

Crazy 561

Chapter 561: Secret Plot

"I am a hero, rescuing a thief! If it wasn't for me, you don't even know what kind of end you would come to!" Zhao Yu complained to Cui Lizhu. "Please don't mix up the good and the bad, okay?"

"You saved me? What a joke!" Cui Lizhu was in an even bigger rage than Zhao Yu. "You handcuffed me, tied me up, took off all of my clothes and... And made me so stinky... How could you be the good guy here? You are so boastful about yourself!"

"Hey, speak with a conscious, would you?!" Zhao Yu refuted. "I am a police officer, and you are a thief, so it is only right and proper that I handcuffed you! Besides, you are a professional lock picker, so I was worried that the handcuffs wouldn't work on you, so then I tied you up! And, don't bring up the clothes anymore. I am suspecting that you intentionally took off your clothes to seduce me!"

"You... You are so shameless." Cui Lizhu was furious now. "And you called yourself a police officer! Is there a real police officer that would ever interrogate a criminal in their hotel? I know the law, and what you are doing now is called illegal imprisonment and intended sexual harassment, okay?"

"Please, use your brain!" Zhao Yu spread his hands and said in disdain. "If I really wanted to do something to you, would you still just be sitting there casually and talking to me? My actions were truly fueled by the fact that I was really too smelly and needed to take a shower!"

"So, you admit it?" Cui Lizhu squinted her eyes and said. "You even took a shower! And yeah, I am still sitting here, but the night is still young. Who knows what would you might to me later? Anyway, you've seen me now..."

"Hey? You think I wanted to?" Zhao Yu slammed his fist down on the bed mattress. "Who told you to wear such loose clothing?"

"My clothing may be loose, but you're the one who flipped me upside down... You... You have seen everything..." Cui Lizhu started to speak with a tearful voice.

"You? It was such a short period of time, so how could I have even seen you clearly?" All of a sudden, Zhao Yu didn't know what to say. He then said in exasperation, "Alright, don't panic. I will bring you to the police station now!"

"Let's go! I'm not scared!" Cui Lizhu attempted to conceal any amount of fear in her heart.

Angry now, Zhao Yu roared, "I saved you twice, but not only were you ungrateful, you bit the hand that fed you! Alright then..."

Just then, Zhao Yu took the handcuffs and handcuffed Cui Lizhu.

"Humph! If it wasn't for you, I would have had such a great day!" Cui Lizhu knew that she wouldn't win against Zhao Yu, so she didn't attempt to struggle or resist.

Zhao Yu put the packet of medicine on the bed and said, "Why did you go to the mental hospital to steal the medicine?"

"I didn't steal it!" Cui Lizhu rolled her eyes, refusing to admit her wrongdoings. "When did I go to the mental hospital? Did you have an illusion, perhaps? You should have maybe had your medicine, as actually, the medicine seems suitable for you!"

"You! Hey, you're interesting!" Zhao Yu was entertained by her playacting and laughed. "It seems that you are really an old fox. You're a regular visitor at the police station, I'll bet!"

"If you are a real police officer, then bring me to the police station!" Cui Lizhu shot him a death glare. "But, if you are not a police officer, then do whatever you want with me, even kill me or cut me up. I have decided to not talk to you anymore regardless!"

"Tsk tsk..."

Zhao Yu thought to himself...

She is such an unreasonable female cat burglar! Newborn calves are not afraid of tigers. If she were to know brother Zhao Yu's previous tactics, she wouldn't dare to speak as such!

Sigh! Oh well, I am a police officer now! And since she doesn't believe me, I will send her to the police station. Then, we shall see if she believes me or not!

Then, Zhao Yu took out his police uniform from his wardrobe and put it on. He then found a loose top and put it over Cui Lizhu's shoulders.

"Hey? You..." As she was confused, Cui Lizhu's facial expression changed. "You... You are really a police officer?"

Zhao Yu didn't bother to answer her but continued to prepare to depart.

"Don't, don't, don't... Wait a second, hold on..." Cui Lizhu quickly asked him to stop, then said, "I don't understand how you knew that I was going to steal medicine from the mental hospital. Only I knew that plan!"

"I am not a police officer!" Zhao Yu joked with a mask of solemnity. "I am actually a mental patient. Before I ran away from the mental hospital, I saw that you were quite into stealing things back then, so I decided to have some fun with you! I feel... My condition is getting worse, as I have manic and violent tendencies..."

Listening to what Zhao Yu said, Cui Lizhu was frightened. She stared at Zhao Yu with extremely weird eyes.

"You... You are scaring me! You're obviously not serious, right?" Cui Lizhu spoke with an obvious hint of fear in her voice.

"Sigh! I'm not a psychopath, okay?" Zhao Yu sighed, as he took a rope from his bed. He then roared at Cui Lizhu, "Little girl, do you still want to play tricks? Put your hands up! Otherwise, I will attack you now!"

Zhao Yu roared, Cui Lizhu then unwillingly raised her hands. Unexpectedly, although she was handcuffed, she was somehow able to get out of the restraints!

This trickster!

Zhao Yu's eyebrows were tightly knit. Although he could tell that Cui Lizhu had gotten out of her handcuffs, he couldn't tell how she had done it.

"Police officer, if I were to be honest with you, could you please let me off, just this once?" Cui Lizhu seemed to have seen through Zhao Yu's thoughts, so she quickly changed her tone and said, "I swear, I won't ever do it again! To be frank with you, my mother was diagnosed with a serious mental issue, so she needs to take Butyrophenones. But, the medicine is too expensive and we really can't afford it!"

"Are you asking for pity?" Zhao Yu mocked. He tied her up with the rope as he spoke. "To be able to descend from such a height, it shows that you aren't any novice cat burglar! At such an expert level, you shouldn't be short of money to buy medicine! Tsk tsk... Besides, I bet your sick mother is really only a code word for your illegal druggie trader!"

Just as Zhao Yu said this, Cui Lizhu's face suddenly grew angry! She never expected that this person would know so much about her trade!

Seeing her guilty eyes shift, Zhao Yu knew he had hit a nerve. "Wow, bingo! I knew that you were not only stealing things!" he said. After Zhao Yu spoke, he suddenly relaxed. He had finally found out her secret!

"Police officer, don't blab this around. I am just stealing some medicine!" Cui Lizhu had a cold sweat all over her forehead.

The first question is answered, so now for the second one!" Zhao Yu said, then asked, "Those men in your house earlier, why were they looking for trouble with you? Who is the Second Master that you were talking about?"

"Mm... Nothing of interest there! The Second Master was a big figure, but he has already been put behind bars. You heard them say so!" Cui Lizhu said, trying to act unbothered. "I have no idea where the trail news came from. They said that I stole a box of diamonds from a millionaire! Don't you think that's funny? It's obvious that someone was trying to frame me!"

"Mm!" Zhao Yu nodded.

"You... Believe that I am innocent?" Cui Lizhu's eyes were beaming with joy.

"Nonsense!" Zhao Yu roared. "If you already have diamonds, why would you be stealing medicine from the mental hospital?"

"Mm... True that! Hey! You're great!" Cui Lizhu complimented him. "You are a detective, right?"

"Don't bullsh*t me. Now, on to the third question!" Zhao Yu said seriously. "Do you know a woman named Gege?"

"Gege?" Cui Lizhu scratched her head. "Return of the Pearl Princess"?

Zhao Yu found the portrait of the female corpse from the ancient costume case on his cell phone and showed her. Cui Lizhu's eyes suddenly lit up in recognition, as she said, "Oh... I finally know why you followed me to the mental hospital! It turns out that... You are my secret admirer!"

"F*ck off!" Zhao Yu purposely held the rope tighter and shouted, "I'm asking you, do you have any relatives staying in Qinshan?"

"Qinshan?" Cui Lizhu creased her eyebrows. "I don't even have any relatives, so how would I have a relative in Qinshan?"

No relatives? Would that mean that she is an orphan?!

Zhao Yu pondered this, deciding that later when they headed over to the police station, he would check her detailed information from their database! Plus, when they do the DNA test and fingerprints when they book her, they would find out if she was related to Gege.

So, I'd better seize this time to ask my crucial questions!

Then, Zhao Yu tied the rope tighter. He sat before Cui Lizhu and asked her, a mask of solemnity on his face, "Cui Lizhu, I will ask you one more thing! If you answer properly, I might really consider letting you off the hook this time! How are you related to the murder case in the Changxin Longtai Pharmaceutical Factory?!!"

Chapter 562: The Chaos In the Hotel

The reason why Zhao Yu asked this question wasn't because he had found anything, but was because he had a feeling that, as he had gotten a Kun hexagram earlier, the side quest that day might be interlinked with this main case.

Hence, practicing the theory of fake it till you make it, he decided to interrogate Cui Lizhu as such first! However, there was nothing to his hypothesis in the end.

When he brought up the murder case in the Changxin Longtai Pharmaceutical Factory, Cui Lizhu had only looked confused. She had never even heard of it! Actually, although the pharmaceutical factory was going through chaos internally, the news had yet to spread to the greater public.

Sigh!

Zhao Yu could tell from Cui Lizhu's perplexed reaction that she had nothing to do with the case! Thus, it would be impossible to find any clue regarding it from her.

Cui Lizhu was merely a thief that stole medicine. Zhao Yu, as a special investigator, would definitely be embarrassed, were he to arrest some random robber in a murder case! But, Zhao Yu could tell that there seemed to be more criminal information behind the case of Cui Lizhu, too. So, he naturally wouldn't let her go yet.

"I am now... Starting to believe what you said earlier!" Cui Lizhu looked at Zhao Yu's eyes and said. "I feel that you really have some mental problems! Noh..." She beckoned to Zhao Yu, using her chin to the

scatter medicine on the bed. “You can take that box of Perphenazine, one piece a time, effectiveness guaranteed!”

“Pfft...” Zhao Yu rolled his eyes at her and teased back, “You are at the brink of death. And somehow, you can still be so annoying!”

“You are so illogical and don’t make sense, so you must have some mental problems!” Cui Lizhu seemed to be fighting against Zhao Yu, as she spoke fearlessly. “I know quite a few doctors. Do you need me to recommend one to you?”

“F*ck off!”

Although Zhao Yu said the angry curse words, he was entertained by the quick-witted and funny female cat burglar. Maybe it was because she looked like the female corpse in the ancient costume, Gege, but he suddenly realized that he had developed a special feeling towards the girl before his eyes. It wasn’t a clear like nor hate, but more like an empathy sentiment.

As though it was the loneliness of Miao Ying leaving him, he found some sort of consolation in his heart. At first, Zhao Yu wanted to make fun of her. But suddenly, he realized that the system in his head was blinking, meaning that there was a new notification.

After he opened the system, he realized that, not only had he completed the Kun Zhen hexagram, he had accumulated more than five hundred points accumulation points! He had reached the standard to level up!

Wow?!

I can level up again!

Zhao Yu was excited and quickly tapped on the level up button. Then, the image in his head flashed and a progress bar appeared on his system interface. As he waited, Zhao Yu couldn’t help but ponder...

I wonder what other functions it will unlock, after this level up?

“Hey, look, look at you...” Cui Lizhu didn’t understand what was happening, so she shouted at him. “Your eyes are lost in space, yet you say that you have no mental problems?”

“You...” Zhao Yu didn’t want to argue with her, so he turned around and walked towards the bathroom instead.

Cui Lizhu saw that Zhao Yu had entered the bathroom, so she quickly struggled with all her strength to escape her binds, but the rope was too tightly tied. Thus, she had no choice but to bend down and run towards the room’s door!

Cui Lizhu’s hands were tied behind her back, so she had to back out of the room door, if she wanted to open the door with her hands. She also had to tiptoe!

In the end, she wasted all her effort, as she soon realized that the door was double-locked. Moreover, it must be opened with the room card!

“Dang it!” Cui Lizhu pouted, then immediately started looking for Zhao Yu’s room card.

As a female cat burglar, Cui Lizhu's sensitivity and skills were still keen. She quickly recalled that Zhao Yu had put his room card into one of the pockets on his shirt earlier, and that that very shirt was now hanging on the hanger!

Then, Cui Lizhu performed her skills perfectly, stepping onto the desk and doing an extremely impressive pickpocket move. In mere seconds, she was able to get the room card!

Cui Lizhu was delighted and quickly went to open the door. As she had just gotten to the door, Zhao Yu heard her movements. He quickly dashed out from the bathroom and leapt towards her. He then pounced on Cui Lizhu and pinned her to the ground!

"Ah! Help... Help..." Cui Lizhu was frightened and she started screaming...

"Motherf*cker!"

Zhao Yu quickly covered her mouth with his hands. Just then, Cui Lizhu panicked and bit him!

"Ah..."

Zhao Yu roared at the sky, struggling to get off of her. At the same time, the phone started ringing...

"Ah... Hero, please stay back in my sweet dream..."

It was in the middle of the night, so the phone call was definitely very important. However, Zhao Yu was meddling around with the female cat burglar, so he had no time to pick up the call.

"Help..."

Cui Lizhu struggled and screamed. She then crawled onto the floor, scampering away from him. Zhao Yu quickly followed, then locked her down. He then stuffed his sleeve into her mouth!

"The miracle adventure has been completed. The completion rate is a hundred and thirty-seven percent. Congratulations, please accept your three invisible devices!" Among the chaos, the system chimed in to join the fun.

"Woo woo woo... Woo woo woo..." As she struggled on the wet bathroom floor, Cui Lizhu's clothes were dampened and disintegrated, leaving her exposed again.

"Ah..." Zhao Yu was going crazy. He quickly carried Cui Lizhu and dragged her into the depths of the room. He then found some tape to place over her mouth.

Looking at Cui Lizhu's seductively improper clothing, Zhao Yu really wanted to just give in to his temptations once and for all! However, he was a police officer, and if he were to do so, it really would make him a psychopath!

"You... Stop this nonsense!" Zhao Yu stopped fooling around with Cui Lizhu, then said seriously, "I am really a police officer, and I am going to bring you to the police station right now. So, stop your nonsense, okay?"

Then, Zhao Yu tidied up her clothes as best he could and picked up the phone.

Apparently, this day was meant to be a day filled with trouble, as just as he picked up the phone, someone knocked on the door. There was a man at the door, who was saying, "Hello, we are staying next door and heard someone calling for help earlier. Are you okay?!"

"Mmmmmmm...." Cui Lizhu heard the man and suddenly made noises.

Tsk tsk...

Zhao Yu was at his wits end. Although he was really a police officer, he knew that it wouldn't look good to be seen having tied up a woman. Helplessly, Zhao Yu came to the door and used the Invisible Voice-changer to change his voice into a woman's voice.

He then roared, "Go away! You're interrupting our fun time!"

The people outside heard his response and were embarrassed, so they suddenly left. When Zhao Yu returned, Cui Lizhu looked at him as though she was looking at a ghost. Her face grew very pale!

"Wahaha..." Zhao Yu used the female voice of the Invisible Voice-changer to speak to her now. "How was it, little girl? Don't I look beautiful?"

Just then, his phone rang again, its loud ringtone frightening Cui Lizhu.

"Hello..."

Zhao Yu answered the call to hear Zeng Ke's excited voice on the other end of the line. "Team Leader, why didn't you pick up the phone earlier? Let me tell you some good news regarding the Hasty Murder Case! I have found some clues..."

Chapter 563: Sudden Appearance of the True Murderer

Four-thirty in the morning, Jinping Police Station.

Zhao Yu did not go back on his word, as he really had brought Cui Lizhu to the police station. When Cui Lizhu saw Zhao Yu enter the police station smoothly, she was suddenly dumbfounded!

She was even more shocked when the police officer on duty checked Zhao Yu's ID, then suddenly saluted him, as though he was their superior! Although Cui Lizhu was tied up with rope and looked extremely bizarre, no one dared ask Zhao Yu about her in detail.

As Zhao Yu brought her into an office, a delicate looking young man finally asked, "Team Leader, do you..."

"Just wait!" Zhao Yu barked, after he entered the office. He then let Cui Lizhu be seated on a nearby chair. Then, he quickly came before Zeng Ke and asked, "So, what was it? That clue that you were talking about earlier?"

"Oh..." Zeng Ke quickly unlocked his computer and told Zhao Yu, "Team Leader, I went through the third deceased victims information in detail, noh..." He flipped his monitor screen towards Zhao Yu, then continued, "The deceased victim is Zhang Kaibin, the deputy chief of the quality inspection department. He had just been promoted quite recently."

“Tonight, I found out his entire family history,” Zeng Ke said excitedly. “He had great interpersonal relationships, not only in the pharmaceutical factory, but even in his personal life. He basically never had any conflict with anyone. However, when I looked into his resume, I suddenly found something very weird!”

Then, Zeng Ke flashed a mysterious smile and told Zhao Yu, “Team Leader, look at this. Zhang Kaibin graduated from Zhangzhou Medical University. He studied in the clinical sector, but not general medicine. And... I printed his academic records, which show that he received very bad grades. It is no wonder that he didn’t work in a hospital after he graduated, but instead came to the pharmaceutical factory!”

“Mm...” Zhao Yu looked at Zeng Ke with a strange look, wondering why he had not seen Zhang Kaibin’s academic results before.

“Team Leader, you take a look again at his resume,” Zeng Ke was still talking in an unusually excited voice. “Before he was promoted as the deputy chief of the quality inspection department, he was transferred from the research and development department. He was then promoted and given an increase in pay, because he had researched and developed a new Amlodipine medicine that was selling really well!”

He waited a moment, then continued. “However, I read his record for his time spent in the research and development department, which showed that he was practically a nobody there!”

“Wow! Amlodipine? I’ve heard about that one before!” Suddenly, Cui Lizhu’s interest was triggered. “It is a kind of mental medication, and it has the least amount of side effects currently on the market! It costs about five hundred dollars a box, which is way more expensive than Butyrophenones!”

“Shut up. You only show that you are a psychopath when you speak!” Zhao Yu teased.

“Huh? A psychopath?” Zeng Ke got a shock. He looked at the beautiful girl that was tied up, then gulped and asked Zhao Yu, “Team Leader, why didn’t you use handcuffs on her?”

“Save your bullshi**ing for later. Hurry up!” Zhao Yu pointed at the computer and shouted at Zeng Ke.

“Oh, although this newly invented medicine is expensive, its market reach is very wide. Once it was successfully developed, the orders poured in. Even in the overseas market!” Zeng Ke added quickly, “The newly invented medicine is also one of the attractive projects that led Changxin Tailong to be listed overseas!”

“Team Leader, the weirdest part was that the research and development of a new psychiatric medicine normally takes a very long time, requiring at least eight years or more!” Zeng Ke pointed at the victim’s photo and said, “But, Zhang Kaibin had not even worked there for five years! So, I feel... There’s something fishy about all of this!”

“Oh?” Zhao Yu pondered this seriously and said, “What you meant to say was that someone was unhappy about Zhang Kaibin’s name being listed on the newly invented medicine list for credit, so that person poisoned him to death?”

“Very possibly, yes, or maybe even more than that!” Zeng Ke said. “I’ve checked, and Zhang Kaibin, Lu Xiaohong, and Peng Ankang each had their names on the list, too!”

“Huh?” Zhao Yu was shocked, as Lu Xiaohong and Peng Ankang were the second and the first deceased victims of the Hasty Murder Case! “If so... the murderer must be following the name list exactly...”

Pang...

Just then, the office door suddenly swung open and Wu Xiumin entered it in a hurry.

“Team Leader, Team Leader, I found it. I found it... Mm...”

Suddenly, Wu Xiumin saw Cui Lizhu, who was still tied up and looking silly. She looked directly at Cui Lizhu and could not help but ask, “What is going on? Is she the murderer?”

“No, I’ll explain everything to you later. Hurry up for now! What did you find?” Zhao Yu asked.

“I... Oh...” Wu Xiumin suddenly recalled the purpose of her coming and quickly said, “I investigated the second deceased victim, Lu Xiaohong. She was a senior chemist in the research and development department. She had only been working at the factory for less than a year and had recently been promoted to the senior chemist role. That seemed a little unusual, so I investigated her interpersonal relationships the entire day. I found almost all of her colleagues. In the end, I discovered a terrifying secret!”

“No way!” Zeng Ke was shocked. “Sis Wu, the police already investigated them many times. If there were to be a huge secret, they would’ve found it by now.”

“Hehehe...” Wu Xiumin was smug with success and said, “This is the time when we psychologists get to show our skills! When I was investigating, I realized that a few of the colleagues reacted a little strangely to her death. Their anxiety and fear seemed to be directed to more than just Lu Xiaohong’s death itself! So, I looked further into them. In the end... Guess what I found!”

Wu Xiumin kept being mysterious, making everyone grow even more curious. Even Cui Lizhu was extending her neck to hear.

“I used a secret method to hypnotize one of them!” Wu Xiumin’s eyes were beaming with joy. “During the hypnotization, although he mumbled, I still managed to find out something!”

“Hypnotized?” Zeng Ke was shocked. However, Zhao Yu wasn’t surprised, as on Wu Xiumin’s resume, it clearly noted that she was good at hypnotization.

“It was no big deal!” Wu Xiumin said proudly. “He said that something he was worried about was related to a kind of new medicine that the research and development department had recently invented. It seemed that, according to him, the development of the medicine was always directed by one of the professors, but that somehow, just before the new medicine was approved, that person suddenly quit! I suspect that the Hasty Murder Case was most likely related to that!”

Wu Xiumin waiting for this information to sink in, then continued. “So, I checked the information and realized that, besides Lu Xiaohong, the other two deceased victims had also worked in the research and development department! So...”

“Professor? New medicine?” Zhao Yu’s eyes were bulging now, as he felt that he had finally found the key element to solve the case.

“But, when I looked into the records of the pharmaceutical factory,” Wu Xiumin creased her eyebrows and said, “there wasn’t any information about the particular professor that had invented the new medicine!”

Zeng Ke then interrupted her and said excitedly, “If I go to the data terminal of the pharmaceutical factory, I might be able to find this person’s information!”

Just then, the office door swung open again. It was Ran Tao, coming in from outside in a hurry, panting as he spoke.

“Team Leader, I think I found the murderer!” Ran Tao gulped and said impatiently. “This person is called Liu Yu, and he is the chief of the research and development department, who was fired by the pharmaceutical factory! The Hasty Murder Case is most likely him taking his revenge!”

Everyone got a shock and stood up from their chairs. But, Wu Xiumen only crossed her arms and said unhappily, “Ran Tao, didn’t you say that you would follow my surname? From now on, you should be called Wu Tao!”

Chapter 564: Professor’s Revenge

“No way? So fast?” Ran Tao was stunned. “How did you find out? That’s amazing! I put in so much effort!”

“Bro Tao!” Zeng Ke said, surprised. “What did you say earlier? Who is Liu Yu? That professor in the research and development department?”

“Yeah! Hey?” Ran Tao’s eyes were glowing with joy again. He quickly pointed at Wu Xiumin and said, “Oh... I see. So, you conned me! You wanted me to name myself Wu Tao? From what I see, you called yourself Ran Xiumin! So, you follow my surname!”

“Hey! Save your bullshi*!” Zhao Yu roared. “Quick, tell me what you found!”

“Team Leader!” Ran Tao was frightened by Zhao Yu’s imposing manner, so he quickly answered him, “The chief of research and development department, Chief Liu Yu. I’m not sure if he is a professor, but this person was fired by the pharmaceutical factory a year ago, when he sold the information of medicine development for personal gain, and without permission!”

“Bro Tao, how did you find this out?” Zeng Le asked out of curiosity.

“I... Mm...” Ran Tao then noticed Cui Lizhu, who was tied up by the side. He got a shock, “This... This girl... where did you find her? You... what did you do to her?”

Cui Lizhu rolled her eyes at him, but Ran Tao was attracted to Cui Lizhu’s appearance and quickly asked her, “Hi girl, I’m Ran Tao. Nice to meet you! Would you mind to add me on WeChat?”

“What a goner! This guy is doomed!” Wu Xiumin shook her head.

“Hurry up and continue. I’m talking to you!” Zhao Yu threw the notebook at Ran Tao.

“Okay, okay... Mm... I...” Ran Tao reorganized his sentences and then said, “Didn’t I go to investigate the first victim? The person is the manager of the marketing department, named Peng Ankang. Actually, I investigated him by-the-book. From his phone number, to his interpersonal relationships, family members and so on, until the sky grew dark! That’s when I got the news. According to his close friend, about a half a year ago, when Peng Ankang had too much to drink, he brought up something in his drunken state. He said that he had done something wicked at his unit, and that he felt sorry towards his teacher!”

“Then?” Zeng Ke asked curiously.

“Then, I found out that Peng Ankang was still working in the research and development department back then. And his teacher was Deputy Liu Yu!” Ran Tao said. “Right then, I went to look for the current head of the pharmaceutical factory! I then talked to the head of factory and got to know a bit more about Liu Yu!”

“Back then, when the scandal happened, in order to diminish the rumors, the pharmaceutical factory didn’t spread the news, but instead kicked Liu Yu out quietly! However, the head of factory did say that, even though the evidence was against him, Liu Yu had always insisted that he was framed!”

Ran Tao continued. “Plus, he was taking the lead to develop a new medicine. So, he had already worked on it for seven years. Moreover, the clinical experiment was on the brink of success. Once the medicine got marketed, he would have received a huge amount of cash reward! At such a time, it would be quite idiotic for him to risk selling the information of a new medicine and thus ruin his own future!”

After he took a breath, Ran Tao revealed even more. “However, the board of directors from the pharmaceutical factory insisted on their original verdict, and so they fired him anyway! So, I thought that those who framed Liu Yu would be Peng Ankang and the others, since, after they framed Liu Yu, the new medicines rewards would benefit them naturally.”

“Yes!” Zeng Ke said excitedly. “Professor Liu Yu must have found out the truth later on, then come back to take his revenge! Team Leader, you’re so amazing!” Zeng Ke was unashamedly licking Zhao Yu’s boots. “The clues lay within his interpersonal relationships! These victims framed Liu Yu, and as the company hushed the news surrounding the incidence, the police couldn’t find anything until now!”

“Liu Yu returned! He had an academic background as a professor and definitely had a smart brain and meticulous mind.” Wu Xiumin pondered this, lost in deep thought. “It does fit the profile of the Hasty Murder Case, as he did harbor heavy grudges. Not only did he want to kill the people that framed him, he also wanted to take revenge on the pharmaceutical factory. He didn’t even mind burning the five billion dollars in order to do it!”

“Team Leader!” Zeng Ke urged. “As each and every aspect is tallied, should we take immediate action? It’s already the fourth day. I’m worried that there would be a new victim!”

“Mm!” Zhao Yu nodded and told Zeng Ke, “Hurry up and check the detailed information on Liu Yu. We must know what kind of a person he really is!”

“And, Team Leader!” Wu Xiumin reminded him, “Did you see just now? On the name list of the new invented medicine, there were about a dozen people! These people are very likely going to be the next targets of the murderer. So, we have to put them under protection as soon as possible!”

“Yes, I think it’d be best to hold all of them in custody and interrogate them!” Ran Tao said. “These people definitely have some insights into the matter of Liu Yu’s being framed!”

“Mm!” Zhao Yu nodded and instructed Ran Tao, “Hurry up and contact the captain and tell him to take immediate action!”

“Yes!” Ran Tao saluted him, but fixed his gaze on Cui Lizhu and asked, “Team Leader, what about this girl?”

“I’ll take care of her myself!” Zhao Yu waved him off.

“Don’t... Don’t...” Cui Lizhu quickly pleaded. “Police officer, it’s my fault! I shouldn’t have called you a stinky person, nor should I have called you a psychopath. Please show some leniency and let me off the hook this time!”

“Humph! Only pleading guilty now? It’s too late!” Zhao Yu roared. “Wait till I solve the case at hand, then I will deal with you!”

“Don’t mind me!” Cui Lizhu quickly said. “What’s there to settle anyway? It’s obvious that you took advantage of me! In the hotel, you already...”

“Shh... Shh...”

Zhao Yu quickly stopped her, but Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin had already heard what she said, leaving them in a very awkward position.

“Team Leader... It’s here! Look...” To cover up the awkwardness, Zeng Ke quickly projected Liu Yu’s information onto the big screen for all to see.

Liu Yu really was a professor, who was forty-seven years old and had worked almost his entire life for the Changxin Tailong Pharmaceutical Factory! As one could imagine, if he was really kicked out because he was framed, his resentment would be off the charts!

However, when Liu Yu’s picture was projected on the big screen, Zhao Yu noticed that there was a sudden change on Cui Lizhu’s face.

Huh?

Zhao Yu thought, Would she... somehow know Liu Yu?

Cui Lizhu merely saw the screen and immediately lowered her head, keeping quiet. Although Zhao Yu felt something had shifted in her, he didn’t further interrogate her at the moment.

Just immediately following that, Li Luoyun, who had received the updates, arrived. When Ran Tao told him the clues that they had found, Li Luoyun felt the urgency of the matter. So, he quickly arranged the arrest of Liu Yu and also segregated the officers into a few groups to protect those potential victims on the names list! Moreover, since Zhao Yu had just brought Cui Lizhu to the Jinping Police Station, he wanted to interrogate her personally after solving the Hasty Murder Case.

Once all of the tasks were delegated, Zhao Yu recalled something very important. As he was really busy, he had totally forgotten to get a new hexagram! Ever since the second upgrade of the system, the interface had become even more refined.

Zhao Yu hadn't yet had the time to look into it. He quickly tapped on its middle and got a new hexagram. Two huge characters popped onto the interface...

Kun Gen!

Chapter 565: The Fourth Victim

After its upgrade, not only did the system interface become more refined, its functions were more advanced, too. Now, when Zhao Yu tapped on the hexagram poem, there would be a pop-up with numbers that represented information about the direction, distance, and time.

In other words, Zhao Yu didn't need to spend any effort to resolve the side quest. He only needed to make a comparison on the map, using the chunk of numbers.

Besides, there was also a new function on the device bar. This was the "strengthen" function, which he couldn't tap on previously, which had now been finally activated.

Zhao Yu tried it and realized that strengthening the device really required a large amount of accumulated points. For example, if one wanted to strengthen the Invisible Bulletproof Suit, it would require more than eighty accumulated points!

Besides this, through simple browsing, he found that the higher class of the device, the more accumulated points were required to strengthen the device. After the second upgrade, Zhao Yu only had 100 accumulated points left. It was obvious that this small amount couldn't fulfill the requirement necessary to strengthen the device. Thus, if he wanted to experiment more, he would have to save up points for a period of time first.

On the accumulated point bar, there was another number, 1,000, which most likely represented that the next upgrade would require one thousand additional accumulated points. At that moment, Zhao Yu didn't have time to look into the functions of the new system. Besides, he was still heavily shaken by the latest hexagram!

Kun Gen hexagram!

Looking at the two huge characters, Zhao Yu's heart quaked with terror. The Kun hexagram most likely represented a major incident, so the outcome of two continuous Kun hexagrams was beyond his imagination...

Right at the crucial moment of solving the Hasty Murder Case, having such a hexagram made Zhao Yu extra tense. He had dealt with the female cat burglar, Cui Lizhu, for the entire previous night, leaving him tired and sleepy.

Luckily, Zhao Yu's present role was different from when he was back at the Rongyang Branch. Now, he only needed to be in charge of giving commands, leaving no need for him to carry out small tasks personally.

So, after delegating his many more menial tasks to underlings, he had time to take a break. However, when the Kun hexagram was given, he was shaken all over again, leaving him in no mood to sleep.

Choosing to seize the time, Zhao Yu stood before the big screen and reran the entire Hasty Murder Case over again in his mind. The advanced electronic analyzation screen had myriad impressive functions. Compared to the old school whiteboard, the coverage of information that it could handle was a hundred times bigger!

But, Zhao Yu still couldn't adapt to such high technology items. He felt information that was keyed in didn't give a deep impression like when it was handwritten.

As new information related to him had appeared, Liu Yu's name was pinned right in the middle of the big screen. From the current clues, Liu Yu was most likely the murderer of the Hasty Murder Case!

Everything that he had done was motivated by revenge. Not only did he want revenge on those colleagues who framed him and took away the rewards of his hard work, but he also wanted to take revenge on the entire pharmaceutical factory!

But...

Looking at the information on the screen, Zhao Yu felt that there was still something lacking. It was all still very blurry.

First off, with this new medicine's invention, Liu Yu had led his team to work through so many years, so why did these colleagues go against him in the end?

Theoretically, when a new medicine is successfully invented, the entire research and development team would share the credit. So, there was no need for them to take such brutal measures to frame Liu Yu! If it was only to fight for merit, this would seem quite illogical. Would it be... There are some hidden insights behind this?

Zhao Yu faintly smelled the scent of a conspiracy. He felt that Liu Yu's being framed might have involved a problem on a higher level! If there weren't any higher ups that were involved, relying solely on the members in the research and development department to come forward would be useless, as they might not have the guts to do so!

However... Regarding that, Zhao Yu didn't investigate any further at the moment. He had peace of mind that, in no time, the truth would be revealed.

But, besides that, Zhao Yu couldn't be certain if the murderer was really Professor Liu Yu, much less if he acted alone.

Did he have any accomplices?

He wondered this due to the same reason as before, as looking at the killer information on the big screen, he couldn't believe that such a complicated Hasty Murder Case was carried out by one person alone!

However, the Hasty Murder Case before him was a bit different. The three victims had died, one after another. There were also various measures taken to kill them, and it was done smoothly and cleanly. This only added to his doubts that the murder was done by Li Yu alone!

If Liu Yu had an accomplice, who would the person be?

Just as Zhao Yu was pondering all of these things, new updates and information was sent in. According to the members in the research and development department in the pharmaceutical factory, the chief Professor Liu Yu had a strange temper. He was also very harsh. Hence, his relationship with the members in the research and development department was very strained.

Apparently, he thought of himself as the senior of the pharmaceutical factory and looked down his nose at everybody else. He also treated his underlings extremely harshly and had a sharp tongue.

Moreover, not only with his underlings, but even when he was dealing with the higher ups, he had always fought to get his own way. However, due to the fact that he was the technical backbone of the pharmaceutical factory, everyone had no choice but to bear with his deplorable attitude.

However, even though Liu Yu continuously asked many people on the participant name list about his being framed, these people insisted that they had no idea about it. They told him that they thought that he had really sold the information and thus deserved to be fired by the pharmaceutical factory.

At the same time, the other team that was looking for Liu Yu's whereabouts updated the force on their findings, sharing that they had searched every possible place that Liu Yu could be hiding, but had found no trace of him.

They had also come up empty-handed when they checked Liu Yu's cell phone, bank account, credit cards and car details. There was simply nothing there! It was obvious that Liu Yu had made meticulous preparations and wouldn't be easily found in a short period of time.

Just then, something even worse happened! The police thought that, as long as they kept the people on the name list of the newly invented medicine safe and in their custody, no new murders would occur. However, they underestimated Liu Yu's ability.

At ten in the morning, the Jinping Police force had already invited most of the people on the list to the police station. But, there was one person, named Ye Qing, who couldn't be found. He was the deputy chief of the research and development department, who had received the title after Liu Yu was fired.

As this person was in a higher position, compared to the normal workers, he might especially have some insights related to the case, so Li Luoyun naturally wanted to talk to him. However, even though the police searched through his residence, no one had found him. In the end, the police had to follow his phone's GPS, which led them to track him down in a remote forest area of the suburbs!

In the end, when the police found him, they realized that he had died in his car!

Chapter 566: Telepathy

Regarding the fourth victim, Ye Qing's death still shook the police and caught them off guard! They never expected that the murderer of the Hasty Murder Case could kill another staff member of the pharmaceutical factory in such a short period of time!

According to the updates from the scene, Ye Qing, who was the current chief of the research and development department, died in his private car. Although the autopsy report wasn't out yet, according

to the speculation at the scene, he died of gas poisoning! Someone had connected the exhaust pipe to the car with a hose, then started the engine, which led to the deceased's death.

As there was no struggle on the scene, the police speculated two possibilities. First, the deceased died of suicide. Second, the deceased was murdered and was unconscious before he was poisoned to death.

Of course, with the existence of the Hastu Murder Case and the deceased's unique identity, the police naturally leaned towards the possibility of his being killed. After the news spread, Zhao Yu was shocked. He never expected that they had already worked so hard, yet couldn't stop the murderer from killing again!

At the same time, Zhao Yu was even more certain about something. This murderer definitely had allies!

By the looks of it, it seemed that Ye Qing's death was reasonable. But, if one looked into it more carefully, one would notice that it actually wasn't a simple feat to accomplish killing a person with such a complex method!

Firstly, if Ye Qing was the one who drove to the crime scene, the murderer would have required a sufficient reason to lure him to the place. However, the Hasty Murder had occurred at such a tumultuous moment, Ye Qing, who was one of the people involved, had no reason to not take his personal safety into consideration or be cheated so easily.

Of course, there was another possibility, which was that the murderer drugged Ye Qing ahead of time, then drove Ye Qing's private car to the forest and killed him.

But, if that was true, then the murderer definitely needed to consider one more problem. He had to figure a way to avoid all of the surveillance cameras on the streets and not be discovered!

When all things were considered, to be able to have killed Ye Qing with this method smoothly, he would have had to do a large amount of preparation. If executing the entire plan rested solely on Liu Yu alone, it didn't seem quite logical.

After the incident, Li Luoyun was panicking, too. He quickly assigned a large taskforce to investigate the fourth murder case, intended to find clues from it. At the same time, he arranged a transport of everyone on the participants name list to the Jingping Police Station, thus protecting them and avoiding any other mishaps.

Of course, there was also another difficult situation to handle that urgently needed his attention. As there was now a fourth victim, the murderer would very likely be contacting the board of directors again, giving them his new demands! So, the police authority had to prepare for this ahead of time.

At the beginning, Zhao Yu felt a little strange. He thought that, when the people from the participant name list were questioned, they would know the truth about what had happened with Liu Yu back then! But, after interrogations, they had gained zero results. These people had insisted that they didn't know anything.

In the end, Zhao Yu gradually understood that maybe these people hadn't hid anything intentionally, but that they really were telling the truth and had no idea! The reason for his thinking this was simple. If they had screened through the rest of the people on the participant name list, they would have realized that these people were merely ordinary research members of the new medicine research team.

Regardless if Liu Yu was fired or not, once the new medicine was successfully invented, they would have been credited. Thus, there was no real motive for any untoward actions on their parts.

However, as for the four deceased victims, their situations were different. Firstly, the first victim, Peng Ankang, was Liu Yu's student, which meant that they shared a master-apprentice relationship. It was heard that he was the one who reported Liu Yu's selling the medicine. With such a scenario, a student betraying his teacher, whether Liu Yu was framed or not, he would definitely harbor a grudge against Peng Ankang!

The second victim, Lu Xiaohong, was an ordinary chemist, who had just joined the research and development department less than a year ago. So, theoretically, it would be impossible to have her name on the participant name list of the newly invented medicine.

The third victim, Zhang Kaibin, wasn't even in Liu Yu's research team. But, in the end, not only was his name on the participant name list, he was also transferred to the quality inspection department and given the title of officer!

As for the fourth victim, Ye Qing, it's needless to say that he was automatically promoted after Liu Yu was fired. Hence, he was obviously the party that was most benefited.

The four persons' situations were obviously abnormal. So, maybe these few people joined forces to frame Liu Yu. Hence, Liu Yu was returning to seek his revenge on them!

"Team Leader!" Wu Xiumin heard Zhao Yu's analyzation and immediately shrugged her shoulders. She then said, "If it was really like how you have guessed, it means that Liu Yu already would have exacted his revenge and wouldn't need kill anyone else on the name list, right?"

"It's hard to say!" Zhao Yu's eyebrows were tightly knit, as he shared his concern, "I feel that, if there was really someone who framed Liu Yu, maybe there was also a higher up that was involved! Relying solely on that one handful of people from the research and development department, I'm afraid that it would be quite difficult for them to take Liu Yu down on their own!"

"Makes sense!" Ran Tao scratched his head and said. "I think that we should screen the higher ups of the pharmaceutical factory to see if any of them had a conflict with Liu Yu. If we could find someone who did, we might be able to uncover more of the truth!"

"Yes!" Zhao Yu nodded. "You go take care of this! I know there are many higher ups in the pharmaceutical factory, so go ask for some backup!"

"Will do!" Ran Tao nodded and left the office.

"Team Leader, this situation is not right!" Wu Xiumin said anxiously. "If the people who framed Liu Yu included the higher ups in the factory, would they not be next on Liu Yu's revenge list? In other words, does this mean that the Hasty Murder Case is still ongoing?"

"It's very possible!" Zeng Ke said. "From Peng Ankang to Ye Qing, every victim held a high position. And, the murderer is killing chronologically! The next time, it seems very possible that it will be a higher up within the factory!"

“Oh gosh, please don’t let anyone else die! Any more death, and it would mean game over for our special investigator life!” Wu Xiumin clasped her hands together, as if she were praying hard.

“However, there have already been four deaths...” Zhao Yu pondered. “I thought, if there was really a factory leader involved, he would have realized by now that he would be Liu Yu’s next target, right? So, Ran Tao should be able to find out who it is!”

“Humph! I don’t quite believe in that guy,” Wu Xiumin debunked Zhao Yu’s confidence in his colleague, saying, “Relying on the fact that he looks like a jerk and goes around flirting frivolously with girls, I find him so annoying!”

“But, I think Bro Tao is quite reliable!” Zeng Ke chimed in with an honest opinion. “He was the first one to find Liu Yu, after all!”

“Humph,” Wu Xiumin continued speaking of him with disdain, “If he is so capable, why hasn’t he gone ahead and found Liu Yu by now?”

Liu Yu?!

That name awakened Zhao Yu.

Yeah, right?

Every problem was centered on Liu Yu. If they could find this person, the truth of the Hasty Murder Case could be unearthed!

But... Liu Yu had already concealed every single one of his traces, so where would they find him?

Eh?

Yeah!

Suddenly, Zhao Yu thought of the female cat burglar, Cui Lizhu. He remembered that, when Cui Lizhu saw Liu Yu’s photo, she was stunned momentarily.

Would she really know Liu Yu?

Otherwise...

Just then, it felt like telepathy, as Zhao Yu thought of Cui Lizhu, there was someone who came to knock on the door suddenly. A police officer had come to report to Zhao Yu, saying that the woman that he had arrested wanted to see him. Apparently, she had something important to discuss with him!

Chapter 567: Special Deal

An interrogation room in Jinping Police Station.

“What is it? You want to make a frank confession now?” Zhao Yu raised his eyebrows and looked at the female cat burglar, Cui Lizhu. At that very moment, Cui Lizhu’s hands were handcuffed.

“Police officer,” Cui Lizhu had no intention to argue with Zhao Yu but looked at him with a solemn yet nervous expression, “can we make a deal?”

“Oh?” Zhao Yu’s eyes beamed with surprise and he asked, “Why? Do you really know Liu Yu?”

“Amazing! How did you know?” Cui Lizhu shook her head in disbelief and said, “I... I didn’t know his name, but...” She weighed her words carefully, then said with hesitation, “I did meet him before! And, I know where he is hiding!”

“Oh?!” Zhao Yu was hooked now. He had never expected that the side quest would be so useful! This female cat burglar happened to know the suspect of the Hasty Murder Case!

Cui Lizhu bit her lip, then said hesitantly, “Why don’t you help me with something first, okay? We burglars have rules, too. I want you to help me check to see if Ma Qiang from Zhangping Street was put behind bars. And if so, I want to know if what he was arrested for is a severe crime?”

“What? Ma Qiang?” Zhao Yu thought for a moment, then suddenly realized something and asked her closely, “Ma Qiang, would this be the Second Master that you were talking about?”

“Yes!” Cui Lizhu nodded. “I could only reveal my information if I am certain that he will never be let out! Do you understand?”

“I understand, as those are the rules of the league! It seems that the Second Master is the head of you thieves, huh?” Zhao Yu smiled. “Why though? Is Liu Yu somehow related to your group of thieves?”

“Mm...” Cui Lizhu stole a glance at Zhao Yu but didn’t speak.

Zhao Yu understood what she meant and immediately turned around to make an exit from the interrogation room. Then, he stood by the door and didn’t do anything for a moment. He simply stood there for a good two minutes, then returned to the interrogation room.

“Alright, got it!” Zhao Yu said. “Your Second Master did breach the law. Not only did he breach the law, but he was also slashed by someone and is still being rescued! The colleagues told me that, even if he is rescued, he will be in a coma!”

“Huh?!” Cui Lizhu had a shock and asked anxiously, “So severe? Slashed... Slashed by who?”

“I have no idea, as they haven’t found that out yet! But, you don’t have to worry. Your head thieves wouldn’t be able to find trouble with you now!” Zhao Yu said. “Now, we can talk about you, right?”

“Oh... Alright... Okay...” Although Cui Lizhu wasn’t sure if she believed this information entirely, she relaxed a little more on the chair and told Zhao Yu, “Police officer, I did see the person that you were talking about at our headquarters! He was talking to one of our seniors. You know, there were hardly any strangers at our place, which is why it left a very deep impression on me!”

“Headquarters? You mean the thieves’ lair?” Zhao Yu asked, suddenly having remembered that, when the murderer of Hasty Murder Case threatened the pharmaceutical factory, he had used a stolen cell phone. Then, when Cui Lizhu had said that Liu Yu was somehow connected to the thieves’ lair, that meant that the cell phone was most likely stolen by the thieves!

“Which day did you see him?” Zhao Yu asked.

"I saw him about three days ago, then yesterday morning as well," Cui Lizhu recalled. "I assume that the person should still be in our headquarters!"

"Alright!" Zhao Yu stood up and said. "Hurry up and tell me where your thieves' lair is!"

"Are you joking, bro?" Cui Lizhu had her eyes wide open now. "Do you know what I am doing? I'm deceiving and destroying my ancestors' legacy! If news of this were to be spread around in the future, how could I continue to make a living in my league?"

"Okay! I understand," Zhao Yu said readily. "I know what you mean. Don't worry, as long as you help me find Liu Yu, I will let you off the hook for stealing the medicine!"

"Let's be sure!" Cui Lizhu replied just as readily. "I must bring all of you myself. You should know that it is the thieves' lair, so even if I tell you the location, you might not be able to find it!"

"Mm..." Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows, unsure now. "This..."

"Please, bro!" Cui Lizhu stuck her tongue out. "Our thieves' lair opens out in all directions. If I don't bring you there myself, the person that you were looking for might escape via a secret route. If that happens, don't blame me for not warning you!"

"Mm... Alright!" Zhao Yu pondered in his head...

You have my Invisible Camera on your shoulder anyway! Why would I be afraid, if you tried to seize the chance to escape?

"Police officer!" Cui Lizhu said playfully. "Do you know who my senior is? That day at my place, you saw him! His name is Pang Yong. That guy has been thinking to take advantage of me all this time, so rest assured, he's not a nice person! Why don't you bring some more people to flip his lair over with one shot! As long as they're finished, I'll be safe."

"Hehe..." Zhao Yu chuckled and nodded lightly, agreeing to her plan. "Alright. Seems brutal enough!"

"Humph! You'll see, he is heartless. Then, you won't blame me for my disloyalty!" Cui Lizhu said frankly. "To be frank, the Second Master was the only one that was taking care of me. As he is not there anymore, I have no reason to stay any longer! Besides, the things in their lair are sufficient for them to get into big trouble, so I don't want any part of that!"

She then reminded him again, "And remember, we made a deal! When you arrest the criminal, you can't put me in a difficult position! And don't worry, from today onwards, I have learned my lesson and will turn over a new leaf, okay?"

Zhao Yu didn't know if he should laugh or cry at what the strange yet funny girl was saying. As he recalled what happened in the hotel the night before, he felt his favor towards her blossom, like she was now a bosom friend.

Suddenly, he even had an idea flash past his mind.

If I were to take the female cat burglar under my care, would it be beneficial for me in solving the case?

Due to the passing of time, Zhao Yu wasn't sure if Liu Yu would still be hiding in the thieves' den, so they had to take immediate action. Hence, he immediately informed Li Luoyun of their plan, requesting that the Jinping police send over some manpower for backup.

As the influence of Hasty Murder Case was quite huge, almost every police detective in Jinping was sent over to help. When Li Luoyun had gotten the instructions, he naturally didn't delay!

As the clue was found out by the special investigation team, Zhao Yu naturally partook in the action. Plus, he had to look after the female cat burglar!

Then, when it was just past noon, Zhao Yu led a big troop to arrive at the thieves' lair, according to Cui Lizhu's directions. But, when they arrived at their destination, every police detective was shocked. They had never guessed that the thieves' lair would be hidden among a huge wholesale market!

There were people and cars that were coming and going nonstop! It was an extremely busy place.

These thieves are so courageous?!

However, when they looked into it more carefully, they understood the theory behind its location very quickly.

It was exactly because it was a busy wholesale market that the thieves chose the location for their lair, as everywhere was packed with trucks that transported stock! To hide their stolen goods at such a place was indeed the most suitable location!

Amazing!

Really amazing!

The police detectives were admittedly impressed. These thieves were too cunning!

However, as the target location was in the wholesale market, it understandably caused huge trouble logistically for the police. It opened out in all directions and had so many exits, after all! Not only was there an underground corridor, but there were even mid-air passageways, too! Once they alerted the enemy, it would be extremely difficult to arrest them!

Hence, Li Luoyun decided that everyone should change into casual outfits and guard the various exits. Then, they sent out an experienced troop to go into the wholesale market to arrest the criminals incognito!

Chapter 568: How Do I Open Handcuffs?

The wholesale market was indeed a hodgepodge of good and bad people. Its layout was complicated, but luckily, Cui Lizhu was familiar with the place, so she could lead the police to one of the basement warehouses.

"Can't go any further!" Just as they got to a turn, Cui Lizhu reminded everyone, "Everyone has their alarm system. Any further, and we would be exposed! Noh..." She pointed at a curtain door somewhere

further on and said, "Their lair is right behind that door. I reckon that most of the people should be there!"

"Alright!" Li Luoyun immediately gave orders to each unit, then urged them to prepare tools for the break-in. At the same time, he reminded all of the policemen to take extra note on Liu Yu! After all, their surprise attack was focused on the Hasty Murder Case.

"Oh, right..." Cui Lizhu waved at Li Luoyun and Zhao Yu. "You have to send another troop with me to outflank them from the other side. I know one other secret tunnel, so you have to keep guard at that exit, too!"

"Okay!" Li Luoyun immediately sent a troop of police detectives.

"Team Leader Zhao, thank you!" Li Luoyun passed Zhao Yu a gun and exhorted, "When my men are ready, we can move together! Please be careful!"

Zhao Yu took the gun and nodded. He then let Cui Lizhu lead the way, bringing a few police detectives towards the depth of the basement warehouses. It seemed to be abandoned, as all of the lighting was dim and some places even had no lighting at all.

Cui Lizhu was extremely familiar with the space, as she had promised. She brought Zhao Yu and the troop to and fro inside the warehouse. Then, they all arrived at an emergency exit.

Near the emergency exit stairways, there was a little door that looked somewhat like a big circuit breaker box. Then, when it was pushed open, besides the electric panel, there was a narrow yet long passageway behind the door.

"We have to sneak in and walk to the other side of the passageway!" Cui Lizhu said. "Otherwise, there are quite a few exits! It would be hard to guarantee which one would they might take!"

Zhao Yu nodded in agreement. After Cui Lizhu went in, he followed closely behind her.

Luckily the passageway wasn't long. Soon enough, they came to somewhere more spacious. It used to be a basement parking lot, but was now abandoned. The smell of pee filled the entire space, causing their stomachs to lurch.

"It's here!" Cui Lizhu pointed to the front of the parking lot. "You can lie and wait to ambush from here! I guarantee you will have some results then!"

Zhao Yu observed the layout and nodded at the police detectives. They immediately dispersed and looked for a good hiding spot.

"Captain Li, we are ready!" Via walkie-talkie, Zhao Yu reported their situation to Li Luoyun.

"Alright! We are ready, too! Then... Team Leader Zhao, let's... begin?" Zhao Yu was of a higher commanding position, after all, so Li Luoyun, not daring overstep his position, asked politely.

Zhao Yu was only thinking about solving the case, so he naturally couldn't be bothered by this kind of silly etiquette. He said straightforwardly, "Captain Li, it's your call!"

“Alright! All units, attention, go!” Li Luoyun omitted the courtesy and immediately sent out action orders. Each unit launched their surprise attack at the thieves’ lair.

However, although the action had launched, the location where Zhao Yu was at had no movement at all. They could only wait patiently.

“Police officer,” Cui Lizhu told Zhao Yu softly, “I have no idea how many of them will run out from here later! Why not unlock my handcuffs, and I will help you to arrest a few?”

“Humph, dream on!” Zhao Yu sent her a glare and said. “Why are the handcuffs difficult for you now? At the hotel, you freed yourself behind your back!”

“Humph! Don’t ask what you already know!” Cui Lizhu pouted. “These are obviously special handcuffs that police detectives use, so it’s different than your cheapskate brand! Hurry up and open them for me. There are so many police here, are you worried that I will run away?”

“Hey?” What Cui Lizhu said triggered Zhao Yu’s curiosity. He creased his eyebrows and asked, “Speaking of which, I have something that I don’t quite understand. In the hotel, how did you open your handcuffs? You weren’t really dressed back then...”

What Zhao Yu meant was that Cui Lizhu was only wearing her sleeping gown and so she shouldn’t have had any tools that she could use to pick the lock of the handcuffs.

Plus, she was handcuffed behind her back, so how could she possibly have opened them?

Just as Zhao Yu asked her, one of the police detectives at the front suddenly reminded the group, “Take note! There’s movement!”

Then, everyone quickly lowered their heads. When he looked towards the parking lot, a few figures were running towards them, obviously panicked. When they arrived before them, Zhao Yu was surprised that there were actually about seven or eight of them that had fled that way!

So many?

Zhao Yu looked back at Cui Lizhu, while Cui Lizhu raised her hands before her again, signaling for him to open her handcuffs. But, Zhao Yu naturally wouldn’t open her handcuffs for her. He immediately lifted the gun that Li Luoyun passed to him and rolled his eyes at her cheekily.

Quicker than words could tell, the seven or eight thieves were before them, and the police detectives hemmed them in and caught them off guard. However, including Zhao Yu, there were only six now on the scene. Under such chaos, someone had run off!

However, fighting against these thieves, Zhao Yu of course didn’t need a gun. He dashed forward and landed a punch and a kick, taking care of the two escapees easily! But, just as Zhao Yu had beaten them up and turned around, he realized that Cui Lizhu was nowhere to be seen!

D*mn!

This girl...

Zhao Yu searched around in a hurry, but didn’t see her anywhere.

Eh?

That's strange!

Where did she go...?

Zhao Yu looked around, even searching along the shadows. In the end, when he took a whiff of a foul smell, he was surprised to see another passageway! It was dark and boundless, and the foul smell soared upward from it, as the passageway led downward. It was most likely connected to the sewer!

Motherf*cker... What is this?

Suddenly, Zhao Yu finally realized that everything before his eyes seemed to have been pre-arranged by Cui Lizhu!

She knew that there was a passageway that connected to the sewer. Hence, she requested to block off the escape route here!

Why does she want to run? Is she afraid that I will go back on my word, or...

Due to the pressing of time, Zhao Yu couldn't think on any of this further. He quickly tapped opened the system interface in his head to look at her via the camera on her shoulder. When he opened it, he was upset to find that the invisible camera's filming duration had ended, as it could only be effective for twelve hours!

D*mn it!

Why didn't I notice this earlier?

At the moment, the police detectives were still entangled with the thieves, but Zhao Yu had no time for that. He turned on the flashlight feature on his cell phone and dashed into the sewer.

There wasn't any light in the sewer. Besides filthy water, there was only that same foul smell.

Pitter-patter...

After he had jogged for a bit, he suddenly heard a faint ruffling sound. He quickly ran forward. He was shocked to see a metal fencing!

The metal fencing blocked off the sewer! However, what shocked Zhao Yu most was that Cui Lizhu was standing on the other side of the metal fencing!

It can't be, right?

Zhao Yu's eyes shot wide open.

How did she get over to that side?

He looked closely and noticed that the metal fencing didn't seem to have a door, so it was impossible for anyone to have gone through it!

Would it be...

Looking at the fence, Zhao Yu thought of another possibility.

Did she climb over?

“Police officer!” Cui Lizhu turned around to greet Zhao Yu. She raised her hands and smiled. “Don’t you want to know how I opened my handcuffs? Look...”

Just as she spoke, Zhao Yu was shocked to see that she had used her left hand and squeezed her right hand out. Then, along with the cracking sound that her right hand’s bones made, the handcuffs fell off smoothly...

Wow!

Zhao Yu then understood that Cui Lizhu didn’t pick locks at all! Instead, she knew a body-shrinking skill!!

Chapter 569: Misjudged

Swoosh...

In that instance, Zhao Yu raised his gun! Although he couldn’t go through the metal fencing, the bullet could! If Zhao Yu were to shoot, Cui Lizhu certainly couldn’t dodge that bullet.

However, Cui Lizhu seemed completely unafraid. Although she saw him raising his gun, she cheekily sent Zhao Yu a flying kiss. She then walked further into the depths of the sewer...

Zhao Yu naturally had no intention to shoot her. Looking at Cui Lizhu’s receding figure, he felt a surge of empathy towards her instead.

Maybe Cui Lizhu was afraid that I don’t keep my promises...

If it was merely about her stealing medicine from the mental hospital, Zhao Yu naturally could let that slip. However, when Zhao Yu weighed the entire situation carefully, he felt that the reality was really not as simple that.

Although, Cui Lizhu helped us to find the thieves’ lair, was Liu Yu even really there?

And, what if Cui Lizhu is involved in other cases? She wanted to escape, was that because she was worried that all of the cases that she was involved with before would be unearthed?

No way...

The more Zhao Yu thought, the more he felt that he couldn’t just let Cui Lizhu escape. Hence, he quickly came before the metal fencing and pulled at it with all his strength. But, the metal fencing was new, so it didn’t even move an inch.

Tsk tsk...

Zhao Yu felt defeated. He had more than twenty types of devices in his device bar, but there was nothing that could help him resolve the metal fencing dilemma before him. In such a hopeless situation, he could only contact his other members of the force for backup through his walkie talkie.

At that very moment, Ran Tao and the rest of the police troop surrounded the wholesale market. When Zhao Yu told them about Cui Lizhu's escaping through the sewer, the three of them immediately flew into action.

Zeng Ke got the distribution map of the sewer, then separated his men into two troops, led by Ran Tao and Wu Xiumin. Then, they departed to all possible exits to block off Cui Lizhu.

Just as Zhao Yu returned to the basement parking lot, Li Luoyun updated them, reporting that they had ambushed the wholesale market and swept the thieves' lair out entirely! The fifteen burglars at the scene were arrested! Not one escaped!

However, although the police found a large sum of stolen goods, the outcome was overall disappointing. They searched through the scene, but there was no trace of Liu Yu!

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One hour later, Jinping Police Station Special, Investigation Group office.

Pieces of bad news showered down like snowflakes, one after another. Firstly, Ran Tao and the troop looked through the sewer exits, but still didn't find Cui Lizhu anywhere. The female cat burglar's escape skills were very outstanding.

Secondly, Pang Yong, who had previously tried to sexually harass Cui Lizhu, was really in the lair. As such, he was arrested by the police. However, during the interrogation, Pang Yong declared that he didn't know Liu Yu at all!

The police interrogated other thieves, who all gave the same testimony, saying that they had never seen Liu Yu or even heard that name!

Sh*t!

After receiving that update, Zhao Yu then realized that he was most probably cheated by Cui Lizhu! The thieves' lair and Liu Yu might not be related at all. It was all made up!

The reason why she did this was because of two reasons: Firstly, the police flipped over Pang Yong's group and helped her sweep away her enemy. Secondly, she could use the opportunity to escape! That last fact alone proved that she really did it!

D*mn!

Zhao Yu couldn't help but feel angry.

Cui Lizhu, I really got it all wrong! I never expected that, at such a young age, you would dare to scheme me like that!

Just you wait. The next time I catch you...

Due to these discouraging results, the special investigation team office seemed to be extra low on morale. After all, Liu Yu wasn't arrested, and Cui Lizhu had escaped.

"I never expected that the girl would be so cunning." Wu Xiumin was puffed up with anger. "If I knew that she had something up her sleeve, I would have interrogated her properly! Team Leader, why didn't you tell us earlier?"

"I had no idea, either!" Zhao Yu was also upset. "I only coincidentally saw her stealing things before!"

"She looked quite pretty! Her body was quite hot, too!" Ran Tao asked Zhao Yu curiously, "Team Leader, you saw it with your own eyes. She snuck through the metal fencing? Even if she knew bone-shrinking skills... How did she..."

"I didn't see it with my own eyes..." Zhao Yu also felt perplexed.

"If so..." Zeng Ke guessed, "She was just lying to us? She didn't know Liu Yu at all. So, we would just leave her aside and investigate Liu Yu! It's already afternoon, so Liu Yu should be giving the factory a blackmail phone call by now! I wonder if I could target him?"

"No... That's not right..." Zhao Yu shook his head and said. "I've noticed Cui Lizhu's expressions. I feel that she has seen Liu Yu before. However, it was not at the thieves' lair!"

"Oh?" Zeng Ke was curious. "Team Leader, that's weird. If the girl really does know Liu Yu, but wasn't willing to say so, would it be... They are in some unusual relationship?"

"Or maybe..." Zhao Yu seemed to think of something, but he couldn't say it accurately. He pondered about it, then recalled the scene at the mental hospital. He then asked Zeng Ke, "Zeng Ke, Butyrophenones, have you about them?"

"What?" Zeng Ke asked, stunned. "What you are talking about? Is that a kind of medication that treats psychiatric disorders?"

"Yes!" Zhao Yu said. "Is it very expensive? Maybe something that could be used to make into drugs?"

"Such a joke!" Wu Xiumin immediately replied. "Team Leader, I study psychology, so I know. Butyrophenones treat psychiatric disorders and contain certain calming ingredients! But drugs are stimulants. Thus, the effects are entirely the opposite!"

"Oh?" Zhao Yu was stunned. He never expected that his guesses would be inaccurate. The reason Cui Lizhu had escaped was not because the medicine could be made into drugs, after all.

This...

"The medicine that you were talking about is very expensive and is prescribed medication, so you can't get it on the market!" Wu Xiumin said. "Only mental hospitals could have that access!"

Tsk tsk...

I'm so careless...

Suddenly, Zhao Yu felt confused and could barely think.

If Cui Lizhu had only stolen medicine, she could totally tell the truth about it. There was no need to con the police and take the risk to escape.

She should know that her escaping would be a great matter! If she were to fall into their hands again, she would be in big trouble!

Then... Why did she do it?

Zeng Ke was right. If Liu Yu had nothing to do with her, why didn't she just tell them about Liu Yu? When she left the sewer, she had the chance to tell him, too!

If she was not willing to say anything, would it be that she and Liu Yu were friends, that wanted to protect Liu Yu? Or, Liu Yu and her are relatives... Or maybe... Maybe...

Hey?

Suddenly, Zhao Yu thought of another new possibility.

Would it be that Liu Yu had some sort of leverage on her? And, once the police caught Liu Yu, her crime would be exposed, too?

So, that's why she doesn't want to reveal Liu Yu...

Then... Besides stealing medicine, Cui Lizhu also committed another crime?

Oh...

Could it be like that?!

Chapter 570: Breaking Into a Private Residence

Jinping Police Station, interrogation room.

Pang Yong, from the thieves gang, looked dumbfounded, as he sat before Zhao Yu while being interrogated. Zhao Yu wanted to know everything about Cui Lizhu's theft.

"Police officer, what happened was," dealing with Zhao Yu's interrogation, Pang Yong didn't dare to hide, but immediately confessed everything, "about a month ago, we found a target. There was a Chinese man that had returned from overseas. He bought a villa on Hu An Street, and immediately installed a safe box there."

He continued. "We thought that, if he were to install such an expensive safe box, naturally, there would be something priceless in that safe box. So, we started eyeing it. But, just as we prepared to take action to get to it, we suddenly found out that someone had beaten us to it! After we asked around, we realized that the person was most likely our junior, Cui Lizhu!"

Pang Yong continued to explain, "In the entire Jinping area, only she can open such a safe box without drilling! Plus, when we were planning, Cui Lizhu was always around us. It would be very likely that she found out our secret and beat us to the punch! When we got the news, we were so angry. That's why we went to look for her!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows, then asked, "Then, do you know what exactly was in the safe box?"

“We have no idea!” Pang Yong said, obviously frustrated. “We reckoned that, even if it was something valuable, it could not be legally owned. Because, after it was stolen, the owner didn’t report it to the police, nor was there any offer of a reward...”

That’s weird...

Zhao Yu recalled seriously that, in the hotel, Cui Lizhu had described the matter so lightly. She had only said that Pang Yong and the rest had accused her wrongly of stealing a bag of diamonds.

Then... Was it really diamonds in the safe box?

After pondering about it, Zhao Yu felt that Cui Lizhu had most likely lied to him. The things inside the wealthy man’s safe box might really have been stolen by her, meaning that Pang Yong and the rest hadn’t accused her wrongly.

But... If she really did steal the diamonds, then why did she go and steal medicine from the mental hospital? Would it be... The things that she stole weren’t diamonds? Or maybe there was nothing in the safe box? She was fooled?

Tsk tsk...

Zhao Yu was upset. At the beginning, he thought he had seen through Cui Lizhu. But, the female cat burglar seemed to carry a lot of secrets!

Where does Cui Lizhu come from, and how is she related to Liu Yu?

“Cui Lizhu wasn’t born and raised in Jingping,” Pang Yong introduced. “She only joined us about a year or two ago. The girl is young, but her skills are outstanding. That’s why our Second Master thought so highly of her! Soon enough, she was on the same level as me!”

“According to what she said herself, her hometown is around Jinbian and Ganlong, but no one knows who her sifu was. However, her sifu was definitely someone skilled!” Pang Yong spoke frankly. “Otherwise, if she were to have learned on her own, her standards wouldn’t be so high!”

Sifu?

Zhao Yu suddenly thought of something.

Cui Lizhu and Gege looked so much alike. Would there be a reason behind this?

“When was the safe box broken into?” Zhao Yu asked again.

“Mm... Three days ago?” Pang Yong replied. “After we found out about it, we have been lying in ambush around Cui Lizhu’s house. We wanted to confront her and force her to hand over the things. Then, last night, we finally found her, but there was a person, who called himself a police officer, that popped out from nowhere! I have no idea if the person was her ally.”

Zhao Yu stole a glance at Pang Yong. When Pang Yong spoke, he didn’t lift up his head at all, so it didn’t look like he was lying. It seemed that he didn’t know that the police officer that had saved Cui Lizhu the night before was him!

After he came out from the interrogation room, Zhao Yu had a huge headache. The Hasty Murder Case itself was thorny enough, but with Cui Lizhu, who was as mysterious as a puzzle, added on, it had become even more complicated!

Zhao Yu still insisted that there must be something between Cui Lizhu and Liu Yu, as, when she was in the office, Cui Lizhu's expression had betrayed her!

He tried to imagine...

If she merely saw Liu Yu somewhere, why didn't she just tell that to the police? Did Liu Yu really have some kind of leverage on Cui Lizhu, like the robbery of the safe box, perhaps?

Zhao Yu made a decision immediately. He wanted to go to the Chinese man's house and ask about the safe box. If he could know what exactly Cui Lizhu had stolen, maybe he could find more clues about Liu Yu.

At that moment, Ran Tao was following Zhao Yu's instruction and still investigating on the higher ups of the pharmaceutical factory, to see if anyone else was involved in framing Liu Yu. Hence, Zhao Yu brought Wu Xiumin and Zeng Ke with him, as he headed to the villa. As they weren't going for the Hasty Murder Case, they didn't feel the need to inform Li Luoyun.

Hu An Street was far from police station, and it happened to be after work during peak traffic hours. As such, the whole journey there was rather tough. When they finally got there, the sky was beginning to grow dark.

When they knocked on the door to the villa, no one answered. Helplessly, Zhao Yu contacted the housing development management and found the owner's name and phone number. The owner's name was Su Haifeng and, according to the registration record, he was renting the villa from someone else.

Huh?

The villa is rented, not bought?

Zhao Yu instinctually put his guard up, because, if the person was simply an ordinary wealthy man, why would he rent out a villa?

It seemed that Pang Yong was right. Su Haifeng maybe really did have something to hide...

Then, Zhao Yu made a call to Su Haifeng with the phone number provided. No one answered. Zeng Ke seized the chance to track the number, realizing that Su Haifeng's cell phone was actually in the villa!

Tsk tsk...

That's even weirder. If Su Haifeng were inside, why didn't he just pick up the call, much less answer the door?!

Zhao Yu made a decision to go in and check quickly. They knew that, in such high-end villa area, if they didn't have any official search warrant, the property management wouldn't help them to open the door.

So, the three of them didn't think of asking the management for help, but instead looked for a place with a lower wall and climbed in. Then, the three of them passed the front yard and walked towards the main entrance. The door was locked. They knocked hardly on the door, but there still was no response.

"What should we do, Team Leader?" Zeng Ke creased his eyebrows and said. "Why don't we try to get in touch with the Jinping police to get them open the door for us?"

"Are you kidding? Didn't you see how long it took for us to get here?" Zhao Yu shook his head. "If I were to wait for the police, I might as well take a nap first!"

"Then... What should I do?"

"Didn't you hear of an old saying?" Zhao Yu smirked. "If there is no door, there's always a window!"

"Window?"

Zhao Yu grabbed the vase at the door and smashed it towards the window in the living room, shattering the glass.

"Team Leader..." Zeng Ke never expected his team leader to be so violent! He swallowed his saliva and asked anxiously, "Us doing this... It's not quite right, right? This is breaking into private property and damaging personal items! We will have to take responsibility..."

However, Zhao Yu and Wu Xiumin didn't bother with him, but immediately entered into the villa to investigate...