

Crazy 551

Chapter 551: Hasty Massacre

Zhao Yu already understood the meaning of all of the hexagrams. As such, out of all of the hexagrams, the one that he was most afraid of was no doubt the Kun hexagram! So, with the appearance of this new Kun hexagram, it signified an upcoming major incident! In this major incident, he figured that there would very likely be a dead victim!

What's going on?!

Looking at the two huge Chinese characters on the system interface, Zhao Yu was extremely shocked.

System! Bro! I just became a special investigator. How could you be so heartless and give me a Kun hexagram? Who did I provoke to deserve this? I just came here, so can't you give me some time to adapt first?

Plus, I am now investigating a pending case that has been unresolved for such a long time. What do you mean by giving me a Kun hexagram?!

Could it be that... Another headless female corpse will suddenly appear again? This joke is getting out of hand, if so! If there were to be a headless female corpse that suddenly appeared after nineteen years of nothing, I would definitely be in big trouble!

Tsk tsk...

Zhao Yu rubbed his face, hoping that the Kun hexagram was just an illusion in his head. But, the two huge Kun Zhen characters were still right there, leaving no room for doubt.

What should I do?

I just got here, and I sure haven't gotten such a lucky start! Could it be that the Headless Female Corpse Case has no way of being properly investigated?

As he was worrying over this new Kun hexagram, Zhao Yu naturally couldn't sleep. That night, he had nightmares, including a dream in which he saw the resurrection of a headless female corpse. Then, Wu Xiumin became a headless female corpse, and Miao Ying brought a headless female corpse to look for her! In fact, Zhao Yu's crazy dream was full of female corpses, all headless ones at that!

When Zhao Yu woke up the next day, he suddenly remembered something important. He had been thinking about the Kun hexagram and female corpses, but he had totally forgotten his side quest!

Since the previous washroom incident, Zhao Yu experienced another side quest, which consisted of merely helping a lost driver find his way.

Even with the combination of both of these side quests, he had only earned three accumulative points. Thus, his total accumulated points totaled to an awkward four hundred and ninety-nine. He was that close to getting his second system level-up!

That one little bit more is all I need!

As long as he completed the side quest for that day, everything would be ok! So, Zhao Yu thought it would be simple. He never expected that when he resolved the side quest location, he would see that the place was very far from where he currently was. In fact, it was a whopping one hundred and ninety kilometers away!

Zhao Yu opened his map and found that the location was a place called Jinping.

That can't be, right?

Jinping was the provincial capital of Jin'an. Although Jinbian was somewhat small, it was still the political hub of the entire province.

But, why would it be so far away?

Out of all of the side quests that Zhao Yu had experienced, it was the first time that it was at such place that was so far, and one with which he had nothing to do with! Theoretically, if a side quest were to be at such a great distance away, he could only opt to give up!

But, this was a Kun hexagram! If he were to miss it, he would surely miss some very important miracle encounter!

What if Miao Ying is there?

What should I do?

Should I go or not?

Zhao Yu took very little time to ponder, but made a decision very quickly! He saw that he would have sufficient time to drive alone to Jinping after work. So, once he made the decision, he got up to get ready for work.

As the Headless Female Corpse Case had just started, since he was the team lead, he had to take charge and lead everyone by example. Just then, the case's contact person, Chen Zhuo, suddenly gave him a call.

"Team Lead Zhao, are you still in Jinbian?" Chen Zhuo's voice was quivering over the phone, as he was obviously nervous.

"Yeah, why?" Zhao Yu could tell that Chen Zhuo was nervous. He thought about the Kun hexagram and immediately became more alert.

"I just got the instructions from the higher ups," Chen Zhuo replied in a hurry. "I need your team to depart immediately for Jinping!"

Hearing that, Zhao Yu was extremely shocked, This...

"This is an emergency order. Don't delay any further!" Chen Zhuo spoke in an irrefutable tone. "There is an emergency, so you are required to go take care of it!"

"Emergency? Jinping?" Zhao Yu questioned closely, "What kind of an emergency?"

“Team Lead Zhao, have you heard about the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory?” Chen Zhuo suddenly asked.

“Changxin Tailong?” Zhao Yu repeated the words. The name was really familiar, and there seemed to be many pharmaceutical products, which were also manufactured by this factory.

“Yes!” Chen Zhuo said. “Three days ago, the higher ups of the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory received an anonymous threatening blackmail. It stated that, if the pharmaceutical factory didn’t pay five million dollars, the blackmailer would kill one of their staff members or higher ups each day!”

“At the beginning, the pharmaceutical factory thought that it was all just some prank,” he continued. “But, unexpectedly, there was a dead body in one of the gardens in Jinpin on the next day! As verified by the police, the male deceased was the marketing manager of the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory!”

“On the third day, which was yesterday,” Chen Zhuo kept explaining, “There was an apartment in Jinping that caught on fire, killing one of the female tenants. The deceased victim was also from the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory. She was one of their chemists...”

“Seriously?” Zhao Yu suddenly realized that what Chen Zhuo was telling him was most likely the major incident for his Kun hexagram!

“Team Lead Zhao,” Chen Zhuo said again, “This is not any minor case! The Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory is one of the top major manufacturers. Not only is it a state-owned enterprise, it just got listed as being a top contender overseas a while ago, too! This is indeed a serious matter!”

“Now do you understand what I mean?” Chen Zhuo said solemnly. “Among all of the special investigation teams, you are the one closest to Jinping. Hence, the higher ups decided to send you to take care of this. They hope that you can reveal the truth as soon as possible and arrest this criminal!”

“Alright, I understand!” Zhao Yu understood not only the severity of the case, but also the reason why the side quest had pointed him to Jinping! Everything was fated. That day, he to go to Jinping, regardless!

“Oh yeah, there is one more thing that you have to be clear on,” Chen Zhuo exhorted. “We have informed Jin’an municipal and the Jinping Police Station. They will give their full cooperation to your investigation. But, you have to remember that the local police force plays a role of auxiliary investigators. As such, they do not possess any definite right to know. That means that you are the conductor!”

Chen Zhuo paused, then continued, “I think you understand what I mean. If there were to be any special situations, remember to report them to me. Do not make your own decisions!”

“Okay!” Zhao Yu naturally understood that the special situations that Chen Zhuo were talking about were any issues that might bring about scandal to the force.

At that very moment, Zhao Yu could clearly feel that this hasty massacre case was not as simple as it had first seemed! If it wasn’t treated carefully by him, his life as a special investigator pretty much would end, before it had even properly begun!

Chapter 552: Revenge Again?

“No sooner do we get out of one kind of trouble, when down comes another!” Ran Tao was speaking from the passenger seat. “I just memorized all of the information regarding the Headless Female Corpse Case. Why would there suddenly be a random killing case that popped up out of nowhere? The murderer is crazy to blackmail in such a bold way!”

“Yeah,” Wu Xiumin added, “I thought this job with the special investigation team would be relaxing! Who knew it would be this crazy?!”

Zhao Yu was driving his Phaeton, rushing with his team member to Jinping. Theoretically, Ran Tao should be the one driving, since he was in charge of all fieldwork. But, the car was given to Zhao Yu by Miao Ying, so he wasn’t comfortable letting other people drive it.

“Team Lead, I looked into all of the information that you told me to check,” Zeng Ke said, as he fiddled with his laptop. “The nation holds a controlling number of shares, and it is a chinese-foreign joint venture. Not only is the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory the pillar of all of the enterprises in Jin’an, but it is also the leader of the national pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. It has seven branch offices across the nation. Its Jinping headquarters alone has more than ten thousand staff members!”

“Wow! So many?” Wu Xiumin said. “Even if he kills one a day, he wouldn’t be able to kill them all in his entire lifetime!”

“Please, you are a psychologist, not a killing maniac, okay?” Ran Tao teased. “Are you eager to see the world plunged into chaos?”

“Hey, how can you speak like that?” Wu Xinmin panicked. “I am only giving an example! It is just your brain that is unhealthy, okay?”

“It actually wouldn’t take his entire life, as the headquarter factory has a total of ten thousand and sixty-five people. If the murderer were to kill one a day, it would only require twenty-seven years and six months!” Zeng Ke said.

“Dang, another psychotic!” Ran Tao hugged his shoulders and told Zhao Yu, “Team Lead, look who you have you recruited!”

“I think, if anyone here is psychotic, it is you!” Wu Xiumin refuted. “You only know how to blab and tell obscene jokes. This is a kind of mental shortcoming, too! Son, did you grow up in an orphanage?”

“You...” Ran Tao was burning with rage. He held his fists tight and went crazy.

“Ah! Hero, please stay back in my sweet dream...”

Just then, Zhao Yu’s phone suddenly rang. The loud ringtone covered his team members’ growling voices.

“Hello? Wh... What?!” Zhao Yu answered the call and his face suddenly grew grave!

The team members noticed this change and suddenly became quiet. A minute later, Zhao Yu hung up the phone and told everyone, "As all of you wished, another staff member is dead! Are you happy now?"

Everyone was shocked, as they never expected that the Hasty Murder Case would have another new deceased victim so quickly! Then, they realized that the topic that they were just talking about had been handled very irresponsibly by them, and they hung their heads low in shame!

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Zhao Yu and his team arrived at the Jinping police building at ten in the morning. Although they received a welcome worth their high ranks, the atmosphere was obviously different from before.

Due to the urgency of the case, neither parties didn't managed to exchange conventional greetings, but entered the case analytic room in the police station together to immediately start the task of analyzing the case.

They skipped all small talk, instead going straight to talking about the main topic. The captain of the criminal police in the Jingpin Police Station, Li Luoyun, introduced Zhao Yu and his team members to the recent developments of the case in detail, then showed them the letter from the blackmailer.

The letter was printed digitally, and it requested that the person, who was in charge of the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory, send five million dollars to an account that he appointed. Otherwise, he would kill a person from their pharmaceutical factory every day!

At the beginning, they thought it was just a ridiculous prank. They had never thought that the blackmailer would really kill anyone! The moment the first victim appeared, the higher ups of the pharmaceutical factory finally realized that the situation was very serious, so they lodged a police report.

Now, it appeared that the murderer knew perfectly that he wouldn't be able to force the other party to send five million dollars obediently, at least not with just one blackmail letter! Hence, he opted for more bloody measures. In one of the parks, he killed a marketing manager of the pharmaceutical factory with a blunt weapon.

The weird thing about this, though, was that after the murderer killed the first victim, he didn't contact the pharmaceutical factory, nor did he send another anonymous blackmail letter. It wasn't until the second victim appeared, that the murderer made a call to the board of directors of the pharmaceutical factory. Over the phone, he insisted that the pharmaceutical factory send him that same fee of five million!

However, due to the person who answered the call not having the rank or authority to make a decision, the murderer hung up the phone immediately. He didn't even have a chance to give any method of payment for the fees! And, you guessed it, there was a third victim found the next morning!

The third victim died a terrifying death. He was a male quality control inspector from the pharmaceutical factory. After he got to work that morning, he suddenly showed signs of being poisoned. They called an ambulance, but his heart stopped beating before it arrived.

As this was definitely getting out of hand, the police had already sent people to bug all of the phones at the board of directors and the pharmaceutical factory, just in case the murderer made another blackmail call. Then, the captain of the criminal police, Li Luoyun, shared more of their current information with Zhao Yu and his team.

The police weren't sure of the exact number of murderers involved in the Hasty Murder Case. They weren't sure if it was an individual or the act of an entire criminal gang.

Plus, the objective of the murderer wasn't very clear. He gave a condition, and it seemed to be motivated by money. However, his actions didn't seem to be fueled by the desire for money.

To threaten and blackmail for money via murder wasn't just a very rare criminal method, it was simply unprecedented! So, the Jinping police suspected that the murderer of the Hasty Murder Case had another goal in mind!

"We combined all of the information and sent it through numerous levels of analyzation, so that we could be certain that the goal of the murderer was revenge!" Li Luoyun declared.

Hearing the report, Zhao Yu nodded continuously, obviously agreeing with Li Luoyun's inference. Before getting into this line of work, Zhao Yu had seen too many people killed in revenge. He thought, if the murderer of the case were to only be after money, he would be totally satisfied to receive a ransom through kidnapping and other methods, and would thus have no need to kill.

As such, there were already three victims. One was killed with a blunt weapon, one was burnt to death, and another one was poisoned to death. Zhao Yu was almost certain that such killings were totally motivated by revenge! However, Zhao Yu couldn't figure out who the murderer was trying to take revenge on.

The factory or the deceased victims?

If he was trying to take revenge on the factory, why didn't he just kill the higher ups of the factory? Wouldn't it make more sense to vent his anger that way?

Also, if his revenge was directed at those victims, why would he send out a blackmail letter asking for five million from the pharmaceutical factory?

There was definitely the existence of contradictions. If he couldn't clear them up, it would be difficult to find out the true motive of the murderer!

What is the murderer planning to do next, exactly?!

Suddenly, he linked his thoughts to the Kun hexagram that he had received. Zhao Yu gradually became certain about one thing regarding the Hasty Murder Case... Whatever the goal of the murderer was, it must be something major!

Chapter 553: Blackmail Information

"The murderer should have prepared a comprehensive plan ahead of time!" The captain of criminal police, Li Luoyun, said. "Ever since the very first case, we have surveyed the surveillance camera from

the park nearby, yet still couldn't find one suspect. It happened at eight at night. The deceased victim had a daily jogging routine. When he ran into an empty alley, he was attacked by the murderer."

He continued. "The weapon had yet to be confirmed. According to the shape of the wound, it appeared to have been a huge hammer!"

Following Li Luoyun's introduction, the related images were displayed on the screen. The image was bloody, revealing that it was indeed a tragic death.

"The forensic scientist certified that the back of the deceased's head was crushed, having been hit heavily at least six times. Every hit was extremely brutal, so it was obvious that the murderer aimed to kill him!"

Looking at such a bloody scene, everyone present was stirred. The police detectives whispered to each other softly.

"The second arson attack case was pre-planned, too," Li Luoyun continued. "It was during a lunch break, when one of the pharmaceutical factory apartments suddenly caught on fire. A female chemist was burnt to death in one of the apartments."

He went on to explain further. "Just like the first case, there was nothing found on the surveillance camera. The speed that the fire in the apartment spread was very fast. Although it was discovered very early, it was still too late when the fire fighters arrived! We found out that the deceased was a single female, who had only transferred to the headquarters from another province that year. Due to the fact that she had no housing in the area, she had been allowed to stay in the apartments of the pharmaceutical factory."

Li Luoyun summed it up then. "And, the deceased victim was on the night shift. Every time after her night shift ended, she had a habit of taking nap. So, we suspect that the murderer knew her routine very well."

The image for the second case was even worse. The burnt room was bearable to glance at, but the dead body that was burnt to a crisp was not a scene that newbie criminal police could deal with.

"The third victim was a quality control inspector," Li Luoyun said, as he opened the images for the third case. He then said, "We just received the latest information regarding the barreled water in the quality control department office. There really was a high dosage of Nitroamine present, which is a kind of colorless and odorless ingredient that can cause severe damage to the liver and kidneys. The amount that was contained in the water was definitely sufficient to kill someone!"

He continued. "It was reported that the deceased had a batch of medicine that required his checking urgently that morning, so he was the first one to arrive in the office. We saw him taking water from the barreled water in the surveillance video. After he drank the water, he showed symptoms almost immediately..."

"Aiyo, luckily he was working overtime in the early morning," Ran Tao spoke softly, while standing next to Zhao Yu. "If it were to have happened during normal working hours, it wouldn't have been just be one death."

“From what we derived from the video, we realized that the barreled water only had one-third of the contents left, which means that the day before, there were many people that drank some of the water. So, that means that there shouldn’t be any problem with the water! More specifically, it means that the poison must have been added later on! However, unfortunately,” Li Luoyun said regretfully, “As the surveillance camera in the office was quite old, after the lights were shut off, no image was captured.”

As Li Luoyun spoke, another criminal police officer ran over quickly, then passed a stack of documents to Li Luoyun and muttered something softly to him. Then, he lowered his head and left.

“Everyone, the autopsy report of the third victim is out!” Li Luoyun turned around to tell everyone. “The poison that the deceased was killed with is identical to the one found in the barreled water! It was certified that he drank the water and got poisoned!”

Li Luoyun continued to explain. “We think that the one murderer killed all three pharmaceutical staff members. Although the location was different and the method was different, the murderer was familiar with the deceased victims’ routines, and he was also very familiar with the work regulations in the pharmaceutical factory! So, we have reason to believe that the Hasty Murder Case might have been carried out by a current or former staff member of the pharmaceutical factory!”

“This person had some sort of conflict with the pharmaceutical factory, which then led to him seeking revenge through murder!” Li Luoyun said.

Then, the person in charge of the Jin’an municipal department spoke up, saying that the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory was the financial pillar of the entire province, even the entire nation. As such, this massacre case would bring about serious repercussions. If it wasn’t such a high stakes situation, the higher ups wouldn’t have sent the special investigation team over to lead the investigation!

He also said that the board of directors from the pharmaceutical factory already had been looking for him. Although they tried their best to cover it up, the Hasty Murder Case had already triggered a certain level of terror, affecting the emotions of the staff at the factory greatly.

Everyone was worried that they would be the next victim! Hence, they pleaded for the police station to arrest the murderer as soon as possible. They couldn’t let the situation worsen!

Then, another higher up said that it placed great pressure on the police station, too! If such a huge incident wasn’t solved quickly, not only would the Jinpin Police Station be embarrassed, but the entire police league in Jin’an would be shamed nationwide! Hence, no matter how huge the price was, they had to solve the case in lightning speed!

Through the speeches given by the higher ups, they realized that the case had reached its peak of severity, and that extreme pressure was being placed on the Jinping police. Zhao Yu also felt the suffocating pressure! He never thought that, just as he became a special investigator, he would come across such a thorny and strange case!

Dealing with such a case was obviously different from investigating other pending cases or murder cases. In the past, he had sufficient time to investigate and think...

But now, this murderer was killing one person a day! Such a killing speed really drove people to the edge of terror and anxiousness!

The pharmaceutical factory had more than ten thousand staff members. It was impossible to safeguard all of them! If they couldn't lock away this killer, there would be more murder cases, one after another!

What should I do?

Although Zhao Yu had never dealt with such an emergency case, he was certain that the more urgent it was, the more he couldn't afford to panic. Actually, like the previous murder case, the more crimes the murderer committed, the more evidence and careless mistakes he left behind.

In fact, it was very likely that information regarding the murderer was already hidden among the information that they found! As long as he could sort it out patiently, the question would be solved naturally.

After the higher ups gave their speeches, they left the meeting. Although there wasn't a written rule, the special investigation team that Zhao Yu led was no doubt the highest ranking one at the scene. As the captain of criminal police, Li Luoyun naturally had to ask for Zhao Yu's opinion first.

"Team Lead Zhao," Li Luoyun spoke politely, "We have transferred all of the police force, and the three murder cases have respective task forces investigating each. Besides, we have another two groups of people stationed at the pharmaceutical factory. One is tasked with looking for clues, and another is there to follow up with the board of directors of the pharmaceutical factory. Is there anything else that we left out?"

"Nothing else!" Zhao Yu said calmly. "You just need to give us live updates of the investigation, as it unfolds!"

"Oh, okay!" Captain Li Luoyun never thought that Zhao Yu would be so direct. He was shocked, and he looked like he wanted to say something, but he merely nodded and turned around to leave.

"Captain!" Zhao Yu smiled and held his hand over his other fist. He then said politely, "Thank you for your efforts!"

"Mm... Sure, I was just doing my duty!" Li Luoyun said, as sweat beads were forming on his forehead. Somehow, although the young man was ten years younger than himself, Zhao Yu had an indescribable imposing aura.

Li Luoyun quickly saluted Zhao Yu, then turned around the second time to leave. Just then, another criminal police officer ran over.

He said in a hurry, "I've an update for you, Captain, mm... Special Investigator!" The criminal police quickly saluted Zhao Yu, then said, "One of the board of directors of the pharmaceutical factory just received a WeChat message. Someone called himself the murderer of the Hasty Murder Case and started asking for a ransom!"

Chapter 554: The Massacre Had Yet to Cease

“This is so strange!” Just as Zhao Yu and his team returned to the office that the Jinping Police Station had prepared for them, Ran Tao told Zhao Yu, “Team Lead, when they hand over the ransom, shouldn’t we follow them? What if they can’t deal with it?”

“If we did that, then what’s the use of us going?” Zhao Yu replied calmly. “That would only cause more trouble!”

“Yeah!” Wu Xiumin filed her nails as she spoke. “We are the special investigators, meaning that we are the higher ups! Hence, there is no need for us to do everything on our own!”

“I don’t understand, he killed three people!” Zeng Ke creased his eyebrows and said. “And only after that did he remember to ask for the ransom officially! Doesn’t that make the murderer seem a little crazy? Sis Wu, aren’t you a forensic psychologist? Analyze him for a bit.”

“Silly, it’s not a ransom exactly, but more like blackmail fees, okay?” Wu Xiumin stopped filing her nails, then said, “It could also be called quitting fees. You pay me the money, and I will quit killing!”

She continued. “If the three murders were committed by the same person, I could make some guesses as to who it was! But, if it was a crime, committed by an entire gang and I made some guesses, there might be a possibility of my misleading the investigation! After all, the three people died by very different methods. Hence, it is difficult to judge if they were killed by the same person.”

“Just be direct and say that you are not capable of figuring it out! Wouldn’t that be better?” Ran Tao suddenly teased Wu Xiumin.

“You?! Ran Tao, that’s enough!” Wu Xiumin was pissed off by his words. “You brainless refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina! Are you asking for trouble?”

“Bosnia and Herzegovina are merely geographical regions, not political parties!” Zeng Ke explained, then told Zhao Yu, “Team Lead! The blackmail letter that the murderer sent instructs them to put the money in the rubbish bin at the escalator on the nine floor at two in the afternoon in the Nebula Commercial Building!”

He pouted, as he continued. “What is the murderer thinking, putting money at such a place?! How would he collect it later on?”

“Exactly! What kind of a joke is this?” Wu Xiumin’s trail of thought was dragged back by Zeng Ke, as she replied, “Also, for someone to put five million in the rubbish bin, it must be able to fit!”

“Hey, could it be...” Ran Tao’s eyes beamed with joy, “That after they put the money there, the murderer would send another message, telling them to throw the money down from ninth floor, while they waited at the first floor? Hey! Team Lead, why not let me follow them?”

“You belittled the police in Jinping.” Zhao Yu shook his head, “If Li Luoyun couldn’t even think about things like this, how could he be a captain of the criminal police? Think about this... The municipal higher ups and us, acting as the special investigation team, are all here, so how could the Jinping police not pick the best to lead the case?”

“Oh, I see your point!” Ran Tao scratched his head. “That means that we should wait for them to arrest the murderer?”

“Don’t worry!” Zhao Yu said confidently. “Even if they give the ransom payment, they definitely won’t see any results!”

Once Zhao Yu said this, the three of them were shocked.

“Why?” Ran Tao asked.

“The murderer was obviously not after the money,” Zhao Yu said. “He planned everything so meticulously. How could he choose that as the location to pick up the money?”

Zeng Ke thought, as he quickly tapped on his keyboard. He then said, “Captain, I just found this. Today, the Nebula Commercial Building has a huge promotion event, so it must be very crowded there!”

“Don’t waste your efforts on this matter!” Zhao Yu told everyone. “We have other important tasks!”

“Huh?” The three of them were shocked, so they asked, “What tasks?”

“I suspect,” Zhao Yu declared, “Not only was the murderer unhappy with the pharmaceutical factory, but he also held grudges against the three victims! That’s why he killed them and asked for money after the fact!”

“Oh?” Wu Xiumin pondered. “You mean that the three victims provoked the murderer?”

“It seemed like Captain Li was right, then!” Ran Tao said. “The murderer likely had worked in the factory before, meaning that this is indeed a revenge killing spree!”

“But,” Wu Xiumin said again, “Pay attention to the third case. The murderer poisoned the water, so didn’t that signify that the murderer couldn’t care less about who he killed, as long as it is one of the staff members at the pharmaceutical factory?”

“No!” Zhao Yu said. “The case has an obvious objective! The murderer knew that the poisoned victim would work overtime that morning, meaning that he would be the first to arrive at the unit and would drink the water!”

“Yes, according to the case report, the deceased had a habit of drinking tea in the morning!” Zeng Ke said, as he held up the report. “It seems like the murderer definitely knew the deceased personally!”

“Captain,” Ran Tao said, “If the motive is so obvious, why didn’t Captain Li discover it? They only needed to discover who the three deceased victims offended, then they would be able to find the killer!”

“But they didn’t find him,” Zhao Yu nodded and replied. “That means that it must have been something unmentionable! The matters that offended the murderer must be some things that no outsider knew about!”

“Oh...” Ran Tao was astonished again, suddenly awakening to his senses. He spoke softly, “No wonder the higher ups wanted us to investigate this! Captain, we have to be careful! There are landmines everywhere in this case!”

“That’s why...” Zhao Yu crossed his arms and said, “There are three of you, so that you can each investigate one person. It’s also time for you to show me your capabilities! I am not going to pressure you. Whoever can’t help solve this case, can just leave!”

“That is not pressuring us?” Ran Tao swallowed his saliva nervously. He didn’t expect Team Lead Zhao to be so hard on them!

“I’ll check on the guy who got poisoned by drinking the water!” Zeng Ke didn’t refute their orders, but immediately carried his laptop to tell Zhao Yu, “Captain, I will work on it right now. Before tomorrow morning, I will have completed my mission!”

“The female who was burnt to death,” Wu Xiumen stood up with confidence as she spoke, “I will investigate that murder!”

When she walked past Ran Tao, she didn’t forget to tease him. “I told you that you were brainless! At such a crucial moment, you are stuttering.”

Then, Wu Xiumin rolled her eyes at him and walked off.

“Hey, what are you talking about?” Ran Tao looked at Zhao Yu, then immediately chased after her.

Once the three of them had left, Zhao Yu became immersed in his own thoughts once again. He thought about the entire case, starting from the very beginning. From what he could tell, the three cases didn’t look like a single person’s doing. It seemed more likely that such acts were beyond just one person’s capability.

After all, although it might not be difficult to kill one person a day, to meticulously plan a murderer every single time, without any flaws, wouldn’t be easy to accomplish alone! However, recalling Li Dan in the Hand Chopped Case and Qiu Xinyang in the Hidden Corpse Case from the past, they had both relied on their own skills to commit such magnificent crimes!

Then... What is the truth really?!

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Just as Zhao Yu was pondering this seriously, Li Luoyun, leading a plain-clothed police force, arrived at the Jinping Nebula Commercial Building. At the beginning, they didn’t know how they could stuff five million dollars into a small rubbish bin. But, the moment they arrived at the ninth floor, they figured it out.

As it turned out, the escalator on the ninth floor was the gathering point of all of the rubbish for the entire building, so there was a plastic rubbish bin with wheels there! The rubbish bin was bigger than a normal rubbish bin, making it large enough for them to fit the five million within it!

After examining the scene, the plain-clothed police force and Li Luoyun arranged guards on every floor and outside of the building. The police force either disguised themselves as workers or tourists. They were all over the place! Once anyone collected the money, it would surely be impossible for them to escape!

Just in case, they even put a mini tracker in with the cash. That way, if the murderer entrusted someone else to collect the funds, they could still follow the trail and find him!

When it was almost two in the afternoon, the two highest ranking people in the pharmaceutical factory brought the bag with the money to the ninth floor. According to the letter’s request, they used two huge black plastic bags to carry the money, then they put the bags into the bin carefully.

Just as the two people left the scene, a ragged looking hobo suddenly appeared next to the rubbish bin sneakily! Then, another shocking scene appeared! That hobo didn't scavenge for things, but instead lit up a lighter and threw it into the rubbish bin!

There must have been something that aided the combustion, which had already been placed in the rubbish bin, as the moment the lighter was thrown in, a cloud of flames that came soaring up!!!

Chapter 555: Barging Into the Mental Asylum at Night

The murderer was really not after the money, after all!

After receiving the news, Zhao Yu sighed. He was looking at the monitor that had the case information scattered all over it.

Through careful police inspection, it was certified that there was a kind of additive for combustion that had been wiped on the inside of the rubbish bin. So, when the hobo lit the lighter, the fire suddenly became ferocious, immediately swallowing up the five million dollars of ransom money in flames!

The worst part was that the fire extinguisher on the ninth floor was empty, and they did not know whether the murderer did this intentionally or if it was mere coincidence! In the end, the criminal police detectives had to grab some fire extinguishers from other floors to put off the fire. Due to the quick spreading of the flames, the five million was almost entirely burnt up!

Finally, Captain Li Luoyun realized that the motive of the murderer was not the money at all! They had been fooled!

Also, he understood why the murderer intentionally requested that they carry the ransom in a plastic bag. It was because the plastic bag would burn faster! Had it been placed in a case, it might not have been burnt at all!

Moreover, the hobo was really a hobo! He said that someone gave him a lighter and five hundred dollars for him to take the actions that he did. He thought that it was just a prank, so he had followed the instructions that were given to him without question. After taking him into custody, the police found that the hobo had mental disabilities, making it impossible for him to be the conniving and cunning murderer of the Hasty Murder Case!

From what it seemed, all of these things were planned ahead of time by the murderer. His being able to burn the five million signified that he didn't do it for the money, and it also meant that he held personal grudges against the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory, as burning money was an obvious act of revenge!

The most terrifying part was that the murderer burnt the ransom, which also meant that the hasty massacre had yet to cease. Surely, it would be continued! The next day, there might possibly even be a fourth victim!

At that very moment, Li Luoyun had already sent out more men to gather any clues left behind in the Nebula Commercial Building. He thought that, if the murderer were to have messed around with the rubbish bin, it would be impossible to hide his actions from all of the surveillance cameras!

However, Zhao Yu didn't agree with this line of thinking. He felt that the murderer of this Hasty Murder Case wasn't so simple-minded. He had already proven that he could kill so many people, without leaving behind any traces!

As expected, when Captain Li sent his men to go through all of the surveillance camera footage, although there were many people who were seen to have thrown rubbish into the bin, those captured on the film were all staff, who worked on the ninth floor. Not to mention, the person in charge at the commercial building knew all of them closely, and could rule them all out as being the culprit.

Li Luoyun then made a judgement that the murderer might not have taken action at the scene, but may have instead rubbed the additive on the rubbish bin ahead of time, elsewhere. Even though there weren't any useful clues found at the commercial building, the police did find another clue, when they went through the blackmail message that the murderer sent again.

That blackmail message was sent through WeChat to one of the higher ups of the pharmaceutical factory's phone. Through tracking devices, they found the owner of the phone that had sent the WeChat message!

However, when the police checked, the phone's owner said that her phone had been stolen, and that it had just happened that very morning! Obviously, such a result was disappointing, but Li Luoyun didn't give up! Instead, he just sent more manpower to investigate further!

Looking at the screen, Zhao Yu became suspicious again. He felt that the murderer of the Hasty Murder Case wasn't someone that could act alone! These cases were too meticulously accomplished!

He tried to imagine a single person being able to plan how to kill without leaving any traces, then plot how to burn the five million dollars ransom, and then have to figure a way to steal a phone to send a blackmail message. It was such a detailed and complicated task, he couldn't imagine how it could be done alone.

So, Zhao Yu touched the screen and told himself, It is impossible that the killings in this Hasty Murder Case were committed by one person only!

The other party that he was going to face might be a high-tech criminal gang that could do meticulous planning and effective execution, like Zhao Qing! If it was so, the Hasty Murder Case was much more serious than he had imagined earlier. In fact, it might even be heightened to the level of terrorism!

That exact moment was the first time that Zhao Yu felt the pressing of time! If he couldn't lock down the target soon, once there was the fourth victim, the consequences would be even more severe!

However, as he had expected, even though the murderer killed three people already, had burnt the random, and had committed so many crimes, the police could only get their hands on a few clues. Although they had already launched a heavy investigation, their results were so miniscule!

With each passing moment, Zhao Yu felt extremely pressured! In the end, the Jinping police force had no choice but to consult with the board of directors of the pharmaceutical factory, then send a security confinement order to all of the staff members in the factory, notifying them to take care of their personal safety by taking precautions. In fact, they were specifically ordered to stay at home.

The resulting situation, after the order was sent out, was that the pharmaceutical factory staff was thrown into complete chaos! After the three people had died, the factory was already filled with gossip and rumors. Then, when the security confinement order was added to that, it confirmed everyone's worst fears!

Suddenly, the factory was filled with even more worries and turmoil. Many departments were forced to halt their operations entirely. There were even people that gathered at the police unit, as they were afraid to go home!

Moreover, the explosive news spread even to the branches of Changxin Tailong. The bad influence that it caused they could only be imagined...

Although the buzz surrounding the Hasty Murder Case was getting out of hand, Zhao Yu still drove towards another place at eleven at night to handle a personal matter. However, due to the fact that he had gotten a Kun hexagram that day, Zhao Yu thought that the personal matter might possibly turn into an official duty!

According to the system, the side quest would happen at eleven fifty-nine, just before midnight. After consulting the map, Zhao Yu was surprised that the location was a hospital!

The most surprising part was that, not only was it a hospital, but it was Jinping Huaxin Mental Hospital! In fact, it was actually a mental asylum!

Honestly speaking, Zhao Yu was really curious as to why the side quest that day would be directing him towards such an interesting place. He looked at the information that he had found, which said that, although Huaxin Mental Hospital was a private hospital, it was the biggest mental hospital in Jinping! What's more, one of the descriptions that he had read online said that more than half of the mental patients in Jinping stayed there!

Once Zhao Yu drove to the hospital and found the exact location for the side quest, he finally let out a breath of relief. He did this because the location wasn't in the ward of the hospital, but rather in the backyard, which was right behind the wall of the north hospital building! After all, since it was the middle of the night, if he had been directed towards the ward, it would definitely not be fun to barge into the mental asylum at that late hour!

Chapter 556: You that Fall from the Sky

As he was still a bit early, Zhao Yu didn't climb over the wall immediately, but parked the car underneath the foot of a wall, while he waited for the proper time.

Eleven fifty-nine!

Zhao Yu felt that, as the system picked this time, maybe that was a hint! He must know that the moment eleven fifty-nine passed, it would be a brand new day, so the Hasty Murder Case murderer would possibly take action again! If so, he wondered if his coming to the mental asylum might bring about a surprise harvest!

It was quiet that night, terrifyingly silent, in fact. There was moonlight pouring down from the sky, and it was lovely. Yet, the moment that Zhao Yu thought about the special patients behind the wall, he felt weird.

In order to ease the tension in the atmosphere, Zhao Yu turned on the radio. The radio was full of advertisements. He flipped from channel to channel, then finally found one that was playing songs.

A very old song was playing. The melody and lyrics were familiar to him...

“You fell from the sky and landed on my back. Your beautiful look, with eyes like clear water. A faint smile was enough to make my heart skip a beat...”

Zhao Yu only remembered that the song was from a TV drama that he had watched when he was younger. He couldn't remember the name exactly.

Although the song was sung by a male singer, the lyrics were graceful yet restrained, while the melody was rhythmic and peaceful. It was describing a hero's love towards the beauty, and also about his regretting not having expressed his feelings!

“I don't have such strength, as I couldn't forget. When the night comes, I'll dream about the beloved girl once more...”

Listening to the melodious song, Zhao Yu couldn't help but think about Miao Ying.

Miao Ying, I wonder where you are now, and if are you living well...

As he missed her deeply, Zhao Yu could practically see Miao Ying waving at him...

Be Sherlock Holmes...

Forget me...

No!

Forget you, I can't do it! But this being Sherlock Holmes, I have to fulfill this command...

As the song finished playing, it was just about time for the side quest. Zhao Yu adjusted his mood and left his car.

Earlier, he had intentionally parked his Phaeton underneath the foot of the wall. At that very moment, he needed to step on the top of the car, so that he could climb over the wall.

The backyard of the Huaxin Mental Hospital was a restricted area. Nobody had taken care of it in many years, so it was full of weeds. Zhao Yu had just gotten on the ground when he saw a huge rat running through the bushes.

Looking at the place, which was so overgrown with weeds, Zhao Yu immediately became vigilant. Such a worn-out place would be a great location for throwing dead bodies!

Would it be... Here...

According to the map, Zhao Yu came to where the coordinates had directed him. The target was right on the ground floor of the building. But, besides the wall, there was nothing else there!

What is going on...

Zhao Yu took a look at his watch. It was already eleven fifty-seven. In such an isolated place, he couldn't imagine what would happen.

Suddenly, heard some shuffling from above his head. He then quickly looked up.

When he looked up, he was astonished! He saw that there was a black silhouette on the outer wall of the building. It was obviously a petite person, who was wearing black!

Suddenly, Zhao Yu recalled the lyrics of the radio song earlier...

"You fall from the sky..."

There... There's... There's really someone falling from the sky?!

Zhao Yu was shocked, and he stood there watching, not moving an inch. Soon enough, the silhouette became clearer, and Zhao Yu saw that the person was descending quickly against the wall, using a rope.

The person was wearing a black suit and a black hat. He was even carrying a black backpack! Zhao Yu could also see that the person was quite petite in size, and from his actions, he actually believed that it was instead... A woman!

Zhao Yu swallowed his saliva, as a thought popped into his head, D*mn, female cat burglar!

Zhao Yu looked up without blinking, seeing that the female burglar was keen and quick. As she descended, she didn't make one bit of noise! She was definitely an expert!

At eleven fifty-nine, exactly on the dot, the female cat burglar landed on the ground, right on top of Zhao Yu! As she was giving her full attention to her descent, she hadn't noticed anything strange behind her. So, as she landed, she looked up and observed the situation above her, not knowing she was being watched herself.

Zhao Yu thought she had other comrades! Then, she clicked on something in her hand, and the rope dropped down to the ground.

The female cat burglar still hadn't noticed Zhao Yu's existence. She bent down to collect the rope.

Zhao Yu didn't move but kept watching her with interest. He was pondering, This female cat burglar is so strange. Why would she come to the mental asylum to steal things?

As Zhao Yu was thinking about these things, the female cat burglar suddenly quivered. She either saw the shadow on the wall far away, or she felt Zhao Yu's breathing, because she quickly turned around and looked in his direction.

Zhao Yu stood there like a statue. The female cat burglar had turned around and nearly knocked into him!

"Huh?!"

The female cat burglar jumped on the spot and shivered, as though she had seen a ghost! As she landed, she nearly knelt down before Zhao Yu, due to her extreme terror.

Zhao Yu then saw that the female cat burglar was wearing a big black mask, which covered her face. At first, Zhao Yu wanted to shout and reveal his identity. But, he quickly remembered that it was middle of the night at a mental asylum!

Hence, he didn't speak but instead extended his hand to grab the woman's shoulders. By then, the woman had already regained her senses from her initial terror earlier. She saw that Zhao Yu was going to take action, so she rolled into the bushes nearby. Her action was extremely dextrous!

Zhao Yu lifted the corner of his lips and thought to himself. You are already in Detective Zhao's hands, and yet you still want to run?

Then, he leaped forward to grab the female cat burglar. She quickly got up on her feet and ran towards the wall.

Zhao Yu looked up and saw that the wall was almost three meters tall! He wondered how such a petite woman could have climbed over it! Zhao Yu had obviously underestimated the woman's capability. She extended her hand to grab something from behind her back, then shot it onto the branch of a tree next to the wall.

Then, a scene that only seemed possible in the movies occurred. After the rope was tied around the branch tightly, the woman pressed a button in her hand, then flew into the air. She then swung her body and flew past the wall smoothly, landing outside!

Zhao Yu was shocked, but he didn't think about it any further, as there was no time! He tapped the system interface in his head, then used the device called the Invisible Spring Launcher.

Due to his being pressed for time, Zhao Yu ran quickly and jumped from the ground. The strong spring launcher suddenly shot Zhao Yu over the wall!

After flying over the wall, Zhao Yu suddenly remembered something important. Although the spring launcher could shoot him high off of the ground...

How about the landing?

It was a tar road waiting on outside of the wall! If he were to land on the ground directly, he would for sure be hurt badly! Then, before Zhao Yu had figured out a way to avert such a crisis, he had already landed!

Unexpectedly, the Invisible Spring Launcher had slowed him down and given him room for a buffer, so Zhao Yu had landed on the ground safely! Coincidentally, the female cat burglar, who had just landed herself, never thought Zhao Yu would be able to follow behind her. So, she stopped and took a look.

Just then, Zhao Yu flew towards her, and the two of them knocked into each other! But what was worse, was that Zhao Yu had landed his head on her chest, and he could feel that his face had landed on something soft and bouncy...

Chapter 557: Saw a Ghost

"Oh... Mm..."

After they fell down, the female cat burglar groaned in pain, then immediately slapped Zhao Yu's head with both of her hands.

Zhao Yu was still gasping with admiration at her chest.

She's such a petite girl, but her chest is so huge!

Then, the female cat burglar came back to reality. Besides smacking him, she even lifted her legs to kick him!

Zhao Yu was in pain, so he grabbed the girl's ankle and stood up.

"Eh eh eh..." he scolded at her.

Zhao Yu was one head taller than the female cat burglar, so when he held her upside down, he looked like he was holding a baby chick. The female cat burglar hung in the air, screaming and wiggling her limbs around.

When Zhao Yu saw this, he found it funny and wanted to tell her his identity. But just then, as the female cat burglar was still squirming, she took a torchlight from out of nowhere.

Knock!

She knocked the torchlight square on Zhao Yu's kneecap!

"Ow!"

Zhao Yu had been too careless and let his guard down. He had allowed himself to get hit by her out of nowhere! Suddenly in pain, he let loose of his grip on her. The girl fell onto the ground and let out another painful groan.

Zhao Yu quickly tried to grab her for a second time, but the woman rolled over and climbed through Zhao Yu's legs, trying to escape behind him.

Luckily, Zhao Yu was quick in his response, too. He turned around to grab her and held onto her backpack.

Then, just as the female cat burglar was struggling, the zipper on the backpack opened, revealing many white medicine boxes and bottles, which fell out. The medicine boxes and bottles scattered all over the ground.

Seeing this, Zhao Yu was dumbfounded. The female cat burglar immediately took off her backpack and ran away into the dark...

Seriously?

It's all medicine in her backpack?!

Zhao Yu suddenly recalled a movie he had once seen, where the main character went to steal medicine from a hospital!

I never thought that there would ever be such person in reality!

The female cat burglar descended from such a high place, so would it be... She was only doing it for all of this medicine?

Then, he took the time to look at the building next to him again.

Plus, she stole the medicine from the mental hospital, so does that mean that the female cat burglar is actually a psychopath?!

Looking at the female cat burglar, who was quickly vanishing into the dark, Zhao Yu started chasing after her, mostly motivated by overwhelming curiosity. Although the female cat burglar was a woman, she ran at lightning speed.

She ran a very far distance in the blink of an eye. However, Zhao Yu's speed was equally fast, so he was able to follow closely behind. The two of them started their chase in the small alleys amid the quiet of the night.

Huaxin Mental Hospital was located far from away the city in a very remote area. Besides a few factories, there weren't any other residences in the area. The entire time that he was chasing after her, he didn't even see one single street lamp.

However, the moon was shining brightly that night, so the female cat burglar didn't even need any flashlight or anything to see the road. She scuttled to and fro, then criss-crossed her path, intending to throw Zhao Yu off her trail.

However, no matter how far or fast she ran, Zhao Yu always followed closely behind her. In the end, the female cat burglar got impatient and sought to escape by climbing up a big tree. Then, following its branches, she was able to jump within the compound of a factory.

Wow, she definitely deserves the title of cat burglar! She is very quick in her movements!

Zhao Yu looked up at the big tree and found that the branches were extremely smooth. He wondered how the woman had been able to climb up them.

Luckily, Zhao Yu had his own skills for climbing over walls. He saw that there was a huge rubbish bin at the wall that surrounded the factory. He ran towards it and flipped over the wall, relying on the height of the rubbish bin!

Zhao Yu just landed within the factory compound, and the female cat burglar was nowhere to be seen. However, just as he lifted his head, he was shocked to see her standing before him, not moving an inch.

At the beginning, Zhao Yu thought she had grown impatient and wanted to fight him in a life-and-death battle straightway! Just as he was ready to accept the challenge, he realized that the female cat burglar was quivering, her gaze fixed forward. She couldn't care less about Zhao Yu's existence!

Zhao Yu looked in the direction that she was looking and was dumbfounded. He instinctively extended his hand to his waist to grab his gun! But, he wasn't on a field mission, so he hadn't brought his gun with him!

Sh*t!

Zhao Yu cursed in his heart. Just like the female cat burglar, his body started quivering uncontrollably. At that very moment, just ten meters away from the two of them, stood two ferocious and huge wolfhounds!

The two wolfhounds' mouths were wide open. One was growling and the other one shot a deathly stare at Zhao Yu and the female cat burglar. They looked like they were going to pounce on them at anytime.

Just then, Zhao Yu saw that the female cat burglar took a step back. He quickly reminded her, "Don't move! I am a police officer!"

"Mm..." The female cat burglar halted her steps, then asked Zhao Yu nervously, "Are you talking to me or the dogs?"

"I want the dogs not to move, but... They have to listen to me, right?" Zhao Yu shrugged, expressing his helplessness.

"You told me not to move, because you want them to bite me, so you can escape?" The female cat burglar rolled her eyes at Zhao Yu.

Actually, what Zhao Yu had meant was that, if they didn't run, they might be able to stay in a stalemate situation. Otherwise, once they started running, the two ferocious dogs would definitely chase after them!

However, facing the ferocious dogs, the female cat burglar couldn't help but take another few steps back. In the end, the two dogs started barking fiercely.

"Woof woof...Woof woof..."

The loud barks broke the silence of the dark night, then finally broke down the psychological defenses of the female cat burglar completely. She could hold back her terror no longer, so she turned around and ran!

"Woof woof woof..."

As expected, the moment she started running, the two ferocious dogs immediately chased after her.

D*mn!

Zhao Yu cursed under his breath, as he started running after the female cat burglar.

Woof woof woof...

Woof woof woof...

Listening to the wolfhounds bark, Zhao Yu and the female cat burglar ran with all their strength. Unfortunately, the factory company was spacious and empty, leaving nowhere for them to hide. If they wanted to avoid being bitten by the dogs, climbing over the wall was their only way to do so.

But, the wall was very high. It had been relatively easy to climb in, but climbing out was difficult!

Since this was an emergency, Zhao Yu really wanted to use his Invisible Aircraft and fly over the wall with the female cat burglar. But, the Invisible Aircraft was too precious, so he hesitated to use it!

“Hey! You... Hurry up and push me over the wall!” the female cat burglar ordered Zhao Yu.

“Oh!” After Zhao Yu nodded in agreement, he immediately cursed under his breath.

Motherf*cker! So, now I am obliged to help you, is that it? Oh? I push you over the wall, then what about me? I deserve to be bitten by the dog?

At that moment, Zhao Yu even had a wicked idea to trip her and let the dogs bite her! Of course he wouldn't do that, however.

Luckily, Zhao Yu thought of another idea. In his device bar, there was a device called the Invisible Perfume!

He remembered that, when he was checking his device bar earlier, he looked into the introduction of the Invisible Perfume in detail. After the device was activated, it could create a scent that the user chose. Among all of the scents, there was something called the pig scent.

Yes!

This is it!

He thought the name was strange, so he took a few more looks at it. He realized that the main function of the pig scent was to fight back ferocious dogs! So, using it then was no doubt the most suitable time!

Zhao Yu immediately tapped onto the perfume options and found the pig scented one. He then used it. Immediately, there was a foul smell that came out of nowhere, completely filling the air.

At first, one of the wolfhounds was going to leap onto Zhao Yu. But, due to the sudden dispersion of the scent, it merely whimpered and backed off, as though it had been electrically shocked!

However, Zhao Yu had the scent that protected him, but the female cat burglar had nothing. Suddenly, the other wolfhound launched an attack at her. It looked like it was going to grab her!

Zhao Yu was quick to act, grabbing the female cat burglar into his embrace and bringing her body near his chest with all his strength...

“Ah... You... Psychopath... Ah... So smelly... Ah...” Suddenly, the female cat burglar was confused and terrified. She didn't know why Zhao Yu would do such a strange thing.

Whine

The second wolfhound smelled the scent and suddenly stopped barking. It backed off, as though it had also gotten an electric shock.

Zhao Yu knew that the ferocious dogs were long gone, but he was still hugging the female cat burglar's body closer to him. He felt that the girl's body was extremely soft and bouncy, especially her...

However, just as Zhao Yu was rubbing on her crazily, the female cat burglar's mask suddenly fell off. At such a close distance, Zhao Yu could see her face clearly...

“Ah!!!”

Zhao Yu was dumbfounded. Not only did he let go of the female cat burglar, he even took another two steps back hastily, nearly falling over on the ground!

“You...”

Surprised by his loud reaction, the female cat burglar turned around and climbed over the wall. Then, she immediately fled.

There was only Zhao Yu left now. He stood there alone, looking terrorized, as though he saw a ghost...

Chapter 558: Pig Scented Perfume

It's sheer fantasy!

Zhao Yu felt goosebumps all over his body and his scalp grew numb. He simply couldn't believe what he just seen.

This woman, why does she look so much like...

Whimper... Whimper...

The two wolfhounds were afraid of the pig scented perfume, so they dared not come forward, but they were not willing to leave either. Zhao Yu was worried that, if the perfume wore off, they would still charge at him. So, he quickly climbed to the top of the wall and left the factory area.

Yuck, it sure stinks...

It wasn't an ordinary foul smell. That pungent scent lived up to its name! Zhao Yu felt like he had just fallen into a pigsty. He almost threw up, the smell was so bad. However, the perfume was an Invisible Perfume, so even though he took off his coat, he couldn't get rid of the stench!

Due to the running he had done earlier, Zhao Yu was no longer sure of his direction. He wandered around the quiet alleys for quite a while, until he found the Huaxin Mental Hospital building.

As he walked towards his Phaeton along the hospital building, he found the female cat burglar's backpack, along with the medicine boxes and bottles that had been scattered all over the floor. Everything was still there. It was clear that the female cat burglar hadn't risked coming back to pick up the medicine.

Zhao Yu picked up the items and threw them into the trunk of his car. He then opened the car door and sat in the driver's seat. However, the pig scented perfume was still really suffocating! The moment he entered the car, it smelled like a pigsty! Zhao Yu quickly entered the system in his head and found the Invisible Perfume Device, forcefully turning it off.

He read the description of the device in detail again, when he went to turn it off. After which, he nearly wanted to knock his head on the wall! As it turned out, the main ingredient for pig scented perfume was androstenone, which was a chemical that was extracted from the urine and saliva of a male pig that was in heat! Although it was a foul smell, it was extremely effective to fight off a dog's attack.

At that very moment, even though the perfume device had been turned off, the scent that it had emitted earlier still lingered. Zhao Yu felt disgusted and threw up. He then quickly turned on the ventilation system in the car, hoping to get rid of the foul smell as soon as possible.

His thoughts then began to replay all that had just happened...

How could it be her?!

After Zhao Yu had accidentally rubbed the female cat burglar's mask off, he was shocked to find that the female cat burglar looked exactly like the dead body that he had once seen from a past case. A few months back, when Zhao Yu was investigating the Tomb Murder Case, he had solved a Female Corpse in Ancient Costume Case along with it. Later on, it was discovered that the deceased victim in the Female Corpse in Ancient Costume Case was actually a cultural artifact reseller, whose nickname was "Gege."

However, it wasn't until a Taoist priest named Yuan Shucai was executed that the identity of Gege was revealed. Even then, no one knew her origins nor her real name.

Zhao Yu remembered clearly that, back when he was working hard to solve that case, Gege's dead body had already rotted and decayed beyond recognition in the tomb. So, he requested a portrait expert to produce a replica of Gege's likeness.

Needless to say, as Zhao Yu spent so many nights analyzing the case, he had looked at Gege's portrait countless times. Hence, Gege's face was deeply imprinted in his mind. This was also the reason why he was so terrified when he came across a person that looked exactly like Gege!

Compared to an ordinary person, Zhao Yu was considered to be insensitive. But, when he suddenly saw such a close likeness to a dead body that he once was familiar with, it struck a deep chord within him. Even he couldn't deal with it! In fact, he was so terrified at the sight, his heart was palpitating and his face grew very pale!

However, once Zhao Yu returned to his car, he gradually calmed down. Then, he slowly realized something.

Oh... No way...

He felt instantly relieved. Even though the female cat burglar looked like Gege, they couldn't be the same person! This was because, if Gege was still alive, she would have been forty years old by now! The female cat burglar was obviously way too young, as she was maybe not even in her twenties yet!

Phew...

Zhao Yu stuck his head out of the window and breathed hard. The smell of the pig scented perfume was still so suffocating.

After making sense of the situation, Zhao Yu's fear had finally vanished into thin air. But, he still thought that there such a coincidence was very strange indeed! This led him to think that, as the female cat burglar looked exactly the same as Gege, maybe the pair were blood relations.

Zhao Yu started his car engine, ready to leave the place. However, he was not planning to return to the hotel or to Jinping Police Station, but continued instead to look for the female cat burglar!

As it turned out, the moment that the female cat burglar had escaped, Zhao Yu had instinctively shot out an Invisible Camera, which had locked directly onto the female cat burglar. In other words, Zhao Yu could clearly see whatever the female cat burglar experienced and could trace her whereabouts via the video!

So, as Zhao Yu drove, he turned on the camera to trace her escape route. When he turned on the screen, Zhao Yu suddenly realized two things. One was that his camera was slanted, as it sat perched on the female cat burglar's shoulder. As such, the camera shook tremendously and the video image was muddled.

Secondly, although it was blurry, Zhao Yu could see the image was flashing by quickly. In short, the female cat burglar had definitely left in a car, which was now driving at a very fast speed. However, the video also seemed to show that the female cat burglar was driving alone, without any allies.

Tsk tsk...

The more he found out from the camera footage, the more curious he became. He especially wanted to know what was the system's purpose for arranging the side quest for him to run into a Gege lookalike!

After Zhao Yu observed the footage seriously for a few more minutes, he suddenly saw that there was a steady pause. He reckoned that the female cat burglar was waiting at a traffic light near a crossroad, perhaps resting her elbow on the side of her door.

From the camera's angle, Zhao Yu could see the street view clearly. At present, he saw a huge billboard, which he was certain that he had seen before.

Hence, Zhao Yu sped up and drove towards where he remembered the billboard being. It was the middle of the night, with minimal traffic, so Zhao Yu found the billboard soon enough.

Then, through the surveillance camera in his head, he slowly clarified the direction of the female cat burglar and followed her. After ten minutes, Zhao Yu saw the female cat burglar drive into a housing area. The housing area was located in a remote suburb, filled with mostly single-story houses.

Soon, the female cat burglar parked her car in front of a two-story house that looked really old and run-down. The second floor was made of cheap foam board. The female cat burglar opened the small door that connected to the second floor. Then, she walked upstairs along the outdoor stairs.

Zhao Yu noticed that the female cat burglar was walking very quickly, like she was in a hurry. He soon understood why the female cat burglar was in such a hurry. As it turned out, she had just entered her house and couldn't wait to take a shower! She dashed into the bathroom and took off her clothes at lightning speed...

Oh...

Zhao Yu then realized that the female cat burglar definitely couldn't stand the smell of the magical perfume either...

Chapter 559: What's that Smell?

The most depressing part was that, although Zhao Yu could tell by the water mist that the female cat burglar was showering, the Invisible Camera was on her shoulders, so he couldn't see anything! Even if he saw her snow-white thighs occasionally, it was just a flash.

Through the camera, he could see more of the wall, which was shaking ferociously. The old tiles on the wall had suffered severe damages. It was obvious that the place where the female cat burglar was living was very simple.

As Zhao Yu was driving fast, he soon arrived at the double story building where the female cat burglar was staying. Looking up, there was a dim light lit in the room. If it had been any normal time, no one would ever have noticed the simple and dumpy place.

Zhao Yu knew that women showered for a long time, especially when they had pig scented perfume all over them! She would at least take a half an hour to shower now!

As he waited, Zhao Yu took out a packet of medicine that the female cat burglar had stolen from the mental hospital. He then searched for the medicine's name on his cell phone via the internet.

In the end, all of the medicines, without any exception, were made of butyrophenone, which was a chemical that was used in treating psychiatric disorders. Not only was the medicine expensive, but it was also prescribed medicine. Thus, it was not something any person could just walk into a store and buy with money!

Zhao Yu got even more curious now.

Why would the female cat burglar put in so much effort and time just to steal a few packets of medicine? Is it because she is a psychotic patient herself and needed the medicine to control her condition?

As he thought these things, he was surprised to notice that the woman seemed to be finishing her shower. Stereotypically, women are known to dawdle in the shower. But the female cat burglar had merely used less than five minutes to get out of the shower!

Suddenly, the woman raised her arms, and the camera on her shoulder suddenly became clear. Zhao Yu could get an eyeful, as the female cat burglar's face, and most of her body suddenly appeared before a mirror!

Oh...

Zhao Yu then understood that the female cat burglar was most likely combing her hair. So when she had raised her arms, she had shown up in the mirror.

Oh, God!

Looking at the woman in the mirror, Zhao Yu took a cold breath subconsciously. He was deeply shocked by the beauty of the woman, yet he also felt like a total creep for looking!

That woman...

She looks so much like with the female corpse in the ancient costume!

The extremely beautiful face in the mirror now, and the female corpse portrait that he looked at every day when he was solving the case, were exactly the same! Recalling the traits of Gege's appearance, along with both of their heights, weights, and even their body features, he saw that they were identical! For an instance, Zhao Yu even had an illusion that the female corpse in the ancient costume had been resurrected!

How could they look so much alike?

Could the female cat burglar be Gege's daughter?

According to Li Xiusheng's memory, Gege was in a passionate relationship with the big boss, Huang Jing. Could it be that the female cat burglar was Gege and Huang Jing's child? Or, maybe she was an illegitimate daughter that Gege gave birth to before hooking up with Huang Jing?!

Looking at the seductive image of the female cat burglar, beside terrifying Zhao Yu, also caused him to feel a pang of heat in his lower regions. He wondered if it was because of the perfect body with the innocent face and huge boobs or because of the pig scented perfume, but either way, his sexual desire had been stimulated. In short, he felt that he was getting a little out of control, almost as though he was crazy in love!

However, that heat didn't stay for long, until there was a scene before the surveillance camera that turned it off entirely. In the camera, he could see that the female cat burglar had just put on some clothes after her shower, when he suddenly heard some strange noises. She was shocked and turned off the lights in the shower room, hoping to hide.

The Invisible Camera didn't have night vision, so Zhao Yu couldn't see much. But, he could tell that the situation didn't seem quite right. As expected, when Zhao Yu looked out from the car window, he suddenly saw that there were five or six men that had appeared in the dark, who were now moving to the second floor where the female cat burglar was staying.

These people were moving suspiciously, tip toeing to the second floor. Some of them were even holding knives. They obviously weren't good men! Just as Zhao Yu looked over, the men had already opened the door lock and entered the female cat burglar's house. Then, they suddenly turned on the main light in the house.

Zhao Yu saw that and quickly switched to look at the surveillance image in his head. At that exact moment, the surveillance image lit up. The female cat burglar had obviously noticed the uninvited guests and was hoping to escape through the back window. However, what she didn't expect was that there was an ambush waiting outside of the back window. She had just stretched her body out of the window when she was caught by two brawny men.

Then, the camera started shaking ferociously. About ten seconds later, it finally became stable again. However, as the camera was set on her shoulders, Zhao Yu could only see the few human legs that were moving around, not the people's faces. Just as the camera steadied, the scene became chaotic again.

D*ng!

Zhao Yu then understood what was happening. The fierce shake that had unsteadied the camera was definitely because someone had slapped the female cat burglar, causing her to fall onto the ground!

Looking at the bunch of people bear down on her menacingly, Zhao Yu was worried that the female cat burglar's life would be in danger. He couldn't sit and watch in the car anymore, so he got out and came around the house to eavesdrop.

"Pak!"

He suddenly heard another loud slap. When Zhao Yu looked through the door slit, he realized that the female cat burglar was already on the ground and had blood stains on the corner of her lips.

"Humph! Girl, you are bored of living?" The one who spoke looked ferocious and had a terrifying scar on his right cheek.

"I want... Ptoey..." The female cat burglar spat out a mouthful of bloody saliva, then stared at the scar-faced man. "I want to see Second Master! I will explain to him in person!"

"Humph! Dream on!" the scar-faced man said. "Cui Lizhu, you still want to quibble? It has already spread through the entire Jinping area! Don't you know the rules among our leagues? If you want to stay alive, give out the stock!"

"Second Master could examine the tiniest things, so he definitely knows that I am innocent! He would be just to me!" The female cat burglar wiped away the blood at the corner of her lip and shouted, "Pang Yong, hurry up and bring me to Second Master!"

"Humph! Little girl..." The scar-faced man named Pang Yong looked at Cui Lizhu's exposed thigh and smiled maliciously. "Hehe, it seems that you still don't quite understand the current situation! You thought that you could not complete your mission and still see Second Master?"

"Where do you want me to find the stuff, anyway?" Cui Lizhu shouted with rage. "Are you trying to take revenge on a personal matter now? I'm telling you, if Second Master was to find out about this later, you will be in big trouble!"

"Humph! Don't try to scare me, okay?" Pang Yong sent her a death glare. "You don't know yet, huh? Second Master already got locked up behind bars, and he won't be released for the rest of his life! Your backer is doomed!"

"Huh?!" Cui Lizhu was shocked, "You... Liar!"

"Hehe, alright, you don't believe it, right? Let me prove to you that it is a fact, that I am not lying, okay?" Pang Yong looked at his underlings and said, "Come on, don't all of you want to see Miss Cui's body? Your chance is now. Let me show you a live demonstration. I guarantee that it will be even more exciting than you watching tapes. Hahaha..."

"Pang Yong! Don't you dare!" Cui Lizhu's eyes shot wide open in fear.

"Hahaha, that's great..." Pang Yong's underlings were beaming with joy. They immediately surrounded Cui Lizhu and prepared to strip her naked.

Just then, Pang Yong smelled something funny and asked curiously, "Hey? Why is it so smelly? It's like the pigsty. Would it be... That Miss Cui is boiling some pig dung?"

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“That’s not right! The smell... It wasn’t here earlier!” Pang Yong sniffed the air again, as he moved towards the door. “It seems like... It’s coming from outside... So smelly!”

Just as he walked closer to the door, Cui Lizhu, who was lying on the ground, suddenly jumped up. She first kicked one of the hatchet men, then she dashed through the group, intending to escape out of the back window. However, the hatchet men were well prepared. One of them blocked Cui Lizhu’s way.

“Humph humph... Wanting to run? We haven’t even taken a good look at you yet!” One of the hatchet men smiled maliciously, as he said, “Miss Cui, you are our dream goddess! Your body is too tempting...”

Then, the few hatchet men began to encircle her.

“Don’t come any closer! I will call the police!” Cui Lizhu roared, then she suddenly realized that she had just changed into her sleeping gown after her shower. She didn’t have her cell phone in her pocket!

Looking at Cui Lizhu’s innocent face and huge boobs, as well as the sight of her wearing very little, the few hatchet men drooled. They couldn’t hold back any longer and pound at her!

Kuang!

At that exact crucial moment, Zhao Yu finally barged in from outside! As Pang Yong was examining the source of the foul smell at the door at the exact moment that Zhao Yu barged in, Pang Yong was knocked away by the door.

“Don’t move! Police!” Zhao Yu shouted, while making a gesture of drawing his gun.

“Huh?!” The hatchet men got a shock, as they looked towards Zhao Yu.

“You are hemmed in!” Zhao Yu shouted, yet he still hadn’t pulled out his gun.

The hatchet men under Pang Yong’s lead were habitual thieves, who were good at picking locks. The biggest difference between robbers and gangsters were that they were extremely afraid of police, just like when rats saw cats!

Hence, the moment that they heard Zhao Yu call himself a police officer, they immediately started to flee! The two that were nearest to the back window jumped out, one after the other.

Pang Yong and the rest of the hatchet men broke the other windows and escaped, as fast as lightning. In the blink of an eye, they were all gone!

D*ng!

Zhao Yu stood at the door and was dumbfounded. He had initially planned to fight a great battle with the men. Unexpectedly, they were gone so quickly!

Huh?!

Cui Lizhu saw Zhao Yu and was even more frightened than he was. She quickly ran towards the back window, too.

Zhao Yu had come specifically for the female cat burglar, so he naturally couldn't let her escape. He quickly picked up a chair and threw it over, blocking the window.

Cui Lizhu saw this and gave up the back window idea, then turned towards a small window in the bedroom. However, Zhao Yu got there before her and grabbed by her clothes!

Then, something ridiculous happened for the second time, as Cui Lizhu was wearing a loose sleeping gown, and Zhao Yu's grabbing it so brutally had caused an imaginable outcome! The sleeping gown slipped down along the smooth body of Cui Lizhu, and when she ran to the window, she was surprised to discover that she was already naked!

Cui Lizhu went crazy and grabbed the curtain to cover her body. She still intended to escape out of the window. Zhao Yu leapt forward again and grabbed her ankle.

"Come over here!" Zhao Yu shouted, as he pulled Cui Lizhu away from the window. In the end, Cui Lizhu didn't hold on tight enough, so the curtain that was covering her body fell off. As it did so, she was being carried upside down by Zhao Yu.

"Humph!" Zhao Yu pouted and humphed. "This time, let's see what else you can use to hit my knee!"

What Zhao Yu said reminded Cui Lizhu of their earlier encounter, which inspired her to swing hard in the air and hug Zhao Yu's calves. She then opened her mouth and bit him! She had bit Zhao Yu's calf, and now there was blood seeping through his pants!

Zhao Yu was in great pain, so he quickly threw Cui Lizhu on the ground. He had never expected such a barbaric attack from the woman!

But he did not have too much time to think, as right after Cui Lizhu was thrown on the ground, she suddenly vomited. Zhao Yu quickly dodged one of his legs away, only narrowly avoiding being puked on!

Kachak!

Zhao Yu saw that Cui Lizhu was vomiting on the ground still, so he decided to just handcuff her legs instead. At this point, Cui Lizhu barely noticed, as she was still vomiting disgustingly.

Zhao Yu pondered, Could it be... That she is pregnant?!

Zhao Yu couldn't watch her any longer, so he came forward to pat her back out of kindness. She was getting a little better before he patted her, then, as he patted her, she started vomiting even more severely!

"Help... Help..." Cui Lizhu struggled, her body shivering. "Too... Too smelly..."

Oh...

Zhao Yu smelled his shirt and realized the problem instantly. She was so sick and puking because of the perfume that was left on his clothes! She had bit him on his pants earlier, so that explained it!

That's embarrassing...

Suddenly, Zhao Yu recalled the scene earlier.

Was the reason that the robbers fled so quickly also because of the unique smell that I had on me?

No way!

Zhao Yu looked around. As those men had just left not long ago, if they realized that he was alone now, they might return! So, he knew that they had to leave soon. Hence, Zhao Yu helped Cui Lizhu to put her sleeping gown back on, then forcefully carried her back to the car. Of course, as her legs were handcuffed, Zhao Yu could only carry her on his shoulders.

Zhao Yu thought about it repeatedly, then decided not to bring her to the police station. Instead, he brought her back to his hotel. The reason why he did this wasn't out of selfish motives, but merely because he was really too smelly to arrive at the station.

In fact, he had noticed that the pig scented perfume seemed to have gotten even more pungent! In the end, he figured that, if he didn't return to shower it off soon, he just might vomit too!

After entering the hotel room, Zhao Yu clearly knew that Cui Lizhu wasn't any ordinary thief. Even if she was locked down by twelve pairs of handcuffs, she could unlock them all easily. Hence, Zhao Yu tied her limbs tightly behind her back and looped the rope over her neck. Only then could he shower in peace and not worry that she would escape.

In the shower, Zhao Yu nearly finished the entire bottle of body shampoo. Only then did he finally feel that he had washed off the pigsty smell!

When he was done with his shower and was putting on his clothes, Zhao Yu sighed heavily. He felt that, although he had found a woman that looked exactly the same as Gege, and she just happened to be a female cat burglar that dared to rob a mental hospital, the entirety of the situation hadn't really seemed to have much of a result.

As he hadn't gotten any clue about the Hasty Murder Case, and the new day was going to come soon, he had to wonder if the murderer was going to launch an attack at a fourth victim!

As it was related to human lives, it was an urgent matter to consider! Naturally, it would be most important for him to focus right now on solving the case.

However, he still couldn't help but be curious and sidetracked by his thoughts about the female cat burglar. He was pondering, I might as well seize the chance to interrogate her now, then send her to the police station later!

So, after his shower, Zhao Yu first released Cui Lizhu from her bindings, then he sat on his hotel bed to start an informal interrogation...