

## Crazy 661

### Chapter 661: The Reason for the Bloody Miracle Adventure

Apparently, every cloud really did have a silver lining! Zhao Yu never thought that the forensic scientist in the autopsy department could figure out a way to arrest the murderer.

“Team Leader Zhao,” Gao Facai sounded excited as he spoke to Zhao Yu over the phone. “If our inference is accurate, the murderer should still be studying how to embalm the perfect dead body! As such, we thought that he might be thinking of ways to improve the formula of his embalming fluid in order to enhance its stability.”

He went on, trying to not use too much technical jargon. “So, we found three telling components of the chemical compound. We agreed that, if the murderer were to enhance the stability of the formula, he would have to add an antioxidant compound, an ethene mixture, or resin... These are all stabilizing agents. Then, it would be able to resist the corrosion effect of the embalming fluid, thus achieving a perfect result!”

“Oh.” Zhao Yu replied, but he didn’t quite understand it all.

“If the formula succeeded, any dead bodies that he made would be like resin dolls! But, resin dolls are toys, so what he would make...”

Just thinking about his words, Zhao Yu had goosebumps all over.

“However, that’s not my point!” Gao Facai continued. “No matter which ingredient the murderer opted for, he would have to add an inductor called Hydrazine Enamine to stimulate the embalming fluid.”

Then, Gao Facai spat a bunch of complicated chemical formulas at Zhao Yu before finally getting to his main point. “One of my students reminded me that Hydrazine Enamine requires a large piece of machinery in order for it to be extracted, as it wouldn’t be possible for it to be extracted and purified individually. For this reason, there were only a few manufacturers that carried it in the entire nation.”

He shook his head. “It is normally used for two purposes. One is for military research, and the other is for lab experiments in government-run high schools! Thus, the possibility of ordinary people using it is close to zero.”

“We’ve already checked! It can’t be bought on the internet either! So, if a private enterprise wanted to buy it, they could only order it directly from the manufacturer!” Gao Facai said excitedly. “So, if we could find out who purchased the agent, we would possibly find the murderer!”

“Wow! That’s fantastic! Alright! I’ll be on it now!” Zhao Yu was naturally very excited, so he asked, “Tell me again, what’s this stuff called?”

Zhao Yu hung up the phone and immediately broke the news to the rest of his teammates! However, the teammates’ reactions were different from Zhao Yu’s.

Cui Lizhu was the first to stand up and state her opinion. “Bro, don’t forget, my uncle is a professional burglar. If he knew that this stuff could be used to expose him, he would just steal it! It’s just a factory, after all, so that would be easy peasy for him!”

“Then... Tell the manufacturers to check to see if any of the ingredient was stolen!” Zhao Yu said without hesitation. “The technology is so advanced now, I don’t believe that he could possible get in and out without leaving some traces behind!”

“I think this could work!” Wu Xiumin nodded in agreement.

Zhao Yu also nodded, then told Zeng Ke determinedly, “Zeng Ke, hurry up!”

“Okay!” Zeng Ke’s fingers were already dancing on the keyboard as he answered. Very soon, he found the information on the manufacturers.

“Master Gao was right. There are less than ten manufacturers in the nation that possess the equipment to produce Hydrazine Enamine. Among those, a few of them still have never actually produced it before.” Zeng Ke quickly found something else. “That’s great. Luckily, all of the manufacturers are large corporations, so none of them have since closed down. Now, if we eliminate the newly built manufacturers, plus the ones that haven’t produced any yet... The h\*ck? There are only two that fit our criteria!”

“Great!” Zhao Yu clapped his hands excitedly and said, “Hurry up and get the local police to contact the manufacturer, then request that they send over a list of people who bought whatever the heck its name is in the past few years!”

Zeng Ke replied, “Alright, but let Bro Tao or Sis Wu do the calling. Meanwhile, I’ll try to break the firewall and see if I can get a gander at the orders directly!”

“Cool!” Zhao Yu gave him a thumbs up and nodded at both Wu Xiumin and Ran Tao, who immediately left to do his bidding.

Zeng Ke lived up to his reputation as a master hacker. Within ten minutes, he had broken into both manufacturers’ servers. He got the orders and, after filtration, the buyers’ information was all listed on the computer screen.

However, they were shocked and disheartened to see that the list of those who bought their specific ingredient was monstrously long! Even after eliminating military enterprises, the list was more than a hundred pages long! They had no choice but to separate them into batches, then filter through them manually.

As Zhao Yu looked through the information before him carefully, he saw that the list was mostly made up of cultural and educational organizations. It seemed that Gao Facai was right. Besides the military enterprises, they were all high schools! There weren’t any other organizations that purchased that specific chemical agent, let alone individuals!

While she was looking through the information, Wu Xiumin expressed her concern, “Team Leader, this is bad! Look, there are so many schools that bought the chemical agent. What if Li Fei didn’t steal from the manufacturers, but looted the schools instead?”

Just as Wu Xiumin spoke, Zhao Yu got a shock! Zhao Yu immediately ran before Zeng Ke and shouted, "Zeng Ke, hurry up and search to see if there is anything to do with Bai Ling on the list, especially Bai Ling High School!"

"Huh? Oh..." Zeng Ke had no idea why Zhao Yu was so excited, nor why he had made such a seemingly bizarre request, but he followed Zhao Yu's instructions nonetheless. "Found it. There is! Bai Ling Cultural and Educational Bureau bought a batch in 2008!"

In 2008?

"Oh my motherf\*cker! Captain Sun! Hurry up and call Captain Sun. Tell him to come over quickly!" Looking at Zhao Yu cursing, Zeng Ke hurried to call Captain Sun.

Before Captain Sun came over, Gao Facai arrived first. "Team Leader Zhao, how is it going? I forgot to clarify something with you earlier. Although Hydrazine Enamine is a catalyst, due to its characteristics, it also requires extractions. Hence, the murderer would required a large amount of it!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu nodded, wondering how this might change things.

"Team Leader Zhao, are you looking for me?" Once Captain Sun received the order, he had immediately rushed over.

Zhao Yu saw Captain Sun and said, "Sun, please tell your underlings to contact Bai Ling Cultural and Educational Bureau to check their stock of Hydrazine Enamine. See which schools they may have shared the chemical agent with."

"What? Hydrazine Enamine? What do you mean?" Captain Sun naturally couldn't understand.

After a simple explanation by Gao Facai, Captain Sun was quickly briefed on the ins and outs of the matter. He then made a call to the bureau chief of the Bai Ling Cultural and Educational Bureau.

In no time, the Bai Ling Cultural and Educational Bureau replied, saying that their accounting department had just verified that it was during Bai Ling High School's science lab renovation in 2008 that some of this specific ingredient had been shared. Hence, the chemical agent and equipment were all given to Bai Ling High School!

Oh my God!

After receiving the update, Zhao Yu's heart was pumping! He finally understood that the side quest the day before wasn't any simple coincidence!

## **Chapter 662: Present**

Previously, Zhao Yu had once asked Captain Sun to investigate the background of the pervert in Bai Ling High School. He wanted to see if the person was related to the Female Corpses Case.

Even though Captain Sun was puzzled, he arranged for some of his men to investigate anyway. Their findings proved that the person was about the same age as Li Fei, but as his identity was cleared, he had been ruled out as a suspect.

So, when Zhao Yu brought up this same person again, Captain Sun was confused. He couldn't understand why Zhao Yu wouldn't just let the pervert off the hook!

At the moment, the pervert was actually still detained in the local police station, waiting for the next round of investigations. In order to buy time, Zhao Yu didn't let the police send him over, nor did he send anyone over himself. Instead, he sent Li Fei's photo to the local police station for the pervert to verify if he knew the person in the photo!

Zhao Yu had actually tried to recognize a criminal through a photo himself before. It was something that wasn't necessarily easy to do. However, it was possible. In fact, back when he solved the Bank Robbery Case, he had found the suspect Fang Yi and his accomplices via this exact method.

Due to the side quest the day before, Zhao Yu instinctually felt that there must be an important hidden hint on all of this! After thinking about it over and over again, he thought that the hint must have something to do with the pervert. Even though the person wasn't Li Fei, he might know something about him!

However, reality was harsh. After the pervert looked through the photos, he was extremely sure that he had never seen the person before. He even swore on his mother's name!

"Motherf\*cker! Beat him up!" Zhao Yu shouted at the police in the local station. "Beat him up until he admits to knowing the person!"

However, after looking at Captain Sun, who was gawking at him in horror, he quickly coughed drily and joked with the local police. "I'm just joking. Ask him again nicely, and not just him, but ask whoever comes to bail him out later too. If you can find any clues, you will earn favor among the police!"

"Team Leader!" Zeng Ke immediately reminded Zhao Yu once he got off the phone, "Although Bai Ling High School had Hydrazine Enamine, it doesn't mean that the school is related to Li Fei in any way! After all, Li Fei is not stupid. The most dangerous place in the nation for him to be is Bai Ling. So, why would he stay in Bai Ling?"

"Yeah," Wu Xiumin advised, "Why don't we check ourselves? Go down the list, one by one on, to see if any of them were robbed and such? Although he would require a large amount of the ingredient, Li Fei, considering his capabilities, might have still been able to steal enough of it!"

"No!" Zhao Yu rejected the suggestion immediately through clenched teeth. He then turned and spoke to Captain Sun. "Captain Sun, send Li Fei's photo to all of the higher ups at Bai Ling High School, asking them to identify it! I don't care if it is the middle of the night! Then, when it's morning, show the photo to the rest of the teachers and students while they are at the school. Surely that will uncover some clues!"

"Bro," Cui Lizhu stuck her tongue out and asked softly, "What did Bai Ling High School ever do to you? What's your problem?"

"Shut up!" Zhao Yu snapped at her. He then turned around and told Captain Sun, "Hurry up and follow my instructions! I suspect that Bai Ling High School is associated with the suspect somehow!"

"Mmm..." Captain Sun looked awkward. Although he felt that Zhao Yu's suspicion was more emotional than fact-based, Zhao Yu was his higher up after all, so he had no choice but to follow his orders.

After Captain Sun left, Gao Facai spoke again, "Although preserving a dead body may seem like an easy process, it actually requires a lot of money! I know an expert overseas who specializes in embalming dead bodies, who told me that there are various costs related to it, all of which are based upon the level of embalming. If an embalmer wanted to do something similar to how the murderer preserved the dead body, specifically making it so that it never rots, it would cost at least ten thousand dollars or more! Thus, unless he possessed a small fortune, he wouldn't be able to maintain the expenses of such an endeavor!"

"That wouldn't be a problem for him," Ran Tao shrugged and said. "After all, Li Fei stole Tao Xiang's treasure, so he definitely would have had the money!"

"Not necessarily. I can easily tell that you have never been a thief!" Cui Lizhu said. "No one knows about this better than I do. Those scalpers that take in stolen goods are the real vampires! Those things that we spend the time and effort to steal normally won't even sell for a one-tenth of their values!"

She rolled her eyes, then asked, "Have you ever heard of any thief getting rich? If we were to sell the stolen goods at a comparable price to what they're actually worth, we would immediately draw the police's attention! Otherwise, why would my dad need to bury all of the priceless things in the cemetery?"

She kept talking, getting more passionate. "My dad is the king of the thieves! But, whenever we shopped at the supermarket, we would always make purchases from the bargain area! Life as a thief is difficult! If I were to guess, I would think that my uncle was in a similar situation!"

"If that is so, then why be a thief at all?" Ran Tao shook his head.

"Yeah, I always asked myself that question too!" Cui Lizhu nodded bitterly, reluctantly agreeing with him. "But... Do you think I had a choice? After all, my biological parents, my adopted dad, even my uncle... They were all thieves! It is my fate!"

Just as she was expressing her emotions, the door opened and everyone got a shock. They turned around and saw Captain Sun!

Captain Sun shouted at everyone as he gasped for air, "We found it! That Bai Ling High School... There's really something wrong about this school!"

Everyone heard his words and got a shock.

Zhao Yu pulled at Captain Sun's arm and asked him excitedly, "Is there someone who knows Li Fei? Did Li Fei hide in the school?"

"No!" Captain Sun shook his head.

"Then, was the science lab ever robbed?" Zeng Ke guessed. "I knew it! Someone stole their Hydrazine Enamine!"

"No, it's not that either!" Captain Sun panted and waved his hands. "Let me tell you! Bai Ling High School gifted the Hydrazine Enamine to someone else!"

"What? A gift? To who?" Zeng Ke gasped. Everyone was confused.

Captain Sun continued to explain. "The staffer who was in charge of the accounting department told me that, ever since they stocked the science lab's experimental ingredients in 2008, the batch of Hydrazine Enamine hadn't been used at all. It had just been sitting in the storeroom. Also, it took up quite a bit of space."

He took a breath, then added, "However, towards the end of last year, someone got in touch with the school, saying that they wanted to buy their Hydrazine Enamine!" Captain Sun said in a hurry. "As the school was already planning to clear up the storeroom, they didn't even take any payment, but simply decided to gift it to the buyer in order to get it off their hands!"

"Oh! But... To who? Was it Li Fei?" Zeng Ke asked, barely able to contain himself.

"No, it was not an individual, but an enterprise!" Captain Sun steadied himself for a moment, then said, "But, the enterprise is no ordinary enterprise! It was a company in Bai Ling that just so happened to have a funeral parlor underneath it!"

"What the h\*ck?" Zhao Yu's lips quivered. "A funeral parlor?"

"Yes!" Gao Facai quickly said. "From what I know, Hydrazine Enamine is only used for the two things that I previously mentioned to you. Neither of which have nothing to do with a funeral parlor!"

Zhao Yu then quickly surmised, "However, if the funeral parlor were to stock the ingredient in large amounts, this would mean that..."

Zhao Yu had yet to finish, when Captain Sun immediately cut him off and continued, "The staff at the school said that the person in charge from the funeral parlor explained to the school that they were wanting the Hydrazine Enamine to use in embalming dead bodies. They explained that the dead bodies that no one claimed could then be preserved longer!"

"Then, say no more!" Zeng Ke pointed at his computer and said, "Li Fei used to work in a funeral parlor! Now, this funeral parlor suddenly received a ton of Hydrazine Enamine! It must be related to Li Fei! Team Leader, I think that it is highly likely that he is hiding in this very same funeral parlor!"

"I've checked, Xiang Ling Funeral Parlor is only forty kilometers away from Bai Ling City," Captain Sun said, while nodding energetically. "I will send someone over now!"

"Okay!" Zhao Yu turned to give out orders excitedly as well. "Zeng Ke, stay back and check the details! See if you can find any more information on the funeral parlor! The rest of you, follow me. We have to arrest this demon Li Fei!"

### **Chapter 663: Embalmer**

It was just past four in the morning, and Zhao Yu was in police car, speeding towards Xiang Ling in Bai Ling City. Although Zhao Yu had not slept the entire night, he was alert and extremely excited.

This was because he had just received a great lead! The police had already contacted the head of the funeral parlor in Xiang Ling, who had verified that there was an embalmer that looked like Li Fei staying in their funeral parlor!

According to the head of the funeral parlor, although their funeral parlor was a national nonprofit, due to the lack of experienced embalmers who were available in the workforce in the recent years, they had no choice but to hire externally. One of these hires had been the person who looked like Li Fei.

The head of the funeral parlor said that the person's name was Xia Lianxi, and that he was in his sixties. This so-called Xia Lianxi claimed that he was a retired embalmer, who used to work at Le Ping Funeral Parlor. He claimed that, after retiring, he had returned to his hometown to get a part-time job. Hence, he went in for the interview and got his current position.

The head of the parlor said that he had good workmanship. In fact, not only were the families of the deceased happy with his work, the higher ups in the funeral parlor even looked upon him with favor. However, regarding the procurement of the Hydrazine Enamine, the head of the parlor had no idea about it!

Receiving such news, it no doubt gave Zhao Yu and his team reassurance that they were indeed on the right track!

We must be right this time!

So... Mr. Xia Lianxi...Who are you really?

Li Fei must have used this name when he worked temporarily in Le Ping Funeral Parlor back then too. Plus, from the testimony given by the head of the funeral parlor, it looked like Li Fei might have procured the donation of the Hydrazine Enamine without the acknowledgement of the funeral parlor!

But, why would he do this behind their backs? Could it be that the b\*stard was really researching about how to turn dead bodies into resin dolls?

The head of the funeral parlor said that Xia Lianxi rented a single story house near the funeral parlor. He apparently lived a secluded life. He didn't seem to have any friends, and, as his work always kept him busy, he mostly slept over at the funeral parlor.

It was common knowledge that the funeral parlor would take in the deceased the night before the funeral, then have the body cremated the very next morning. Apparently, Xia Lianxi had worked during the night before. Everyone wondered if he had return home yet. If not, he may still be there!

Of course, the police detectives were fully armed and prepared just in case. Captain Sun had divided his men into two groups, intending to close in on both locations, his home and the funeral parlor!

Tsk tsk...

Still in the police car, Zhao Yu felt the car speeding up as he caught a glimpse on the sun that was slowly rising in the sky. He was anxious and had a strange feeling.

Although he was getting closer to the moment when he would finally arrest the murderer, which people had been anticipating for twenty years, Zhao Yu still felt that something was not quite right.

Why would he be in a funeral parlor?

And, why does it have to be a funeral parlor that is so close to Bai Ling?

In Zhao Yu's prediction, he had imagined that Li Fei was someone who would hide in an unknown luxurious house and carry out his hidden wicked business in the shadows there! Although a funeral parlor was a place that aligned with Li Fei's temperament, being an embalmer was an occupation that required one to constantly expose himself to the public. As there were so many people who came and went in a funeral parlor, it no doubt increased the danger of his identity being exposed.

Tsk tsk...

Was there some hidden reason why he had chosen the occupation of an embalmer?

Was it because the occupation allowed him to get in touch with dead bodies more often, so that he could conduct more experiments?

Or, maybe he did it to be near the cremation equipment, so that he could easily destroy evidence...

The moment Zhao Yu thought about destroying evidence, he couldn't help but think of another difficult facet to this conundrum. Since Li Fei wasn't insane like Tao Xiang, he just might not be persuaded to admit to his crimes. This could be very problematic, as there wasn't any direct evidence for the Headless Female Corpses Case that could prove that Li Fei was the murderer!

Of course, this could be dealt with later. Right now, their main concern was to arrest Li Fei!

Xiang Ling was neither too big nor too small of a city. There were only two main highways that ran through it. As the funeral parlor was a place that cremated dead bodies, it naturally couldn't be built within the city. Hence, when the police detectives entered the suburban region of Xiang Ling, they could immediately see the towering and puffing chimney of the funeral parlor.

Captain Sun was a very experienced policeman. So, in order not to alert his enemy, he made careful arrangements with his men. He first told them to surround the place, then instructed them to rush towards the funeral parlor altogether.

At the same time, the people who were supposed to close in on Li Fei's home were ready and waiting. Both groups of people bombarded their targets simultaneously.

Zhao Yu's specific role as team leader provided that he naturally didn't have to participate in the movement. So, he waited in the car.

After about ten minutes had passed, Zhao Yu suddenly realized that something must have gone awry. According to his own experience, they should be able to simply arrest someone in two minutes tops! However, it had been ten minutes, so there obviously was a problem!

As expected, Captain Sun returned to the car after a few more minutes, clearly in distress. He told Zhao Yu that they didn't find their target in the funeral parlor or Li Fei's house!

"D\*mn it!" Zhao Yu was beyond disappointed. As they had the element of surprise working in their favor, he couldn't figure out what had gone wrong.

What is going on?

"Team Leader Zhao," Captain Sun said regretfully, "We entered the embalmer's workshop just now and saw the dead body that the head of the funeral parlor was talking about, the client from last night that



he had been working on the for parlor officially. From the looks of the dead body, he appears to have already finished the job and left! However, we are checking the surveillance video in hopes of finding out more clues!”

“Can we locate him via his phone’s GPS?” Zhao Yu asked.

“He turned off his phone, so we couldn’t locate him!” Captain Sun said. “Team Leader Zhao, I’m worried that Li Fei was on his way home when we were surrounding his house! If that is the case, he might have spotted us and fled! We have to hurry and expand the scope of our search area!”

“Don’t panic!” Zhao Yu quickly waved his hand and said, “We shouldn’t be panic at such a crucial moment! Tell the group who is at Li Fei’s house to stay vigilant. I’ll go in and check out this place first!”

Then, Zhao Yu quickly walked into the funeral parlor and checked it out. As he was worried that Li Fei would hide in some hidden corner of the funeral parlor, he immediately activated a device called Life Detector.

The device could detect all signs of life that happened to be nearby. If Li Fei really were hiding there, he wouldn’t be able to escape its detection!

Also, since Zhao Yu knew that Li Fei was a thief, he checked places like the ventilation ducts and so forth. In the end, he even checked the air conditioned morgue drawers!

However, after checking the whole place, the Detector didn’t emit a single peep! It seemed that Li Fei was really not there!

“Police officers, have you found him yet?” When Zhao Yu left the funeral parlor, the head of the funeral parlor brought a few associates to the scene.

Before Captain Sun could reply, a police officer ran over and shouted at the head of the funeral parlor, “What’s going on here? Besides the one in the main reception hall for memorial services upstairs, none of your other surveillance cameras seem to be working!”

“Oh! I’m so sorry. There was a huge truck that sent goods over two days ago. They accidentally broke the cable, and we have yet to repair it!” After the head of the funeral parlor replied, he suddenly realized something, so he quickly asked, “Why would you need those anyway? Is he not here? Then, he must be at his home! Police officer, who is this Xia Lianxi?”

“Sir, I saw that the hearse is gone!” A worker from the funeral parlor had just noticed the absence of their company vehicle. “Do you think Xia drove it away?”

“Eh? Yeah...” the head of the funeral parlor said. “Fellow police officers, Master Xia often drives our hearses!”

“Hearses?” Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows and asked, “Didn’t you say that he lives somewhere nearby? Why would he drive and not just walk?”

“Mm... He says he often goes back to his old neighborhood or something like that. Sometimes, he would even takes the hearse for a whole day or two,” the head of the funeral parlor replied.

Sh\*t!

Zhao Yu quivered, as he suddenly thought of their theory of his transporting corpses a thousand miles away!

#### **Chapter 664: Hot Pursuit**

I can't even use the Invisible Tracker!

Zhao Yu flatly denied this harsh reality in his head. As Li Fei drove, he didn't leave behind any scent, so Zhao Yu definitely couldn't use a tracker to find him.

Then, how do I arrest him?

In the end, just as Zhao Yu was trying to think of a plan, Captain Sun quickly provided him an answer. "Team Leader Zhao, I already contacted the local traffic department to get them to share their surveillance videos with us! Don't worry, if he were to drive this car to escape, he would fast and harder to detect. But, if he was driving the hearse, he would definitely not be able to escape our sight for long! That thing is too eye-catching!"

Luckily, the Bai Ling Police Station worked extremely efficiently, and just as Captain Sun finished speaking, his walkie talkie buzzed. "Captain Sun, we found it. The hearse that the suspect is driving is a white Jinbei. Also, there is obviously the name of Xiang Ling Funeral Parlor affixed on the front of the car!"

The voice on the other end of the walkie talkie then added, "Our radars gathered that the hearse was driving along Xiang Ling Highway, heading south! This was at four forty-seven!"

"What?" After Captain Sun heard the time, he panicked. "Four forty-seven? We have to hurry!"

"Did he say south?" Zhao Yu was very clear with his location, as they had just come from the south! He wondered why Li Fei was heading in that direction.

Did he want to go back to Bai Ling?

"Go after him! Hurry up!" Under the instruction of Captain Sun, the troop immediately got in the car and prepared to leave.

However, just to be safe, he left a few of his men at the funeral parlor, who continued to search through the place and guard the scene while the forensic department arrived to collect more evidence.

"Captain Sun, I'll be with my team! We will keep in touch via walkie talkie!" Zhao Yu didn't follow Captain Sun, but got in the special investigation group's car.

After he got into the driver's seat of the car, he immediately pushed Ran Tao into the passenger seat. He then stepped on the gas pedal and sped away.

It was only five in the morning, and the sun during winter rises late, so the surrounding was still covered in darkness. Very few pedestrians were out and about on the streets.

The moment they hit the highway, Zhao Yu drove like a race car driver. It was like they were in a Fast and Furious movie scene!

Besides Ran Tao, Cui Lizhu and Wu Xiumin were also riding in the car with him. Even though latter two were quite frightened, they just sat in the back quietly, not daring to utter a word.

Ran Tao, on the other hand, reacted far differently, shouting at the top of his lungs, "Team Leader, slow down! Be careful..."

"Team Leader Zhao, the suspect drove towards Bai Ling along the national highway. By our estimate, he will reach Bai Ling city in another ten minutes!" Captain Sun updated Zhao Yu via the walkie talkie. "Where are you now? I've informed the related departments to set up a roadblock!"

Ten minutes.

Hearing what Captain Sun said, not only did Zhao Yu punch the gas pedal again, he even used his last Invisible Propeller! Theoretically speaking, the suspect's car was already locked down by the police, so Zhao Yu didn't need to risk his life over this chase!

However, Zhao Yu felt that there was something fishy about Li Fei's escape. He was afraid that there would be some sort of mishap along the way. Hence, he reluctantly used the last Invisible Propeller to ensure that he would be the first to catch up with him!

After activating the Invisible Propeller, the car was as fast as a rocket. Everyone felt that the scenery outside the windows were flying past in warp speed! It was as though they were flying through space and time!

"Ah..." Ran Tao and the other two passengers couldn't hold their panic in anymore, so they all started screaming in terror.

"Attention all units, attention all units, something unexpected has happened..." Soon, there was another update. "The targeted vehicle has just disappeared from our radar. Attention all units, the last signal was pinged near Ginger Village. However, after the village, it never pinged again! Cars that are passing by this area, please pay close attention..."

Zhao Yu immediately slowed down after hearing this. His teammates were all panting for air, now feeling that they could finally breathe.

As he was checking his GPS, Zhao Yu noticed that he happened to be near Ginger Village!

Ginger Village!

F\*ck!

Night Vision!

Telescope!

At such a crucial moment, Zhao Yu decided to use both of his remaining devices. But, at the very moment that he activated the two devices, Cui Lizhu pointed outside the window and shouted, "Team Leader! Isn't that it? Look!"

Looking towards the direction where Cui Lizhu was pointing, everyone saw a small village route on the right-hand side of the car. There was one set of headlights that could be seen. It was a that was driving a little further ahead of them.

Using the Night Vision and Telescope devices, Zhao Yu saw distinctly that it was a white car. In fact, it looked exactly like a hearse!

“It must be him!” Zhao Yu took a crazy turn and chased after the car. At the same time, Ran Tao reported their current situation over the walkie talkie.

The village road was bumpy and muddy. However, Zhao Yu couldn’t be bothered about that, but instead continued to chase after the car at top-speed. The three passengers in the car felt as though they were riding in a bumper car ride at a carnival from hel\*, and they were complaining incessantly about being jolted to and fro!

Soon, Zhao Yu was getting closer and closer to the targeted vehicle. As the sun had finally risen and the sky was now bright, they could see clearly that it was really a hearse!

The hearse was driving impressively fast, while it swerved to the left and to the right on the road, trying to evade them. Unexpectedly, the hearse made a turn. Now, it didn’t seem to be heading towards the village, but towards a cemetery that was on a road by that bordered the village!

Huh?

A cemetery?

As Zhao Yu recalled, that cemetery wasn’t where Du Manting’s tomb was located. He wondered why the person was driving there...

After a few minutes, when Zhao Yu drove past a huge Japanese pagoda tree, he suddenly saw the hearse parked beside it. There were some old vacant houses that were right next to the cemetery, and the hearse was parked right in front of one of the houses.

“Gun! Gun! Gun!” Zhao Yu barked at Ran Tao. He obviously wanted to deal with the murderer of the Headless Female Corpses Case directly! Hence, he naturally wasn’t going to not carry a weapon with him when he did so!

However, Zhao Yu had always been rash and excitable, so in his rush to chase the person, he had forgotten to ask Captain Sun to provide him with a firearm.

Luckily, Ran Tao had great foresight. Not only did he bring his own gun, but he had thoughtfully prepared one for Zhao Yu as well!

After Zhao Yu parked the car, he immediately rushed down with Ran Tao, while Cui Lizhu and Wu Xiumin followed closely behind them. Zhao Yu and Ran Tao first checked the white hearse. They immediately saw that it did indeed have the name “Xiang Ling Funeral Parlor” on it!

After they confirmed that there was nothing strange with the hearse, they swiftly approached the old house. The door of the old house was wide open, and it had a courtyard that was filled with withered weeds.

On both sides of the courtyard, there was a row of rooms. There were three rooms on the south end, while on the North, there were three principle rooms.

Zhao Yu quickly beckoned to Cui Lizhu and Wu Xiumin, signalling for them to stand guard outside. Then, he and Ran Tao rushed into the courtyard.

At first, Zhao Yu wanted to separate in a divide and conquer mentality, but the moment they got inside the courtyard, they heard noises coming from one of the principle rooms on the north end. They didn't delay any further, but kicked the door open and rushed into the room.

"Don't move!" Ran Tao shouted. But, due to the dim lighting, he couldn't see anything.

Zhao Yu, however, could see the situation in the room quite clearly, as he had the Night Vision device. He saw a person in black cotton clothing, standing right in the middle of a simple living room. He was holding a plastic container and showering himself with its contents!

Suddenly, a strong smell of fuel filled the air! Then, as the person saw that there was someone who had just rushed into the house and was holding a gun, he quickly cast the container aside and lit a lighter that was in his hands!

#### **Chapter 665: The True Color of a Thief**

"Don't move! I'll shoot!" Ran Tao saw the person holding a lighter and smelled a strong fuel scent while he shouted and aimed his gun at the person.

At the moment, the person was obviously planning to commit suicide as he had just showered himself with fuel and lit his lighter! As he had already decided to kill himself, Ran Tao immediately wondered if he would even care if he pulled the trigger or not! Quicker than words could tell, the person threw the lighter on the ground to ignite the fuel!

Hong!

That instant, the flames soared ferociously. The fuel had apparently ignited something, as there was a thick smoke rising up from the fire!

"Ah!" Ran Tao shouted.

At the moment, he was at loss of what to do next. He couldn't pull the trigger, nor could he rush over! However, what shocked Ran Tao the most was that Zhao Yu rushed into the fire and pushed the person on the ground, even after the flames had shot up so ferociously!

As there was still a large amount of fuel left in the container on the ground, the flames ignited the container, which let out a tremendous thud as a huge fireball spurted out of it! As the scorching hot flames traveled across the room, Ran Tao fell backward.

"Ah! Team Leader! Don't..." Ran Tao had yet to get up on his feet when he realized that Zhao Yu might be in trouble. He shouted tearfully as he scrambled up from the ground.

Then, a confusing scene appeared before him! Just as he prepared to run into the fire to save Zhao Yu, he suddenly saw that Zhao Yu held the person who was trying to burn himself to death.

“This...” Ran Tao was stupefied.

“Ran Tao! Are you crazy? Run!” Zhao Yu shouted at him. Then, he pulled the person who had tried to burn himself towards the courtyard.

“I... You... What the h\*ck?” Ran Tao saw that Zhao Yu and the person who had tried to burn himself were in perfect condition, which thoroughly confused him.

However, looking at the worsening fire, he hurried and ran out from the room. When he arrived at the courtyard, Zhao Yu had already taken out his handcuffs to handcuff the person who had tried to burn himself alive.

“Li Fei, you are arrested!” Zhao Yu handcuffed the person and spat on the ground.

“Oh? How is this possible? Ah...” Li Fei screamed in pain as terror spread in his eyes. He couldn’t believe how he could still be alive!

“Team Leader! Team Leader! Are you okay?” Wu Xiumin and Cui Lizhu, who had heard the noises, both ran in, shouting at the same time. They were shocked when they saw the roaring fire in the room.

“Don’t just stand there! Put out the fire!” Zhao Yu pointed at the room and said. “There might be important evidence!”

“Oh. Yeah!” Ran Tao quickly ran to the water tap in the courtyard, but there was no water when he tried turning it on!

“There’s a fire extinguisher in the car!” At that crucial moment, Cui Lizhu, who was much calmer, hurried to the police car outside to look for a fire extinguisher. Then, she ran back into the room to put out the fire.

Wu Xiumin didn’t just stand there, but searched through the hearse and found another fire extinguisher. Then, she quickly followed Cui Lizhu into the room, where both girls began to put out the fire together.

Although the oil container had exploded in the room earlier, the fire wasn’t as bad as they had first imagined. This was because they’re hadn’t been many combustible items in the room. As such, the fire was able to be put out as soon as they used the fire extinguisher.

Whoop-whoop.

Then, along with the sounds of a siren, Captain Sun’s troop arrived at the scene.

“Team Leader, Team Leader, let me look at you.” Ran Tao moved his hands all over Zhao Yu anxiously. When he realized that there weren’t any signs of Zhao Yu’s being burnt at all, he relaxed a little.

“How did you make it out?” Ran Tao asked him in shock. “You weren’t burnt at all? But, I saw the two of you...”

Bullsh\*t! Zhao Yu cursed in his head. I wore a Fire Prevention Suit, so the fire obviously couldn’t hurt me!

It turned out that Zhao Yu had recognized the person who showered himself in fuel the very moment he entered the room. He was the suspect, Li Fei, who the police were after!

However, Zhao Yu couldn't understand why Li Fei would run there, nor why he set himself on fire. Li Fei was asking for death when he threw the lighter into the fuel without hesitation!

As Zhao Yu saw that he couldn't stop him in time, he had no choice but to activate two Fire Prevention Suits swiftly. Obviously, one was for Li Fei and one was for himself!

It was an earth-shattering case, and they had finally found the prime suspect after all this time and effort. If Li Fei was to burn himself to death, the truth of the Headless Female Corpses Case might never come out!

So, regardless, Zhao Yu had to save him! He could not let him die so easily! Of course, he couldn't let himself catch on fire either, so he had to use two suits.

After that, Zhao Yu had pushed Li Fei down so that he could subdue him. He never thought that the fuel container on the ground would explode! Luckily, they had the Fire Prevention Suits! Otherwise, Zhao Yu would definitely have been badly burned.

"I'm okay, so stop touching me! Okay, but go ahead and..." Zhao Yu pushed away Ran Tao's hands from him and wanted to tell him to go ahead and help Li Fei, but before he finished his sentence, he suddenly thought of something and hurried to search Li Fei with both hands.

In the end, just as he put his right hand into Li Fei's pocket, he felt something cold. Then, without much thought, he took out the thing directly.

When he and Ran Tao looked at the thing, the two of them suddenly had their eyes wide open. Zhao Yu was holding a gemstone necklace that looked quite fancy!

A huge blue gemstone was embellished upon the necklace, and there was a hint of emerald in the blueness. It looked extremely delicate and beautiful.

"Ta... Tamil... Tamil Star!" Ran Tao was stuttering.

"That's right! This must be the Tamil Star!" Zhao Yu let out a heavy sigh as he thought, No wonder the hexagram today was led by Dui! It turned out to be referring to this gemstone!

Zhao Yu had imagined this exact situation, where he would find the gemstone, many times! Yet, he had never expected that he would find it in the pocket of Li Fei's shabby clothes in the remote courtyard of a cemetery!

At that very moment, Li Fei, who was being pressed down by Zhao Yu, had no intention of resisting him. He lay down on the ground with a numb expression on his face, not moving an inch.

Li Fei was short and scrawny, like a withered plant. Half of his hair was white, and it looked like it hadn't been trimmed for quite a while.

He looked extremely slovenly. With his shabby clothing, he looked like a standard hobo. However, none of these things screamed that he was a ferocious serial killer!

In that split second, Zhao Yu even thought that he might have gotten the wrong person. However, he had to admit that, besides his aging appearance, this person did look exactly like Li Fei from the photo! Plus, the Tamil Star had been found on him!

As the saying goes, “You can’t judge a book by its cover.” Hence, the scrawny old man that looked totally harmless just might really be the serial killer that cut off six females’ heads!

Then, the police car that had rushed over had already parked at the door of the courtyard. At that moment, fully armed police detectives opened the car doors and hurried over.

Zhao Yu immediately wanted to hand over the case to them, but Wu Xiumin suddenly waved at Zhao Yu at the door and said, “Team Leader, hurry up. Come and see this...”

### **Chapter 666: Insane Serial Killer**

“Look... This backpack should have been hidden above the ceiling previously!” Wu Xiumin pointed at the gap in the ceiling, then pointed at the backpack, which was half burned. She then said, “The things in the backpack...”

Zhao Yu looked closely and saw that the room was already covered in white ABE powder. Under the coat of ABE powder, there was a green backpack that had been thrown right around the place where Li Fei had tried to set himself on fire.

Zhao Yu vaguely remembered that the backpack was right next to Li Fei’s foot back then. As there was fuel on the backpack too, it had been slightly burned.

That very moment, Cui Lizhu squatted next to the backpack and took out its contents. She immediately saw that the backpack was full of treasures, like jewelry, jade, and antiques.

“Motherf\*cker!” Cui Lizhu looked at those things and cursed! “He used this bag to store all of these things! What a b\*stard! Do you know who owned the house that my dad stole these things from? The brand is called Biagiodaro! It is a discontinued Italian brand! I can’t believe that he G\*ddamn burned this! My heart...”

“Mm...” Zhao Yu puffed out a breath through his teeth. When he saw Wu Xiumin’s solemn look, he thought that they had found dead bodies in the room! He never would have guessed that they had only found Tao Xiang’s treasure.

It seemed that there was a reason why the Dui hexagram had led the pair of the hexagram. But, although there were many treasures here, they had nothing to do with him!

“Do you know how much this is worth, Sis Wu? Tell me, have you heard of this brand?” Cui Lizhu was still bemoaning the burned designer backpack. “Although it is a backpack, it is a luxurious one! I’m not exaggerating, either! In fact, if all of the items in the backpack were added up, the amount might not be more valuable than the backpack itself! To think that he burned it...”

“Alright, don’t move!” Zhao Yu saw that the room was covered in ABE powder, so he quickly warned his two female colleagues. “Leave this to the forensics department! We better not touch the scene!”



Although Zhao Yu said this, he couldn't help but still open the doors on both sides of the room. He saw that there were some pieces of broken furniture in the two rooms. Some of the furniture had already collapsed, which made the room appear like it had been vacant for a very long time.

Tsk tsk.

Looking at such scene, Zhao Yu felt that these things were very different from his predictions. He had assumed that he would arrest a serial killer, who was wealthy and perverted. But, Li Fei was dressed so shabbily!

Even though the gemstone and the treasure were both in his hands, he looked so poor. It was really a surprising sight.

Why would this house and this person look so miserable?

What is the house used for?

After all these years, what did the serial killer do? Why would he be in such a sad state?

With heavy confusion muddling their brains, Zhao Yu and the two ladies left the house. Then, they saw that Captain Sun was taking custody of the suspect from Ran Tao.

Captain Sun was an experienced old ginger after all, so after taking control of the suspect, he wasn't in a rush to let Li Fei get off the ground. Instead, he pressed on his back and shouted with full righteous indignation, "Li Fei! You are arrested!"

He then purposely moved his lips closer to Li Fei's ear and asked, "So, do you know why we have arrested you?"

Captain Sun was using the oldest trick that senior police detectives found to be highly effective. When a suspect was arrested, he was at his weakest as far as mental defences went. So, if he were to admit his wrongdoing then, it would naturally save them a lot of trouble in the future!

However, every police detective at the scene knew Li Fei's identity, so they knew that this person was not any ordinary criminal, but the prime suspect of the Headless Female Corpses Case!

He, who was a very careful person, definitely would already know of the difficulty that the police would have in charging him with his crime. Hence, everyone thought Captain Sun's interrogation wouldn't work.

However, the truth proved otherwise. Everyone had gotten it all wrong!

Although Li Fei was deadly pale and wore a numb expression on his face, he clearly nodded after Captain Sun had shouted the question!

Huh?!

The nod was terrific! Zhao Yu was stupefied! He never thought that Li Fei would admit his guilt so easily!

However, after his initial astonishment passed, Zhao Yu suddenly understood what was going on. Li Fei had wanted to burn himself to death earlier! This meant that his mental state had collapse long ago!

When Captain Sun saw that he had pleaded guilty, he immediately shouted another question, “Li Fei, tell us, are you the murderer behind the six headless female corpses case in Jinzhong?”

After he asked the question, the scene became absolutely quiet. All of the police detectives held their breaths and fixed their gazes at Li Fei. After a few seconds passed, Li Fei finally nodded again.

Ohhhh.

Wow.

All the police detectives couldn't help but be completely stunned when they saw him nodding yet again!

“Hahahaha.” The very next second, Li Fei started laughing maliciously. He then yelled hysterically, “Yes! I killed them! I did! I did! Hahahahaha.”

Li Fei's malicious laughter gave all of the police detectives at the scene goosebumps. Some of them, who were more timid, even had chills run down their spines.

“Hahahaha. Woo woo woo.” After laughing for a while, Li Fei started crying his lungs out.

Tears ran down his cheek, as though a water dam had broken. “Woo woo woo. This day has finally arrived. Why did it take so long? Woo woo woo. Why? Why?” After shouting a few more “whys,” Li Fei suddenly became manic and started struggling intensely.

A few brawny police detectives saw this and quickly went forward to help Captain Sun subdue him. As Li Fei was scrawny, the few of them pressed him down easily.

However, even though Li Fei's face was against the ground, he stubbornly turned it to the side to face Zhao Yu. As his blood shot eyes looked at Zhao Yu, he roared, “Why? Why didn't you let me die in the fire? Why? Ah...”

Just then, Li Fei was shocked to see that Zhao Yu had squatted down before him. Not only was his gaze cold and sharp, but he gave Li Fei the middle finger!

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Two hours later, at Bai Ling Police Station, in the corridor outside of the interrogation room.

At the moment, Zhao Yu was holding a cup of hot coffee as he stood by the window at the end of the corridor. His mind was occupied as his gaze was fixed upon the scenery outside the window.

Although the sky had just been bright, it was now covered in grey clouds, as though a storm was brewing. Zhao Yu felt just like the weather outside, brooding and gloomy.

But, we finally arrested Li Fei!

And, he admitted that he was the true murderer of the Jinzhong Headless Female Corpses Case! So, the police won't have to spend any more time and effort to collect evidence!

Even though these were all very good things, Zhao Yu still felt that there were many unexplainable facets to this case. For instance, after Li Fei was arrested, the police had searched his living space in Xiang Ling, the Xiang Ling Funeral Parlors, and also the old house where he was arrested. Although the

police found the Hydrazine Enamine and the other preservatives that he had purchased from Bai Ling High School, they didn't find any other signs or traces that proved that he committed other crime.

This made Zhao Yu wonder if Li Fei had really stopped killing after the Headless Female Corpses Case, or whether he had any other venues that he used for killing. He also wondered if he cremated all of the other dead bodies in the funeral parlor to destroy the evidence.

It seemed like they could only know the full truth about the ins and outs of the case after Li Fei's interrogation. But, judging by his manic behavior when he was arrested, he couldn't help but worry that he had become the second Tao Xiang and gone completely insane!

However, his concern wasn't realized, as before he finished his coffee, Wu Xiumin shouted for him from the interrogation room. "Team Leader, Li Fei is emotionally stable now. We can start the interrogation!"

### **Chapter 667: Trauma**

The level of the interrogation was obviously different for this case. The higher ups from the Nanjiang Provincial Office and the Bai Ling Police Station never thought that there would be a day that the suspect of the Headless Female Corpses Case in Jinzhong would be interrogated within their area of jurisdiction!

Although the Bai Ling Police Station had the biggest interrogation room, there was still a sea of people to be accommodated. This resulted in an overflow, as people were both inside the room, as well as lining the corridors outside of the room.

In the monitoring room, Division Chief Jiao Guofeng, who had the highest rank, naturally took the seat that was right in the middle. The other higher ups and professional technical staff were seated around her. In the end, only the bureau chief of the Bai Ling Police Station managed to squeeze into the room, while the other higher ups could only wait outside.

Meanwhile, in the interrogation room, Zhao Yu, who led the special investigation group was, naturally the leader in charge of the interrogation, while Wu Xiumin assisted him. Zeng Ke was in charge of recording the confession, and Ran Tao was in charge of passing on any relevant information during the proceedings.

As Cui Lizhu was heavily connected with the case and knew about the related secret insights of the thieves, Zhao Yu had requested that she also be in the interrogation room to assist Wu Xiumin especially. When everything was ready, the unprecedented interrogation finally began!

Surprisingly, although Zhao Yu was prepared to fight a tough war, Li Fei's interrogation went unexpectedly smooth. Comparatively, it was even smoother than any ordinary case!

Before the interrogation took place, the psychologist Wu Xiumin had already communicated with Li Fei. Not only did Li Fei become emotionally stable, he was already prepared to plead guilty. He didn't hide, but readily admitted his crime.

Hence, after the interrogation began, Li Fei started telling his story straightforwardly. More surprisingly, Li Fei started from the very beginning of the story, which almost covered his entire life. Although his

description was inconsequential and somewhat jumbled, it still stirred the emotions of all the listeners present.

While Zhao Yu listened, he shook his head continuously. Although he had gotten the ending right, the specific details of the entire story and the emotional experience of the serial killer were vastly different than what Zhao Yu had first supposed.

“That old house was where our master took us in,” Li Fei said. “Back then, there were a few other kids that came from nowhere, just like me. Master and his wife took care of us, but in the end, there was only me and Tao Xiang left. Actually, Tao Xiang was the name that he gave himself after he gained fame. His original name was...Mm.... I don’t guess that’s important anymore...”

He sighed, then continued. “I am slightly older than Tao Xiang, but I have no idea how much older exactly! “We don’t even know our zodiac signs! You saw that the old house was right next to the cemetery, and it was located in a remote place. But, as it was not far from the city, it made for a very suitable lair!”

“Ever since we toddlers, Tao Xiang and I had been trained by Master strictly. From the minute we were out of diapers, we learned how to steal. You don’t know what we went through and how we survived the ordeal! If we were to not perform well enough, we would be beaten badly, especially by the wicked old lady!” he said with wide eyes.

“She’s sick! During every thievery lesson, she seemed like she was just waiting for us to make a mistake so that she could satisfy her abusive addiction, punching, kicking, and caning us with steel rods. She even used cigarette butts to burn us, a knife to cut us, and she even scalded us with boiling water.” Li Fei was obviously getting emotional, as he started pausing in between his sentences, while he was choked with sobs.

Judging from how he was behaving, the abuse that he experienced was unimaginable. As Wu Xiumin was experienced in these things, she immediately beckoned for everyone to remain silent and give Li Fei some time to calm himself down.

“If I took off my clothes, you would see...” Tears welled up in Li Fei’s eyes as he spoke emotionally. “Sixty years... Yet those scars will never go away.”

Li Fei sobbed for a while before he continued his story. “Tao Xiang got it even worse than I did, too. One time, our master’s wife even caused damage to his “particular place,” and he lost his manly functions ever since that time!”

“Ahh...” Cui Lizhu exclaimed in surprise. She never thought that Tao Xiang had lost his manly functions like that!

“However, Tao Xiang was stronger than I was, as he endured the hardship and stayed on to pick up master’s unique skills!” Li Fei continued. “But, it was different for me! The inhuman abuse caused a severe mental trauma in my head. I couldn’t complete the training every time, so in the end, whenever I followed master out for work, I could only be a footman and serve as a lookout for enemies. I had obviously become useless!”

He shook his head, clearly lost in his memories. “Consequently, the frequency of my getting beaten became even higher after that. The master’s wife got more and more brutal too! It’s not that master didn’t know about her bad habit, but he ignored it. In the end, I found out that the master’s wife had a hidden illness that rendered her unable to conceive children! But, that was not our faults, so why would she mistreat us like that?”

He shook his head sadly. “Once master realized that I was useless, he took in more kids. In the end, he only kept two of them. The male’s surname was Cui, while the female’s surname was Du. Both of them were Tao Xiang’s and my’s Third Bro and Fourth Sis. According to master, they were more suitable to join the industry, as if they were to practice well, they would most likely be quite good at it!”

He sighed, then continued his story. “Although the two of them were much younger than Tao Xiang and I, we considered ourselves lucky to finally have companions. We were all very tight, like a real family. Fourth Sis was very pretty, and as us three guys had never really seen any other woman, we especially liked her the most. Whenever there was anything good or delicious to have, we would save it for her!”

He smiled for the first time, finally hitting one, albeit small, happy memory. Soon, the smile faded as he said, “However, no matter who it was, no one would be able to escape the witch’s evil hands. Every few days, she would find an excuse to beat us up, even Third Bro and Fourth Sis! Then, only Tao Xiang was doing well, as his skills got better and better. So, master would always bring Tao Xiang with him whenever he headed out on a job.”

He sighed. “Later on, maybe because master had more money by then, he got us a lair that was nearer to the city. He even covered up the place, making it appear to be a shop that sold aluminium alloy doors and windows. That year, I’m not sure if I was 17,18, or 19. Honestly, I maybe wasn’t even 16 yet.”

Li Fei continued to take a stroll down memory lane and said, “Then, master took in another two disciples. In chronological order, one one was fifth and another one was sixth. But, the two of them seemed to be his disciples only in name. They only came to learn his skills, but never stayed in the shop. So, they didn’t know about the “special habit” of the master’s wife!”

Li Fei let out a sigh yet again. “But, Third Bro, Fourth Sis, and I knew that, although our wealth and living standards got better, the special habit of the master’s wife never got better, but only got worse! Then, I have no idea about this menopause stuff, but later on, when I think back, the witch happened to be in her menopausal period too, which couldn’t have helped things.”

He got an angry look all of a sudden as he said, “The way she mistreated us was pushing us to the edge! It’s fine if she was only doing it to Third Bro and I. But, there was a day that I saw her strip Fourth Sis naked and wanted to pour a kettle of hot water on her chest! Fourth Sis was shivering in fear, but dared not fight back. She didn’t even cry or scream. What’s more, she was only 13! She was really frightened!”

His eyes teared up a bit as he said, “As I was scalded with boiling water by master’s wife when I was young, I knew that if Fourth Sis were to really be scalded with boiling water, her life would be ruined! So, I have no idea where my courage came from, but I dashed over and pushed master’s wife away, causing the kettle to immediately fall on the ground! After the witch got up, she suddenly started fighting with me. Although I was a teenaged young man, my body was weak, so I was easily pushed onto the ground very quickly!”

His eyes grew wide as he recalled the vivid memory. “Then, she took a shovel and slammed it down on me! Then, she looked as though she was crazy as she hit my head and body furiously with it, over and over! She looked like she wanted to beat me to death!”

Tears pricked at his eyes again as he struggled to continue. “I was knocked senseless, my face was covered in blood, and as such, I could barely feel the pain anymore. But, right after I came to seconds later, I suddenly realized that the witch had finally stopped!”

He paused for a moment, catching his breath, then said, “It wasn’t until I wiped away the blood on my face and turned around that I saw there was a pair of fire tongs on the witch’s neck! That pair of fire tongs went clean through her throat and her fell onto the ground, while her blood flowed out of her neck like a river!”

### **Chapter 668: The Journey to Become a Monster (Part One)**

“That was the first time I saw someone at the brink of death,” Li Fei said with a numb expression. “Master’s wife kept her eyes wide open and her mouth was full of blood. Her neck was in an even worse condition. She was lying on the floor, which was covered in her blood! But, her body was still twitching! After a while, she finally stopped moving.”

Li Fei shook his head, then continued in a low voice, “It was only then that I saw that Fourth Sis, Du Manting, was standing behind master’s wife, her face as pale as a sheet. She had even peed herself! I never understood where Fourth Sis got her strength that day. She was only child, but she stabbed through the witch’s neck with that pair of fire tongs like a warrior!”

A indescribable look filled his eyes. “Master’s wife didn’t move an inch, neither did the two of us. Fourth Sis didn’t even put on her clothes! At that moment, I felt that the entire world was in darkness! I didn’t know what we had done, as everything was like a dream.”

He shook his head, then said, “But, master’s wife had really died! In the end, things needed to be taken care of!”

Li Fei swallowed his saliva and said in distress, “As I was the eldest, I knew that I couldn’t let Fourth Sis take the blame for the murder! So, I told Fourth Sis to blame everything on me and tell everyone that I killed master’s wife! Then, I ran away, even as my head was still bleeding!”

He shook his head, the memory still fresh in his mind. “I have no idea what happened at home after that. I just kept running and running with all my strength. I kept thinking that I was a murderer and could never return to Bai Ling ever again, nor could I return to Nanjiang! I knew I had to run.”

He then began to detail this new chapter of his life after the trauma. “During the first few years, I relied entirely on what master had taught me and survived by robbing people. But, my skills weren’t great, so I was really living a very tough life. I slept with the hobos, had nothing to eat, and had nowhere to stay. Then, I realized that I urgently needed a real job. But, I knew it would be difficult for someone like myself, who didn’t have an identity, to find a proper job.”

He perked up a bit at this moment in his story. “However, there is always a way out. In the end, just as I wandered into Jin’an, Weiling county, I happened to see that the local funeral parlor was hiring a

temporary worker. I thought places like the funeral parlor shouldn't be too strict in their interviews, so I picked up a random identification card and went for the job interview!"

He chuckled a bit at the memory of his scheme working as he said, "Since places like funeral parlors require one to deal with dead people all the time and the pay for a temporary worker wasn't very high, there was no one there to fight with over the job. So, I got the job on the very first day! My main task was to do odd jobs. I did almost everything from assisting the embalmer to driving the hearse and so on."

He sobered up a bit now. "It was then that I apprenticed under one of the senior masters to learn how to embalm the dead bodies and do their make-up. This was the only job that I worked at for any decent amount of time. After several years had passed, I had picked up a lot of knowledge. However, the pay was really too little and it couldn't fulfill my requirements. I couldn't even afford my rent sometimes. In order to improve my living standards, I returned to the county town to do what I used to do whenever I had time."

He shrugged and finally got down to details. "My targets were mostly ordinary people's houses. Although, I didn't steal much, which made my thievery comparatively safer than most robbers'. In order to ensure that it was perfectly safe, I would always check out the places ahead of time and would always opt to take action late at night. People would be in deep sleeps by then. Even if I couldn't manage to steal anything, at least I wouldn't be captured."

He blinked hard, clearly remembering a specific memory. "Then, there was a day when I snuck into a house that belonged to a business owner who sold mountain products. I was surprised that they weren't sleeping yet. In fact, the female owner was burning paper money in the backyard, as if she was making an offering to the dead! By the time I saw her, I had already climbed into the courtyard, so I couldn't escape. I could only hide behind the water tank in her house."

His eyes grew wide, as if he could see her before him right then! "Of course, I was quite curious as to why the woman was doing this, as she even set up an altar with offerings when she burned the paper money! As the woman burned the paper money, she spoke. Then, I finally understood what had happened. She was the burning paper money for her daughter, who had died! The woman..."

Li Fei suddenly held his fist tightly, and there was an indescribable anger in his eyes. He clenched his jaw and said, "I could never have imagined that the heartless woman had killed her one-year-old daughter with her own hands! She said it herself that her daughter had congenital disease and they couldn't afford her medical expenses. If her daughter were to have lived, she would have dragged them down financially! Plus, with the family planning act, they couldn't get another son!"

Li Fei's disgust for the woman was clear in his tone. "So, she suffocated her daughter to death while her daughter was sleeping! Tell me, is that even human? Master's wife abused us, but we were not her own children! Also, we could fight back. But, she killed a one-year-old baby!"

He was really getting emotional now. "It was too unfair! That woman was just like my master's wife. She didn't deserve to live in the world. She had to pay a price for what she had done! So, I wanted to kill her to take revenge for the poor baby! I thought about it, and as I was already a murderer then anyway, I didn't care if I were to kill one more awful woman!"

A sneer appeared on his angry face. "So, I hid there in silence until the woman went to bed after burning the paper money. Then, I snuck into her house, and as it turned out that the woman was home alone, it gave me a great opportunity to take action! I didn't hesitate at all as I covered her with a pillow, just like how she had killed her daughter! At first, she struggled tremendously and even scratched my arm, but I didn't dare stop. I suffocated her for ten minutes, until she didn't move at all!"

A satisfied smile now filled his face. "Honestly, after I killed her, I didn't regret it at all. I only thought that I had finally gone mad! Ridiculous... Hehe... Don't you think I am ridiculous? Hehehe..."

Li Fei laughed maliciously, while everyone around him was stunned speechless.

Zhao Yu asked himself in his head, Is he ridiculous?

"When I was learning from master back then, he always told me about how the police solved their cases," Li Fei continued. "I felt that I would be arrested by the police if I just killed her and left her like that! So, I thought I should move the dead body! I put her in the gunny sack, then dragged her into the wilderness. I knew that the police would bring a police dog and be able to sniff out her body if I just buried her, so I rushed back to the funeral parlor through the night, then drove the hearse over to move her back to the funeral parlor."

His eyes grew wide again. "At first, I thought I could just cremate the dead body! But, in the end, I realized that wouldn't work because the stove would produce obvious smoke and make loud noises, which would attract attention! In the end, I remembered how I had once heard from master that the police's biggest headache was not being able to find the body, as then they couldn't certify the dead body's identity!"

His eyes lit up now as he said, "Back then, to certify the dead's identity, besides their physical appearance and their teeth, the police could only rely upon fingerprints! So, I chopped off her fingers, and then I went ahead and chopped off her head too!"

### **Chapter 669: The Journey to Become a Monster (Part Two)**

Although the monitor room was soundproof, Zhao Yu seemed to be able to hear people's animated exclamations next door. He never thought that the Headless Female Corpses Case had all began with an unplanned murder!

Then, Li Fei told them about how he took care of the dead body, such as how he withdrew the blood, how he embalmed it, and so on. Then, he continued to tell everyone his story, which was really more like his journey to becoming a monster!

"Actually, I don't really even know what I was thinking back then. At first, I thought that I could just bury the head or throw it into someone else's coffin! But, after I embalmed the dead body, I kept her head in a glass bottle that was filled with preserving chemicals. Then, I left it in my rented room. I might be crazy. I don't know why I killed someone, but I know that, deep down, I wanted someone else to find out about it. I... I must be crazy..." Li Fei was shaking his head as he spoke.



“That night, I put the dead body that I embalmed into the coffin in the hearse. The next working day, I told the head of the funeral parlor that I had an urgent matter at home that I had to return for two days to attend to. I also requested to drive the hearse back in order to do so,” he explained.

“My performance at work was decent, so the head of the funeral parlor didn’t refuse my request. He even told me to keep my gas receipt for reimbursement from the company! Then, I drove the hearse out of town without any real aim. Of course, I had no idea where to go. So, when I thought I had driven far enough, I put the dead body in a forest during the middle of the night,” he shrugged his shoulders at the memory, wondering what he had been thinking!

“I then leaned the dead body against the tree because I wanted the police to find the dead body earlier. That way, the body wouldn’t be rotten! After everything was done, I returned to the funeral parlor to continue with my work. What surprised me was that, after such a major incident, although I felt nervous, I also felt a bit excited too! I even imagined how great it’d be if the headless dead body were to not rot forever!” A strange smile appeared on his face at even this wildly inappropriate time for one!

“Just like how I had imagined it, I continued to work for a few months in Weiling, and no one noticed! I had been reading the newspaper everyday, but there was no news about the missing woman nor the discovery of the headless female corpse! However, although no one noticed me, my work in Weiling soon came to an end,” he sighed, as this development had clearly disappointed him.

“As there had been newly allocated workers and embalmers, there was basically nothing left for me to do. But, the head of the funeral parlor was nice to me, and he even helped me fill out an official form for a transfer!” he smiled, remembering this rare human kindness he’d been shown in life.

“However, I didn’t even have any identity, so how could I apply for an official post?” Li Fei shook his head and said, “Then, after my last working day, I bought a second-hand car, then brought the head with me as I left Weiling!”

“I think that you should know that leaving Weiling wasn’t my end, but my beginning. From then onward, I lived in a few places, and all the jobs that I found were all related to funeral parlors. Back then, my life was tightly-knit with dead people. We were almost inseparable!” He chuckled eerily.

“In Qinshan, I came across a human trafficker that abused children,” Li Fei recalled. “That woman was as brutal as master’s wife. Not only did she feed the children with pig feed, she even kept the children in cages. She didn’t even treat them as human beings! So, I took action once again, using the same method as the first time. In the end, I sent her dead body far far away with a hearse again.”

He initially smiled, then his face quickly got a bit gloomy as he said, “However, on the way, the hearse broke down, but I found a workshop to repair it. However, it took two days to get the hearse fixed. As it took longer than the first time to get the dead body to the middle of the forest, it had already started rotting.”

Li Fei said calmly, “However, the mechanic didn’t dare to look inside the coffin. So, he naturally didn’t discover anything! On the highway, the traffic police never bothered me either. After all, no one dares to interrupt the proceedings of a hearse!”

He continued his story. “After that, I didn’t stay for long in Qinshan, as I felt that I might leave too many traces behind me. Hence, I left very soon! Later on, it was basically the same story! I interviewed at a

funeral parlor, I broke into houses, I found a target that abused children, I killed them, I took care of the dead body, I transported the dead body..."

Li Fei briefly described his vicious acts, while everyone listened, terrified. "I met a teacher who abused her students, and one of the students ended up committing suicide by cutting her wrists! I even came across a stepmom that fed her child live rats! There was even a madwoman, who forced her two children to stand on the railings on the balcony until they nearly fell off and died!"

He shook his head, his anger evident. "Coincidentally, the few others that I killed were all female! The people that I killed were all inhumane, just like master's wife! So, yes, I killed them! I am the murderer that committed the major case in Jinzhong. I killed them so that they can't harm anyone ever again!"

Then, Li Fei roared in laughter, as though he was on the brink of collapsing..

When Wu Xiumin saw that Li Fei had almost lost control, she quickly signaled Ran Tao, then softly said, "Turn the wind speed of the air conditioner to its highest level!"

Then, she turned around to tell Cui Lizhu, "Cui, where's the thing that I gave to you earlier? Give it to him now!"

Then, Cui Lizhu quickly brought the glass of coke that was filled with ice to Li Fei, her hands shivering with fear. She quickly left it on the desk in front of him and turned back. The person before her, although she shared a close relationship with him, was now just a terrifying serial killer in Cui Lizhu's eyes!

"Li Fei, I think you are thirsty. Have something to drink!" Wu Xiumin beckoned to Li Fei, while switching the topic on purpose. Wu Xiumin then asked Li Fei, "Do you smoke?"

Hearing Wu Xiumin's question, Li Fei quickly reined in his scary smile and shook his head at Wu Xiumin. Then, with the cold breeze from the air conditioner, the temperature in the room dropped tremendously. After Li Fei picked up the glass of Coke and took a few sips to cool himself down, his manic state soon settled down.

Wu Xiumin immediately signaled to Ran Tao to set the temperature normal again.

Apparently, Li Fei was really thirsty. He took another big gulp before he continued his story. "Actually, it wasn't my intention to kill them all. I never obtained any true and lasting excitement from the murders, nor was I addicted to performing them! But, in the process of killing them, I developed a great interest in taking care of the dead bodies after the fact, especially the embalming aspect!"

## **Chapter 670: The Intention to Slaughter**

Li Fei continued to share his story. "Maybe I was heavily influenced by my senior master, or maybe I was lonely for too long, but for whatever reason, like I said, I developed a particularly keen interest in embalming the dead bodies."

He then went on to talk about his stint as an actual worker. "The funeral parlor was no peaceful and idyllic place, either. I would often see the fickleness of human relationships through my work there. Sometimes, there were even disputes between the families of the deceased that caused the deceased to

not be buried in a timely fashion. Those cases would require an embalmer to preserve the dead body. That's why I learned so many things from the senior master."

Everyone nodded their heads, as he was making sense at least for now. He went on to say, "Later on, when I started killing, I started trying to embalm my victims' bodies. Slowly, I got addicted to it! Sometimes I even thought it would be great if I could preserve the dead bodies so that they could act as a warning to other people!"

He shook his head, a strange expression filling his face as he spoke. "Now that I think about it, I must have been crazy! But, back then, this stubborn idea of mine meant everything to me. I started reading books, doing research, carrying out experiments... I even spent a lot of money to purchase ingredients! Sometimes, I would even arrange to visit experienced embalmers in other funeral parlors to learn their advanced techniques!"

He smiled in remembrance of that time, then said, "Then, I kept improving my skills. I never thought my skills would actually bring me a decent income! Sometimes, as the dead body might need to be transported on a long journey, the deceased's family members would hire me to embalm the dead body. They were willing to pay a high price for that too!"

He chuckled again. "Hence, there was a period of time when I had plenty to spare. Actually, I once thought that my embalming skills would be sufficient to turn me into a wealthy man, had I not been a murderer!"

He then shook his head again and said, "However, that was obviously not my fate. I was afraid that I would attract the police's attention, so I didn't dare gain too much fame as a legit embalmer. Hence, I never stayed for long in the same place! However, I did manage to save up quite a bit of money, and I even had a car! I wasn't living on a tight budget like before."

Then, Li Fei paused and took a few more sips of his Coke. He then continued, "In the blink of an eye, it was already 1998. At that time, I felt a sudden urge to return to visit my old haunts. That was when I drove past Bai Ling..."

As he paused, the suspense in the room heightened. "Although I am not sure if Bai Ling could be considered as my hometown, I did grow up here after all! Plus, I really wanted to know if master and my other juniors were living well, especially Fourth Sis. Of course, it was merely a thought, as I had no idea where to look for them. When I went back to the shop, it had already been abandoned!"

The disappointment could be heard in his voice. "I wandered around the city for a bit, then thought of the old house that was next to the cemetery, where we stayed when we were young. So, I drove over to it. At first, I thought the old house would be rundown after all those years, but when I got there, I saw that it was still in good shape. The door wasn't locked, and there seemed to be people living in the house!"

His eyes grew wide. "Of course, I didn't dare knock on the door, but waited patiently in the car until I finally saw someone open the door. Then, I saw... I saw..." Li Fei couldn't help but started shedding tears as he recalled the memory. "I saw my second junior, Tao Xiang, walk out from the front door, carrying a little girl in his arms!"

He spoke through tears. "It had been so many years. I was so excited to see Tao Xiang again, I quickly got out of the car and ran over! Tao Xiang immediately recognized me, and we both hugged each other and cried our lungs out. In the end, even the child was crying too."

Suddenly, a soft sob came from behind Wu Xiumin. It had come from Cui Lizhu, whose eyes were red. She was clearly very emotional. Obviously, the little girl that Li Fei was talking about was most likely her!

"When we went out drinking that night, Tao Xiang told me everything!" Li Fei steadied his breathing and continued, "It was only then that I found out all of the things that had happened after I ran away! Apparently, Fourth Sis didn't know what to do, so she stood guard next to the body until nightfall, when master and Tao Xiang came home and saw master's wife's dead body!"

His eyes grew even wider than before as he said, "Fourth Sis followed my instructions and told them that I killed master's wife! Who would have guessed that master would have a heart attack, as he got too emotional? By the time Tao Xiang and Third Bro brought him to the hospital, his body had already turned cold!"

He shook his head, then slapped his knee at the irony of it all. "Both master and his wife lost their lives, while their eldest senior and I ran away! That's why Tao Xiang took care of everything else after I left. They buried master and his wife, then dispersed our thievery ring right then and there, sending everyone on their own way!"

He then got a small smile on his face, thinking of his big bro. "From then on, Tao Xiang started his own journey to become the king of the thieves, slowly gaining fame. Third Bro and Fourth Sis also did well, as Cui Fangyu became famous and started his own company. He even married Fourth Sis, Du Manting, and the two had a daughter!"

He smiled at the irony again. "Who would have guessed that Cui Fangyu, that b\*stard, would have gotten himself a woman on the side in Nanjiang? In the end, when Fourth Sis was on her way to catch him in the act of adultery, she got into a car accident and passed away!"

He shook his head. "Cui Fangyu, that b\*stard! If he hadn't already died in prison later on, I would never have let him off!" Li Fei clenched his teeth.

He was such a scrawny person that he looked so harmless. No one would have ever guessed that he was a brutal serial killer!

He then said, "The worst part was that the shameless mistress found Cui Fangyu to ask him for money. She even kidnapped Fourth Sis' daughter! Tell me, how could I just let her off the hook?"

He shook his head. "Tao Xiang told me that, when Cui Fangyu's daughter was kidnapped, it happened to be around the same time that he was under police investigation. So, he found Tao Xiang and asked him to help look for his daughter! As Fourth Sis had died, Tao Xiang was naturally sad and angry, too, so he promised Cui Fangyu he would help."

As Li Fei spoke, it was as if he could see the characters he was describing right in front of him in real time. "But, by the time Tao Xiang found his daughter, Cui Fangyu was already behind bars! But, Cui Fangyu was different from us, as he had a family. So, Tao Xiang went to see him and expressed his

intention to pass Cui Fangyu's daughter to her grandparents, but Cui Fangyu wouldn't let him. In the end, he knelt before Tao Xiang to beg him..."

Everyone was leaning in, wanting to hear what Li Fei would say next! "Cui Fangyu said that he owed a lot of debts in the outside world, and he shared that he had a lot of enemies. So, if he were to pass the daughter to her grandparents, it would definitely ruin her life! So, he begged Tao Xiang to look after the child for him until he got out of prison, when he would then take the child back! Tao Xiang had no choice but to agree to the promise! Not long after that, however, Cui Fangyu committed suicide in the prison!"

"What?" Even though Cui Lizhu had clearly heard his words, she couldn't help but gasp and exclaim in surprise. She then asked, "Didn't Cui Fangyu die because of sickness? Why would he have committed suicide?"

Li Fei stared at her, as he was a bit startled by her outburst. He didn't understand why the female police officer would get that emotional. He took a closer look at her, then continued, "At that time, Tao Xiang told me that Cui Fangyu was healthy, so what sickness would kill him? Tao Xiang felt the same way, so he investigated the issue further and found out that he had really committed suicide! He felt regrets regarding how his actions had affected Fourth Sis, so he hung himself!"

He shook his head, remembering the sad situation. "As a prisoner committed suicide in the prison, the prison security guards were afraid that they'd be seen as being responsible for his death, so they reported that he died of an illness instead. It ain't anything strange, as that kind of stuff happens all of the time in the big house!"

Li Fei shook his head and said, "Humph, as that b\*stard was irresponsible, he deserved it! But, the woman who caused Fourth Sis' death, she couldn't be allowed live... So, after I bid farewell to Tao Xiang, I went to Nanjiang directly to look for that woman."

Li Fei stared straight ahead and said ferociously, "Then, I did it my way... I took care of her!"