

Crazy 601

Chapter 601: Beware of the Swindler

After listening to what Zeng Ke had just said, Zhao Yu was flustered.

How could this be?

He had gone to such lengths to find more clues, and it was all taken away by Zeng Ke's phone call. This was the most heartbreaking news in the world. If he had known these things just moments before, he wouldn't have wasted a precious Memory Flashback Device!

Gao Gefeng!

Lao Feng!

Who is this person?

"Team Leader, are you listening?" Zeng Ke heard that Zhao Yu didn't reply, so he voiced his concerns. "Why do I feel that you are not that shocked by this news?"

"Oh, consider me shocked!" Zhao Yu replied bitterly. "Then, tell me, how did the Jinping police find out about this person?"

"Well, first of all, I have lived for so many years, yet this is the very first time that I have come across such a major incident!" Zeng Ke immediately resumed his excited talkative banter. "Guess what? Not only is Lao Feng a police detective on the Jinping police team, but he is also Li Luoyun's best man! I'm guessing Li Luoyun would have never guessed that he was the spy!"

"Yes, yes, but I'm asking you, how did they find out?" Zhao Yu was getting impatient.

"Oh... Okay... Before Li Luoyun went in for surgery, he had already realized that there might be a double agent at his side! So, he found his friends in the Ministry of Supervision for help. He asked them to investigate every member of the police detective team, especially those that were involved in the Hasty Murder Case with him!"

"In the end, the supervision team soon locked onto Gao Gefeng as the prime suspect!" Zeng Ke was getting more excited while telling the story. "Gao Gefeng had been traveling abroad frequently in the recent years. So, not only were his whereabouts hidden, but there was also a lot of money being transferred to his account from an unknown source, with every transaction amount being quite a large sum!"

"After he was as an official suspect, the supervision team began investigating his movements carefully. Although they couldn't find any direct evidence of his guilt at first, further investigation showed that he had gone on fieldwork duty very frequently during the Hasty Murder Case. As such, his movements were very suspicious."

He continued, barely stopping to take a breath. "Then, the supervision team got more and more motivated, as they continued to find more clues. In the end, they finally found the most crucial piece of

evidence!” Zeng Ke let out a long breath, then continued, “When the car bomb fiasco happened, Lao Feng was actually assigned to go for field work with another group! But, he suddenly took a sick leave and said that he had to go to the hospital. Fishy, right?”

Zeng Ke waited for a reaction from Zhao Yu, but when he got none, he continued. “It got easier to investigate him after that. According to the surveillance video and official investigation report, the supervision team realized that he hadn’t actually headed to any hospital due to sickness, but that he instead went to a car workshop that was affiliated with the police authority. And guess what, Team Leader?” Zeng Ke tried to create suspense, then concluded by stating, “The police car that had the bomb installed was stolen from that same car workshop!”

Zeng Ke was on a roll now, so he just kept going. “Apparently, after Lao Feng entered the car workshop, he never appeared in the video anymore. So, he must have stolen the police car and escaped from another exit! Hence, the supervision team concluded that Lao Feng was likely the mysterious man that installed the bomb that night!”

He then continued, giving Zhao Yu his hypothesis. “Team Leader, I’m guessing this Lao Feng might be the head of those criminals, and that he stole the police car ahead of time! Also, it is very likely that he tried to use the police car to kill Cui Lizhu and Ma Qiang in an explosion, just to shut them up!”

A somewhat smug smile now spread on Zeng Ke’s face, as he said, “But, they never expected that we would be there! Not only did we take care of the three persons that were there to get the medicine, but you even arrested the two persons who were supposed to keep watch!”

Zeng Ke chuckled a bit, then continued. “Then, Lao Feng couldn’t hold back anymore, so he suddenly changed his plan to drive the police car installed with a bomb to you, intending to create an earth-shattering explosion. This was because he wanted to destroy all of the evidence at once, to end all of his troubles!”

Zeng Ke then seized the chance to flatter his superior, “But, you saw through his trick! Team Leader, I’m so in awe of you! You can even foil a bomb plot! You’re too amazing!”

“Stop sucking up to me,” Zhao Yu said humbly. “Does it matter if I know how to dispose of a bomb? I risked my life to do so! If I had been any slower, I would have died! Do you know that? So, when you type up the report, remember to emphasize that point, understand? It’s necessary to add some accouterments!”

“Yes yes yes, of course! Will do!” Zeng Ke was most likely blushing with shame on the other side of the phone.

“Alright, so what’s the situation there? Have they arrested him yet?” Zhao Yu asked, eager to move on to another important point.

“The Jinping station sent special forces to hunt him down!” Zeng Ke replied. “They should be at Lao Feng’s house by now. So, I reckon there will be news soon!”

Zhao Yu nodded.

“Then... You... Are you done with your side of the investigation?” Zeng Ke asked softly.

“Bullsh*t! Didn’t you take over, even after all of my efforts?” Zhao Yu asked spiritlessly. He then started his car engine and said, “Wait for me! I’m rushing back now!”

Then, Zhao Yu drove towards the hospital. He was understandably upset. Although his accumulated points were up to a hundred points, he still felt that all of his efforts had been in vain. After all, if he were to have noticed Lao Feng earlier, he might have prevented some of these devastating events!

However, the more he thought about it, he realized that Lao Feng and the rest had been quite courageous in their actions. This made them different from normal people, meaning that it was definitely more difficult to predict their actions.

He recalled that when Liu Yu’s car had exploded, Lao Feng had come forward to report the situation personally. What a crafty guy! Thinking of his cunning skills of deception, Zhao Yu had a feeling that the Jinping police wouldn’t be able to capture Lao Feng so easily.

Moreover, if he were to flee, the consequences would be beyond imagination! Not only would the Hasty Murder Case not be able to be officially closed, but it would also affect Zhao Yu’s future within the special investigation group!

Ten minutes later, just as Zhao Yu had rushed to the hospital, Zeng Ke called to update him on the situation. Zeng Ke told Zhao Yu that Lao Feng had fled when the police arrived at his place to arrest him.

Not only did the police find the remaining explosive materials, but they also found some blood stains. They even found some things that looked like human fingers in the rubbish bin! Needless to say, those fingers most likely belonged to Cui Lizhu!

After such a discovery, the police were even more certain that Lao Feng was one of the criminals behind the Hasty Murder Case. However, although they didn’t manage to arrest him, the police did find a record of a ticket purchase on his account receipts. As such, they reckoned that he bought a flight ticket using a stolen identity and was going to flee!

After getting the news update, the higher-ups in the provincial office decided to seal off the airport and send a large police force to search through the airport to find Lao Feng. They were determined to arrest him and bring him to court!

That’s not right!

That’s not right...

After hearing Zeng Ke’s report, Zhao Yu couldn’t help but crease his eyebrows. He suddenly felt that the police investigation seemed to be going too smoothly. It seemed too easy!

According to Lao Feng’s pattern, the Hasty Murder Case was done gracefully and flawlessly. So, if he really wanted to flee, he wouldn’t leave such obvious clues behind for the police to find!

That’s not right!

There’s most likely a hidden plot behind this!!!

Chapter 602: Brilliant Foresight

Bethune Hospital was the biggest hospital in Jinping. This meant that everyone, including Li Luoyun, Ma Laodan and his father, Cui Lizhu and the other two criminals that were beaten by Zhao Yu, were all being treated there.

At twelve noon, besides Li Luoyun, who was severely injured, the others were all done with their surgeries and had been sent to their wards. Among the five of them, only Ma Laodan wasn't among the list of suspects. As for the other four, arrangements were made for them to be watched by professional police detectives.

According to the rules, although the suspects were still in heavy stupors, their hands still had to be handcuffed! Also, in order to reduce the difficulty of keeping watch over them, the policeman assigned to the two beaten criminals made the pair stay in the same ward.

However, just as the police were keeping watch anxiously, they heard rustling noises coming from within the other changing room in the hospital. Apparently, a person had snuck stealthily into the changing room when no one was looking!

After he had entered, he immediately changed into a doctor's green surgical uniform! He then completed the ensemble, further disguising himself with a surgery cap and mask!

After that, he lifted his head up and took a deep breath, then extended his left hand into his pocket to touch the metal box that he had left inside it. The metal box was filled with powerful C4 dynamite!

At that moment, his gaze was determined and his breathing grew heavy. He knew very clearly what was going to happen next!

He would pretend to be a doctor and enter Ah Biao's and the driver's ward. Then, he would ignite the bomb in a suicide attack!

It's okay... It's okay...

He reassured himself repeatedly in his head, telling himself that so many police were going to die with him, which would make it all worth it! After he decided to go through with the plan, he took the elevator to the targeted floor.

His heart felt as heavy as a rock, and there was sweat flowing down his sideburns underneath his surgical cap, drenching his entire forehead. However, there was a crowd in the elevator, so he knew that no one would notice him.

As they arrived at the next floor, the bell chimed and the elevator door opened. As he exited the elevator, he took huge strides towards the department that the criminals were in.

He had already gotten the room numbers for Ah Biao and the driver, so he knew exactly where they would be. He also knew that it was a tense time, when everyone was highly suspicious of everything, so the police detectives keeping watch at the ward would definitely question him strictly.

However, as long as he could get close to the ward entrance, he would somehow figure a creative way to press forward to his final destination! As he expected, when he approached the southeast corner of the department, he saw a few armed policemen standing guard.

Let's do it!

He held the bomb tightly in his left hand, while he extended his right hand into his pocket to grab his gun!

Dong!

At such a suffocating moment, something beyond his expectation happened! He had yet to pull out his gun, when suddenly, a person popped up behind him! The person was as fast as lightning, but he was even quicker, sending a club crashing down on his head!

The person had yet to give any response, but he rolled his eyes and passed out on the ground...

"Team Leader, is this... really okay?" Zeng Ke from the special investigation group shared his concern. He opened his big eyes and complained to Zhao Yu, "This is the third one! The third one! If... If you were to beat him into a coma, how would we explain it?"

"Exactly!" Wu Xiumin, who was by the side, also complained anxiously. "Team Leader, we have strong doses of anesthetic and an electric baton, both of which could instantly knock someone out. If we were to opt for that course of action, at least the side effects would be minor! Your method... is a little... mm..."

Zhao Yu smiled maliciously. "Haha! Are you trying to say that my method is too dirty?"

In the face of Zhao Yu's laughter, both Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin, as well as all of the other police detectives keeping watch were trembling with fear. They had been on site for so long, yet they had never seen anyone so brutal!

Within an hour's time, Zhao Yu had already knocked out a doctor and a male nurse with his club! And now that he had knocked down another one, it simply made one's blood boil!

"Don't worry! I have been swinging clubs my whole life, so I'm quite good at it! Hehehe..." Zhao Yu looked more ferocious as he continued to laugh. "Who told them to wear a big mask to cover their faces? Whoever covers their face will be clobbered with my club! Motherf*ckers! I don't believe that Lao Feng wouldn't come back to kill them, just to shut them up!"

Mm... Zeng Ke gulped in terror. He then lowered his head to look at the pitiful victim. In the end, he stole a glance to the side and noticed something fishy, "Hey? Look, his... hands..." Zeng Ke said, while Zhao Yu and Wu Xiumin quickly squatted down beside him to check carefully.

Zeng Ke loosened the grip of the person's left hand, then saw something like a car remote within its grasp.

"Oh my God!" Zeng Ke quivered. "Team... Team Team Team Leader... This... Looks like a bomb igniter, right?"

"Is it?" Zhao Yu extended his hands to flip the person over. He then took off the person's mask, finally revealing his identity.

Huh?!

Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin couldn't help but exclaim, as they never thought that the person who was hit by Zhao Yu would really turn out to be Lao Feng!!!

"What the heck? Seriously?" Actually, Zhao Yu had never thought that it would happen so suddenly, either. This was because, when he was observing the person in the dark, he felt that the person's figure was much different than Lao Feng's.

Then, he finally understood why. It turns out that beneath the surgical uniform, Lao Feng wore thick, padded clothes! Hence, the difference in the shape of the figures!

Zhao Yu quickly extended his hands to untie his surgical uniform. He was shocked to see that Lao Feng's right hand was holding a gun with a muffler! They then checked his pocket, finding a C4 bomb that looked exactly like the one they had found on the criminal and the police car!

Huh?!

Zeng Ke and the rest gasped once again. Those police detectives in charge of keeping watch quickly gathered around them, equally shocked by the scene before them!

Oh my motherf*cking God!

Zhao Yu was covered in cold sweat, as though he had just showered! He quickly put the bomb aside and shouted at everyone, his bullish eyes wide open, "You... You all saw this! I... I am not doing it randomly! I have brilliant foresight, okay? You remember that...."

Chapter 603: Made One Wrong Move?

"So, you finally saw how impressive I am, right?" Zhao Yu, who was in one of the waiting rooms in the hospital, was speaking to Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin, his voice filled with smugness. "From the very beginning, we have been led by the nose, so now what? I finally got ahead of him! Hehehe..."

Then, Lao Feng who was hit by Zhao Yu with a club, was sent into an observation ward. Just in case, the police sent ten armed police detectives to keep watch of him. Once he woke up, they would immediately interrogate him.

However, Zhao Yu's attack had been accurate and brutal. By the looks of it, he shouldn't be waking up anytime soon!

"I... I still don't quite understand..." Zeng Ke shook his head and asked, "Team Leader, how could you be so sure that Lao Feng would definitely come back?"

"Of course I was sure!" Zhao Yu was getting carried away by his success. "How long have I been around? He lifts his butt and I know that is he going to take a sh*t... Mm..." After he realized he had made an indiscreet remark, he quickly made changed the subject. "Actually, it is simply because of my years of experience! Hehe..."

He then continued. "You saw that, too. Last night, after I arrested the two criminals, who was supposed to keep watch? Lao Feng, who was the mastermind! He never thought of running away or rescuing people, only of killing them to shut them up! From that... What can you surmise?"

“Mm...” Zeng Ke dared to be the first to answer. “Maybe it meant that Lao Feng didn’t want the two persons to fall into the police’s hands! Otherwise, his identity would be exposed!”

“That’s not right!” Qu Xiumin disagreed. She then quickly added, “Lao Feng should have known that it was just a matter of time before his true identity was discovered! As he was in such a hurry to kill them to shut them up, there must be another reason behind it!”

“Yes!” Zhao Yu smiled and gave Wu Xiumin a thumbs up. He then said, “I suspect that Lao Feng was just the ringleader of those professional killers at most! He might even have been the real mastermind behind the Hasty Murder Case!”

“Oh?” Zeng Ke was shocked. “Could there be an even more amazing figure behind all of this? If so, who is it?”

“Actually, though the Hasty Murder Case seems to be complicated, the main thread has already been concluded!” Then, Zhao Yu purposely took a look outside and lowered his voice to speak further. “On the surface, Lao Feng confused the gang of professional killers and took advantage of Liu Yu’s hatred towards the pharmaceutical factory to control the Hasty Murder Case. But, his actual goal was to suppress the share prices forcefully in order to fulfill their intentions to sell the news and extort money illegally!”

Zhao Yu continued. “But there’s the C4 bomb, the sub-machine gun, and such a meticulously planned plot to consider! If the case was merely depending on Lao Feng and the few of the others, they wouldn’t be able to fool us so easily, like they did! Hence, I suspect that there should be a greater consortium supporting them, one that most likely isn’t within this country!”

“It does make sense. It’s just like a movie!” Zeng Ke sighed.

“This is no movie!” Wu Xiumin rectified. “Without the support of the consortium, no matter how many people Lao Feng and his gang killed, they wouldn’t be earning any money! Don’t you see? Not only the bomb and the weapons, but even their communication equipment was the most advanced of its kind! So, I think Team Leader is right. Lao Feng was just a part of their army!”

Zhao Yu nodded, then continued. “If I were to guess, the consortium behind the scene is very powerful and take very brutal measures. If Lao Feng and the rest couldn’t complete their missions, they definitely would die tragic deaths! So, when they were arrested, they’d rather kill themselves in an explosion than expose any secrets!”

Zhao Yu took a breath, then kept explaining. “The man in the jacket, who was supposed to keep watch at Cui Lizhu’s house, didn’t even hesitate to ignite the bomb. He did that instead of being captured alive! The BMW driver did the same! These people carried bombs with them at all times, so we can well imagine that they were in real predicaments, too!”

Pausing to make sure his troops were still listening, he then concluded. “So, judging from these clues, Lao Feng would definitely find a way to return to kill them! After all, this person had been playing his cards in an irregular pattern! He intentionally booked a flight ticket with a pseudo-identity to redirect the police’s attention to the airport! Who would have guessed that he would dare to then swing around and come back to the hospital to catch us off guard?”

“So amazing!” Zeng Ke exclaimed. “I have goosebumps all over! Lao Feng brought the gun and bomb igniter with him, so he obviously wanted to barge into the ward to cause an explosion! Team Leader, you’re the best! The use of the club was simply God-like!”

“Ah, didn’t I tell you that I have brilliant foresight?” Zhao Yu snapped his fingers, then told Zeng Ke, “When you told me that the police went to the airport to arrest him, I knew that Lao Feng was going to shout in one direction, but attack quietly in the other! Then, I thought if Lao Feng wanted to fix his mistake, he only had three choices. He could take the risk to come to the hospital or head over to the Police Evidence Department to take the fake medicine that Liu Yu made. So, I already sent Ran Tao over to guard at the Evidence Department, just to cover all of our bases! Zeng, you can send him a message now and tell him it is okay to return here!”

“Oh...” Zeng Ke was astonished.

“Team Leader, wasn’t there a third choice?” Wu Xiumin asked.

“Thirdly, he could go and cause some trouble at the pharmaceutical factory!” Zhao Yu replied. “Once there, he could either kill a scientific research personnel or any higher ups, or he could just throw a bomb to cause damage! As long as there was constant trouble in the pharmaceutical factory, the share prices would continue to drop! Then, the benefit derived from this tragedy would continue, and the consortium might let Lao Feng off the hook.”

“Oh...” Zeng Ke asked, “Then, who did you send to prevent that?”

“I didn’t send anyone!” Zhao Yu said. “The pharmaceutical factory is so huge, it is hard to guard, so it would be useless! But... I thought it through and figured that if I were Lao Feng, coming back to kill them would be the easiest option. So, I decided to stay back in the hospital and prepare a wooden club!”

“Oh... True...” Zeng Ke creased his eyebrows, then asked, “But... How did you know that he would definitely come disguised as a doctor?”

“I don’t know,” Zhao Yu replied straightforwardly. “And more importantly, I don’t care. Whoever wanted to come closer to the ward and didn’t want to show their face, no matter whether they were male or female, and no matter how many of them there were, I simply planned to hit them all with the club! After all, we are already at this advanced stage, so there’s nothing else to be said! I’d rather mishit a hundred than let one escape!”

Hearing that, Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin exchanged glances. Before he hit Lao Feng, Zhao Yu had already knocked out two innocent people, who had yet to wake up! However, the facts testified that, although Zhao Yu’s choice was bizarre, it was the most efficient one! Besides, if he hadn’t acted quickly earlier, once Lao Feng had ignited the bomb, the consequences would have been beyond imagination!

“How was it?” Zhao Yu’s eyebrows were raised almost to the top of his head. “My club hit him on time, right? Dealing with these kinds of people, who play their cards irregularly, you have to break even further away from the ordinary methods! Zeng, on the report that we are going to hand in to the Central Criminal Division, try to make my brilliant foresight look even more outstanding! Mm... Just say that Team Leader Zhao Yu was wise and resourceful...”

Just as Zhao Yu was smugly waxing eloquent, the door was pushed open. A policeman hurried in and shouted at Zhao Yu and the rest, "Just received a report! Bad... Bad news... The woman that had her thumbs cut off is missing!"

What the heck?

Hearing such shocking news, Zhao Yu slapped his forehead and thought to himself..

And here I am, saying that I have brilliant foresight!

Chapter 604: Don't Call Me a Basta*d!

The north plain region in Jinping.

The beginning of winter in the north brings bitingly cold winds that howl mercilessly. The morning was warm and sunny, but as soon as noon passed, the northerly wind began to blow, causing the temperature to plummet. The leaves were also blown about crazily.

A red taxi drove past the street that was now full of leaves, then parked in front of Bliss Nursing Home. After the door was opened, a woman in a brown windbreaker got out.

After she paid the taxi fare, she didn't walk directly towards the main entrance, but walked along the outer wall of the nursing home toward the other side. The woman's body was weak and, with the cold wind blowing so wildly, she was staggering, looking as though she would faint at any time.

However, she clenched her teeth and persisted onward. She then arrived before a small metal gate on the west side of the nursing home.

The metal gate had been abandoned for many years by the nursing home, so no one used it. The woman extended her hand through the gaps of the metal gate and quickly found a pair of keys from the inner side.

Squeak!

She then opened the metal gate with the pair of keys. The woman looked around, extremely vigilant. After she was sure that no one had seen her, she quickly entered the nursing home.

The woman walked into the central part of the nursing home, the repose building. Due to the serious gunfight the night before, the entire building was still sealed off. As such, most of the old folks that stayed there were moved to another place temporarily.

However, the police were done with the scene. So, although there were a few police that had stayed back to keep watch, they were merely doing so to follow procedural protocol. Hence, no one even noticed the woman.

After she entered the building, the woman went to the store room and opened one of the storage boxes, which had many items in it. The woman first changed herself into a set of clean clothes, which were some of the items in the box, and then she took out a phone and checked the messages.

Just as she was checking her phone, her gaze paused at her hands. She saw that the edges of both of her hands were wrapped with white bandages and her thumbs were gone!

That's right, the woman was no other than the female cat burglar, Cui Lizhu! As she looked at her warped hands, she felt heavy-hearted.

However, due to the pressing of time, she couldn't get stuck crying about the past. Instead, she hurried and checked her phone, finding the message that she was looking for. It turns out that the old man who was living in room 606 was relocated to the vice building.

Hence, Cui Lizhu quickly packed the items in the storage boxes and filled her backpack with a large amount of cash. She then carried her bag, exited the building, and walked to the vice building.

There were no police at the vice building, only the nursing home staff and the old folks that were relocated here temporarily. Within a few minutes, Cui Lizhu found the old man's room on the second floor, its door wide open. She pushed the door open further and walked through it quickly.

"One: get promotion, two: good friends, three: Gods of happiness, wealth, and longevity struck, four: seasons of wealth..." She heard people playing drinking games in the room. Then, a loud voice shouted, "Wahaha, you lost, you drink!"

Cui Lizhu was surprised and quickly walked forward. She then saw that there were two men playing drinking games at the coffee table in the room. She was even more surprised to see that one of them was the old man, while the other man was Zhao Yu!

"Why did I lose again?" The old man took a gulp reluctantly and roared unwillingly, "Again, again! I don't believe that I can't win against you. Five: sons passing the imperial civil examination, six: smooth without a hitch, seven: clever skills..."

Zhao Yu had already seen Cui Lizhu enter, but continued to play games with the old man. Cui Lizhu looked around. Although she didn't see any other policemen, she knew that it would be impossible for her to run away under Zhao Yu's watch.

After dropping her idea of running away, Cui Lizhu forced herself to relax. She threw away her backpack and walked in front of Zhao Yu slowly.

"Girl, you're here!" When the old man saw Cui Lizhu, he quickly waved at Zhao Yu and said, "Come on, let my girl play against you. With us together, I believe we just might win against you!"

"Dad!" Cui Lizhu complained. "The doctor said that you can't drink! Don't you want to get well?"

"It's just apple cider vinegar!" Zhao Yu raised his cup and took a sip. He then told Cui Lizhu, "Let's get down to business first, though. We are playing drinking games! So, hurry up and tell your dad to return my watch! It's expensive, after all!"

"Mm..." Cui Lizhu creased her eyebrows. She wanted to walk towards the old man, but she felt a fit of dizziness and nearly fell to the ground.

Zhao Yu was swift and grabbed her just in time. Then, he carried her to the bed.

At that moment, Ran Tao extended his head into the room from the door, then pointed at the handcuffs in his hands. However, Zhao Yu sent him an eye signal, then shook his head, beckoning for him to leave.

“Sigh! Such silly games, yet not many of them know how to play,” Zhao Yu complained to Cui Lizhu. “I’m guessing that your dad was the king of thieves back then, right?”

“Eh? I’m drinking with you, so why did you scold me?” The old man was getting angry. “Who are you scolding? Isn’t it just a watch? Here, I’ll give it back to you!”

The old man dangled the watch at Zhao Yu, as though he was pulling a magic trick. As Zhao Yu extended his hands to retrieve it, the old man twisted his wrist quickly. Then, the watch was immediately clamped on Zhao Yu’s wrist firmly.

“Mm...” Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows and said to Cui Lizhu, “I don’t understand something. With your dad’s skill, he could rob all of the other old folks. How could a nursing home... Oh... No wonder you wanted to pay a hundred and seventy-thousand for the fees!”

“No... It’s not that way...” Cui Lizhu grew pale and said. “Not only does my dad need to rest, but he needs to be treated for a sickness, too!” Then, she pointed at her head, signaling Zhao Yu that the old man had mental issues.

“Police officer... Please, I beg you...” Then, Cui Lizhu suddenly cried. “My dad... If there is no one left to take care of him, he will surely die! Please, I beg you!” Then, Cui Lizhu struggled to get off of the bed. She wanted to kneel down before Zhao Yu.

“Hey hey hey...” Zhao Yu pressed her gently back onto the bed and said, “The rules of the world are to put yourself in another person’s shoes. If you want me to help you, you have to be honest with me first! So far, everything that you have done has been very disappointing...”

“No...No!” Cui Lizhu pleaded, tears streaming down her cheeks. “I didn’t want to lie to you. It was really difficult for me! If I was arrested, my dad would have no one left to take care of him! Please, I beg you...”

Cui Lizhu’s face was pale and her lips were cracked, but she was wailing. It was a wretched sight. As Zhao Yu looked at her palms, which were wrapped with bandages, he felt sorry for her.

“Alright, if that is the truth, then tell me everything now!” Zhao Yu said. “I swear this is your last chance! If you lie to me again, I will spread the news that your dad is the king of thieves!”

“Huh?! Don’t... Please don’t... I’ll tell you everything...” Cui Lizhu was obviously frightened.

However, the old man spat at Zhao Yu, then said, “Hey, are you asking for death? I told you so many times, don’t call me a ba*tard, and I’m no scumbag either...”

Chapter 605: Tamil Star

Somehow, Cui Lizhu’s father, who had mental problems, took a liking to Ran Tao. When Ran Tao came in, he immediately started to mimic Ran Tao’s actions.

Whatever Ran Tao did, he would do exactly the same thing! Hence, Zhao Yu told Ran Tao to pretend to read to the side, which finally calmed the old man down.

“My dad is the legendary Tao Xiang!” Cui Lizhu didn’t dare hold back the truth from Zhao Yu, but told him the old man’s name directly.

However, Cui Lizhu was surprised that Zhao Yu didn’t reveal any surprise after she brought up the name. Apparently, the Tao Xiang that Cui Lizhu was talking about was a famous figure in the thief scene.

This is why Cui Lizhu thought that Zhao Yu would be shocked. However, Zhao Yu had never even heard of him!

“Alright! You’re right. My dad is actually the king of thieves that you were talking about!” Cui Lizhu had no choice but to continue to introduce him. “His skills made him a top notch expert in his field! As such, he committed many infamous theft cases! In fact, he was famous in the thief scene for his entire life. He was never arrested by the police, either! People even gave him a nickname... God Tao!”

Zhao Yu nodded slightly. It seemed like his gut feelings were right. This old man was no simpleton.

“Yes, my dad taught me all the tricks! He’s my dad, but he is also my sifu. Ever since I can remember, he was already training me strictly!” Cui Lizhu said helplessly. “So, my fate has been predestined ever since then! I couldn’t change it, even if I wanted to!”

“No wonder you are so skillful! It turns out that you are the expert’s direct disciple. Excuse me for my lack of manners!” Zhao Yu joked with Cui Lizhu, while intentionally stealing a glance at the old man. He wondered how the past king of thieves came to be in such a sad state.

“However, even though my dad was strict, he loved me dearly. He always bought me the best toys and dressed me in the best clothes!” Cui Lizhu took a stroll down the memory lane. “Although he was the king of thieves, we have been hiding under assumed names and living like ordinary people. From any outsider’s view, he was just an ordinary loving father! It’s such a pity that...”

Then, Cui Lizhu stopped talking suddenly, an anguished look on her face. After taking a few moments, she resumed her story. “Six years ago, my dad undertook a huge business deal. He was tasked with stealing something priceless! If he succeeded, he would achieve success and win recognition, which would allow him to retire early!”

Cui Lizhu looked at her dad as she spoke, her voice tinged in sadness. “But, my dad suddenly lost the item because of some accident! He was then chased by the employer and nearly lost his life. We then went into hiding, as my father brought me along, roving around the world. Then, we finally escaped them!”

After a brief pause, Cui Lizhu added bitterly, “However, my dad was very upset by the whole situation, so his mental health went downhill from then on! It has been merely a year, and he has been reduced to this state!”

She then turned to beg Zhao Yu. “Please, my dad can’t be exposed. He would be chased after by his enemy and the police. I heard that Jinping has a luxurious nursing home, which is why we came here! As long as we paid the fees, the nursing home promised to secure their clients’ privacy and not let any outsiders disturb them!”

She then sighed. "In order to afford such high expenses, I had no choice but to join Zhang Ping Street Ma Qiang's organization and work for them!" Then, Cui Lizhu finally redirected the topic back to the Hasty Murder Case. "However, the nursing home really burnt a hole in my pocket. I tried my best to work it out, but I could not make ends meet! You saw my living conditions, how bad it was, right?"

Oh...

Zhao Yu then understood why the female cat burglar, who was so highly skillful, lived like a poor person.

She then continued. "Then, one day, Pang Yong and the gang got their eyes on the tank skin safe box in a villa and decided that they wanted to break in to steal it. I thought maybe my opportunity was finally here, as I could easily open that kind of safe box. I figured that if I were to be able to get a fortune from the safe box, life would be easier."

She sighed again. "Hence, I stole Pang Yong's information and beat them to it! But, when I opened the safe box, besides a bunch of medicine, there was nothing else in it! You can imagine my distress! However, as my dad constantly consumed similar antipsychotic drugs, I recognized the medicine. I figured that I could sell them, so at least it would be worth something! So, I took the medicine!"

She couldn't look Zhao Yu in the eye, so she only continued her story. "Just before I left, the home owner suddenly returned. The person drove a Trumpchi, which he parked directly in his garage. Although I merely got a glance at him, I distinctly remember what he looked like. The person that you asked me about in the police station, it was Liu Yu! But, I heard that the person already died by then!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu nodded and said. "Then, you sold the medicine to the unruly doctor in the mental hospital?"

"Yes!" Cui Lizhu said frankly. "After I sold it to the doctor, I suddenly heard that they wanted to unearth the person who broke open the safe box and were even offering a high bounty! It was a rare sight. Then, I realized that the bunch of medicine might possibly have other value! So, I took the risk to steal the medicine back from the mental hospital that night, and that's when I ran into you!"

"Mm... I remember that, after we came across the dogs, you actually escaped before I did," Zhao Yu said. "But why didn't you take the medicine then?"

"Oh please, bro. At that time, there were already people out there looking for me, with a bounty dangling over my head! How would I know you were not one of them?" Cui Lizhu shook her head. "I didn't even know if you have anyone with you, so why would I care about the medicine? And then came that awful smell fiasco!!!"

She crinkled her nose, then kept explaining. "Helplessly, I could only return home to shower and change into some clean clothes. I had no idea that Pang Yong and the gang would be at my place so soon. As for the rest of the story, you know it already, right?"

"Not entirely," Zhao Yu rolled his eyes at Cui Lizhu, then demanded, "Tell me what happened after you ran away at the sewer!"

Cui Lizhu sighed and said, "After I escaped, I went back to the hotel to steal the medicine! I then hid the medicine underneath my dad's bed! Then, I was ready to run! However, I received a message from

Second Master, telling me that there was someone willing to pay five million to buy the items that I stole from the safe box!”

She shook her head and rolled her eyes, then said, “I am so silly, I actually believed it and went to the meeting point! I was careful and didn’t dare expose myself straightforwardly, thank goodness. Instead, I only wanted to observe from the side. But, as I got closer, I was captured! I was then cruelly tortured, and they cut off my thumbs!”

Cui Lizhu said pitifully, “Finally, I told them everything! It was then that I really thought my dad and I were doomed!”

Cui Lizhu then turned to Zhao Yu with a grateful gaze. “Police Officer Zhao, I have yet to thank you for saving me! If it wasn’t for you, my dad and I would probably be dead!”

Oh...

Zhao Yu pondered her words.

Cui Lizhu hid the medicine underneath his bed, but her playful father wanted to prank his daughter, so he hid the medicine in the air conditioner. When the professional killer came to look for the medicine, they couldn’t find it under the bed. That’s why they seized control of her dad and wanted to interrogate him...

Then, everything seemed to add up. As for Cui Lizhu and the Hasty Murder Case, her part was merely an accidental robbery!

“Police Officer Zhao Yu, please, I beg you!” Cui Lizhu pleaded, as tears streamed down her cheeks. “It’s okay if I am put in jail. But, please, you have to take care of my dad! If news got out of his identity, he would definitely be killed!”

“Oh, yeah? It’s just a robbery, and it has been years. Would there still be many people that even remember him?” Zhao Yu shook his head, thinking that he shouldn’t be bothered much by her worries.

“No, it’s not that simple!” Cui Lizhu said anxiously. “You don’t know what my dad stole back then, right? It was something from an exhibition, which belonged to the Indians. It is called the Tamil Star!”

Pata...

Hearing the name, Tamil Star, Ran Tao’s hand slipped and his book fell on the ground. In order to mimic Ran Tao, Tao Xiang also threw his book on the ground.

“Do you know it?” Cui Lizhu asked worriedly. “There are rumors outside that say that my dad still has this Tamil Star! Please, I beg you, once my dad’s identity is exposed, he would be doomed!”

Chapter 606: High Class Scam

“The Tamil Star!” Ran Tao looked at Tao Xiang again, obviously shocked. “Oh my God, are you kidding me?”

“The Tamil Star!” Tao Xiang repeated Ran Tao’s exact reaction.

Regarding the gemstone, Zhao Yu recalled some impression of it in his memory. Specifically, six years ago, during an international auction that took place in the capital, there was a shocking robbery! Apparently, a blue gemstone from India had vanished into thin air, and it was still nowhere to be found!

It was said that the blue gemstone was about sixty-seven carats, was crystal clear, and was exquisite beyond compare. Furthermore, it had graced one of the ancient Indian King's crown. As such, it was considered to be a national relic treasure of India.

As the item's market value was over a hundred million back then, it should be priceless now! Although the gemstone was privately owned, it still stirred up diplomatic turmoil after it was taken. In fact, it almost caused an international dispute!

Hence, the shocking case had always been listed among the top three robbery cases in the nation, making it one of the cases that the Central Criminal Division focused heavily on. In fact, the Central Criminal Division even established a special force just to handle that case. As of now, the force had yet to cease chasing after the whereabouts of the gemstone, and it had been six years so far!

Who would have guessed that the person who stole the Tamil Star was this old man with mental issues, Tao Xiang?

This person surely has lived up to his nickname as the king of thieves. He has even dared to steal a national treasure!

But, why did the gemstone magically disappear?

Also, what has happened to him?

"Police Officer Zhao, I have been paying close attention to this case for the past few years," Cui Lizhu said. "The gang of people who was after my dad back then, has yet to revoke the bounty on his head. Plus, my dad offended many people in his league back then, so once his identity is exposed, it would attract countless enemies, and he would definitely die! So, I beg you, keep this secret for us!"

Zhao Yu pondered this for awhile... As the employer is still after Tao Xiang, this means that the employer has yet to obtain the gemstone...

That's interesting. This Tamil Star, then, who has it now?

Then, Zhao Yu complimented in his head, The Qian hexagram is really the most amazing hexagram in the miracle system! I never expected that it would not only help me arrest the murderer of the Hasty Murder Case, Lao Feng, but also help me obtain such a surprising reward!

After all, the Gem Theft Case was a national level one major case! As such, arresting the robber would be a huge merit to his name! Even if he couldn't find the whereabouts of the gemstone, he would at least be praised by the higher ups in the Central Criminal Division, as well as the other special investigation groups.

However, Zhao Yu was well-aware that the Central Criminal Division had assigned a special force that was investigation this specific case. This meant that the case would definitely not fall into his hands. Hence, regarding Cui Lizhu's request, he couldn't make any promises.

“Cui Lizhu, Cui Lizhu!” Zhao Yu shook his head helplessly. “You and your dad are legendary figures! Tao Lizhu, right? Or maybe, you’re not Lizhu at all? Zhuzhu? Forget it, regardless of your name, I am going to tell you responsibly...Your matter exceeds beyond my jurisdiction. As such, I can’t help much. I can only operate according to the proper procedures!”

“Huh?! My dad is already in such a bad state! Do you really want him to be dead on top of it all?” Cui Lizhu roared.

“We have a saying: Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind. Regardless of who you are, you have to be responsible for what you do! The same goes for you, as well as your dad! But...” Zhao Yu spread his hands and said, “My following procedure doesn’t mean that someone has to die! Don’t worry. Your dad’s case involves an international dispute, and as the gemstone has yet to be found, the investigation group won’t expose the news!”

He continued to explain, “Plus, your dad is their only lead to find the gemstone. As such, the investigation group wouldn’t be willing to let him die! If he died, how would they find the gemstone?”

Zhao Yu then patted her shoulder and said, “So, go ahead and have your prison meal! Leave your dad to us!”

Cui Lizhu relaxed a little then, as she realized that what Zhao Yu said made sense. Previously, she had been so worried that Tao Xiang’s identity would be exposed. However, from the looks of it now, if her father were to be passed over to the national investigation group, it would actually mean more protection for him!

“Police Officer Zhao, thank you!” Cui Lizhu said sincerely. “My dad’s situation is getting worse each year! Although I have hired many doctors and poured tons of money into his care, there hasn’t been any improvement. Please, tell them not to make it too difficult for my dad, okay?”

“You don’t have to worry about that!” Ran Tao couldn’t help but cut in. “In order to keep him well, so that we can find out the truth, the investigation group will definitely find him the best doctor. Who knows, they might even be able to heal him!”

“Alright! I will follow you back. I have seen those criminals that kidnapped me, I can be a witness!” Then, Cui Lizhu held Zhao Yu’s hands emotionally. “You have save my dad’s and my life! Although I am a thief, I am considerate. So, in the future, I will listen to you and do anything for you! If I can’t return your favor entirely in this lifetime, I will continue to return it in my following life...”

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

Zhao Yu wanted to chat with Cui Lizhu longer, but his phone suddenly rang. The call was from the Chief of one of the branches in Jinping.

“Team Leader Zhao, hello, I am Mu Anshun. We’ve met before!” Over the phone, Zhao Yu heard an experienced yet respectable voice. “Regarding your Phaeton, we have contacted He Sheng Credit Union. Their general manager asked me to inform you that he is really sorry about the damage on your car and is willing to pay for all of it!”

Zhao Yu asked, “Ok then. But, Bureau Chief Mu, how do they plan to compensate me?”

“Team Leader Zhao,” Bureau Chief Mu smiled and said, “I know that it was not only about the damage of your car, but that you are also concerned about the few criminals that offended you. They are even involved in a kidnapping case apparently! Regarding this matter, don’t you worry. We are going to take care of them!”

The Chief continued to explain the current situation. “Actually, we have already investigated it. Apparently, that incident was merely a personal action, taken on their own volitions, so it was completely unrelated to He Sheng Credit Union!”

Then, Bureau Chief Mu paused and continued, “After the general manager heard about the situation, he was very angry about it. He proactively expressed his intention to take care of Team Lead Zhao for any inconvenience! Although it was a personal action, the group did indeed represent the company. So, he is willing to pay two million to you in compensation for your car and suffering. What do you think?”

Hearing the generous sum, the corners of Zhao Yu’s lips lifted into a satisfied smile. His eyes also became extremely suggestive.

After all, he had gotten a Qian hexagram that day! So, it turned out that there was still cash reward at the very end of his journey!

Although the Phaeton had cost a lot, its repair would only cost several thousands. As the general manager had now offered two million, that was almost enough to buy a brand new car!

Zhao Yu smiled and told Bureau Chief Mu over the phone, “Bureau Chief Mu, the general manager is so generous, as they only hit my car’s headlight, yet he wants to compensate me two million! What should I say?”

“Yeah, it is very generous.” Bureau Chief Mu agreed.

“However...” Zhao Yu suddenly redirected the conversation. “You might not know about this, but not only did they damage my car when they hit me, but head was banged up, too! Really, I even feel dizzy and nausea now!”

He pretended to groan in pain as he spoke. “If I wasn’t at the brink of closing this case, I would have go to the hospital!” Then, Zhao Yu’s voice became cold, “I think, you should know what case I am working on! If the case were to be held up because of my injury, there would be big consequences...”

“Big... Big...” Bureau Chief Mu repeated the words, his voice quivering. “Don’t worry, Team Leader Zhao, I will talk to He Sheng’s general manager again...”

Chapter 607: The Qian Hexagram Kept Going!

Humph!

After he hung up the phone, Zhao Yu humphed. Regarding the issue with He Sheng Credit, Ma Laodan had actually told him everything long ago. Apparently, the company and Ma Qiang’s robber gang had been colluding together, so they were all rotten!

As for the statement about the kidnapping hostage, hitting his car, and the malicious attack being attributed to just personal actions, that was all plain bullsh*t! If the leader of He Sheng Credit didn't give such instructions, then why would those henchmen be so aggressive? That just didn't add up.

But, taking only two million as compensation to settle it, well that was just not Zhao Yu's style at all. Theoretically, two million wasn't a small figure, but to Zhao Yu, who was already a billionaire, it was really more about the principle of the matter!

Hence, he wanted to teach the people in He Sheng Credit a lesson. He couldn't let them commit crimes and suffer no consequences!

Zhao Yu thought about these things, then redirected his attention back to Cui Lizhu's matter. The first thing that he had to do was arrest Cui Lizhu and her father, then bring them both back to the police station.

But, Cui Lizhu had just had her surgery, so her physical situation was still unstable. As such, she would need to be treated at the hospital for some time yet.

Hence, he decided that Cui Lizhu would need to go back and remain in the hospital. As for Tao Xiang, Ran Tao would take care of him by sending him to the guard room, where he would be held captive.

Regarding Tao Xiang's identity, Zhao Yu naturally would keep it a secret. Even the Jinping police wouldn't find out that the old man was the notorious king of thieves!

At that moment, the northerly wind howled and the biting cold breeze sent shivers up his spine. As Cui Lizhu was thinly clad, Zhao Yu took off his coat and covered her with it. He then embraced her in his arms. Cui Lizhu's body was weak and she was trembling. In the end, Zhao Yu almost had to carry her to the car.

Once they were inside the car, Cui Lizhu finally settled down amid the heated air. Seeing her finally warmed up a bit, Zhao Yu started the car engine and drove to the hospital.

As there was a vast temperature difference between the inside and the outside of the car, the windshield immediately fogged up. As such, Zhao Yu could only drive at a very slow speed.

As he drove, Zhao Yu stole a glance at Cui Lizhu in the rear-view mirror. Coincidentally, Cui Lizhu was looking at him via the mirror, too.

Their gazes locked and Zhao Yu felt a stir in his heart. That moment, it was as though Gege, who had died many years ago, was resurrected before his eyes. So many thoughts began whirring through his mind...

They look so much alike!

Too alike, as though they were made from the same mould! Could Cui Lizhu be related to Gege by blood?

Zhao Yu hesitated, then asked her, "May I ask, who is your mom? Is she also a famous person?"

"I don't know..." Cui Lizhu replied straightforwardly. "My dad told me that my mom left me after giving birth to me. She ran away with another man! She's a very irresponsible woman!"

“Whatever! Your dad is the king of thieves! Can’t he look after his own woman?” Zhao Yu shook his head, then continued to ponder...

If Cui Lizhu was really Gege’s daughter, doesn’t it mean that Cui Lizhu is Tao Xiang and Gege’s child? So, maybe Gege left the king of thieves for a relic merchant? My God, as to what goes through a criminal’s mind, I really have no clue!

“I don’t know...” Cui Lizhu sighed pitifully. “My entire world is filled with only my dad. I don’t even know what motherly love is like!”

Hearing what Cui Lizhu said, Zhao Yu felt even more sorry to her. He turned around and looked at her, thinking... Actually this girl is quite pitiful. As the daughter of the king of thieves, her fate was predestined, ever since her birth!

Just as Zhao Yu was in a despondent mood, Cui Lizhu moved her body forward and patted his shoulders. She then passed him a photo.

“This is my mom!” Cui Lizhu said weakly. “I accidentally found it when I was arranging my dad’s things! There are burnt traces along the edges. I don’t know if my dad intentionally kept it, or if he was trying to burn it and didn’t quite manage to...”

Zhao Yu slowed down again, so he could take a glimpse at the photo in his hand. It was a very old photo. In the photo, there was a fashionably dressed woman, who was carrying a little girl, who appeared to be about two years old at most.

The little girl had black shiny hair, big eyes, and decent eyebrows. She looked very pretty. One could easily tell that it was Cui Lizhu.

Zhao Yu took a closer look at the woman in the photo and wanted to make a comment. However, just as was about to speak, he was suddenly stunned!

The shock was so sudden, Zhao Yu felt a chill run down his spine. Then, he suddenly accidentally slammed on the gas pedal, causing the car to dash towards the side.

Zhao Yu suddenly stepped on the brake and held the steering wheel tightly. As he did so, the police car screeched its tires, then finally stopped!

“Police Officer Zhao... What happened...” Cui Lizhu asked, as she had almost fainted from the scary jolt.

However, Zhao Yu couldn’t be bothered about the car or his driving at the moment. Instead, he just gripped the photo tightly, his eyes almost popping out of his head!

“Motherf*cker!” After a while, Zhao Yu roared, then turned around to ask Cui Lizhu, “Are you sure that this is your mom?”

“Mm...” Cui Lizhu nodded with a pale look. But, after some thinking, she started shaking her head, “Since I know my dad’s temperament, I’ve never actually shown my dad this photo, so I don’t really know if the woman is my mom. Police Officer, can you tell me what is going on?”

Zhao Yu was so emotional, he took a moment to gather himself, then asked again, “After so many years, have you tried to look for this person?”

“No, because she left us. Why should I look for her?” Cui Lizhu shook her head bitterly. She didn’t understand why Zhao Yu cared anyway.

At first, Zhao Yu wanted to tell Cui Lizhu about what he knew. But, he didn’t know how. As he looked at Cui Lizhu’s weak appearance, he was afraid that she might be overwhelmed by the facts.

Hence, he started the car engine and drove back into the road, then headed towards to hospital directly. On the way, even though Cui Lizhu asked him a few times, Zhao Yu still didn’t tell her the whole truth.

At the hospital, after he settled her into her ward for treatment, Zhao Yu then took the photo and called Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin over to a temporary office.

“What happened Team Leader? You arrested the people, so why do you look so anxious?” Zeng Ke asked.

“Yeah, what’s up?” Wu Xiumin was confused too.

Zhao Yu quickly passed the photo to them. At the same time, he took out his phone and called Ran Tao, saying, “Ran Tao, this Tao Xiang is very, very important! After you reach the police station, tell them to send another ten policemen as backup. Also, look after Tao Xiang for me! Twenty-fours nonstop. Not one single second should he be left unattended. Understand?”

“Yes... But...” Ran Tao took the orders, but he didn’t understand why.

“Just do as I say! If anything happens to Tao Xiang, I will kill you!” Then, he hung up the phone before Ran Tao even had time to respond.

“Oh my! Oh my!” Then, Zeng Ke, who had just seen the photo, shouted crazily, “Team Leader, this photo! Where did you get this?”

“Oh my! This woman... Isn’t she Bai Lili from Ganlong City? Oh God? Why would it be her?” Wu Xiumin was shocked, too, “This person... She was the last victim in the Headless Female Corpse Case, which happened way back in 1998!!!”

Chapter 608: There’s a Surprise Working Under Me

Zeng Ke held the photo and asked in disbelief, “The little girl couldn’t be Cui Lizhu, right? Could Bai Lili really be her mother?”

“Maybe!” Zhao Yu suppressed his excitement, then said, “Cui Lizhu found this photo in Tao Xiang’s old items. So, the person who took the photo was most likely Tao Xiang himself.”

Zhao Yu then continued. “Take a closer look at the photo. Look at the angle it was taken from. Also, see that the woman’s posture was very casual. Both of these things tell me that she obviously didn’t notice the camera. Hence, the photo might likely have been taken without her knowledge or permission!”

“Oh my God...” Wu Xiumin said. “Tao Xiang took a photo of the mother and daughter. Team Leader, does this mean that you think that Tao Xiang might be the murderer of the Headless Female Corpse Case?!”

“Oh oh oh...” Zeng Ke was stuttering. “Sis Wu, this is no joke! Don’t forget, Tao Xiang is Cui Lizhu’s father! If Bai Lili were to be Cui Lizhu’s mother, the two of them would be a couple! If the husband were to kill the wife, the police would be able to investigate that!”

Zhao Yu nodded in agreement, then added, “Cui Lizhu told me that Tao Xiang told her that her mother left with someone else after she gave birth to Cui Lizhu! And, in the Headless Female Corpse Case’s corresponding file record, the police suspected that there was an obvious clue that pointed towards the murder being a crime of passion!”

After hearing this report, Wu Xiumin guessed, “Could it be that Tao Xiang was angry at his wife’s betrayal, so he cut off her head?”

Zeng Ke shook his head and sighed. “Unbelievable! We were originally here for the Headless Female Corpse Case, but we found clues via the Hasty Murder Case instead. This feels so surreal...”

“It just means that, when you’re working under me, there’ll always be surprises!” Zhao Yu immediately joked. After all, he was used to such surprises due to his use of the Miracle System.

“Not only that, but Tao Xiang also helped to uncover clues about the Tamil Star Gem Theft Case! Hence, we have caught up with the three major cases!” Zeng Ke made flattering remarks to ingratiate himself to Zhao Yu. “Team Leader Zhao, you are simply a lucky star that has descended to the world! If we were to solve all three cases, my God, I can’t imagine it...”

“Team Leader!” Wu Xiumin quickly thought of something. “If that is the case, then we should go and protect Tao Xiang immediately! We can’t make any mistakes!”

“Alright!” Zhao Yu agreed. He then nodded at Wu Xiumin and made an inquiry, “If we want to know the truth, we have to get our hands on more evidence! I remember that I told you to retrieve Cui Lizhu’s DNA before, right? Did you get it?”

“I got it! The lab test results are at Jinping Police Station!” he replied.

“Okay!” Zhao Yu told Zeng Ke, “Head back to the police station to get them. Then, make a comparison with Bai Lili’s DNA. Oh... And also Tao Xiang’s!”

“Understood!” Zeng Ke quickly got up to leave.

“Wait! Another person’s DNA needs to be compared with Cui Lizhu as well!” Zhao Yu suddenly thought of Gege, so he said, “Go ahead for now, then I will send the third person’s sample later. When I do, you can then compare that sample with Cui Lizhu’s as well!”

“The third person? Who is it?” Zeng Ke had never heard about Gege before.

“It’s a female corpse from Qinshan,” Zhao Yu answered frankly. “The physical appearance of the female corpse looks extremely similar to Cui Lizhu. So, I felt that they might be blood relations.”

“Oh God, Team Leader possesses unusual powers! I’m really speechless...” Wu Xiumin complimented Zhao Yu, then suddenly realized something. “Oh... Team Leader, I finally understand why you took such great care of Cui Lizhu! Yours is a standard case of love between a man and a ghost!”

“Stop that nonsense,” Zhao Yu waved his hand and said. “Hurry up and get to work! However, when you go back, tell Ran Tao that everything about Tao Xiang falls under strict, top-secret confidentiality. Besides the four of us, no one else should know about it. This is very important, understand?”

“Understood!” the two underlings replied in unison. They then turned and left the office to head to the Jinping Police Station.

After they left, Zhao Yu finally calmed down enough to rethink the entire incident. He then started to formulate his plan of action for the near future.

He had three important tasks that needed to be completed, which involved the handling of the Hasty Murder Case, the Gem Theft Case, and the Headless Female Corpses Case. From the information that they had so far, the Hasty Murder Case was obviously nearing its end.

Although there weren't any actual testimonies just yet, Lao Feng and his gang had been arrested. Now, all they needed to do was to interrogate them patiently. After that, it was just a matter of time before the truth would be unearthed.

Zhao Yu knew that the Hasty Murder Case had broad implications. Besides Lao Feng and his gang, there must be a greater manipulator. However, the consortiums were hidden overseas. Hence, the ability to follow-up wouldn't fall within the scope and jurisdiction of his special investigations group.

However, Zhao Yu knew that the Central Criminal Division would definitely assign a specific person to take over the case, so he wouldn't have to worry about the follow-up matter. He would only need to hand over the evidence thus far.

As for the Gem Theft Case, that wouldn't involve him. This was because the Central Criminal Division had already assigned a special force that was responsible for the case. He would only need to report accurately about his findings, and the designated force would come and take over entirely.

Hence, Zhao Yu could deeply feel that the Headless Female Corpses Case was the most important case in his future. As such, he would need to be well-prepared for it.

Currently, he was dealing with a difficult situation, as both the Headless Female Corpses Case and the Gem Theft Case were related to the king of thieves, Tao Xiang. However, Tao Xiang was having mental issues, so Zhao Yu wasn't sure that he could get any coherent information from him.

If Zhao Yu were to call the special forces, who were in charge of the Gem Theft Case, over, they would definitely bring Tao Xiang back to the capital for further questioning. If that were to happen, it would definitely affect his own investigation on the Headless Female Corpses Case!

At first, Zhao Yu really wanted to hold Tao Xiang captive in private. Then, when he was almost done with the Headless Female Corpses Case, he would then turn him in to the special forces. Besides, since the Gem Theft Case happened six year ago, there should be no real hurry.

However, Zhao Yu was concerned about Tao Xiang's identity becoming known. He decided that, if they didn't get any national professionals to take guard him, there might be danger. Plus, imprisoning a person with no reason, even via the authority of the special investigation group, wouldn't be acceptable. Besides, they couldn't ensure Tao Xiang's safety at all.

Hence, after some thinking, Zhao Yu felt that it was best to report the entire truth of Tao Xiang and the Gem Theft Case. After all, this seemed to be the safer choice.

Of course, before he handed over Tao Xiang, he would at least have two days. If Wu Xiumin's interrogation worked, they might be able to solve these issues within that time! Then, they could really make some progress!

Zhao Yu then looked again at the photo that Cui Lizhu had given him. In the photo, Bai Lili was fashionably and neatly dressed, while the young Cui Lizhu was very adorable.

Bai Lili, Cui Lizhu, and Tao Xiang all had different surnames. And then there's Gege, who is still an unknown figure...

How are they all connected to each other?

What is the truth behind this Headless Female Corpses Case?

Chapter 609: Unexpected Comparison Result

Ever since Lao Feng had brought a bomb to the hospital, the facility had been heavily guarded. The Jinping police had sent manpower to seize control of the entire building.

At the door of the department, which was where the criminals were being held, they had even built a temporary checkpoint. As such, whoever entered would have to first go through a strict examination.

Zhao Yu saw that the hospital was strongly fortified, so he felt confident in returning to the police station to take charge of task delegation. However, as Lao Feng, Ah Biao, and the driver had each woken up, the police had already started their interrogations.

These police detectives from the Jinping Police Station were experienced. As such, they knew that time was crucial for interrogations, the best timing being the earlier the better. And now, since they had just had surgery, the criminals were still slightly unconscious, so it would be easy to drill them for important information.

Now that he knew the interrogations had commenced, Zhao Yu couldn't just leave. So, he decided to stay and wait for the updates in the temporary office.

Soon, it was already sunset...

Ma Laodan and his father had been placed in the same ward. With the aid of Zhao Yu's Invisible Hemostat, although Ma Laodan had been shot in his chest, his life wasn't in any immediate danger. Ma Laodan's father, Ma Qiang, was also on the mend.

The police had sent over professionals to record a confession from Ma Qiang, but Zhao Yu had already found out what had happened to them from Cui Lizhu. As such, he reckoned that they wouldn't find anything else that was useful.

Among all of the injured staff members, the Captain of the police detectives, Li Luoyun, was one of the most severely injured. The dagger that had stabbed him, had punctured through his abdominal and cut into his intestines. It had also damaged his spleen.

Due to the severity of his injuries, his surgery had lasted more than five hours! Thankfully, the surgery was very successful.

After Li Luoyun woke up, Zhao Yu went to visit him. The first question that he asked him was, of course, about the case.

When he found out that the spy was Lao Feng, he was shocked. He had never expected that the colleague who had been working with him for so many years would be the mastermind behind the Hasty Murder Case!

Although he was already severely injured, Li Luoyun humbled himself before everyone, saying that, if he had noticed Lao Feng's actions earlier, the Hasty Murder Case wouldn't have been able to be carried out so smoothly. As Lao Feng was his direct underling, he knew that he had to take partial responsibility for the repercussions.

Zhao Yu advised him that the case was not yet closed, so it was not time for self-examination just yet. He then encouraged him to rest up.

After Zhao Yu left Li Luoyun's ward, he went to see Cui Lizhu. Not had Cui Lizhu's fingers been cut off, but she had been brutally beaten up by the criminals. Needless to say, she was severely injured.

When Zhao Yu entered her room, Cui Lizhu had already taken some sedatives, so she was sleeping soundly. He sat down in the chair next to her bed, looking at Cui Lizhu's face carefully.

It was a beautiful and familiar face. Before this, Zhao Yu had confused her face with Gege's beautiful appearance. Zhao Yu wasn't prone to become infatuated with attractive women, so he wouldn't overindulge in a woman's appearance. However, Gege's painting was really magical, and it had struck a deep impression in his heart.

At that very moment, looking at Cui Lizhu, the bottom of Zhao Yu's heart was rippling unusually again. Although the two of the women looked alike, Cui Lizhu was no doubt more real and present.

Zhao Yu looked upon her, drowning in his deep thoughts. He wanted to look at the current clues and make some speculations. However, the current clues provided too little information, so he had no way of making any logical guesses.

As he thought more, he picked up the photo again to take another look. Before this, Zhao Yu really couldn't tell Cui Lizhu the truth. Specifically, that the person in the photo might be her mother, who later became a headless corpse! Or worse, the person that cut off your mother's head might be your father, Tao Xiang!

Zhao Yu sighed. He never expected that he would come across such a horrid case. Not only were more cases being linked to it, but it just kept getting more and more complicated, too!

"Beep beep... Beep beep..."

Just as Zhao Yu was sighing in a despondent mood, he received a new message on his phone. He opened it to see that it was from Zeng Ke. He had sent the first DNA comparison results over.

Nineteen years ago, the last victim of the Headless Female Corpses Case, Ba Lili, seemed like any other headless female corpse, at least at first. However, due to the lack of her skull and fingerprints, her identity couldn't be certified.

It wasn't until two years later, when DNA technology became more popular, that police were finally able to find Bai Lili's family to certify her identity. Because of this, Bai Lili's photo, DNA sample, and information had all been saved.

As Zhao Yu had done his homework for the Headless Female Corpse Case, he was thoroughly familiar with all of its evidence, including this gathered information. So, when he saw Cui Lizhu's photo, he quickly recognized Bai Lili at a glance.

However, the report that Zeng Ke had just sent clearly showed that Cui Lizhu and Bai Lili were not related by blood. Hence, Cui Lizhu could not be Bai Lili's daughter!

Oh?

She's not?

Zhao Yu lifted his head and looked at Cui Lizhu, who was still in a deep sleep. His thoughts whirred...

If Cui Lizhu isn't Bai Lili's daughter, then how what about this photo?

Could Cui Lizhu be Gege's daughter instead, meaning that Gege wanted to climb up the ladder of her career, so she sold Cui Lizhu to Bai Lili?

Or, maybe Bai Lili was a human trafficker?

Then, that would make the Headless Female Corpse Case related to human trafficking?

That's not right...

As Zhao Yu knew quite a bit about human trafficking, he looked carefully at the photo, only to see that Bai Lili was dressed well and looked nothing like a human trafficker! Also, the police had investigated Bai Lili thoroughly before, so if she was really a human trafficker, it would be on her record.

The phone suddenly dinged again. It was the second DNA comparison results arriving. The report showed that results of Cui Lizhu's and Gege's DNA comparison.

In 1999, Gege was killed by a Taoist priest named Yuan Shucui. Back then, in order to save the evidence of this murder, the police had to also save Gege's DNA sample.

Later on, when Zhao Yu had solved the case, he had transferred the ready-made files. Hence, after Qinshan had sent them over, they were able to make a quick comparison with Cui Lizhu.

But, in the end, it was more disappointing news for Zhao Yu. After verification, Cui Lizhu's and Gege's DNA were declared not to be a match. They had no blood relationship whatsoever!

Tsk tsk...

Dealing with such a disappointing and confusing result, Zhao Yu immediately got a headache. It was so strange that two persons, who looked exactly the same, were really not related by blood at all! It seemed that, since the very beginning, it was perhaps just wishful thinking on his part.

Among the three DNA comparison results, the one that was sent last was Cui Lizhu's and Tao Xiang's. This was because Tao Xiang didn't have any DNA record already on file. As such, they could only retrieve one from him in person, then test it on the spot. Hence, it had taken some time to obtain it.

After Zhao Yu left Cui Lizhu's ward, Zeng Ke sent the last comparison report to Zhao Yu's phone. Yet another shocking news report had arrived again. Apparently, Cui Lizhu wasn't Tao Xiang's daughter, as the report showed that Cui Lizhu and Tao Xiang weren't connected by blood at all either!

Motherf*cker! Poor Cui Lizhu! Did this child really pop out from underneath a rock or something?

Chapter 610: Anonymous Phone Call

Zhao Yu's dinner was the same as many of the other policemen's, a packed meal, which had been sent over from the cafeteria in the hospital. Just as he was enjoying his meal, good news arrived from the criminals' ward.

Apparently, Ah Biao, who had been beaten up by Zhao Yu, had finally confessed to his crime! Maybe it was because he had just gotten out of his surgery and was still in a fragile state mentally, or because the police offered him preferential treatment and it moved him, or even due to the fear that Lao Feng wanted to kill him, but he confessed about everything that he knew about the Hasty Murder Case!

Similar to Zhao Yu's and the others' speculations, Ah Biao and the rest were just a bunch of outlaws that Lao Feng had gathered up. Hence, these people were all professionally trained and were very skillful at committing various crimes.

They took advantage of Liu Yu's hatred towards the pharmaceutical factory and used it to kickstart the Hasty Murder Case. Their ultimate goal was to suppress the pharmaceutical factory's share prices, then let some overseas consortium take advantage of the situation for profit. Then, in turn, they would receive a lucrative reward.

As it turned out, every victim in the Hasty Murder Case wasn't killed by Liu Yu, but by the criminals. According to the original testimony, their first plan of action was to constantly kill people in order to keep causing panic within the pharmaceutical factory. Then, they made use of the fake medicine that Liu Yu had created in order to deal a crippling blow to the pharmaceutical factory!

However, as they attempted to carry out of their plan, they came across two snafus. The first was Liu Yu's unwillingness to cooperate.

At first, Liu Yu was only thinking about taking his revenge on the pharmaceutical factory, then taking back what he saw as being rightfully his. Hence, he was blinded by his hatred, so he had agreed to work with them.

However, after the criminals constantly massacred so many innocents brutally and burnt the five million in ransom, Liu Yu realized that he was caught up in a truly horrid and meticulously planned conspiracy!

However, by that time, Liu Yu was in too deep and couldn't do anything. As such, Ah Biao and the rest seized control of him, later using him as a scapegoat in the incident of the exploding car, along with the factory co-director, Han Zhenhai.

The second snafu was the one that truly led to their utter failure. They had never expected that there would be someone who could open the safe box and steal their fake medicine!

After all, they had hoodwinked Liu Yu to make the fake medicine. As such, the fake medicine looked exactly the same as the ones produced on the assembly line in the pharmaceutical factory! Once it was in the market, no one would be able to detect it. Hence, the people would think that the pharmaceutical factory had made a big mistake! Then, the pharmaceutical factory's share prices would definitely crash!

However, they had never wagered that the fake medicine would be stolen away by a burglar. That, no doubt, annoyed Lao Feng and the others greatly!

But, by then, Liu Yu was already dead. So, it was impossible for them to remake any more of the fake medicine! Once they lost the fake medicine, their entire plan was doomed! Hence, they wanted to find the burglar to retrieve the fake medicine, and they wouldn't stop at any cost!

Very soon, thanks to them spreading the news and offering a bounty, they locked onto their target in the Zhang Ping Street burglar gang. Then, they arrested the leader of the thieves, Ma Qiang, and forced him to tell them all about Cui Lizhu.

Lao Feng and the others then found Cui Lizhu very quickly and captured her. After a period of cruel torture, she then gave up the location of the fake medicine. Hence, they went together to get the medicine back from the nursing home.

At that time, the three killers that had a gun fight with Zhao Yu and his troop were in charge of retrieving medicine. Besides retrieving the medicine, they even knocked out the security guards and adjusted the surveillance camera's angle to block them from being viewed.

At the same time, Ah Biao and the driver of the BMW X5 were coordinating from the outside, while Lao Feng, who was driving the police car, was waiting outside the nursing home, too. Then, Cui Lizhu and Ma Qiang were tied up and thrown in the police car's trunk, which already had the bomb installed on it!

According to their initial plan, once they found the fake medicine, he would ignite the explosion to kill Cui Lizhu and Ma Qiang, thus destroying all of the evidence! However, as Zhao Yu and Li Luoyun suddenly appeared, the plan was ruined!

Ah Biao even confessed that there was really a group overseas that were ultimately in control of the entire plot. As such, they were merely the underlings obeying their instructions.

He said that the boss of the group was very amazing, further explaining that he was fair in meting out rewards and punishments, even though his measures could be extremely brutal. Hence, these underlings dared not make any mistakes! This explained why they'd rather kill themselves with a car bomb than be punished by the group!

However, the group behind the scenes was also very careful. Even Ah Biao had no idea about their actual identities. In fact, among the few of them, only Lao Feng knew!

Regardless, with Ah Biao's confession, the Hasty Murder Case could finally be closed! As for the group behind the scenes, that fell outside the scope of Zhao Yu's special investigations group, and even beyond the Jinping Police Station's jurisdiction. As such, the Central Criminal Division would naturally assign a special overseas force to look into the case.

As such, the moment the official confession was made, Zhao Yu drafted two reports. One was the closing report for the Hasty Murder Case, while the other was the Gem Theft Case report, which was related to the Tamil Star.

After he handed in the two reports, the Central Criminal Division replied immediately. They requested for Zhao Yu and his team to keep watch of the important criminal until they could take over. Within two days, they sent two troops towards Jinping.

One of the troops was mainly in charge of investigating the Hasty Murder Case. They would be the ones to bring all of the criminals back and deal with them. Then, they would investigate the group behind the scenes.

Meanwhile, the other troop was the special forces, who were in charge of the Gem Theft Case. These people would bring the king of thieves, Tao Xiang, back to the capital. They would then continue to chase after the whereabouts of the gemstone.

Upon their arrivals, the higher ups from the Central Criminal Division, being very satisfied with Zhao Yu's performance, gave him great compliments. As there were many deaths in the Hasty Murder Case, and the case was very complicated for Zhao Yu and his team to be able to arrest the criminals and clarify the truth, it was really a miracle!

Plus, Zhao Yu had even arrested the suspect for the Gem Theft Case! He had indeed performed extraordinary deeds!

After receiving compliments from the Central Criminal Division, Zhao Yu looked at the three DNA comparison reports and sighed, thinking to himself...

Finally, I can settle down and investigate the Headless Female Corpses Case!

However, as the Qian hexagram had yet to end, Zhao Yu's miracle adventure continued. When he packed up and got ready to return to the police station to meet up with his team mates, he suddenly got an anonymous call...