

Crazy 751

Chapter 751: A Real Story

“Hey, leader Zhao, be careful.” Under the lighthouse, Captain Dou caught hold of Zhao Yu and asked him, “What are you doing? The lighthouse is like the leaning tower of Pisa. It can collapse at any time!”

“Well...” Zhao Yu scratched his hands and corrected him, “It’s Pisa...”

“Leader Zhao, did you find anything? Do you think that there is something in the lighthouse? What on earth did you find?” Wu Xiumin frowned.

Captain Dou waved them over quickly. “After the incident, I sent some people to search the lighthouse, two times! As all of them are professionals, searching inside and outside, it’s impossible for them to have missed anything! Our dog was also with them, and they all found nothing.”

“Are you sure that it’s all been searched?” Hearing Captain Dou’s words, Zhao Yu asked for verification, but did not stop walking towards the lighthouse.

“Yes, I’m 100% sure!” Captain Dou swore. “Leader Zhao, how about I send someone to search it again after daybreak, and even have them dig up the ground around the lighthouse. However, that’s really dangerous, and if you were to be put in any danger because of it, none of us could afford that!”

Hearing Captain Dou’s words, Zhao Yu quickened his steps.

“Leader Zhao, don’t go.” Captain Dou caught ahold of Zhao Yu. “I’m not joking. It’s dangerous!”

Besides Captain Dou, his fellow policemen also came forward to stop Zhao Yu from advancing any further on the unstable grounds. But, after all, since Zhao Yu was their leader, they dared not overstep his authority. So, Zhao Yu reached out and pushed them away.

Zeng Ke was also concerned about Zhao Yu. He looked at the lighthouse in the dark and rushed up to seize Zhao Yu’s sleeves.

He then said, “Leader... We can go there tomorrow. The light will be brighter then. Besides, what could you possibly see this dark evening?”

“Leader Zhao, we took numerous pictures when we were searching the lighthouse earlier. You could have a look at those pictures first, then come back when it’s lighter.” As Captain Dou tried to persuade Zhao Yu, they arrived at the entrance of the lighthouse.

The entrance was full of weeds and there was no door, leaving only a dark and gloomy hole, which made the visitors panic-stricken. “Dam*! This is not right.” Zhao Yu cried, while he suddenly stopped at the entrance and gave up exploring its interior.

He was not really interested in the lighthouse, but only in verifying the side adventure! When he was looking at the direction of the lighthouse, he noticed that the score would increase. However, when he insisted on going up to the lighthouse, the score did not increase anymore!

This could only mean one thing... There was nothing for Zhao Yu inside the lighthouse! This made Zhao Yu really confused! The case was already complicated and confusing enough, but he didn't expect that the side adventure would be so strange as well!

He had to wonder... Why did my looking at the lighthouse increase the scores, while entering it didn't?

Zhao Yu stepped backwards helplessly. He looked up at the lighthouse again and searched around it with his eyes. However, after scanning many rounds around the lighthouse, he couldn't figure anything out.

But, Zhao Yu didn't give up that easily. He set up an invisible detector and an invisible perspective device, then redid the search carefully. Yet, he still got nothing.

Zhao Yu was extremely puzzled, as were the others. They didn't understand his weird behavior at all. Nevertheless, after seeing that Zhao Yu had finally given up on the idea of going up the lighthouse this night, they were all relieved.

"Leader Zhao, you've been busy for a long time. Bureau Chief Wang has booked a hotel for you in Quliang. Why don't you have go and have a good rest tonight?" Captain Dou spoke flatteringly to Zhao Yu. "You can rest assured that we will take good care of everything on the island in your absence!"

"Hmm..." After hearing this, Zhao Yu nodded slightly.

His past work had let Zhao Yu understand one thing... A lack of energy was never helpful for solving a case, but only made it more difficult. Therefore, if he wanted to solve this case, he must remain in good physical condition.

At this moment, it had been 24 hours of nonstop investigating, and his team was exhausted. As it was not necessary for him to stay onsite, he decided that it was better for him to have a break, which might let him gain some inspiration, along with physical rest.

With this in mind, Zhao Yu agreed with Captain Dou's proposal to return to the dock, where the three of them then took a police speedboat to Quliang City. The three men were really worn out. Even though the speedboat bumped over rough and turbulent waves, they each took a nap and slept soundly on the speedboat.

Captain Dou arranged a special bus for them after returning to Quliang, which took them straight to the hotel. Zhao Yu wanted to invite Zeng Ke and Wu Xiumin to have a late snack with him, but looking at their tired faces, he dismissed the idea.

Their rooms were next to each other. Wu Xiumin went upstairs and into her room first after she said good night to the other two men. The room between Wu Xiumin and Zeng Ke was Zhao Yu's. Zhao Yu entered his room after seeing Wu Xiumin retire to hers safely.

Zeng Ke's room was next to Zhao Yu's. Zeng Ke went to the door and yawned and just as he was ready to open the door with his room card, Zhao Yu suddenly came out of his own room, then excitedly pushed Zeng Ke onto the wall!

"What the heck?" Zeng Ke was shocked.

Zhao Yu nervously grabbed Zeng Ke's collar and said to him, "Zeng Ke, I probably understand it all!"

“Leader, what do you understand?” Zeng Ke broke out in a cold sweat.

“The lighthouse!” Zhao Yu glared at him excitedly as he explained, “I thought there was a problem inside it. But, in fact, it’s not inside it, but outside it!”

Zeng Ke gently loosed Zhao Yu’s hands, which finally relieved the strong pressure from him. Before he could reply, Zhao Yu kept ranting.

“Not outside!” Zhao Yu shook his head. “But... The lighthouse itself!”

Zeng Ke frowned and asked, “Leader, how about you take a rest, then we can maybe talk about this later?”

“I may have overlooked something!” Zhao Yu seemed crazy to Zeng Ke. “Zeng Ke, what is the film ‘Lighthouse’ about? What is the plot of the storyline?”

“I thought that this information was sent to you long ago.” Zeng Ke didn’t expect this random question from Zhao Yu. “It’s actually a very simple story. In the 1980s, a couple guarded the lighthouse on the island. Then, one day, the couple rescued a young shipwrecked sailor. However, the rescued sailor fancied the young and beautiful wife of the lighthouse keeper. In the end, he took the keeper’s wife from him and brutally murdered the keeper.”

After hearing the story, Zhao Yu seemed to have thought about something. But, before he said anything, Zeng Ke added, “However, the most incredible thing about this film is that it has three parallel stories! What I told you just now was the first one, and the second and the third ones both have really thought-provoking reversal endings. This story telling technique is really smart!”

“Reversal endings?” Zhao Yu was confused by the terminology.

“In the second story, the keeper’s wife seduces the young and strong sailor because of her loneliness and intolerance of her husband, the keeper. Then, the lighthouse keeper finds out and has a dispute with the other two people. In the end, the young sailor accidentally kills the lighthouse keeper!” Zeng Ke explained.

“And in the third one?” Zhao Yu felt his heart beating faster as he asked.

“The third one is even better! The murderer is not the young sailor, but the wife of the lighthouse keeper! The lighthouse keeper was abusive towards his wife, and this made the wife desperate. When the young sailor arrived, the wife finally found the opportunity to get rid of her abusive husband,” Zeng Ke told the third story plot with excitement.

“First, she killed the keeper. Then, she seduced the sailor, convincing him to have sex with her. After the arrival of the police, the first story took place again. The wife told the police that it was the sailor who had murdered her husband, then raped her! The sailor was then arrested and sentenced to death!” Zeng Ke concluded in a high-pitched voice.

“Holy shi*!” Zhao Yu felt his blood boiling. Could the parallel perspectives be the core of this case?

“Leader... Here’s something even more interesting!” Zeng Ke went on to say, “Although the script was written by Cai Jinda, it’s clearly stated in the credits that this film is based on a true story!”

Chapter 752: The Story of the Lighthouse

Back in the room, Zhao Yu had a strange feeling upon seeing the points he had earned and the devices he had just received from the Miracle System. In fact, he felt that he had done a terrible job.

After making so much of an effort, he was still in the same place! Moreover, regarding the Gen Li hexagram, there was no sign of meeting any new friend at all so far!

Even so, his adventure score had still reached 130% and he had received a super device, the Invisible Pseudo-Lethal Drug! After taking this drug, a person could fake his own death for 30 minutes! This was a very powerful device.

As Zhao Yu tapped on the bathroom glass with his fingers, he was still thinking about the illogical score. It was clear that his performance was not good, so he couldn't understand why his score was so high, nor could he figure out why he had been rewarded with a super device. He had to wonder...

Is it because of the plot of "Lighthouse?" The plot was adapted from a real story, so could the island's killings be related to the real story?

But... What about the clues that were left on the dead bodies? Who was the real murderer?

Zhao Yu sighed heavily and felt a deep sense of exhaustion overwhelm him at that moment. It seemed that he should stop thinking about the case and go have a good rest. After he made up his mind that he would start with the original story of "Lighthouse" and see if he could find any new clues in the morning, Zhao Yu went to bed.

That night, he had strange dreams. He dreamed about the couple who guarded the lighthouse. He also dreamed about Guo Yihang and the sailor who was wrongly executed via the death penalty.

Then, he dreamed of Miao Ying. In his dream, Miao Ying had returned from abroad and had joined him in solving this case. In fact, they solved all of the cases in the yellow notebook.

Of course, in his dream, he and Miao Ying shared a few passionate nights together. In addition, his young apprentice, Su Jinmei, also got in his bed again. What surprised him the most, however, was that he also dreamed of the actress Li Qian!

Li Qian had an attractive and mature temperament. Zhao Yu dreamed that she was wearing a sexy evening dress to have dinner with him while the cook Zhang Yong had brought them a plate of roast pork.

While he was dreaming about all of these things, Zhao Yu slept through the night and didn't wake up until eight o'clock the next morning. After he awoke, he stretched out on the soft bed, feeling mentally and physically refreshed.

Nevertheless, when he pulled back the curtain, there was no bright sunshine that greeted him. Instead, it was very cloudy and cold outside.

At that moment, he remembered that it was hexagram time. So, he opened a new hexagram.

However, when he saw the new hexagram, he cursed immediately, “Holy shi*!”

Strangely, he had opened another Gen Li hexagram, just like yesterday! Although a Gen hexagram was very good, the following Li hexagram didn’t make sense to Zhao Yu. He had wanted a Kun Gen hexagram or a Qian Gen hexagram, as either of those would have helped him close the case.

By the time that Zhao Yu got up, Wu Xiumen and Zeng Ke had already been waiting for him for a long time. They all went to the restaurant to have breakfast together.

As Quliang was a small city, there was hardly a decent hotel in the whole city. The hotel they were staying at now was the Quliang Hotel, which was the best hotel in the entire area. Although it was a four star hotel, it could hardly meet the standards of a real three star hotel in a bigger city.

Nevertheless, Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang was very thoughtful, and early in the morning, he had sent someone to bring them a few local treats. As Wu Xiumin enjoyed some of these delicious snacks, she turned to look at Zhao Yu.

She then asked, “Leader, are you okay? Last night, you looked like you were suffering from acute fatigue syndrome. It’s not good for you to go on like that. If it turns into something chronic, it will have a great impact on your health. I know some good doctors, so how about you go and see them once this case is over?”

“You...” Zhao Yu was about to refuse, but as he looked at Wu Xiumin’s earnest face, he managed to keep his temper under control and simply finished his porridge in silence.

“Leader, I was thinking about what you told me yesterday!” Zeng Ke put down the porridge bowl and chopsticks, then asked, “Do you think that the case is related to the plot of the film? But... There is something that I could never figure out...”

“What plot?” Wu Xiumin didn’t understand, as she wasn’t involved in their earlier conversation. “What do you mean? How is the storyline related to the case?”

Zeng Ke didn’t reply to Wu Xiumin’s questions, but went on to say, “I thought that maybe someone in the original story saw the crew shooting his own storyline. Then, in anger, he killed them!”

Wu Xiumin was shocked by Zeng Ke’s thoughts, so she dropped her cake on the table. “Zeng Ke, stop being silly! This is nonsense! If the people from the original storyline were still alive, they would be very old now. So, how could they kill six people?”

“The victims were poisoned,” Zeng Ke answered timidly.

“Yes, but the cook Zhang Yong was carried to the garden and buried alive. Could an old man in his seventies carry him?” Wu Xiumin shook her head. “And... How could they know so much about the secrets of the film crew? The two have no relationship with each other at all.”

Zeng Ke turned to Zhao Yu and changed his words immediately, “Of course... Umm... That’s what I meant. I also thought that the murders were absolutely irrelevant to the film plot!”

Zhao Yu ignored them both, while he took out his phone and called someone. Unexpectedly, he called Li Qian.

“Hello, lady, how did you sleep last night?” he asked her.

“Officer, you...” Li Qian obviously didn’t expect for Zhao Yu to call her.

“Hey, don’t get me wrong...” Zhao Yu said. “I’m not flirting with you. I just wanted to ask something. Look, you are the heroine of the film, so you must know the plot very well, right?”

“Um...” Li Qian was obviously a little confused. There was a long silence before she said yes.

Zhao Yu asked, “So... You played the wife of the lighthouse keeper in the film?”

“Yes... Officer, I’m confused... What’s wrong?”

“Ha ha ha ha...” Zhao Yu laughed in a strange way, then said, “Don’t panic. I just wanted to confirm with you about one thing. Was this script really written by Cai Jinda? And... Is it based on a real event?”

“Yes, I’m sure that the script was written by Cai Jinda. He had been preparing it for two years. Although it is a small-cost production, Cai Jinda has been looking forward to getting famous again with this film!” Li Qian answered him earnestly.

She then added, “This story was indeed adapted from a real event! The original story happened on Yongjin Island, and the same lighthouse that we’ve all been to is the lighthouse from the original story!”

Hearing this, Zhao Yu suddenly felt goose bumps on his skin.

“Officer, I thought you knew about all of this!” Li Qian said. “All of the locals have all heard of this story. In fact, many people still enjoy talking about it often! Nobody knows whether that sailor was really wronged or whether the murderer is the sailor or the wife of the lighthouse keeper.”

Her eyes were wide as she continued to explain, “Cai Jinda wrote a smart ending. Although he used this story as a base, he did not give an exact answer as to who the murderer was. Instead, he maintained three possibilities, then left a thought-provoking and suspenseful cliffhanger ending!”

She then concluded, “Hence, this film is neither a documentary nor a straight feature film. In a sense, Cai Jinda has created an entirely new plot mode! So... If it hadn’t have been for the murders, maybe I would have become famous once the film was released!”

Chapter 753: Shocking Deduction

“Even so, it’s still pretty far-fetched!” At the dinner table, Wu Xiumin opened her hands and voiced her doubts. “If you say that this case has anything to do with the characters in the film, it really doesn’t make sense.”

“I know. It’s a little far-fetched!” Zhao Yu admitted. “But, since we want to conduct a thorough case investigation, no clue can be ignored! Now that this is even a slight possibility, I’ll have to look into it.”

Unlike Wu Xiumin, Zhao Yu’s attitude towards the relation between the case and the film plot was obviously more positive. This was because Zhao Yu felt that yesterday’s side adventure was too strange. In the past, as long as he could arrive at the side adventure location on time, he could always encounter something relevant to it.

However, last night, when he came to the lighthouse according to the instructions, he got a few points for no reason. He had found nothing at all!

Zhao Yu thought that this must be a hint from the Miracle System, meaning that there must be something important about the lighthouse. After all, whenever he saw the lighthouse, he got points.

At first, he thought that there was something in the lighthouse, but Captain Dou told him that the police had searched both inside and outside the lighthouse, and it was impossible for them to neglect anything. That was when Zhao Yu had turned his attention to the film plot.

Since the film was also titled “Lighthouse,” he thought that the side adventure must have something to do with it... However, he had to admit that Wu Xiumin’s concerns were logical for several reasons...

Firstly, there were only three characters in the original murder: the lighthouse couple and the rescued sailor. In the end, the keeper was killed and the sailor was sentenced to death. So, if the original characters in the story were still alive, then the murderer could only be the wife of the lighthouse keeper!

However, even if she was still alive, she must be an old lady by now. So, he found it hard to figure how she could have possibly participated in the murder.

Unless.... She had a child! Her child might have known that the film was being made by the crew would, which would clearly affect the mother’s reputation. In anger, the child might have killed the six people!

But... Zhao Yu still knew that this possibility was quite tiny. Even if there was really a child that existed, it would be almost impossible for this child to kill people over the mother’s reputation alone. It was far more likely that the child would simply go through legal means to seek retribution and justice if the crew really damaged the child’s mother’s reputation.

The second concern that Zhao Yu needed to address was that, if the case was related to the wife, he would need to explain the clues that were left on the dead people. As Qiao Ruxue’s affair was absolutely unknown to outsiders, the murderer must be familiar with the crew members. Otherwise it was impossible for the murderer to know so many things.

Just these two concerns alone were enough to dismiss this possibility that Zhao Yu was thinking about. However, Zhao Yu was the kind of person who wouldn’t give up so easily. Therefore, when faced with the above two concerns, he unexpectedly came up with a bolder and more surprising guess.

Zhao Yu thought that, if he must address these two concerns, then there was only one explanation remaining. He guessed that one person in the film crew was either the wife of the lighthouse keeper herself... Or... Was her descendant!

When Zhao Yu explained his deduction to the other two in his small group, Wu Xiumin was shocked again and dropped yet another piece of cake, while Zeng Ke almost spit out all of the juice that he had just drank.

Wu Xiumin exclaimed, “Leader, your imagination is truly amazing! You could be a scriptwriter. In fact, I believe that you could surely write better stories than Cai Jinda!”

Zhao Yu rolled his eyes. “Nonsense. Cai Jinda is dead! How dare you curse me by comparing me to him?”

Just after Zhao Yu expressed his shocking deduction, Zeng Ke found something on his laptop. "I just checked... It appears that two of the people in the crew are from Quliang!"

"No way! Really?" Zhao Yu gasped. He and Wu Xiumin were stunned upon hearing this.

"They are Xu You and Cai Jinda!" Zeng Ke said. "Xu You is from Liuhuangshan, which is right near Quliang, while Cai Jinda is a Quliang local!"

Zhao Yu bowed his head and said, "Cai Jinda is the scriptwriter, and 'Lighthouse' was adapted from a story about Quliang. As such, it would be very hard to believe that he had nothing to do with the original event!"

Zeng Ke nodded in surprise as he said, "But, Cai Jinda is dead. If he committed the murders, how could he die?"

Wu Xiumin was also puzzled. Suddenly, Zhao Yu opened his mouth wide and said excitedly, "It seems that we have to verify all of the deceased's identities, especially Cai Jinda's and Xu You's, as they are both from Quliang. One of them was burned, while the other one was killed by a stone. We must confirm that the two corpses are really theirs!"

Zeng Ke shook his head, then said, "But, you can't fake deaths, can you? Now... Technology is so developed!"

"I still think that this has nothing to do with Cai Jinda!" Wu Xiumin shook her head and said, "Cai Jinda started the film project. If he didn't want to make the story known to others, why in the world would he want to film it? Many things would need a better explanation for me to believe that he was the murderer."

"Regardless, we have to follow this clue!" After wrapping up the explanation of his deduction, Zhao Yu began to assign tasks. "Xiumin, you don't need to go back to Yongjin Island today! Instead, you stay in Quliang and investigate the event that happened on the island."

"Okay!" Wu Xiumin agreed.

"If there is time, conduct a thorough investigation of Xu You's and Cai Jinda's histories in Quliang to see if they are related to the three people in the original story," he then added.

Wu Xiumin agreed and said, "I think we also must include Guo Yihang. He is from Caohai City, which is adjacent to Quliang. So, maybe Guo Yihang was also involved in this as well!"

"OK!" Zhao Yu nodded, then said to Zeng Ke, "You will come back to the island with me. We'll talk to Li Qian, Zhang Yong, and the Champion Pictures executives again. This time, we need to know all about how Cai Jinda started the production of the film!"

"Okay!" Zeng Ke nodded, then closed his laptop and said, "Leader, I think we need to investigate all of the crew members who participated in the actual shooting of the film. We might find someone else related to the lighthouse or Quliang."

Zhao Yu nodded. "Let's get started! If this clue can't get us to the truth, this case will be really troublesome!"

Chapter 754: Truly Related

On the way back to Yongjin Island via police speedboat, Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke received the results of the others' investigation. However, their information was not very helpful.

For example, the investigators learned from some of the actresses that actor Xie Hao had acted indecently towards them on the set. Many actresses suffered at his hands, but because they were worried about their reputations, they had kept quiet.

In addition, the policeman who was responsible for exploring the details of the insurance company confirmed that Gao Peng did not lie, and said that the Anlumei had indeed gone bankrupt and had been acquired by Haipingyang. According to the purchase agreement, there were many restrictions on the compensations.

Specifically, even if the crew's deaths were accidental deaths, the insurance company's compensation would not fully be in compliance with the original agreement's standards. Moreover, now that the six victims were involved in a murder investigation, Champion Pictures couldn't win at all if the lawsuit was brought to court. Therefore, the suspicion that Gao Peng and other company staff members had committed the murders for the insurance money payout was completely ruled out.

Then, in order to ensure that nothing was missing, Ran Tao had even joined the Jinhai police to investigate Qiao Ruxue and her husband thoroughly. Qiao Ruxue and her husband had not left Jinhai in recent months, and the report about her husband's heart bypass surgery was absolutely true.

In addition, their private accounts were clean, and they had not recently contacted any suspicious people. So, they had been basically excluded from the suspects list at this point.

The police speedboat was so fast, it took them less than an hour to get to the command vessel on Yongjin Island. When Zhao Yu arrived, Captain Dou rushed forward to greet him and told Zhao Yu that he had sent policemen to search the lighthouse.

Zhao Yu was not concerned about this matter any longer, and after seeing Captain Dou, he asked him about the lighthouse and the old case that had happened on Yongjin Island. When Zhao Yu mentioned the old case, Captain Dou was a little stunned at first.

Then, he stroked his hand through his greasy hair and asked, "Leader, why did you suddenly bring up that case? That was such a long time ago, when I wasn't even born! Does that case have anything to do with the current case?"

"So, you know about it?" Zhao Yu pressed him for more information.

Captain Dou nodded. "Quliang is a small place. There are very few murders around these parts. That case was known to everyone at that time. Moreover, the case happened on Yongjin Island, which is so isolated. As of today, there has been no final conclusion yet, so although it occurred a long time ago, people still enjoy talking about it."

Zhao Yu nodded and said, "Well, tell me what you know."

While Zhao Yu and Captain Dou were talking, Zeng Ke returned to the office and started attending to his own work. At this moment, only Zhao Yu and Captain Dou were on the deck.

Captain Dou nodded obediently, then took out a cheap cigarette. He then leaned on the railings and said to Zhao Yu, "When I had just become a policeman, I saw the old case file. It happened in the early 1980s, either in 1981 or 1982. At that time, the lighthouse was still functioning well."

He inhaled a deep drag on his cigarette as he recalled the details from the past, "The couple lived on Yongjin Island in order to guard the lighthouse. I forgot what their names were. At that time, the unit responsible for the lighthouse was called the Maritime Bureau. One day, the Maritime Bureau received a report from the couple that they had rescued a sailor from a wrecked fishing boat on Yongjin Island."

He exhaled slowly, then said, "After receiving the report, the Maritime Bureau sent some of its staff members out to the island the next day. However, as soon as they arrived, the lighthouse keeper's wife, who was partly naked, rush into the speedboat in a panic! She told the bureau staff members that the sailor had not only raped her, but had brutally murdered her husband!"

Captain Dou went on, "The Maritime Bureau was shocked by this scene. So, they immediately arrested the sailor."

As he was speaking of this, Captain Dou's telephone rang suddenly. When he looked down at his phone, he awkwardly signaled to Zhao Yu, then answered the phone with his face turned away from him. Although he covered his mouth with hands, as Zhao Yu was beside him, he could hear what Captain Dou was saying over the phone quite clearly.

"Hey darling... You miss Daddy, don't you?" Captain Dou smiled as he whispered into the phone softly, "Not today. Daddy is working on a case! When the case is over, how about we see a movie?"

"No, that's absolutely impossible. Ha ha ha ha..." Captain Dou spoke patiently to his daughter, "Daddy can promise you almost anything, but that is really impossible!"

Captain Dou talked for a long time before finally hanging up the phone. When he turned back to face Zhao Yu, his face showed a sweet smile.

He then blushed and explained, "Sorry, that was my daughter. She asked to come to the island!"

Captain Dou smiled awkwardly. "I obviously didn't agree, so she was yelling at me! Ha ha ha..."

Captain Dou then threw his cigarette butt into the sea, sighed, then said, "I'm divorced, so I dare not make my little princess angry!"

"Oh..." Zhao Yu nodded slightly.

"Um... Let's carry on..." he said, while he took out another cigarette. "Now... We come to the arrest of the sailor! Later, the police found the sailor's fingerprints on the murder weapon, and the blood stains on the sailor corresponded to the deceased's DNA! Moreover, the sailor's semen was found in the lighthouse's wife. The sailor was then sentenced to death soon after this evidence was confirmed!"

Captain Dou smoked his cigarette quietly, as if he had finished the story.

"Um... Is that all?" Zhao Yu asked. "What happened then? Did the sailor actually die?"

“Yes,” Captain Dou replied. “But... It was not because of the death penalty, but a terminal illness.”

“Why was the death penalty not carried out?” Zhao Yu asked.

Captain Dou tried hard to recall. “I believe that the sailor denied the accusation after he was arrested. He maintained that he was wronged and would never admit to his guilt. So, the death penalty was not executed, but a suspended death sentence or an indefinite death sentence was issued... Or... Something like that!”

“Oh...” Zhao Yu thought for a moment, then asked, “Do you know what happened after that? Is the wife still alive?”

Captain Dou seemed to notice something, then asked, “Leader Zhao, do you think that the case that we are working on now is related to this old case from several decades ago?”

“Leader!” Before he could answer Captain Dou, Zhao Yu was interrupted by Zeng Ke, who had just run up to them with his laptop.

He then said excitedly to Zhao Yu, “I found something important! The sailor who was sentenced to death was Cai Xiangbin! And... Cai Xiangbin was the scriptwriter Cai Jinda’s uncle!”

Chapter 755: A Suspense Story Turned into a Terror Story

“Uncle? Cai Xiangbin?” Captain Dou was so surprised that he asked Zhao Yu immediately, “Leader Zhao, what is this all about? I’m confused!”

“I knew there must be something between them.” Zhao Yu didn’t give him a direct reply.

Zeng Ke said, “Cai Jinda’s father is Cai Xiangbin’s brother! There are four brothers in their family. Cai Xiangbin is the youngest, while Cai Jinda’s father is the eldest.”

Captain Dou seemed to have recovered from his shock and hurried to ask, “Do you think Cai Jinda is the murderer? But... Why?”

“That’s also my question. Although Cai Jinda clearly had something to do with it, it still doesn’t make total sense!” Zeng Ke shook his head, then said, “Let’s say Cai Jinda planned to use the film to prove his uncle’s innocence... Then, there’d be no reason for him to kill anyone.”

Zhao Yu also felt that Cai Jinda had no reason to kill anyone, even though he was related to the sailor.

“My God, is this case really related to that old case?” Captain Dou asked. “But... Is there anything that connects those killed crew members with the death of the sailor? Why did Cai Jinda want to kill them? Moreover, none of the people involved in that old case are still alive today. So... Don’t you think it’s all a bit far-fetched?”

“What did you say? Are they really all dead?” Zhao Yu was surprised to hear this.

“Yes,” Captain Dou responded quickly. “The lighthouse keeper was murdered, and the sailor died from an incurable illness in prison! As for the wife of the lighthouse keeper, she died inexplicably soon after!”

“She’s dead, too?” Zhao Yu was astounded and also curious. “What do you mean by an inexplicable death?”

“Um... Well... I really don’t know!” Captain Dou said nervously, “But, I heard that, not long after the murder, the wife died. Someone even built a tomb for her!”

Zeng Ke shivered as he muttered, “This was supposed to be a suspenseful story. How did it turn into a horror story?”

“Well, People’s creativity can’t be underestimated. Over the past few decades, all kinds of versions of this story have been created!” Captain Dou spoke with some bitterness in his tone.

He then added, “At the beginning, some people claimed to have seen the tomb of the wife of the keeper on the island, and not only the tomb, but also a tombstone! But, after many years, the tombstone disappeared, and later, the tomb even disappeared! Besides that, some people also claimed to have seen a long-haired woman on the island!”

Zeng Ke swallowed. He was apparently frightened by Captain Dou’s words.

“I don’t believe in ghost stories. They are purely rumors!” Captain Dou continued, “But, the fact that we can’t ignore is that the wife of the lighthouse keeper was really missing, as no one ever saw her again. As for me, I think that she is dead.”

Zeng Ke sighed, then said, “After this big case, there will be even more people talking about it! Once people associate the murders with the ghost of the lighthouse keeper’s wife...”

Zhao Yu suddenly asked Captain Dou, “Captain Dou, I heard before that your government was interested in developing Yongjin Island, so will it...”

“Oh my god! Leader, you don’t mean to say that someone killed six people in order to prevent the development of Yongjin Island?” Zeng Ke shook his head and said, “So... The murderer wanted to spread the rumor of ghosts on the island, so that no one would dare to set foot on the island anymore...”

Captain Dou shook his head as he asked, “Would that really be necessary?”

“Unless...” A mysterious smile suddenly appeared on Zeng Ke’s face. “The island has a big secret!”

“Well, that’s not right.” Zhao Yu shook his head and said, “It is because of the killings that the police searched the island carefully in the first place. If there were any hidden secrets, wouldn’t they have been exposed then?”

“You’re right. IT seems that this is not the right track for us to head down in our search for finding the truth! So, let’s go on digging for clues about the old case!” Zeng Ke said, while he suddenly had a new thought. “Maybe someone wanted to stop the crew from making this film altogether!”

Captain Dou didn’t seem to agree with him. “Would that be worth killing six people, just to prevent the filming?”

“I’m just saying that it might be a possibility,” Zeng Ke said. After Zeng Ke finished his words, the dialogue among the three people came to an end.

When Zhao Yu returned to his office, he began to add new content to the white board. This was a habit that he had stuck to for a long time.

He was particular about it, as he had to add all of the information himself. This helped him in committing the clues to memory and grasping every detail of the case.

Zeng Ke helped him organize all of the information that he had collected by reading it to Zhao Yu, while Zhao Yu added any useful information to the white board. They worked all the way until lunchtime.

Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang personally brought them fried rice with sea cucumbers again. This time, he used a special insulated carrier that kept the lunch warm.

Just as Zhao Yu was going to have a bite, the phone rang. It was the forensic pathologist, Gao Facai.

“Leader Zhao...” Gao Facai was as calm as ever. “We received your instructions and have carefully checked the corpses’ identities. Xu You’s and Cai Jinda’s bodies are really theirs, and the other deceased victims have all been confirmed as well.”

“Oh, good job! Thanks a lot!” Zhao Yu thanked him.

“Well, next I will share with you a little bit of my personal view,” Gao Facai said calmly. “Judging from my examination of the deceased victims, the murderer must be a very experienced killer! Moreover, this person’s psychological acumen is quite excellent. Also, he was precise and cruel!”

Zhao Yu listened quietly and agreed with Gao Facai’s judgments. Based on his own observation of the death scenes, he also felt that the murderer was precise and must have had a very clear motive.

But, he always felt like he was missing something about the murderer. However, he still didn’t know what that was.

Zhao Yu then exchanged some other information with Gao Facai, including all of the recent clues and his current investigation’s focus. After hearing Zhao Yu’s most recent information, Gao Facai did not give an exact response.

Instead, he told Zhao Yu that, if he could get the DNA of the three people or their immediate relatives, he could compare it with the deceased victims’ and the suspects’ DNAs to see if there was any blood relationship between them all.

Zhao Yu agreed to this plan immediately. “I will send someone to get it. Once it is ready, I’ll send it to you immediately!”

“Oh, by the way, there’s one more thing...” Before hanging up, Gao Facai said to Zhao Yu, “Some of the evidence that was sent here for testing has already been tested, so I have asked my students to send it back to you! There’s a lot of mobile phones, video cameras, and so on.”

He then added in a serious tone, “You know the rules. Our Forensics Department has limited personnel. Therefore, it would be better for your people to deal with those images and videos. Perhaps it will even be helpful to your investigation!”

“Oh.” Zhao Yu nodded. It had suddenly occurred to him that he had missed these important pieces of evidence!

At this moment, Zhao Yu had a very uncomfortable feeling about this isolated island case. In the past, Zhao Yu was always the first one to arrive at the scene. Moreover, the investigation team and the forensics team would all stay in the same place, so that he had all of the first-hand information at his fingertips from day one.

But, this current case was an exception. Because he had arrived later, the forensic pathologists had already taken the bodies of the deceased victims, as well as many pieces of evidence from the scene. So, he did not have access to all of the evidence and didn't see the scene first.

Later, because of the backwards conditions of Quliang, the forensic pathologists went to Chaohai City, which was far away, while he stayed on the command vessel near Yongjin Island. In this way, Zhao Yu had clearly missed a lot of things.

"So, should the evidence be sent to Quliang Police Station or sent directly to you?" Gao Facai asked him.

"Well, send it all to the vessel. It's well-equipped, so we can check it all here!" Zhao Yu said. "Tell your students to pay attention and be very careful in the transporting of the evidence, please! This is crucial!"

"No worries! The Chaohai Police Bureau has deployed a special vehicle to escort them during the transport," Gao Facai assured him.

"Well, that's good." After hanging up the phone, Zhao Yu still couldn't help but feel a little nervous. He wondered if he would be able to find anything from these videos.

Chapter 756: Off the Subject?

Wu Xiumin explained to Zhao Yu over the phone, "After the murder, the Maritime Bureau couldn't find another suitable lighthouse keeper, so they paid Liu Caiyun, the wife of the original lighthouse keeper, to stay and guard the lighthouse."

Wu Xiumin then added, "However, people held different opinions about the incident. The majority of people were inclined to believe in the innocence of the sailor, Cai Xiangbin. After all, if Cai Xiangbin was really a brutal murderer, why wouldn't he kill Liu Caiyun? And... Even if he didn't want to kill Liu Caiyun, why did he not try to escape? It was said that Cai Xiangbin was sleeping when he was caught. As such, he was totally confused and shocked while he was being arrested. If he had really killed people, he shouldn't have responded like that!"

Wu Xiumin then said, "However, the evidence was unfavorable to Cai Xiangbin's reputation, as Liu Caiyun insisted that Cai Xiangbin was the murderer and had raped her! Finally, the court sentenced Cai Xiangbin to death! But, for some unknown reason, the death sentence was postponed."

Wu Xiumin's eyes were wide. "Cai Xiangbin's family had some influence in Quliang, and they firmly believed that Cai Xiangbin was innocent and had been wronged by Liu Caiyun. Therefore, after Cai Xiangbin was sentenced, his family used the power of the media and press to make most people in Quliang believe that Cai Xiangbin was innocent. At that time, hailstones of abuse were pelting down on Liu Caiyun, which explains why Liu Caiyun only stayed on the island for half a year, then left suddenly."

Wu Xiumin then glanced over and said, "Leader, I learned all of this information from an old staff member from the Maritime Bureau. As such, it should be more reliable than the folktales from the local people. This staff member said that, after the wife of the lighthouse keeper left, there was indeed a mysterious tomb that was found on the island, which was located in the backyard of his house!"

Wu Xiumin continued, getting more excited, "Some people said that Liu Caiyun had died and was buried there, while others said that she was pregnant, but her child had not survived, so she had buried her child in the tomb! The Maritime Bureau had reported her sudden disappearance to the police, but they failed to find her."

Wu Xiumin spoke a bit softer now, "Because Liu Caiyun had no immediate relatives, after their fruitless search, the effort to find her was basically abandoned. Later, the tomb also disappeared! After Liu Caiyun's disappearance, the Maritime Bureau sent many new lighthouse keepers to the island, but none of them could stay for very long."

Wu Xiumin then explained, "In those days, people were superstitious. Many of the new lighthouse keepers even claimed to hear ghosts crying at night. In the end, no one dared to go to the island anymore! A few years later, the role of the lighthouse keeper gradually diminished, and the Maritime Bureau stopped sending people to Yongjin Island altogether. Thus, the story of the lighthouse keeper seemed to come to its end, and no one has seen Liu Caiyun ever since."

"Oh..." Zhao Yu nodded his head in silence after Wu Xiumin finished her long introduction to the old case.

After a while, Zhao Yu said to Wu Xiumin, "There are still a few things that I might need your help with. Gao Facai wants the DNA of the three people. Although they might not be alive now, as long as you can find their immediate relatives, Gao Facai could still check their relationships. Could you please help me with that? I have notified Captain Dou, asking him to have some people assist you. You'd better first collect the files of the old case. So, you can go to Quliang Police Station now!"

Wu Xiumin said, "Okay, but I suddenly remembered something. You once said that the isolated island murder case might have been caused by an accident. You suggested that the murderer wanted to kill only one person in the crew, but because of an accident, he had ended up killing more people than he had originally planned. Do you think that might be related to Liu Caiyun and Cai Xiangbin?"

Zhao Yu was a little surprised by her hypothesis, so he asked, "Did you say that Liu Caiyun's disappearance was related to Cai Xiangbin's family?"

Wu Xiumin said, "His family was so angry with Liu Caiyun, they might have forced her to change her testimony or kept her in captivity. Then, after all these years, someone maybe sought revenge."

Wu Xiumin then said earnestly, "Maybe only Cai Jinda was the target! But, unexpectedly, the killer encountered an accident, which caused him to kill more people!"

"My God..." After Wu Xiumin finished speaking, she was surprised at her own wit. "When did I become as imaginative as you? I definitely think this is worth considering!"

Zhao Yu nodded affirmatively, although he still thought that Wu Xiumin's hypothesis was a little far-fetched. After hanging up the phone, Zhao Yu rushed to a white board and began to add information to it.

He wrote that Cai Jinda was Cai Xiangbin's nephew. Zhao Yu then drew a line on the white board, linking the two names. He then drew many circles next to Cai Xiangbin's name.

Those circles meant that, if he wanted to know what happened to Liu Caiyun, he should ask the older family members, especially Cai Jinda's father. However, Cai Jinda's father had been dead for many years, while the other family members were not easy for the police to locate. So, he had to start with Cai Jinda's mother or some other older female family members.

But, would they know the inside story?

Thinking about this, Zhao Yu was worried that he might be getting off track from the core of this case. Is the old case really related to the current murder on the island?

At first, Zhao Yu was confident in his intuition. But now, it seemed that the progression of the case was not going the way that his intuition had suggested.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, some of the evidence that had been sent over by Gao Facai was safely delivered to the command vessel. Among the evidence, there were important items, such as the deceased's mobile phones and the cameras that had been used by the crew for shooting.

According to standard procedure, the police needed to check all of the data to see if there were any important clues. Since the Special Investigation Group couldn't complete such a large workload by themselves, Zhao Yu had sought help from the Quliang Police.

Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang had immediately assigned a large number of experienced police officers to help them carry out this heavy workload. Before they began, Wang Chenggang stressed the importance of this work, demanding that they not miss a single clip or image.

After all of the arrangements were in place, Zhao Yu did not plan to stay on board. Instead, he said something to Zeng Ke, then borrowed a speedboat from Wang Chenggang and headed for land. Zeng Ke and Wang Chenggang had no idea where Zhao Yu was heading.

At the moment, Zhao Yu had important tasks of his own to complete. Today, although he had opened the same hexagram as yesterday, this side adventure had pointed him to a different location.

After checking the map, he found that the side adventure site was near the coastline of Quliang. As Zhao Yu could not miss such an important side adventure, he left ahead of time to make sure that he would not be late.

In the past, the side adventures had helped Zhao Yu a lot, and during his investigation of the Headless Female Corpses Case, the side adventure had even helped him find important clues!

Therefore, Zhao Yu was quite positive about this side adventure. In fact, he thought that the key point in solving this isolated island case might appear very soon!

Chapter 757: My Scissors

Zhao Yu did not remember the last time that he had sailed a speedboat. Unexpectedly, he was still a good driver! Within an hour, he had made it to land.

Zhao Yu used his mobile phone's navigation to find the indicated place where the side adventure would take place, which was very close to the seaside. He thought that it would be a beach or something. But, after getting closer, he discovered that it was actually a local fishing boat wharf!

There were hundreds of fishing boats near the wharf. Some working fishermen were repairing the boats, weaving nets, and drying fish.

Next to the wharf, there was a market, where local companies would come and purchase fresh seafood or ship the seafood from for exporting purposes. There was even a section that had seafood that could be sold directly to local residents. Although the sea water here was not only extremely turbid, it did emit a strong odor.

After scanning the surroundings, Zhao Yu followed the mobile navigation instructions. It was currently 4 p.m., which meant that he had about 10 more minutes to go before the side adventure would take place. As he was not in a hurry, he continued to look around the place.

The wharf market gave Zhao Yu a feeling that he had stepped back in time. The fishermen here wore old-fashioned cotton clothes, while the women still wore floral scarves on their heads.

The market had a very old asbestos-riddled roof, under which people were selling and buying seafood. From time to time, they could even hear a few dogs barking.

It was not a very busy market. Besides the merchants, there were not many customers. As such, the merchants were quite idle and were leisurely scrolling through their mobile phones. In fact, very few of them were actually working.

After coming closer to the market, Zhao Yu found that the location of the side adventure was exactly within the center of this seafood market. Upon seeing this, he could not help but wonder what would happen next!

Unexpectedly, just as Zhao Yu stepped into the market, back on the wharf, where his speedboat was docked, two or three people seemed to be having a dispute. After hearing their dispute, several people gathered around them.

However, these people were not there to stop a fight, but to encourage it! Around a dozen people soon gathered there, and they were divided into two distinct groups.

The two groups shouted at each other in loud and sharp voices, while also shoving each other. It seemed that a fight was inevitable.

As Zhao Yu looked at the people, he couldn't understand what they were shouting about. He then looked at his watch, which revealed that it was still not time for the side adventure to happen yet. Moreover, the place where the two groups were quarreling was different from the place that had been indicated by the system.

As such, this fight should have nothing to do with Zhao Yu! In that case, Zhao Yu quickly decided that he did not want to get involved. So, he turned around and continued to look for the right place for the side adventure.

Before he even walked a few steps, he found the exact location, which was slightly surprising to him. It was a very ordinary-looking fish stall, which had a little girl, dressed in black cotton clothes, sitting nearby it.

As Zhao Yu came up the little girl, he noticed that she had two small braids. Although her skin was dark and rough, she had thick eyebrows and big eyes, which made her look quite lovely.

“Um... Hello.” The little girl greeted Zhao Yu with a sweet smile.

Only then did Zhao Yu realize that the little girl was no older than twelve or thirteen, so he quickly asked her, “Well... Are your parents around? Don’t you have to go to school?”

“Today is Sunday! My father has just come back from the sea. He is at home making our family meal, so I’m here to look after the stall. Sir, they’re all fresh! Would you like some? I can give you a good price!” The girl spoke with a light accent, which sounded lovely.

“Oh...” Zhao Yu took a look at the fish stall, seeing that there were five large, plastic bathtubs that were filled with various kinds of fish.

Zhao Yu thought for a moment, then asked, “If I wanted some, could you take care of them for me?”

“Take care of them?” The little girl did not understand his meaning, so she blinked and waited for an explanation.

“Remove the scales... Get rid of the veins, and so on...” Zhao Yu explained.

“Oh...” The little girl nodded her head vigorously.

She then grabbed some scissors in one hand and a brush, which was used to scrape the scales, in the other hand. In this way, she wanted to show that she was totally capable of performing what Zhao Yu had just requested. Zhao Yu was impressed.

After Zhao Yu observed the little girl carefully, he said, “Well, if you answer a few questions for me, then I’ll take some.”

Then, Zhao Yu showed the picture of Guo Yihang from his phone to her. He then asked, “Have you seen him before?”

The little girl was a little confused. She had never seen such a fish buyer before. However, she stretched her neck in front of the screen and looked at the picture carefully. A few seconds later, she shook her head to show that she did not know the person.

Just then, a siren was heard, while a police car screeched to a stop in front of the fish stall. Two policemen jumped out of the car immediately, then took their batons and ran straight to the group that was having the dispute.

At this moment, the quarrel was getting fierce, and the shouts of both sides were getting louder. If no one had come to stop them, it would have definitely become a big fight!

“Hmm...” Zhao Yu couldn’t help but ask the little girl, “What’s the reason behind their dispute?”

“Oh...” The little girl took a quick glance at the group, and there was a trace of fear in her eyes.

Then, she timidly said to Zhao Yu, “I don’t know... Maybe they just had a regular old fight?”

“Well...” Zhao Yu thought that this was none of his business anyway, and turned back to focus instead on what he was doing now. Then, he showed the pictures of Qian Jin and the others to the girl, one by one.

Zhao Yu believed that, since the Miracle System had indicated for him to come here, there must be a specific reason. Maybe this little girl would be the key to solving the case!

“Sir, what are you asking about these people for?” The little girl frowned, yet her face was still filled with a kind warmth.

“I’m looking for someone. If you help me, I will buy all of your fish today!” In order to find a clue as soon as possible, Zhao Yu made her a promise.

“Really?” The little girl blinked her big eyes, wiped her hands off on her cotton clothes, then took Zhao Yu’s mobile phone to have a closer look at the photos once more.

Zhao Yu handed his mobile phone to her and looked down at his watch. At this moment, it was precisely the time when the side adventure was supposed to happen!

Zhao Yu looked at the little girl excitedly, while he wondered if he would really achieve something this time!

At this exact moment, the dispute on the dock had advanced to a feverish state. Although the two policemen had rushed in with batons to stop them, one policeman had immediately been pushed down onto the ground! The scene suddenly spun out of control!

In the blink of an eye, the two sides had converged into a tangled mess! A man with a big, bald head was being hit by several others, and clearly had a black eye already. Then, he suddenly rushed towards the fish stall and was about to hit the little girl!

Zhao Yu noticed this person just in time, and was able to quickly pull the little girl to his side. At the same time, as the big bald man flew toward the fish stall, he reached out and took the little girl’s scissors away!

Apparently, this guy was coming solely to get a weapon! Moreover, as the guy grabbed the scissors, he even kicked over one of the tubs of fish!

“Ah...” The little girl was frightened and hurriedly returned the phone to Zhao Yu. She then squatted on the ground to pick up the fish that had fallen out of the tub.

The big bald man took the scissors and returned to the fight. His angry face showed a clear killing intent, which was terrifying to behold.

“Woo...Woo...” The girl burst into tears as she picked up the fish.

“Hey, the fish can’t die again! Don’t cry.” Zhao Yu comforted her.

“My... My scissors...” The little girl pointed at the bald man as she cried. “I lost the scissors. Dad will beat me now!”

“What? It’s only a pair of scissors...” Before Zhao Yu could finish his sentence, he suddenly understood something.

He looked up at the fierce group that was fighting in the distance, then said to the little girl, “Well, I can help you get the scissors back.”

Chapter 758: No Banner, Please!

“Stop fighting!” Although the policeman who was pushed to the ground shouted loudly, the two sides had already started a big fight and wouldn’t stop that easily.

“Stop!” The other policeman, while holding his baton, tried to control the situation, but just as he stopped two men who were shoving each other, he was pushed down by an unknown hand.

“Ah...” The policeman hurried to grab his intercom and call for help. However, when he looked up, he saw that a man wearing a black leather jacket had calmly entered the group fight.

This person was dressed quite differently than the fishermen, and there was a very obvious excitement in his eyes. He seemed to have come especially for this group fight!

This person was none other than Zhao Yu! Originally, Zhao Yu had come for the big bald man who had taken the scissors. But, after seeing such a big fighting scene, he couldn’t help but want to wave his fists among the brawlers!

After all, it had been a long time since he had been able to show his fighting skills! Hence, he could not easily miss such a chance.

Therefore, while he was looking at the crowd, Zhao Yu happily did some warm-up exercises, readying himself to jump into the exciting fight. But, unexpectedly, two guys rushed over to him first.

These two people thought that Zhao Yu was a stranger, and they only wanted to scare him. They never could have known that they were really provoking somewhat of a demon fighter! In fact, when he saw the two of them coming over, Zhao Yu went straight to one of them and punched him in the face!

“Ah...” The man fell to the ground and cried out in pain, while he rubbed his face and groaned. Seeing this, the other man was too scared to even move!

“Go to the fu*king hel*!” Zhao Yu yelled as he kicked the man.

Then, Zhao Yu took a breath. After one second, he rushed into the crowd and completely let loose his fists! Zhao Yu didn’t care about picking a side, but just hit whoever came in front of him!

Although the local fishermen fought fiercely, most of them were just bluffing. In fact, many of the people fought for a long time, yet didn't hurt each other at all.

However, Zhao Yu was obviously different from them. He was more of a cruel villain, who wouldn't let anyone off easily!

He took a man's neck, kicked his calf, then made him half-squat on the ground before fiercely slamming the man on the floor. The man, who was quite shocked, coughed and spit blood.

Next, he kicked another man onto the ground, leaving him with a broken arm. Zhao Yu was like a tiger that was ransacking a flock of sheep. Everyone was clearly terrified of him!

At the beginning, there were still a few brave souls who rushed to fight with Zhao Yu. But, they all ended up in terrible situations.

One actually managed to catch Zhao Yu by the neck, but Zhao Yu quickly grabbed his hand and broke his index and middle fingers. This man's scream scared the others, giving them goosebumps all over.

"Holy fuc*!" At this time, the big bald guy with the scissors suddenly rushed out from the crowd, trying to sneak up on Zhao Yu from behind.

Zhao Yu had already noticed him, so he was ready to give him a hard kick to the face! Suddenly, before the big bald man could run more than two steps, a guy rushed over and grabbed the man's wrist. Then, the big bald man screamed and fell to the ground, dropping the scissors as he went.

"Ah...ah..." the big bald man screamed and struggled. But, the guy who had knocked him down pulled out a pistol and shoved it right in the big bald guy's face!

"Don't move! Don't move!" The guy with the gun shouted, first to the big bald man, then to the others.

Only then did Zhao Yu recognize him! It was Captain Dou!

Zhao Yu couldn't help but smile. He really didn't think that this slovenly captain could be so agile in a fight!

"Don't move!" Just behind Captain Dou, several policemen with guns quickly appeared and controlled the scene.

"Leader Zhao? Why are you here?" Captain Dou recognized Zhao Yu only after he had handcuffed the big bald guy.

Zhao Yu smiled, then went toward Captain Dou and picked up the scissors from the ground. Then, he turned around and looked at the little girl's fish stall. The little girl had disappeared!

"Um... Well..." Suddenly, Zhao Yu was slightly embarrassed.

"Leader Zhao... Are you okay? Do you need to go to the hospital?" Captain Dou was afraid that Zhao Yu had been injured, so he promptly asked him many questions with great concern.

"I'm alright..." Zhao Yu waved his hands, then said with a proud tone, "Also, you don't need to thank me for this. I was just lending a helping hand for the sake of justice. No banners, either, please. Anyone who gives me a banner, don't blame me if I reject such kindness!"

The surrounding fishermen were apparently stunned by Zhao Yu's self-flattering explanation. While the police were cleaning up the mess, Zhao Yu took the scissors and went back to the little girl's fish stall.

It turned out that the little girl did not actually go away, but had hid behind the fish tubs in fear. At this moment, upon seeing that Zhao Yu was bringing back her scissors, she came out with some trepidation.

Zhao Yu did not say much, but took out his mobile phone and continued to let the little girl check the pictures of those people involved in the case. The little girl had already seen Zhao Yu's strength, so she dared not offend him or refuse to cooperate. So, she checked everyone's photos carefully.

At this time, Captain Dou, who was still dealing with the aftermath of the fight in the distance, suddenly looked at Zhao Yu. It was obvious that Captain Dou did not understand Zhao Yu's behavior at all. Moreover, he did not know what he was doing with the fish girl!

Zhao Yu smiled to Captain Dou, then waved his hand to signal that he didn't need any help. Captain Dou then bowed his head and went on with his work.

Because of this fight just now, Zhao Yu's side adventure score had gone up by more than 200 points! He had accumulated more than 800 points now, and if he had a similar side adventure again, he could reach the next level!

"Sir, no..." At this time, after carefully checking each picture, the little girl shook her head weakly at Zhao Yu. "I haven't seen any of them!"

Zhao Yu was disappointed to hear this, so he asked, "Well... Have you seen any suspicious people around the wharf lately?"

"Suspicious people? Um..." The little girl tried to recall, but finally shook her head weakly yet again.

Zhao Yu sighed, but then he remembered that the little girl went to school on weekdays. She had come to the stall today only because it was the weekend!

So, she would have had no chance to meet any suspicious people during the week. As such, it seemed that today's side adventure might have nothing to do with the case after all!

"Um... Sir, thank you for helping me find the scissors, and also... About the fish..." The little girl looked pitifully at her fish tubs, then stopped talking.

"Oh, don't worry about it. It doesn't matter if you can't help me!" Zhao Yu took out his wallet, then said, "Those fish are all mine!"

Chapter 759: Stranger

That night, a bonfire was lit on Yongjin Island. The remaining policemen roasted all of the fish that Zhao Yu had bought from the little girl on fire racks, then shared a fish dinner.

"Leader Zhao, you clearly didn't grow up on the beach!" Captain Dou handed Zhao Yu a bottle of soda and said, "You bought yellow croakers and mackerels. These kinds of fish are not normally used for

roasting! The smell of sea fish is heavy, and their meat is tender. If they are not well-roasted, they are easy to burn and will smell very bad.”

“Yes, ha ha...” Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang said with a laugh, “If leader Zhao likes fish, when the case is solved, I will invite leader Zhao to an authentic fish dinner!”

“Um... Actually... I’m just...” Zhao Yu realized that his reason for purchasing fish couldn’t be easily explained, as he didn’t want to let the others know the whole story.

“By the way, leader Zhao,” Captain Dou thought of something, then asked in a hurry, “I saw you show the little girl your cell phone. Does that little girl know anything about the case?”

“No, I was just passing by and asking her.” Zhao Yu took a sip of some soda, then asked, “Why, Captain Dou, do you know that little girl?”

“No...” Captain Dou hesitated slightly. “She just looked a little familiar. Quliang is a small place, so it is normal to meet familiar people. If you think it’s necessary, I can check it out for you!”

“Um... Forget it!” Zhao Yu shook his head.

Suddenly, he remembered something, so he asked Captain Dou, “Captain Dou, why did the fishermen fight during the day? Everyone was so angry that the police couldn’t stop them!”

Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang heard this and immediately explained, “This kind of thing is very common here in Quliang!”

“Yeah, Ma Laoliu’s fishing boat broke Wang Shutou’s fishing net!” Captain Dou added. “These two families have been feuding with one another for ages!”

“Over the fishing net?” Zhao Yu didn’t expect such a reason to cause such a riff.

“Haha,” Wang Chenggang nodded his head, then explained, “This is important in Quliang, as Quliang has three main things that it is concerned with: fishing nets, oars, and knives that kill fish! If these three things are broken or lost, it’s an ominous thing indeed, so this will inevitably lead to a big fight. Besides this, even if you flirt with a man’s wife, he won’t necessarily want to fight with you!”

Wang Chenggang’s last words suddenly made everyone laugh.

Oh... No wonder that little girl cared about the scissors so much!

However, even as Zhao Yu was thinking this, he still couldn’t figure out why the system would arrange such a side adventure for him that day...

Was it just to let me score some points?

“Oh, Captain Dou has told me all about the fight,” Wang Chenggang said, while smiling again. “I didn’t expect that leader Zhao had such strength! It’s amazing that you knocked down so many people alone! Thank you for helping us with such a vicious fight.”

Director Wang’s compliment was obviously overly flattering. In fact, Zhao Yu didn’t really help, but actually caused trouble for the police. He had beaten many people, and cleaning up that mess was a difficult task for Wang Chenggang.

“You are welcome.” Zhao Yu laughed shamelessly. “I saw that the policemen were in danger, so I had to help them! It’s not a big deal, hahaha...”

When the others heard Zhao Yu’s smirk, they couldn’t help but feel awkward. The fish dinner did not last long, and after they finished eating, Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke returned to the command vessel’s office.

Earlier that day, Wu Xiumin had called and told Zhao Yu that she had searched for an entire day, but still could not find any more information on the couple.

This was because the files in the Maritime Bureau were missing. Their only clue was the file that had been kept by the police station. However, because the information on the file was too brief and was incomplete, it was not possible to find any important clues from it.

It turned out that the keeper of the lighthouse was from a remote fishing village in Quliang. However, due to the reconstruction of the harbor, the fishing village had been relocated to several different places at different times. Thus, in order to find the immediate family members of the couple would require a lot of effort.

However, the sailor Cai Xiangbin’s family members had been easily tracked down by Wu Xiumin. This was because after Cai Jinda’s death, his family members had waited for his corpse at the Caohai Police Station.

Thus, Wu Xiumin easily found Cai Jinda’s mother. The old mother, who had just lost her son, fainted several times and was almost sent to the hospital. During this vulnerable time, Wu Xiumin smartly persuaded the old lady to tell her some stories from the past.

The old lady told her that, Cai Xiangbin, who was her fourth child, had always been an honest man. As such, no one believed that he could murder anyone!

Therefore, after the incident, Cai Xiangbin’s family had made every effort to prove his innocence. They had also talked to Liu Caiyun, the wife of the lighthouse keeper, but she had insisted that what she had said was true!

Later, in order to save Cai Xiangbin’s life, his family spent a lot of money to hire a famous lawyer, which finally enabled them to get the death penalty postponed.

However, after he had stayed in prison for less than 8 years, Cai Xiangbin eventually died of an illness. After his death, his family gave up on the thought of righting his wrong and never mentioned it again.

When he heard Wu Xiumin’s report, Zhao Yu couldn’t help but sigh. Cai Xiangbin went to jail because of the lighthouse incident, and now Cai Jinda had lost his life at the lighthouse! He had to wonder...

Is this some kind of arrangement in their fates? Or... Is there really an unknown connection between their deaths?

As it was very late, Zhao Yu told Wu Xiumin that she could return to the hotel and that there was no need for her to come in tomorrow. Zhao Yu also told Wu Xiumin about the little fish girl and asked her to check that for him. Although the side adventure was not always related to the case, he didn’t want to give up any possibility.

Even though it was late, Zhao Yu was ready to add these new findings to his white board. However, unexpectedly, the actress Li Qian showed up.

Even though Li Qian and the cook Zhang Yong were not suspects any longer, they were still not allowed to go home yet. Li Qian first greeted Zeng Ke, then went to Zhao Yu. He quickly shared a look with Zeng Ke, then took Li Qian out to the balcony.

Li Qian lit a cigarette, then asked Zhao Yu, "Police officer, how long do you plan on keeping me and Zhang Yong here?"

"For ordinary cases, it's 24 hours, but as this is not an ordinary case, it's going to be at least six days!" Zhao Yu just made up this excuse. "And, we are not 'keeping you,' but simply asking you to help us investigate."

"Hum!" Li Qian sounded unwilling. "If you can't settle the case, does that mean that we can never go home?"

"No. Don't worry! The case will definitely end soon!" he assured her.

"Then, can you tell me how it is going now? What about Guo Yihang? Have you found him yet?" Li Qian asked anxiously. Then, she suddenly lowered her voice and asked, "Is Guo Yihang dead?"

"Why would you think that?" Zhao Yu asked.

"Intuition, maybe?" Li Qian blew a smoke ring, then said, "Police officer, I actually want to tell you something..."

"Oh?" Zhao Yu felt a little surprised as he asked, "What is it?"

"At the beginning, I thought that Xie Tao was talking nonsense!" Li Qian said abruptly. "But now that I think about it, maybe what he said was true."

"Oh, what did he say?" Zhao Yu was curious.

Li Qian looked around, then whispered in Zhao Yu's ear, "On the night of the murder, Xie Tao pulled me aside and told me that he might have seen a stranger on the island! And... It was a woman!"

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"Xie Yan gave a detailed description of that woman," Li Qian said, while her slender fingers flicked away the cigarette ashes.

She then added, "But, at the time, I didn't care at all. I only thought that Xie Hao was using ghost stories to scare me, so that he could come into my bed. But now, when I think about it again, I am not so sure."

"A stranger? A woman?" Zhao Yu frowned, then urged Li Qian to talk a little more.

"Maybe Xie Hao was not sure about that either!" Li Qian recalled. "He said that he was peeing in the woods that night, when he suddenly felt that someone was watching him from behind. He jerked back

and saw a long-haired figure, which flashed past him. He felt that it was a woman, but in the end, he didn't seem to know that for sure. And... I wasn't listening that carefully!"

"We all knew what happened on this island and had heard some ghost stories. So..." Li Qian kept shaking her head. "I didn't take it too seriously!"

"Were you not afraid at all?" Zhao Yu asked.

"You know what our crew members are like." Li Qian sneered. "I was more afraid of them than any ghosts!"

"Wow..." Zhao Yu did not know what else to say.

Then, after there were a few seconds of silence, Zhao Yu couldn't stand that anymore and asked, "So, you told me that Xie Tao often took advantage of actresses on set... Um... Had he done that to you as well?"

"Oh! Officer, I didn't expect you to be so fond of gossip." Li Qian chuckled and threw her cigarette butt into the sea.

"This is not mere gossip. It is an investigation!" Zhao Yu said.

"Well..." Li Qian sighed, then suddenly opened her arms and said to Zhao Yu, "Come over and hold me!"

Zhao Yu scratched his head. "What do you mean?"

"Hold me... Then you will know the answer!" Li Qian opened her arms, but Zhao Yu could not see any emotions on her face.

"Okay!" Zhao Yu agreed reluctantly, and as he leaned forward a little, he groaned. "I'm doing this for the investigation!"

Li Qian's body was soft and full of a mature women's grace. However, this only made Zhao Yu feel cold.

Zhao Yu was very familiar with this kind of coldness. In his past life, he had often been with prostitutes. They were mostly like this. Although they were charming and attractive, they rarely showed their true feelings.

After he hugged Zhao Qian, Zhao Yu said jokingly, "I understand now... Holding you is like holding a prostitute!"

"Huh?" Upon hearing this, Li Qian lost her mind for a second, then looked at Zhao Yu carefully, while she said with some surprise, "Officer, your emotional intelligence is very high."

"So..." Li Qian said with confidence, "Xie Yan didn't dare touch me, as he is not qualified!"

"So... do you think that his words may have been true?" Zhao Yu nodded.

"You'd better check Xie Hao's cell phone," Li Qian said. "The guy is particularly fond of taking selfies, so maybe you can find some clues from him!"

“Okay, I will check on that,” Zhao Yu said, but he didn’t actually believe that there would be pictures. After all, Xie Tao claimed that he had seen an unknown figure when he was doing his bathroom business, so it wouldn’t make sense that he would be able to take a picture at that time!

However, this information that had just been provided by Li Qian was indeed an important clue. Hence, it might still be helpful in solving the case. After that, Li Qian left.

Through their conversation, Zhao Yu had discovered that, although Li Qian was young, she was sophisticated and clever. It seemed that an actress like Li Qian, who had no money and no power, must truly have some skills in order to survive in the entertainment circle.

Back at the white boards, Zhao Yu used a pen to draw a circle. This circle represented the mysterious figure.

Um... While he was looking at the white boards, which were full of information, Zhao Yu felt a heavy burden. The more that the investigation drew out, the more complicated the case became!

Among the 10 crew members, six had been killed, one was missing, one was seriously injured, and only two had survived. He had to wonder...

What is the truth behind this case?

Is Guo Yihang dead or alive? Is the mysterious figure a false story that Xie Hao made up, or was there really a woman? And... Who was she, if so?

Also, is this case related to the lighthouse murder case from decades ago? If so, what is their connection? If not, then what was the murderer’s motive for the killings?

While Zhao Yu was thinking about all of these things, the Miracle System flashed, reminding Zhao Yu that it was midnight. He opened the system interface and saw that today’s completion score was 132%. Although it was not as high as yesterday’s score, it was not low for a Gen Li hexagram.

This time, he got a new device that he had never received before. It was the Invisible Recovery Agent.

This was a level one device that he could use to quickly restore 80% of his physical energy. If he could strengthen it, the effects could reach 100%!

However, the device instructions said that it had side effects. After the end of its effect, the user’s physical energy would decrease sharply. Also, it would take him some time to fully recover.

Even so, this device was definitely a good one. If he encountered a troublesome task in the future, he could work continuously by using it!

Since it was already past midnight, Zhao Yu opened a new hexagram. If it was still a Gen hexagram this time, then he could at least know that he was going in the right direction regarding his case investigation!

Wishing for the best, Zhao Yu wanted a Qian or Kun hexagram. Only with one of those could he have a greater chance to break the case.

However, the system's new hexagram once again made Zhao Yu feel strange. Unexpectedly, the system had given him another Gen Li hexagram!

Zhao Yu bent forward and was totally upset. What is this? How could the system give me the same hexagram for three consecutive days?

Li represents new friends... Who have I met in these last three days? Is it Captain Dou? Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang? Or... That little girl?

It should not be that little girl, as normally, Kan refers to a female...

Zhao Yu was puzzled by this. Fortunately, the Gen part of the hexagram was his last hope for solving the case.

Thinking of this, Zhao Yu looked at the white boards again. Although the case had become even more confusing, Zhao Yu felt that the long-awaited truth was not be far from being discovered!