of team leader. After all, he decided that he hadn't come all this way just to become a hatchet man, who was in charge of arresting suspects! No sir, that wasn't his intention!

Due to their limited resources, the Central Criminal Division only planned to recruit five teams. Hence, there were only twenty vacancies in total this time around.

However, the amount of criminal police that came to interview numbered more than a hundred! With such an obviously high rejection rate being inevitable, Zhao Yu really felt the pressure.

The Central Criminal Division was located next to the Central Police School. After reporting in at the Central Criminal Division, Zhao Yu obtained a room key and meal card from the police school, as the police school would be in charge of all the applicants' food and accommodations.

It was written clearly on the notice that Zhao Yu had to go for his interview at nine in the morning. The result of that interview would determine his future!

As Zhao Yu was very anxious, he called Liao Jingxian that night, describing the current situation to him. Zhao Yu asked him to look for his brother-in-law.

Liao Jingxian told Zhao Yu that, if his brother-in-law hadn't been operating in the dark, Zhao Yu might not have even gotten the chance to sit for this interview.

But, since his brother-in-law was merely a section chief in the Central Criminal Division, he could help him no further. Zhao Yu could only rely on himself and his own merits from now on.

Zhao Yu continued to plead with Liao Jingxian, to try to at least get him access to the interview questions beforehand. Hearing this request, Liao Jingxian suddenly flew into a rage, saying that the brother-in-law

didn't even know who the examiners were, let alone the interview questions. Hence, he wouldn't be able to help!

After hanging up the phone, Zhao Yu looked at his system interface. He thought to himself, Bro System, whether or not I can become a special investigator this time around will heavily depend on you!

Zhao Yu didn't waste his any more energy talking to the system in his head, but went to bed instead. The next morning, he got a Zhen Li hexagram. There was nothing that made Zhao Yu happier than a Zhen hexagram!

The Zhen hexagram meant that he had hope to change his status, and thus, hope to be the team leader of the Special Investigation Group! Hence, when it was about time for his interview, Zhao Yu arrived outside of the meeting room with confidence, ready to dominate his upcoming interview!

When he got to the waiting area outside of the meeting room, he was shocked to see that it was already packed with candidates, all of which ready to sit for their interviews! Zhao Yu knew that all of the candidates interviewing for the position of team leader would be interviewed at the same place. So, in other words, everyone there was his direct competitor!

He looked around carefully, counting that there were a total of twenty-eight people. Not only were all of them men, they were all much older than him, too. Among the candidates, were two old detectives with white hair!

Zhao Yu thought to himself, It'd be great, if only the system had devices like Invisible Laxative! I could send all of these people to the washroom, and no one would be able to come out here to compete against me in the interviews!

When all of the candidates saw Zhao Yu, they looked shocked. They had never expected to see such a young candidate applying for this position!

However, after a few minutes, their shocked expressions were soon replaced with ones of secret delight. From the viewpoints of these experienced detectives, Zhao Yu's arrival was simply cutting out one of their competitors. With Zhao Yu's experience, he was surely not on par to fight against them!

Just when Zhao Yu found a seat, the attendant from the meeting room shouted his name, "Zhao Yu! Is Police Officer Zhao here yet? Please come in for your interview!"

Zhao Yu had never expected that he would be the first one called in!

Looking at Zhao Yu, who was getting up and walking towards the meeting room, the old detectives felt even more gratified.

Out of all of the interviews throughout history, the first one was always the most disadvantaged one! Needless to say, this young man would return home empty-handed very soon!

Chapter 544: Who Is the Fake Examiner?

In the spacious meeting room, there were only three people seated on the platform. After the trio took their seats, a huge and flashing projector screen appeared. On the screen, there was an ordinary landscape painting.

As the screen was too bright, Zhao Yu couldn't see the three examiners' faces clearly. He could only roughly make out their outlines. In the middle, was a petite woman, and there were two tall men beside her.

Without waiting for Zhao Yu to walk to the front, the lady examiner seated in the middle suddenly began speaking, "Police Officer Zhao Yu, when you were waiting for your interview, there was a person, wearing red scarf, who was seated on the long bench, facing the southeast direction. Please describe his appearance!"

Zhao Yu stood on the spot. He hadn't expected that they would ask him such a detailed and difficult question!

A person wearing red scarf? The southeast direction?

D*mn!

He creased his eyebrows tightly, trying hard to recall any details. But, he was only thinking about the interview earlier. Thus, he had paid no attention to his surroundings whatsoever! The three examiners, seeing that Zhao Yu didn't answer immediately, kept quiet, waiting in silence.

Motherf*cker!

Zhao Yu had no choice but to tap on his Memory Flashback Device to replay the situation outside once again. After he watched the replay, Zhao Yu cursed subconsciously, then answered, "You guys are having quite a bit of fun, huh? Why would anyone be wearing a red scarf?" Zhao Yu questioned unhappily. "It is not even winter yet! Only a psycho would wear a scarf... Mm... Hold on... Hold on..."

Then, Zhao Yu saw something on the flashback monitor of his system. He quickly said, "Oh... There was really a person that was wearing a red scarf, but he wasn't seated towards the southeast, but rather the southwest direction! He was a middle-aged man, who was wearing a brown jacket. He was in his fifties and had curly hair, thick eyebrows, and big eyes. He also had a mole on the tip of his nose. Humph, I could tell that he was someone crooked with just one glance!"

"Mm?" The three examiners hadn't expected that Zhao Yu would remember the man's details so clearly, even to the point of his remembering the mole on the tip of the man's nose! One of the male examiners quickly asked, "Why do you say that?"

"The old man had pierced ears and was wearing a red scarf on a hot day. Thus, he automatically looked like a troublesome person! If he isn't crooked, then what is he?" answered Zhao Yu.

Then, the three examiners shook, trying to hold back their laughter.

"Alright, your observation abilities and memory skills are obviously outstanding. So, let's go through some simple logic and analytical questions!" the lady examiner said. "Please look at the big screen..."

A light flashed, then there was suddenly a quiz on the big screen. The question on the screen read as follows: "There was a pair of sisters, and the older sister would speak the truth in the morning, but lie in

the afternoon. Meanwhile, the younger sister did the exact opposite. One day, there was a person that was lost, who wanted to know what time it was, so he asked the older sister. The fat one said 'I am,' and the skinny one said, 'I am, too...'"

"Who is the older sister, and who is the younger sister?" the lady examiner asked.

"Really? This seems so childish!" Zhao Yu complained, then answered directly. "Dear examiners, I have seventy-two ways to make the pair of sisters tell me the truth! If you don't believe me, find me two ladies and I will demonstrate!"

Hearing such a unique answer from Zhao Yu, the three examiners shrugged. The lady examiner switched to another slide, revealing a new question on the screen.

The question read: "There were five people staying in a hostel, and one of them was killed. The deceased was knocked multiple times with a blunt object, but the murder weapon was not found at the scene. There was only a creased paper found in the deceased's hand..."

The examiners then informed Zhao Yu that the other four roommates had alibis. They then asked him who could possibly be the murderer, and what the weapon could possibly be.

Zhao Yu answered directly, "If the four of them were not stupid, none of them would be the murderer! Think about it... Who would kill someone in the hostel? However, someone obviously was so stupid to do so, and as such, I could solve this case in an afternoon!"

The three examiners didn't say anything, but were obviously surprised at Zhao Yu's super confident answer. Then, they gave Zhao Yu another case settlement question, to which Zhao Yu replied, "They are using a scheme that uses sex to seduce their victims, officer. If it was me, I would call my boys to brutally... Mm... Call a bunch of policemen to arrest them, then transport them back to the police station..."

The three examiners exchanged looks, obviously stunned. They seemed to have been somewhat thrown by Zhao Yu's answer.

"Tsk tsk..." Zhao Yu pursed his lips and thought seriously. He thought his answers might be too modern, which could explain why they couldn't seem to understand. So, he quickly used his Invisible Browser to go through the powerful search engine to find more suitable answers on the internet.

Then, it was time for Zhao Yu to play it cool again. He quickly raised his arms and said, "Wahaha, dear examiners, I thought that things were getting too tense, so I wanted to liven up the place. I will tell you the correct answer now, okay?"

"Regarding the first question, the fat one is the older sister, and the skinny one was the younger sister!"

"As for the second question, the murderer was most likely C. Among the four suspects, only C didn't know how to play chess. The creased paper that the deceased was holding showed that the murderer was someone who didn't know how to play chess. It also revealed that the weapon was a book that he had borrowed from the library..."

"In regards to the third question, if the murderer had really wanted to kill someone, why would he leave his car lights on? He definitely wanted to lure the victim via sex..."

Listening to Zhao Yu answering the questions confidently, the three examiners were shocked again, exchanging more looks with each other. After a while, they finally entered the main topic of the interview.

They asked Zhao Yu about his understanding of the Special Investigation Group, as well as requesting that he explain to them the way he analyzed pending cases and also his knowledge about the duties of a team leader. Regarding those questions, Zhao Yu had no fear and answered logically and confidently, especially about his analyzation of pending cases. He had used many analyzing techniques in Captain Jin's yellow covered notebook, so he described those many ways of investigation pending cases, which caused the three examiners to all nod their heads constantly.

"Alright! Police Officer Zhao Yu, we only have one question left..." The lady examiner paused and asked, "Among the three of us, there is a fake examiner. Can you tell me, who is that fake examiner?"

"This..."

Zhao Yu stared, trying to get a clear look at the three of them, but the projector screen was really too bright.

Tsk tsk...

He never expected that there would still be a difficult question waiting for him at the very end of his interview!

Which one is the fake one?

Let me think....It was the lady in the middle, who's been asking all the questions. The other two men have hardly spoken. Hence, the fake examiner should be one of the men, but...

Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows, pondering these things seriously. He quickly realized that, as the woman had asked the question, that meant that they should have left some clues behind during the interview.

But... What clues?

Then, Zhao Yu recalled that, before he had entered the meeting room, there was a woman attendant, who, when he entered, had disappeared!

Then... Where was she now?

Could it be that... The lady examiner was the attendant? Meaning... She was the fake examiner?

Then, Zhao Yu hung his head low, as he wanted to see what the lady examiner looked like. At the same time, he took a few steps forward.

"You can't come any closer!" One of the male examiners quickly reminded, "Don't you see the line on the floor? You are not allowed to pass that line!"

Zhao Yu looked down to see a line of yellow tape on the floor.

"Police Officer Zhao Yu, do you have an answer?" The lady examiner in the middle urged.

Such questions...

Zhao Yu continued pondering.

If I were to use the Invisible Browser, it would be useless!

How about... Memory Flashback?

But...

His difficulty was that he couldn't see the three examiners' appearances.

Could I just judge them based on their outlines alone? How could I?

Hey?! I know how!

Suddenly, Zhao Yu thought of a treacherous plan! He looked up at the three examiners, then quickly turned on the Power Jamming Device. With a loud thud, the electricity was completely knocked out, causing the big screen to suddenly dim. The three examiners got a shock, realizing that the power had been cut.

Zhao Yu quickly took out another device, the Invisible Torch! The Invisible Torch wouldn't be affected by the Power Jamming Device, and the light that he shone out would only be visible to him.

Under the illumination of the torchlight, Zhao Yu then finally got to see the appearance of the three examiners. Zhao Yu finally understood and cursed! He then said loudly, "After so long, you are still playing tricks? There isn't any fake examiner?!"

Chapter 545: Bias

At first, when Zhao Yu stated his answer, he wanted to reprimand the three examiners! He thought the interview questions that the three of them gave him were crazy! Such ridiculous questions weren't suitable for mere detective selection, but were more for genius selection!

Plus, Zhao Yu could tell that the three examiners had scholarly temperaments. They might be knowledgeable experts in the field of higher education, but they definitely had no idea how real a investigation was carried out!

Do they think that solving a case depends on figuring out a few silly quizzes? This was an interview for higher levels than mere detectives. Wasn't this a careless act on their part?!

However, just when Zhao Yu was thinking of these things and about to throw a temper tantrum, he suddenly took a different approach, suppressing his anger. He suddenly thought that, since the examiners were giving out such crazy and difficult questions, that could actually be beneficial for him! After all, not many of the people outside could answer those same questions!

Plus, Zhao Yu had the aid of the system devices, and the others didn't! So, the more crazy the questions were, the more beneficial it would be for him. Having come to this conclusion, Zhao Yu left the scene, feeling much more relaxed.

Just as he exited the meeting room, the detectives outside couldn't wait but approach him and ask what kind of questions the examiners asked. They also asked him if the examination had been easy.

Zhao Yu told them, "You'd better hurry up and prepare yourself! After you go in, the examiners will want you to perform a talent!"

"Really?" Although they were detectives, they naively believed in the nonsense that Zhao Yu was saying to them. They immediately got their phones out and searched for lyrics, thinking perhaps they'd do some karaoke numbers.

"The examiner even said that those who know how to do hawaiian dances would be admitted first! Wahaha..." Zhao Yu continued his ruse.

Then, those who were searching for lyrics, realized that they were being made fun of. They suddenly sent Zhao Yu death stares. Then, the other candidates took entering the meeting room for their scheduled interviews. Zhao Yu imagined the ridiculous responses that they were going to give, when asked the difficult questions, and he felt delighted!

It didn't take long for twenty candidates to finish their interviews. According to the notice, after the interview ended, the results would be announced soon after. So, everyone was waiting for the news.

Especially for the detectives, who had come from all across the nation, it was a very important interview. Although the work in the future would be dreadful and required traveling around and leaving family behind, there was an indescribable honor ascribed to those who earned the role of criminal investigator.

Plus, if they really could solve major cases and obtain impressive results, it would be very beneficial for their careers in the future. Even if they weren't chosen by the high level units, they would still be able to climb up the ranks when they returned to their respective local police stations!

The applicants didn't have to wait too long before the two staff members from the Central Criminal Division opened the door of the meeting room. One of them read aloud, "Fellow police officers, the results are in. The top five applicants, who scored the highest in the interviews, will be employed immediately. Whoever's name we call out, please come in now!"

The other staff quickly added, "Those whose names are not called, don't give up just yet. We are still going to be open for recruitment next year. Thank you all for your participation!"

"In fifth place, we have Wei Honglin from Caohai, with a score of ninety-one points."

The staffer read the first name, and a middle-aged police officer quickly raised his hand and shouted for attendance. Then, he walked into the meeting room enthusiastically.

"Fourth place, Chi Bin from Linfu..."

"Third place..."

"Second place..."

It was already at the listing of the second place, yet Zhao Yu's name still hadn't been called! Zhao Yu's heart was already in his throat!

"First place, Zhao Yu from Qinshan, with ninety-five points!"

Zhao Yu suddenly jumped and cheered. Not only had he fulfilled his dream to become a central special investigator, but he had won first place! This was all so satisfying!

Zhao Yu held his fist tightly and spoke to himself, I, Zhao Yu, did not go back on my promise. I actually became a special investigator! And, I am a team leader, too!

However, after the initial thrill abated, Zhao Yu also realized that, although he won first place, his hadn't achieved his victory by any landslide. In fact, his score was merely four points higher than that of the fifth place candidate.

Zhao Yu suddenly felt a deep reverence towards the older detectives. They had actually been able to field such crazy and difficult questions. He had indeed underestimated them, especially as he had the aid of the system devices! But, these old detectives had had to rely on their own abilities alone! That was too terrifying.

However, Zhao Yu wasn't the one who was shocked most by the scene. The older detectives also thought that they had really underestimated Zhao Yu. They had never expected that the only young man among them, who was also the first interviewee, would manage to win first place!

When Zhao Yu and the other winners entered the meeting room, the two staff members congratulated them, then asked them to fill out some forms. Then, the two staff members asked them to sit for a regular psychological test in the classroom on the fifth floor. After their testing, they were then invited to have some food at the canteen.

After that, they could wait for the results of the other selections from other positions. Once all of the selections were completed, the other investigators, who were in charge of other positions, started forming their teams.

Zhao Yu followed the four selected candidates upstairs. As they finally had gotten their qualifications as team leaders, they were naturally delighted. Without so much pressure on their shoulders, everyone was much more relaxed and jovial. Not only did they introduce themselves to each other, they also talked about their interviews earlier, especially about the crazy questions they had been asked!

After hearing their discussion, Zhao Yu was surprised that the questions that the others had were entirely different from his own! Their questions were all logical, not weird or crazy at all!

Zhao Yu cursed in his head, as he thought, the three rookie examiners gave me an entirely different question set than the rest? Isn't it obvious that they were trying to trap me into failing miserably? Luckily, I had system devices to help me out! Otherwise, I could have been sent home!

He couldn't understand why the three examiners would make it so difficult for him. He wondered if it was because he was younger than the others.

Although he had won first place, Zhao Yu still felt unhappy. He wanted to find the three examiners and talk to them!

After the psychology test was over, he didn't go eat with everyone else. Instead, he tried to find out where the three examiners were.

He felt that the three of them would most likely be teachers from the central police school, so he started his search by looking around at the school. After a while, he suddenly recalled something else.

He thought of the Zhen Li hexagram that he had gotten that day! As he had only been thinking about the interview, he had totally forgotten to resolve the side quest for that day!

So, he quickly resolved the hexagram poem and found the coordinates. When he compared them to the map, he was shocked! He never expected that the side quest location would be right within the Central Criminal Division headquarters! He looked at the time, seeing that he only had about five to six minutes left!

The miracle system deserved its name, as the location was perfect! Zhao Yu looked up and saw the Central Criminal Division building, which was right next door to the police school. He felt that this miracle adventure was going to be extremely important for him!

Chapter 546: No Matter Who You Are

It can't be, right?

Listening to gasps from one of the partitions in the gentlemen's washroom, Zhao Yu was confused! Obviously, there was a shameless couple...

But... Bro system, why are you pointing to this location for a side quest? Would it be... You want me to arrest them? But, they didn't do anything illegal, did they?

Why did you make me come here? This... Doesn't make sense at all?!

Sigh! These two are ridiculous. There's an Express Hotel right outside, yet they have to do it here... Do they find this more exciting?

Suddenly, Zhao Yu stood outside the stall, feeling unusually awkward. There was no reason for him to barge in, yet leaving there would forfeit his opportunity to earn miracle adventure accumulative points. Then, just as Zhao Yu was in a difficult position, there was suddenly a scream from the ladies washroom next door !

"Ahh..."

It was a woman's voice, and it was a sad and shrill cry. She startled Zhao Yu. The canoodling couple got a shock, too, as there were suddenly fumbling noises heard from inside the stall.

Zhao Yu then realized that the ladies and gents washroom were merely a wall away from each other. This made him think that he might have mixed up the location of the side quest.

Regardless, Zhao Yu heard the scream and dashed out at his fastest speed. Then, he barged into the ladies washroom.

Just as he entered, he saw a middle-aged woman, who was looking pale, pointing at one of the stalls. The door of the stall was open, and Zhao Yu quickly went forward to look inside.

At first, based on how terrified the woman looked, Zhao Yu was eighty percent certain that he would find a dead body in the stall! However, Zhao Yu had underestimated the dramatic tendencies of a woman's getting scared, as there really was a dead body in the stall, but it wasn't a human's. Instead, it was a huge rat carcass!

Zhao Yu grabbed his hair wildly, as though he was going crazy. Just a few minutes ago, he had run over to the Central Criminal Division building at lightning speed, but he never expected that the so-called side quest would be like this!

Zhao Yu was still unhappy, when the couple from next door barged in. The man, who barged in first, was tall and brawny. He saw that the terrified woman was pointing at the stall, so he dashed in immediately.

"What the heck? It's only a rat, and it's dead! Is all that drama necessary?" Then, he bent down to hold the rat by its tail, carrying it out.

"Ah! Ah!" The middle-aged lady screamed again.

"Ew... Gross!" The young lady, who stood by the door, looked disgusted. She tidied up her clothes and shouted at the man, "Hurry up and throw it away!"

The man chuckled and threw the rat into the dustbin.

"You... All of you hurry up and get out..." Just as the rat problem was solved, the middle-aged lady hurried the man and Zhao Yu out. Obviously, she had been holding her pee in!

"Pfft! No manners! She didn't even say thank you!" The man flashed a smile at the girl, wanting to extend his hand to hug her shoulders.

However, the girl quickly moved away, saying disgustedly, "That's it, Ran Tao. You are so unhygienic. You will get the plague!"

"Tsk!" The man named Ran Tao smirked and said in disdain, "It's just a rat. I was on the frontline for so many years. There were countless of dead bodies that I dealt with there! So, this is nothing."

"Huh!" The girl fixed her hair, shook her head, then said, "That's too gross. You were touching me earlier. Ick..."

Then, the girl turned around and left.

"Tsk!" Ran Tao gave the girl a middle finger, then said in disdain, "So says a person that works in the Criminal Division! What is her problem? She's fine doing dirty things in the washroom, but I can't touch something dead?"

Then, he turned around and looked at Zhao Yu. He shrugged and laughed at himself, "Excuse me, bro!"

Zhao Yu took a closer look at the man. He was about the same age and size as him, but the man was much more good looking. His face looked just like a movie star.

"Cool, great taste in women!" Zhao Yu pointed at the washroom and complemented him.

The man named Ran Tao turned around to wash his hands, then shook his head at the same time, saying, "Sometimes, I have no choice! I was only here to report in, but the girl hung onto me. I reckon she probably saw that I wrote 'Police School Bodybuilding Champion' on my resume..."

Ran Tao continued to tell his story, but Zhao Yu had already left. He wasn't interested in what that dude had to say about getting girls.

Just as Zhao Yu walked out of the washroom, he heard the girl who had left earlier greeting someone. He looked over curiously, but he suddenly saw a familiar figure flash through the stairway.

A coincidence?

He recognized with a glance that the girl was greeting the lady examiner that had interviewed him earlier that day.

Hey?

No more effort and time are required, as you are the one I am looking for!

Zhao Yu quickly caught up with them, but saw that the lady examiner had entered an office directly after she got to the third floor. Zhao Yu followed her, seeing the sign on the office door, which read "Hunan Resource Department."

Human Resource Department?

Mm...

Zhao Yu saw the sign, then suddenly heard a roaring voice from inside the office. "Professor Wang, what are you doing? Didn't I tell you that we can't let Zhao Yu pass the test?"

Huh?

Zhao Yu had never expected that he would hear his name come from this office. He quickly leaned his ear against the door to listen more carefully.

He heard the lady examiner say, "Section Chief Yang, we conducted the test exactly how you asked us to. We called him in first for the interview, then gave him questions that no ordinary person could answer! But..." The lady examiner hesitated and said, "But, the candidate was too talented. Not one of the difficult questions could hold him back, and his answers were practical yet novel! He was the best we have seen yet! Plus... There are video recordings at the scene, so it would be difficult to fake the results!"

"What is going on?" Section Chief Yang spat. "He is only a policeman, so he doesn't know what is going on! If he was really that talented, you could give him the sixth place and be done with it!"

"No!" Professor Wang declared. "It's not about which place, but about our consciences! The three of us agreed that, if we didn't let him pass the test, we would be going against our consciences!"

"You..." Section Chief Yang was furious now. "How could you do this? Didn't I make it clear? Zhao Yu is young, so he still will have his chance in the future. The others are older detectives, and some of them have waited for this chance their entire lives!"

“Section Chief Yang, we can’t agree with you on this!” the lady examiner said in a righteous tone. “What is the goal of forming the special investigator group, after all? Isn’t it to run a better investigation? Thus, the capable ones must come first. The opportunities must be reserved for those most capable. We can’t just think about their reputations.”

“You... Sigh!”

Section Chief Yang was speechless. The lady examiner then left the office. Zhao Yu was quick in his response, as he walked towards the opposite side of the stairway.

The lady examiner came out, not noticing Zhao Yu. She then quickly went downstairs.

Looking at the lady examiner leaving, Zhao Yu quickly turned around towards the office again, as he wanted to hear any further discussion regarding him. Just as the door clicked, the Section Chief Yang walked out from the office, too.

Zhao Yu really couldn’t avoid him, so he hung his head low and walked past him. Although Section Chief Yang had brought up Zhao Yu’s name a number of times, he didn’t really know Zhao Yu, much less what he looked like. Hence, he wasn’t suspicious in that instance, but walked towards another office at the end of the corridor.

Soon, he was joined by another staffer, who was dressed in a suit, and the two of them entered the washroom on the third floor suspiciously.

“It can’t be, Section Chief. You mean to say, you didn’t manage to stop him?”

In the washroom, the staffer sounded surprised.

“Yeah, we can’t belittle this dude!” Section Chief Yang pondered, then asked softly, “Liu, tell me, do have any other way to make him go away?”

“Mm... That’s tough. The results have already been announced!” Liu said, finding himself in a difficult position.

“Then... Please help me get in touch with the people from the psychology examination, maybe see who is in charge? Humph, if he didn’t pass the psychology test, I could figure out a way to apply for his replacement!”

“Yes, I’ll make a call right now...”

“Alright, please do it as soon as possible!” Section Chief Yang said. “If this is not done before we form the groups, there won’t be any more chances.”

Their conversation was crystal clear to Zhao Yu, who was eavesdropping outside the washroom. He finally understood why the three examiners had made it so difficult for him. The mastermind behind this plot was right there in front of him!

Zhao Yu clenched his teeth ferociously, a murderous aura in his eyes.

Jerk! I couldn’t care less about who you are. Since you dared to provoke me, I’ll give you a taste of your own medicine!

Then, Zhao Yu opened the washroom door slightly and aimed his butt at the stall. Then, he tapped on the system device to use the Invisible Odor Bomb!

The function of odor bomb was similar to that of a skunk. It was used for making an escape, but Zhao Yu used it more creatively in this situation!

When the Invisible Odor Bomb was released into the washroom through his butt, Zhao Yu quickly shut the door, then used the mop head to lock the door. In a mere three seconds, there was an exclamation from the washroom, "Hey? Why is there smoke in here? Wow! That's stinky!"

"Cough cough cough... what the heck is that? Hurry... Let's get out..."

The two of them slammed on the door fiercely, but the door couldn't be pushed open...

Chapter 547: Our Backer

"Police Officer Zhao Yu, I am Chen Zhuo. In the future, I'll be your point of contact for your group 0521! If there is any instruction from the higher ups, I will get in touch with you immediately!" In the police school meeting room, a quiet and scholarly staffer told Zhao Yu politely, "I'm looking forward to our pleasant cooperation in the near future!"

Zhao Yu shook hands with the person. However, due to the incident of Section Chief Yang trying to remove him, he was still bothered. Hence, he looked solemn and cold, which caused the contact person named Chen Zhuo to feel very pressured.

"There's a few things that I need to hand over to you," Chen Zhuo said, as he passed a stack of documents to Zhao Yu. "Your group members are assigned, but due to the group's nature and the short supply of forensic scientists, we couldn't assign any forensic scientists to your group just yet."

"If you require a forensic scientist during the investigation, you can use the one from the local police station temporarily!" Chen Zhuo said sincerely. "As a member of the Central Investigation Group, you have the definite right to do so! The other group members are assigned. Their information is in your hands, so you can take a look at each of them!"

Zhao Yu looked at the documents in his hands. As there weren't any forensic scientists, there were only three names currently assigned to him. As he scanned the names, he saw that the person in charge of field work was the person named Ran Tao. He was the dude that Zhao Yu had come across in the washroom with his woman earlier!

"Aiya, who would have guessed?!"

Then, Ran Tao came to report in at that very moment. When he saw Zhao Yu, he quickly extended his hand to greet him enthusiastically. "Hello, Team Lead! Member Ran Tao here, reporting for duty!"

Zhao Yu looked at Ran Tao's extended hand, but didn't move an inch.

"Don't worry, I've washed them clean! Haha..."

Ran Tao laughed leisurely, and Zhao Yu relaxed, finally shaking his hand. According to his resume, Ran Tao was from the special forces team, and was a local from the capital. He was good at making arrests, shooting, and fighting. He was also the body building champion at the police school.

Although he had worked on the frontline for years, the feeling that he gave Zhao Yu was that he was flashy and did not have much substance. Zhao Yu thought this for many reasons, and the dreadful washroom scene was among the top.

However, Zhao Yu wasn't necessarily set against Ran Tao. After all, Zhao Yu had been much crazier back in his previous life, so that washroom fiasco was just child's play for him...

"Excuse me, are you Team Lead Zhao Yu?" A man, who looked somewhat shy, came forward. "I am one of your team members. My name is Zeng Ke, and I have been put in charge of gathering information!"

Zhao Yu took a look at him, immediately thinking that the boy was really too young. He looked like a high schooler! Plus, he was clean and fair. If it wasn't for the obvious Adam's apple on his throat, he would have mistaken him for a girl!

But, it stated clearly on his resume that Zeng Ke was a top ranked graduate from the police school. As he was chosen for the Special Investigation Group, he must be extraordinary in some way.

After all introductions were made among the small group, Zhao Yu looked at the resumes again. There was only the forensic psychologist left to arrive. As the group that Zhao Yu was in charge of would be focused on level one national pending cases, the importance of the forensic psychologist was obviously high.

Wu Xiumin?

Zhao Yu saw that the psychologist that was assigned to their team was named Wu Xiumin. According to the information provided, she was a lady that was five years older than him! She had graduated from an institution of higher learning, and has been performing criminology work in the police station since that time.

"Sorry, I'm late!"

As Zhao Yu put down the resume, he saw a woman in yellow suddenly appear before him. The woman was not short by any means, but was still wearing high heels. She had long black hair and finely chiselled features.

But, at that very moment, he looked down to notice that there were soil stains all over her shirt, which also had tears and rips on it. Moreover, the heel of her left shoe was broken off, too, so she was hobbling as she walked.

"I am Wu Xiumin, reporting for duty," the woman in yellow shirt said. "You are my new colleagues, right?"

"Miss, you..." Ran Tao took a close look at Wu Xiumin and asked suspiciously, "What has happened to you?"

“Hehe...” Wu Xiumin smiled and spread her hands. She asked everyone, “As all of you are criminal police team members, let’s make an inference on what I have just been through. Let’s see who can get it right.”

“Wow, such an interesting idea!” Ran Tao walked around Wu Xiumin and said, “Let me guess...You dropped rice on yourself when you were eating at the canteen?”

“No, these are soil spots!” Zeng Ke cut in, analyzing the matter seriously. “In the school, only the section where they are repairing the lawn has mud in it. So, sis, that must mean that you fell down over there.”

“Great guess!” Wu Xiumin smiled faintly, then asked Zhao Yu, “How about you?”

“Humph!” Zhao Yu snorted and crossed his hands before his chest. He then sighed. “I thought psychologists were reasonable people, who would never pick a fight!”

“What do you mean?” Wu Xiumin was stunned, and everyone else was curious, wondering what he meant.

“Your clothes were definitely torn in a scuffle. Your hair has traces of its being pulled, too. If you didn’t get into a fight, then what other reason could there be for those occurrences in particular?”

“Eh... Amazing.” Wu Xiumin’s eyes were beaming with joy, and she was deeply interested in Zhao Yu now. Zhao Yu had seen many woman fight before, so he could naturally tell with a glance when one had been in a scuffle.

Zhao Yu continued. “And, the soil spot was not the result of a smudge, but a splash! So, when you walked past the place where they were rebuilding the lawn, there was a car that drove past and splashed muddy puddle water all over you. Then, you fought with the driver! The driver was a woman, too, and I reckon that she was defeated by you. As you took the glory and were in a rush, you didn’t further pursue the matter!”

“Wow!” Wu Xiumin’s eyes were wide open, as she muttered to herself, “Was there anyone that shot a video and uploaded it on the internet? How else could he have known so many details? What else can he tell me, I wonder?”

“And...” Zhao Yu pointed at Wu Xiumin, “The only reason you asked us to make guesses was to resolve the awkwardness of your disheveled arrival!”

“Interesting! Anything else?” Wu Xiumin asked again.

“And...” Zhao Yu continued, “You are single, have O blood type, are a Scorpio and you wear contact lenses!”

“You... How could you know so much?” Wu Xiumin quickly asked, not daring to let Zhao Yu continue further in sharing her personal details!

“I know these things because your resume is in my hands! I am Zhao Yu. Welcome to the team.” Zhao Yu then extended his right hand in a friendly manner.

“Oh, you are the Team Lead! Excuse me!” Wu Xiumin complimented him appropriately.

“Wow! That was such an eye opener!” The contact person, Chen Zhuo, exclaimed. “I now know that, not only does your team have the highest score, but its intelligence level should be the highest, too. I have a feeling that you are going to perform splendidly!”

“That’s very interesting,” Zeng Ke told Wu Xiumin. “Team Lead answered your question correctly. As a psychologist, are you going to launch a counterattack and analyze Mister Team Lead?”

“You are thinking of how things are in Hollywood movies, little brother. We psychologists aren’t mind readers! Also, we are not as mean or ridiculous as how the movies portray us to be, either!” Wu Xiumin chuckled and said.

Then, Wu Xiumin looked at Zhao Yu seriously and said, “Well, I am very sure about one thing. Our team lead definitely has a backer in the Central Criminal Division!”

“Why do you say so?” Zeng Ke couldn’t understand his statement.

“Because, in the history of the Special Investigation Group, there’s never been a Team Lead this young,” Wu Xiumin said. “I’ve competed for the post multiple times, and the team leads chosen were always old folks.”

“I’m a little suspicious of your professionalism!” Zhao Yu refuted. “I could tell you honestly, I definitely have no backer, but merely was relying on my capabilities!”

“Eh? Zhao Yu? You’re here!” Just then, a middle-aged man walked in to greet him.

“Section Chief Niu? Why are you here?” Chen Zhuo quickly greeted the new arrival. Section Chief Niu just happened to be the brother-in-law of Liao Jingxian!

“Not bad! You got first place, after all, so you definitely earned some glory and attention for my brother-in-law!” Section Chief Niu patted Zhao Yu’s shoulders. “Congratulations, congratulations...”

Zhao Yu suddenly broke out in a cold sweat. He had just said that he had no backer, and there was Section Chief Niu coming in and fawning all over him! This was so embarrassing!

Wu Xiumin and the other two members found it funny, but they couldn’t make fun of Zhao Yu in front of the higher up. So, they forced themselves to hold back their laughter.

However, Zhao Yu had to be extremely cool. Before Section Chief Niu was done, there was another woman’s voice heard. “Hey? It’s you? Police officer, aren’t you from Qinshan? Why are you here?”

Zhao Yu turned to see the middle-aged woman, who he he met at the rest stop on highway. Zhao Yu was still confused, but Section Chief Niu and Chen Zhuo were shocked into immediate alertness, quickly standing. They greeted her simultaneously. “Division Chief Jiao, good afternoon!”

Hearing the title of division chief, Wu Xiumin and the other two dared not even slightly giggle anymore. Instead, they were gawking at Zhao Yu. They would have never have guessed that Zhao Yu’s backer was so important!

Chapter 548: New Journey

Zhao Yu looked at the middle-aged woman, who looked simply ordinary in his eyes. He never thought that she could be a division chief!

Looking back, he considered his previous actions at the rest stop as merely attempting to stop a family from successfully staging a fraud. He never But... When Zhao Yu recalled the white Haima, he couldn't help but crease his eyebrows. If she was the division chief, why would she have been driving a car with a license plate from another province on it?

"Division Chief Jiao, how come you are here?" Section Chief Niu asked curiously, though he was careful to sound very polite.

The Division Chief let out a heavy sigh, "I just got a notice that the regular Chief, who was assigned to this sector, got into a small accident and couldn't fulfill his duties! So, I had no choice but to take over. Hehe..."

Zhao Yu suddenly understood the entire situation more than anyone else. Section Chief Yang and his secretary Liu had been attacked by an odor bomb and had fainted. They had then been rushed to the hospital for immediate treatment!

"Zhao... Zhao Yu, right?" Division Chief Jiao turned around and flashed a smile at Zhao Yu. "You said that you are were a policeman from Qinshan, but I never expected that you were coming here to interview for the Special Investigation Group. What a coincidence! Then, since you qualified to appear here, that means you must be quite outstanding!"

"Aiyo, he got first place in the interviews! And, he interviewed for the post of team lead!" Section Chief Niu quickly boasted on Zhao Yu's behalf.

"Yeah?" Division Chief Jiao replied happily. "I would believe that, because I have seen your capability with my own eyes! Thank you so much for helping me out earlier!"

"You're most welcome!" Zhao Yu flattered in return. "Actually, I was just showing off before such an expert as yourself!"

"Don't say that. You acted bravely for a just cause, and with an awe-inspiring righteousness! Our police team is in desperate need of great policemen like yourself!" Division Chief Jiao complemented sincerely. "Don't worry. If you have any difficulties in the Central Criminal Division in the future, come and look for me! I think so highly of you!"

Zhao Yu quickly put his hand on his other fist, thanking her. After she left, Section Chief Niu turned and patted Zhao Yu heavily on the back, then exclaimed in surprise, "Zhao Yu, aren't you cool?! You know the Division Chief, too? Why didn't you tell me earlier? If I had known you were this close, why would I have put in so much effort?"

"Actually, I'd like to have known it earlier, too!" Zhao Yu replied frankly. "I honestly just found out who she really was!"

"What do you think, little brother," Wu Xiumin was smiling at Zeng Ke. "My inference was accurate enough, right? Look, this is a fact! Our future team lead has a powerful backer!"

"Amazing!" Ran Tao scratched his head and said. "I feel like I followed the right person!"

The undeniable fact was right before their eyes, and Zhao Yu couldn't argue about it, so he could only redirect the topic. So, he asked for more information from Section Chief Niu.

As it turned out, Division Chief Jiao was the deputy division chief of the Central Criminal Division. She had just been promoted not long ago. Also, due to the fact that she stayed in another province, she drove a car with a license plate from that province.

"What happened to Section Chief Yang seems quite tricky," Section Chief Niu said, then posed a question to Chen Zhuo. "How could he faint out of nowhere? And in the washroom, too?"

"Yeah, his secretary was there, too!" Chen Zhuo added. "If he had been alone, maybe it could be explained by his having high blood pressure, a heart attack, or something of that sort! But, the two of them both fainted, so how could this be explained? Would it be... There was methane in the washroom?"

"The h*ck!" Ran Tao held his chest, obviously terrified. "This really must be the Central Criminal Division, as there are traps everywhere! There's even a trap in the washroom?! Luckily..."

What Ran Tao said sounded like sarcasm in Section Chief Yang's and Chen Zhuo's ears. Then, Zhao Yu tried to ask for more details about Section Chief Yang. Zhao Yu felt that Section Chief Yang had tried to exclude him, calling him by his name so accurately, but, the reason for his doing so didn't seem like it was as simple as his merely trying to take care of the old detectives!

Thinking on this more, Zhao Yu could faintly smell the whiff of a scheme. He felt that there seemed to be some secret regarding Section Chief Yang.

Of course, Section Chief Niu knew nothing. Hence, Zhao Yu felt that he should find out more about Section Chief Yang, once he had the chance to in the future.

After forming the team, the higher ups from each department arrived and the inaugural meeting of the Special Investigation Group was about to commence. At first, Zhao Yu thought about reporting his unfair treatment during the interview to Division Chief Jiao. As there was video recording at the interview, once Zhao Yu complained, he would definitely cause a big enough stir, which would cause the three examiners a lot of trouble!

However, he changed his mind, thinking now that the person who had really wanted to frame him was Section Chief Yang! Yet, if he were to lodge a complaint now, not only would it not shake the the chief's position, it would also expose his identity!

Moreover, although the three examiners had been instigated by this bad guy, they had realized their consciences at the crucial final moment, and did end up giving him first place. That at least signified that they had some moral conscience! As he could join the Special Investigation Group as he wished to, those debts could be resolved later on!

Zhao Yu reckoned that it shouldn't be too long until the entire Central Criminal Division would find out that his relationship with Division Chief Jiao wasn't ordinary. So, until Section Chief Yang woke up, he would definitely not dare to pull any wicked tricks on him!

Soon enough, the meeting started. Although the rank of the meeting was high, it was basically a mere formality. They first gave a welcoming speech, which emphasized the importance of their forming the

Special Investigation Group in the first place. That was followed by speeches from the higher ups and representatives, and so on...

After all of the formalities were over and the higher ups all left, the most important part of the meeting finally arrived. Now, it was time for task delegation.

Of the five teams, only Zhao Yu's team was in charge of investigating pending cases. Actually, regardless of the location, the task of solving pending cases, especially those pending cases from long ago, was firmly believed to be the utmost thankless job!

Oftentimes, due to time having passed and the corrosion of age, witnesses and evidence would often disappear or be rendered useless. As such, the difficulty that this posed in solving the pending cases was nearly immeasurable! As such, if one was looking back at the history of Special Investigation Group, there were hardly any records of solving a single pending case!

Due to this woeful success rate, people in the Central Criminal Division called the team that was in charge of pending cases the Suicide Squad! They could even foresee the job situation of the team clearly. After the formation of the team, they would be given a year or so for fruitless investigation purposes, and then the team would be dismissed. At least this was the pattern that, for years, seemed to be the unchangeable fate of the pending cases teams.

Hence, to Zhao Yu, who was the team lead for his pending cases team, this new investigation job was very stressful! Before departing, it was already posing many challenges.

However, Zhao Yu felt extremely excited about the post, too, as he could now officially investigate those national pending cases, which he had seen in the yellow notebook!

He still remembered clearly that Captain Jin had spent a lot of time and effort to find his successor. He also remembered when Miao Ying saw the pending cases on the notebook, the overwhelming excitement in her eyes. She had obviously wanted to unearth the truth with him!

However, in just a few short months, the same things were there, but the people had changed. Hence, Zhao Yu determined that he could only carry his own bag and step one foot in front of the other on this new journey, completely on his own!

Miao Ying, don't you worry...

Zhao Yu spoke to himself.

No matter how difficult the future will be, I will definitely find out the truth! I will remember your words and be Sherlock Holmes!

Chapter 549: Reopen Level One Pending Cases

Jin'an was a district located in the middle of a big province. It had a large population, rich resources, and its GNP was always among the top nationally.

Jingbian was a huge city in the southeast of Jin'an. Although it wasn't a provincial capital, regardless of its population area and its level of economic development, it was above the standard of the provincial capital.

Twenty-four years ago, the first Headless Female Corpse Case happened in this city.

One clammy morning, an old man was fishing at the lake, but he snuck into the jungle by the lake to relieve himself. However, he saw a terrifying scene, while he was peeing under a pine tree. He saw a headless female corpse!

According to the police report, the corpse was naked, and had been posed, leaning against the pine tree. Although it didn't have its head, the corpse had still looked very lively and creepy!

But, that was merely the start of everything. During the five years since that initial discovery, places near Jingbian, such as Linfu and Leping, also began having Female Headless Corpse Cases pop up, one after another. Hence, the news of these serial cases shocked the nation.

In fact, a total of six corpses were discovered within those five years! Such a string of major crimes naturally attracted the attention of the higher ups. So, they sent a huge task-force, along with plenty of material resources to investigate the matter. But, even after several years, they still never found the murderer. Hence, the case became a pending case!

Later on, when Jin Zhenbang became a central special investigator, he got acquainted with the case. According to the record in the yellow notebook, Jin Zhengang had been looking for a breaking point in the case between 2003 and 2005. Unfortunately, he never could resolve it. This failure actually became one of his biggest regrets.

The reason that Zhao Yu decided to take on that as his team's first case was because it had been nineteen years since the very last headless female corpse had appeared! Ever since 1998, there hadn't been any similar headless female corpse cases. For nineteen years, the murderer had yet to commit any crime, which made everyone was wonder if the cruel murderer had already passed away.

So, when Zhao Yu reopened the case, he obviously felt a lot of pressure! At first, Chen Zhuo wanted to let Zhao Yu test the waters with some minor pending cases, which were easier, which would allow him to earn some merit first!

But, Zhao Yu had already declared his wishes, declaring officially in the application form, which set forth the plan he had for the case. Furthermore, he had already gotten the approval to proceed from the higher ups.

Plus, the exact reason that Zhao Yu had interviewed for special investigator was so that he could investigate the cases in the yellow notebook. Before that, he had discussed many investigative approaches for the Headless Female Corpse Case with Miao Ying, which had already aroused his interest towards the case! Hence, he insisted on investigating the case first.

Originally, Zhao Yu thought that his team members would object to his choice of case, thinking that the case was too difficult. However, after his task delegation, none of the three members objected. Such willingness was beyond Zhao Yu's expectations!

However, he understood in the end that the reason why the three members didn't go against his well wasn't because they were confident in solving the case, but rather that they thought that Zhao Yu had the division chief as his backer. So, they felt reassured that, even if they couldn't solve the case, they wouldn't be dismissed!

So, between the members of his team being so vastly different from one another and the nearly impossible Headless Female Corpse Case, the future remained very unknown to Zhao Yu. But still, Zhao Yu didn't change his mind one bit. Regardless of the outcome, he would put in all of his effort!

Just when Zhao Yu was driving the three other team members to Jingbian, he realized the reason why everyone wanted to be a special investigator! When they arrived at the place, they were treated like higher ups!

The Bureau Chief of Jingbian Police Station led his troop to welcome them personally. It was a spectacular scene. Not only did they prepare a sumptuous welcome dinner for them, they also arranged for them to stay at a luxurious local hotel.

In order to cooperate with the Special Investigation Group, the Jingbian police force acted immediately, emptying out a luxurious yet fully equipped office space in the police station building for Zhao Yu and his team work within. Added to this, the Bureau Chief called upon the local higher ups, who were in charge of criminal investigation, to introduce themselves to Zhao Yu. They also clarified that they would be ready to accept any assignment, whenever they were needed.

Zhao Yu and his team were all ordinary policemen that worked on the frontlines. None of them had ever been treated with such high regard! They were overwhelmed by the local police station, who was being so supportive of their work.

As they had no worries, they only had to roll up their sleeves and get to work. In the afternoon on the next day, when all the preparation work was done, the job of the Special Investigation Group finally began.

Dealing with an entirely new working environment and new colleagues, Zhao Yu didn't give any encouraging speech, but instead simply said, "Let's get to work!"

As they were dealing with an old case, the first step that the team needed to take was to organize the information. Although there was a professional touchscreen in the temporary office, Zhao Yu, who was used to writing information on his hand, called on several people to send over a few old-fashioned whiteboards.

In his opinion, only the information that he wrote with his own hands would leave an impression in his heart. However, the Headless Female Corpse Case was a national level one major case after all. Plus, there were multiple victims. When all of the information was gathered, it wasn't something that could be sifted through very quickly.

Furthermore, the six homicide cases happened in different cities. When the investigation started, it would require them to run around to the various cities, which would be very troublesome.

"Actually, the biggest difficulty of the case back then was that the victims couldn't be verified!" As he was adding to the information, Zhao Yu seized the opportunity to express his thoughts and opinions to

his team members. "The fingerprint on the deceased's hand was cut off by the murderer. Plus, there wasn't any head. So, during the time when there weren't any high tech tools of investigation, it became a difficult task to identify the victims!"

"That's true. It would be difficult to start investigating, not yet knowing who the victim was!" Ran Tao supported.

"I remember that, besides the victim in Linfu, the other victims had their identities confirmed, right?" Zeng Ke said, while he looked at his monitor.

"That happened later on!" Zhao Yu said. "Back then, due to the fact that the corpses had remained unclaimed and left there for too long, the police had to follow the rules, which was to keep partial evidence, then cremate whatever was left of the dead body! That was until the technology of DNA became more common, as then the police could better verify the identities of the victims!"

"It's too late!" Ran Tao looked at the whiteboard and shook his head. "After so many years, even if they found out who the victims were, it wouldn't be easy to find out what the actual situation way back then! The murderer... Was so cunning..."

"Not only was he cunning, he was brave, too!" Zhao Yu pointed at the whiteboard and said, "Look, when they certified the identities of the victims, the police were surprised that the victims were not people from the location of the case! They didn't live there, nor did they work there! That means the murderer kidnapped them, then transported them to the crime scene from other cities!"

"That's amazing!" Ran Tao slapped his thighs. "Then, it would be even more difficult for the police to find out the identity of the victims! Who would have thought that a missing person would die in another city that had nothing to do with them. The murderer... I really want to find out who it is, just to see what kind of a person would be so conniving!"

Chapter 550: Explosive Ordnance Disposal

"Sifu, you're so insincere..." Su Jinmei was questioning him over the phone. "I just started to learn from you, and then you left to become a special investigator! You are embarrassing your disciple!"

It was already eleven at night. Zhao Yu was about to go to bed at the hotel when his disciple called him.

"Hehe," Zhao Yu could only play dumb and laugh it off. "I never thought it happen so suddenly! I applied, and made it to the interview my first try! I am even the team lead. How crazy is that?"

"You just keep teasing me! Humph!" Su Jinmei rebuked him. "When I take my vacation, I will come and look for you! I'll deal with you then!"

"Don't be crazy." Zhao Yu was dumbfounded by her. "I am here for work, not for fun."

"I don't care. You are my sifu, so you are obligated to teach me! You can't just walk out on me!" The girl was acting spoiled, then she became curious. "Sifu, what kind of a case are you investigating? Quick, tell me! Have you solved the case yet?"

"Not yet!" Zhao Yu replied. "We just started!"

“Then, hurry up and tell me, what kind of a case is it? It must definitely be complicated! I’m so excited...”

Knock knock knock...

Ding dong...

Zhao Yu was still on the call, but someone was knocking on his door. It seemed like whoever it was was in a hurry! The person knocked and even rang the doorbell, too.

“Who is it? I’m coming!” Zhao Yu went to open the door, while he told Su Jinmei over the phone, “Alright, that’s it. I have to work now. I will talk to you soon.”

“That’s such a lie! It’s already midnight, so why would you have to work so late? I bet it’s a woman...”

Without letting Su Jinmei finish her sentence, Zhao Yu hung up the phone quickly, then shut the door. And, alas, Su Jinmei was right! There really was a woman standing outside the door. She was the forensic psychologist, Wu Xiumin.

“Team Leader, hurry up...” Wu Xiumin saw Zhao Yu open the door and immediately shouted, her eyes wide open, “Please deal with that Ran Tao! What kind of person is he?! Ever since the dinner, he has been harassing me! He keeps calling me and telling me obscene jokes. He even knocked on my room door! Please report him to the higher-ups, so they will fire him!”

“Motherf*cker!” Zhao Yu heard this and spat out the words angrily, “Now this Ran Tao is going overboard! Sis Wu, don’t worry, I am good at dealing with these kinds of people!”

“Really?” Wu Xiumin was thrilled, then quickly asked, “How?”

“It’s simple!” Zhao Yu announced. “Tonight, you stay here with me! Then, I assure you that Ran Tao will never dare to disturb you anymore!”

Wu Xiumin looked shocked. “You... What kind of an idea is this? How could I stay in your room? What if you do something to me...” As she spoke, Wu Xiumin pulled at her clothes subconsciously.

“That’s even better! As long as we are rolling around in the bedsheets together, Ran Tao wouldn’t dare do anything to you!” Zhao Yu raised his eyebrows and winked at Wu Xiumin. “Isn’t my idea great?!”

“You!” Wu Xiumin glared at him with rage. “Oh God, what evil deeds did I commit in my previous life to deserve this?” She wailed in disbelief at her predicament.

“It’s an opportunity not to be missed! I am going to shower. Care to join me?” Zhao Yu said, his words alluding to something perverted, scaring Wu Xiumin away.

Zhao Yu then smiled maliciously and thought to himself, I am a Team Leader, not a nanny!

Although Ran Tao was at fault for harassing Wu Xiumin, she should have taken care of the matter herself. After all, if she couldn’t even solve these little problems, she didn’t deserve to be a team member of the Special Investigation Group!

Also, Zhao Yu and his team were just beginning the case investigation, so he surely did not have time to deal with the trifling personal matters between his underlings. After Zhao Yu closed the door behind him, everything returned to its previous tranquility, allowing him to finally settle down for the night.

However, having been bothered by all of these trivial matters, Zhao Yu could not turn his brain off long enough to get properly sleepy! So, he opened the information files on the case and started looking through them.

Regarding the Headless Female Corpse Chain Murder Case, Zhao Yu had a feeling that it was different from any other case that he had investigated in the past. This was because the six victims were from different cities. Also, besides being women with fair complexions, they shared no other similarities. In contrast, with the other cases that Zhao Yu handled before, the victims and the murderers were all somehow more closely connected.

But, in this Headless Female Corpse Case, the identities of the victims and the methods of murder pointed to the murderer having selected his victim at random. Plus, the police detectives and the experts all thought that the murderer seemed to be completely psychotic!

According to the information shown, the six victims were all young ladies. Although the murderer chopped off their heads and left them all naked, there was no sign of their having been tortured or raped.

The most confusing part was that, after the murderer killed the victims, he thoroughly cleaned them up, even making them look almost alive! To kill numerous women, and in such a brutal and psychotic way, signified that the murderer must truly be psychologically unsound. So, obviously, there must be something wrong with his mental health!

Moreover, this Female Corpse Case really made people fearful. The way the murderer committed the crime was extremely courageous and unapologetic. Hence, it caused great trembling in the people's hearts.

Who is the murderer? Why did he kill so many people? And, why did he stop after that, or did he?!

Zhao Yu was thinking about the case when the system interface in his head suddenly blinked to notify him that he had completed the miracle adventure for that day! He got another Zhen Li hexagram! Zhen represented the change of his position, while Li represented his making new friends.

He had indeed gained both a new job and new colleagues that day, so the hexagram was accurate! Then, surprising Zhao Yu, he received a special Invisible Bomb Disposal device!

On the information attached to it, the system said that the Invisible Bomb Disposal could easily remove a simple bomb, even without using any pliers!

Cool!

Zhao Yu complemented sincerely, thinking that the device was so cool, it was like having an Explosive Ordnance Disposal of his own! After looking at his device for a long while, Zhao Yu saw that it was already well past midnight, so he got another hexagram for the new day, as usual.

After the system upgrade, it had become easier to get hexagrams. Now, he only needed to think in his mind in order to get one!

Zhao Yu took a look at the hexagram and was suddenly dumbfounded. He saw two big characters right in the middle of the system interface....

“Kun Zhen!”